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# The River News

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## Record Crowd Enjoys Record Prizes For 2003 Big Cat Shootout Tournament

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Despite a threatening weather report, the DRFA experienced a record turnout for its 4th Annual DRFA Big Cat Shootout Catfish Tournament on June 7.

The club owes a note of thanks to the many members who turned out on Friday night for the captain's meeting and on Saturday morning and afternoon to man the event.

Friday evening's help included: Dick Schroeder, Matt Kicinski, Chet Hoffman, Horace Anderson, Bud Faux, Dave Wermuth, Michael Hall, Harry Bareuther, Pete Antoniewicz, Ken Reitz, Hollis Laing, Steve Raulfs Ron Soto, Ray Przybylski, John Strada, Bill Marshall, and Tom Zerumski. Saturday morning's boat checks were handled by Ray Przybylski, Pete Antoniewicz, Tom Zerumski, Ken Reitz, Dave Wermuth, Harry Bareuther, Michael Hall, Dick Schroeder, Chet Hoffman, Bud Faux, and Horace Anderson. Saturday afternoon's weigh-in was manned by Chet Hoffman, Horace Anderson, Matt Kicinski, Eileen Kicinski, Bud Faux, Pete Antoniewicz, Bob Bonczyk, Curt Kirby, and Dick Schroeder.

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Special thanks to Jack Philips of Lightning Jack's Marina who provided the manpower, condiments, and refreshments for the post-tournament cookout.

Thanks, also, to the Paul Nelson Band who sounded great, despite having to play under the cover of the maintenance garage during the Saturday downpour.

And a very heartfelt "Thank You" goes to Tom Zerumski for his extensive efforts to secure sponsors for the commemorative T-shirts and to have additional businesses contribute door prizes for the captain's bags and for the drawings held during the captain's meetings. In all, nearly a third of the contestants won door prizes ranging from several rod and reel combos, to trolling motor batteries, to SeaTow memberships, to Ugly Stick Catfish rods, to several premium quality reels.

### President's Message

With most of our membership recruitment and fundraising efforts taken care of for the year, it's time to get down to the fun of fishing. *(Of course, that's easier said than done, since I haven't been fishing once in the past four plus weeks.)*

I encourage everyone to take advantage of each precious opportunity to get out on the water, especially the river. We still have a number of tournaments left to be contested, for largemouth, smallmouth, and catfish. Come on out and join us for as many as you can. And in between, call another DRFA member to get out on the water together, compare notes, and

share your knowledge with each other. To help you do that, we have put together a club roster of member names, addresses and phone numbers. If you would like one, you can pick it up at a DRFA monthly meeting, or send an E-mail request for us to send you a PDF copy via return E-mail so you can print it out at home.

One other note: Whether you go out fishing the river alone, with family, friends, or other DRFA club members, please try to submit an E-mail fishing report for us to post on the Web site. This is a great benefit to club members who can fine-tune their plans based on what they read there. Let's keep the information flowing in both directions.

See you on the river.

Pete Antoniewicz

### Important Dates

#### Thursday, June 26:

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

#### Saturday, July 19:

DRFA Largemouth Bass Tournament. *(See flier on page 7 of this newsletter.)*

#### Thursday July 31:

We will have a return visitor, fishing guide Chris Gatley, starting off our July meeting at 7:00 pm with a seminar on smallmouth fishing in the Delaware River. If this is anywhere as informative as his striper presentation, you don't want to miss it!

## Minutes of the May Meeting

The May 29th meeting of the DRFA was called to order by club president Pete Antoniewicz at 7:08 pm with 30 members in attendance.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Matt Kicinski reported a balance of \$8,378.93 in the club's treasury.

**Environmental:** Pete reported about catfish having lesions on them. If you catch these fish report it to Ed Washuta at 908-637-4173. He will also be at the Big Cat Shootout to check the catfish and take the one's with lesions on them for further study.

It was noted that the water temps in the river are between 54 to 59 degrees.

**Old Business:** Checks for the clubs two fishing events were presented.

Awards for the April 26 Shad tournament included a \$125 check for top finisher Rick Mawson, \$75 for second place finisher Ray Przybylski and \$50 for third place finisher John Jannett.

Awards for the May 17th Smallmouth tournament included a \$125 check to winner Bob Bonczyk, \$75 for runner-up Curt Kirby, and \$50 for third place finisher Chris Hoffman.

Matt Kicinski read a letter on the preliminary results on the Creel Survey that was done in 2002.

Tom Zerumski reported that as of the meeting 37 boats had signed up for the Big Cat Shootout. Tom also said that we had \$1,000 in sponsors for the Big Cat Shootout T-Shirts. Thanks and appreciation go out to Tom for doing such a Great Job.

**New Business:** The volunteers who will help at the June 21st

catfish tournament are Ray Przybylski, and Joe Newton. We still need more volunteers, if you can help, contact tournament coordinator Steve Raulfs.

Volunteers for the July 19th Largemouth tournament so far are, Rich Mawson, Bob Woods, Bob Bonczyk and Curt Kirby. We can still use more help.

Sam Shields gave a great and interesting presentation on Fly Fishing. It's great to have Sam back to show us how to fish.

Eileen Kicinski was the winner of the 50-50 drawing of \$24.00

The meeting adjourned at 9:00pm.

## DRFA Striper Tournament Makes Soggy Debut

Sunday June 1, 2003 was the first DRFA striped bass tournament.

The tournament was held as an "honor" paper tournament due to the difficulties in handling the large-sized fish. Thanks to club member Gary Conner for helping to coordinate the sign-up and result gathering for this event.

Unfortunately, the weather was less than cooperative as we suffered through yet another tournament day rainstorm. But a few hearty souls braved the inclement weather to enter fish in the final standings.

To no one's surprise, the top two prizes went to those die-hard striper fanatics, Lance Mileski and Bob Kuntz. Fishing in the Yardley area, Bob netted a 31" long striper with a 17" girth, weighing approximately 11 lbs. to take top honors. Lance Mileski took second with a 28" long, 15" girth striper weighing about 8 lbs. Third place went to Aaron Skolnik with a 12" fish weighing about one pound.

## Two Opportunities For Big Savings On Fishing Tackle

Two club members have uncovered opportunities for big savings on a variety of fishing tackle. Both will be available at the June 26 meeting to describe their opportunities to club members and to take orders.

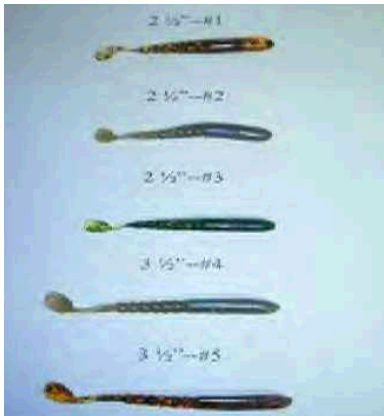
In the process of securing door prizes for the Big Cat Shootout, Tom Zerumski received a form for 50% club discounts on up to 15 line items listed in the Pure Fishing Catalog that was included in the most recent Bass Club Digest magazine pack given out at club meetings and the Big Cat Shootout. This includes products from Berkley, Fenwick, Abu Garcia, and other popular brand names. So look through your catalog before the meeting. Tom will take orders for the 15 eligible items that provide the greatest savings to club members. You must be prepared to pay cash in advance in order for us to send payment with the order.

We also received the following E-mail note from club member Rich LaBone:

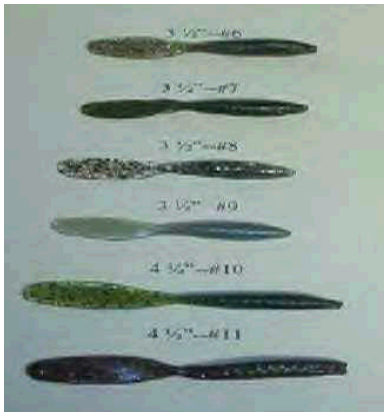
Dear fellow members,  
Take a look at these baits, I would tell you something about these but I can't read Japanese, the only part in English says PDL skunks series worms. A distributor offered me a deal but I needed to take 1,000 units for \$390. I can get it in smaller amounts but pay three times as much even though it is worth it, so this is where everyone fits in. I need others that might be interested to participate in this venture. The price boils down to almost 4 cents per bait. I will have samples at the meeting. Pass this along to someone you know who

might be interested. These in the picture are the actual baits in question that I will have with me.

Thanks, Rich LaBone



Club members interested in looking at these lures and perhaps arranging to purchase some from Rich should talk to him at the June meeting.



### Angler of the Year Top Ten Standings

Here are the leaders in the race for the 2003 Dave Bryant Angler of the Year award. Standings are current as of the May 17th smallmouth bass tournament.

#	Name	Points
1	Rick Mawson	195
2	Scott Ferral	186
3	Jim Wood	179
4	Bill Ettl	175
5	Bob Bonczyk	100
6	Ray Przybylski	99
7	Curt Kirby	99
8	John Jannett	98
9	Chris Hoffman	98
10	Bill Marshall	97

### Fishing Reports

These reports were gathered on June 15th.

#### Tidal River:

The following is an abridged version of the fishing report posted by Bill Brinkman on Thursday June 12, on the Web site of **Brinkman's Bait and Tackle** in Northeast Philly (215-632-0674). To view the full report, visit their site at <<http://members.aol.com/wormpeople/>>

“WOW a week of sunshine and warmer weather, what a change. But even with the nice weather we are having, the river is still high and muddy from the weather of past. And I don't know how accurate the weathermen are going to be for this coming weekend. But again it does not look too good. But one thing for sure it has not done anything for hurting the striper fishing. This was another great week for bass. Trenton is still off color and no herring have been caught for bait but they are starting to fish for the white perch and use them in place of the herring. I know they are not as good as using a live herring but they are a close second. The best way to catch the

perch is with the sabiki rigs and tip each hook with a piece of bloodworm. You can use regular worms but they will hit the bloods ten times better. Several ways to hook the perch for the stripers. I like to hook them through the eyes just like the herring and sometimes you can cut the top fin off to make them swim a bit crazy. The only problem with that is they don't live as long. You can also hook them below the dorsal fin. If you have any herring in the freezer you can chunk them up and that is another great way to boat your limit of stripers. Now we have been out of the river herring for over a week now and it does not look like we will be getting any more back in but we do have the salt water herring in stock. This stuff will work but does not stay on the hook like the river herring does. But this week we sold a ton of mackerel and there were plenty of fish caught on chunk and striped mackerel. Some customers were getting it the night before, striping the mackerel and using some kosher salt. This also worked real well. Now some of the reports from the river customers fishing Trenton on Tuesday boating over

### DRFA Tournament Schedule

The following is the list of DRFA tournaments for the remainder of the year. All of these tournaments are open only to dues-paying DRFA members. Members will accrue points for the Angler of the Year competition based on their finish in the eight club events (not counting the Big Cat Shootout or the Striper tournament). For all remaining events, new members may register on the morning of the event, before the check-in time. Weigh-in is at the time specified. Late entries will not be weighed in.

Date	Event	Location	Time
6/21	Catfish	West Deptford Ramp	7 am to 1 pm
7/19	Largemouth	Frankford Arsenal Ramp	6 am to 12 noon
8/10	Catfish	Frankford Arsenal Ramp	6 am to 12 noon
9/14	Largemouth	Frankford Arsenal Ramp	7 am to 1 pm
9/28	Smallmouth	Byram Access Ramp	7 am to 1 pm
10/12	Catfish	Frankford Arsenal Ramp	7 am to 1 pm

25 fish from 18 to 35 inches on chunk herring and live white perch. Another customer was fishing the dam at Lumberville and had 8 fish over a couple of nights on live eels and all his fish were from 15 to 23 pounds. He has also seen several fish taken on surface plugs but most of those fish were from 18 to 30 inches. Most of the fish were on the smaller side. One customer on Monday went down to Linden Avenue and on his first cast landed a 41 inch fish on bloodworm. He had several other fish but all were under 20 inches. And several reports from Station Avenue with plenty of fish being caught on bloodworms, herring and mackerel. Here the fish have been from 12 to 30 inches. The reports from the three catfish tournaments last Saturday were that there were more stripers caught than catfish. I think a 8 pound fish won the tournament but I'm not 100 percent sure. I never received any official reports. But one customer landed 8 catfish all under 3 pounds but he also caught 40 stripers from 15 to 31 inches. His two big stripers out weighed the cats. Another customer has been fishing below the Tacony Bridge and has been catching his limit each day on cut herring. Yesterday he had three guys in his boat and they boated over 100 fish with 3 fish in the slot and three fish over 28 inches. I was not out this week due to Bruce being off all week but hope to hit the Trenton area again next week.

The upper river for smallies has been the worst start in quite some time. The main reason is water temperature and high and muddy water. It seems as soon as the fish start to hit the rains come and put it off another week. I had several guys fish from Yardley to Frenchtown this week and all had bad reports from bass and walleyes but all managed to catch a few stripers. Most took minnows and leeches up but ended up doing

their best on large surface lures and white twister tails for the stripers. Let's see what happens this weekend's weather for next week. One report on a big smallie taken several weeks ago, but I just saw the picture was a 23 inch bass 6 pounds caught on a live herring with a 8/0 hook at Yardley. What a surprise for a striper fisherman.

With the weather and high water I did not get one report back from the Susquehanna river for smallmouth bass or walleyes. The only report from out west was from the Susquehanna flats for stripers. These bass are still in thick and have been hitting anything from bait, plugs, surface lures, bucktails and twister jigs. But here the fish are getting smaller in size. Now there are still plenty of big fish in the area but weeks ago all the fish were 10 to 30 pounds. Now they are getting all of fish in the 3 to 6 pound range. Still not a bad day.

The lakes around here have been getting better each week. The new Fairless Hills Lake that opened last year has been really good for largemouth bass. The lake is deep and very clear but customers are doing well on spinner baits, pig and jigs, crankbaits and plastic worms. Some bass have been caught up to 6 pounds and since the season opens this coming Saturday I think a lot more people will be fishing for them. Nockamixon this week on largemouth and crappies. Fishing the shore line around weeks, pads, piers and rocks with small jigs, spinner baits and crankbaits has been the way to catch the most fish. I talked to a couple of guys that went up for stripers at night and did not catch a fish in two nights. Churchville some small perch and crappies under the bridge on small jigs, minnows and wax worms. Core Creek has still been very good for some trout, crappies, panfish and bass. Here

fishing around the piers and dam have been the better places. And a lot of people have been going to the Super Fresh Lake on 413 and have been doing well on crappies, catfish and bass.

Well that is all I have for you this week. I hope I'm able to get out next week to give you some of my own information. Take care and have a great weekend. Bill"

**Trenton/Yardley/Lambertville Area:**

Dan Leach at ***HL Bait & Tackle*** in Morrisville, Pennsylvania (215-295-1400) reports that the most recent high and muddy conditions had slowed the action somewhat, but he still had reports of six stripers, up to 24" being caught on cut mackerel. The herring had been in the area until the most recent stretch of muddy water, but none had been taken in recent days. Dan also reports stripers hitting on Bombers and on Pencil Poppers fished on the surface. Black seemed to be a good color selection for those lures.

Ron Ernst at ***Ron's Trigger and Reel*** in Ewing, New Jersey (609-695-2818) says that catfishing has been the best bet on the muddy lower river, although there have been a few good days for striper fishing in between the weekly rainstorms. There was also some smallmouth activity heating up before the most recent rains. Ron offered one piece of advice regarding striper fishing once the waters clear up, and that is to look for the striper action to become more nocturnal as the water temperatures push up into the 60's.

**Easton/Phillipsburg Area:**

Bill Pierce at ***Bill's Bait and Tackle*** (908-859-5729) Phillipsburg, NJ <<http://community-2.webtv.net/BILLSBAIT/FISHINGREPO RT/>> also says the the high waters in their area have been yielding lots of nice catfish in the 6-lb. to 8-lb. range as the heavy flow has pushed the fish into the eddies.

Schoolie stripers in the 7-lb. to 13-lb. range have also moved into the area. Right now, chicken livers have been doing the best on the stripers in the heavy water. He anticipates that eels will also soon become a popular bait for the stripers in their area.

Bill only had one report of a 2.5-lb. smallmouth from the river, but he says that Merrill Creek Reservoir is flooded into the trees along the shorelines and a lot of catch and release smallmouth activity is taking place there.

Bill has continued to submit E-mail fishing reports on striper activity in the Trenton area, as the Phillipsburg locals have continued to fish down in the Trenton area. Here is his most recent report on June 14: "Bob and I made the trip to Trenton yesterday, river was in pretty bad shape, murky and high. We did manage to catch 5 stripers and about 10 catfish. Bob got the biggest Striper about 8 lbs. and I got the biggest cat about 6 lbs. Action was a lot slower than in the past, don't know if things are winding down in Trenton or if it was due to the water conditions. We will keep trying till we get skunked on the Stripers."

#### **Belvidere Area:**

We were unable to get a report from Guide *Gene Neiderlander* of the *Fish Assured* Guide Service (908-475-5493) this month, but we will check back with him in July to see the status of his summer smallmouth trips.

#### **Lackawaxen Area:**

Charlie at *The Angler's Roost* (570-685-2010) in Lackawaxen, PA says that water conditions have been excellent for "mud wrestling" as of late, and that the high and chocolate brown waters had been keeping anglers off the main branch of the Delaware. Meanwhile, the Lackawaxen is high but fishable for trout

fishermen, and is running reasonably cleaner.

Charlie reports that the shad season was compromised for a good part of the past month due to water conditions, although they did have some action during the clear water times in May. The overall take for their annual May shad tournament was at its lowest in years.

## **Fishing Survey Results Now Available On Line**

A preliminary report on the 2002 Delaware River Creel Survey is now available on line at [www.njfishandwildlife.com/creelrv03.htm](http://www.njfishandwildlife.com/creelrv03.htm) There were some interesting results in terms of the species pursued and the amount of catch and release fishing that takes place.

## **Fisheries Pathologist Asks Help In Quantifying Catfish Lesion Problem**

Ed Washuta, a New Jersey fisheries pathologist has asked DRFA members for help in identifying and quantifying a potential bacterial infection of catfish in the lower tidal river. If you catch any catfish that have lesions or open sores on them, please take note of the description of the problems and the number of fish (as well as percentage of your daily catch) and location caught, and report the information to Ed.

You can contact him using the following information:  
Phone 908-637-4173  
(M-F, 8 am-4 pm)  
email: [pequest@eclipse.net](mailto:pequest@eclipse.net)

Ed visited the weigh-in of the Big Cat Shootout and took about 20 of the infected live specimens back to his laboratories for evaluation and

identification of the potential cause of the disease. DRFA members can further help him quantify the extent of the problem by providing reports of fish with open sores or lesions.

## **Get Involved In The Environmental Protection Of Your River**

Steve Raulfs has provided the following list of contact points and phone numbers from a recent publication of the Philadelphia Water Department. Use them to report the following environmental problems:

#### **Dead Fish:**

Fish & Boat Commission (717) 626-0228.  
Fish & Boat Waterways Officer (215) 633-7200.  
Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (800) 541-2050.

#### **Illegal Dumping & Related Pollution Activities:**

Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (800) 541-2050.  
Philadelphia Environmental Police Unit (215) 566-2385.

#### **Sewage Spills:**

Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (610) 832-6130.  
Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (800) 541-2050.  
Philadelphia Water Department (215) 685-6300

#### **Oil & Gas Spills/Accidents:**

Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (610) 832-6130.  
Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (800) 541-2050.  
Philadelphia Water Department (215) 685-6300.

## How To Catch Fish In Less Than Ideal Conditions

Club member Sam Shiels gave a presentation at the May meeting. This article is a synopsis of that talk. While the original focus of Sam's research was fly fishing, the advice crosses to all types of stream and river fishing.

The very first bit of advice Sam had on fishing in tough conditions is to look at your fishing logbook to identify patterns for other times when water conditions were similar. He recommends keeping notes on dates, times, weather conditions, air temp, wind speed and direction, water temp, water color and flow rate, location, type of fish targeted, type of tackle used, moon phase, and tide.

That will take care of the first variable in Sam's formula of "Planning + Presentation = Success." You can also use your records to identify the top three lures or patterns that have produced under similar conditions.

Another aspect of planning is to have several backup locations, in case your prime choice is unfishable or lets you down. How you react to the water conditions is the most critical aspect to catching fish.

Don't worry about catching a specific type of fish. Your first job is to get a "bite" from any species of fish, in order to get the first clue. Pay attention to what was happening when the bite occurred. If you get no fish at first, try adding a little weight to get your presentation a bit deeper. Continue to do this until you have covered the total water column. If you see a rising fish, cast to the first one you see.

Be prepared with presentations for the major problem conditions you might face. Based on his years of experience, here are some of Sam's favorite recommendations by type of water conditions:

**High Water** – fish the edges, back eddies, below islands, behind large obstructions, or in the feeder streams.

**Muddy Water** – fish shallow flats, edges, close to structure, closer to the surface, and check both sides of the stream (sometimes the muddy water plume is more pronounced on one side than another).

**Stained Water** – fish are spread out, fishing can be better when water is "almost" clear than when it is clear.

**Algae Blooms** – fish shallow sections, edges next to structure, rocks, fish on the bottom, or closer to or on the surface.

**Cold Water** – fish slower pools and runs, back eddies, look for fish sunning in shallow water to warm up. Once a falling water temperature has stabilized for 18 hours you should be able to catch fish.

**Clear Water** – use longer casts, and if a fish follows and doesn't bite, let your bait sit on the bottom for a while.

**Low or Falling Water** – fish get tight to cover. But when you fish that cover, be sure to try all sides of it. There's always a flat spot somewhere for the fish to tuck in. In grass plumes, fish between the mats of grass. Fish cover near channel edges, bank edges, wood, rocks, grass (in and along side the grass) docks, bridges, riffles from wind, any mud line. Make longer casts closer to cover and use a longer, lighter leader or line.

On a smooth bottom, try nymphing. and when the bite is really tough, use a strike indicator your line (*the smallest necessary to suspend the fly*;) then check that distance from the lure to the strike indicator. Using a small fly, jig, or lure, you can fish a vertically suspended bait and carefully control the varying depth of your presentation.

## From A to Z

This past Christmas, I received a book called, *Fly Fishing Through The Mid-Life Crisis*. It covered the evolution of an angler from his baitfishing, harvest-all-you-can youth to his fly-fishing, catch-and-release adulthood. While a lot of it was about trout fishing, there were enough smallmouth references and fishing discoveries to make it interesting reading.

But I never thought I'd get the opportunity to put those lessons into practice so soon. Turning 50 wasn't exactly traumatic, but it did get me thinking. And now that the soft economy has forced me to make a mid-life business transition of my own, I find the peace-of-mind that fishing provides to be a perfect "pressure-relief valve." I only hope that I will get the opportunity to use it more over the next five weeks than I did over the past five weeks.

When I go fishing, I leave my troubles behind. No tightness in the chest. No gnawing feeling in the pit of my stomach. It's not "escapism" or ignoring the realities of life, but rather a natural peace and freedom, a brief respite from the daily grind.

As usual, I had planned to fish a lot more this year than last year. And as usual, something always seems to get in the way. But that only makes me appreciate the precious opportunities to fish that much more.

I encourage you to savor every one of your fishing opportunities, whether you're fishing alone, with friends, or especially with a child you know.

And if you need someone to go with you, give me a call. I know someone who desperately needs the remedy that a day on the water provides.

## Tide Tables Unavailable

Due to some temporary software changeover, the tide tables usually provided in this part of the newsletter were not available from the Internet. Hopefully, the service will be back on line in time for next month's newsletter. You can also try visiting the site yourself at:

[http://co-ops.nos.noaa.gov/cgi-bin/get\\_pred.cgi?stn=2651+Philadelphia](http://co-ops.nos.noaa.gov/cgi-bin/get_pred.cgi?stn=2651+Philadelphia)

**NOTE: If memory serves correctly, the tides for the largemouth tournament on July 19th should be outgoing from a high around 6:30 am until a low around 1:30 pm.**

**6:00 am until 12:00 noon**  
**Frankford Arsenal Ramp**  
**Off Tacony Street, Philadelphia, PA (just south of the Tacony-Palmyra Bridge)**

**RULES:**

- All participants must check in between 5:00 AM & 6:00 AM 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) largemouth bass 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, during the hours of the tournament.
- 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 12:00 sharp. Those arriving after 12:00, 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 largemouth bass must be a minimum of 12" (legal size) and 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: Steve Raulfs 215-632-8181

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.



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[www.drfishermen.com](http://www.drfishermen.com) for  
news, fishing reports, and more!*

*THE RIVER NEWS* is the monthly newsletter of the Delaware River Fishermen's Association. The DRFA meets the last Thursday of each month, at 7:00 pm, in the back upstairs meeting room at The Sportsmen's Center, Route 130, Bordentown, New Jersey. All interested sportsmen and women are invited to attend and join the organization. New members may join at any time, while yearly renewal memberships are to be paid between January 1st and the last Thursday in February, each year. To submit information for the newsletter, contact Pete Antoniewicz via e-mail <[DRFA\\_TheRiverNews@hotmail.com](mailto:DRFA_TheRiverNews@hotmail.com)>, by phone, (609) 466-7719, or mail it to 101 Weldon Way, Pennington, NJ 08534.

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