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November 11th

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September 26th, 2023, 7:30pm

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IMPORTANT DATES

September 14th JCAA Board Meeting

September 26th JCAA General Meeting

October 3rd -5th MAFMC Meeting

October 12th JCAA Board Meeting

October 14th-20th ASMFC Annual Meeting

November 9th JCAA Board Meeting

November 11th JCAA Dinner

November 28th JCAA General Meeting

December 11th-14th Joint ASMFC/MAFMC Meeting

December 14th JCAA Board 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 toast will be place 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 w/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.

We need candidates for our Sportsperson of the Year and Youth Education Awards. Please submit nominations in writing consisting of approximately 250 words ASAP as we will be voting on this at our general membership meeting on September 26th.

Our guest speaker will be John Toth who will talk about his experience on 9/11/01. John was one of the fortunate people who made it out alive when the World Trade Center was attacked by terrorists.

As always, we will have gift and silent auctions along with a 50/50. We are requesting that our member clubs donate something for our raffle and/or our silent auction, or perhaps a bottle for our basket of cheer. To make a donation, 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.

JCAA Heavy Hitters Fluke Tournament Results

By Paul Haertel

JCAA would like to thank all those who helped promote our tournament and congratulate all the winners. Forty-six participants competed in the four-day tournament which began on August 3rd and ended on August 6th. The weather was poor on Thursday, unfishable on Friday and very nice on the weekend. The fluke cooperated for some, but others had a tough time putting a catch together despite mostly ideal drifting conditions throughout most of our state. However, some nice fish were caught and many of our participants and their crews enjoyed a great day on the water. Unfortunately, no one could come up with a 12lb+ fluke that would have won 25K.

Note: Based on 175 entrants, prizes would have been \$5000 for 1st, \$2500 for 2nd, and \$1500 for 3rd. Therefore, based on 46 entrants, the final results and prizes are as follows:

1st: Keith McCarthy, 7.14 lbs, payout: **\$1,314.29**

2nd: Steve Saniewski, 6.85 lbs, payout: **\$657.15**

3rd: Greg Ryback, 6.24 lbs, payout: **\$394.29**

4th: Sean Hotlen, 5.62 lbs, payout: **\$250** in gift cards

5th: Matthew Quinones, 5.3 lbs, payout: **\$150** in gift cards

Sea Bass

Doug Itjen, 3.09 lbs (*won the \$50 and \$100 Sea Bass Calcuttas*)

President's Report

By Mark Taylor

Hope everyone is getting the opportunity to get out and do some fishing, whether it is by boat or from shore. We had a string of hot weather this summer with some decent fishing. Congratulations to all those anglers that participated in some of the many tournaments and won. I am looking forward and hoping to enjoy the fishing that is yet to come.

JCAA Heavy Hitter Fluke Tournament was held August 3rd to 6th. Thank goes out to all that participated and supported JCAA during this tournament. There were some very nice fish caught but no doormats. Congratulations goes out to those skillful anglers that won. This tournament was organized by Paul Haertel and he did an outstanding job. Hopefully those that did not participate this year will next, read Paul's follow up article.

JCAA had the drawing of our 2023 High Roller Raffle and congratulations to all the winners and thank you to all those individuals that supported JCAA by purchasing a raffle ticket or more. I would like to thank Paul Haertel and those that help put a get list of prizes together. I can't wait to see the list of prizes for next year. JCAA will have another fantastic fundraiser you don't want to miss on November 11th at Captain's Inn in Forked River. It is our prestigious Sportsperson of the Year Dinner were you as member clubs select the honoree at the September meeting. Clubs need to get their nominee's summary ASAP. That summary needs to be 250–300 words of why this person deserves it and why other clubs should vote for that person over all other nominees. Those nominees' summaries need to be submitted by email to Tom Fote (tfote@jcaa.org), Paul Haertel (anglerPMH@aol.com) and copy me (mtsport64@aol.com). The summary of nominees will be posted in the newsletter if you get it in before the newsletter publishing deadline date. Each of the clubs should be talking about this event at their club meetings. In the past there were a few clubs that would take a club table. I would like to see that happen again along with other clubs, that would make

this an outstanding event for you to enjoy. Everyone that attended it last year spoke very highly of the food and the overall event. If a club purchases a table, it is only \$800 for a table of 10 which is only \$80 a person, that's a \$10 savings. Who doesn't like to save money? The regular price of a ticket is \$90 per individual, which is a great price for what you will be getting. As President, I will be calling for a vote by the Club Representatives at the September JCAA Meeting who they would like to receive this prestigious award. The votes will be tallied, and the recipient will be selected for JCAA Sportsperson of the Year. JCAA also has a Youth Education Award that is honored that night also. Submit those nominees' summary to Greg Kucharewski at gkucharews@aol.com.

For those of you that don't know or haven't heard that the New Jersey Governor Appointee to the ASMFC Tom Fote was replaced. All the anglers in the State of New Jersey owe appreciation to Tom's endless days and dedication trying to get our fair share of the resource for years. For those Veterans that served this great country, they should salute a fellow veteran Tom Fote and for the rest of us take your hat off to honor him next time you see him and say thank you. I am 100 percent sure Tom will be willing to talk and answer questions. Tom, Thank you from the JCAA Board and its members. Further below is the text of the letter sent by NJMFC to Tom acknowledging and thanking him for his long service as the NJ representative to the ASMFC.

As always stay in touch, listen, do your research, participate in meetings and submit your comments. If you want to see better size / bag limits and seasons. There are meetings going on all the time. If you don't get involved, then you don't have the right to complain to those that spend countless hours and days at meetings that do. I believe everyone should take the time to get involved whether you are retired or still working to have a say. If more individuals do this the recreational will have a larger voice to be heard on things.

Remember there is a September Meeting scheduled, club representatives will be voting on the JCAA Sportsperson of the Year.

I would like to see more energy driven individuals getting involved in JCAA. If you are one of those people or would like to get involved with JCAA time is now. You can start by being involved with one of our committees or becoming an officer, let me know. We have an election of Officers coming up in December. I will answer all your questions and help

you with every level of involvement. Contact me by phone (732) 245-9445, or email mtsport64@aol.com.

We all need to get involved and unite so the future of recreational fishing as we know it will be gone.

NJMFC Letter to Tom Fote

New Jersey Marine Fishery Council

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Dear Tom,

On behalf of the New Jersey Marine Fisheries Council, I would like to thank you for your many years of dedicated service as a New Jersey representative to the Atlantic Marine Fisheries Commission. For close to 30 years, yours has been a voice of reason at the management table, providing indispensable insight, history, and perspective for countless difficult management decisions. Your multiple appointments by administrations on both sides of the aisle are a testament to your knowledge of New Jersey's valuable fisheries and your ability to transcend politics to focus on the angling experience.

In an era where recreational fishing has become more of a privileged activity, your support for the common angler - in particular, those who fish to put food on the table - has been unswerving and is greatly appreciated. Further, your historical knowledge is unparalleled and provided an important perspective that made other Commissioners consider the motivations and rationale behind numerous management decisions. And your steadfast advocacy for the importance of habitat to sustainable fisheries was always a welcome reminder that managers must take a holistic approach if we are to be successful.

Without question, your longevity as Commissioner to ASMFC is an indication of your value not just to New Jersey, but to the fisheries management process as a whole. I am certain that your leadership has helped

New Jersey become (and remain) one of the most vibrant and productive recreational fishing destinations in the nation.

On behalf of Council, I congratulate you on your tenure and thank you for your service, dedication, and all you have done for New Jersey's fisheries.

Sincerely,



Richard Herb
Chairman

Fisheries Management & Legislative Report

By Tom Fote

Continuing Disaster with Striped Bass Management

As you know, I am no longer the Commissioner to the ASMFC as of June 30th, but I sat in on the August Striped Bass ASMFC Management Board Meeting. It takes a lot to get me depressed and totally upset with the system, but this meeting accomplished that. For some reason the Board has now decided to manage striped bass recreational fishing as a catch and release fishery. They no longer care about people who want to take home fish to eat. They listen to the squeakiest wheels that just want to be able to catch and release and don't care what they do to the resource in the process. Let's look at what happened.

In 2022, a lot of striped bass became available in the New York Bight area. The conditions were perfect. There were a lot of bunkers in close, the water temperature stayed warm and striped bass came in shore. According to the faulty recreational statistics, we had a great season. We can't win this game. When we had three bad years in a row, everyone was saying that the fishery needed to be protected since the catch was going down. So the ASMFC reduced us to one fish. Then when the catch was still low the ASMFC put in a slot limit to greatly limit the recreational catch. Suddenly we have a good year when the conditions are perfect, and we are told that we are catching too many fish. An emergency action was put in place with no public hearing before

the Spring meeting. Most of ASMFC Commissioners, like me, found out just before the meeting that the plan was to implement a ridiculous slot. Since the state directors hear most often from people who do not want to take fish home to eat but only want to catch and release large numbers of fish, ASMFC implemented a 3-inch slot limit. This action will only raise the catch and release mortality. It will also encourage anglers to poach. When recreational anglers lose confidence in managers, they begin to ignore the regulations. Anglers monitored themselves when they had confidence that the measures were reasonable and would result in long-term gains in the fishery. In the last 15 years, we have proved to anglers that increasing stocks do not result in a better fishery. They are told to keep fewer fish when the fishery is in trouble and to keep fewer fish when the fishery is doing just fine. They also know the biggest mortality for striped bass in recent years has come from the catch and release fishery. The subsistence fishermen do not make their views heard at hearings and meetings. You must have a thick skin these days to say you should be allowed to take home a striped bass to eat. When you say that, you get crucified by the internet bullies. We have reached the point where there seems to be no compromise and we have stopped listening to one another.

There are some states that have learned to play the game to maximize the gains for their state's fishing public. A perfect example is Massachusetts. For more than 10 years, they have been pushing management rules that greatly reduce what a recreational angler can take home. They have sold this to their catch and release fishermen as a way to protect the resource. But they are actually protecting their hook and line commercial striped bass fishery. If they were so concerned about the resource and protecting the 2015 striped bass class, why did they put in place and maintain a 34-inch minimum size for the commercial fishery? They are allowing over a million pounds of big spawning fish to be harvested when they are greatly reducing the recreational harvest on these same fish. They oppose any measure that would reduce catch and release mortality by creating seasons. The catch and release anglers don't seem to care about the Massachusetts hook and line commercial fishery as long as they can continue to catch and release throughout the year. Massachusetts is not alone in their support for commercial interests over recreational ones. Remember when the numbers were high and there were more striped bass available,

some New York interests opposed allowing anglers to harvest 2 striped bass a day. They succeeded in keeping a one fish bag limit when all other states were allowing two. Their selfish attitude robbed recreational anglers and subsistence fishermen an opportunity to catch more striped bass. The Chesapeake Bay states go along with Massachusetts as long as they get to keep the commercial and recreational smaller size limit in the bay.

This infighting in the recreational community has made us very weak. The recreational community no longer works together. They don't speak with a unified voice allowing managers to pick and choose whose voice to listen to. The managers say they listen to the recreational community but that is only a small percentage of the larger recreational community. The managers listen to paid lobbyists who receive some of their income from environmental groups and charter boat captains who focus only on catch and release fishing. They don't reach out to anglers who don't belong to these organized groups. They ignore the anglers who want to take a fish home to eat. These anglers don't speak at public meetings because it opens them up to attacks. Every time I defend subsistence fishermen, I get attacked. I get attacked when I support environmental justice fisheries issues. Again, my roots are in Brooklyn where we fished from docks and piers and fish were never wasted. They fed our families with what we caught. When we worked together in the early 90's, we got things accomplished. We got striped bass gamefish in New Jersey with bills introduced in other states to do the same. ASA and the Fisherman Magazine would sponsor workshops that JCAA would organize to bring all the recreational groups from up and down the coast together to work on fisheries issues, like striped bass gamefish, tuna and shark issues. This no longer happens.

The only Commissioner who spoke for the recreational community and the people who wanted to take home a fish to eat at the August meeting was Adam Nowalsky. Adam kept pointing out that any plans need to consider all recreational anglers and to address the catch and release mortality. It amazed me that I did not hear another voice, not even from New Jersey, fighting for these recreational anglers. I did make my comment as a member of the public. I was thanked and then ignored.

One solution, in looking at striped bass, is to consider the warmer water in Chesapeake Bay and the pollution there. We should consider what other rivers

are contributing to the coastal migratory stock. We need to do this so we can honestly manage the new producing areas for the benefit of everyone. Remember, when we made the management plan, we assumed that the Chesapeake Bay produced 75% - 85% of the coastal migratory stock. It is now estimated that Hudson and Delaware Rivers contribute 40% of the coastal migratory stocks. We also allowed Chesapeake Bay a harvest of 25% of the stock inside the bay. This needs to be revisited. This can happen in the new addendum or amendment by reinstating the Delaware and Hudson as producing areas and managing them in that way.

Where are we now? ASMFC has extended the emergency action until the October meeting. If they have public hearings and you care about striped bass management, you need to make your voice heard. If you are interested in working with the JCAA Striped Bass Committee representing your club, contact me.

Why Is Fisheries Management Not Serving the Public?

In the 80's we saw the collapse of many stocks and wanted to create regulations that would rebuild those stocks. We blamed overfishing for this problem. The Council and the Commission worked to create management plans that would tackle this overfishing. We knew we had to design a better method of tallying the recreational catch. The system in place was not working and we really had no idea what the actual numbers were. We put some commercial quotas in place, put a mesh size in place and created some gear restrictions. We established seasons to give more protection to some species. We were promised if we suffered the pain with the stricter regulations, there would be a reward in the future. We were assured there would be longer seasons and increased bag limits. There was some success in some stocks because of the restrictions. But some stocks never rebuilt or once they started rebuilding saw a second collapse. With an almost total moratorium on weakfish and winter flounder, we saw no progress in rebuilding the stocks. On stocks that did show some progress, we did not see any of the rewards. The reference points were set so high there was no way to reach the established goals. We also went to Congress during the last reauthorization of the Magnusson-Stevens Act in 2006 and demanded better recreational data collection. We have been using the new system for a number of years but it was doomed to fail. Dr. John Borman, when he was put in charge of

improving the existing system, testified before Congress in 2007 that we needed to increase the funding for recreational statistics from the existing 18 million a year to 50 million dollars. It is now 2023, we are still budgeted for \$18 million with no evidence that Congress will increase that amount any time soon. This results in no change in the actual data collection but just tinkering with the models using the poor data that is available. Everyone who ever took a computer class knows, "Garbage In, Garbage Out!" Congress needs to step up and actually fund quality data collection. Hundreds of millions of dollars are spent to get commercial statistics throughout the country but only \$18 million spent on the recreational side.

The other problem is fisheries managers can only manage anglers and fishermen. That means the only tool in the toolbox is changing what the commercial and recreational industries can harvest. The models are based on results you get when you only manage the anglers. There are no other criteria that are under their control. That means that climate change cannot be considered as an element in any management plan. There is a movement by NOAA, NMFS and ASMFC to look at climate resiliency in fisheries. I have sat through many presentations on this issue but I realize how little control we have and how few tools we can bring to bear.

I will [post on the JCAA website](#) and email to anyone who requests it, a study that was done in the early 50's to look at saltwater recreational fishing. I asked George Howard why the money was spent to complete this type of study. He told me the Division of Fish and Wildlife at that time was in the Division of Commerce. The Director of Fish and Wildlife recognized the economic power of saltwater recreational fishing and acknowledged it would have more impact than freshwater fishing, hunting or commercial fishing. He knew a baseline would be important. The study was written in 1955. It is one of the most comprehensive recreational saltwater studies that I have ever seen. It looked at party boats, charter boats, private boats, jetty fishing, surf fishing and rowboat liveries. It also broke down the economics of what it actually cost to go fishing. After reading this study a number of times, I had an epiphany. In this study there is information on what stocks were most important to every segment of the recreational fishery. There are no bar graphs, just pie charts. It shows the percentage of each stock for each segment of the industry. I realized that many of the species we were trying to protect from overfishing in the 80's, were

disappearing not just from overfishing but from a change in water temperature. Jonathan Reuben, the lobbyist for Lunds in the 80's, and I were going to the MidAtlantic Fisheries Management Council and complaining about the disappearance of inshore mackerel stocks. This change was impacting the party and charter boats and the inshore commercial fishermen. Our concerns fell on deaf ears. We thought it was from overfishing but it is clear now that was the start of the impact of warming of the oceans. That is the same time we began to have concerns about lobsters. Their stocks increased as the water warmed slightly but then crashed when it reached certain higher temperature. Recruitment stopped. When you look at the charts, you can compare the stocks from the fisheries in the 50's to what we saw in the 80's and what we see now. We got caught napping because we were looking at the wrong elements as we tried to understand the changing fish populations.

The consequence is the managers promised both the commercial and recreational communities that if they followed the regulations, there would once again be abundant stocks. We were blindsided by the impact of climate change and set goals we could not accomplish. After looking at all this data, I have concluded that we are having dramatic impacts on the bays and estuaries as they warm faster than the ocean. Add pollution into the mix along with endocrine disruptors which impact on the reproduction of fish, and you have the perfect storm. We need to begin planning with these issues in mind and implement management plans in a realistic fashion. ASMFC, to its credit, recognized this in managing lobsters and did not put in a total moratorium in the Southern New England region. If NMFS had been in charge, the entire fishery would have been shut down putting many out of business with no impact on the long term stocks. We were also honest and told them there was nothing to be done to fix the stocks and they can simply continue fishing as long as it is economically feasible.

Because we weren't considering the impact of climate change in creating regulations, we have promised things we could not deliver. All these regulations do is cause more pain in the industry. NMFS management does not allow the flexibility we will need as we continue to deal with climate change. Even when a stock is above the target, there is no flexibility to allow an increased catch. The perfect examples are summer flounder, black sea bass and

scup. We have lost the trust of the recreational community. There is no trust in the regulations.

Anglers look at the results that they got when they rebuilt the stocks of summer flounder, scup and black sea bass and see no benefit. In fact, all they see are more penalties. This encourages anglers to ignore the regulations and turn into poachers. Unlike 20 years ago when we would police our own, there is no common understanding in the recreational community of how people should behave and what rules they should follow.

New Office Needed for JCAA

By Don Marantz

The lease for the JCAA office will be expiring 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 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 JCCA 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 its 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 the 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 **September 25th**, and it will be done as an in-person meeting and by ZOOM starting at 7:30 p.m. **Until then, catch a lot of fish!**

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

Youth Education Report

By Greg Kucharewski

NJBBA YOUTH FISHING

New Jersey Beach Buggy Association will host the 28th Annual surf fishing contest for children on Saturday, September 16th at Island Beach State Park (IBSP). The FREE EVENT is for youngsters 16 yrs. old and younger. Registration starts at 7:30 am at the first swimming area, "OBA-1". The kids will receive an event t-shirt and a grab bag full of goodies after attending 5 Learning stations. Prizes will not be given out before the awards ceremony. Fishing starts at 10 am, any fish caught could be a winner. When the 3-

hour fishing period ends, everyone returns to OBA-1 for a FREE lunch.

During lunch period the winning fish entered are calculated by the committee. At 2:30 pm, the Awards Ceremony starts. All winners receive a Rod/Reel Combo, a \$25 Gift Card, and a trophy. Then the FREE PRIZE GIVEAWAY starts. Each registered child will have a chance to pick the prize of their choice from the 130 prizes available to them. This Giveaway will take an hour or so to complete.

Thank you, Ken Hollins #23 Director, and Chairperson. If you would like to learn more, please, contact Ken at: njbbawebmaster@gmail.com.

LAKE JULIANNA FISHING DAY

Mr. Vito Cardinale and Randy Johnson, along with their family and friends hosted the 7th Annual “Play HOOK-e” Veterans, Children with Disabilities and Active-Duty Military Fishing Day on August 26, 2023. All participants enjoyed a fun day at Ponderosa Estates Farm, Millstone, NJ to catch and release fish at Lake Julianna.



Don Marantz, Event Chairperson, stated we had over 500 attendees to enjoy the festivities at Lake Julianna. As children and veterans arrived at the event, they were greeted by the Play HOOK-e welcome team volunteers that provided instructions for the day, welcome bags, loaner rods/reels, toys for children, and Kids Wish’n to go Fish’n (KWTGF) youth tee shirts.

Corporal Philip A. Reynolds Detachment Marine Corps League, Freehold, NJ provided a Color Guard and John Rinhart started the afternoon ceremonies. The Vietnam Veterans of America Shore Area Chapter 12 presented our hosts Vito Cardinale and Randy Johnson Eagle Brotherhood of the Year Award’s for their continued support to our Veterans and the disabled community. During the award presentation we were surprised by a special honor fly-

over by the NJSP Helo Team to salute our military heroes. New Jersey State Police also provided K-9 demonstrations, and a display of their EOD vehicle. Don Marantz event chairperson receive a surprise custom rod and reel award for his lifelong dedication to helping disabled children learn the joys of fishing. The fishing rod was donated and designed by Roy H. custom rod crafter who incorporated the Vietnam Service Ribbon on the fishing rod.



More than 50 volunteers were available to assist children and veterans that came to fish. Veterans attending the event also helped youngsters cast a line. Participants had the use of loaner fishing rods and reels, rigs, and Spring Lake Freezer Bait Company made sure there were plenty of worms for catching fish. “NJ Hooked on Fishing Not on Drugs” Karen Byrne NJ Fish and Wildlife setup all the loaner rods and reels with member volunteers and prepared bait cups. Helping Hands of Jackson provided food, Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing, Heroes on the Water, Jersey Shore Surfcasters, 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, Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 12 all helped children and disabled vets fish.

Mr. Cardinale served food to everyone in attendance at the BBQ area, Red Express Pizza, and Helping Hands of Jackson provided breakfast sandwiches for our volunteers. We thank our gracious hosts and all the volunteers that assisted in making the 7th Annual Play HOOK-e KWTGF and Take a Veteran Fishing Day a remarkable success.

Many organizations/businesses contributed and came out to volunteer their time, NJ DEP Fish and Wildlife, New Jersey State Federation of

Sportsmen Clubs, Pro Tapes C.O.R.E., Big Brother Big Sister, NJ State Police, Hamilton Station, Millstone Fire/First Aid Department, Boy Scouts, Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing, The Fisherman Magazine, Bogan's Brielle Bait & Tackle, Gabriel CO., Jersey Hooker Outfitters, Betty & Nicks B&T, The Tin Man Lures, Grumpy's B&T, Reel Seat B&T, Pell's Sport and Fish, Central Jersey Rifle and Pistol Club Warrior Program, MA 22 Operation Hook It, Recalibrate, Jersey Shore Surfcasters, Trout Unlimited, Ducks Unlimited, Jersey Shore Council of Boy Scouts, Shore Surf Club, Newark Bait and Fly Casting Club, Hudson River Fisherman's Association, New Jersey Beach Buggy Association, and several other volunteers/veterans organizations.



Longtime veteran friends Al Dolce and Tom Fote spend time together at Lake Julianna.

Contributors: Cardinale Enterprises LLC. family and friends, Randy Johnson Laurita Winery, P & W Services, Tsunami Fishing Tackle, Dunkin Donuts, American Warrior Outdoors, Millstone Elks Lodge 2613, Military Support Alliance of NJ, Helping Hands of Jackson, Assn of Builders and Contractors of NJ, East Gate Nursery, Bill-Jim Construction Co, SFC Enterprises, Immediate Care, Top shelf nursery, My 3 Sons HVAC, Circle Chevrolet, Pizza Express, Blackie's Welding Service, First Commerce Bank, Phinas Farms, Magnakron, Rosetto Realty, PDS Engineering, Joint Base McGuire 514th Air Mobility Wing, Tom Zapcic Photography, MA22 Operation Hook It, DR Horton builders, Phil's Tree Service, Red Wagon Farm Stand, Spring Lake Freezer, Howling Woods Farm, Teddy Bears By the Seashore, Ocean Explorer, Belmar Princess, Fisherman's Den, Suggs Nicholas Shea Inc, Jersey Coast Anglers Association, Marine Corps League, Vietnam Veterans of America Shore Area Chapter 12. Donations were also received from individuals, and we graciously thank all that

contributed. We regret there are too many contributors to mention in this article.

2023 JCAA YOUTH EDUCATION AWARD

The JCAA Youth Education Committee is accepting nominations for the 2023 Youth Education Award. There are many NJ HOFNOD volunteers doing magnificent work to bring successes to the fishing community but sometimes individuals and sport-fishing organizations go above and beyond to make the future of fishing better for our youngsters.

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

NJ FREE FISHING DAY

NJ's second Free Freshwater Fishing Day will be Saturday, October 21, 2023, when no license is required to fish regardless of age.

This fall, think about becoming a HOFNOD instructor. New Jersey HOFNOD facilitator workshops are hosted by the DEP Division of Fish and Wildlife. It is well worth the time to learn creative aquatic activities to teach youngsters the importance of becoming environmental stewards. This workshop is a great learning experience. If you are interested in attending a NJ HOFNOD workshop, please contact Liz Jackson, NJ HOFNOD Coordinator: (908) 637-4125 x122 or at liz.jackson@dep.state.nj.us.

SUPPORT LOCAL TACKLE DEALERS

Most [tackle dealers](#) offer discounts to veterans. We also informed veterans about our JCAA newspaper and Play HOOK-e by-monthly newsletter. During September and October, we are offering veterans with PTSD/TBI 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 blue spaces. To schedule a day and time, please email Greg @ jkucharews@jcaa.org.

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