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**"WORKING FOR MARINE RECREATIONAL ANGLERS"**

## JCAA REGULAR MEETING

**October 31st, 2023, 7:30pm**

Jersey Coast Shark Anglers Building  
385 Herbertsville Rd, Brick, NJ 08724

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## NEXT JCAA BOARD MEETING

**Thursday, November 9th**

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## IMPORTANT DATES

**October 31<sup>st</sup> JCAA General Meeting**

**November 9<sup>th</sup> JCAA Board Meeting**

**November 11<sup>th</sup> JCAA Dinner**

**November 28<sup>th</sup> JCAA General Meeting**

**December 11<sup>th</sup>–14<sup>th</sup> Joint ASMFC/MAFMC Meeting**

**December 14<sup>th</sup> JCAA Board Meeting**

**December 26<sup>th</sup> No JCAA General Meeting at this time**

**January 11<sup>th</sup> JCAA Board Meeting**

**January 30<sup>th</sup> JCAA General Meeting & Elections**

**February 3<sup>rd</sup> George Poveromo's Saltwater**

**Sportsmen National Seminar Series**

**February 8<sup>th</sup> JCAA Board Meeting**

**February 27<sup>th</sup> JCAA General Meeting**

**February 28<sup>th</sup>–March 3<sup>rd</sup> Atlantic City Boat Show**

**March 14<sup>th</sup> JCAA Board Meeting**

**March 15<sup>th</sup>–17<sup>th</sup> Saltwater Expo**

**March 26<sup>th</sup> JCAA General Meeting**

## Sportsperson-of-the Year Dinner Saturday November 11

*By Paul Haertel*

Save the date! Our Sportsperson of the Year Dinner is going to be held on **Saturday evening November 11th**. Once again, the dinner will be held at the Captain's Inn located at 304 E Lacey Rd., Forked River, NJ. This is a dinner you don't want to miss, just ask anyone who attended last year what they thought of it. It's going to be even better this year and best of all, we locked in our price back in February before inflation skyrocketed. Therefore, we are passing the savings onto you and will be keeping the ticket prices the same as last year. There will be a significant price increase next year though, so this is your last chance to enjoy a quality dinner like this at this price. Cocktail hour with hand passed Hors d'oeuvres will begin at 5 PM with bacon wrapped scallops, mini crab cakes, Hawaiian chicken sticks, and brie & raspberry puffs. A cheese and cracker platter along with bruschetta and toasts will be placed

at each table. That will be followed by a sit-down dinner beginning with penne ala vodka sauce and a salad. Then you will have your choice of 4 Entrees, prime rib, chicken marsala, baked salmon with Thai drizzle, or a broiled seafood combo. All entrees will come with potatoes and vegetables. Finally, dessert will consist of Tartufo & mini pastries. Coffee, tea and soda are also included and there will be a cash bar.

**Paul Schell** will be honored as our Sportsperson of the Year and **Paul and Joyce Lenzo** will receive our Youth Education Award.

As always, we will have gift and silent auctions along with a 50/50. We will have a lot of really nice prizes including some for the ladies. We are requesting that our member clubs and individuals donate something for our raffle and/or our silent auction, or perhaps a bottle for our basket of cheese. To donate, please contact Paul Haertel at (973) 943-8201. Tickets are \$90 per person or \$800 for a table of ten. Mickey Sherri and John Toth will be handling the ticket sales as well as the seating arrangements this year. Call Mickey at (732) 421-6668 or John at (732) 656-0139.

## President's Report

*By Mark Taylor*

With the last few months of the year 2023 to go. The recreational community must be thinking about what the regulations are going to be for the year 2024 on the species you enjoy fishing for. Well, there have been meetings on most if not all species in one form of another for the past year. Unfortunately, it seems that the individuals in the recreational community do not know about these meetings or do not care about them until it is late in the game. During my presidency I have asked individuals to get more involved. We cannot rely on a small group of dedicated individuals from this Association and groups that attend and plea that case of what is fear regulations for the recreational community. I truly understand that individuals don't have the time to attend every meeting but do attend ones you can. With all the individuals that make up the recreational fishing community we should have more than enough to attend every meeting in force. I am asking for every fishing club, group or individual to start attending these meetings. I will be sending out email notices to the member clubs at meetings as I get them. If you are not a member club and want to get the notifications

send me your email at [mtsport64@aol.com](mailto:mtsport64@aol.com) and in the subject line, put future meetings notifications. We all need to do our part.

This is a reminder that JCAA will be having our prestige **Sportsperson of the Year Dinner on November 11th** at the Captains Inn in Forked River. At our September 26th general membership meeting a vote was taken for this year's recipients. Paul Haertel is the Chairperson of this event and for more information and tickets read his article. We will also be presenting the JCAA Youth Education Award. All nominees' summaries were submitted to Greg Kucharewski, Chairperson of the Youth Education Committee and that recipient has been selected. Read Greg Kucharewski's article for that information. This will be an outstanding event and one you do not want to miss. Congratulations to the honorees of both awards.

It is October, the time of the year to start putting together a slate of Officers for 2024 to continue to run this great Association for next year. JCAA needs new individuals to get involved and this is a way you can do that. According to the bylaws JCAA needs a new president since you cannot serve more than two terms in a row. If anyone is interested in becoming a JCAA Officer in any position, please contact me by phone call (732-245-9445). I will talk to you and explain what is needed from you, so it can be in the newsletter for others to be informed who they will be voting on. Normally the election is done at the December General Membership Meeting. Due to the Christmas Holiday and the meeting being the next night. At the October 12th JCAA Board Meeting it was discussed and suggested that the elections be done at the January 30th meeting. It is important that we have a quorum and give everyone the opportunity to attend. I am leaning to agree but I will have it on the agenda for the October 31st Meeting.

It is not too early to start talking about upcoming shows that JCAA will have a booth at in 2024. **Atlantic City Boat Show February 28th to March 3rd** and **Saltwater Fishing Expo March 15th to 17th**. It is very important to be present to talk to people and inform them who is JCAA and about also what is happening in fisheries. We always staff our booth with volunteers. If you are interested in being one of those volunteers let me know. I put the volunteer work list together and always I try to split the day into two shifts with three volunteers on each shift. I would need to have your name, date, shift, email, and cell if you plan on volunteering. You can

contact me by phone, text, email or at one of the JCAA Meetings. I would like to have this list completed before the December meeting. I will be sending out a copy of the work list with the October 31st meeting agenda for you to find where you can volunteer.

There was a motion on Offshore Wind made and table at the September JCAA General meeting that will be brought back up for a discussion and a vote at this October 31st JCAA general meeting. Here is the motion.

*The Hi-Mar Striper club is in favor of Green Energy. However, the Offshore Windmill Project being constructed off the State of New Jersey coast has many issues and concerns which have not been satisfactorily addressed, as of this date.*

*These issues and concerns include the possible impacts to marine life, security, access, the loss of local review and approval and an ever-increasing price tag. Recently the State of New Jersey gave Orsted \$1 Billion of federal funds that were designated to offset the cost of resident's utility bills because Orsted threatened to cancel the project due to increasing costs, Meanwhile, Orsted has recorded record profits. The State of New Jersey has now written to the federal government asking for more money for Orsted.*

*Shame on The State of New Jersey for not developing and executing a contract for the construction of the offshore windmills with a set amount and completion date milestones.*

*For these reasons, the Hi-Mar Striper Club is making a motion to be directed to The State of New Jersey to delay/pause the Offshore Windmill Project until the various issues and concerns may be satisfactorily addressed.*

*Stephen Machalaba, Vice President  
Hi-Mar Striper Club*

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The **General Meeting date for November is the 28th** at 7:30pm and there will be both an in-person and virtual meeting at 385 Herbertsville Rd., Brick, NJ 08724. (Hybrid Meeting). I think All General and Board meetings will be held this way so we can get better attendance and accommodate Club

representatives that live a great distance away from Brick. If you have any questions, we can add this to the agenda. This was initially done in response to Covid, but it is helping to get better attendance at the meetings.

*Get Involved, unite as a community so the future of recreational fishing as we know it will not be gone.*

## **Fisheries Management & Legislative Report**

*By Tom Fote*

I will be stepping back from some of my JCAA duties. As some of you know I have had back and neck problems for the past year. I am dealing with a new problem and I have to take it easy. This shows how vulnerable JCAA is because we don't have young blood that can step up as the older guys need to step back. If this does not happen JCAA will slowly go out of business. If you read last month's articles about why we support renewable energy, you will see the long list of accomplishments of JCAA. If you weren't around in '91, that was when it took us three years to pass a bill people had been working on for 50 years to make striped bass a gamefish in NJ. JCAA has been in the forefront working on issues at the Federal and State level for many years. This includes highly migratory species, public access, fisheries management, and fish advisories to name just a few. We were able to accomplish so much because of the number of people who were involved and who were willing to do the work. We have lost that. We have stopped working on some issues because we simply have not got the people to cover the meetings. If you care about the fisheries and care about preserving these fisheries for your children and grandchildren, please get involved.

### **Atlantic Striped Bass Board Draft Addendum II will be Going to Public Hearings Starting in November**

I put the press release from ASMFC Striped Bass Board Meeting in another section of the newspaper. I could not be on the call but have read the same summary you received. The addendum should be in our hands by October 31. The JCAA Striped Bass Committee needs to have a meeting before the public hearing. I hope every club will participate. Paul



Haertel is listed as the Striped Bass Chairman so he will let you know when the meeting will be scheduled. The purpose of the meeting is to develop a list of recommendations for the membership to submit to ASMFC Public Hearings.

### **What We Should do About the Upcoming December Joint ASMFC & MAFMC Meeting December 11-14**

At this time, we do not have the exact days during MAFMC meeting week that the Joint Meeting will take place to set the recreational limits on Summer Flounder, Black Sea Bass and Scup. We will update you as soon as we know the dates by our Face Book page and JCAA email alerts. When we learn about the proposed recommendations, we will try to get anglers and charter boat captains to show up to this meeting to share our thoughts and concerns on how they are destroying the recreational industry for these species needlessly with regulations that do nothing but effect the industry.

1. These regulations have not improved recruitment and just do not work.
2. They don't produce the results that modelers say that models will. The computer simulation models are only as good as the information they use, and we do not spend the money needed to get accurate information. Computer simulation modeling only works when models have accurate data that does not continually change.
3. After more the 15 years we have not seen a relaxing of regulations. It does not help that all these years of tweaking with recreational surveys and models for recreational data gathering has not solved the problem. The data collection is still not trusted and reliable. It continues to either overestimate or underestimate recreational catches. This causes the recreational anglers to lose quota when adjustments are made and face more reductions. Look what happened in the Gulf of Mexico when Congress appropriated the necessary funds to do a in depth study of the number of red snappers there. They discovered that NMFS was greatly underestimating the size of stock. Spend the money and get better information.

4. The biggest problem is that Congress and the Administration did not give NMFS the fifty million dollars requested in 2007 in order to correct these problems. We need to spend the money to get better recreational data.

Even when the data shows that the recreational quota should be increased, the overwhelming commercial makeup of MAFMC and ASMFC Boards keep it from happening. A couple of years ago the Council and Commission were supposed to do quota adjustment that invested couple of years to compile the data. Even then when they got the necessary information, they did almost no quota transfers.

Summer flounder is the perfect example of the problem. Just look at this year's regulations and next year is going to be worse for summer flounder. The MAFMC and ASMFC reviewed the Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) recommendations using both approaches and ultimately selected the constant approach, resulting in an ABC of 19.32 million pounds for both years. ***This represents a 42% decrease compared to the 2023 ABC.*** The reasons given were:

*Summer Flounder 2024-2025 Specifications The 2023 management track assessment indicated that the summer flounder stock was not overfished but overfishing was occurring in 2022. While the overfishing limit has not been exceeded in recent years, it appears the projections associated with the previous assessment were overly optimistic. The assessment has been slightly underestimating fishing mortality and overestimating stock biomass, the effect of which was compounded by adding three years of data to the assessment model (2020-2022). In addition, stock recruitment has been below average since 2011 and the high estimate of 2018 recruitment in the last assessment was revised downward to recent below-average levels with the new assessment results.*

Again, changing the data and model information has yearly consequences. How many more times can we raise the size limit, cut the bag limits and shorten the season to increase the spawning stock biomass to getting an increase recruitment when it has not worked. This has not had any effect on increasing recruitment since MAFMC and ASMFC went down this road.

Just the opposite has taken place. They do not pay attention to their own stock assessment reports that state over years that the size of the spawning stock mass is not the problem with recruitment. The Board and the Council just keep putting more and more restrictive management in place, killing both the recreational and the commercial fishing industry. They keep denying recreational anglers fishing opportunities from stocks that have grown. The Council and Board should refuse to keep doing this at the direction NOAA through the NMFS. If this was business and managers kept making the same mistake repeatedly, they would have been fired. Halibut, a flat fish on the west coast, was having the same problem and scientists told the manager to try fishing the spawning stock down and see what happens since it might have reached a bell shape curve. It was a novel idea and took a couple of years to convince the managers to give it a try but since what they were doing was not working, they did. **Low and Behold it Worked!!** We know the effects of climate change and pollution on the environment are causing significant problems with every species so NMFS needs to start thinking outside the box if the recreational and commercial industries are going to survive.

[Click here](#) to see the Summary of the August Joint Meeting. Presentations, briefing materials, motions, and webinar recordings from the Council's August Meeting are available at [this link](#).

### **The Sad State of the Print Fishing Press**

JCAA and other groups' ability to get information out to the public has become more difficult. When I first got involved, every newspaper had a reporter whose job was reporting on recreational angling and some papers had a reporter for hunting and freshwater as well. John Geiser used to have three columns a week and there was a huge section during fishing season that covered four or five pages of the paper that included both information about catching fish and also the politics of fisheries. Al Ristori did the same. They were reporters, not stringers. So, they had to fact check all their articles as all reporters do. They would reach out to Commissioners, Council members, NMFS, ASMFC and the public. They actually had health benefits and pensions. The first thing that happened when newspapers began to lose circulation was a reduction in those columns and doing away with actual reporting. The Fisherman Magazine, especially the

New Jersey edition, is one of the few examples of actual fisheries reporting on a variety of issues. Jim Hutchinson, the NJ editor, follows in the tradition by attending meetings and gathering information from a variety of reliable sources. They also have blogs, face book pages and other media besides print. Years ago, there were many other publications that did this as well, but we lost a lot of them over the years. Because of these changes it is more difficult to get accurate, timely information to the public rather than relying on internet posts that may lack the credibility of traditional print media. We need to support the existing publications. You should sign up for the release from the agencies that manage fisheries by going to their web pages. At the ASMFC and MAFMC Web Pages you can listen to most of the meetings that are taped at your convenience.

### **Atlantic Striped Bass Board Approves Draft Addendum II for Public Comment to Consider Measures to Reduce Fishing Mortality in 2024**

*ASMFC Press Release, October 19, 2023*

Beaufort, NC – The Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's Atlantic Striped Bass Management Board approved for public comment Draft Addendum II to Amendment 7 to the Interstate Fishery Management Plan (FMP) for Atlantic Striped Bass. The Draft Addendum considers management measures designed to support stock rebuilding by reducing fishing mortality to the target in 2024.

The Board initiated the Draft Addendum in response to the low probability of meeting the 2029 stock rebuilding deadline if the unexpectedly high 2022 fishing mortality rate continues. The Draft Addendum builds upon the 2023 emergency action by considering management measures intended to reduce fishing mortality to the target level in 2024. Projections indicate that a 14.5% reduction in total removals relative to 2022 is needed to have a 50% chance of being at or below the fishing mortality target in 2024. For the recreational fishery, the Draft Addendum proposes recreational bag and size limit options for the ocean and Chesapeake Bay regions, including options with different limits for the for-hire modes. To address concerns about recreational filleting allowances and compliance with recreational size limits, the Draft Addendum includes an option that

would establish minimum requirements for states that authorize at-sea/shore-side filleting of striped bass (e.g., racks must be retained). For the commercial fishery, the Draft Addendum proposes a quota reduction option that would reduce commercial quotas by up to 14.5%, with the final percent reduction to be determined by the Board.

For measures beyond 2024, the Board will consider the results of the upcoming 2024 stock assessment update to inform subsequent management action. To enable an expedited management response to the 2024 stock assessment update, the Draft Addendum proposes an option that would enable the Board to respond to the results of the stock assessment updates more quickly, via Board action, if the stock is not projected to rebuild by 2029.

The Draft Addendum will be posted to the website no later than October 31st at <https://asmfc.org/about-us/public-input>. A subsequent press release will provide the details on the public hearing schedule and how to submit written comments. The Board will meet to review submitted comments and consider final action on the addendum in January 2024 at the Commission’s Winter Meeting in Arlington, VA. For more information, please contact Emilie Franke, Fishery Management Plan Coordinator, at [efranke@asmfc.org](mailto:efranke@asmfc.org) or 703.842.0740.

**ASMFC Horseshoe Crab Board  
Sets 2024 Specifications for  
Delaware Bay-Origin Horseshoe Crabs**

*ASMFC Press Release, October 17, 2023*

Beaufort, NC – The Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission’s Horseshoe Crab Management Board approved harvest specifications for Delaware Bay-origin horseshoe crabs. Taking into consideration the output of the Adaptative Resource Management (ARM) Framework Revision, the Board set a harvest limit of 500,000 male and zero female Delaware Bay-origin horseshoe crabs for the 2024 season.

“The Board stands behind the ARM Framework Revision as the best available tool to set harvest limits for horseshoe crabs of Delaware Bay-origin. As a result of its use, the Delaware Bay horseshoe crab population has been increasing, with abundance of both female and male horseshoe crabs in the Delaware

region at an all-time high since 2003. Despite this positive finding, the Board elected to implement zero female horseshoe crab harvest for the 2024 season as a conservative measure, considering continued public concern about the status of the red knot population in the Delaware Bay,” stated Board Chair John Clark of Delaware.

To make up for the lost harvest of larger female crabs, the Board agreed to increase Maryland and Virginia’s male harvest quotas with an offset ratio of 2:1 males to females. Using the allocation methodology established in Addendum VIII, the following quotas were set for New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, and Virginia:

|            | Delaware Bay-Origin<br>Horseshoe Crab<br>Quota (no. of crabs) | Total<br>Quota** |
|------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| State      | Male Only                                                     | Male Only        |
| Delaware   | 173,014                                                       | 173,014          |
| New Jersey | 173,014                                                       | 173,014          |
| Maryland   | 132,865                                                       | 255,980          |
| Virginia*  | 21,107                                                        | 81,331           |

*\*Virginia harvest refers to harvest east of the COLREGS line only*

*\*\*Total harvest quotas for Maryland and Virginia include crabs which are not of Delaware Bay origin.*

As part of its ongoing discussions regarding how best to manage Delaware Bay-origin horseshoe crabs and in response to the Stakeholder Survey, the Board will move forward with a Horseshoe Crab Management Objectives Workshop. The Workshop will include a small group of managers, scientists, and stakeholders to explore different management objectives for the Delaware Bay-origin horseshoe crab, with a focus on multi-year specification setting and modeling approaches when selecting no female harvest. The intent would be to provide a report to the Board in time for the 2025 specification setting process next fall.

*For more information, please contact Caitlin Starks, Senior Fishery Management Coordinator, at [cstarks@asmfc.org](mailto:cstarks@asmfc.org) or 703.842.0740.*



## Editors Log: SBBP, The Big Picture

*By Jim Hutchinson, October 2023*

At the September 7th meeting of the New Jersey Marine Fisheries Council (Council), the nine-member board – it should be 11, but that's for another editor's log – discussed striped bass management and apparent efforts by the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC) to effectively disallow New Jersey's use of unused commercial quota for the striped bass bonus program (SBBP). Clearly, Council members and New Jersey Division of Fish & Wildlife (Division) staffers are concerned.

Tom Fote, former New Jersey governor's appointee at ASMFC and longtime legislative chair for the Jersey Coast Anglers Association (JCAA) said there was quite the battle in the late 80s to build support for making striped bass a “no sale” gamefish in New Jersey. “The culmination was in 1991 at a JCAA meeting at the Jersey Coast Shark Anglers building when Governor Florio signed the striped bass no-sale bill with Senator Lou Bassano on one side and Assemblyman John Paul Doyle on the other,” said Fote of a bill that many said would never get passed.

And with that the Division launched the SBBP to allow anglers an additional striped bass using a portion of that commercial quota, describing the main goal as allowing anglers to participate in the management process while enjoying their favorite recreational pastime. New Jersey's total unused commercial striped bass quota stands at 215,912 pounds, and anglers who choose to participate in the SBBP are allotted a tag to retain one striper from 24 to less than 28 inches, agreeing to report their harvested bonus fish while maintaining detailed logbooks. “It is a popular program and provides valuable data for assessing stock status and fishing trends, making it an integral part of New Jersey's striped bass management,” the Division states online.

According to official tallies, from 2005 to 2015 bonus permit holders averaged less than 10% of the available quota, which left over 90% of the allotted quota to swim free. In 2016, the annual SBBP harvest jumped to about 13%, with 17% of the available quota tallied in 2022. Comparatively speaking, Massachusetts has a commercial striper quota of 700,379 pounds. If I'm not mistaken, their commercial season opens June 16 and is not restricted exclusively to commercial fishermen, which is

probably why Massachusetts filled their entire '23 quota in just 53 days, given that just about anyone can become a part-time pinhooker by buying a license to kill 35-inch striped bass.

ASMFC views New Jersey's striped bass bonus as a “conservation equivalency” program, which they define as “Actions taken by a state which differ from the specific requirements of the FMP, but which achieve the same quantified level of conservation for the resource under management.” It basically gives states autonomy to tailor size, bag and seasonal limits to meet reduction requirements or harvest limits. Clearly, Massachusetts has a “bought and paid for” conservation equivalency program, yet it seems New Jersey is the one that's under attack.

Think about it; New Jersey makes striped bass a no sale gamefish, protects an iconic fishery from commercial exploitation, and reallocates a portion of the resource to the recreational fishing community to help generate better data for state biologists, yet somehow we're the bad guys! One would think that coastal anglers would be celebrating this unheralded fisheries management win.

On September 7, Council member Bob Rush made mention of one organization in particular as saying “NJ bonus tag is the biggest joke on the coast. We are going after that.” Yet should ASMFC successfully disband New Jersey's bonus program, I'm not sure what's to stop that unused quota from eventually being transferred to the interstate commercial quota trading pool. In my opinion, that “anti-Jersey” crowd isn't looking at the bigger picture, and their little “joke” could backfire in a big way.

## New Office Needed for JCAA

*By Don Marantz*

The lease for the JCAA office will expire at the end of this year. Since we are no longer printing hard copies of our newsletter, we are seeking to downsize somewhat. We are looking for an office from about 600 – 800 square feet somewhere in the Toms River area. We are hopeful that someone might want to donate the office to us or be willing to lease it at a reasonable rate. JCAA is a charitable 501(c)(3) organization, so a donation would be tax deductible. If you know of an office that might be available, please **contact Don Marantz at (908) 347-1434.**

## JCAA High Roller Raffle

*By Mark Taylor*

On July 13<sup>th</sup> tickets were pulled for our High Roller Raffle at the JCAA office at 7:30 PM as required by our raffle license. The following are the winners as they were pulled:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Spring Lake Live Liners Fishing Club
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Ralph Dejula
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Todd Piasecki
- 4<sup>th</sup> Ed Lindhorn
- 5<sup>th</sup> Christine Kelly
- 6<sup>th</sup> Warren Losch

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### **List of Prizes** (retail values, total value is \$3,003)

1. Jersey Nutz Six Man Charter (6-hour, 6-man inshore weekday charter) – **\$1100**, *Donated by Captains Robert and Cody Melton*
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3. Shimano Talavera 7' TEC70HC Boat Rod/Canyon Conv. Reel – **\$420**, *Donated by JCAA*
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5. Hatteras Outfitters 7' Custom Power Stick CP1020S/FinNor Ahab 12 Spinning Reel – **\$350**, *Donated by JCAA*
6. Shimano Tallus 7' TLC70M Conv. Rod/Montauk Cerebus CER210 – **\$233**, *Donated by JCAA*

**Note:** *No substitution of the offered prize may be made and no cash will be given in lieu of the prize.*

## JCAA Membership Report

*By John Toth*

We have received a number of checks for JCAA membership from the: Seaside Heights Fishing Club, the Fish Hawks, Surf Kings Fishing Club, the Beach Buggy Fishing Club (NJBBA) and the Hudson River Fishermen's Association (HRFA) Bay Head Shores, Delaware River Shad Fishermen's Association, Newark Bait & Fly Casting Club, Berkley Striper Club, NJ Shark Anglers Club, the Hi-Mar Striper Club with a \$500 Sponsorship, Saltwater Anglers of Bergen County, Bradley Beach Surf Casters, Barrington Rod & Gun Club, Jersey Coast Shark Anglers, Forked River Tuna Club, Manasquan Fishing Club with a \$250 Sponsorship, and Sandy Hook Bay Anglers with a \$500 Sponsorship, the Bayhead Shore Flyrodders, the Sunrise Rod & Gun Club the Village Harbor Fishing Club, Beach Haven Marlin & Tuna Club, Staten Island Fishing Club, the Ocean City Marlin & Tuna Club, the Schuyler Tuna & Fishing Club and the Shore Surf Club.

Please let me know if I have missed your club with a dues payment or if I need to make a correction to your club's payment.

Mark Taylor and I will be visiting the **Schuyler Tuna Fishing Club on November 5th to give our presentation** on what the JCAA is all about and the current issues we are involved with. If you are still interested in having a JCAA presentation to your club, please contact me at my address below.

Our JCAA presentation can be customized to fit into your club meeting schedule either by in-person or by ZOOM. We have done it about 20 minutes or about 45 minutes. We cover a lot of ground starting with the beginning of the JCAA, what the JCAA has accomplished, what it is working on today and the fishing challenges all of us anglers face in the future. We also take questions and provide answers to them to the best of our ability.

To schedule this JCAA power point presentation, I need to know the date when your club has is meeting, the time of it, the address of the meeting location and the contact person to arrange your meeting with me. I have been contacting clubs to schedule this power point presentation and I would appreciate your getting back to me at your earliest convenience so that I can arrange our meeting with you.

Our next JCAA General Membership meeting is on **October 31<sup>st</sup>** and it will be done as an in-person meeting and by ZOOM starting at 7:30 p.m. **Note:** JCAA will *not* have a General Membership Meeting during December.

See you at the JCAA Sportsperson of the Year Dinner at the Captain's Inn on November 11th starting at 5:00 p.m.! Great food and Good Company!

*I can be contacted at [tothjohn@verizon.net](mailto:tothjohn@verizon.net) or at (732) 656-0139 if you have any questions.*

## Youth Education Report

*By Greg Kucharewski*

### YOUTH EDUCATION AWARD

This year, Paul and Joyce Lenzo were selected by the JCAA Youth Education Committee to receive the 2023 JCAA Youth Education Award.

Paul Lenzo, as a child, grew up in Jersey City. Here he enjoyed swimming, and basketball. Every summer, his family spent a month in Lavalette. He loved swimming in the ocean, but later, in the day would be fishing and crabbing at the bay dock.

His love of water continued at Snyder high school, where he swam for four years. The team won many county and state championships. During college, he played basketball. He shared his coaching talent with the boys CYO team, which played nationally. Many players had successful college and professional careers. At this time, his family moved to Branchburg. There he found Ken Lockwood gorge and was lured to fly fishing. Many hours were spent in the northwest rivers of New Jersey. Paul also became an avid hunter at this time. When we married, we lived on West point Island, as we taught in Toms River schools. Paul started a girls and boys swimming team at Toms River South high school. Both teams were very successful. He also coached intermediate school basketball. Always encouraging the youth to get out and enjoy nature. His dream was to have his own boat in his backyard. Close to Barnegat inlet. We found property in Forked River. And we have lived here for 50 years. Paul joined the Fish Hawks where he learned about local waters, made friends, and became a good listener of where to fish. We then

became active in the Forked River Tuna Club. He enjoyed organizing tournaments. The ladies decided to have their own tournament. If we were successful, after two years, we would offer scholarships to Ocean County seniors who were majoring in environmental or marine science. Paul was very supportive, especially as we offer a mermaid division, 12 years and younger, anything to encourage the children to fish and crab!

Paul then went to the local high schools to encourage fishing teams. He also organized surf fishing competitions. Some more money was needed to give back to the communities. And he then started organizing events at the club: how to hook'em and cook'em seminars, comedy nights, wine tasting, etc. The FRTC in the past 30 years has given scholarships totaling \$80,000. This year we presented four awards at \$2000 each to students at the Mates Academy. Our family enjoys Pop's boat, still fishing and crabbing. Paul enjoyed our new grandson's T-shirt, "Pack my diapers, I'm going fishing with Pop!" Joyce Allan Lenzo grew up in Bayonne. She always loved to dance. At three years old, she took ballet classes and was on point. As her dance lessons continued, she added tap. And at 10 years old, she became a Scottish Highland dancer.

During high school, she performed at many events and competitions in New Jersey, New York, and Connecticut. The most exciting events were performing at the New York World's Fair and Carnegie Hall as a professional, Scottish Highland dancer. During this time, Joyce also loves to sing, beginning in church with the children's choir and then later in senior choirs. Also, she performed with the high school a cappella choir. Joyce's love of the arts led her to organizing productions at church, including producing backdrops, costumes, and musical events. Here is where she began to incorporate children in the productions in. She also began teaching Sunday school at 17years old. This set her on a course to become an elementary teacher for 35 years. She was awarded recognition as Teacher of the Year. Her students were always encouraged to follow their own paths. Joyce included field trips to many places in New Jersey always expanding the children's horizons and learning about the natural environment.

Living in Forked River, she enjoys the many water and beach activities. Active at the Presbyterian church, she has held many positions over the years, such as an elder, deacon, Sunday school teacher, and superintendent, as well as overseeing the youth choir, pageants, and a senior choir member. The Forked River Tuna Club, women's group organized, a Ladies and Girls, fishing and crabbing tournament. It has been successful for 30 years with the intent to raise money for Ocean County high school seniors to receive scholarships. Joyce is a founding member of this program and organizes events to raise money. We have awarded over \$80,000; this year we presented four \$2000 scholarships to MATES seniors. MATES is the Marine Academy of Technology and Environmental Science, which is part of the Ocean County Vocational system. This academic school accepts high achieving students from every sending district in Ocean County. MATES students attend some of the most prestigious academies and universities. Our family gives to the local food banks and many other organizations. Joyce is blessed with her husband, Paul, and three beautiful children and their families!

### **SUPPORT LOCAL TACKLE DEALERS**

We recently visited local [tackle dealers](#) to setup our Play HOOK-e display and inform veterans and their families about our "Play HOOK-e from PTSD" programs. All our Play HOOK-e veterans are encouraged to shop at local tackle dealers. Most tackle dealers offer discounts to veterans. Many thanks to participating tackle dealers for supporting our magnet campaign.

During November, we are offering veterans with PTSD an opportunity to relax for a few hours by the water and visit natural calming areas. If you would like to experience saltwater and freshwater fishing, we have a short one-to-one fishing program to get you outdoors to fish and boat. Connect with nature at Lake Julianna, Island Beach State Park, and other open spaces. To schedule a day and time, please email Greg @ [gkucharews@jcaa.org](mailto:gkucharews@jcaa.org).

### **TROOPERS ASSISTING TROOPS**

We thank New Jersey State Police Troopers Assisting Troops for their generous support on October 8th, for

providing a BBQ to honor our veterans at the 3rd Annual Classic Car Show. Veterans enjoyed delicious homemade food by Smoking 55 BBQ and Trooper Rob Frake's famous chili. Music was provided by Dennis Champ and Charlie Wuth, Guitar's for Vet's. Students in the guitar program each had a chance to play a favorite song. We also thank NJSP officials that stopped by to speak with our Play HOOK-e from PTSD veterans.



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