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## Time To Renew DRFA Membership For A 2004 Season Filled With New Opportunities And Benefits

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### 2004 DRFA Dues Now Payable

It's that time of year again, time to renew your DRFA membership dues for the 2004 season. If you have not already done so, please use the Membership Form at the back of this newsletter to register for the upcoming season.

Individual memberships remain at \$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.

This year's members will receive several new benefits in addition to the standard benefits of the newsletter, free entry in the eight DRFA club tournaments, password access to the Member Services section of the club Web site, and a free fishing gift at the club holiday party.

One is automatic entry in the club's tagged catfish tournament, which we are using as a "dry run" for possibly taking the event public next season. Another is the option to bring a young relative, friend, or neighbor to our Youth Tournament.

You can also copy the form at the back of this newsletter to sign up new club members.

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*DRFA 2003 Angler of the Year Steve Raulfs (left) receives his plaque and cash award from President Pete Antoniewicz at the December meeting. Visible in the background is the permanent plaque on display at the Sportsmens Center meeting room. Steve's name was added to the names of previous Angler of the Year winners on that permanent display.*

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### Guide Chris Gatley To Present At January Meeting

For DRFA members who want more details and for club members who missed last year's presentation, professional fishing guide Chris Gatley will give a presentation on Delaware River striper fishing at the January meeting. Chris' presentation will start promptly at 7:00 pm, before the business portion of the monthly meeting.

Chris can also be heard on radio station WBCB 1490 AM every Saturday morning from 7:00 am to 7:30 am for "The Ardent Angler" radio show that covers a wide range of fishing topics and features interviews with leading names in professional fishing.

### Congratulations To 2004 DRFA Officers

Congratulations and a hearty "Thank You" to those club members who have accepted re-election to their posts for the 2004 season.

Matt Kicinski returns as Treasurer to give his detailed financial reports every meeting. Eileen Kicinski will continue to report on meeting proceedings in her role as Recording Secretary. Karen and Hollis Laing will continue to register members and provide tournament scoresheets and newsletter mailing lists in their "shared" role as Membership Secretary. And in his dual role as Vice-President/Tournament Coordinator, Steve Raulfs will continue to handle the behind-the-

### Important Dates

#### Thursday, January 29:

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 professional guide Chris Gatley from [www.ardentangler.org](http://www.ardentangler.org). Presentation starts promptly at 7:00 pm, with club business meeting to follow.

#### Thursday, February 26:

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

scenes efforts required to keep our tournament competition running smoothly.

Frank Kivler will take over as Webmaster and has already updated a large part of the Web site. Pete Antoniewicz will continue as Editor of *The River News*.

The role of President remains open and needs an interested individual to step up to fulfill the "little" tasks of keeping the club operating smoothly – such as coordinating volunteers, purchasing trophies, and answering day-to-day details and requests for information.

## Minutes Of The December Meeting

The December 18th meeting of the DRFA was called to order by club president Pete Antoniewicz at 7:15 pm with 26 members in attendance.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Matt Kicinski reported a balance of \$5,716.56 in the club treasury.

**Environmental:** Members discussed their recent fishing experiences, but there were no specific environmental reports. Neshaminy State Park marina entrance has been closed, so you can no longer drive back there.

**Old Business:** Trophy winners capitalized on their last chance to pick up their trophies for the 2003 season.

Fort Washington show booth volunteers were finalized. Steve Raulfs will handle the tickets, set-up and volunteers for the show.

Steve Raulfs is still doing research on the purchase of a digital camera for the club.

The tag cat fish tournament will only be open to club members for

now. This should be an incentive for new members to join at the Fort Washington show.

**New Business:** Angler of the Year Steve Raulfs was presented with his trophy, check and engraved listing on the plaque for the Dave Bryant Memorial Angler of the Year award. Steve recounted his experiences during the tournament season and gave credit to his fishing partners. Steve also said he will give a talk on bass fishing at a future meeting.

Congratulations to the following members who were nominated and elected to their club office for the coming year 2004. Matt Kicinski-Treasurer, Eileen Kicinski-Recording Secretary, Karen and Hollis Laing-Membership secretary, Steve Raulfs-Vice-President/Tournament Coordinator and Frank Kivler for Webmaster. The role of President is still open. A discussion was held on how everyone can help to fill the role of President for the club.

Sign-up forms to renew your membership and to recruit new members will be in the January and February newsletters.

The web site for January and February will be open to the public, a password is not needed.

A tentative tournament schedule will be in the January newsletter.

The Hemlock Rod and Gun Club seminar is coming up in March and volunteers are needed. Anyone interested should contact Vice-president, tournament coordinator Steve Raulfs.

Fishing guide Chris Gatley will be paying us a return visit at the January meeting.

The winner of \$24.00 in our 50-50 drawing was Dennis Boyle.

After the business portion of the meeting was adjourned, the club members shared in a drawing for Christmas presents and in the snacks and sodas provided. The meeting and party was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

## Shad Fishermen Encouraged To Save 2004 Logs For Fisheries Biologist

Shad anglers are once again asked to keep track of their shad fishing experiences and report them to NJ Fisheries Biologist Mark Boriek so he can correlate field experiences with his hydroacoustic survey findings. Record date, location, number of fish caught and time caught, water conditions, flow rate, temperature, etc.

Anglers with shad fishing logs from previous seasons are also encouraged to provide copies of those records to Mark.

You can contact Mark at the Lebanon Fisheries Laboratories at 908-236-2118 or contact him via E-mail at [mboriek@eclipse.net](mailto:mboriek@eclipse.net)

## 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.*

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**York Safe** (used) – 62" tall, 23" x 25" wide. Contact Anthony Scholl (215) 514-1761.

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**Walker Mini-Laker Downriggers** – In Cabella's catalog, page 133. Catalog price \$72.99. Will sell for \$55.00 each (New). Call Anthony Scholl. (215) 514-1761.

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## Steve Raulfs Used “Experience” To Capture 2003 Angler Of The Year Title

Like the best-laid plans of mice and men, Steve Raulfs’ strategy of pre-fishing for the various species before each tournament of the 2003 season “oft went awry” due to high and muddy water conditions throughout the year.

So, without the opportunity to get an up-to-the minute pattern for every tournament, he was forced to rely on past experiences – both his own and those picked up from other club members along the way.

Steve says he was hooked on fishing from the first day his dad took him sunny fishing on the Pennypack Creek. Then after learning about fishing the river and the waterways around Linden Avenue as a teenager, he took some time off before coming back to it in his adult life.

“I really started fishing again in 1990, after receiving a fishing reel as a Valentine’s Day present,” Steve recalls. Later that summer, he and his brother joined the Penn Warner club where they spent their time fishing from the banks, mostly using live bait. Watching other anglers catching “3-pound bass” just out of his reach, he came to the conclusion that he “needed” a boat, and once he moved up to a 19-ft. boat and started fishing the lower river he started looking for more information and education.

The real payoff of “experience” in terms of his performance in this year’s tournament, as Steve readily admits, came from joining the DRFA and paying attention to other club members over the past seven years or so that he has been a member.

“I remember joining the club after meeting John Strada at the Fort Washington Outdoor Show, where

I had gone to learn more about fishing the river,” Steve says. “I pestered him for any kind of information he could give me. Fortunately, he hooked me up to fish with former DRFA member Bob Lippincott for one of the club largemouth tournaments in the late 90s. I learned a lot that day that I still use and that paid off for me during our two largemouth tournaments this year.”

As Steve recalls, they fished the rocks around the mouth of the Neshaminy Marina. Bob offers Steve one of favorite bass rigs – a black Berkley 4” finesse worm with a chartreuse colored straight tail rigged on a Slider jighead. Steve stuck with his Mann’s rubber

worm. “After Bob caught a couple of fish around the rocks, we moved into the marina around the docks and Bob picked up another bass,” Steve says. “I told myself, ‘if he picks up one more fish...’” Well it wasn’t very long until Bob picked up another fish and Steve picked up that black worm rigged on a Slider jighead then picked up two nice bass, including one over two pounds. “And I haven’t put that worm down since that day!”, Steve proclaims.

Using that same lure pattern and fishing in the same spots that Bob showed him, Steve was able to land fish in this year’s two largemouth tournaments to help him earn the top point total for the

### 2004 DRFA Tournament Schedule

*The following is the list of DRFA tournaments. Except for the Big Cat Shootout, which requires a separate admission fee, all of these tournaments are free and open to dues-paying DRFA members only. Members will accrue points for the Angler of the Year competition based on their finish in the eight regular club events (not counting the Big Cat Shootout, Striper tournament or Youth tournament). Except for the shad tournament and Big Cat Shootout, 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.*

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>
4/17	<b>Shad</b>	Yardley Park ‘n Ride Lot	1 pm weigh-in
5/22	<b>Smallmouth</b>	Yardley Access Ramp <i>(David Bryant Memorial Smallmouth Tournament)</i>	7 am to 1 pm
6/5	<b>Striped Bass</b>	Phone in results <i>(Paper tournament, no weigh-in location.)</i>	7 am to 2 pm
6/12	<b>Big Cat Shootout</b>	Lightning Jack’s Marina <i>(Open to public, entry fee required)</i>	7 am to 3 pm
6/19	<b>Catfish</b>	West Deptford Ramp	7 am to 1 pm
6/26	<b>Youth Tourney</b>	Location TBD <i>(Open to 15-year-old and under guests of paid DRFA members.)</i>	8 am to 1 pm
7/17	<b>Largemouth</b>	Frankford Arsenal Ramp	6 am to 12 noon
8/15	<b>Catfish</b>	Frankford Arsenal Ramp	6 am to 12 noon
9/19	<b>Largemouth</b>	Frankford Arsenal Ramp	7 am to 1 pm
10/3	<b>Smallmouth</b>	Byram Access Ramp	7 am to 1 pm
10/17	<b>Catfish</b>	Frankford Arsenal Ramp	7 am to 1 pm

### 2003 Angler of the Year Final Standings

#	Name	Total Points	Total Weight	Total Length
1	Steve Raulfs	573	12.94	102.75
2	Bill Etzl	450	9.46	82.25
3	Ed Evans	376	10.07	71.13
4	Chris Hoffman	372	6.67	62.75
5	Rick Mawson	369	13.32	79.50
6	J.R. Ferral	358	6.73	63.25
7	Jim Wood	350	8.74	69.88
8	Scott Ferral	286	8.16	58.25
9	Pete Antoniewicz	275	5.23	48.75
10	Bob Bonczyk	269	5.17	46.75
11	Steve Schumacher	266	7.44	52.50
12	Hollis Laing	265	6.62	53.50
13	Curt Kirby	196	6.86	40.50
14	Bill Marshall	195	7.11	39.75
15	Tom Zerumski	192	7.35	43.75
16	Joe Newton	188	4.68	35.50
17	Anthony Scholl Sr.	182	4.05	34.50
18	Ron Soto	181	6.02	42.00
19	Harry Bareuther	181	4.62	35.25
20	George Hoffman	173	3.92	33.00
21	Dave Johnston	169	4.84	38.75
22	Dave Bingel	100	7.36	25.25
23	Bruce Galinat	100	1.89	15.25
24	Ray Przybylski	99	5.58	23.50
25	Karen Laing	99	3.76	21.75
26	Dennis Boyle	99	0.65	12.25
27	John Jannett	98	4.72	22.25
28	Dave Milburn	97	1.19	13.25
29	Ed Ott	96	3.40	21.75
30	Warren Brady	96	1.89	16.00
31	Charles Schneider	96	1.66	17.75
32	Michael Havens	95	0.96	12.50
33	Michael Skelton	94	1.41	15.50
34	Paul Giovetsis	91	2.92	22.25
35	Phil Bakanowsky	91	1.61	15.75
36	Bill Cox	91	0.80	12.00
37	Laura Newton	90	2.86	21.50
38	Jim Pocetti	90	1.52	14.25
39	Anthony Scholl Jr.	86	2.56	18.75
40	Mike Zimba	84	2.15	18.00
41	Michael Hall	84	1.97	19.25
42	Scott Morgan	83	2.04	18.75
43	Dave Wermuth	83	1.90	17.00
44	Rich Hoffman	81	1.03	13.25
45	Mike Geppert	80	1.02	13.00
46	Aaron Skolnik	79	1.85	17.00
47	Neil Skolnik	76	1.15	14.50

year. Steve also learned a few other tips from fellow club anglers that have helped him this season, like using a fire-tiger colored spinnerbait for smallmouth bass in stained water.

As far as his future fishing plans go, Steve says he wants to try to be the first DRFA angler to win back-to-back AOTY awards. When asked about any advice he had to pass along to fellow members, Steve volunteered two things that he constantly reminds himself of, "Check your drag." and "Set the hook."

### FREE Fishing Seminar

The Hemlock Rod and Gun Club is sponsoring their annual fishing seminar on Friday March 5, at 6:00 pm at the Fraternal Order of Eagles Hall (*formerly Hugh Carcella Hall*), 920 Trenton Road, Fairless Hills, PA. (*For information, call 215-946-0113.*)

The featured guest speaker will be Chris Gatley, a full-time, multi-specie fishing guide and host of "The Ardent Angler" radio show heard on WBCB1490 AM.

Food and drinks will be available for purchase. The DRFA will be in attendance, signing up new members. Other expected exhibitors include PA Fish Conservation Officers, taxidermist Eric Smith, Reel Bass Adventures Fishing Guides, HL Live Bait and Tackle, Muskies Inc., The World's Best Spinner Baits, New Jersey Angler Magazine, Chum Stain Sportfishing, and Yardon Lures.

### Fishermen's Flea Market

Hey fishermen, want to unload some of your unwanted fishing tackle and accessories?

Why not rent a flea market table for 20 bucks and sell all of it? You can free up some room at your

house, make some money (for buying new tackle?) and make another fisherman happy in the process!

The South Jersey Bass Club Association will be sponsoring its annual Fishermen's Flea Market on Saturday March 20 at a new and warmer location – the Vineland Moose Lodge #434, Wheat Road, in Vineland New Jersey. (*The Vineland Moose Lodge is located on Wheat Road, between Delsea Drive and the Boulevard.*) Ample parking is available. The event will be held, rain or shine, from 8:30 am to 2:00 pm.

Vendor Table Rentals are \$20.00 per table (*\$15.00 per table for third table or more*). Any DRFA members who want to get together to share the cost of a table are welcomed to do so. We can even offer DRFA club membership information if we do.

Items for both fresh water and salt water fishing will be included. The admission donation is \$1, and kids under 14 are FREE. All proceeds from this event help support the activities of the South Jersey Bass Club Association (*including the South Jersey Youth Outdoor Day and the SJBCA forthcoming scholarship program*).

There will be door prizes, a kid's casting area, food, and a tackle-box raffle. For more information you can check out the SJBCA Web site at [www.geocities.com/sjbca99](http://www.geocities.com/sjbca99) or contact Carmen Bersani at 609-729-2504 or Fred Lentz at 856-358-6073

Planned activities include:

- Raffle - Fully stocked tackle box. Tickets are \$1.00 each or thirteen for \$5.00. (*DRFA members will be able to buy raffle tickets for that tackle box full of bass lures at our February meeting.*)
- Door Prizes
- Kids Casting Area
- Food for Sale

Vendors and organizations scheduled to attend include:

- South Jersey Bass Club Association - Organization of Fishing Clubs
- "The New Jersey Angler" Magazine
- New Jersey Division of Fish & Wildlife - Fishing & Hunting Information
- Slammer Tackle (Mike Brennan)
- Old Fishing Lures & Tackle (Ralph Palmer)
- Snyder's Bait & Tackle
- Sportsmans Corner - Saltwater Tackle (Ray Mendenko)
- J & J Cutlery
- Delaware Bay Bucktails (Don Vance)
- Hands Bait & Tackle (Tim Hand)
- South Jersey Fly Fishers - Fly Fishing Club
- Fishing Tackle (Daryl Hunt)
- Retriever Lures (Joe DiDomenico)
- Franzwa's RV & Marine - Boats & Camper Trailers
- Fishing Tackle & Rods (Joe Glotkin)
- "Take A Break" Food Wagon (Betty Boehm)

More vendors to be announced soon.

## Fishing Reports

### Tidal River:

*The following fishing report was posted by Bill Brinkman on January 9th on the Web site of **Brinkman's Bait and Tackle in Northeast Philly (215-632-0674)** <<http://members.aol.com/wormpeople/>> While cold temperatures since then have probably changed the ice-over conditions, the report does give you some idea of what has been happening recently.*

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“The really cold weather has made the lake fishing a bit tricky. Some of these cold nights have put enough ice on the lakes that you have to wait for several hours of sunshine to find an area of the lake

to hit water. But when you can, Core Creek and Levittown have been two great lakes to fish. The trout are still hitting well but the crappies, perch and bluegills have been the highlight to your day out. These fish have been hitting small jigs, small twister tails, wax worms, mealworms, earthworms and minnows. And Core Creek again this week there were a few walleyes picked up around the dam with minnows and nightcrawlers.

“One customer has been down to Mays Landing. They have been fishing the river for perch, crappies and pickerel with minnows, grass shrimp, twister tails and spinners. The yellow perch they have been catching have been good size with fish up to 16 inches 2 pounds. But when the river is slow they have been heading up stream to Lake Lenape and have been doing just as well with perch, crappies, bluegills, pickerel and bass. Pretty much the same baits have been working in the lake. Another customer was down Sweetwater on the Mullica and had a great day on big pickerel. He had 7 fish 18 to 20 inches up to 4 pounds. He caught all his fish on shiners and yellow twister minnows.

“The Delaware has been pretty much catfish and only catfish. I have not talked to anyone this week that headed out to the coves for bass or perch. I think the cold weather and the winds this past week has keep these guys home. But several guys are still hitting the shore lines for cats with nightcrawlers, chicken livers and blueberry bagels. Now they are not catching tons of fish but it seems each day a fisherman can land up to 5 fish. I did have one customer come back from the upper river for walleyes. He was up around the old paper mill and only fished an hour. He gave up to the high water and cold temps.

“Now if you can take the cold weather and rough conditions the

salt water action has been hot for sea bass and blackfish. These boat have been heading out 30 to 60 miles but have brought home sea bass up to 7 pounds. The blackfishing has also been very good with everyone catching their limits with fish up to 8 pounds. Still a few stripers in the rips and even a few left in the back bays in Wildwood. But just a few. Cod, ling, and whiting is another option this time of year.

“Regards, Bill”

**Easton/Phillipsburg Area:**

Bill Pierce at *Bill's Bait and Tackle* (908-859-5729) Phillipsburg, NJ <<http://community-2.webtv.net/BILLSBAIT/FISHINGREPORT/>> listed a number of catches in his January fishing report on his Web site as of January 20, although none of them were from the Delaware River. For those who are itching to get out, there are still fish to be caught, as Bill's fishing report shows. Here is a list of the fish that were taken in his area during January.

SCOTT KETCHLEDGE, Easton: 3 lb. 8 oz. Brown Trout, Merrill Creek Res. (*Released*)

DAVE MASON, Alpha: 4 lb. 2oz. Brown Trout, Merrill Creek Res. (*Released*)

BILL RIESS, Phillipsburg: 4 lb. Brown Trout, Merrill Creek Res. (*Released*)

JOE KASPER, Morrisville: 4 lb. 8 oz. Pickerel & 3 lb. 8 oz. Largemouth Bass, Grovers Mill Pond

JIM RUNYON, Phillipsburg: 4 lb. 14 oz. Brown Trout, Merrill Creek Res.

KURT KETCHLEDGE, Phillipsburg: 13"- 1 lb. 8 oz. Crappie, Oxford Furnace Lake.

JIM SMITH, Harmony: 4 lb. 6 oz. Brown Trout, Merrill Creek Res.

MARTY DAVIS, Easton: 5 lb. 5 oz. Walleye, Lehigh River.

SAM STANTON, Forks Twp.: 5 lb. 2 oz. Pickerel, Minsi Lake.

**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.
<b>2/01</b>	<b>4:20AM L</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>10:16AM H</b>	<b>5.7</b>	<b>5:09PM L</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>10:43PM H</b>	<b>5.0</b>
2/02	5:13AM L	0.1	11:07AM H	5.8	6:03PM L	0.1	11:34PM H	5.0
2/03	6:04AM L	0.0	11:55AM H	6.0	6:53PM L	0.0		
2/04	12:21AM H	5.1	6:55AM L	0.0	12:40PM H	6.1	7:42PM L	0.1
2/05	1:06AM H	5.2	7:43AM L	0.0	1:22PM H	6.3	8:27PM L	0.1
2/06	1:47AM H	5.3	8:29AM L	0.0	2:01PM H	6.4	9:11PM L	0.1
<b>2/07</b>	<b>2:25AM H</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>9:15AM L</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>2:38PM H</b>	<b>6.4</b>	<b>9:53PM L</b>	<b>0.2</b>
<b>2/08</b>	<b>3:01AM H</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>10:00AM L</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>3:14PM H</b>	<b>6.4</b>	<b>10:34PM L</b>	<b>0.2</b>
2/09	3:37AM H	5.7	10:46AM L	0.1	3:51PM H	6.3	11:15PM L	0.1
2/10	4:15AM H	5.9	11:34AM L	0.1	4:32PM H	6.1	11:57PM L	0.1
2/11	4:59AM H	6.0	12:25PM L	0.1	5:20PM H	5.8		
2/12	12:42AM L	0.0	5:51AM H	6.0	1:20PM L	0.2	6:17PM H	5.5
2/13	1:32AM L	0.0	6:51AM H	6.0	2:19PM L	0.2	7:21PM H	5.2
<b>2/14</b>	<b>2:27AM L</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>7:55AM H</b>	<b>5.9</b>	<b>3:21PM L</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>8:28PM H</b>	<b>5.0</b>
<b>2/15</b>	<b>3:29AM L</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>9:01AM H</b>	<b>6.0</b>	<b>4:24PM L</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>9:34PM H</b>	<b>5.0</b>
2/16	4:32AM L	0.1	10:04AM H	6.2	5:26PM L	0.2	10:36PM H	5.2
2/17	5:33AM L	0.1	11:03AM H	6.4	6:24PM L	0.1	11:34PM H	5.4
2/18	6:32AM L	0.1	12:00PM H	6.6	7:19PM L	0.1		
2/19	12:29AM H	5.7	7:27AM L	0.1	12:52PM H	6.8	8:10PM L	0.1
2/20	1:21AM H	6.0	8:20AM L	0.1	1:42PM H	6.9	8:58PM L	0.1
<b>2/21</b>	<b>2:10AM H</b>	<b>6.2</b>	<b>9:09AM L</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>2:29PM H</b>	<b>6.9</b>	<b>9:42PM L</b>	<b>0.2</b>
<b>2/22</b>	<b>2:57AM H</b>	<b>6.3</b>	<b>9:56AM L</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>3:15PM H</b>	<b>6.7</b>	<b>10:25PM L</b>	<b>0.3</b>
2/23	3:42AM H	6.4	10:42AM L	0.3	4:01PM H	6.5	11:06PM L	0.3
2/24	4:28AM H	6.3	11:27AM L	0.4	4:47PM H	6.2	11:46PM L	0.4
2/25	5:14AM H	6.1	12:12PM L	0.4	5:36PM H	5.8		
2/26	12:26AM L	0.3	6:02AM H	5.9	12:58PM L	0.4	6:27PM H	5.5
2/27	1:08AM L	0.3	6:53AM H	5.7	1:48PM L	0.4	7:22PM H	5.2
<b>2/28</b>	<b>1:53AM L</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>7:47AM H</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>2:40PM L</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>8:19PM H</b>	<b>5.0</b>
<b>2/29</b>	<b>2:43AM L</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>8:43AM H</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>3:36PM L</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>9:16PM H</b>	<b>4.9</b>

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.

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