

River Views

The Official Newsletter of the Hudson River Fishermen's Association



Hudson River Fishermen's Association

February
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NEXT GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday February 11th at 7:30 pm
Ridgefield Park Elks Lodge
19 Cedar Street, Ridgefield Park, NJ



Topic: Fishing for Stripers in the Hudson River

Guest Speaker: Capt. Bob Trenz

Captain Bob Trenz is a retired high school Industrial Arts teacher and Varsity Swim and Softball coach. After 33 years of teaching Bob retired attained his Captain's license and began a successful charter fishing business in Newburgh New York where he now resides with his wife Nancy. He remains an active member of Storm King Power Squadron where he continues to enjoy teaching boating safety courses to the public.

Bob has been fishing for striped bass on the Hudson River

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Ridgefield Park Elks

Guest Speaker

Capt. Bob Trenz

Executive Meeting

1st Tuesday of every month Ridgefield
Park Elks at 7:30 pm

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for 20 years and has been taking clients out for charters for 11 years. Captain Bob has an extreme respect for the preservation of the Striped Bass and he makes every effort to pass that sentiment on to fellow fisherman.

Bob will be speaking tonight about the characteristics of the stripers once they start their spawning migration up the Hudson each spring. He will also be expanding upon specific techniques that he uses for successful outcome on his charters.

Off the Charters, LLC leaves out of Newburgh, NY with room for 3 anglers plus the Captain and it is already booked for the upcoming spring season.

Raffle tickets will also be on sale to win a 1987 Sea Ray 270 Amberjack. See photo for details.

STORM KING POWER SQUADRON

Boat Raffle
1987 Sea Ray Amberjack



1987 Sea Ray 270 Amberjack
Length 27 ft. Beam 10Ft
Weight 7000 lbs Draft 2ft 8 in
Fresh Water Tank: 24 gal
Fuel Tank: Gas 200 gal
Engine: 2 Mercruise 4.3 lx alpha
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Drawing March 11, 2020
Need not be present to win
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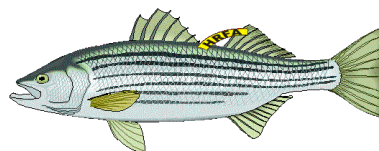
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From our President

Greetings Members and Friends,

I have been recently informed that I am the first New York State resident to head the HRFA, which is no longer only the New Jersey Chapter, anyway.

We started The New Year with an impressive General Meeting attendance, thanks to the interesting and informative, surf



fishing topic and great presenters Tim Burton and George Browne. I would like to hear from you regarding topics and speakers that are of interest. With your input we can seek presenters and plan future meetings accordingly.

We had also an impressive presence at the Garden State Outdoors show. Dave Mercer and Janice Soto modernized the displays and Joe Albanese prepared a slide presentation of HRFA activities. Even though the show attendance was relatively low we engaged participants, not only sharing fishing experiences but also demonstrating HRFA activities, such as HOH, Youth Angler Program and planned Striped Bass Derby. We also raised some funds to support these activities. Thank you to all the volunteers.

During the Winter months the fishing trips are few. However, Stripers are in the Hudson and the Hackensack, and fishing has been great. I would like to applaud John Francesconi, the "resident" Piermont Pier Striped Bass fishermen, for very skillful catch and release that I observed myself. Ice fishing has been somewhat challenging because of lack of safe ice surface. However, **Scott Havner** and **Wayne Geider** drove far, high in the Catskills, and were successful to land more than just a few fish.

We are in the planning phase for the upcoming events. First, we have the Rockland Outdoor Sportsmen's show and the Saltwater Fishing Expo and the Annual Awards Dinner on March 22nd. Next, the Youth Angler Program, Catfish Chaos, Striped Bass Derby, Hudson River day and others. As always, we count on you as volunteers.

It is also now the time to inventory and R&R your fishing gear. That way you don't have to blame the mishaps on failed equipment or looking for the right tackle in the last minute.

Looking forward to see you at the next meeting,
Capt. Aram Setian
HRFA President 2020

Support the HRFA with
a \$10 donation and you
will be entered to win
this Mad River Canoe.



Be sure to stop by the H.R.F.A. booth at the WORLD FISHING & OUTDOOR EXHIBITION February 27th to March 1st at Rockland Community College. While there enter for your chance to win a beautiful *Mad River Canoe* in outstanding condition donated & autographed by Chris Letts.

If you can't make it to the show contact **Dan Harrison** or **Joe Albanese** to get your raffle

ticket(s).

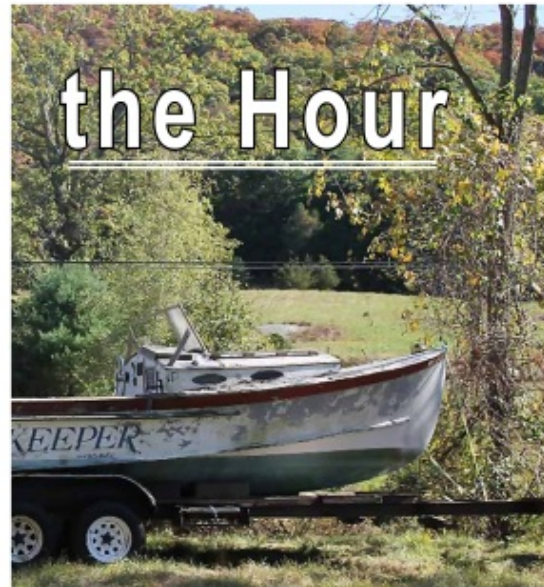
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To purchase tickets by check make it to "HRFA Canoe Raffle" and mail to P.O. Box 421, Cresskill, NJ 07626.

The Pride of the H.R.F.A.

Project to Save our Historical Heritage

By Joe Albanese



by John H Vargo, Publisher

Saturday, October 5, 2019 was a beautiful fall day to be standing in a field and witnessing a piece of history being brought back from oblivion. The original Hudson River Riverkeeper boat had been sitting in this field for over 25 years, unknown to all. What made this particular day so poignant was the group of characters from the past who came to see this boat being made ready to be towed to Liberty Landing Marina in New Jersey for a complete restoration!

The original Hudson River Fishermen's Association. (Actually the only organization left of the three: Bob Boyle, Rick Garrett and many others originally formed) volunteers had come here to load the boat properly on a custom made trailer, get the permits necessary, and be on its way. This Saturday morning was special for me as I lived most of my adult life, right through the entire episode of this very environmental movement. This included being at the original meeting at Bob Boyle's house

on Flinny Farm Road in Croton, N.Y. in 1975, to the present event taking place before my eyes. It is amazing how much of what happened since has been either forgotten, glossed over, and purposely changed to fit certain historically correct concerns of people. Fortunately a few others and I, are still alive to "tell it like it is". Despite what Wikipedia says on the Internet, much of that which took place from the very inception of the Hudson River Fishermen's Association original events has been lost either by design or accident.

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Did you know that the H.R.F.A. created *the world's first* Riverkeeper? It's true. Robert H. Boyle's dream became a reality when the Hudson River Fishermen's Association (formed in 1966) launched its *Riverkeeper* vessel in 1983. The 25-foot wooden boat, tasked with patrolling the Hudson for polluters, was initially piloted by Capt. John Cronin. Up until Oct. 5, 2019 the original Hudson River Fishermen's Assn's *Riverkeeper* boat was all but forgotten; rotting away in the woods in Garrison, NY. Now she is at Liberty Landing Marina in Jersey City awaiting her total makeover.

There is a great article by **John Vargo** in the holiday issue of *Boating on the Hudson and Beyond* covering the history of the *Riverkeeper* vessel and its hoped for revival. Click on the image above and flip to page 12 to begin reading.

Beginning in the Spring of 2020 volunteers will start working to refurbish her to her former days of glory when she was *the world's first and only* riverkeeper vessel.

ISLAND BEACH STATE PARK: THE SHORE PLACE TO VISIT By Carl Bruger



A nice winter crowd welcomed fellow member **Tim Burden** and George Brown as our two guest speakers for the first of the 2020 lecturers.

Tim, a dear fishing friend, is a member of many other angling clubs as is George and the later is also a public access chair, a position deserving great respect and admiration from all anglers and any outdoors folk.

We got earfuls and eyes full of useful facts and neat trivia too about ten mile Long Beach Island. 3000 acres are basically totally undeveloped land with beaches of undulating sands and backing dunes with a surprising number of shipwrecks (50) off the beach, 5 wrecks close to the beach and 3 wrecks on the beach.

The crowd was informed by George about where to park and how to use a four wheel drive vehicle with aired down wheels in the sand so you shouldn't get stuck. (With a humorous tale about fools who don't listen). Valve kits, pumps and other items to carry were shared to make folks better surf anglers who use their vehicles in the sand regularly. It might be worth your efforts getting the \$195 NJ State Mobile Sport Fishing Permit.



This scribe enjoyed the extra time taken to share the history of the island dating back to the Lenape Native Americans and later the few who ran life savers called Francis life saving cars that transferred passengers from stricken ships to shore and saved thousands of people, 200 out of 201 in the case of one disaster.

Special places to go like the Sedge islands and special areas for kayaks to launch generated viewer interest because much of the Island offerings are not well publicized. Plenty of awesome literature was available in the form of maps, handouts, etc. that left the members in attendance with tons of info on a great destination at the Jersey shore. The fact that it cost just \$10 per car on a week-end makes it one of the best bargains for a family this state can provide! Many HRFA members will be in IBSP in 2020 you can bet.

Upcoming Events

IT'S SHOW TIME!!!
Asking for Your Help

Volunteers are needed to help work the HRFA booth at the upcoming shows.

If interested please talk to **Dave Mercer** at an upcoming meeting or email him: mercerdh@gmail.com



February 27 - March 01, 2020
Rockland Community College
145 College Road
Suffern, NY 10901



March 13 - 15, 2020
New Jersey Convention and Exposition
Center
Edison NJ

WINTER SHOWS: A CHANCE TO LEARN AND GROW

By **Carl Bruger**

By the time you read this article there have already been several great shows in the area that have given ardent anglers a chance to bone up on new angling techniques, see prospective fishing travel destinations, buy new lures, flies, rods, reels and every gizmo under the sun and moon!

But it's not too late by a long shot! There is nothing that beats cabin fever like driving to one of these shows with a full wallet and dreams of new gear and tactics that will mean trophies in the boat or flopping on the sand. The two best shows are upcoming at the end of February and in March!

I'm referring to the World Fishing and Outdoor Expo or "Suffern Show" or "Rockland Show" as it is known to many over the years. This year the four day event runs from Thursday February 27 th through Sunday March 1 st. Then there is the Salt Water Expo spectacular down in Edison. This three day event starts on Friday, March 13 th and concludes on Sunday March 15 th . Each of these extravaganzas pack plenty of booths full of gear and goodies that can set an angler's heart palpitating like when you first fell in love or nailed your first trophy mount.

If you are in the mood for a trip to a great fishing vacation there will be aisles of booths where charters await and qualified captains can book you on the dates you wish. You have options all the way to the Amazon and Alaska back to local fresh and salt water hot spots. Use your personal budget to determine recreational spending because the range can be radical from a tank of gas to thousands of dollars! Do your homework and view the trips and videos taken by others to the far away destinations. If possible talk to folks you know and trust who have already been to such exotic places as Costa Rica before you write that huge check.

Many booths are manned by fishing tackle manufacturers or stores that sell their gear. Many bargains are offered at the shows and are worth your careful consideration. Do your homework and look over catalogs that picture and explain the lures, rods, reels, or electronics you want. Often buy one, get one free offers are on the table, as are 50% off retail or more. Be sure you do the rounds of the

entire show before you make a major purchase because the same item might be available elsewhere for an even lower price! Free catalogs are always offered and going the first day and reading up to return later for the purchase of a major acquisition is a sound cautious financial procedure.

Be sure to look at the schedule of guest speakers for these shows the programs will include professional anglers, scientists, and other experts that will teach you incredible tips and pointers that will put more fish in the cooler. Plan your time to see those who speak on the fish species and topics that intrigue you. There unfortunately are a lot of eclectic distracting booths at these shows that want to sell you magazines, siding, stocks, alternative power sources, etc. They paid for the booth space so God bless them, but this scribe has always wanted to focus on angling only from collecting fishing Antiques to Zebco spin casters for kids.

Some non fishing aspects of the shows are excellent. The food venues can be awesome at these shows. The pickle booths are legendary as are the jerky stands, roasted nut corners and flavored popcorn tables. Some shows have specialty soups, creative barbecue coatings, novel pies, and inventive spices. Wineries from

local areas are represented. I love sampling and buying the delicious fish cakes and cured meats to purchase either in cans, packets, frozen boxes or fresh sealed plastic. A business associate new to our area from upstate New York sells items like Pepperoni rolls with cheddar cheese in the center and he can't keep the cooler full they are so popular! That's obviously my favorite! You can basically roam around and eat samples for free but WARNING, that will give you both heartburn and one gigantic thirst if you get carried away on the freebies. There are also beverages for sale to quench that, ranging from bottled water to ubiquitous beer stands and some bars with expensive hard stuff available. Don't overdo it because the police wait at the exits to follow any weaving show customer who had "too good a time".

The advice in this article is good for the rest of this cabin fever season and all the rest in the foreseeable future. Look for us at the H. R. F. A. booth at both shows. Show support for your organization and help us get more kids into fishing. Have fun and buy a bargain or two that will catch you a trophy! Enjoy all that you attend and bring a friend or two and at least one kid to introduce into fishing.

ADDITIONAL DATES TO REMEMBER

DATE TBA: Spring 2020 Castle Point Pier Fishing Trip. "On November 3, 2019 HRFA members fished off the T pier in Hoboken NJ, and the weather was perfect, a bright sunny day with an incoming tide. The bait of choice to try and catch the elusive striped bass was Bunker. We also had plenty of donuts to keep us happy during the fishing. Lack of catching fish did not stop us from having a pleasant outing. It allowed time for fellow members to share fish stories, tips, and tricks for targeting the big ones. Tight lines." - **M.Sardinas**

FEBRUARY 15: The Saltwater Anglers of Bergen County Flea Market will be held at the Hasbrouck Heights Hilton. Admission will be \$5 and kids under 12 free. Door prizes will be announced every hour.

FEBRUARY 22: Cast & Blast, Cabin Fever Day, 10am-4pm, Ramsey Outdoor Succasana

MARCH 22: HRFA Annual Awards Dinner at Cornetta's in Piermont, NY. See below.

MARCH 29: Sunday 3pm NJOA Wild Game Dinner, Black Forest Inn Stanhope NJ Contact Arnie Ulrich for tickets 201-304-4691 or on line at <https://njoutdooralliance.org/product/2020-njoa-northern-regional-game-dinner/>

APRIL 14: Monthly Meeting - Dr. Olaf Jensen a fisheries biologist and Asst. Professor at Rutgers University to speak on "Juvenile Habitats and Spawning Sites of Striped Bass in New Jersey"

APRIL 17 to MAY 15: Second Annual Catch, Tag & Release Striper Derby on the Hudson and East Rivers. For details watch for fliers & email blasts. For info contact **Joe Albanese** (908) 456-2968 or joealbanese2@gmail.com.

APRIL 25: Annual 'Hooked on the Hudson' event at Ross Dock. 9:00 am - 3:00 pm. For info contact **Pete Musse** (201) 233-3119 or petemusse@gmail.com.

AUGUST (DATE TBA): Third Annual Catfish Chaos on the Hudson. For info contact **Scott Havner** at (845) 300-1562 or fishon7231@verizon.net.

SEPTEMBER 8: HRFA Member **Tony DiLemia** of Rocket Charters is working with NY State to liaise with recreational anglers to explain and gather input regarding offshore windmills.



HRFA Annual Dinner Party 54th Anniversary

The **HRFA Annual Awards Dinner** and Party will be held this year on **Sunday March 22** at **Cornetta's Seafood Restaurant & Marina, 641 Piermont Ave, Piermont, NY 10968**

We will kick off this annual event at 3:00 P.M. sharp. After opening remarks and the introduction of guests we have an outstanding dinner (to suit all dietary needs) planned for you.

All awards, including the **Pete Barrett Award**, fishing contest winners, and photo contest for the past year will be presented at this event. There will be loads of door prizes and a 50/50 drawing. **This annual HRFA event should not be missed**. Speak with any one of the HRFA officers selling tickets.

For reservations / questions / directions contact:

- Dan Harrison 551-265-3460 dharrison@cdtresources.com
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- Pete Musse 201-233-3119 petemusse@gmail.com
- Scott Havner 845-300-1562 fishon7231@verizon.net

Hi-Mar Striper Club Annual Flea Market

Saturday, February 8th at 8 AM – 2 PM

**VFW Post
1 Veterans Lane**



Cast and Blast, Cabin Fever Day

Saturday, February 22, 2020

10:00am-4:00pm

Ramsey Outdoor Succasunna

<https://www.facebook.com/events/461643521195273/>

It's the biggest event of the year in our Succasunna location! Cast and Blast, Cabin Fever Day! Please join us on Saturday February 22nd from 10am to 4pm for an outdoor enthusiasts dream! Here is the "line up" so far...and don't forget to sample all the chili for the Chili Cook Off 2020!



Be sure to check out the H.R.F.A. [Events Calendar](#) for November 2019 (below) for member birthday notices, holidays and events.

From our Membership Chair

HRFA Members stuff



HRFA free money (split 50/50) at the January meeting.

The split 50/50, was \$20 HRFA free dollars plus \$114 left over from the December 2019 meeting. Totaling \$134. The paid HRFA member's name ticket was picked by a nonmember and **John Malool** was the name picked. His name was announced to all present. **Wow! John Malool** was present, **so the \$134 HRFA free dollars go right to him!!!**

Will you be the HRFA member whose name is picked at the February meeting?

The HRFA Welcomes the following new members "Fighting for the Hudson": Welcome aboard, **James & Richard Kane**, Newton NJ, **Dan Willis**, Oradell NJ, **Daniel Eichlorn**, Montvale NJ, and **James Hayer** Hackensack, NJ, **Fight for the Hudson!**

At the January meeting there were questions asked about when the state will be stocking Brown Trout again. Get those questions answered right here in the 2020 NJ Freshwater Digest :

<https://www.njfishandwildlife.com/pdf/2020/digfsh20.pdf>

Arnie Ulrich
Membership Chair

Happy Renewal Year

Membership dues are renewed annually (at the beginning of each year). Many thanks to those HRFA members who have already renewed their membership for 2020. This helps tremendously. **If you are one of the 156 members who still have not yet renewed your HRFA membership please do so ASAP.**

The membership list and the information you fill out on the membership form is completely private. **The HRFA does not make its membership list available to anyone.** You need a **current card** (or life time membership card) in order to take advantage of the great local area discounts at local tackle shops and stores that are HRFA members themselves.

For those members who join(ed) the HRFA in October (or later) of a given year, their new or renewal membership also is covered for the following new year. There is also a generous grace period for those who are unable to update their membership in January, however paying your dues late puts a strain on the records maintenance and consequently the ability of the executive board's planning of activities and events.

If you have any questions, suggestions, or want to help (time, skills, or financially) on any particular club projects or events, feel free to email me, Arnie Ulrich (kavester@aol.com) or call me at 1-201-304-4691.

HRFA 2020 Membership Form

Fishing Licenses and Saltwater Registry for NJ & NY, Hudson River Regulations, etc.

Click on the buttons below for the:

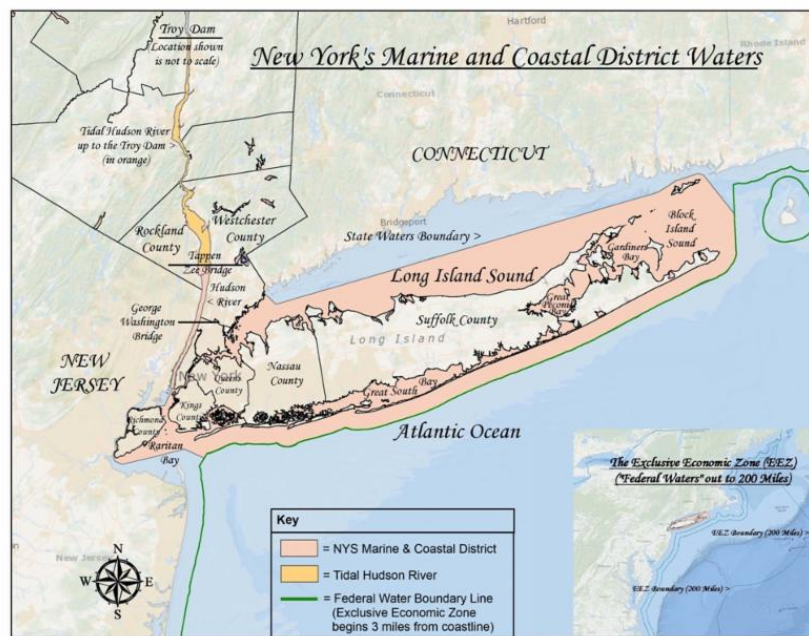
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NEW YORK FRESHWATER
LICENSE

NOTE: To order your NY State Fishing License by phone call 866-933-2257

NEW YORK SALTWATER
REGISTRY



NOTE: To get the New York Saltwater Registry you must first register for a free Citizen Access account, then log in and Buy Sporting License(s) (the Saltwater license is free)

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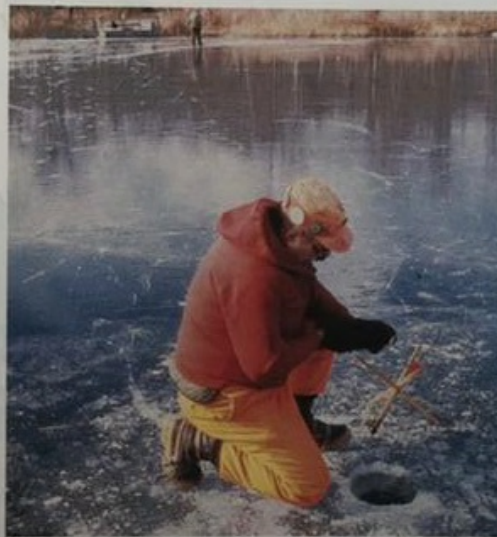
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Program

Complete the NY DEC's Striped Bass Fishing
Survey

CHEMISTRY in Action

Why Do Lakes Freeze from the Top Down?

The fact that ice is less dense than water has a profound ecological significance. Consider, for example, the temperature changes in the fresh water of a lake in a cold climate. As the temperature of the water near the surface drops, the density of this water increases. The colder water then sinks toward the bottom, while warmer water, which is less dense, rises to the top. This normal convection motion continues until the temperature throughout the water reaches 4°C. Below this temperature, the density of water begins to decrease with decreasing temperature (see Figure 11.13), so that it no longer sinks. On further cooling, the water begins to freeze at the surface. The ice layer formed does not sink because it is less dense than the liquid; it even acts as a thermal insulator for the water below it. Were ice heavier, it would sink to the bottom of the lake and eventually the water would freeze upward. Most living organisms in the body of water could not survive being frozen in ice. Fortunately, lake water does not freeze upward from the bottom. This unusual property of water makes the sport of ice fishing possible.



Ice fishing. The ice layer that forms on the surface of a lake insulates the water beneath and maintains a high enough temperature to sustain aquatic life.

IMHO this is ice fishing for sissies. But if I could ...
Click on the arrow to watch the video.



Carl's Columns for January

Carl Bruger has been a writer for this newsletter educating and entertaining us who read *River Views* for a long time.
Here are his latest gems.

OPTIONAL ANGLER ACTIVITIES DURING “HIBERNATION MONTHS”

By **Carl Bruger**

As I wish you a happy new year the weather is probably not one of the factors making you overly joyous as winter tightens its grip on the Northeast. You might not be one of the few chosen frozen willing to ice fish or chase steelhead on the Niagara River like some of us four season nuts. Also an expensive fishing vacation to the Caribbean would prove more of a wallet drain



than most budgets could survive. Instead, indoor angling distractions with beneficial purposes may be just what the doctor ordered. Below, then, are ten activities that civilized heat seeking men and women might chose to undertake while blizzards roar and ice blankets roads, walkways and power lines.

1. A thorough check of all rod guides and tips to discover cracks, splits, rust, abrasions, and loose wrappings that could lead to damaged line and lost fish in the upcoming season. Rematching a quality guide or better yet upgrading when you replace a worn guide or tip will ensure your success odds are maximized when that trophy fish is battling to escape.
2. Organize and label lures, flies, spinners etc. Buy quality tackle boxes that can be labeled and stored in soft pack tackle bags and easily read to see what is stored in each. Set up special lure/tackle bags just for bass, panfish, pike walleye, salmon, trout etc. Do the same for salt water such as stripers/bluefish, bottom fish, surf angling, off shore trolling, etc.
3. Put new mono or braid on all reels that were heavily used or at least reverse the line by winding onto a lathe and re-spooling off the dowel. Tape the test of the new line in a place that is visible but won't wear off.
4. Build some lures or floats from your holiday wine corks. With a drill. Dremel tool, and safety razor you can shape and sand poppers, floats, and other lures, then paint them and put the desired hooks on your very own creations. Super gluing doll eyes, adding legs and feathers all make the floating enticements better.
5. Go through your spoon drawer or hit the garage sales for cheap used silver spoons and make your own spoons. Drill holes in the top and bottom to wind in top quality stainless rings and use the right hook sizes and type matched for the quarry you seek. (Have some old silver polish ready to shine up your spoons and doctor them further with decals that add reflecting tapes that glow and flash).
6. Tie Flies- If you never learned to do this it's never too late to try. I am still a "butcher" yet my purple nurple salmon flies are all over the world catching salmon because they work! Some people are artists with fly making then there are those of us who make flies that catch fish. You can too! Talk to respected club experts John Golon and Al Sternberg for more help.
7. Heat gun soft plastic "Franken creatures"- There's nothing like creating a monster lure from odd pieces of plastic! Not only can you thread pieces of rubber band through rubber worms for awesome wiggling legs but heat gunning small grubs to large bodies and bigger ones to back parts can create frogs, tadpoles and bog creatures that never existed yet elicit strikes anyhow.
8. Mark all your rods and reels in a secret place to prove ownership- I also tape a yellow strip of electrical tape around the butt of all my rods so I can easily spot them in a crowd at the boat rail or in the fallen leaves. More than once I've had to confront an individual who thought that my gear was "his", until I could prove my undisputable ownership.
9. Build a chum bucket holder out of a plastic milk carton- Get a Red or Orange swim noodle and cut it to perimeter size around the top of the milk crate. Fasten with quality zip ties. From the four corners run parachute cord to a central swivel that will run a line up to the fishing boat. You will need to wire lead sinkers or weights to the central bottom of the milk crate to keep it steady and in position during rougher seas.
10. Ready your car for extreme winter driving- Carrying extra salt and sand and the weight it gives in the back of your vehicle is wise. Top level windshield fluid to the lowest below zero factor in the back too. Carry a survival bag with sleeping bag, food bars. water and flash lights.

H.R.F.A. Photo Gallery

Have a photograph and/or fishing story you would like to share with the club? Email it to **Joe Albanese** at joealbanese2@gmail.com and we will do our very best to squeeze it into an upcoming issue of *River Views*.



Passing the Buck(le)

January 7th was **Aram Setian's** first EBoard meeting as incoming HRFA President. As explained by past President **Gil Hawkins** there remains a time-honored tradition of presenting each newly elected President with a belt buckle at the start of his term. The buckle pictured here was commissioned by our Founder **Robert H. Boyle**. It was designed and manufactured by the now defunct Garrison Buckle Company. Making the presentation was departing President **Dan Harrison** who is ready to assume many new initiatives as a continuing Director of the club.



Garden State Outdoor Show

The HRFA's first exhibition of 2020 is behind us. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped. Led by Board Members **Janice Soto** and **Dave Mercer** the show was a success. Volunteers working the booth for the 4-day show included **Arnie Ulrich, Carl Bruger, Aram Setian, Scott Havner, Dan Harrison, Pete Musse** (who brought his "outdoor voice") **Miguel Sardinas** (and family), **Mona Mak & Joe Albanese**.

Please consider helping at one or both of the two remaining shows for 2020:

- February 27 - March 01, WORLD FISHING & OUTDOOR EXPOSITION, Rockland Community College, 145 College Road, Suffern, NY 10901
- March 13 - 15, THE SALTWATER FISHING EXPO, New Jersey Convention and Exposition Center,

Ask **Dave Mercer** at an upcoming meeting how you can help or email him



Arnie Ulrich helping set up the booth.



Its not all work and no play. Across the aisle from the HRFA booth the Newark Bait & Fly Casting Club had a nice game for kids to play to learn how to cast. Here **Miguel Sardinias** enjoys some quality time "fishing" with his children **Noah** and **Sarah**.



December 29th **Scott Havner** pulled this brownie out of the Ramapo River which, by the way, is open for trout fishing all year long.



Man's best friend steals the center of attention away from angler **Andy Ward**.

A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR'S DAY

These four happy HRFA members are off to a great start to a new year of fishing success on our river. Although the catfish & white perch were not cooperating they did manage to catch and release some nice stripers on January 1st. Fishing up at the Piermont Pier were **Stephanie Hess, Scott Havner, Charley Francesconi** and **John Francesconi**.

Be aware that the NY DEP is out there ticketing anyone keeping a striped bass before the season opener on April 1st. This applies to the Hudson and its tributaries north of the George

Washington Bridge. You have been forwarded.





The next few days they're back at Piermont Pier catching many stripers like these. (Sunset photo submitted sure is purdy too, is it not?) In just a few hours this trio caught & released over a dozen stripers. Big thanks to one of our sponsors **Art's Bait and Tackle in Nanuet** for the bloodworms that got them biting!



Andrew Ward



Scott Havner



Charles Spindelman



Feby Philip



Kevin



Andrew Ward



Jeff Christie

Neither Rain, nor snow, nor . .

As I sit at home enjoying a hot bowl of chili with a glass of red wine (to be followed by a snifter of coffee liquor drunk with my pinkie raised) these guys are at it again. They've got it bad. The elusive white perch keeps them coming back for more only to be disappointed again & again by these fish with stripes.



Scott Havner

From Fish to Dish

Minnesota Lobster

By Pete Musse

On January 25th a group of us went to Minnesota for the 30th anniversary of the Brainerd Jaycees Ice Fishing Extravaganza. The winning fish was an 8.29 lb. eelpout (see photo) or burbot.





It is also known as “Minnesota Lobster” because of its firm flesh, high fat content and mild, buttery taste. This fish is a member of the cod family and can be cooked using almost any method.

INGREDIENTS

- two eelpout (a.k.a. burbot) fillets
- ground and/or cracked pepper & salt to taste
- 1 lemon sliced
- olive oil
- fresh parsley

PREPARATION

Step 1: Rinse your fish with cool running water to remove any scales or stray bits of skin. Pat dry with paper towels.

Preheat oven to 425 degrees

Step 2: Season both sides of the fillets with table salt and fine ground pepper. You may also use cracked pepper and table salt to add texture.

Step 3: Trim the fish so that each piece of fish is no thicker than about 1-1 ½ inches to ensure the outside does not char before the inside is cooked through.

Step 4: In a shallow square baking dish, coat the bottom with olive oil. Layer fish in baking dish, squeeze fresh lemon and drizzle with olive oil.

Step 5: Cook fish for 5 minutes for every inch of thickness.

Step 6: Garnish with fresh parsley and sliced lemon and enjoy!

Minnesota Lobster



The winning angler from Sauk Rapids, MN with his eelpout. This fish doesn't know how lucky it is. This is strictly a catch & release derby. So, back into Gull Lake he went right after a quick weigh-in & photo-op for the press.

From our Historian

HRFA History LOOKING BACK IN TIME

By **Tony Evangelista**

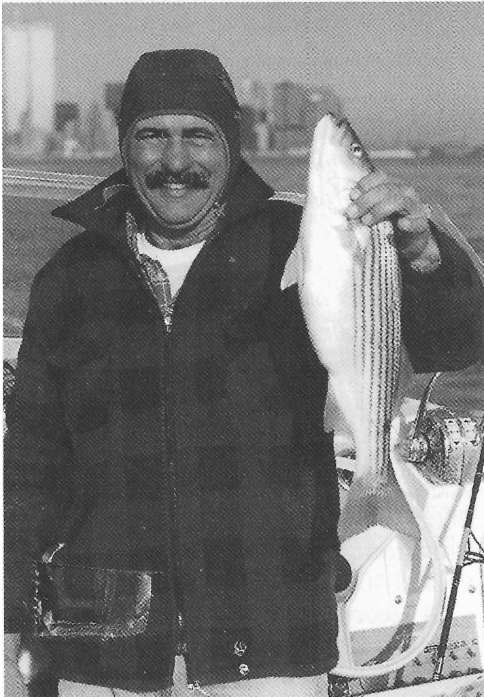
Since Tony is on winter sabbatical (lol) let's take a moment to reflect on a piece of his own accomplishments . . .

A Proud Moment in Time.

By **Joseph Albanese**

They say turn around is fair play. So, here's a bit of history from our HRFA Historian's own past.

As he often does, **Pete Orenzo** brought some magazines and books to give away at the General Meeting.



Tony Evangelista
a.k.a. "Tagger Tony"

PHOTO CAPTION: *Record holder. Tony Evangelista tagged a striped bass in the East River in 1990. Michael Letavic recaptured the same fish in Fisher Island Sound, CT in 2002: a new ALS record.*



Tony Evangelista

Among the items he brought in January were several past issues of the *underwater naturalist* the Bulletin of the American Littoral Society. In one (Vol. 20, No. 2) there was an article "Along Came a Spider" written by me. (Available upon request.)

In the other (Vol. 26, No. 3) there was an article written by Pam Carlson, who was succeeded by **Jeff Dement** when she retired as Tagging Editor years back. Here is an excerpt and photo from Pam's "Tales Taggers Tell III" ...

Longest Striper Return

It is always exciting when a recapturing fisherman sends in an old tag. In August of 1999, a striped bass was recaptured at East Rockaway Inlet, NY, carrying a tag that had been placed 5/24/88 at the Verrazano Bridge ... a time span of eleven years and three months. This record held until August 7, 2002 when Michael Letavic caught a 45" striped bass in Fishers Island Sound, CT. This fish was originally tagged by Tony Evangelista on 11/25/90 in the East River, New York City at 13", and so the new record stands at eleven years, eight months and thirteen days. Tony, who is also a member the Hudson river Fishermen's Association, has tagged with us since 1987, one of many longtime taggers.

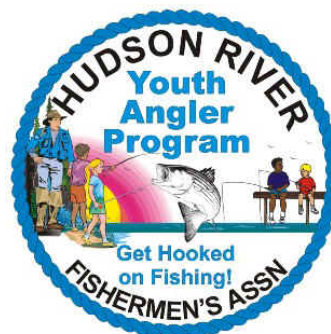
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H.R.F.A. Youth Angler Program

Youth Angler Program

By Wayne Geider

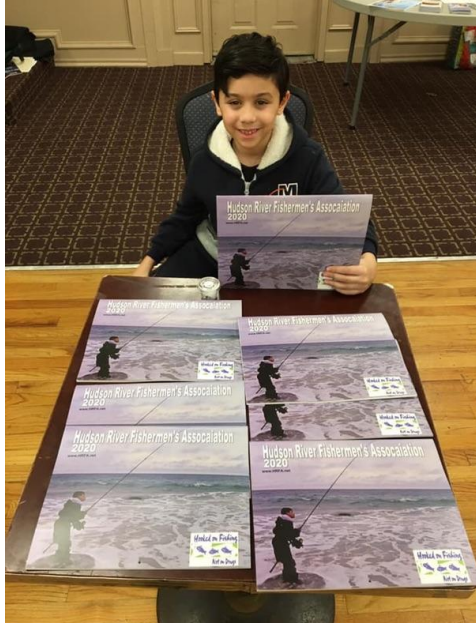


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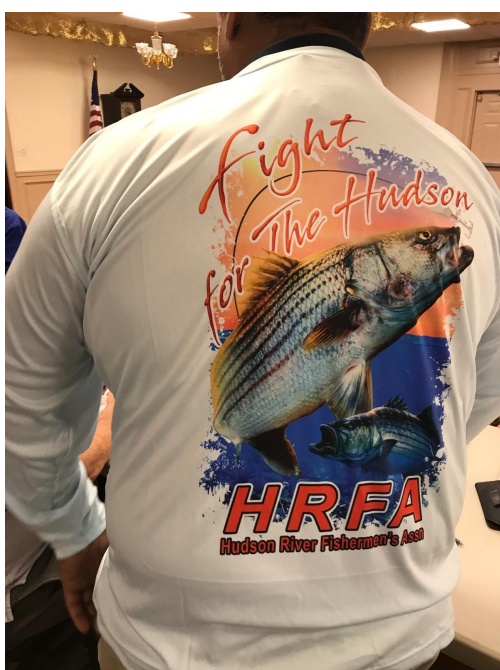
Just see **Noah Sardinias** or his dad **Miguel** February 11th at our meeting. While you're at it ask **Noah** for his autograph. That's him featured on the cover and he's locked into a decent striper. Don't believe it? Buy one and see the month of September.

H.R.F.A. Merchandise

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Back



Front & Sleeve

Good reading on ice fishing from the *In-Fisherman*.
Click on the image to go to their website and read more.
SOURCE: <https://www.in-fisherman.com/editorial/baiting-more-ice-bites/358209>



Fishing Contest Leader Boards

(only listing 1st, 2nd & 3rd place)

The HRFA NJ hosts an annual fishing contest which runs from January through December and is open to all HRFA NJ members. You have 30 days from the day you catch a fish to send in your entries. So, the deadline for submissions is January. As a member of the HRFA you and your immediate family are eligible to enter fish in any of our categories. Various divisions are available for prizes presented at our Annual Awards Dinner in March of the following year. Website updated daily. *River Views* newsletter updates below are done around the first the month. * indicates a new club record.

HRFA Annual Fishing Contest Record Holders

Saltwater Species



**Striped Bass Released
Caught From Boat
(leaders determined by length)**

John Francesconi - 22"



**Striped Bass Kept
Caught From Boat
(leaders determined by weight)**

Mike Santiago - 47 Lbs 8 oz.*

Butch Pawson - 22 Lbs



**Striped Bass Released
Caught From Shoreline
(leaders determined by length)**

Sandy Federico - 48"

Carl Hartmann - 38"

John Francesconi - 34"



**Striped Bass Kept
Caught From Shoreline
(leaders determined by weight)**

Carl Hartmann - 18 Lbs

Butch Pawson - 15 Lbs. 14.4 oz.

Butch Pawson - 10 Lbs



Bluefish

Butch Pawson - 9 Lbs. 12 oz.

Carl Hartmann - 7 Lbs

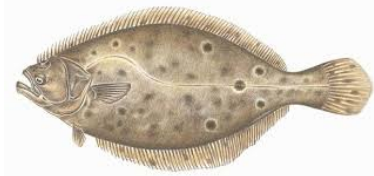


Flounder

Butch Pawson - 2 Lbs 0.3 oz

Butch Pawson - 1 Lb. 3 oz

Butch Pawson - 8 oz.



Fluke

Chester Fabyanski - 13 Lbs. 3 oz.*

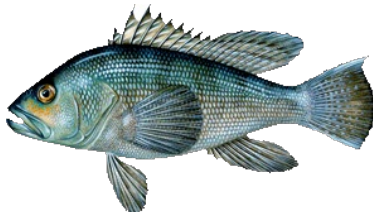
Anthony Chinni - 12 Lbs 3 oz.

John Francesconi - 7 lbs 12oz



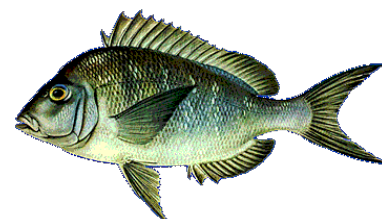
Blackfish

No Entries



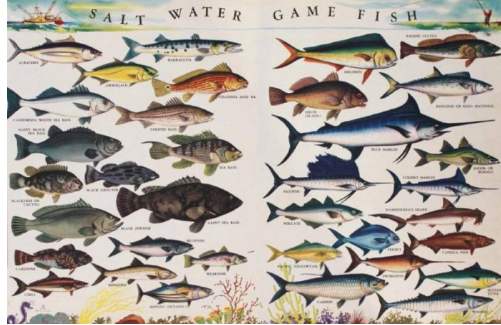
Black Sea Bass

Steve Santiago - 5Lbs. 3 oz.



Scup (Porgy)

JohnFrancesconi - 2 Lbs. 3 oz.



Open Category
Salt Water
 No Entries

Freshwater Species



Catfish

Carl Bruger - 19 Lbs. 8 oz.
 Scott Havner - 8 lbs 11 oz
 Bill Greene - 7 Lbs



Carp

Bill Greene - 13 Lbs 1 oz
 Bill Greene - 12 Lbs. 7 oz
 Bill Greene - 12 Lbs 1 oz



Trout - Local

Scott Havner - 2 Lbs 6 oz
 Marvin Oresky - 1 Lbs 14 oz



Trout - Great Lakes

Aram Setian - 14 lb 8 oz
 Mona Mak - 14 Lbs.



Smallmouth Bass

Linda Havner - 6 Lbs 5 oz.
 Scott Havner - 3 Lbs. 4 oz.



Largemouth Bass

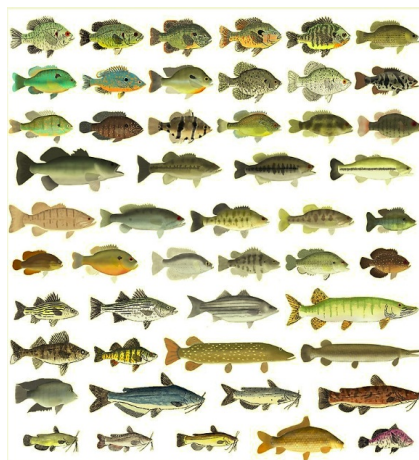
Andrew Ward - 6 Lbs 2 Oz
 Andrew Ward - 5 Lbs 7 oz
 Scott Havner - 4 lbs 4oz



Salmon
 No Entries

YOUTH ANGLER DIVISION

Noah Sardinas - 24" Striped Bass
 Released from Shore



Open Category
Fresh Water

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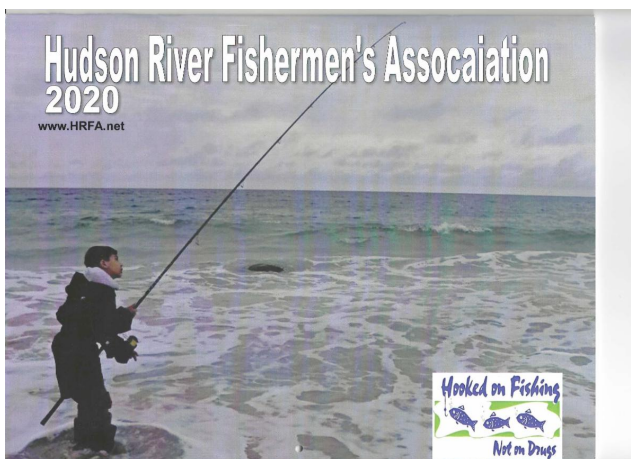
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