

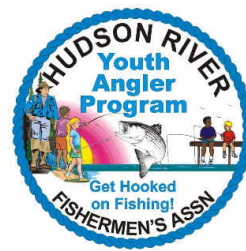
River Views

The Official Newsletter of the Hudson River Fishermen's Association



Hudson River Fishermen's Association

March 2019



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March meeting:
Guest Speaker, Peter Douma

Peter has been fishing his whole life. He fishes almost entirely in saltwater mostly between Montauk, NY and the Jersey Coast, both with a fly rod and from the surf. He will be guiding in 2019 out of Montauk. He currently works at Little Dog Brewing at in Neptune City, NJ and works and ties flies at Streams of Dreams Fly Shop. He is on the Century Rods Pro Staff, and is a member of the Coastal Fly Rodders.

Next General Meeting

March 12 2019 at 7:30 pm at

Ridgefield Park Elks

Guest Speaker

Peter Douma

Executive Meeting

1st Tuesday of every month

Ridgefield Park Elks at 7:30 pm

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Send Comments to:

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Striper Derby



H.R.F.A. Striper Derby

Starts: 6am Saturday April 6th
Ends: 2pm Saturday April 27th

PRIZES

- Largest striper caught & released but not tagged
 - Guaranteed Minimum Cash Prizes:
1st Place \$500, 2nd Place \$250, 3rd Place \$125
- Largest striper caught, tagged & then released (1st place only)
 - American Littoral Society 1-year membership, plus free field trip for two
- Most stripers caught, tagged & then released (1st place only)
 - American Littoral Society 1-year membership, plus free field trip for two

ENTRY FEES

Registration opens March 1st.

- HRFA members: \$35
- Non-members: \$75
- New Members: \$60 (\$35 entrv fee + \$25 membership fee)

QUESTIONS?

- Joseph Albanese at (908)-456-2968; joealbanese2@gmail.com



Hudson River Fishermen's Association (H.R.F.A.) Striped Bass C & R and C, T & R Derby

Catch & Release Cash Prizes

- 1st Place - \$500.00 min
- 2nd Place - \$250.00 min
- 3rd Place - \$150.00 min

Entry Form (Please Print Clearly)

Catch, Tag & Release Prizes
From the American Littoral Society

- Most - Montauk trip for two
- Largest - Fluke trip for two

Name: _____
Address: _____
Street: _____
Town: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Cell Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Please indicate desired Entry Fee option:

- ☐ H.R.F.A. Member: \$35.00
☐ Non-Member: \$75.00
☐ New H.R.F.A. Member: \$60.00 (Saves \$15.00 - includes \$35 Entry Fee + \$25 1-year tax deductible membership and all its privileges)

Make Checks Payable to: H.R.F.A. Striper Derby

Mail to: H.R.F.A.
P.O. Box 421
Cresskill, NJ 07626

or

H.R.F.A.
P.O. Box 421
Piermont, NY 10968

NOTE: Participation in the HRFA Striper Derby requires a digital camera and a standard ruler or tape measure (a free HRFA Striper Derby tape measure is included with each entry). Participation also requires access to a working e-mail address.

The undersigned angler ("Angler") on behalf of himself/herself and personal representatives, assigns, heirs, executors, and successors hereby fully and forever releases, waives, and discharges the H.R.F.A. and all sponsoring or cosponsoring companies, organizations or individuals related to the Derby (collectively "Releasees") from all liability to the Angler and his/her personal representatives, assigns, heirs, executors and successors for losses, damages, claims thereof on account of injury to Angler or his/her property or the resultant death of Angler whether caused by active or passive negligence of the Releasees or otherwise, in connection with the Angler's participation in the Derby ("Losses"), and further covenants not to sue any of the aforementioned parties for such Losses. Angler is fully aware of the risks and hazards inherent in participating in the Derby and elects to voluntarily participate. Angler hereby assumes all risks of losses, damages, or injury(ies) that may be sustained by him/her while participating in the Derby. Angler represents and warrants to the Releasees that he/she is in good physical condition and is able to safely participate in the Derby. Angler warrants that all statements made herein are true and accurate and understands that Releasees have relied on them in allowing Angler to participate in the Derby.

ANGLER HAS READ THE FOREGOING AND INTENTIONALLY AND VOLUNTARILY SIGNS THE GENERAL RELEASE, WAIVER OF LIABILITY AND PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT.

Angler's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Hudson River Fishermen's Association



H.R.F.A. Striped Bass Derby

Starts: 6am Saturday April 6, 2019 Ends: 2pm Saturday April 27, 2019

This is strictly a no kill derby.

Catch, Photo & Release and/or Catch, Tag, Photo and Release Derby.

Official 2019 Derby Rules

1. Pre-Derby

1.1. Entrants ("Anglers") are responsible for reading, understanding, and adhering to all of the following rules. Got questions? Contact a Derby Committee member: Joseph Albanese, 908-456-2968, joealbanese2@gmail.com or Scott Havner, 845-300-1562, fishon7231@verizon.net.

1.2 Entry fees are as follows:

- HRFA Member: \$35.00
- Non-Member: \$75.00
- New HRFA Member: \$60.00 (Saves \$15.00 - includes \$35.00 entry fee plus \$25.00 1-year tax deductible membership and all privileges of same)

1.3. Registration opens March 1, 2019 and closes April 1, 2019. Once properly set-up registration may be done online at www.hrfa.org. Registrations also accepted by mail. Simply complete the application form and mail it along with a check made out to "HRFA - Striper Derby" to one of the following two addresses:

H.R.F.A.
P.O. Box 421
Cresskill, NJ 07626

H.R.F.A.
P.O. Box 421
Piermont, NY 10968

1.4. Derby participants must have access to a valid, working e-mail address. Just prior to the start of the Derby, the Derby committee will e-mail each participant their own unique 3-digit Derby number. That number must appear in any picture of a fish submitted for consideration in the Derby. We recommend that participants write that number on an index card or sheet of paper in print dark enough and large enough to show up in photographs. When taking a picture of fish to be entered, place the card or piece of paper in the photo with the fish.

1.4.1 Derby participants will also be entitled to an official Striper Derby 60" vinyl tape measure. If applicant includes a stamped self-addressed envelope one will be mailed to him/her. It is preferable that participants use this "official" tape measure, which includes the non-profit organization logos for the HRFA, and its Derby partner the American Littoral Society plus a space to enter the Angler's unique 3-digit Derby number in Magic Marker.

1.5. Lines in the water shall not start prior to 6:00 AM on Saturday, April 6, 2019. Fishing will end promptly at 2:00 PM on Saturday April 27, 2019. Times are based on the Derby committee clock.

1.6. Once the Derby begins, there will be no refunds for any reason.

1.7. By signing the entry form or signing up through the website, you are agreeing to the disclaimer on the entry form.

Castle Point Pier Fishing Trip - April 6, 2019

Save the date because you don't want to miss this event.

Fishing time: 8 am- 12 pm??



The pier has one of the best views of the New York City skyline

There is no better way to kick off the **HRFA Striped Bass Derby** than fishing with fellow club members. So, on **Saturday, April 6th** all HRFA members are invited to come and fish off Castle Point Pier in Hoboken, NJ. The pier stretches out 125 feet into the river and provides excellent fishing structure. Metered street parking is available.



AMERICAN LITTORAL SOCIETY
Caring for the Coast

The HRFA encourages tagging fish for science. American Littoral Society tagging kits can be purchased from Kevin Morgan at monthly general meeting. Tags may also be purchased from the American Littoral Society by clicking here.

If anyone has any questions on how to fish for stripers in this area (techniques, tackle, baits, etc.) reach out to Michael Sardinas at 201-682-9577 or Masardinas@yahoo.com.

We will be there to assist you in tagging procedures too.



Catfish Chaos

Save the date August 17 2019

more info to follow in the coming months

Grandpa Carl's Columns

Carl Bruger has been a writer for this news letter for a long time.
Here are his latest gems . . .



TROUT & SALMONID BEHAVIOR IN LAKE ONTARIO TRIBUTARIES

By Carl Bruger

It's been well over thirty years since I first wet a line in the raging Salmon River one cold October morning back in the 80's. I knew nothing about the salmon I pursued and sure proved my total ignorance by shattering my rod trying to out muscle the first Chinook that blasted my egg sack. I soon learned that you had to let the fish "win" on that first blistering run or your line, rod or some piece of gear soon would be parted! It was why a quality drag was invented and also why anglers

had to learn how to play a fish and not act like a Neanderthal conquering meat!

I now operate on the humbling premise that the more I know, the more I know I don't know! That stated, basically you can count on fish runs starting up the rivers at the end of August, especially if there are any cold and heavy rain falls to trigger an early run that swells the stream cfs. A lot of times a batch of Coho will be in a tight mix apart from their Chinook brethren making for some early "rocket launch" battles on spin and fly. As the late summer season rolls into autumn the salmon run goes full throttle and peaks around October. From the 1st to the Halloween end, the temperature and precipitation factors are major players in the salmonid upstream spawning migration behavior.

In past years this scribe has landed green, fresh from the lake, hen kings with egg sacks still gravid and fully connected as November approached! This is far more typical of an early September Chinook taken at the mouth of the Salmon while trolling! Nature has

spread out the spawning cycle of these Pacific species to give them and their progeny a wide window of egg/milt fecundity potential. It obviously worked for eons on the native Pacific rim and is playing out in the Great Lakes ecosystem as well.

The hens and males will be seeking out gravel beds to make their redds and thousands of eggs will be dropped by each female, weighing in total, three to seven pounds in the majority of Great Lakes fish. The kype jawed males will fertilize many of the eggs but very few will ever live to become adults in this ecosystem.

You will always have a shot at catching protective salmon on their redds no matter how turbid the water is. They might be right at your feet just at the bank when you arrive so tread lightly and hang back so as not to spook these bank huggers that could be your first fish of the day! The only water that means potential skunking to me is dead flat clear H₂O that is barely moving. I've taken salmon and trout during hurricane aftermath, hailstorm, clear 78 degree weather, and wind gusts that blew trees down as we fished. (All were recorded in my old fishing logs over the years).

The vast majority of salmon we catch are thanks to the Altmar hatchery program which strips eggs and sperm from returning salmon coming up the Salmon River. They are hatched at the hatchery and the parrs and smolts are released at appropriate times to imprint all over the Great Lakes. New programs have the salmon imprint in pens at the areas where the biologists want them to return to spawn. Other hatcheries raise steelhead and browns to augment the salmonid program that is so famous at Altmar. New York State does a fabulous job with its fresh water fisheries programs and makes an expensive jaunt to Alaska an extra miles frivolity.

The trout follow the salmon up the tributaries in the fall often for the express purpose of gorging on the nutritious eggs broadcast by their larger relatives. Egg sack baits, single eggs and fly imitations of these items are crucial items in every angler's arsenal of fishing catching items.

Study the creeks, streams, and rivers you will fish when they are at low water and also running clear. This will come in handy when heavy rains turn the water into Bosco that is filled with many fish instead of marshmallows. Note the paths chosen by each species of fish as they meander or shoot upstream. Record where they rest feed and congregate. At what level is this pool empty? When is it full of fish? When does the sun drive fish from this area? What large rocks and boulders provide hiding and oxygenation stops for spent spawners? When you learn to read your local waters like a beloved novel and can interpret all the indicators the way the author provides symbols to interpret, you will be in the enviable position to maximize you angling odds and increase the odds of a successful day of fishing.

BARBADOS FISH ON SHRIMP & BREAD

By Carl Bruger

Every year my wife Pat and I take a one week sojourn to an all inclusive Sandals resort somewhere in the Caribbean for an escape from the winter weather, flu season, and just a plain need for the sun. This year, for the first time we dialed up the double dazzling new and superb Sandals Barbados that had 11 restaurants when we arrived and twelve when we departed!

Would you believe while we were there during super bowl week, they opened up an incredible doughnut shop that served among other exotic delectables, a maple syrup bacon walnut covered doughnut!! (This glutinous scribe gained a pound a

day for the week, at least half from those little round morsels!) The endless rum drinks from the bar also did little for my waistline which took on the appearance of Bip the tire boy while soaking up rays on the beach.

This is supposed to be a fishing column so I'll get to the unlimited shrimp cocktails and all the shrimp tails I stuck in my napkin one day for bait to use in a tidal creek I noticed flowing as a border between the old and new resorts. No one was fishing there but the spot screamed fish so one afternoon when my wife was getting some kind of hot rock "torture" they called a thermal massage, I snuck my ultralite telescopic pole out of my backpack and ambled over to the creek, cleared the concept of fishing there with the friendly and enthusiastic security guard, and proceeded to toss the shrimp tail and a trout split shot into a spot where I thought a school of tilapia were milling.

I was on the money with the first cast as a fish of about a pound gobbled the tiny piece as soon as it hit the water! Tilapia fight like trophy bluegills with a broad sided muscular effort at escape, pulling drag well against four pound test and a tiny Shakespeare reel. I could barely lift the fish up over the embankment and by then an immense crowd of guests, cooks and servers from the nearby Jerk Shack restaurant had gathered to root for me and then to ask for the fish I began to steadily catch. It was a total blast to bring in these tilapia on the diminishing shrimp although I soon realized the fish were so dumb that they would bite on anything carbon based! (Tilapia are normally plankton feeders, but obviously when ravenous will be triggered to feed by any food in the water).

The young woman who began bringing me bread for bait was picking up fish to bring home to clean and eat. She was beyond ecstatic about the whole situation. Everyone was screaming and laughing as the fish were flopping out of their baskets and the gals were trying to grab the slimy critters again and again to confine them as the guests roared with laughter and were entertained by the action. It got even better as a two foot long snook shot out of the mangroves and took off like a torpedo with one of the last shrimp pieces. The poor little reel drag whined and whistled and the line snapped in defeat as the quality fish easily made off with the morsel without me turning the taker. The crowd loved that action and someone screamed, "Do it again!" (As if you can orchestrate a fish strike!) Darned if I didn't come close though! Using my last shrimp tail some long silver fish slashed through the school of tilapia and once again squealed the drag until the hook snapped or the teeth flossed the light test. Some of the guys at the February HRFA general meeting theorized that that fish might have been something called a ladyfish which is long, thin, fast, and silver. They just might have IDed the fish for me! Once again I retied and now had only the bread for bait.

The dumb tilapia didn't care and I continued to catch fish until I knew my wife would be leaving the beauty salon. The ladies at the Jerk Shack must have had close to a dozen fish to keep between them and as I left I really made their day when I gave the "bread lady" the telescopic rod and reel as a gift and said I'd be back for Super Bowl week next year to do the same thing again.

We had such a great time in Barbados that we already booked ahead. The poor tilapia are doomed! As far as the snook goes I would just love to get a nice photo of one with another tiny telescopic as the instrument of victory. As an old movie title says I will come "Armed and Dangerous" in 2020.

GUEST SPEAKER PETE GRIMBILAS

Around forty members and guests came to the meeting a week after the regular one was snowed out, a rather impressive turnout on short notice. Maybe the draw of highly respected 2017 JCAA Angler of the Year guest speaker Pete Grimbilas was a major factor. NJOA chairman and active in every facet of New Jersey fishing and political activism possible, Pete has been at the forefront of every battle that mattered to anglers in the Garden State.

This night he also waxed eloquent about another love, the awesome fly fishing found in the nearby Catskill Mountains of New York State where the “gods” of trout fishing waved their wands. Over the years I had the honor to meet Lee and Joan Wulf, Lefty Kreh, and HRFA member, Don Ecker. All legendary master anglers and tiers who plied the storied brooks last century and/or wrote with the likes of Zane Grey and Thomas McGuane.

This beautiful craft must be passed on to the youth of today and what Pete showed us in a power point presentation gave hope that such a dream was possible. He is a FUDR member which is an acronym for Friend of the Upper Delaware River group. They are a 501C3 nonprofit founded in part to honor a fallen trout angler of note on the Delaware named Bill Canfield who lost his battle with leukemia but motivated his many fishing friends to start this awesome fly fishing camp that runs over the summer and offers many more programs youth from 12 to 17 located near Hancock.

The specific camp Pete shared could be attended either one week in June from the 23rd to the 30th or a week on August from the 4th through the 11th. The price of \$1,725 included all meals, incredible diverse program selection, personal Catskill guide tutoring in fly fishing, a \$300 Orvis fly rod and reel to keep, and of course the incredible ambiance of a week of Catskill trout fishing. Famous highly respected local names involved include guides Joe DiDimuldaris, Steve Taggart, Lee Hartmann and also East Branch Outfitter, Ben Rinker.

I can't wait until my 2 grandsons are old enough to attend this camp. Fly rodding is another step in their angling education and I look forward to getting them out of the video room and into the outdoors even more. As we say in the HRFA booth at the shows, don't let your kid evolve into a blob and two thumbs!

CARL'S CORNER MARCH 2019

By Carl Bruger

While the weather is ice cold here are a few tips that will help you fish with better comfort, accuracy and success. Have a set of hand warmer packets in every coat and jacket you might wear to go fishing plus a couple more stashed in the glove compartment of your car. Use either a spray can of Pam or other kitchen spray to lube your rod guides and tip to prevent ice build-up. In a pinch you can also rub in Chapstick lip balm or a similar product to keep the ice from blocking line flow. Chap Stick also makes a perfect “no burn” knot when snugging up delicate flourocarbon leaders. (better lube than spit!) While on ice or wadding a stream wrap your cell phone in at least a sandwich bag to waterproof it. I use those special dry bag waterproof items customized exactly for that purpose.

Even if the weather is miserable and cold you and your family are better off getting into the outdoors for activities rather than “hibernating”. We are not bears! Fish will bite all twelve months of the year in some location on some

properly presented bait, lure, or fly.

This month the yellow perch will begin spawning and limit catches of 25 fish can fill your bucket in a few hours. Piermont stripers are already striking on bloodworms for the early bird sharpies on the pier with linesider fever. Flounder are out of the mud up and down the coast so you can take your lousy two fish limit in New York and New Jersey. (I'm almost certain that's still the rules). Party boat ling catches are good when the weather is too and the boats can get out.

If you have not done it yet be sure to get your gear ready for the heavy spring fishing. Here are baker's dozen items this scribe is never without inside my tackle box/vehicle or on me for every fishing foray. This does not count the bait, lures, line, terminal equipment, hooks, and other stuff that every angler will automatically haul.

1. Multitool/pliers (the type that can cut wire and hooks, open split rings, pinch shut lead shot or rig sleeves, and reach into a bluefish to retrieve a deep hook)
2. nail clippers on a neck lanyard- make a better line cutter than any knife or other sharp implement and is in easy reach at all times
3. duct tape-known around our house as the Bruger repair kit this will patch a rod, arm, leg, kayak, you get it
4. stringer- I like a heavy duty rope type that allows insertion into the fish so it can be immersed in water again if possible yet identified as our catch. I add my name on a tag to avoid confusion as well
5. round wooden toothpicks- Not just for getting out that pesky jerky between your teeth but great for bobber stoppers, worm weight plugs, and any time you need a small temporary wedge to make things run smoothly
6. a decent first aid kit This should be in its own separate waterproof container that is clearly labeled and easily accessible so others can also find it
7. appropriate net- From tiny trout to titanic salmon the right net allows proper catch and usually release after photo (CPR Catch Photo Release)
8. Insect repellants/ chap stick/ sun blocks- these days they can be bought in combination or separately and in very varying strengths, all your choice
9. Sun glasses- whether you need prescriptions or not I consider shades essential eye protection and fish catching aids because sight fishing from ocean to creek and tuna to trout might be difference of the minuscule viewing of one fish just under the surface!
10. a long brimmed hat- to protect from the sun and also the precipitation and to see the water better.
11. cell phone great for pictures as well as communications
12. A good sized absorbent fish rag with a grommet hole that allows it to be tied off on a rail. Bloody slimy hands can easily lead to a rod lost overboard and just a quick wipe off give the angler a good contact feeling on the cork or foam rod handle.
13. The last is a small flashlight which can also be a headlamp attached to your hat or even part of your hat as I use in my forays for salmon early in the mornings on Lake Ontario.

MAJOR REMINDERS:

- Be sure to join us for the annual HRFA awards dinner at Cornetta's. Get your tickets at the next general meeting or from Arnie Ulrich, Scott Havner, Dan Harrison, or Pete Musse.
- If you did not get your HRFA \$25 yearly dues renewal in yet to Arnie Ulrich please do so right after you finish reading this.



HRFA Youth Angler Program

By Wayne Geider

2019 looks to be a banner year in the making. Keep June 29th open for NYC fishing on the Hudson. Here is a partial list of the events we will be doing. We will be adding more dates with Spectrum for Living.

- April 4th - Hackensack Middle School. Assist Hackensack River Keeper with HOFNOD
- April 28th - WWP Newburg, NY
- April 29th - Special Needs fishing Bergen County at Englewood
- May 4th - Hooked on the Hudson at Roos Dock
- May 11th - Ridgefield Park Day
- May 15th - Special Needs Children of Bergen County. Wheel chair children
- May 16th - Special Needs fishing Bergen County at englewood
- May 18th - Waterford, NY children fishing
- May 31st - Mill Creek Park Secaucus, NJ. Assist Hackensack River Keeper
- June 5th - Waterford Park, Carteret, NJ. Assist Hackensack River Keeper
- June 6th - Special Needs Children of Bergen County
- June 8th - Oradell Reservoir Assist Hackensack River Keeper
- June 11th - Waterford Park Carteret, NJ Assist Hackensack River Keeper
- June 12th - Special Needs fishing Bergen County at Englewood
- June 20th - Oradell Reservoir Assist Hackensack River Keeper
- June 22nd - Wooden Boat Challenge - Kingston, NY



Photo April, 2004 Croton Point, New York
Nils Eckhart (Center Top)

HRFA History

by
Tony Evangelista

Nils Eckhart served on our Board of Director for a few years in the early 2000's. He also arranged a fishing weekend up at the Croton Point, County Park. We stay in these old rustic cabins for a fishing weekend having fun catching stripers and catfish. We decided to do it again the following year. Nils also loves his surf fishing he was on our original surf team down at the ASAC surf tournament at the Jersey Shore. Plus being our Co-Beach master for our host tournament at Seaside Heights, NJ. Unfortunately we lost Nils at a very young age.

From Our President



Hi All,

Again, lots to write about this month. Lets start with the new 50 /50 we started last month. John Kozoil #133 was drawn and unfortunately he was not present. Bad for him good news for the person this month. John there is a chance your number will be drawn again so hope

to see you on Tuesday night. An additional \$18.50 will be added to the 50 / 50 second drawing.

This week Carl Bruger and I was working the Rockland show on Saturday and a old member came up to us and said he was a member but heard that the club was going in a different direction. I asked him what that meant and he told us that we are more environmental. I told him we have always been and environmental club with a lot of fishing. To make a long story short Carl and I convinced him the HRFA is a very active club with something for everyone. He joined again and so did his buddy that was more of a boater.

What I really want everyone to know about is the Dinner. March 24th Sunday from 3pm to 7 at Cornettas restaurant in Piermont NY. This year we will honor Mr. Bob Walters as the friend of the HRFA. I could write a whole article about how Bob and John Vargo has help me and the HRFA the last two years. Bob came and spoke to the club and talked about the river "back in the day" His knowledge of the river is on belief. The 2019 Pete Barrett award will also be awarded come and see who will be honored with the most prestigious award of the night. See Arnie articles for tickets.

Again we will have lots of good prizes. Sound Bound Charters has donated a six pack trip to help raise money. Thank you Brendan. We will also be raffling a seven foot custom made rod and reel made by our own Dan Reiamon.

I am going to end with a request for more volunteers. At this time we have 16 trips on the books and that only goes till the end of June. We are also going to be doing more trips with Spectrum for Living (not on the books). These trips are during the week and more than likely will be at Alpine or Englewood. We need your help and believe me you will enjoy every minuet of seeing someone that can barely hold a fishing pole catch a fish. Call Wayne, he may be fishing but he always returns his calls Wayne Geider 201-384-8046

Bee Well
Dan H

Hello Everyone,



Please see the club calendar for March, Membership Application form, details about the ASAC Awards Dinner, NJOA Annual Dinner below. Also, please take note of the upcoming fishing trip aboard the Bunny Clarke in Maine.

Arnie Ulrich

March 2019 *HRFA Welcomes New Member> Christian Hoops*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
24	25	26	27	28	1 Happy Birthday Tim Doolan	2 Happy Birthday Paul Bechtel Mary Knight Hettv Muller
3 Happy Birthday Frank Sisinni Al White Mike Wazlo	4 Happy Birthday Tom White	5 HRFA EBoard Meeting	6	7	8 Happy Birthday Frank Maresco	9 Happy Birthday Roger Muller Jr.
10 Happy Birthday Barbara Kee-Chen	11	12 HRFA General Meeting Happy Birthday Jim Campbell	13 Happy Birthday Bill Alstete Glenn Blank Dennis Fuchs	14	15 Happy Birthday Jenn Hill Bob Taylor	16
17 Happy Birthday	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 Happy Birthday Mike McAleer Alex Soultanis	25	26 Happy Birthday Steven Santiago	27	28 Happy Birthday Mike Friedman Aram Setian	29 Happy Birthday Boyd Adoffson Brendon Havner	30
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Do you have your 2019 Card?

HRFA 2019 Membership Application / Renewal Form

Date: _____
Name: _____
Address: _____

_____ Zip _____
Work #: _____ Home #: _____

Suggestions:
(Guest Speakers? Projects? Activities?)

E-Mail Address _____

*Please note: Your E address is private and no spam
or solicitations will be intentionally sent*

Date of Birth: _____

Enclosed is my check for annual membership.

Please circle the appropriate selections.

Renewal Gift New member

Optional Questions:

How many children under 18 are in your family?

What is your current profession?

a) Scholarship Fund _____

b) Youth Angler Fund _____

c) Other _____

All Donations are Fully Tax Deductible

Annual Dues: **\$25.00**

Mail to: HRFA, P.O. Box 421, Cresskill, New
Jersey, 07626 or

You also can renew online at www.hrfa.us. Just
click on **Members** in the left hand column.

**Membership dues are renewed annually
(at the beginning of each year).**

You need a (2019) 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.

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, Amie Ulrich (kayester@aol.com) or call me at
1-201-304-4691.

NJOA / HOFNOD News & Thank You

On December 17, 2018 NJOA held its annual
Sportsman's Caucus. Three topics targeted were
Forestry Management, the HOFNOD (Hooked On
Fishing not on Drugs) program, and the Beaver
nuisance problem in many areas of New Jersey.
Over 30 NJ legislators attended. The impact of the
Caucus is that beaver nuisance problem will result
in a Bill to address the issue. Forestry management
(stewardship) now has higher visibility among our
Legislators. HOFNOD now has a bill sponsored that
will expand the NJ state program to \$450K, from
\$200K. Great work. Thank You.

The HOFNOD bill (S3457 / A5113), is sponsored
by Senator Steve Sweeney, Assemblymen John
Burzichelli and Adam Taliaferro.

So, what's next?

When the bills get legs and start to move, we will
need to communicate our support of the bills and
urge our folks in Trenton that they need to end up
on the Governor's desk to sign and put into effect.



New Jersey Outdoor Alliance's 4th Annual Wild Game Dinner

Honored Guest - Governor Chris Christie

At The Black Forest Inn

Sunday April 7th, 2019 - 3:00 PM

249 US-206, Stanhope, NJ 07874 **\$100 DONATION**

Tickets are limited, visit <https://njoutdooralliance.org/> for
details



Fishing on the "Bunny Clark", Ogunquit, Maine

Our Spring trip to Maine has been a special trip for HRFA members for many years. HRFA members can car/van pool for the trip, so just about all individuals can be accommodated.

Those interested in this annual trip should let us know as early as possible.

When: Sunday April 28th Ogunquit, Maine on the Bunny Clark

Leave: Saturday April 27, Fish Sunday April 28, and return next day.

Available fish: Pollock, Haddock, Cusk, Wolf fish, Redfish, White Hake, Whiting, and Ling

Web Site <http://www.bunnyclark.com>

Questions: Arnie Ulrich: email kavester@aol.com or call 201-438-3094



2019 / 53rd Anniversary & HRFA Annual Dinner Party

The HRFA Annual Awards Dinner and Party will be held this year on Sunday March 24th 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.

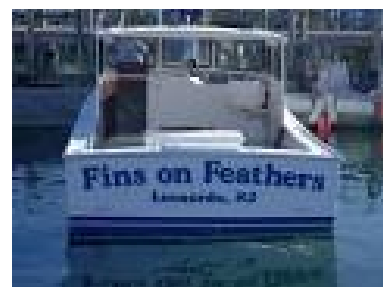
This annual HRFA event should not be missed. Speak with any one of the HRFA officers selling tickets.

For reservations / questions / directions, email: Dan Harrison dharrison@cdtresources.com
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