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# The River News

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## IMPORTANT NOTICES:

### Possible Tournament Change, New Hotline Number!!!

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Here are two important notes for DRFA members regarding the 2001 tournament schedule.

Your 2001 membership card containing the complete tournament schedule was published in the April newsletter. If you have not already done so, clip that card from page 3 of the newsletter, and keep it in your wallet so that you will always have the tournament schedule.

### Possible Tournament Location Change!

Due to extremely low water conditions, a change of location might be required for the June 23 smallmouth tournament. Please check the DRFA Web site at [www.drfishermen.com](http://www.drfishermen.com) or call the Tournament Hotline (609-261-6470) during the week before the tournament to confirm the final location for the tournament. If the current low water conditions persist, the location will change from the Yardley Access Ramp to Bull's Island State Park which is located on Route 29 about three miles above Stockton, New Jersey.

Please take note that the Tournament Hotline number published in last

month's newsletter is a new number for this season: (609) 261-6470. This number is used to provide the time and location of the next tournament and as a means of notifying members in the event of a cancellation or change due to high water or bad weather conditions.



### Tournament Results

The first tournament of the year was held today. Apparently the shad were not at all co-operative, as there were only 11 shad that were brought to the weigh-in at the Yardley Park 'n Ride lot.

Some statistics: 11 fish weighed-in, with a 3.12-lb. average. Of course, there is no registration for this tournament and no way to tell how many members actually fished.

The \$100 first prize went to Jim Wood (*top*) for his 4.48 lb., 21-1/4" entry. Bob Kuntz (*middle*) took second, earning \$50 for his 4.25-lb., 22" fish. And Hollis Laing (*bottom*) captured the \$25 third prize with a 3.72-lb., 21-1/2" shad.

On May 19, the club catfish tournament saw 52 fish weighed in by the 64 registrants. The total

### Important Dates

#### Thursday, May 31:

7:00 pm. Monthly meeting.  
Back upstairs meeting room of The Sportsmen's Center, Route 130 North, Bordentown, NJ.

#### Saturday, June 23:

Dave Bryant Memorial Smallmouth Tournament. Registration at 7:00 am. Weigh-in at 1:00 pm. Currently planned for Yardley Access Ramp. (*But check with Tournament Hotline, 609-261-6470, or with DRFA Web site the week before the tournament for possible change of location, due to low-water conditions.*)

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*New club member, Matt Valentine, beams after learning that his 25", 7-lb. catfish earned him the \$25 third prize at the club's May 19 tournament.*

catch was 174.38 lbs., an average of 3.35 lbs. per fish.

First place went to (*surprise*) Glen Brooks, for his 9.99-lb., 28-1/4" cat. Glen has placed in the money for the last five catfish tournaments.

Two new club members took the remaining prizes. Al Davis will take home \$50 for his 8.37-lb., 27-3/4" fish, and Matt Valentine will get \$25 for his 7-lb. fish that measured an even 25".

All trophies and cash prizes for the shad and catfish tournaments will be awarded at the monthly meeting to be held May 31 at the Sportsmen's Center.

## President's Message

As we get closer to the Big Cat Shootout, things are falling into place. As of early May, I already have 33 entries for the event. That is way ahead of last year's pace this far in advance of the tournament. We have also received favorable responses from a number of companies and sales representatives who have agreed to donate door prizes. These include: Mr. Twister, Harrington Cutlery,

Mepps, Dick's Sporting Goods, Plano, Bowers Marine, Eagle Claw.

An interesting thing I am noticing is that more and more applications – for both the Big Cat Shootout and club memberships in general – are coming in on forms available from our Web site.

This is a good sign of the improving value of our Web site. I think we all owe Webmaster Frank Kivler a well-deserved "Thank you" for the hours of work he has spent upgrading and updating the site. You can find everything you need to know about the DRFA on that site – from tournament schedules, directions and information, to tournament results, complete Angler Of The Year standings, and the latest fishing reports.

Thanks also to club members who have taken the time to contribute Fishing Reports. That information is very helpful to other club members who haven't had the time to get down to the river recently.

I look forward to seeing you at the upcoming meeting, the Big Cat Shootout, or our Dave Bryant Memorial Smallmouth Tournament on June 23. (*Remember to check the Web site or Tournament Hotline in the week before the tournament, in case persistent low-water conditions require us to change the location of the tournament to Bulls Island State Park.*) Until then, Good Fishing.

John Strada

## Minutes Of The April Meeting

The April meeting of the Delaware River Fishermen's Association was called to order at 7:05 pm by president John Strada.

There was no Treasurer's Report.

**Environmental Report:** The ill-fated bridge repair on the Rancocas is still ill-fated and seems to be going nowhere fast. The funniest part is that the state police still send officers to protect it.

Sam Shields told a story of how he lost a fish (*broke the line*) then 4 years and 6 days later on the same stretch of water another unseen fish broke his line again. Could it be the same fish? This could only happen to Sam! Stay tuned. I'm sure another story is soon to come!

**Old Business:** For the Big Cat Shootout another 5 entries have come in and of all received so far only half are repeat entries from last year. It looks like all of John's hard work over the last 2 years is paying off! Sponsors are still needed for the Bit Cat Shootout T-shirt. If you can help, or know a business that can, please contact John. Time is running out.

Tom Zerumski hooked up with the promotion manager from Dick's Sporting goods and has obtained eight \$25.00 gift certificates to be given away as the club sees fit, plus they are supplying some banners to hang. Thanks, Tom! Reports from 3 other reps have said some items for give always are coming soon.

Lightning Jack's will be supplying refreshments for purchase the day of the Shootout. Last year, much of the food was free, but the restaurant wasn't open. This year it would be nice if we supported them for all the help they have given us. Go buy a hot dog and a soda.

We still need help from club members for the Shootout, especially from 12-3 pm. for the weigh-in.

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**New Business:** Here is a weight calculation for your fish if you don't have a scale. Try this some time. The square of the girth x the length divided by 750 = the weight.

Pete Antoniewicz thanked all the members that have sent in fishing reports. He said that we have practically received more reports so far this year than we did all of last year! Way to go, keep those reports coming in!

The West Deptford boat ramp is reported to be ready by July 4th.

The meeting ended at 8:02pm.

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**Miscellaneous Notes**

In season, when we publish longer fishing reports, tournament fliers, and tournament results, we have not always had room for classified ads.

We will continue to print them as space permits. *Since so many of the current ads are old, please re-submit all Classified Ads.* If you have a classified ad you would like us to print, please submit or re-submit it by 15th of the month for that month's newsletter. Contact Pete Antoniewicz at 609-466-7719 or [petea@ac-inc.com](mailto:petea@ac-inc.com)

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 Club member Scott Morgan sends along this tip after a recent trip to the Lancaster area. A Zebco/Quantum outlet store there, Malone Outfitters, is having a going-out-of-business sale with everything at least half off and many deals even better. This includes rods, reels, even the Quantum "Iron" series. The store is located in the Tanger Outlet Center, on Route 30 just east of Lancaster (just about opposite the Dutch Wonderland amusement park). Scott says the sale is only expected to last a few weeks more.

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**Part I In A Series:  
 Deep Hooks:  
 In or Out?**

*The following information has been forwarded by club member Bruce Galinat. It is an answer written by Ralph Manns in response to a question on "Bass Fishing Home Page" Deep Hooks: In or Out? Due to space constraints, the second half of this article will be continued in the June newsletter.*

Those of us who try to share the findings of scientific study with non-scientists are often frustrated. It seems very difficult to get the word out. We write about some important discovery, but find anglers, particularly the influential professional and TV bass anglers, either don't read the new information or dismiss the new scientific insights because they conflict with beliefs the anglers already hold. Professional and TV anglers aren't the only ones to be slow in learning and applying the latest "word" from scientists. Biologists, particularly state fisheries workers are often too busy with their own assigned tasks to read all of the literature produced by other scientists. They continue to advise anglers to handle fish using outmoded procedures. The recommendation that anglers cut the leader close to the hook when bass are "deep-hooked" is a good example. It's hard to find a publication on catch-and-release (C&R) techniques that doesn't pass on this poor advice. Yet, recent research on release techniques strongly suggests there's a better way.

Some years ago, Doug Hannon noted that most magazine articles and state publications recommend leaving hooks in bass and other fish to "rust" out. He reported that hooks don't rust fast enough, even in salt water; and suggested that the shank of a hook pointing up the throat of a bass acts like a lever or trap door that prevents swallowing.

Bass can die of starvation while waiting for normal body processes to eject the hook. Food coming down a bass' throat will bypass a hook-shank, IF the shank lies tightly against the side of the throat where the barb is lodged. However, if the shank protrudes into the throat, food coming down can push the shank across the esophagus, blocking it. Deep-hooked bass may even feel pain as the food rotates the barb, and regurgitate the food.

Recently, Hannon's observations have been scientifically verified. John Foster, Recreational Fisheries Coordinator for the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, studied striped bass at Chesapeake Bay. His researchers held throat-hooked striper between 16- and 28-inches long for observation in half-strength seawater so that hooks had ample opportunity to rust away. Size 1/0 and 2/0 stainless steel, bronzed, nickel, tin-cadmium, and tin-plated hooks were hooked in the top of each fish's esophagus, with an 18-inch length of line connected to the hook. After four months, 78% of the hooks were still imbedded. Cadmium coated hooks poisoned 20% of the fish, and production of these hooks has been stopped.

**Angler of the Year  
 Top Ten Standings**

*Here are the leaders in the race for the 2001 Dave Bryant Angler of the Year award. Standings are current as of the May 19 catfish tournament.*

#	Name	Points
1.	Hollis Laing	190
2.	Jim Wood	182
3.	Rick Mawson	168
4.	Glenn Brooks	100
5.	Al Davis	99
6.	Bob Kuntz	99
7.	Matt Valentine	98
8.	Sam Cummins	97
9.	Lon Brown	97
10.	Bill Brooks	96

Bronzed hooks were less likely (70%) to be retained than tin-cadmium (80%), nickel (83%), or stainless steel (100%) hooks.

In a second test, the line was clipped at the eye of the hook, as advised by most existing C&R guides. 100% of the stainless hooks were again retained, while 56% of tin, 76% of bronze, 84% of tin-cadmium, and 88% of nickel hooks remained. Fish mortality was greater when all line was trimmed. Foster suggested that the lengths of line hanging from a fish's mouth kept the hook-shank flat against the side of the esophagus and allowed food to pass. Without the line, food could move the hook and close the throat. Hooks rusted slowly in stages, and the bend and barb became smaller very gradually. Stripers formed scar tissue around imbedded hook points, a typical reaction of body tissue to foreign matter. Foster noted, however, that once the tough scar tissue formed, hooks became more, not less, difficult to remove. Months after fish were hooked, infections sometimes developed around points, causing some deaths. Based on his research, Foster recommended anglers carefully remove even deeply imbedded hooks. If the hook can not be removed, then it seems better to leave about 18 inches of line attached. Perhaps, someday, these findings will reach C&R anglers, the biologists who are researching C&R and publish C&R guidelines, and TV anglers who teach by their example. A good idea is to carry strong wire-cutting pliers. Cut off protruding barbs in the throat and a hook shank rotates free more easily. Hooks should always be removed if possible and clipping a hook with dikes or other cutting tools is often best for a released bass. But, the hook should be easily reached. To be strong enough to cut heavy hooks like True-Turn Brutes, the tool usually must have heavy jaws and long handles. Forcing such a tool into the gullet of small bass can do as much damage as leaving a hook in place.

Even better for the fish, barbless hooks greatly reduce hook damage to other mouth tissues. They also rotate out more easily.

## Fishing Reports

*These reports were gathered on the weekend of May 19th and 20th.*

### **Tidal River**

At **Jim's Outdoor Sportsman** in Riverside, New Jersey (856-764-3474) Jim Davis says that with rising water temperatures pushing 70, "everything is exploding on the river." "We're seeing the tail end of the herring run," he reports, "but there are still some decent stripers available for fishermen fishing the rip lines and low-light conditions." Jim says that fresh and live herring are taking both catfish and stripers. He reports a number of 10+ lb. catfish taken as a by-catch of striper fishermen.

Largemouth bass fishing in the harbors is also improving by leaps and bounds, according to Jim. Even though the grasses have not yet reached full growth, there are some lily pads and other emerging weeds to hold baitfish. Lure fishermen are scoring with the "big three – crankbaits, spinnerbaits, and worms."

Jim, who will be the weighmaster for the Big Cat Shootout, wants to remind everyone that his own catfish tournament to be held on June 10 will feature a 100% payback in prize money. Entrants must register at Jim's shop by June 9. Call (856) 764-3474 for information.

The following fishing report was posted by Bill Brinkman on May 17th on the Web site of **Brinkman's Bait and Tackle** in Northeast Philly (215-632-0674) <<http://members.aol.com/wormpeople/>> "Now the Delaware River still has been one of the better places to head to catch the most and the most different species of fish. The Trenton area the striper action has slowed a bit but for a good striper fisherman it is not hard to boat 10 to 15 fish a day.

The size of the fish that are being taken are mostly between 24 and 28 inches. Some bigger fish are being picked up late at night or real early in the morning on poppers and large bomber Long A's in blue and silver, black and yellow and white. Some fish are being picked up on sassy shads but most of these fish will be smaller size fish.

"Now down by us some good reports from across the river in front of the Rancocas creek. A few of these fish were in the 32 to 36 inch range with tons of smaller fish there to eat your bloodworms and cut herring. If you can get live herring down to this section of the river that is what the real big fish are being taken on. A few fish have been picked up on live perch also. And down river from the airport to the Commodore Barry Bridge is still one of the better places to head for the most and some of the biggest fish. I think with the deeper water and the amount of bait still in the lower part of the river this is why these bigger fish are staying low. A few reports from the airport of two fish 35 and 36 inches on Monday and another report of a 39 inch fish taken on a live eel down around the Commodore Barry. Again bloodworms, herring cut and live, live perch and eels have been the best baits. Rattle traps, white bucktails, bomber long a's, and yo-zuri plugs have been the better way to land a fish on artificials.

"The largemouth fishing in the lower river has really started to pick up. A lot of these fish are starting to move out into the main part of the river and the fish are being picked up on the points and week line around the coves that they have been winter in. These fish are being picked up on spinner baits, rattle traps, bomber model a's and plastic worms and lizards. And the catfish are really starting to take over the lower part of the river. Some really good catches of cats on bloodworms, herring and chicken livers. The herring are still in the

Trenton area but the amount of fish is starting to show the end of the run. And the shad really dropped off in the Trenton area this week. Some of the better catches of shad are now from the Delaware Water Gap north to Callicoon, New York.

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***Here are individual reports that have recently been posted on the DRFA Web site by club members:***

May 16, from Bob Kuntz. Went to Yardley ramp Wed. morning with Lance. There were 26 slats showing, the lowest I've seen the river in years. Went up on NJ side and some spots were less than a foot deep. I only hit 2 rocks going to wing dam. Fished for herring for an hour without a hit. Started throwing lures & jigs. Nothing. Not many places to go. It was just too shallow. Pulled the engine up and drifted back down towards the ramp and finally hooked up with 28" striper. I missed one more. Guys, if you don't have a jet, fish the lower river & pray for rain. The next two weeks are usually the best striper fishing, but low water is going to ruin it.

May 16, from Mike Spontak. Fished the river out of Raccoon Creek from 8 am till 1 pm on the outgoing tide. Caught between 15 and 20 stripers from 2 to 6 lbs. mostly on a black & white wind cheater and one or two on a rattle trap. Also missed quite a few.

May 12, from Kurt Volk. Had a couple hours Saturday morning and put in with a neighbor who wanted to test out his new rod and reel. Had never been striper fishing so took him out. Had 4 frozen herring that thawed and we drifted with them in front of Yardley access. Took about 10 minutes and he hooked into a 27", also got another about the same and lost one more nice one – all on dead herring. On his last herring, he cast and set the spool on his new Shimano Baitrunner. For some unknown

reason, he set the rod down in the boat and walked to the front end. Almost immediately a striper nailed the herring and line started peeling off his reel. As he went to grab it, the rod shot out of the boat like a dart. Nothing really he could do. While this isn't funny, I did everything I could to not laugh. Boy was he ticked. Guess he learned an expensive lesson when fishing for stripers. If anyone catches a nice striper with new Shimano 3500 attached, let me know! I went down and fished of the wall near the bridges this weekend. Was about every other cast this weekend and landed a herring. My freezer is full.

May 13, from Pete A to Z. Spent a few hours Friday eve. and Saturday morning chasing smallmouth bass in the Scudder's Falls area and the Lambertville/Fireman's Eddy area. Water conditions are LOW for this time of year. Had trouble with low water in some areas, even with a kayak! Water temps are around 70°F. Even had some hits and one hook-up on a topwater Heddon Torpedo (*sunfish pattern*). Best action came on pumpkinseed-colored Twister Tail fished on a 3/16-oz. jighead beneath a safety-pin spinner blade. Hooked eight fish total, landed five, the largest a solid 14" smallie. Went herring fishing near Trenton on Sunday after the cold front came through and only got a handful. Didn't see a lot of other action either. Several other boats reported catching 5 to 10 herring each. Don't know if it's the end of the run or just the barometric pressure at work.

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***Trenton/Yardley/Lambertville:***

Judy at ***HL Bait & Tackle*** in Morrisville, Pennsylvania (215-295-1400) says that stripers are still being taken from Bristol to the Trenton area on bloodworms, eels, larger shiners, herring, and surface lures like Atoms and Bombers, but the herring run is winding down.

The shop has also been selling shiners, leeches, and crawfish to smallmouth bass fishermen targeting the area from Trenton north. And catfish are hitting on nightcrawlers, chicken livers, and the manufactured catfish baits.

***At Ron's Trigger and Reel*** in Ewing, New Jersey (609-695-2818), Ron reports that the hot smallmouth fishing above Lambertville is "as good as it's going to get." Low water conditions have opened up a lot of access for waders, and top lures, according to Ron, include Yo-Zuri's, small Rebel Bombers, and Mega Bites. Herring are still hitting around Trenton, but that action is starting to get spotty. Some stripers are still hitting herring and live eels, but Ron expects plug fishing for them to really warm up once the herring leave the river. Catfishing has been good in the area of the Trenton Power Plant, with fish up to 8 and 9 pounds being taken.

***Easton/Phillipsburg Area:***

Bill Pierce at ***Bill's Bait and Tackle*** (908-859-5729)

<<<http://community.webtv.net/BILLSBAIT/FISHINGREPORT>>> in Phillipsburg, New Jersey says that river conditions are dreadfully low, but "all hell has broken loose" in terms of striper activity over the past few days. "After a slow, short shad season, the focus has shifted to stripers," he reports. "We usually see the really small stripers and a few larger ones, but not the numbers of 6- to 10-lb. schoolies we're seeing now." Bill says that a lot of the action has been on fresh cut herring. In other activity, lots of catfish are being taken on cut herring along with the stripers. And a customer recently reported catching a 2.5 and a 3-lb. smallmouth on hell-grammites. Bill also says that the local Merrill Creek Reservoir is still on fire for smallmouth activity on a catch and release basis.

**Belvidere Area:**

Fishing guide Gene Neiderlander (908-475-5493) says that the shad run is holding on, with water temps in the mid-60s and catches of 16 and 14 fish, with weights up to 5 and 6 lbs. on his two half-day trips on May 20. He also guided a pair of anglers to the first and second place finishes in a 60-man local tournament recently. But he acknowledges that the run is just about over. "We're seeing about 1/3 of the fish are spent (*spawned out*)" Gene says. "That's about two weeks ahead of time." One good sign for the local waters is that Gene has experienced by-catches of walleye and smallmouth while fishing flutter spoons for shad – including walleyes of 22" and 24". He expects smallmouth fishing to really heat up as water temps break through the 70°F barrier.

**Water Gap Area:**

At Red Hawk Outfitters, in Blairstown, NJ (1-888-453-HAWK) [www.redhawkoutfitters.com](http://www.redhawkoutfitters.com) Eric says they did weigh in a 7-lb. shad in late April, but that the shad run is pretty close to done in the Water Gap area as water conditions approach low mid-summer levels. But smallmouth are a good bet on Mr. Twisters, Stanley jigs with a rubber crawfish trailer, and Rapala Countdown minnows, live shiners or fatheads. He also suggests trying larger lures like 1/4-oz. spinnerbaits and larger crankbaits.

**Lackawaxen, PA Area:**

At the Angler's Roost in Lackawaxen, Pennsylvania, (570-685-2010) Dimitri says improving water conditions have resuscitated the shad fishing. Recent releases from Cannonsville Reservoir have raised the water level and, along with several cool nights, helped lower water temps back into the 60s. Big trout are also responding to the cooler water temperatures, taking Thomas Eel lures. Smallmouth in the typical 9" to 14" range are hitting spinners, Blue Foxes, Rooster Tails, and grubs.

**June Tide Predictions, NOAA National Ocean Service**

Readings taken at Municipal Pier 11, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
All listings are prevailing time (Daylight Savings Time).

Day	Time	Ht.	Time	Ht.	Time	Ht.	Time	Ht.
Daylight Saving Time begins at 0200								
1 F	520am L	0.7	1043am H	6.7	547pm L	0.4	1121pm H	7.1
2 Sa	619am L	0.6	1139am H	6.7	641pm L	0.4		
3 Su	1212am H	7.4	715am L	0.5	1232pm H	6.7	731pm L	0.5
4 M	101am H	7.6	808am L	0.4	121pm H	6.6	820pm L	0.6
5 Tu	146am H	7.6	858am L	0.4	209pm H	6.5	906pm L	0.7
6 W	230am H	7.6	946am L	0.4	255pm H	6.4	950pm L	0.8
7 Th	313am H	7.4	1031am L	0.5	340pm H	6.2	1032pm L	0.9
8 F	355am H	7.2	1114am L	0.6	425pm H	6.0	1114pm L	1.0
9 Sa	437am H	7.0	1156am L	0.6	511pm H	5.8	1155pm L	1.0
10 Su	521am H	6.7	1238pm L	0.7	559pm H	5.7		
11 M	1237am L	1.0	607am H	6.5	121pm L	0.7	649pm H	5.6
12 Tu	123am L	1.0	657am H	6.3	205pm L	0.7	742pm H	5.6
13 W	212am L	1.0	752am H	6.1	251pm L	0.7	837pm H	5.7
14 Th	307am L	1.0	849am H	6.0	340pm L	0.7	931pm H	5.9
15 F	404am L	1.0	945am H	5.9	431pm L	0.7	1023pm H	6.1
16 Sa	503am L	0.9	1039am H	5.9	523pm L	0.7	1112pm H	6.4
17 Su	602am L	0.8	1131am H	5.9	615pm L	0.7	1158pm H	6.7
18 M	658am L	0.7	1220pm H	5.9	707pm L	0.6		
19 Tu	1242am H	6.9	752am L	0.5	106pm H	5.9	758pm L	0.6
20 W	126am H	7.2	844am L	0.3	152pm H	6.0	848pm L	0.5
21 Th	208am H	7.3	935am L	0.2	238pm H	6.0	938pm L	0.5
22 F	252am H	7.5	1025am L	0.1	324pm H	6.0	1028pm L	0.4
23 Sa	338am H	7.5	1114am L	0.1	414pm H	6.1	1120pm L	0.4
24 Su	427am H	7.4	1204pm L	0.1	507pm H	6.1		
25 M	1212am L	0.4	521am H	7.3	1254pm L	0.1	604pm H	6.1
26 Tu	107am L	0.5	618am H	7.0	146pm L	0.1	704pm H	6.2
27 W	203am L	0.6	720am H	6.8	238pm L	0.1	806pm H	6.4
28 Th	301am L	0.6	822am H	6.6	332pm L	0.1	906pm H	6.6
29 F	401am L	0.6	924am H	6.4	426pm L	0.2	1004pm H	6.8
30 Sa	500am L	0.6	1022am H	6.3	520pm L	0.3	1059pm H	7.0

Station	Time Differential		Height Differential	
	High	Low	High	Low
Marcus Hook, Pa.	-1 29	-1 16	*0.90	*0.90
Bridgeport, Raccoon Creek, N.J.	-1 13	-0 55	*0.87	*0.87
Darby Creek, Pennsylvania				
Tincum National Wildlife Refuge	-0 26	+0 18	*0.71	*0.71
Paulsboro, Mantua Creek, N.J.	-0 25	-0 28	*0.90	*0.90
Woodbury Creek, N.J.	-0 19	-0 23	*0.93	*0.93
Schuylkill River, Pennsylvania				
Market Street Bridge	-0 26	-0 09	*0.97	*0.97
Westville, Rt 47 bridge, Big Timber Creek, NJ	-0 04	-0 06	*0.94	*0.94
PHILADELPHIA, Municipal Pier 11	+0 00	+0 00	+0.00	+0.00
Bridesburg, Philadelphia, Pa.	+0 11	+0 13	*1.04	*1.04
Palmyra, Pennsauken Cr., Rt 73 bridge, N.J.	+0 49	+0 57	*0.84	*0.84
Pompeston Creek, N.J.	+0 19	+0 37	*1.02	*1.02
Bridgeboro, Rancocas Creek, N.J.	+1 09	+1 09	*1.03	*1.03
Cornwells Heights, Pa.	+0 40	+0 49	*1.14	*1.14
Burlington, N.J.	+0 41	+0 58	*1.17	*1.17
Edgely, Pa.	+1 02	+1 19	*1.24	*1.24
Fieldsboro, N.J.	+1 01	+1 30	*1.26	*1.16
Trenton, N.J.	+1 12	+1 48	*1.30	*1.05

“Fishing”

This item was contributed by former club member Lou Jaros. The original author is unknown, but the sentiment is familiar to anyone who has ever truly experienced the “joy” of fishing.

Fishing

To go fishing is a chance  
To wash one’s soul with pure air,  
With the rush of the brook,  
Or with the  
Shimmer of the sun  
On blue water.

It brings meekness and inspiration  
from the  
Decency and majesty of nature,  
A mockery of profits and egos,  
A quieting of hate,  
A rejoicing that...  
You do not have to decide  
A darned thing until next week.  
It is discipline in the  
equality of men—  
For all men are equal before fish!

Set Your DRFA  
Schedule Today

Saturday, June 23. Smallmouth Tournament. Sign in at the Yardley, PA Access Ramp before the 7:00 a.m. start. Weigh-in is at 1:00 pm.

Saturday, July 14. Largemouth Tournament. Sign in at Frankford Arsenal Ramp before the 6:00 a.m. start. Weigh-in will be at 12:00 noon.

Sunday, August 5. Catfish Tournament. Sign in at Frankford Arsenal Ramp before the 6:00 a.m. start. Weigh-in will be at 12:00 noon.

Sunday, September 16. Largemouth Tournament. Sign in at Frankford Arsenal Ramp before the 7:00 a.m. start. Weigh-in will be at 1:00 pm.

Sunday, October 7. Smallmouth Tournament. Sign in at the Byram, NJ Access Ramp before the 7:00

a.m. start. Weigh-in will be at 1:00 pm.

Sunday, October 28. Catfish Tournament. Sign in at Frankford Arsenal Ramp before the 7:00 a.m. start. Weigh-in will be at 1:00 pm.

New Classified Ads:

The River News publishes classified ads for the benefit of its members as space is available. Submit your listings to Pete Antoniewicz at (609) 466-7719, or via e-mail petea@ac-inc.com

Fishing Partner Wanted. A new club member wanting to learn more about fishing the river is looking for a fishing partner. He’s willing to chip in for gas or to alternate using his boat and yours. Interested parties should contact Bruce Paone at (215) 943-5930.

1992 Bayliner Classic 19’ ( walk thru windshield.)130 HP I/O. Great condition, low hours. Two tops. Brand new skis & vest (in box) \$5000. firm. Call Roger at 215-361-3414

Propellers-- 1 stainless steel 13 x 19. It is used but in excellent condition. It was used on a 1998 Johnson 70 HP motor. Price for stainless prop- \$50.00. Also have a power pedestal with a butt seat (1.77 post) Like brand new. \$30.00 Call Frank Kivler at 856-848-1122 or Email at fkivler@home.com

18’ Ranger For Sale -- 18’ Ranger 364 with Yamaha Pro V 150. Loaded, extras. \$9,000 . CALL AFTER 5:00 pm. 215-943-0533.

1994 Glassport with 100 HP Merc. Garmin 240 on bow. Pro Flasher on dash. Tracker trolling motor. Runs great. Brokering at Mercer Marine 609-586-0445 Scott Schappell. E-mail:njbassman99@yahoo.com

1995 Bass Tracker Pro Team 18 -- 18’ aluminum proven fishing boat, loaded with 40 hp merc w/ power

trim, fish finder, rod locker, AM /FM stereo, dual live wells, 50 lbs thrust 12-24v trolling motor and much more! \$5000.00. Call Rich Bryan at 609-261-6455 or see him at the meetings.

1997 NITRO 700LX. Excellent condition, garage kept. Extended warranty on boat and motor until January 2002. Boat runs all day on one tank of gas. 120HP Force, keel guard, standard and butt seats, retractable transom tie downs, trim gauge, three trim switches, spare tire/wheel, custom cover, retractable rod holders, interior light, Hummingbird LCR, recirculation system in live well, two batteries, water pressure gauge. \$8,000. Bill Lindoerfer 856-589-6489 Email: bassman01@mindspring.com

1997 Ranger 519 DVS Comanche 20’6”. Suzuki 225 EFI with flush-mount controls and gauge package. 1997 Ranger Tandem Trailer, extended tongue, brakes, high-speed winch, two spare tires. Apelco VHF radio, Lowrance 1240 in-dash flasher, two X75 Lowrance depth finders with temperature gauges, 2 four-blade stainless props, Motorguide 742V 24-volt foot-controlled trolling motor, 3 SS battery trays, 3-bank on-board battery charger, deluxe cover, 3 trim buttons, 6’keel protector. Includes numerous additional standard features and options. Contact Barry Vuolo (215) 736-3118. Or fax (215) 736-2997.

Special Bass Boat -- As many of you know I began construction on a wooden bass boat a few years ago. I recently bought a new Tracker and would like to sell the nearly complete 18’ wooden boat. All wood work and exterior fiberglassing is done. The boat is 18’ long and has a 90” beam. Lots of deck and cockpit room. Asking \$750 for boat and trailer. If you are handy and have a garage this is a great deal. Call John Strada at 856-845-5434 for details.Email at jstrada@citnet.com