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Tuesday, September 26th, 2017 Starting at 7:30 PM At JCAA Office

NEXT JCAA BOARD MEETING

Thursday, October 12th, 2017 Starting at 7:30 PM at JCAA Office

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IMPORTANT DATES

September 26th JCAA General Meeting
October 12th JCAA Board Meeting
October 16th-19th ASMFC Annual Meeting
October 31th JCAA General Meeting
November 9th JCAA Board Meeting
November 12th JCAA Sportsperson Dinner

Sportsperson of the Year Dinner November 12

By Paul Turi, Co-Chairman

On Sunday, November 12th, 2017 we will be having our Sportsperson of the Year Dinner. Again, the dinner will be held at the beautiful Crystal Point Yacht Club in Pt. Pleasant from 4:00-8:00PM. Tickets this year are \$75.00 per person and \$650 for a table of 10. To reserve your tickets call Dan Miller at (609) 641-7821 or email Dan at blueangray@comcast.net.

We are now accepting nominations for this year's sportsperson of the year. If you want to nominate someone, please submit a bio of approximately 250 words. You can email your nomination to me at pturi72@gmail.com or you can present your nomination at the September General Membership Meeting on September 26th. We will take nominations right up until the September General Membership Meeting. We will be voting for our sportsperson of the year at this meeting.

I am also in need of door prizes and Chinese Auction and Silent Auction prizes. If you have something to donate, please contact me at (609) 709-9215 or email me at pturi72@gmail.com.

Remember, bring your significant other. I always have prizes for the ladies too.

President's Report

By John Toth

The winners and details of our 23rd JCAA Fluke Tournament held on August 5th are posted in this newsletter. What I want to focus on is the Awards Ceremony that was held at the Clarion Hotel on August 10th where the participants came to receive their prizes and have the opportunity to win not only more than 50 door prizes, but also the boat & motor (Grand Prize) donated by Yamaha through its representative, Ron Zastocki.

Mark Taylor did a fine job of Master of Ceremonies for this event and he generated so much excitement for it! We had help from Bruce Halstater, Bill Browne and Wayne Geider handling the registration information, along with Al Marantz selling our tournament T shirts, Don Marantz selling JCAA's Super 50/50 Raffle tickets, Kyren Dooley and Linda Haertel selling 50/50 tickets with the winning ticket drawn that night. JCAA Board members, Frank Richetti, Ken Warchal, Paul Haertel, and others pitched in to get the prizes ready for the winners. Doug Tegeder processed the financial paperwork necessary for distribution of the prizes. Paul Turi, did a great job in managing this successful tournament and it's following Award Ceremony. I hope I did not skip anybody that helped us with this ceremony!

But I have to tell you that the Awards Ceremony was a night of **FUN!** We had about 350-400 attendees and just everyone was in such a good mood and up for this event! It started off with free finger-type food and soda that was available starting at 5:00 p.m. along with a cash bar.

What made this ceremony all the more memorable was a 10-year old boy (Dylan Cole) who caught a **9.69 lbs. fluke with a length of 28 inches that won his fishing team \$12,881!** That included the port prize of \$1,200 along with the Calcuttas that they entered. Dylan received a standing ovation from all who were present. While standing in front by the podium, Dylan had such a smile on his face that he could slay the world! His father had his arm around him and both of them were beaming with pride! Dylan also had the type of clothes on that he could go fishing at a moment's notice! It was a night that he will remember for the rest of his life! All of this

made our Awards Ceremony a special occasion with all of us just witnessing the happiness shared by this winning team and the father and son. It was not just the money that they won, but all of us were just so happy to see this boy win such a big fluke and the father and son sharing their precious experience!

Our Fluke Tournament Director, Paul Turi, had been managing our tournament for a number of years and he wants to step down from this position to pursue other activities such as having more time to go fishing and also golfing. The JCAA needs a new Fluke Tournament Director and information on this position is listed in another section of this newsletter.

We are currently in something called a "Dead Zone" since the fluke season closed early on September 5th. I have written a column on that issue that is also in this newsletter with the title of "What Can We Fish For and Tough Times for the For-Hire Fishing Boats.

Our Sportsperson of the Year is scheduled for November 12th and we need your club's nomination for who you want to recognize to receive this prestigious award. We want to review your club's nomination at our September 26th General Membership meeting. More details on how to submit this nomination is also detailed in this newsletter.

Finally, at the JCAA office on September 6th, several of our Board members heard representatives from the Pacifico Aquaculture company give us a presentation on their proposal to commercially farm striped bass in New Jersey's waters. We listened to their presentation but did NOT give any approval to this request. I have written a brief column on this issue, but we will discuss this in more detail at our September 26th General Membership meeting.

Fisheries Management & Legislative Report

By Tom Fote

The ASMFC Annual meeting will take place October 16-19 and I will report on it in the next JCAA Newspaper. I am also writing a response to the ASMFC response to the NJ summer flounder and black seabass situation and I will be sending this out as a JCAA Alert. JCAA is working with other groups to get people to the joint MAFMC & ASMFC Meeting December 12-14 in Annapolis for setting specifications for summer flounder and black sea bass.

We have discussed chartering a bus. We have more information in the next JCAA Newspaper. If you are not getting JCAA Alerts go to the web page and sign up.

The Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's Atlantic Menhaden Management Board will meet November 13-14, 2017 to consider approval of Amendment 3 to the Interstate Fishery Management Plan for Atlantic Menhaden and set specifications for the 2018 fishing season. The meeting, which is scheduled to begin at 1 PM on the 13th and end at 5 PM on the 14th, will take place at BWI Marriot, 1743 West Nursery Road, Linthicum, Maryland.

Draft Amendment 3, which is currently out for public comment, seeks to manage the menhaden resource in a way that balances menhaden's ecological role as a prey species with the needs of all user groups. To this end, the Draft Amendment considers the use of ecosystem reference points (ERPs) to manage the resource and changes to the allocation method. In addition, it presents a suite of management options for quota transfers, quota rollovers, incidental catch, the episodic events set aside program, and the Chesapeake Bay reduction fishery cap.

Specifications for the 2018 fishery will occur following Board approval of the Amendment. The Commission's Business Session will meet immediately following the conclusion of the Atlantic Menhaden Board meeting to consider final approval of the Amendment. The Menhaden meeting will be a two-day meeting in Baltimore to consider final approval of the Amendment.

New JCAA Fluke Tournament Director Position Open

The JCAA is seeking a person who will manage its JCAA Fluke Tournament in 2018. This person in this position will promote the tournament with press releases, interacting with tournament sponsors to obtain prizes and recognition in promotional materials, handle promotional mailings to anglers concerning the tournament, distribute promotional material to tackle shops and port locations, enter tournament applicants in the JCAA's data base and be responsible for the overall

management of the tournament for its successful result. This position requires the following skills:

- Effective writing skills
- Computer expertise skills with Microsoft Office
- Good verbal skills
- Experience in dealing with the public
- Ability to be a self-starter to complete tasks
- Organizational abilities to prioritize tasks
- Prior experience in managing an event is desirable

The JCAA Fluke tournament will take place in July of 2018. This position **requires** the applicant to work part time starting November 1st and attend Board and General meetings. Starting in April the position becomes almost full time. It becomes full time throughout the month of June 2018 and part of July up to the Awards Ceremony at the Clarion Hotel in July. (Salary ranges from \$3,000 up to \$5,000 with possible bonuses dependent on the Tournament Director's ability to increase the number of anglers entering the tournament.)

The JCAA is now accepting resumes for this position. All resumes should be sent to JCAA President, John Toth, by November 1, 2017 at the following address or at his email:

John Toth 24 Kings Mill Road Monroe Township, NJ 08831 tothjohn@verizon.net

What Can We Fish for and Tough Times for the For-Hire Fishing Boats

By John Toth

The fluke season closed on September 5th. The sea bass season opens October 22nd to December 31st. Only 1 (one) Blackfish can be kept now until November 14th. On November 15th, this limit jumps to 6 blackfish at 15 inches minimum. What are we going to fish for from **September 6th through October 21st!**

To see this information in another way to better bring this point home:

- Fluke September 5th Fluke season closed (usually it closes later and last year it was 9/25)
- **Sea Bass** October-22nd to December 31st (15 fish at 12 1/2 inches)
- **Blackfish** 1 fish until November 15th. November 16th to December - 6 fish bag limit
- Winter Flounder 2 fish until December 31st
- Striped Bass No closed season, but striped bass season starts to kick in sometime late September, and usually picks up to full speed in mid-October. Lately, this fish has become fickle by staying in one area lasting for a week or two, and then moving off to other areas that are out of reach for some party/charter boats. It is like a very limited window of opportunity for many for-hire boats trying to land striped bass to stay in business.

At the time of my writing this article, the bluefish are not really around and one party boat that normally targets bluefish is going for sea bass and advertises that "you can keep all the sea bass you want" - but does not tell you that you can keep only two of them! They are also going for fluke which they usually don't and, hopefully, also catch some mackerel. Basically, they are doing everything they can do to stay alive in business and have jobs for their mates!

Fishing management focuses on one species at a time when they should be focusing on all of the species that are connected together, basically a holistic approach, so that we do not have these huge types of voids in our fishing seasons. They think that protecting one species is good, but then fail to recognize that anglers who want to fish will pound other available species in season so that they have something to fish for like ling and porgies. If the bluefish were around, they could be that targeted fish, but many anglers really don't like to fish for them because they are too strong for dinner fare.

Boat captains have bills to pay like insurance, dock and maintenance fees. How can they pay these bills if they are sitting at the dock? What are the mates to do during these down times in September and October? How can they subsist while not working? The mates in many cases have to move on to some type of work making it more difficult for boat captains to maintain dependable and good mates. All of these factors, unfortunately, are causing more and more boats and related businesses like tackle shops to go out of business. Captain Bob

Bogan of the Gambler that sails from Point Pleasant, NJ, recently wrote an article that first appeared on line pointing out that from 1996 to 2006, fifty (50) once viable party/charter boats operating from Bayonne to Cape May have gone out of business due to terrible regulations/management decisions. (This article is also in the Fall edition of the New Jersey Outdoor Alliance's newsletter). The Bogan family has been in the fishing business for many years and they know the ups and downs of this industry. At the end of 2017, I fear (and I certainly hope that I am wrong) that we will be losing more fishing - related businesses.

This issue and others were brought up at an April 3rd meeting with John Bullard, Administrator, U.S. Department of Commerce and his staff at the Manasquan Reservoir Center in Howell. This meeting was also attended by Tom Fote, Paul Haertel and myself along with other members in the fishing community. I have received information that this issue and others will be discussed at future meetings with fishing managers to seek resolution of them. But, talk is just talk and our fishing industry is dying a slow death because of mismanagement by our fishing managers, especially at the federal level. What is needed is action/resolution now to resolve these issues facing our recreational industry. Hopefully, during 2018 we may see some light at the end of the tunnel and see some changes that will turn things around for people connected to this important fishing industry.

Time to Get Involved in Ocean Planning Processes

By Ken Warchal, Asbury Park Press, 8/21/2017

For many people, replacing sand on a beach hardly seems connected to catching fish in the water. Along New Jersey's shoreline our towns need to replenish sand to keep our public beaches for recreational enjoyment and ensure that we have strong dunes to protect our coastal communities. But as residents and tourists dig their toes into the soft Jersey shore sand, few realize that the Army Corps of Engineers handpicks sand from specific locations due to its unique quality. The agency often removes sand from ocean bottom lumps that provide marine habitat for ocean critters and prime fishing spots. When the Corps removes these lumps, the fishing spots go away.

Recently, I've been having many conversations with fellow Jersey Coast Anglers Association

fishermen and fisherwomen because we share a concern about a particular location – Manasquan Ridge – where a lot of the beach sand will come from in the near future. The Ridge means a lot to those of us who catch summer and winter flounder, bluefish, and false albacore in those waters.

These concerns date back to 2012 when similar projects began happening in Harvey Cedar lumps. Without prior communication with the recreational fishing community, the Army Corps of Engineers removed a sizable amount of sand from this area. Not too soon after, charter and party boats that normally would be taking fishing passengers out were now sitting at the dock. After all, no one wants to pay for a day of fishing when there are no fish to catch.

These fishing areas have been our go-to spots for generations. But it's not just an issue for recreational anglers. With the economic impact the recreation fishing industry has on New Jersey's economy – including supporting restaurants, hotels, tackle shops and boat repairs – the impact of destroying fishing grounds has a ripple effect on all of us.

The good news is that with the introduction of the Mid-Atlantic Ocean Action Plan in late 2016, we now have a process to engage and inform all people who could be negatively impacted by a decision like this one. The Corps' lack of coordination and communication was the biggest problem with the previous sand mining projects. However, with the Manasquan Ridge project, the Army Corps, the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) and the Department of Environmental Protection have utilized the Mid-Atlantic Ocean Action Plan to take real steps toward better communication and greater engagement with our recreational fishing community.

With our input and by using various interactive maps available on the Mid-Atlantic Ocean Action Plan's data portal, the Corps has now recognized the importance of the area for fish. Recreational and commercial fishermen prefer that the Corps take no sand from this area. That's why we spoke to BOEM during a meeting this past week about ways to shift away from sand mining in Manasquan Ridge completely. By having BOEM invite us and listen to our request, we feel better informed ... and heard.

The difference between these two sand mining efforts is clear. But it's more than that. This

engagement is critical to our long-term success. The Mid-Atlantic Ocean Action Plan is already helping us share information and coordinate more effectively to help us avoid negative consequences like those we saw in the past.

And this collaboration is also sparking more creative ideas. The fishing community has been recommending ways to maintain some bottom structure for ocean wildlife, such as removing sand in rows instead of clear-cutting the lump or creating artificial structures with clamshells or similar material.

I've seen firsthand how knowledge sharing and proactive ocean planning will greatly improve the execution of the Manasquan Ridge project. Sand mining is moving forward, but with greater input and coordination among all of us who rely on this piece of the New Jersey coastline, I'm more confident we won't unnecessarily sacrifice our fishing spots to replenish our beaches.

It's no question to me that we must continue encouraging our members of Congress to support ocean planning processes with resources and funding they need to move forward. New Jersey has a solution that works. Let's put the Mid-Atlantic Ocean Action Plan to good use.

Ken Warchal is vice president of the Jersey Coast Anglers Association, and co-founder of the Ocean Reef Foundation of New Jersey. He is also a trustee of the Manasquan River Marlin and Tuna Club.

Proposal to Sell Farm-Raised Striped Bass in New Jersey

By John Toth

Farm-raised fish is big business around the world as pressure on fish stocks increases due to more people turning to eat fish as a healthier food. A company, Pacifico Aquaculture, is interested in having farm-raised striped bass sold coming from New Jersey's waters. Scot Mackey, representing Garden State Seafood Assoc., arranged for representatives from Pacifico Aquaculture to make presentations on raising and selling striped bass to New Jersey's Marine Fisheries Council and to our state's DEP. A presentation was given by Pacifico Aquaculture for the selling of striped bass to JCAA staff on September 6th at the JCAA's office in Toms River. The following is a brief summary of this meeting and its key points.

Representatives Rex Ito and his son Matt indicated to JCAA's members (Tom Fote, Paul Haertel, Ken Warchal, Don Marantz and John Toth) that Pacifico Aquaculture farm raises striped bass eight miles off the coast of Ensenada, in Northern Baja California, Mexico. Striped bass fry are grown in their company-owned hatcheries and then moved to pens in the ocean to grow up to market size which typically takes 18-24 months. Mr. Ito, a biologist with an extensive background in the fishing business, explained that these fish are stocked with plenty of room to swim and grow so that they do not crowd together and develop diseases, a big concern with farm-raised fish. He also indicated that the eggs they use are not from hybrid striped bass, but from 6 or 7 strains of striped bass to produce healthy brood stock, including Hudson River striped bass. These fish are sold when they reach 28 inches (about 3 lbs.) and sold in Mexico and in the USA on the west coast. They are gutted and tagged so that their origin can be traced. The feed for these fish comes from Vancouver/Alaska that is basically from fish trimmings like pollock and other fish, and not chicken and less desirable feed scraps, also a big concern with farm-raised fish.

We explained to Mr. Ito and his son that the JCAA was in the forefront of making striped bass a game fish status so that it could not be sold commercially to stop its precipitous decline in stocks. While it is good to have striped bass in stores and on the menu of restaurants, our **big concern** is that illegally caught striped bass would be sold as farm-raised under the Pacifico brand even though these fish are tagged. Paul Haertel asked "what happens to the tags when they come to a fish purveyor or restaurant - these used tags can be sold or given to anglers to catch illegal striped bass?" Mr. Ito did not have an immediate resolution to that issue, but he and Scot Mackey felt confident that this tagging problem can be successfully resolved.

It was also explained to Mr. Ito that New Jersey's legislature would have to be involved in changing its regulations concerning the sale of striped bass, not an overnight process. He responded that he is aware of this challenge and that many other agencies would have to sign off for approvals. (The JCAA was most likely targeted to hear this presentation since it was involved in the game fish status for striped bass). We also told him that many anglers in New Jersey would strongly oppose the sale of striped bass so that we do not go back to the

bad old days of their decline. He replied that he encountered the same type of problems in selling striped bass on the west coast, but his perseverance paid off in the long run to make it happen. He is well aware that this commercial venture, if it happens, will take a long time to reach fruition.

As our guests, we graciously thanked Mr. Ito, his son and Scot Mackey for taking the time to visit us. We did *not* give any approval to this sale of striped bass. At our upcoming JCAA General Membership meeting, this issue will be on our agenda.

Youth Education Report

By Greg Kucharewski

NEWARK BAIT AND FLY CASTING CLUB

Newark Bait and Fly Casting Club will have a fishing outing for People with Disabilities at Lower Echo Lake in Mountainside, NJ on September 23, 2017 (rain date September 24). There is no charge for participants and their chaperones. Any person with a disability may register by contacting the Union County Dept. of Parks and Recreation at 908-527-4900. Participants MUST be accompanied by chaperones.

This is a fun-filled day with fishing, lunch being served at noon and prizes being awarded to all participants (only qualified registered participants are eligible to receive a prize).

For additional information email: info@nbfcc.org

2017 NJ HOFNOD INSTRUCTOR WORKSHOP

On September 15 through 17, the NJDEP Division of Fish and Wildlife will host a workshop for adult volunteers that would like to become NJ HOFNOD instructors at Lighthouse Camp Natural Resource Education in Waretown, NJ.

If you would like to volunteer and become a certified instructor at an upcoming training, please contact Liz Jackson for details. NJ DEP Division of Fish & Wildlife, Hooked on Fishing Not on Drugs, 605 Pequest Road, Oxford, NJ 07683, 908-637-4125 x122, website.

JERSEY COAST SHARK ANGLERS KIDS FISHING

Getting kids out on the water is part of teaching them about a fun sport they can enjoy throughout their life. Members of the Jersey Coast Shark Anglers do this every year and devote hours to teach youngsters about proper fishing techniques. They host their annual children's fishing tournament and picnic and show the kids a good time on and off the water.



2017 Ken Hall & Barbara Tuttle Annual Children's Tournament. Start early and you will catch that fish of a lifetime.

The JCAA would also like to thank the Jersey Coast Shark Anglers Club for allowing JCAA to use their facility for meetings and veteran Play HOOK-e shark fishing workshops.



We thank JCSA, Captain Rich Wilkowski and Ray Jones from Jersey Hooker Outfitters for making our shark workshop and fishing night a great success.

2017 JCAA YOUTH EDUCATION AWARD

The JCAA Youth Education Committee is accepting nominations for the 2017 Youth Education Award until October 25, 2017. There are many NJ HOFNOD volunteers doing great work to bring successes to the fishing community but sometimes individuals and sport-fishing organizations go above and beyond to make the future of fishing better for our youngsters.

Youth Education Award Criteria: Promoting "Hooked On Fishing Not On Drugs" (HOFNOD), Certified HOFNOD instructors, number of fishing or aquatic education events, JCAA lending library usage, and creativity for promoting youth fishing events. Submit your nominations in writing and email to gkucharews@jcaa.org or bring your nomination to the September JCAA general membership meeting.

KIDS WISH'N TO GO FISH'N OUTDOOR FUN DAY

The Jersey Coast Anglers Association's Youth Education Committee will partner with Cardinale Enterprises LLC and the Vietnam Veterans of America Shore Area Chapter for the first annual Kids Wish'n To Go Fish'n Outdoor Fun Day.

"Making Smiles" is the theme for children with special needs that will attend the first annual FREE "Kids Wish'n to go Fish'n" on Saturday, September 30, 2017. The goal of the fishing and outdoor fun day is to provide a psychological boost for special needs children and to relax at a beautiful private lake with their family caregivers.

Sponsored by: Cardinale Enterprises LCC, Jersey Coast Anglers Association and Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 12. To register your group and receive directions for this free event, please phone Danielle @ 732-747-7846 or email: info@cardinaleenterprises.com

If you would like to donate prizes or volunteer time to help out with this worthwhile event, please phone Don Marantz – 908-347-1434 or Greg Kucharewski at 732-785-9278.

FISHING WORKSHOPS FOR VETERAN'S "PLAYING HOOK-E"

On Wednesday, October 12, 2017 we will present "Playing HOOK-E" from PTSD at VFW Post 2226 212 Norwood Ave., Oakhurst, NJ. The presentation is geared towards veterans struggling with PTSD and how recreational fishing helps ease symptoms and promotes utilizing free outdoor programs.

During June, July, and August we conducted the following programs for veterans and their children: Fluke fishing workshop and free fishing trip on the Johnny Marlin out of Brielle, surf fishing workshop sharks at the Jersey Coast Shark Anglers Club and shark fishing night in Bay Head. Our veteran fishing workshops are gaining notoriety and are sponsored by JCAA, VVA Chapter 12, and VFW Post 2226 Oakhurst, NJ. Please get the word out to your veteran members. To Register: Phone: 732-785-9278 or email to: gkucharews@jcaa.org.

IGFA ANNUAL KIDS FISHING EVENT

On August 5th and 9th, the International Game Fish Association (IGFA) held its annual Kids Fishing Clinic. The event conducted over two days, the first, August 5, being in a classroom setting, the second, Aug 9, is a fishing trip. This year's event was held at St Catherine's Church in Holmdel. There were 27 kids, ranging in age from 12 to 16 that attended. The kids were from the St Catherine's Youth group. Participants have to attend the classroom portion.

The agenda included General Fishing and Knot Tying, Catch, Tag and Release, Keeping the Ocean Clean, Estuaries, Submerged Vegetation and living Shoreline. Presenter's included Clean Ocean Action, American Littoral Society and the NJ DEP as well as IGFA Representative.



The fishing trip was on Capt, Jim Ravell's "BINGO", out of Atlantic Highlands. The kids kept the mates busy all through the trip. They learned some fish identification, proper handling of a fish that's going to be released as well as some tag and release.

"PLAY HOOK-e" KALAHARI OHIO

On November 30, 2017, we will travel to Kalahari Resort and Convention Center, Sandusky, Ohio to present the Play HOOK-e veteran and family fishing program to the Ohio Association for health,

physical education, recreational therapy annual convention.

My sister and I will speak about the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 12 and JCAA's combined effort to help veterans and their families connect with the outdoors. The session will provide information about how fishing can relieve symptoms of PTSD and how to provide an educational and supportive environment to teach an individual fishing skills.

Father Time will host another fun fishing event for children on October 7, 2017. Enter the end of Main St. Keansburg, NJ to register. Fishing is from 8 am till 10:30 am., prizes 11 am and lunch 11 am till noon. Also enjoy a centennial celebration in town following the free fishing derby.

For more information check out their Facebook page at this link.

23rd Annual JCAA Fluke Tournament Results and Port Prize Winners

JCAA Press Release, August 5th, 2017

The 23rd Annual JCAA Fluke Tournament took place on August 5th. Weather conditions were good for most areas of the state though there were storms during the morning in some areas and a hard NW wind in the afternoon. During much of the day though conditions were ideal for most areas and some outstanding catches were made. The Tournament had 252 boats competing in 9 ports. The 10 port prizes are listed below.

The largest fish weighed in was **9.69 lbs., 28**" and was caught by ten year old **Dylan Cole** of Andover, NJ. Dylan was fishing with his father, Kevin when he hooked the prize winning fish. They weighed it in at Liberty Landing in Jersey City. Their team swept the port and overall Calcuttas and along with the first place prize, won a total of **\$12,881**! Daniel Brodeck of York, PA had the smallest fish that won a port prize, weighing in at 2.2 lbs. at Fin Attics in Ocean City. All the winners from each port are listed below.

Other notable catches were made by **Anthony Pansini** of Brooklyn, NY whose **9.2 lb. fluke** weighed in at Fisherman's Den earned him **\$4212** from the Shark River Port and **Stanley Gola** of S&S Bucktails who will be taking home **\$4963** for his **8.87 lb. fluke**

weighed in at the Hoffman's Marina for the Manasquan Port.

This annual tournament provides funds to help the Jersey Coast Anglers Association continue its fight for sound management of our fisheries and our marine environment while seeking to protect or enhance fishing opportunities for our recreational anglers. We are currently seeking more reasonable regulations for both fluke and sea bass.

The Clarion Hotel in Toms River is the host for the 23rnd Annual Jersey Coast Fluke Tournament Awards Ceremony. The Clarion Hotel invites tournament entrants to come and enjoy their facilities both before and after the awards ceremony. You can meet JCAA Executive Board members representatives from our sponsors.

This is your chance to win the drawing for the boat, motor and trailer Grand Prize. In fact, 18 of the last 19 Grand Prize winners did not weigh in a qualifying port prize fish in the tournament. Someone from your boat must be present to win the Grand Prize and any of the fifty or so great door prizes.

We want to thank all tournament participants and especially our sponsors for making the tournament a success. Our nationally known sponsors include Yamaha Motors, Starcraft Boats, Yacht Club Trailers, Tica Fishing Tackle, Canyon Reels, Costa Sunglasses, The Fisherman Magazine, and Tony Maja Products. The \$1,200 First Place Port Prizes were sponsored by Fisherman's Headquarters (for Long Beach Island), South Harbor Marina (for Barnegat Bay), Hoffman's Marina (for Manasquan), Liberty Landing Marina (for Jersey City) and the remaining ports by the JCAA. Jersey Coast Fluke Tournament T-shirts and hats will be on sale as long as supplies last.

The JCAA Fluke Tournament GRAND PRIZE Registration will be at the Clarion Hotel on Route 37E on Thursday evening, August 10th. Follow the signs to find the registration site. We will be in the Ballroom. Registration is between 3:00 PM and 7:00 PM. At least one person from your boat must be in attendance at the time of the drawing in order to win a prize. We expect a large turnout so please come early. Please bring your registration affidavit to save yourself time at the registration desk. There will be free hamburgers, hot dogs, mozzarella sticks and soft drinks along with a cash bar in the room. All winning numbers will be announced in the ballroom. We will also be distributing the port prizes for those in attendance. The registration desk will issue one ticket which is good for both the Grand Prize and for the door prizes. Additionally, we will be holding a huge a 50-50 raffle. Last year's winner took home just over \$2000. We really appreciate both your participation and patience and are sure everyone will have a great time. Congratulations to all the winners and thank you for your support.



Overall tournament winner Dylan Cole

2017 Fluke Tournament Port Prize List (10 Identical Prizes for Each Port)

1st \$1200 cash

2nd Costa sunglasses and accessories

3rd Canyon DJR 3500 reel/ Tsunami Airwave rod TSAWBSJ-701H

4th Two Tony Maja out rodders and a #1 bunker spoon

5th Canyon HS-15 Conventional reel

6th Tica 12' surf casting combo

7th Two Year Fisherman Magazine Subscription, Pliers and Back Pack

8th Fuel Ox Marine Additive, two Fuel Ox T-shirts and two JCAA dinner tickets

9th Tica Striper Series spinning combo 10th Tsunami Saphire spinning combo

Here are the Final Results for 2017

* Denotes \$50 Port Calcutta Winner

** Denotes \$100 Port Calcutta Winner

\$ Denotes \$50 Tournament Calcutta Winner

\$\$ Denotes \$100 Tournament Calcutta Winner

E1 Denote \$1000 Early Entry Winner

E2 Denotes \$500 Early Entry Winner

E3 Donates \$250 Early Entry Winner

1. Jersey City

	Name Cole Dylan * ** \$	Hometown	Entry#	Weight	Length
1st	\$\$	Andover, NJ	247	9.69	28.00
2nd	Jacobson Dawn Mastrangelo	Edgewater, NJ	105	7.92	26.75
3rd	Damon	Cliffside Park, NJ	107	6.64	26.00
4th	Hawileh Ramez	Staten Island, NY	197	5.77	23.50
5th	Atlas Marc	Fairview, NJ	156	4.30	23.00
6th	Orzepowski Jeff	Gillette, NJ	148	4.23	22.00
7th	Gonzalez Tony	Bayonne, NJ	189	3.80	22.25
8th	Karp Harvey	Kearny, NJ	120	2.85	20.25
9th	Lima Marcus	Wayne, NJ	223	2.28	18.50
10th	none				

2. Sandy Hook

	Name	Hometown	Entry#	Weight	Length
1st	Immordino Justin	Bordentown	215	6.92	26.25
2nd	Lilly Dave * **	Hazlet, NJ	93	6.40	25.00
3rd	Jakubik Jake	Long Branch, NJ	75	6.10	24.25
4th	Wagner Mark	South Plainfield, NJ	157	5.80	24.75
5th	Licknack Tom	Linden, NJ	206	4.95	24.13
6th	Hansen Cliff	East brunswick, NJ	91	4.88	22.75
7th	Parsons Greg	Jackson, NJ	70	4.71	23.25
8th	Bob Mathias	Pittstown, NJ	11	4.63	23.25
9th	Graham James	Middletown, NJ	102	4.55	23.50
10th	Iannielli James	Wharton, NJ	234	4.47	22.75

3. Shark River Inlet

	Name	Hometown	Entry#	Weight	Length
	Pansini Anthony *				
1st	** E1	Brooklyn, NY	54	9.20	26.50
	Montgomery				
2nd	Dylan	Newfield, NJ	251	8.67	27.60
3rd	Allee Bill	Staten Island, NY	207	7.57	27.00
4th	Bragert Kevin	Hamilton, NJ	110	7.24	26.80
5th	South Raymond	Levittown, PA	201	7.20	26.00
6th	Constantino Dan	Belmar, NJ	162	6.72	25.00
7th	Schoch Herman	Paulsboro, NJ	57	6.46	25.00
8th	Davis Ed	Howell, NJ	83	5.97	24.00
9th	Hoyer Chris	Chesterfield, NJ	112	5.88	24.00
10th	Fabrizzi Gregory	Old Bridge, NJ	28	5.62	23.00

4. Manasquan River

	Name	Hometown	Entry#	Weight	Length
1st	Gola Stan * ** Cacchione Aaron	Jackson	229	8.87	27.00
2nd	E2	Avenel, NJ	31	8.78	26.50
3rd	Sivo, Patricia	Middletown, NJ	46	7.75	26.00
4th	Kerico Ray	Toms River, NJ	231	7.67	27.00
5th	Vanderbeck Frank	Millstone, NJ	123	7.37	24.75
6th	Greeley John	Manasquan, NJ	210	6.66	25.00
7th	Angelini Bob	Yardville, NJ	182	6.03	23.75
8th	Pelligra Phil	Hackettstown, NJ	208	5.59	24.50
9th	North Stan	Sea Girt, NJ	51	5.57	24.00
10th	Sherwood Trevor	Brick, NJ	4	5.55	24.00

5. Barnegat Bay

	Name	Hometown	Entry#	Weight	Length
1st	Torelli Mike E3 Osborne Robert *	Newtown Square, PA	132	8.10	27.00
2nd	**	Columbus, NJ	141	7.21	26.00
3rd	Dubman, Andrew	Lanoka Harbor, NJ	169	6.63	25.50
4th	Pasko Richard	Lanoka Harbor, NJ	198	6.49	25.00
5th	Sloma Stephen	Beachwood, NJ	97	5.69	24.00
6th	Kaub Chris	Manahawkin, NJ	119	5.46	24.50
7th	Scully Tim	Burlington, NJ	108	5.24	24.50
8th	Itjen Doug	Barnegat, NJ	71	4.98	23.50
9th	Nevin Laura	Pennsbury, PA	144	4.98	22.75
10th	Gohr George	Waretown, NJ	170	4.87	23.25

6. Long Beach Island

	Name	Hometown	Entry#	Weight	Length
1st	Werner David *	Manahawkin, NJ	244	6.72	24.875
2nd	Frazer Rob **	Tuckerton, NJ	256	5.88	23.75
3rd	Wolfberg, Jack Hooven	Fort Washington, NJ	134	5.79	23.25
4th	Christopher	Medford, NJ	94	5.39	24.25
5th	Rust Edward	Cherry Hill, NJ	66	5.05	22.25
6th	Cliver Kevin	Sellersville, PA	106	5.00	23.00
7th	Makitra Gene	Barnegat, NJ	124	4.96	22.75
8th	McKinnon Gordon	Lewis, DE	104	4.84	22.25
9th	Paolella Dean	Springfield, NJ	217	4.79	23.00
10th	Phillips Steven	Pemberton, NJ	95	4.34	23.13

7. Great Bay

	Name	Hometown	Entry#	Weight	Length
1st	Sullivan Rick *	Browns Mills, NJ	146	6.57	24.88
2nd	Muinos Frank	Little Egg Harbor, NJ	36	5.13	23.25
3rd	Browne William **	Toms River, NJ	213	4.67	23.00
4th	Potts Barry	South Brunswick, NJ	50	3.78	21.63
5th	Fenton Jim	Berlin, NJ	190	3.70	21.25
6th	Chadwick Mike	Little Egg Harbor, NJ	178	3.22	21.00
7th	Benner Mike	Honey Brook, PA	179	3.19	20.50
8th	Montague Bob	Yardley, Pa	89	2.82	20.50
9th	Seitz Brian	Tamaqua, PA	27	2.70	19.75
10th	Chiolan Steven	Willingboro, NJ	191	2.41	19.25

8. Ocean City

	Name	Hometown	Entry#	Weight	Length
1st	Fitzick Tim *	Somers Point, NJ	76	6.45	26.00
2nd	Hutchins John	Media, PA	243	6.00	25.00
3rd	Haertel Paul **	Clifton, NJ	212	5.02	25.00
4th	Funk Tracy	Monroeville, NJ	38	3.88	22.25
5th	Shafer Daniel	Del Haven, NJ	219	3.76	21.50
6th	Bloomquist Jesse	Margate, NJ	140	3.42	22.00
7th	Burgess Richard	Avalon, NJ	12	3.14	205
8th	Brodbeck Daniel	York, PA	74	2.20	18.00
9th	none				
10th	none				

9. Cape May

	Name	Hometown	Entry#	Weight	Length
1st	Trainer Roy * **	Gibbstown	255	6.99	25.50
2nd	Laxton William	Audubon, NJ	42	4.21	22.00
3rd	Slobodjian George	Aston, PA	32	4.06	21.00
4th	Jurusz Joe	Somerset, NJ	168	2.73	20.25
5th	none				
6th	none				
7th	none				
8th	none				
9th	none				
10th	none				