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# The River News

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## Educational Seminars and "Bull Sessions" To Kick Off 2003 Meeting Schedule

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Thanks to the efforts of our new Vice President, Steve Raulfs, we have a line-up of fishing seminars and learning opportunities for the next few monthly meetings.

We will also be encouraging meeting goers to stay after the meetings to discuss a different Delaware River fishing topic each month. This will be an excellent opportunity for new members and existing members alike to share and expand their knowledge of fishing the river for various species.

### Shad To Be Featured Topic At January Meeting

Shad, one of the early season species targeted by Delaware River anglers, will be the featured topic at the January 30 meeting. At the conclusion of the business portion of our January meeting, we will be joined by Delaware Valley Outdoors TV and radio host Bob Murray for a seminar on shad fishing. After the seminar, members are invited to stay to discuss their own questions and experiences. Whether you're a novice or an expert, please join us for this meeting.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** Any anglers who have logs of their shad

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*Bob Murray, host of the "Delaware Valley Outdoors" shows on radio and television, will be the guest speaker at our January meeting, where he will present a shad fishing seminar. You can hear Bob discussing outdoor topics on WDVR 89.7 FM on Thursday evenings from 5 pm to 6 pm, see him on Comcast TV, or visit [www.DelawareValleyOutdoors.com](http://www.DelawareValleyOutdoors.com).*

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*fishing experiences from the past few years are asked to please bring them to the January meeting so that we can share the information with New Jersey Fisheries Biologist Mark Boriek. Mark has been helpful in providing information to our club and this will be our chance to thank him by sharing information that he can correlate to his hydroacoustic studies.*

### Stripers Are Focus For February

Join us at the February meeting for a presentation on Delaware River striper fishing by local guide Chris Gatley. Chris is a guide with Reel Bass Adventures and his own business, Ardent Angler. You can visit his Web site at [www.ardentangler.com](http://www.ardentangler.com)

### March Is Catfish Month

At the March meeting, we will be joined by guest speaker Ann Faulds who will talk about flathead catfish in the Delaware River drainage. After the meeting, club members will stay to discuss catfishing strategies and tactics.

### President's Message

With this being my first opportunity to write a President's Message, I am excited at the prospects for our club in the coming season.

Steve Raulfs has done a super job of lining up speakers for our club meetings. Karen and Hollis Laing have stepped up to handle the Membership Secretary duties. John

### Important Dates

#### Thursday, January 30:

7:00 pm. Monthly meeting in back upstairs meeting room of The Sportsmen's Center, Route 130 North, Bordentown, NJ. The topic for this month is shad fishing, and our guest speaker is Bob Murray. Please bring any shad fishing logs you have so we can help New Jersey Fisheries Biologist Mark Boriek.

#### Thursday, February 27:

7:00 pm. Monthly meeting in back upstairs meeting room of The Sportsmen's Center, Route 130 North, Bordentown, NJ. The topic for this month is striper fishing in the Delaware River and our guest speaker is Reel Bass Adventures and Ardent Angler river guide Chris Gatley.

Dell has been helping me with the Web site and is ready to take it over completely once he finishes his college coursework in June. We also have a committee to run the Big Cat Shootout. And several members were successful at the Outdoor Show contacting prospective sponsoring businesses for both the club and the Big Cat Shootout fundraiser. (*I'll have a full report of the Outdoor Show in next month's issue.*) While we still have a few roles that need to be filled for various tasks, we seem to be well on our way to keeping the DRFA going strong.

One thing I have come to appreciate over the past few months is how many "behind-the-scenes" details John Strada handled. Believe me, for as much as I knew of what John did, there have been even more details than I expected. It has given me an even greater appreciation for the years of effort he has given to the club.

Thanks to all the individuals who have already stepped forward and those who will continue to step forward throughout the year. I'm looking forward to all of us having more fun and learning more about river fishing than ever before. See you on the river.

Pete Antoniewicz

## Minutes of the November Meeting

The December 19 meeting of the DRFA was called to order by club secretary Pete Antoniewicz at 7:10 pm with 38 members attending.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Matt Kicinski reported a balance of \$4,706.93 in the club account.

**Environmental:** John Strada reported that the Green Acres project and ramp at Proprietor's

Park in Gloucester City, New Jersey has been completed. It is located at Jersey Avenue, off of Broad, at the Big Water Tower

**Old Business:** Trophy winners capitalized on their last chance to pick up their trophies for the 2002 season.

Pete Antoniewicz asked members for photos that could be used in the January outdoor show display.

Steve Raulfs offered discounted show tickets for members to buy and to sell for the club. Show Booth volunteers were finalized.

Pete Antoniewicz discussed the possibility of running a "paper" striper tournament in June as a "non-paying" event on an experimental basis this year. We could use a volunteer tournament coordinator for this event. Anyone interested should contact Steve Raulfs.

Pete also made a request for one or more club members to fill the role as our representative to the South Jersey Bass Clubs Association. In order for our club members to qualify for the SJBCA Bass Bowl tournament, we need to attend at least 5 meetings. Meetings are held in the Vineland area around the middle of each month.

**New Business:** Club members decided a number of ballot questions and elected officers for the new year.

It was agreed that there would be one level of individual membership with all members receiving a paper newsletter at \$15 dues.

Members voted to move up the shad tournament a few weeks to take advantage of the shad migration in the Trenton to Lambertville area. This year's tournament will be held on April

12, one week before the Easter weekend.

Members voted to return to the West Deptford Ramp for a catfish tournament this season.

Congratulations to the following members who were nominated and elected to their respective club offices for the coming year:

Matt Kicinski, *Treasurer*.

Eileen Kicinski, *Recording Secretary*.

Karen and Hollis Laing, *Membership Secretary*.

Steve Raulfs, *Vice-President and Tournament Coordinator*.

Pete Antoniewicz, *President*.

A new DRFA Post Office Box address will be obtained not that the election of a Membership Secretary has been finalized.

Members in attendance received gifts and refreshments during the holiday party. The meeting and party was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

## 2003 DRFA Dues Now Payable

It's that time of year again, time to renew your DRFA membership dues for the 2003 season.

Please note that all individual memberships are now \$15 and all family memberships are \$20. Every member will automatically receive 12 printed copies of the monthly newsletters mailed directly to his or her home. Of course, the newsletter will continue to be available on-line one week before each meeting.

If you have not already done so, please use the application form at the back of this newsletter to renew your membership or make as many copies of it as necessary to sign up new club members.



*DRFA 2002 Angler of the Year, Curt Kirby, (left) receives his personal plaque and \$250 check for accumulating the highest point total in the year-long competition.*

## Angler Of The Year Combines Old And New Experiences To Capture Title

Persistence and experience combined as Curt Kirby scored in seven of the eight DRFA club tournaments during the 2002 season to capture the title of Dave Bryant Angler of the Year. (*The award is presented in honor of the late Dave Bryant, a past president of the DRFA.*) The only tournament in which Curt failed to enter a legal fish was the shad tournament.

Kirby and his lifelong friend and fishing partner, Bob Bonczyk, “grew up fishing Tullytown Cove and the nearby Delaware River for largemouth bass and catfish,” according to Curt. Some of that experience came in handy as he was able to score in both largemouth tournaments and all three catfish tournaments, although not without a bit of frustration and ultimately a little luck.

“Up until about five years ago, we spent more than 20 years on the lower river fishing for largemouth and muskies,” Curt explains. Since he has recently concentrated his efforts on smallmouth fishing in the Delaware and Susquehanna Rivers over the past 5 years, he notes that “largemouth fishing in

the Delaware has seemingly gotten tougher than it was 15 years ago.”

Where Kirby and his fishing partner really gained ground was in the smallmouth tournaments. They were both among the few anglers to weigh in fish in the May smallmouth tournament, and the pair captured first and second place in the September smallmouth tournament.

Aside from the one bass tournament where he caught his keeper literally 15 minutes before the end of the tournament, Curt cites the catfish competitions as some of the most nerve-wracking. “Frustrating as hell,” was the way he described those tournaments where they went several hours without putting a fish in the boat.

Curt gives his fishing partner credit for two fantastic netting jobs that helped him bring big fish to the scales – one in the September largemouth event and one in the September smallmouth event.

Good news for club smallmouth fanatics. Curt and Bob have had an excellent year of smallmouth fishing, with the numbers and sizes getting better as a result of a banner year hatch several seasons ago. Curt is looking for a banner smallmouth year in the coming season.

Bad news for Curt, though. This year his partner, Bonczyk, who finished in fifth place in the 2002 Angler of the Year competition, has his heart set on winning it all. Better learn how to net your own fish, Curt.

## Solve Shad Puzzle, Join Us For Seminar And Follow-up

Whether you have more questions than answers about shad fishing, or have been catching them for decades, join our guest speaker Bob Murray for a shad seminar at the January 30 meeting and join

other DRFA members for a follow-up discussion after the meeting.

This is the first in a series of informative meetings planned for the beginning of this year. And it’s also an opportunity to help our friend, New Jersey Fisheries Biologist Mark Boriek, with some research. Mark has asked DRFA members to help by providing information from their fishing logs. Anyone who keeps a log of their shad fishing trips can help Mark by filling him in on your experiences last spring so he can try to correlate that with his raw data from the hydro-acoustic sampling. Information like dates, times, peaks of fishing activity, and fishing location relative to the Lambertville survey site under the Route 202 bridge can help him better understand the significance of his raw data.

Bring your shad fishing logs to the January meeting, or if you can’t make it then, you can speak directly with Mark at the Lebanon Fisheries Laboratories at 908-236-2118 or contact him via E-mail at [mboriek@eclipse.net](mailto:mboriek@eclipse.net)

## New Postal Address, New E-Mail Address

With the election of new officers, especially our new Membership Secretary, we have moved our post office box address to a more convenient location. Please take note and send all new membership applications and eventually any Big Cat Shootout entry forms to our new mailing address:

**D.R.F.A.**  
**P.O. Box 25**  
**Langhorne, PA 19047-0025**

Also, please update your E-mail address books to include the new DRFA E-mail address to be used for all purposes – newsletter or Web site correspondence, or contact with Pete Antoniewicz. The new E-mail address is:  
[DRFA\\_TheRiverNews@hotmail.com](mailto:DRFA_TheRiverNews@hotmail.com)

*Visit our Web site at [www.drfishermen.com](http://www.drfishermen.com)*

## Classified Ads

As we go through the winter months without tournament fliers and extensive fishing reports, we will have room once again for member classified ads. If you are interested in buying or selling a fishing boat or other gear, submit your ad to The River News Editor, Pete Antoniewicz at the contact address or phone number listed on the back cover of this newsletter.

### For sale, 12' aluminum

**Grumman** semi-vee/9.9hp/flat floors/rod holders/electronics/2 swivel seats/galvanized trailer/etc. \$1500.00 Call Ron @215-969-4727 or weekdays @215-920-3040 Or E-mail rkskidding@aol.com

**FREE Wooden Bass Boat looking for a good home.** For the past few years, John Strada has been trying to sell his beautifully hand crafted 18' wooden bass boat. Now that he is relocating to Florida, the urgency to clear out his garage is even more pressing. For this reason, he and his wife Diane have decided to donate the boat to a worthy group such as a rescue squad or a Boy Scout troop or such. 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 selling to an individual, but also willing to donate to a charitable organization that can put this boat to good use. If you are handy and have a

garage this is a great deal. Call John or Diane Strada at 856-845-5434 for details.

## FREE Fishing Seminar

The Hemlock Rod and Gun Club is sponsoring their annual fishing seminar on Friday March 7, at 6:00 pm at the Fraternal Order of Eagles Hall (formerly Hugh Carcella Hall), 920 Trenton Road, Fairless Hills, PA

There will be a variety of displays and the guest speaker, Bill Donovan, publisher of New Jersey Angler Magazine, will talk about fishing the back bays and estuaries for the "Big 4" inshore species – stripers, weakfish, bluefish, and fluke. He'll be talking about his system for taking some of New Jersey's biggest fish from some of its skinniest water.

The DRFA will be in attendance, signing up new members. Other exhibitors include HL Bait and Tackle, Reel Bass Adventures Guides Barry Vuolo and Chris Gately, Stillware Lures, taxidermist Eric Smith, PA Fish Conservation Officers, and Reel Time Guide Service's Tom Triebel. For more information, you can call 215-946-0113.

## Boating Safety Course

An 8-hour Certified Basic Boating Course will be taught by PA Fish and Boat Commission Officers on Monday March 10 and Wednesday March 12, from 6 pm to 10 pm each night. The location is at the Fraternal Order of Eagles Hall (formerly Hugh Carcella Hall ) 920 Trenton Road, Fairless Hills, PA. The course is being sponsored by the Hemlock Rod and Gun Club. For more information and to register, call John Coburn at (215) 493-3219.

## Upcoming South Jersey Bass Tournaments

Bass fishermen, check out these public tournaments being sponsored by fellow member clubs of the South Jersey Bass Clubs Association in the coming months. Use the information below to contact the individual clubs for details:

Date	Location	Time	Sponsoring Club
3/2	Rainbow Lake *	6 am – 2 pm	Tri-State Bass Assassins Contact: Al Davis 856-881-8110. E-Mail: Joe Hoban at <a href="mailto:Johobass@aol.com">Johobass@aol.com</a> Website: <a href="http://www.geocities.com/tsba95">www.geocities.com/tsba95</a>
3/9	Parvin Lake	7 am – 3 pm	Tidewater Bassmasters Tournament Contact: Greg DiPalma – 856-825-1108
3/15	Union Lake *	7 am – 3 pm	Bucketmouth Brigade Contact: Gary D'Alonzo at 856-985-6323 Website: <a href="http://www.bassclubs.net/clubpages/bucketmouth">www.bassclubs.net/clubpages/bucketmouth</a>
3/16	Lake Assunpink *	6 am – 2 pm	Pine Cone Anglers
3/29	Union Lake (2-day) *	6 am – 2 pm	Tri-State Bass Assassins
3/30	Sunset Lake (top 10 from Day 1)		Contact: Al Davis 856-881-8110. E-Mail: Joe Hoban at <a href="mailto:Johobass@aol.com">Johobass@aol.com</a> Website: <a href="http://www.geocities.com/tsba95">www.geocities.com/tsba95</a>
4/5	Union Lake *	6 am – 2 pm	Garden State Bassmasters Contact: John McGrath at 856-719-9546 or e-mail at <a href="mailto:Gardenstatebass@aol.com">Gardenstatebass@aol.com</a>
4/6	Lake Assunpink *	6 am – 2 pm	Rising Sun Bassmasters Contact: Rick Phelan at 609-261-0305 E-Mail: <a href="mailto:BetterOutlook@aol.com">BetterOutlook@aol.com</a>
4/12	Carnegie Lake		Mercer County Bass Contact: Scott Schappell at 609-695-3539 Website: <a href="http://www.geocities.com/sschappell99">www.geocities.com/sschappell99</a>
4/13	Union Lake *	6 am – 2 pm	Atlantic County Bass Anglers Contact: Greg Carter at 856-546-9183 E-Mail: <a href="mailto:Gregg2@aol.com">Gregg2@aol.com</a>

\* Date not final until WMA tournament permit has been issued by the State.

Visit our Web site at [www.drfishermen.com](http://www.drfishermen.com)

## Fishermen's Flea Market

The South Jersey Bass Club Association and Lilliston Marine will be sponsoring a Fishermen's Flea Market on Saturday March 1, at Lilliston Marine, 787 North Delsea Drive, Vineland, NJ

Hours are from 8:30 am to 2:00 pm. Items for both fresh water and salt water fishing will be included.

The admission donation is \$1, and kids under 14 are FREE. There will be door prizes, a kid's casting area, food, and a tackle-box raffle. For information you can check out the SJBCA Web site at [www.geocities.com/sjbca99](http://www.geocities.com/sjbca99)

(DRFA members will be able to buy raffle tickets for that tackle box full of bass lures at our February meeting.)

## Special Deals For A.C. Boat Show

If you're planning to go to the Atlantic City Boat Show on February 8, the Recreational Fishing Alliance is offering you several money-saving opportunities.

The first 100 individuals to purchase a ticket to their First Annual Banquet will get admission to the show, parking, and a sit down dinner at 5:00 pm, all for \$50. For banquet tickets, contact Dick Herb (609) 967-0779; Alan Kenter (732) 571-9630 <[kingofbdock@aol.com](mailto:kingofbdock@aol.com)>; or Phil Kozak (201) 286-3757 <[nfa5441@aol.com](mailto:nfa5441@aol.com)>

The group has also arranged for discounts on rooms at the Clarion Hotel, with a FREE Shuttle to the show and casinos – just \$79 for two double beds or \$89 for a two room suite. For room reservations, call 1-800-44-ROOMS and mention the Recreational Fishing Alliance offer.

## Fishing Reports

### Tidal River:

The following fishing report was posted by Bill Brinkman on Saturday, January 18th on the Web site of *Brinkman's Bait and Tackle* in Northeast Philly (215-632-0674) <<http://members.aol.com/wormpeople/>>

“The fishing since the last report has not changed that much. That is why I let this report go a bit longer than normal. The big news is that the ice on Core Creek and Levittown Lake has gotten thick enough to fish yesterday. I talked to several guys that have been out on the ice for more than a week but they said that it was a bit touch and go. Now most of the lake has over 4 to 6 inches of good solid ice. And they have been catching trout, crappies, perch and bluegills in good numbers. Kastmasters and Swedish pimples also have been working real well.

“Now the Delaware River is also still producing some good numbers of perch, crappies and largemouth bass. These fish have been hitting live minnows tipped on the 1/16 or 1/8 ounce chartreuse jig head. Also some catfish are still hitting in the main river but the numbers are not very good but if you want to pass an hour here and there it is a good way of doing it. Nightcrawlers have been the best bait.

“Churchville is another very good spot for white perch and crappies this time of year. The lake has ice on it but I'm not sure if it is thick enough to get out on yet. But under the bridge the water is still open enough that you can catch a few fish. Most of the fish are on the small side but again this time of year it is good just to get out and catch anything.

“All the lakes up north are all safe with at least 6 to 12 inches of ice and the perch, pickerel, crappies and bass have all been hitting in

good numbers. They are even catching some nice trout in some of the private lakes that are stocked.

“Well it is short but there is not much else to report. Good luck and reports are more than welcome. And please let me know what you think of the new Web site. Take care. Bill.”

### Easton/Phillipsburg Area:

Bill Pierce at *Bill's Bait and Tackle* (908-859-5729) Phillipsburg, NJ <<http://community-2.webtv.net/BILLSBAIT/FISHINGREPO RT/>> listed a number of catches on his January fishing reports on his Web site, however, many of the fish were trout taken from Merrill Creek Reservoir and several New Jersey trout streams.

Here is a list of the fish that were taken from the Delaware River in his area during January.

**Barry Ross** – Hellertown, PA, 7 lb. 10 oz. Walleye. (*N.J. Angler Award*)

**Barry Ross** – Hellertown, PA, 5 lb. 11 oz. Walleye. (*N.J. Angler Award*)

**Jeremy Kunsman** – Phillipsburg, NJ, 4 lb. 5 oz. Brook Trout. (*N.J. Angler Award*)

**Bill Duckworth** – Easton PA, 5 lb.9 oz. Walleye.

## From A to Z: IT'S TIME!!!

As I stand here at the DRFA Booth typing this issue of *The River News* on my laptop computer, I'm having a hard time suppressing my desire to skip work tomorrow and go fishing. I spent Saturday afternoon walking the show and Monday talking to prospective members about fishing and I am just about fit to be tied. I can't count how many times I've heard people say, "I can't wait to go fishing!"

Being exposed to all these fishing stimulii has been tough to handle.

February Tide Predictions, NOAA National Ocean Service

Readings taken at Municipal Pier 11, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

All listings are prevailing time. Weekends are indicated by bold

Day	Time	Ht.	Time	Ht.	Time	Ht.	Time	Ht.
2/1	1:17am	H 5.5	8:14am	L 0.1	1:38pm	H 6.6	8:57pm	L 0.1
2/2	2:05am	H 5.6	9:02am	L 0.2	2:24pm	H 6.6	9:41pm	L 0.2
2/3	2:52am	H 5.7	9:47am	L 0.3	3:09pm	H 6.5	10:22pm	L 0.3
2/4	3:37am	H 5.7	10:30am	L 0.4	3:53pm	H 6.4	11:02pm	L 0.4
2/5	4:22am	H 5.7	11:13am	L 0.4	4:38pm	H 6.1	11:41pm	L 0.3
2/6	5:07am	H 5.7	11:57am	L 0.4	5:25pm	H 5.9		
2/7	12:20am	L 0.3	5:54am	H 5.6	12:42pm	L 0.4	6:15pm	H 5.5
2/8	1:00am	L 0.2	6:44am	H 5.5	1:31pm	L 0.3	7:08pm	H 5.2
2/9	1:43am	L 0.2	7:36am	H 5.4	2:24pm	L 0.3	8:03pm	H 5.0
2/10	2:32am	L 0.1	8:30am	H 5.4	3:21pm	L 0.3	9:00pm	H 4.8
2/11	3:26am	L 0.1	9:24am	H 5.5	4:19pm	L 0.2	9:55pm	H 4.7
2/12	4:23am	L 0.1	10:17am	H 5.6	5:17pm	L 0.2	10:47pm	H 4.8
2/13	5:20am	L 0.1	11:07am	H 5.9	6:12pm	L 0.2	11:36pm	H 5.0
2/14	6:15am	L 0.0	11:55am	H 6.1	7:04pm	L 0.1		
2/15	12:23am	H 5.2	7:08am	L 0.0	12:40pm	H 6.4	7:53pm	L 0.1
2/16	1:07am	H 5.5	7:59am	L -0.1	1:24pm	H 6.7	8:41pm	L 0.0
2/17	1:50am	H 5.8	8:49am	L -0.1	2:07pm	H 6.8	9:26pm	L 0.0
2/18	2:33am	H 6.1	9:38am	L -0.1	2:50pm	H 6.9	10:11pm	L -0.1
2/19	3:17am	H 6.3	10:28am	L -0.2	3:36pm	H 6.8	10:56pm	L -0.2
2/20	4:04am	H 6.5	11:19am	L -0.2	4:25pm	H 6.6	11:43pm	L -0.2
2/21	4:54am	H 6.5	12:12pm	L -0.1	5:18pm	H 6.2		
2/22	12:31am	L -0.2	5:49am	H 6.4	1:07pm	L -0.1	6:15pm	H 5.8
2/23	1:23am	L -0.2	6:48am	H 6.3	2:05pm	L 0.0	7:17pm	H 5.5
2/24	2:18am	L -0.1	7:49am	H 6.1	3:05pm	L 0.1	8:21pm	H 5.3
2/25	3:16am	L 0.0	8:52am	H 6.1	4:06pm	L 0.2	9:23pm	H 5.2
2/26	4:16am	L 0.1	9:52am	H 6.1	5:06pm	L 0.2	10:23pm	H 5.3
2/27	5:15am	L 0.2	10:50am	H 6.2	6:03pm	L 0.2	11:19pm	H 5.4
2/28	6:11am	L 0.3	11:43am	H 6.4	6:56pm	L 0.3		

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, Phila., Market Street Bridge	-0 26	-0 09	*0.97	*0.97
Westville, Rt 47 bridge, Big Timber Creek, NJ-0 04	-0 06	-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

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.

So my best relief is to write this column about all my New Year's "resolutions" for the coming season.

First, I resolve to fish the river even more than I did last year.

I resolve to apply the new tips and techniques that I have learned at show seminars, instead of always reverting to my same old habits out on the water. One of those observations, offered by Doug Hannon, the "Bass Professor", is to shut your depth finder off once you know the bottom contour, and to use your trolling motor as little as possible to minimize the extra "noise" you introduce into your fishing environment.

I resolve to force myself to spend more time with those lures that I never quite get around to using. More time with jigs. More time with tubes. More time with worms. More time with suspending jerkbaits.

I resolve to discover new areas of the river, both close to home and farther north. At least one trip north to follow the shad migration. At least one float trip north of the Water Gap. At least one visit to the Phillipsburg/Easton area for big walleyes, stripers, and catfish.

If I can get the cooperation of more fishing partners, I resolve to go fishing with more different people than ever before. Consider this your open invitation to join me whenever you have time. Your boat or mine. In any area of the river, for any species, (*despite my weakness for smallies.*)

I'm serious. I made dozens of calls last year – some with advance warning, some on a moment's notice – where potential fishing partners' schedules just didn't fit mine, so there's plenty of opportunity. If you want to go fishing and would rather not do it by yourself, give me a call. I can't guarantee being available every single time, but right now the odds are looking pretty good.

## Delaware River Fishermen's Association 2003 Membership Application

### Indicate type of membership and dues amount enclosed:

\_\_\_ Individual (w/ paper newsletter): \$15.00      \_\_\_ Family (w/ paper newsletter): \$20.00  
\_\_\_ Affiliate Club: \$25.00      \_\_\_ Supporting Business: \$50.00

### Every membership includes:

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