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"WORKING FOR MARINE RECREATIONAL ANGLERS"

JCAA REGULAR MEETING

May 26th, 2026, 7:00pm

Jersey Coast Shark Anglers Building
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NEXT JCAA BOARD MEETING

Thursday, June 11th

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## IMPORTANT DATES

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

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

**June 30<sup>th</sup>** JCAA General Meeting

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

**July 9<sup>th</sup>** JCAA High Roller Raffle Drawing

**July 30<sup>th</sup>-August 2<sup>nd</sup>** JCAA Annual Fluke  
Tournament

*No General Meetings in July & August*

**August 13<sup>th</sup>** JCAA Board Meeting

**September 10<sup>th</sup>** JCAA Board Meeting

**September 29<sup>th</sup>** JCAA General Meeting

**November 14<sup>th</sup>** Sportsperson-of-the-Year Dinner

## JCAA Hi-Roller Raffle

*By Mark Taylor*

JCAA High Roller Raffle tickets are now available. They were first sold at the Atlantic City Boat Show and Saltwater Fishing Expo. To purchase, call (732) 506-6565 or email [mtsport64@aol.com](mailto:mtsport64@aol.com) with your name, address, and desired number of tickets. Tickets will be sent promptly. The drawing will take place **July 9, 2026, at 7:30 PM at Toms River Knights of Columbus Council #4969, 113 Tennyson Ave., Toms River, NJ 08753.**

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JCAA extends sincere gratitude to all our sponsors for providing these exceptional prizes. Their support is essential to the success of this fundraiser and offers participants valuable opportunities to win. Each sponsor is consistently committed to safeguarding the interests of the recreational fishing community. We encourage you to support them by purchasing their products and visiting their establishments.

of Cheeses, Fresh and raw Vegetables & Italian Provisions with crackers and Ranch Dressing

- **For Dinner** – Five Leaf Salad with Citrus Vinaigrette Dressing & Homemade Dinner Rolls with Butter. Dinner selections include Grilled Salmon, Sausage and Peppers, Eggplant Rollatini, Chicken Francese, Penne Vodka, Seasonal Vegetables, and Seasonal Potatoes. Carving Station for Roast Beef and Turkey.
- **For Dessert** – Dessert Platters served with Coffee, Decaffeinated and Assorted Teas

We will have many Tricky Tray prizes along with a Silent Auction and a 50/50. Clubs that want to make a donation to add to the list of prizes should contact **Don Marantz** at (908) 347-1434.

The price for the dinner is **\$850 per table of 10, or \$90 as an individual**. This dinner is a fundraiser for the JCAA to continue protecting the rights of all anglers who fish in New Jersey.

Nominations for the Sportsperson of the Year Dinner will be made at the JCAA’s General Membership Meeting on **September 29<sup>th</sup>**. Start *now* to think of who from your club should be nominated to receive this prestigious award. When writing your nomination, please limit it to 500 words or less so it can be easily read at our **September 29<sup>th</sup>** General Membership Meeting. Contact JCAA Dinner Chairman John Toth at (732) 656-0139 or [tothjohn@verizon.net](mailto:tothjohn@verizon.net).

## JCAA Sportsperson of the Year Dinner November 14

*By John Toth*

Save the Date! Our Sportsperson of the Year Dinner is going to be held on **Saturday evening on November 14<sup>th</sup> starting at 6:00 p.m. at the Spring Lake Manor** located at 414 Highway 71, Spring Lake, NJ. This dinner will be served as a buffet and will include:

- **Cocktail Hour** – 1 Complimentary drink ticket for Beer, Wine, Sangria and unlimited soft drinks. Cash Bar will be available. Includes an assortment

## President’s Report

*By Mark Taylor*

I would like to thank everyone who took time out of their day to help at the **Garden State Surf Fishing Classic** formally known as **Governors Surf Fishing Tournament**, which was held on Sunday May 17, 2026 at Island Beach State Park. Karen Noe volunteered at the tournament table selling tournament shirts, while Tom Fote, Tim Cherry, Bill Browne, and I represented JCAA by selling High Roller raffle tickets and engaging with participants at the JCAA table. Jersey Coast Anglers Association is one of the sponsors along with NJDEP’s Fish & Wildlife and State Park Service, New Jersey State Federation of Sportsmen’s Clubs, and New Jersey Beach Buggy Association. It was a beautiful day, with plenty of fish caught and even

a few people enjoying the sun. If you were unable to participate this year, please consider joining us next year. The tournament also featured a high school category, where several school fishing teams competed enthusiastically and showed great promise for the future of the sport. Some of the students landed particularly impressive catches. The winners list can be found at [NJDEP | Fish & Wildlife | Garden State Surf Fishing Classic](#).

JCAA has been working with fellow stakeholders to address the Island Beach State Park Mobile Sport Fishing Vehicle Permit issue. George Browne has done an outstanding job leading the effort. Stakeholder meetings have been held, along with additional discussions with NJDEP and legislators. The group is focused on improving the permit process while preserving the greatest possible recreational fishing access.

New Jersey recreational anglers should stay alert and informed about issues affecting our fishery. Possible changes to the Striped Bass Bonus Program are being discussed, and everyone should be aware of them. The ASMFC also has several upcoming meetings, including the Atlantic Striped Bass Stock Assessment Subcommittee on May 22<sup>nd</sup>, the Atlantic Croaker Technical Committee on June 5<sup>th</sup>, the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council on June 8<sup>th</sup>, and the Bluefish Advisory Panel on June 9<sup>th</sup>. More information on these and other meetings is available at [ASMFC](#). The next NJ Marine Fisheries Council meeting is scheduled for July 9<sup>th</sup>. Additional details are available at [NJDEP Marine Fisheries Council Meeting](#).

The **JCAA Annual High Roller Raffle** is underway, and tickets are now available. This year's raffle offers an impressive selection of prizes made possible by the generosity of our donors, and we greatly appreciate their support. There is still time to purchase a book of tickets and support JCAA. The drawing will take place at 7:30 p.m. on **Thursday, July 9, 2026**, at the Toms River Knights of Columbus Council #4969, 113 Tennyson Ave. For tickets or more information, contact Karen Noe ([scotpfriends@gmail.com](mailto:scotpfriends@gmail.com)) or Mark Taylor ([mtsport64@aol.com](mailto:mtsport64@aol.com) or 732-245-9445).

Chairperson **Frank Macalik** is working diligently to finalize the tournament release application and manage all the necessary preparations to ensure this event is a success. Anyone with experience organizing tournaments knows the significant planning and dedication involved in making sure everything runs seamlessly. A mailing will be sent to previous participants, so please keep an eye out for it. **This**

**year's fluke tournament** promises to be an event you will not want to miss—be sure to save the dates, **July 30th through August 2nd**. Frank will share complete details as soon as they are available.

Clubs should begin considering their nominees for the **2026 Annual Sportsperson of the Year**. Although the dinner will not take place until November, it will be here sooner than expected. Each club must submit a 500-word summary explaining why its nominee should be selected as the 2026 Annual Sportsperson of the Year. Clubs will vote on the honoree at the JCAA General Membership Meeting on September 29<sup>th</sup>. Clubs are also encouraged to participate by reserving a table for this exceptional event or gathering friends to attend together. The Spring Lake Manor, a beautiful Victorian mansion in Spring Lake Heights, NJ, provides an ideal setting for the occasion. John Toth will share additional details as they become available, or you may contact him directly for more information. JCAA is also seeking donations to help make this event a success.

Every angler should make it a priority to visit the NJDEP – NJ Fish & Wildlife website, which offers a wealth of up-to-date information essential for saltwater fishing in New Jersey. Be sure to thoroughly review all resources available on saltwater fishing and complete your annual registration or renewal for the **2026 NJ Saltwater Recreational Registry** at [this link](#). Registration is free and must be completed each year. By participating, anglers help ensure that saltwater fishing activity is accurately tracked in New Jersey. This data is vital for determining federal funding eligibility and allocation, which supports ongoing fisheries research and management efforts.

Active participation and staying informed are vital for all anglers. By engaging in fisheries issues and keeping up with relevant developments, our recreational community can amplify its voice in decision-making and positively influence outcomes for the future of our sport.

### Upcoming JCAA Meetings

The Jersey Coast Anglers Association (JCAA) has several important meetings scheduled for the coming months. These sessions provide opportunities for members and recreational anglers to stay informed, participate in discussions, and help guide the future of the organization.

- **May 26th at 7:00 pm:** JCAA General Membership Meeting. All members are invited to

attend either in person at 385 Herbertsville Rd., Brick, NJ 08724, or remotely via Zoom. This meeting will use a hybrid format to accommodate both in-person and remote participants and is open to recreational anglers.

- **June 11th at 7:30 pm:** JCAA Board Meeting. This session will be held exclusively via Zoom, allowing board members and participants to join remotely.
- **June 30th at 7:00 pm:** JCAA General Membership Meeting. Continuing the hybrid format, this meeting is open to all recreational anglers. Please make sure to mark your calendar and consider attending.

Your participation in these meetings is encouraged. Whether attending in person or via Zoom, members and anglers alike can stay connected, contribute to important discussions, and help shape the direction of JCAA. Please remember to add these dates to your calendar and join us for meaningful engagement.

## JCAA New Ad Program

*By Tom Fote*

The full-page ads in our newspaper cost \$1,000 for the year and we are pleased to announce [Engel Coolers](#) as our first full-page ad under our new ad program.

These ads can be for tackle stores, fishing clubs and any other individuals who would like to advertise in our newspaper. It is easier to change a full-page month to month so if your tackle store is running a special sale, you could have a new ad for that specific event for the month before and the month of. Clubs can list their tournaments, flea markets or any other event by just submitting a new ad to replace the existing one. If you have any questions, contact Tom Fote at (732) 270-9102 or email at [tfote@jcaa.org](mailto:tfote@jcaa.org). This does not replace the \$500 or \$250 business ad already in place. We are hoping to use the ad money to pay for the operation of the newspaper. We hope that you will solicit ads and get your club to take an ad. It is a great way to publicize your club and get new members. We will also have a link to the sponsors' webpages. Please call me if you have any questions. Mark also has put together some forms that will be ready by the next newsletter.

## Fisheries Management & Legislative Report

*By Tom Fote*

### Ed Potosnak Confirmed as DEP Commissioner

As I am writing this newspaper, on May 21<sup>st</sup>, the Senate Judiciary Committee unanimously voted to confirm Ed Potosnak as the new DEP Commissioner. I was at the opening day of trout fishing with the Commissioner, and he was at the Governor's Tournament. At Pequest, it was good to see the Commissioner and his senior staff in attendance. I had not seen that in a long time. His whole staff got a tour of the hatchery and Ed was eager to fish. He explained he had done a great deal of fishing with his father. We talked about issues and he assured me he would be meeting with recreational anglers and the groups that represent them to discuss issues. He understands the importance of both fresh and saltwater recreational fishing in New Jersey. I served with him on Keep It Green with Commissioner Potosnak and he understands that recreational anglers are fighting to protect the marine resource. I am looking forward to working with him. I don't think he will sit idly by about black seabass, fluke and other species like the last 2 Commissioners.

### The 35<sup>th</sup> Governor's Surf Fishing Tournament

Thirty-seven years ago, I decided we needed to do something to prove the importance of recreational saltwater fishing to the Governor of New Jersey. In a conversation with Bruce Freeman, Bureau Chief of Marine Fisheries of NJ, and Bill Vibbert, Island Beach Park Superintendent, we decided to have a tournament at Island Beach and possibly expand it later. We called it the Governor's Surf Fishing Tournament, and it has continued for 36 years, missing only one year for COVID.

The money that was raised through entry fees for the first year went to purchase the handicapped wheelchairs at Island Beach and that has spread to many other beaches along the coast. The manufacturer was accustomed to wheelchairs with big wheels for the beach but having rod holders was a first. Because I spent time in a wheelchair or on crutches after Vietnam, I thought it would be great to have a walkway that was handicapped accessible that went from the parking lot to the surf. Bill Vibbert, Bruce Freeman and I thought

about how to pay for this. The money from the Governor's Tournament was not enough to pay for the ramp but we could pay for the blueprints. We made sure Governor Christine Todd Whitman saw the blueprints and we asked for the opportunity to solicit donations to build the ramp. She decided that this was a great idea and the state of NJ would build it. This ramp is used by people in wheelchairs or using crutches or by anyone who finds the walk a challenge.

Paul Smith and Greg Kuchareski were put in charge of organizing the Tournament. Greg was doing youth education, and he organized the lessons for young anglers. There have only been three chairmen, Paul Smith from JCAA, Frank Dara from NJ State Federation of Sportsmen Clubs and Gary Conk from the New Jersey Beach Buggy Association. It is interesting that all three groups who sponsor this tournament have taken a turn as chair.

It was a beautiful day for the 35th Tournament. We had 48 fish weighed in, only 2 bluefish and a couple of drum. The rest were striped bass. Since we have the slot limit on striped bass, the largest bluefish wins the tournament and added a name to the Governor's Cup. DEP is the major organizer of the Tournament and supplies the staff necessary to make it happen. The NJBB, JCAA and NJSFSC are the three sponsoring organizations. We supply judges and the committee to run the operations and approve any changes. We have had some Governors attend but we have had some never show up. Lt. Governor Guadagno showed up every year and fished with her son. Governor Florio was the first Governor to walk the beach at the Tournament. The new Commissioner was there for the awards ceremony and was disappointed he did not have the opportunity to fish the Tournament due to other commitments. When I asked the Governor as she was running for office, she was hoping she and her son could fish the Tournament. I am hoping that will happen next year.

The Tournament has expanded to include many different categories. We have high schools competing for prizes. We have prizes for veterans in their own category. We also have a kid's category. Next May, bring your family to Island Beach State Park and participate in an inclusive, family-friendly tournament. Children under 16 fish for free. There is free entry into the park for the day. Keep an eye out for the May date for next year and mark your calendar. This year date was on my and wife's Birthdays and since we got married on our birthdays, we celebrated our 52<sup>nd</sup> anniversary that day also.

## ASA and CCA Press Release on Red Snapper

Below is a press release from ASA and CCA on Red Snapper. It took many years for the states to be allowed to run a pilot season on red snapper. This would not hurt the stocks, and it would gather more information about the status of the stocks. We thought it would happen and at the last-minute commercial groups and NGOs got the court to put a hold on this pilot project. This is another example of how the commercial groups or NGOs stop a perfectly good solution to problem. I will be watching what happens on a species we manage up North. This also proves why we need groups like JCAA to protect your rights and work with ASA. We supported ASA and CCA in their efforts.

### ASA and CCA Respond to Court Decision Blocking South Atlantic Red Snapper Pilot Programs

*By Rob Shane, May 22, 2026*



The American Sportfishing Association (ASA) and Coastal Conservation Association (CCA) are deeply disappointed by the decision issued by the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia granting a preliminary injunction against the 2026 South Atlantic red snapper Exempted Fishing Permit (EFP) pilot programs approved by NOAA Fisheries for Florida, Georgia, South Carolina and North Carolina. This preliminary injunction was issued just hours before Florida's Atlantic red snapper season under their EFP was set to begin, leading to immediate confusion, frustration and economic disruption for anglers, for-hire operators, marinas, tackle shops and coastal communities that had prepared for the opening of the 2026 season.

The Court's decision temporarily blocks implementation of the state-led pilot programs, which were designed to test key recreational data collection improvements and a state-led management approach while providing expanded recreational access to the South Atlantic red snapper stock, similar to previous efforts in the Gulf.

South Atlantic red snapper is not a stock in jeopardy. Anglers and managers have worked for years to

rebuild this fishery, and those efforts have been wildly successful. The latest stock assessment confirms what anglers see on the water – the Atlantic red snapper stock is as abundant now as ever. Despite this success, the recreational fishery in recent years has been limited to one- or two-day federal harvest seasons, which has led to excessive discard mortality estimates and a derby-style fishery that results in foregone yield, poses safety risks, and erodes public confidence in South Atlantic federal fisheries management. The EFP pilot programs were specifically designed to collect the science necessary to move beyond these management challenges through partnership with anglers and for-hire businesses.

Economic consequences of this decision will be substantial throughout the South Atlantic region. ASA and CCA are currently working with partners and stakeholders to gather information that demonstrates the full scope of these impacts.

ASA and CCA continue to stand with NOAA Fisheries and the participating states as they evaluate all available options moving forward. We remain committed to advancing science-based recreational fisheries management that supports conservation, improves data collection and provides reasonable public access to healthy fisheries.

## JCAA Membership Report

*By John Toth*

First of all, I want to **Thank** all of you who have already paid your 2026 dues and sponsorships!

Forms have been mailed to all clubs for payment of their 2026 JCAA dues and sponsorships and if you have not received it, please let me know. One of the forms requests information on your current board members and the club member who will be the person to represent your club at JCAA Membership Meetings. Please complete this form in full so that we have updated information not only on your membership, but who to contact in the event of an important issue that your club needs to be aware of that affects our ability to fish. The following are the checks we have already received from clubs to date:

### Clubs:

- Spring Lake Live Liners - \$300
- Seaside Heights Fishing Club - \$100
- NJ Beach Buggy Assoc. - \$300
- Hi-Mar Striper Club - \$500
- Surf Kings Fishing Club - \$100

- Salt Water Anglers of Bergen County - \$100
- Belmar Fishing Club - \$100
- Manasquan Fishing Club - \$300
- Beach Haven Marlin & Tuna Club - \$50
- Delaware Shad - \$150
- Fun Under Boats (FUB) - \$100
- Menhaden Defenders - \$100

### Sponsorships:

- Paul Shafer - \$259
- Susan Gene Geld - \$50
- Barnegat Animal Clinic - \$100
- Adam T. Piaseki - \$50
- Fins on Feathers - \$50
- In Memory of Tom Ortman - \$100
- Linda/Charles Jules - \$100
- John Zingis - \$50
- L. Raymond Hunphreys, Jr. - \$100
- Jon Brunetti - \$100
- Louis Schott - \$100
- Joe Palumbo - \$500

Our next JCAA General Membership Meeting will be held on **May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026**, at the Shark Anglers Building in Herbertsville. It will be done as an in-person meeting and by ZOOM starting at 7:00 p.m.

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*

### 11<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL HOFNOD YOUTH FISHING CHALLENGE

The “Hooked on Fishing - Not on Drugs” Program’s Youth Fishing Challenge is a free statewide event to promote fishing among youths and their families. This event is sponsored by NJDEP Fish & Wildlife’s [Hooked on Fishing - Not on Drugs Program](#). All 21 Counties in NJ.

- Saturday, Free Fishing Day, **June 6, 2026**, when a fishing license and trout stamp is NOT required for anyone age 16 and over.
- Sunday, **June 7, 2026**, when a fishing license and trout stamp is required for anyone age 16 and over.



## 11th Annual Hooked On Fishing – Not On Drugs Youth Fishing Challenge

If your organization would like to host a FREE community-based youth fishing event on either Saturday June 6 or Sunday June 7

### SUCCESSFUL IBSP SURF FISHING TOURNAMENT

Volunteers and judges really make this tournament run smoothly along with all who come out to assist veterans and high school teams on the beach. The 35th Annual Governor’s Surf Fishing Tournament would not be successful if not for the IBSP Park Staff and NJ DEP Fish & Wildlife staff members Karen Byrne, Alanna Newmark, and Linda DiPiano for their support. The Surf Fishing Veterans Experience was also a success. Alanna Newmark and her volunteer team did an excellent job of making the participating veterans feel welcome.

Once again, the tournament committee did a great job of making sure all guests were safe and had fun. The Governor’s Surf Fishing Tournament Committee members of the NJ Beach Buggy Association, JCAA, and NJ State Federation of Sportsmen’s Clubs work tirelessly all year to make sure the tournament is a success. View the winner list [here](#).



Veteran participants and volunteer instructors.

A big thank you to Tsunami Folsom Corp. and Grump’s Tackle for their generous donation of the Governor’s Cup prizes and all the merchants that contributed to the raffle prizes. As usual Karen Noe, JCAA Office Manager, did an outstanding job selling GSFT merchandise and answering tournament questions from customers.

### JERSEY COAST SHARK ANGLERS SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIANTS



Visit their website for scholarship award results and upcoming shark tournaments and veteran boat trip at this [link](#).

### PLAY HOOK-E 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY VETERANS, CHILDREN AND ACTIVE-DUTY MILITARY FISHING DAY

*“Catch a Smile for the Red White and Blue”*

The Annual “Play HOOK-e” Veterans, Children and Active-Duty Military Fishing Day to mark its 10-year anniversary at Lake Julianna, Ponderosa Estates Farm Millstone, New Jersey on Saturday, August 22, 2026. Celebrating 10 years of healing our warriors and making memorable smiles for disabled children and their families.

The following is a summarized history of a vision that promotes healing the hearts of our veterans and blessings that create an opportunity for disabled children to experience nature. The first annual “Play HOOK-e” Fishing Day began during March of 2017. Don Marantz, past president of the Jersey Coast Anglers Angler’s Association (JCAA), Greg Kucharewski, Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 12 (VVA 12) Play HOOK-e program spoke with Mr. Vito Cardinale, Cardinale Enterprises a man that had a vision to use his farm to teach disabled veteran men and women about appreciating the outdoors. Mr. Cardinale’s vision was to host a fishing day for disabled veterans and asked if we were able to assist. We met early one morning at Lake Julianna to photograph the surrounding area and discuss event coordination, including parking, registration, and the process for selecting veteran participants. It instantly became one of my favorite peaceful places to relax and enjoy nature while catching big fish.



Vito offered to provide food and drinks for volunteers and veterans and anything we needed to accomplish the mission of helping veterans. Our ideas complemented Vito's vision on how we could support our PTSD disabled veterans by offering veterans a place to relieve their PTSD symptoms lakeside with other veterans. We explained to Vito how veterans participating in the Play HOOK-e from PTSD program and going fishing was like taking a mini vacation from PTSD. Vito was eager to support our disabled veterans and committed to helping us with what we needed to ensure our veterans had a wonderful day fishing at Lake Julianna.

During that first meeting, we spoke about how we would make the day memorable for all attending. It was a group effort of utilizing Vito's friends and family and contacts within the JCAA Youth Education Committee and Vietnam Veterans of America Shore Area Chapter 12 Play HOOK-e from PTSD program. The first event for disabled service men and women was held in April 2017 and was an instant success with forty-two attendees. Every veteran caught and released several fish, then gathered at the barbecue picnic area to enjoy food and the camaraderie of fellow veterans who shared similar experiences. One moment that stayed with me was Vito's remark as he and his family served food to our veterans: "Our veterans served us, and now it is our turn to serve them."



Shortly after the veteran Play HOOK-e from PTSD fishing day and barbeque we had an after-action meeting with Vito to discuss inviting more veterans to Lake Julianna. Vito informed us he wanted to host a separate fishing day in September for disabled children

and asked if we could help with coordinating and advertising the children's event. Our answer was YES, "Making Smiles" was the theme for children with special needs that attended the first annual free "Kids Wish'n to go Fish'n" (KWTGF) on Saturday, September 30, 2017. The goal of the KWTGF and outdoor fun day was to provide a psychological boost for special needs children and to relax at a beautiful private lake with their family caregivers. Almost seventy attendees and thirty-three special needs children and their caregivers enjoyed the "Kids Wish'n to go Fish'n" outdoor fun day. Disabled children and their family members enjoyed fishing, hayrides, face painting, equine assist therapy, wolf dogs, pony rides, and farm animals. The event helped create an engaging and well-supported experience for all attendees and featured support from the New Jersey State Police K9 unit and Millstone Fire and Rescue, Millstone Elks, Helping Hands of Jackson, along with model airplane flying, fishing instruction stations, a picnic barbecue, and fly-fishing demonstrations.



The two second-annual fishing day events in 2018 saw growth not only in attendance, but also in the number of much-needed volunteers. Without knowledgeable volunteers, the events would not have been manageable. The free disabled veteran and children fishing concept was well liked by local organizations, merchants, and individual supporters. Contributors were willing to donate funds to support our veterans and disabled youngsters. Don Marantz and his brother were responsible for soliciting prizes. We purchased Play HOOK-e welcome gift bags, tee shirts, ice cream, fishing gear/bait and rented a relief station. Vito and his friends and family provided all the food and a 4X4 vehicle to shuttle disabled anglers around the lake.

Each year attendance and volunteerism grew until the fourth annual veteran fishing day that was postponed due to the 2020 pandemic. I remember our PTSD veterans struggling with confinement. We received emails from veterans asking to fish Lake Julianna and Vito was kind enough to let us use Lake

Julianna to conduct small group mental health fishing sessions for our PTSD veterans. We also offered organized clean ups to keep the beauty of Lake Julianna pristine and keep our PTSD veterans healthy with eco-therapy walks that are still being conducted.

Due to the pandemic the fourth annual veterans fishing date was rescheduled for September 30, 2020. Vito, suggest we combine the Play HOOK-e veterans fishing day with the disabled KWTGF day. Don Marantz, the Event Chairman, and I were initially hesitant to combine the two groups, but we decided to try it. To our surprise, it became our best event, with more than 350 people in attendance. The day of the event Corporal Philip A. Reynolds Detachment Marine Corps League, Freehold, NJ helped set the tone for a patriotic fishing event by providing a Color Guard and music. Members of the 514 Mobility Wing, Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst helped gather families for the opening ceremony. We operated the event during the pandemic but utilized many precautions for the health and safety of our guests. The support from the following organizations made this perplexing task manageable: ABC Contractors, NJ Fish and Wildlife, Military Support Alliance, NJSP, “NJ Hooked on



Fishing Not on Drugs” certified instructors from Boating Education and Rescue provided fishing tips and bait rod/reel trailer. Members of Project Healing

Waters Fly Fishing, Heroes On The Water, Jersey Shore Surfcasters Foundation, Newark Bait and Fly Casting Club, New Jersey Beach Buggy Association, Hudson River Fishermen’s Association, Berkeley Striper Club, NJ State Federation of Sportsmen Clubs, Trout Unlimited, JCAA, and Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 12 all helped children and disabled veterans fish.

Who could have imagined how well our disabled veterans and children would connect with one another? This multigenerational fishing event has been especially meaningful for disabled veterans and the children they mentor. For veterans living with PTSD, helping young people learn to fish has provided a renewed sense of purpose. Many veterans have taken on the responsibility of becoming permanent fishing volunteers at Play HOOK-e fishing programs. Everyone in attendance witnessed disabled veterans and small heroes fishing through their challenges and enjoying an environmental miracle. One parent said, “This is such a great experience for the kids. I love to

see the excitement on their faces with a newfound confidence that lessens the disability and creates new abilities.”

Another highlight of the day was two veterans from Military Assistance Command; Vietnam reunited after almost 50 years and caught fish together with their families. Both veterans continue to stay connected and often attend some of our other Play HOOK-e eco-therapy activities.

Over the years, many youngsters caught their first fish at Lake Julianna and received a first fish award. The free fishing day was designed to not place the emphasis on the fish but more on an everlasting memory. Kids were also helping kids fish, Vito’s young granddaughter Julianna was able to help a young disabled child catch her first fish.

During 2023, we added a special Eagle Award to the annual Play HOOK-e Veterans, Children and Active-Duty Military Fishing Day. Mr. Vito Cardinale, Cardinale Enterprises and Randy Johnson, Laurita Winery were the first to receive the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 12 award for their contributions to our military veterans and families.



We chose the Eagle Award because it symbolizes patriotism and strength, it was inspired by the sight of eagles flying over Lake Julianna during a previous event. Eagles are also a part of Vito’s life journey within his family legacy. Other recipients include: 2024 Don Marantz, Event Chairman, and 2025 Jersey Shore Surfcasting Foundation. This year, Project Healing Water Fly Fishing, Jersey Shore Chapter will receive the Eagle Award for their 10 years of serving our disabled veteran community at Lake Julianna.

Last year, over 650 attendees and sixty volunteers enjoyed the festivities at Lake Julianna. Paul Hewitt and Rob Felicito, American Warrior Outdoors did an excellent job of coordinating volunteers and organizing event updates to accommodate a larger audience. This year, we are working toward a goal of 1,000 guests in honor of our National-250 Year Celebration of America, featuring the patriotic theme “Catch a Smile for the Red White and Blue.”

What you can expect as guests enter Lake Julianna for 2026. You will see American Flags lining the roadway, and our welcome team will greet disabled veterans and children with a complementary welcome

gift bag. Disabled veterans and children also get to pick a gift from the drive-thru prize table before fishing. Prize tables have a variety of choices such as rods and reels, games, Legos, tackle boxes, fishing gear, tee shirts, and sports equipment. Tip: Arrive early for the best prize choices and select a rod and reel to catch that fish of a lifetime photo release memory. The fishing day is catch and release only and children need not catch a fish to win a prize. Everyone wins, including the fish, because we teach protection of this valuable resource at Lake Julianna. The picture portfolio by Tom Zapcic Photography at this [this link](#) embraces this wonderful event for veterans, active-duty military, disabled children, and their families.

Guests will park and proceed to the bait station and locate their lucky fishing spot. Seasoned Lake Julianna anglers always look forward to the announcement before lunch to gather at the picnic area. The Color Guard will conduct a ceremony, and everyone will participate singing our national anthem. Providing wind conditions are favorable, fly overs by our armed services or NJSP helicopters have been present in the past. Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 12 Play HOOK-e Go Fishing will hold a presentation of the Eagle Award. Guests will be served lunch by Vito's family and friends and youngsters can enjoy the farm festivities. For 10 years guests enjoy a day to relax at Lake Julianna and never needed to reach into their pocket because vendors also offer free food, pony rides, ice cream, soft drinks, pizza pie, pulled pork sandwiches, music by Guitars 4 Vets, hayrides and several local organization learning booths and displays. Register early at [Eventbrite](#) and please share our flyer and QR Code with friends.

### NEWARK BAIT AND FLY-CASTING CLUB VETERAN FISHING TRIP

Newark Bait and Fly-Casting Club had their annual veteran fishing trip on Miss Belmar out of Belmar on Monday, May 18th. The trip is always a favorite among veterans who like to boat fish and eat lunch together.



### VETERAN FISHING CHARTER A FUN TIME ON THE WATER

The Sandy Hook Bay Anglers fishing club co-sponsored a fishing trip for veteran men and women with Play HOOK-e from PTSD, Vietnam Veterans of America, Shore Area Chapter 12. We thank all the members of the Sandy Hook Bay Anglers for making this happen and their contribution and VVA-12 Play Hook-e for supplying the extra funds for the trip. Karen Noe from VVA 12 did great job organizing the trip and making sure food and drinks were distributed. You can see from the photos all had a good time.

Don't forget to support the Sandy Hook Bay Anglers 44 Annual Fluke Tournament keep a lookout on their website for the date and time. Over \$5,000 in cash and prizes will be awarded at the culmination of the two-day tournament and held at the Atlantic Highlands Municipal Marina. Read more [here](#).



*The angler with the biggest fluke received a \$25 gift certificate from Fisherman's Den.*



# JCAA Presents its ANNUAL FLUKE TOURNAMENT



Tournament Dates  
**July 30<sup>th</sup> – August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2026**



You choose the date to fish but you may only fish one day!

**Win a 25 HP Yamaha Outboard Model F25LWTHC!**

Prizes based on weight of single fluke

1<sup>st</sup> Place: **25 HP Yamaha Outboard**  
**(MSRP \$5,795.00)**

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: **\$1,500**

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: **\$750**

4<sup>th</sup> Place: **Gift Cards valued at \$300**

5<sup>th</sup> Place: **Gift Cards valued at \$200**

*Win even more with  
optional Calcuttas*

- *single fluke*
- *3-fluke total*
- *sea bass*

*(Cash prizes based on a minimum of 75 boats – amounts will be adjusted higher or lower depending on the number of entrants, Maximum of 6 Anglers/People per Boat)*

**EARLY ENTRY FEE \$125 PER BOAT** *(if received by 7/21/26)*

**Entry Fee \$150 PER BOAT** *(if received after 7/21/26)*

**3 Ways  
to Enter**

1. **Online entry form** *(recommended)*. Visit [www.jcaa.org](http://www.jcaa.org) for link
2. **Print and complete entry form, email w/ CC payment info to** [jcaa@jcaa.org](mailto:jcaa@jcaa.org)
3. **Print and complete entry form, mail w/ CC payment info or check to JCAA office**

*(PO Box 1191, Wall Branch Post Office, Wall, NJ 07719)*

For entry forms, rules and info. go to [www.jcaa.org](http://www.jcaa.org). or visit our Facebook Page  
For additional info or questions, contact the JCAA office at (732) 506-6565

## Official Rules & Regulations

**Tournament Dates:** Thursday July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2026 through Sunday August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2026. Online Sign-up ends at 11:59 PM on 7/29. Each boat entered may only fish one of the four tournament days. Each entrant must EMAIL JCAA AT: [jcaa@jcaa.org](mailto:jcaa@jcaa.org) and give their name and the date they are fishing by 9 PM the night before the day they intend to fish. If no message is received, their designated fishing day will be Sunday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Fishing Hours:** Dawn until there is sufficient time to make it to the weigh-in station before they close but no later than by 5 PM on your designated fishing day. **(Some weigh-in stations may close before 5 PM)**

**Fishing Location:** Fish all waters within 20 miles of the New Jersey coast open to the public, including the ocean, bays, inlets and rivers stretching from the Raritan Bay & Hudson River in the north to Delaware Bay in the south.

**Weigh-in Stations** Entrants must weigh in their fish at Atlantic Bait and Tackle in Middletown, Bahr's Landing Marina in the Highlands, Fishermen's Den in Belmar, Captain Bill's Landing in Point Pleasant, Creekside Outfitters in Waretown, Fisherman's Headquarters in Ship Bottom, Great Bay Marina in Little Egg Township, Fin-Atics in Ocean City, One Stop Bait and Tackle Atlantic City or Jim's Bait and Tackle in Cape May by no later than 5 PM on their designated fishing day. Entrants should confirm that their choice of a weigh-in station will be open until 5PM. If not, be sure to get there before they close or go to another weigh-in station. Some weigh-in stations may close early or have restricted hours. Weights will be recorded by the weighmasters on the official tournament weigh-in sheets, but entrants should make certain that they receive a receipt or take a photo of the weigh-in sheet.

### GENERAL RULES AND PROVISIONS:

- The tournament will be held rain or shine starting on July 30, 2026 and ending on August 2, 2026. **It is the sole responsibility of the entrant/captain of all entered boats to determine if weather and sea conditions are safe to fish.** The Jersey Coast Anglers Association, its administrators, officers, directors, agents, committee members, sponsors and/or any and all other persons assume no responsibility or liability for any boats entered or individuals participating in the tournament.
- If weather conditions prohibit any or all boats from fishing and, as a result, an insufficient number of fish are weighed in to account for any of the prizes including Calcutta's, drawings will be held.
- It is the responsibility of all entrants and contestants to comply with all state and federal regulations including any applicable state registry requirements.
- **Each boat may have up to 6 people onboard and no more than 6 lines may be in the water at one time.**
- Each entrant may only win one prize but may win multiple Calcutta's
- All fish presented to the weighmaster will be recorded in pounds and hundredths of pounds. The time the fish are presented for weigh-in will be recorded in hours and minutes.
- If two fish tie by weight, the first fish weighed in will hold the position on the leader board. If two fish are the same weight and weighed at the same time, prizes will be split.
- JCAA reserves the right to require a polygraph examination within 60 days, at JCAA's expense, of any captain/entrant or crew member to preserve the integrity of the tournament. Failing the test or refusing to take the test will result in disqualification. Tests may be given to those suspected of breaking any rules as well as to repeat winners and/or those who win more than 5K.
- Names and likenesses of all prize winners may be used by JCAA and JCAA's designee(s) for promotional purposes without further compensation to JCAA or the individual prize winners.
- Any and all appeals must be made in writing and submitted to JCAA no later than 4 PM on 8/3/26 Appeals must be accompanied by a \$25 processing fee. If the appeal is granted, the money will be refunded. All decisions made by JCAA will be deemed final.
- **Calcuttas:** For the Calcuttas, you are competing against everyone in the tournament as there are not separate Calcutta's for each weigh-in station. JCAA will pay out 7/8 of the money collected to the winner of each Calcutta.
- All prize money including money from Calcutta's will be given via check to the registered entrant.
- There will be no Captains meeting or Awards Ceremony. Standings will be posted on our Facebook page

## **WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!**

Dear Fellow Anglers,

JCAA is reinstating its annual fluke tournament for 2026. Find tournament details at [www.JCAA.org](http://www.JCAA.org) or, on our Facebook page. The fluke tournament, along with the sale of Hi-Roller Raffle tickets, and our Sportsperson of the Year Dinner. (Details to be announced at a later date) all provide necessary funding for JCAA to continue providing fishing outings for veterans, programs for special needs children, and to support recreational fishing in the State of New Jersey.

The tournament format will be similar to 2024. This year, cash prizes are based on a minimum of just 75 boats. The entrant who catches the largest fluke will win a brand new 2025 - 25 HP outboard engine donated by YAMAHA model # F25LWTHC (MSRP \$5795.00). Second Place will be \$ 1500 cash\*. Third Place will be \$750. cash\*. Fourth place will be Gift Cards valued at \$300. And fifth place will be Gift Cards valued at \$200.

*\*Cash prizes are based on 75 entrants and will be adjusted upwards or downwards based on the number of entrants.*

The tournament will be run from July 7/30 to 8/2. Each boat will be limited to fishing only one day. However, each entrant will be able to choose the day they fish. We are hopeful that we will have nice weather on at least one of those days. Prizes will be based on the weight of the single largest fluke. However, we will still have 1 fluke and 3-fluke Calcuttas for those who want to compete in that more skilled category. We will also have sea bass Calcuttas. Further details will be posted on [www.jcaa.org](http://www.jcaa.org) and on Facebook page (Jersey Coast Anglers Association).

JCAA has worked for recreational anglers on fishery and environmental issues in the past and will continue to do so in 2026 and beyond. In order to continue our work on these issues and better represent you, we need you to support our fundraising efforts. We are all volunteers who work tirelessly on the many issues that come up. We attend many meetings, participate in conference calls, write letters, make phone calls and meet with various key individuals regarding many of these issues. We need your help in ensuring the success of these important issues. We are one of the last recreational saltwater advocacy groups that work exclusively for New Jersey anglers. As in past years, our fundraising efforts have a strong influence on our budget and what we can accomplish throughout the year. It costs money to send delegates to meetings, to meet with legislators, create our newsletter, pay office expenses and fund day-to-day operations. Our finances were negatively impacted by the pandemic, and it will take time for us to fully recover. Please support us by entering our tournament, attending our Sportsperson of the Year Dinner and purchasing some of our Hi- Roller Raffle tickets, and participate in our 2026 fluke tournament. Thank you for your anticipated support!

**Major Tournament Sponsor:**

**Yamaha Outboards**

**Major Cash Sponsor:**

**South Harbor Marina**

# 2026 JCAA Fluke Tournament Application

Boat Name \_\_\_\_\_

Entrant's/Captain's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Fishing Club (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

Check Applicable Tournament options:

- Fluke Tournament Early entry fee by 7/21/26 - \$125** (for up to 6 people per boat) **or after 7/21/26 - \$150.00**  
Those who enter our fluke tournament may also enter the optional Calcutta's. You may enter any or all of the Calcutta's if you wish. You may win whichever Calcutta's you are entered in with the same fish. JCAA will pay out 7/8 of the money collected to the winner of each Calcutta.
- \$50 Single Fluke Calcutta** (total weight of your single largest fluke)
- \$100 Single Fluke Calcutta** (total weight of your single largest fluke)
- \$50 Three Fluke Calcutta** (total weight of your three largest fluke)
- \$100 Three Fluke Calcutta** (total weight of your three largest fluke)
- \$50 Sea Bass Calcutta** (total weight of your single largest sea bass)
- \$100 Sea Bass Calcutta** (total weight of your single largest sea bass)
- Become a JCAA Associate Member** to receive the JCAA newspaper via email each month. Dues are normally \$25 - not required but greatly appreciated! **Requested - \$25 \_\_\_ or \$50 \_\_\_ \$75 \_\_\_ \$100 \_\_\_ Free \_\_\_ Other \_\_\_** **Total Payment** \_\_\_\_\_

The tournament will be held rain or shine starting on July 30, 2026 ending on August 2, 2026. Remember, you can only fish one day and you must email JCAA@JCAA.org by 9PM the night before the day you intend to fish. It is the decision of the captain/registrant to evaluate weather conditions and decide whether-or-not to participate. Complete tournament rules, and weigh-in locations are posted on our website at [www.jcaa.org](http://www.jcaa.org) and on our Facebook page. For additional info contact the JCAA office at 732-506-6565 and leave a message. For entry forms, and rules, go to [www.jcaa.org](http://www.jcaa.org). Or visit our Facebook Page. **ONLINE REGISTRATION may be done at [www.jcaa.org](http://www.jcaa.org) or through our Facebook page.** Entry forms can be filled out online. Or print and fill-out the form including CC information and emailed or text to: JCAA@JCAA.org. Last, print and fill out the form with CC information and mailed to: PO Box 1191, Wall Branch Post Office, Wall, NJ 07719. Post marked by 7/21, after 7/21 addition fees will apply. **Mail-in forms must be received no later than July 28, 2026 for processing.**

*To pay by credit card include the following:* Master Card \_\_\_ Visa \_\_\_ Discover \_\_\_ AmEx \_\_\_  
Card Number \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_/\_\_\_ Security Code \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name on Card \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

### General Release

The tournament will be held rain or shine. It is the sole responsibility of the registrant/captain of all entered boats to determine if weather and sea conditions are safe to fish. Participants expressly and unconditionally agree as a condition to the acceptance of their application that JCAA and its administrators, agents, officers, directors, committee members and tournament sponsors are not liable for any claims, suits or obligations arising out of or resulting from participation in this event as a result of negligent or intentional conduct by JCAA and its administrators, agents, officers, directors, committee members and tournament sponsors. Participant agrees to indemnify and hold JCAA and its administrators, agents, officers, directors, committee members and tournament sponsors harmless for any and all claims and costs, including attorney fees, arising out of his or her conduct resulting from participation in the tournament.

I understand that in conjunction with engaging in the JCAA Tournament, I could experience certain hazards and become involved in certain risks. I further recognize that it would be impractical as well as unfair for the JCAA and its administrators, agents, officers, directors, committee members and tournament sponsors and/or any and all other persons or boat owners and their crew directly or indirectly involved in or connected with the Tournament to be liable or responsible in any way for my safety. I hereby release, hold harmless and forever discharge the Tournament, JCAA and its administrators, agents, officers, directors, committee members and tournament sponsors from any liability and/or libel, slander, loss, damage, harm, injury or death suffered by me or which may occur during the Tournament. I understand this includes any claims based upon any negligent act or omission.

I understand that I enter the Tournament at my own risk and hereby assume all risks which may be involved in participating in the Tournament, particularly hazards due to weather conditions, and I fully understand that at any time during my participation I may elect not to participate when I think weather or any other hazards are too extreme.

I, by entering this Tournament, do hereby agree to the terms and conditions of this General Release and agree to abide by the rules and regulations prescribed for competition in the JCAA 2026 Fluke Tournament.

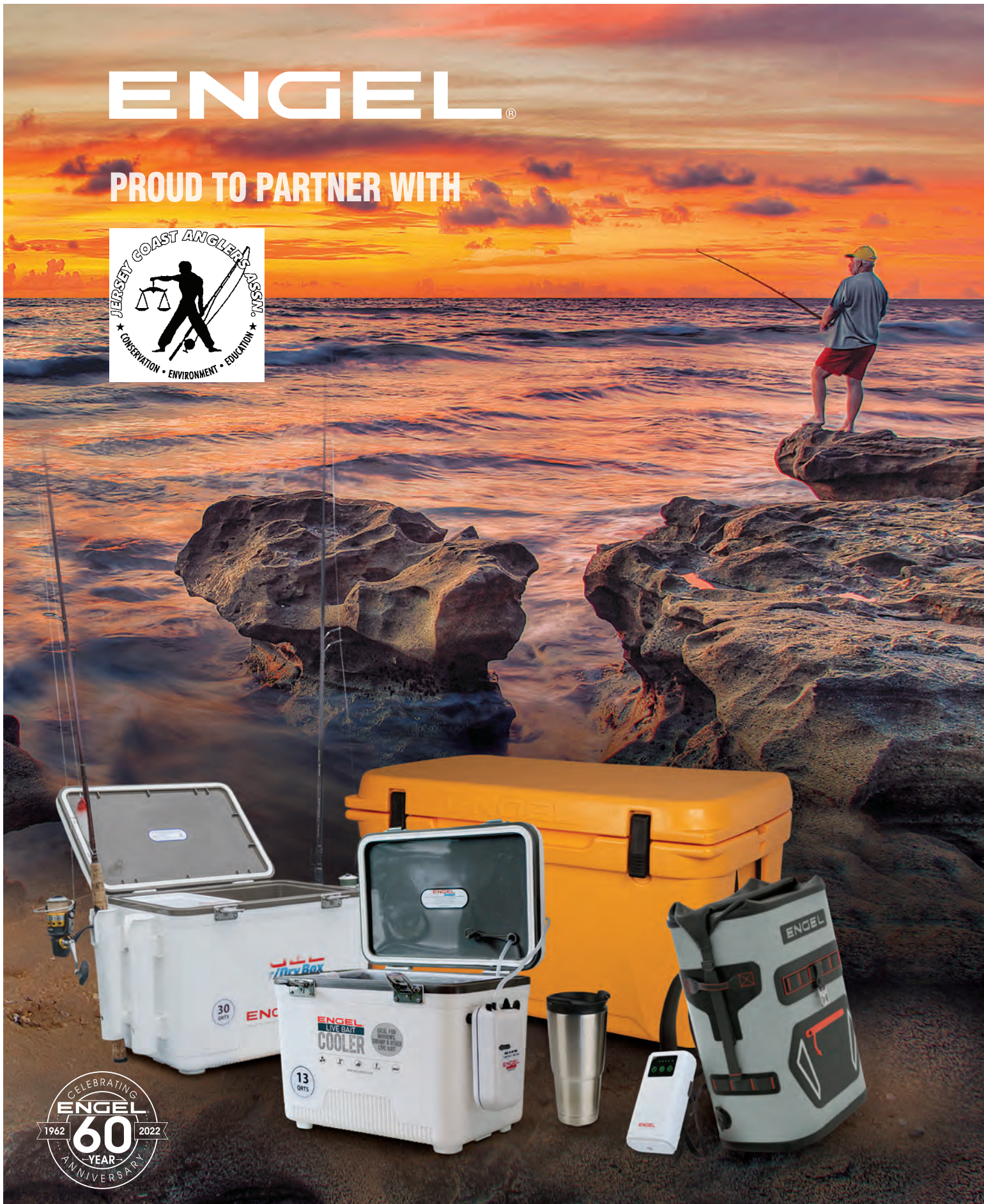
Registrant's/Captain's signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please read the rules regarding the tournament and the dispersal of prizes available on our web site at: [www.jcaa.org](http://www.jcaa.org) or on our Facebook page.

Cash Prizes are awarded to the registrant. It is his or her responsibility to allocate the prizes to the anglers on their crew if they so desire. Some prizes may not be appropriate for minors. Proper ID will be required for IRS 1099-MISC for prizes exceeding \$600.00

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### Club Membership Application

Club Name: \_\_\_\_\_

President's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Pres. Address: Street \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Ph. # \_\_\_\_\_

Fax # \_\_\_\_\_

Please make check \$50 payable to JCAA

## Individuals can join JCAA as an Associate Member

Membership is now free! Sign up as an Associate Member and receive monthly JCAA News that gives you the most up-to-date news about Fisheries Management and Environmental Issues. If you would like to support the goals of JCAA, please contribute if you are able. Look for the [Subscribe](#) button on the JCAA home page or complete application below.

### JCAA Associate Member Application

Date \_\_\_\_\_ New \_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Ph. # \_\_\_\_\_

If contributing, please make check payable to JCAA

### COMMITTEES & CHAIRPERSONS

|                               |                  |               |
|-------------------------------|------------------|---------------|
| <b>Legislative</b>            | Tom Fote         | 732-270-9102  |
| <b>Operations Manager</b>     | <i>Open</i>      | -             |
| <b>Office Manager</b>         | Karen Noe        | 732-245-2751  |
| <b>Fluke Tournament</b>       | Frank Macalik    | 732-754-5345  |
| <b>Access</b>                 | Paul Eidman      | 732-614-3373  |
| <b>Blackfish</b>              | Paul Haertel     | 973-943-8201  |
| <b>Blue Claw Crab</b>         | <i>Open</i>      | -             |
| <b>Lobster and Clam</b>       | Frank Macalik    | 732-754-5345  |
| <b>Bluefish</b>               | Paul Haertel     | 973-943-8201  |
| <b>Habitat</b>                | Paul Eidman      | 732-614-3373  |
| <b>Pelagic Species</b>        | <i>Open</i>      | -             |
| <b>Forage Species</b>         | Paul Eidman      | 732-614-3373  |
| <b>Striped Bass</b>           | Paul Haertel     | 973-943-8201  |
| <b>Science &amp; Research</b> | <i>Open</i>      | -             |
| <b>Website</b>                | Philip V. Celmer | jcaa@jcaa.org |
| <b>Youth Education</b>        | Greg Kucharewski | 732-429-9637  |

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### The JCAA has 5 levels of sponsorship \$50, \$100, \$250, \$500, \$1,000

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- **\$500 - Full-size Business Card**
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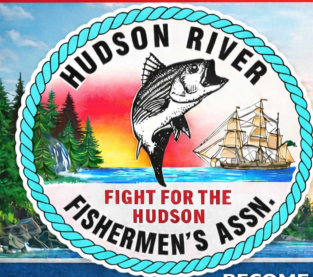
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