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Tough Conditions Keep Angler of the Year Competition Close

Dropping water temperatures, cold fronts, and/or muddy water have combined to hamper anglers in the first two DRFA tournaments.

After water temperatures had climbed into the upper 60s during the middle of April, a week-long cold-snap brought river temps crashing down to 51 degrees on the morning of the 4/27 DRFA Shad Tournament. That made for a lousy day for more than 20 DRFA anglers who were chasing the "poor man's tarpon" that morning. One lucky angler, Anthony Scholl managed to bring a 17.75", 2.02-lb shad to the scale that morning to capture the \$125 top prize in that



Anthony Scholl was the sole money-winner in this year's shad tournament with this 2.02-lb. fish.



William Marshall shows his \$125 prize winning entry in the 5/18 smallmouth tournament.



Bob Bonczyk brought this 1.88-lb fish to the scales to claim the \$75 second-place prize.



Steve Schumacher captured third place by just one hundredth of a

event. No other fish were weighed in and Anthony found himself literally alone at the top of the Angler of the Year standings.

Three weeks later, approximately two dozen hearty anglers braved rising muddy waters, dropping water temperatures, more than an inch-and-a-half downpour, sideways rain, and wind from an advancing cold front to achieve only slightly better results in the 2002 Dave Bryant Memorial Smallmouth Tournament.

In all, eight fish were brought to the scale. The average size was 1.39 lbs. and 14.28 inches. That days winners included William Marshall – 1st place, 16.25", 1.95 lbs.; Bob Bonczyk – 2nd place, 16.75", 1.88 lbs.; and Steve Schumacher – 3rd place, 14.75", 1.49 lbs.

Important Dates

Thursday May 30:

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

Saturday June 1:

Big Cat Shootout Tournament
open to the public, will be held
at All entrants must register no
later than the captain's meeting
on Friday evening May 31. For
more information, visit the
DRFA Web site or contact John
Strada, (856) 845-5434.

Saturday June 1:

Catfish tournament open to
DRFA members only. Sign in
before 7:00 am start at
Frankford Arsenal ramp.
Weigh-in is at 1:00 pm sharp.

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President's Message

I hope the first two tournaments are not representative of the remaining six. Between a poor catch for the Shad outing and the horrible weather for the first smallmouth tournament, we certainly have gotten off to a lousy start. After two events only 9 people are on the scoreboard for the Dave Bryant Angler of the Year Award. Hopefully, the remaining 6 tournaments will go a lot better than the first two did.

Speaking of tournaments, the 2002 Big Cat Shootout will be held on June 1st and I'm counting on all of those members who volunteered to help to be there that day, particularly in the afternoon. If you are working the afternoon "shift" you should arrive at Lighting Jacks by 1:30 p.m. Morning "shift" guys need to be there by 5:00 a.m. in order to get all the boats checked in and on their way. I also would appreciate anyone who could help at the Captain's Meeting on Friday night to be there by 6:00 p.m. We will need help with registrations and handing out door prizes, etc. See you all at the meeting on May 30th..

John Strada

Minutes Of The April Meeting

The April 25, 2002 meeting of the DRFA was called to order by President John Strada at 7:01 pm with 28 members in attendance. Vice President Mike Hall read the minutes.

Treasurer's Report: John reported a balance of \$6,900 in the treasury, of which about \$800 was in

registration fees for the Big Cat Shootout and \$300 was in sponsor fees for the Big Cat T-Shirts..

Environmental: Club members reported that dredging to deepen the channel in the lower river has been suspended as only 3 of the 12 potential docks to benefit had agreed to dredging their own access areas.

Club members also reported a lot of debris in the river from recent rains and the full moon high tides, so boaters should be careful when under way.

Bob Kuntz gave members an update of good striper action in the two prior weeks, although he said that herring bite had turned off with the recent drop in water temperatures. Bob advised club members to reduce their risk of break-offs by using at least a 36" to 40" length of 40-lb. fluorocarbon leader. He says when the stripers turn back against your line they can abrade thinner line against their gill plates and dorsal fins.

Richard Labone reported catching 36 shad at Sandts Eddy on the two days of the previous weekend.

John Strada reported on a livewell study which showed that the extended mortality of bass kept in an oxygenated livewell was 7% as opposed to a 30% mortality rate for bass kept in a regular live well.

John also thanked those club members who participated in the DRFA annual clean-up at the Trenton Power Plant fishing access area.

Old Business: John Strada reminded members that the new Bass Club Digests were available

to be picked up by members at club meetings.

John said that he had already received 10 entries for the Big Cat Shootout. He asked for help from anyone attending the Captain's meeting on the evening of May 31. Please arrive by 6:15 pm to help set up. He also advised that we will need members to help with planning for next year's tournament as soon as this year's event is over.

John also announced that the club had 235 members as of the April meeting.

New Business: John Strada notified members of a bass tournament sponsored by the 911 Bass Anglers, to be held on May 5 at the Neshaminy ramp.

Frank Beck, John Strada, and Mike Hall volunteered to help with the registration and weigh-in for the May 18 smallmouth tournament. Ron Soto and Tom Zerumski volunteered to help with the June 22 DRFA catfish tournament.

The winning 50/50 entry received \$22.00. The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Club Member Directory Available

DRFA members who would like to have a directory of phone numbers and E-mail addresses so they can contact other club members for fishing and club-related activities can now obtain one. You can receive a PDF file via E-mail to print at your own convenience. Contact John Strada to request your copy via E-mail, by mail, or at club meetings and tournaments.

DRFA Contacts: **President** – John Strada, 856-845-5434; **Vice-President/Tournament Coordinator** – Mike Hall, 215-945-0126; **Treasurer** – John Strada 856-845-5434; **Membership Secretary** – Diane Strada, 856-845-5434; **Recording Secretary** – Pete Antoniewicz, 609-466-7719; **Editor of The River News** – Pete Antoniewicz, 609-466-7719 <DRFA_TheRiverNews@hotmail.com>; **Tournament Hotline** – 215-945-3635

E-MAIL ALERT!!! **New DRFA E-mail Address Available & Notification System Being Tested**

If you have not checked your E-mail recently, do it now, because we are testing an automated E-mail notification system as a means for alerting club members to timely news – the posting of the current newsletter on the Web site, special meeting announcements such as voting or a special guest speaker, and last-minute tournament changes.

The message should have come to you from the E-mail address <DRFA_TheRiverNews@hotmail.com> NOTE: You can also start using that address to submit fishing reports and other information to both the Web site and *The River News*. You should also expect to receive future notices and reminders from that same address.

If you have not already done so, please reply to your first E-mail received from that address as a way of confirming that we were successful in reaching you at your correct E-mail address.

There are several reasons, however, why you might not have received your recent E-mail notification that the May newsletter was posted on the Web site. 1.) You might not have identified an E-mail address on your membership form. 2.) You might have changed your E-mail address since then. 3.) There might have been a typographical error in the transcription of your E-mail address either on the membership roster or on the E-mail address listing.

If, for any reason, you have not received your notification, please drop a note to us at that address

<DRFA_TheRiverNews@hotmail.com> being sure to include your full name and your correct E-mail address. We will add you to our list as soon as we receive it.

New Jersey's Free Fishing Days Are Saturday & Sunday, June 1 & 2

New Jersey's 2002 Free Fishing Days are Saturday and Sunday, June 1 & 2. The days are held in conjunction with National Fishing and Boating Week, June 1 - 10. On these two weekend days no license or trout stamp is required for fishing New Jersey's public waters (*all other regulations remain in effect*). It's a great way for anyone who's gotten away from fishing to come back to it, or for someone who has never fished to try it without the expense of a license.

Invite a neighbor, friend, or relative with a young child to come along with you for the day and let them discover how much fun it can be to "Take a kid fishing!"

Angler of the Year Top Ten Standings

Here are the leaders in the race for the 2002 Dave Bryant Angler of the Year award. Standings are current as of the May 18th smallmouth bass tournament.

#	Name	Points
1.	Anthony Scholl	100
2.	William Marshall	100
3.	Bob Bonczyk	99
4.	Steve Schumacher	98
5.	Phil Bakanowsky	97
6.	Bill Etzl	96
7.	Curt Kirby	95
8.	Mike Geppart	94
9.	Scott Ferral	93
10.	(none)	--

Remaining 2002 Tournament Schedule

Mark your calendar with this list of DRFA club tournaments scheduled for the remainder of this season. *The two Big Cat Shootout tournaments shown in italics are open to the public and require a special entry fee for club members and non-members alike.* All other events are open to dues-paying DRFA members only – with no additional entry fee. Several dates include an alternative site in case the event needs to be moved, due to low water-conditions or other logistical problems. **Be sure to check your newsletters, the DRFA Web site, or the new Tournament Hotline (215-945-3635) in the weeks before each tournament to confirm any changes.**

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Location</u>
<i>Sat.</i>	<i>June 1</i>	<i>Big Cat Shootout</i>	<i>7 am - 3 pm</i>	<i>Lightning Jack's Marina</i>
Sat.	June 22	Catfish	7 am - 1 pm	Frankford Arsenal
Sat.	July 13	Largemouth	6 am - 12 noon	Frankford Arsenal
Sun.	Aug. 11	Catfish	6 am - 12 noon	West Deptford (alt. Frankford Arsenal)
Sun.	Sept. 8	Largemouth	7 am - 1 pm	Frankford Arsenal (alt. West Deptford)
<i>Sat.</i>	<i>Sept. 14</i>	<i>Big Cat II</i>	<i>7 am - 3 pm</i>	<i>Lightning Jack's Marina</i>
Sun.	Sept. 29	Smallmouth	7 am - 1 pm	Byram
Sun.	Oct. 13	Catfish	7 am - 1 pm	Frankford Arsenal

Fishing Reports

The following reports were gathered on the weekend of May 18th and 19th.

Tidal River:

The following fishing report was posted by Bill Brinkman on Friday, May 17th on the Web site of **Brinkman's Bait and Tackle** in Northeast Philly (215-632-0674) <<http://members.aol.com/wormpeople/>> A more detailed report is available on that site.

“Well the rains have come again and again this past week. Lets start with the upper Delaware. The river from the Delaware Water Gap downstream to Trenton as of yesterday is very high and muddy. I looked at the river on Wednesday at Trenton and by the looks of it I would not head that way until at least Saturday. This is if we get no more rain. Reports from the lower river have been very good for stripers and catfish even though it is quite off color down here also. But this does not stop these fish from hitting. I really think when the water gets this way the fish will bite even better. Cut herring, cut eels, live eels, live perch, bloodworms, nightcrawlers, clams and chicken livers have been the best baits. The perch have been hitting real well on bloodworms and have taken the place of the live herring until the river gets back to normal. A report from the Tacony Bridge yesterday – 23 stripers and 11 catfish all on bloodworms. This customer was fishing the Jersey side of the bridge and told me the fish were biting all day but he did not have anything of size. A good report from the Turnpike bridge with three stripers all over 30 inches picked up on live perch on Tuesday. This customer told me that there were plenty of fish to be caught but the winds were blowing so hard it was hard to pick up the hits. Only the big fish that slammed the live baits were easy to catch. He picked his perch up at

the power plant at Trenton and fished for the stripers down river. He tried for hours for herring with no success. But all week everyone was doing well on the stripers and cats from the shore and from boats. I did not hear one report for herring or shad that was good.

The Schuylkill River is also very high and muddy. Again no good reports from the art museum for stripers this past week. The few guys that did go down told me the water was pouring over the dam so hard that it was impossible to fish. The upper part of the river is pretty much the same with only one report from the Flat Rock dam area for catfish. This customer fished the bottom with chicken livers and nightcrawlers and had a very good day for cats. He landed over 15 fish and had a few fish over 5 pounds. He also tried for smallies with minnows only to pick up catfish on them also.

“Well, the Susquehanna River is no exception. The normal level of this river in the spring is 5 to 7 feet. As of yesterday, the river was between 10 and 12 feet. A few guys got out this way only to turn around and come home. They all told me that it was too dangerous to fish. The water is very muddy also. This river will take at least a week to come back to a normal level to fish. I just hope it does not hurt the spawn of the bass. Again the only report that I did get from this area was from the lower part around Bruner's Island for catfish. These guys went out for bass only to find the river high and muddy so they bottom fished for cats with very good success. Landing over 30 fish for the three of them with four fish over 10 pounds. They caught most of their fish on minnows with a few picked up on nightcrawlers.

The largemouth bass fishing this past week was very good at Nockamixon, Churchville, Silver and Rohm Haas. At Rohm Haas

the bass have been hitting plastic worms and rattle traps the best fishing around the weed lines. In Churchville the fish are being picked up off the road way on white spinner baits and rattle traps. A few fish over 5 pounds have been picked up in this lake. The panfishing is also been very good under the bridge. Minnows, mealworms, hair jigs and twister jigs have been the best for the small fish. Nockamixon has been a very good place this past week. The bass are starting to move into the shallows to bed up and there have been some good size fish taken. One customer boated 11 bass from 15 to 19 inches on plastic lizards late in the day on Tuesday. After dark he got into the hybrid stripers landing 4 of them all over 6 pounds. He picked them up on Zara Spooks. Another customer was fishing the dam area back to the upper ramp and did well on bass and even landed two small muskies. He was doing his best on crayfish crankbaits and white spinner baits. And a few other reports from bank fisherman were also good for some bass and crappies. These guys were fishing off the docks and picking up the bass on spinner baits and the crappies on bait and small jigs.

“Well good luck this week and anyone heading up the Delaware River this weekend please give me a call when you get back and let me know what the river is like. I want to get up sometime next week and would like to find out if the river is back to a normal level and color. Take care, Bill”

Trenton/Yardley/Lambertville:

Dan at **HL Bait & Tackle** in Morrisville, Pennsylvania (215-295-1400) says that the recent rains have wreaked havoc on the fishing with the poor water conditions. He did report that a few herring were taken on Thursday (5/16) after the river subsided from its highest and muddiest rise of the year. But that

was followed up by another weekend of rising muddy water. He did report that some striper activity has bounced back with bigger stripers being taken again on live herring and bloodworms. The wall next to the KatManDu nightclub has yielded a 9-lb. catfish, and a 4-lb. shad, and a nice sized walleye recently. Dan also reported that some of his customers were catching largemouth bass in the Burlington area of the river using shiners.

Ron Ernst, owner of **Ron's Trigger and Reel** in Ewing, New Jersey (609-695-2818), says that the high waters caused by recent rains have hampered fishing in both the tidal and non-tidal river, but that with some clear weather, things could be getting back to normal again by the Memorial Day weekend.

"The high muddy water has knocked the herring fishing out several times over the past week," he said. "Just as it started to recover on Thursday the 16th, the following weekend rains knocked it out again." Ron suspects that these disruptions and the cooler water temperatures will cause the herring season to hold on a bit longer. As of that weekend, he had heard of no immediate shad or striper reports. But he does expect smallmouth action to start heating up in the non-tidal river as soon as the river begins to clear.

Easton/Phillipsburg Area:

Bill Pierce of **Bill's Bait and Tackle** (908-859-5729) Phillipsburg, NJ

<<http://community-2.webtv.net/BILLSBAIT/FISHINGREPO RT/>> says that with the river running high and muddy, most local anglers have been heading to Merril Creek Reservoir for trout and smallmouth action, while waiting for the big river to clear out.

Over the past few weeks, however, Bill has been posting reports to our

Web site on a rebound in the local shad fishing and striper fishing. Thanks for all of your help, Bill.

But it seems as though the most recent rains and cooling water temperatures have knocked that back again. Bill also said he had no smallmouth activity in the river to report at this point.

Belvidere Area:

The weather has been the biggest factor over the past four weeks for guide **Gene Neiderlander** (908-475-5493). Cold water temps and high waters have caused him to cancel more trips than any other year. When water temps rose into the upper 60s several weeks ago, he and his customers caught "many" shad. Then the chill hit and all but shut down the fishery.

But Gene did have some good news to report recently. "We fished in the rain on Saturday, May 18th before the waters rose and caught 20 shad in a five-hour trip," he noted. Some of those shad had already spawned and some were ready to spawn.

Gene has not heard of any other type of fishing activity locally, but did say that his customers have taken smallmouth, walleye, and muskie on shad darts.

Lackawaxen Area:

Dimitri at **The Angler's Roost** (570-685-2010) in Lackawaxen, PA reports that the recent rains have left the river high and murky, although a few shad have been taken in the past few days. The local shad season started in mid April and should run through the end of June if water temperatures cooperate. As in other areas of the river, the shad action has paralleled the quality of the water conditions.

Dimitri also noted that trout fishing has been good in the smaller streams that feed the river, and the Lackawaxen River has been running high it is fairly clear.

A Fish Story

This story was contributed by DRFA member Charles Schneider.

A Cajun was stopped by a game warden in Southern Louisiana recently with two ice chests of fish, leaving a bayou well known for its fishing. The game warden asked the man, "Do you have a license to catch those fish?" The Cajun replied, "Naw, ma fren, I ain't got none of dem, no. Dese are my pet fish."

"Pet fish?!" the warden replied.

"Ya. Avery night I take dese here fish down to de bayou and let dem swim 'round for a while. I whistle and dey jump rat back into dere ice chests and I take dem home."

"That's a bunch of hooley! Fish can't do that!"

The Cajun looked at the game warden for a moment and then said, "It's de truth ma' fren, I'll show you. It really works."

"Okay, I've GOT to see this!" The game warden was curious now.

The Cajun poured the fish in to the bayou and stood and waited.

After several minutes, the game warden turned to him and said, "Well?"

"Well, what?" said the Cajun.

"When are you going to call them back?" The game warden prompted.

"Call who back?" the Cajun asked.

"The FISH."

"What fish?" the Cajun asked.

Dredging Update

Information for this story is reprinted from a Courier-Post newspaper article provided by club member Jeff Haba.

Rep. Bob Andrews is adamantly opposing a U.S. Army Corp of Engineers plan that he says will allow a dredging company to dispose of 650,000 cubic yards of sediment from New York Harbor

along the Delaware River in Logan Township, New Jersey.

Andrews, D-NJ, said he confirmed Thursday that the Army Corps' district office in New York awarded a contract on March 15 allowing Weeks Marine Inc. to haul sediment to a disposal site the firm owns near the Commodore Barry Bridge.

"I am determined to oppose this," Andrews said. "I am outraged by the fact that the Army Corps did not notify any elected official in our region about this."

Logan's mayor, John C. Wright, said the township will work with state and federal officials to do "whatever we have to do" to try to stop the plan from happening.

"Logan Township certainly is not going to be the dumping ground for new York Harbor," he said.

Andrews has sent a letter to the Army Corps' headquarters in Washington and to New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Commissioner Bradley M. Campbell. The DEP has to issue permits to allow the disposal, Andrews said. He wants the DEP to schedule a public hearing to discuss the sediment transfer.

Andrews said he is concerned that industrial toxins in the harbor sediment, being dredged as part of a port deepening project, could pose environmental or public health threats.

For two years, Andrews fought a plan by the Army Corps Philadelphia district to deepen the Delaware's main shipping channel and place much of the spoils in dumps in South Jersey. He doesn't want to see South Jersey made a dumping ground "for someone else's problem."

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.
1 Sa	126am L	1.1	656am H	6.5	209pm L	0.8	738pm H	5.7
2 Su	216am L	1.2	752am H	6.3	257pm L	0.8	836pm H	5.8
3 M	309am L	1.2	850am H	6.2	345pm L	0.9	932pm H	5.9
4 Tu	404am L	1.2	947am H	6.1	435pm L	0.8	1026pm H	6.2
5 W	500am L	1.1	1042am H	6.1	525pm L	0.8	1117pm H	6.4
6 Th	555am L	0.9	1135am H	6.2	614pm L	0.8		
7 F	1204am H	6.7	649am L	0.8	1224pm H	6.1	703pm L	0.8
8 Sa	1249am H	6.8	741am L	0.6	111pm H	6.0	750pm L	0.7
9 Su	131am H	6.9	831am L	0.5	155pm H	5.9	836pm L	0.7
10 M	210am H	7.0	919am L	0.4	236pm H	5.8	921pm L	0.7
11 Tu	247am H	7.0	1006am L	0.3	316pm H	5.7	1006pm L	0.7
12 W	323am H	7.0	1052am L	0.3	355pm H	5.6	1051pm L	0.7
13 Th	400am H	7.0	1138am L	0.4	436pm H	5.6	1138pm L	0.7
14 F	441am H	7.0	1225pm L	0.4	522pm H	5.6		
15 Sa	1227am L	0.7	528am H	6.9	113pm L	0.4	614pm H	5.7
16 Su	120am L	0.7	623am H	6.8	202pm L	0.4	713pm H	5.9
17 M	217am L	0.8	726am H	6.6	254pm L	0.4	816pm H	6.2
18 Tu	316am L	0.8	831am H	6.5	348pm L	0.4	917pm H	6.5
19 W	417am L	0.8	934am H	6.5	443pm L	0.4	1016pm H	6.9
20 Th	518am L	0.7	1035am H	6.4	538pm L	0.4	1112pm H	7.2
21 F	618am L	0.6	1132am H	6.4	633pm L	0.4		
22 Sa	1204am H	7.5	716am L	0.4	1226pm H	6.4	726pm L	0.4
23 Su	1255am H	7.6	810am L	0.3	118pm H	6.4	817pm L	0.5
24 M	143am H	7.7	902am L	0.3	208pm H	6.3	907pm L	0.6
25 Tu	229am H	7.6	951am L	0.3	257pm H	6.2	954pm L	0.7
26 W	315am H	7.4	1038am L	0.4	344pm H	6.1	1040pm L	0.8
27 Th	400am H	7.2	1124am L	0.6	432pm H	5.9	1125pm L	1.0
28 F	445am H	7.0	1207pm L	0.7	521pm H	5.8		
29 Sa	1210am L	1.1	532am H	6.7	1250pm L	0.8	611pm H	5.8
30 Su	1255am L	1.1	622am H	6.5	133pm L	0.8	704pm H	5.7

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
Egely, 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

Height Differences: For most stations, use of a predicted height difference would give unsatisfactory predictions. In such cases they have been omitted and one or two ratios, indicated by an asterisk (*), are given. To obtain the height of tide at the subordinate station in these cases, multiply the height of tide at the reference station by the ratio listed. The result is normally rounded to the nearest 1 foot.

DRFA Spring Club Catfish Tournament

Saturday, June 22, 2002

7:00 am until 1:00 pm

Frankford Arsenal Ramp

Off Tacony Street, Philadelphia, PA (just south of the Tacony-Palmyra Bridge)

RULES:

- All participants must check in between 6:00 AM & 7AM before fishing.
- There is no entry fee.
- Only paid members of the D.R.F.A., and qualifying family members *, may participate and weigh-in fish. (the most recent membership list will be present at weigh-in.)
- Only one (1) catfish per person will be weighed. The heaviest fish will determine the winner.
- In the event of a tie in weight, the longest fish will determine the winner.
- The fish must have been caught on that day.
- The fishing area will be limited to the part of the Delaware River and tributaries that can be reached by boat from the Frankford Arsenal Ramp. Shore fishing is permitted.
- Weigh-in is at 1 PM sharp. Those arriving after 1 PM, will not be permitted to weigh-in fish for prizes or points.
- Only legal fishing methods, of the States of New Jersey and Pennsylvania may be used. Live bait is permitted
- The catfish must be alive to be weighed. All fish will be released after weighing.
- The tournament judge will have final say in all disputes.

PRIZES:

1st Place-\$125

2nd Place-\$75

3rd Place- \$50

Tournament Hotline: 215-945-3635

Tournament Coordinator: Mike Hall 215-945-0126

All anglers weighing in fish, no matter where they place, will accumulate points towards the "Dave Bryant Memorial Angler of the Year" contest.

*Qualifying family members can only participate if a Family Membership has been purchased. Qualifying family members include any member of the immediate family residing at that home and any immediate children, up to the age of 16, no matter where they live. Grandchildren up to the age of 16 also qualify, no matter where they live.

