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Angler of the Year Race Tightens Up

President's Message

This one will be Short and sweet. That's what this president's message this month is. I have a few but important things to pass along. The club has the tournament season coming to a close as well as some other items.

The last tournament will be a barn burner with a three way race for AOTY. Two of the guys are in the same boat. Gee I hope they net the other guy's fish Ok. As long as the river doesn't rise too high, the final tournament [Smallmouth] will be history by the time you read this. Go on-line to see the results or come to the weigh-in. I personally will be happy no matter which one wins.

The end of the year meetings also have a full agenda. At the October meeting we have Kevin Ingram the fishing dept. manager of Dicks to speak. Kevin is going to talk about Stripers. Not only in the river, but also surf fishing, this is timely for this fall.

The November meeting we will have Sam Shiels talk about "How to fish muddy water." In addition we have the club officer elections.

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For anyone interested, all positions are open every year.

Also we will have discount tickets for the January Outdoor show in Fort Washington.

Check the drag and set the hook.

Steve Raulfs

Boat Ramp Update

\$1 million has been appropriated for improvements to Pleasant Hill Park which includes the Linden Avenue boat ramp which is also known to many as the fish hatcheries at Linden Avenue. Temple University's Landscape Architect Department, along with Andropogon Associates worked to develop a master plan for the park. The Department of Recreation took that plan and broke it up into six phases. They include a riparian buffer, parking improvements, fishing ponds, a playground, a fishing pier and an environmental education center with an outdoor amphitheater.

According to Barbara McCabe, from the Philadelphia Department of Recreation, the phases have been prioritized starting with the riparian buffer.

The basic idea (for phase one) is to redesign the parking area, parking for vehicles with boats will stay the same but what we want to do is green this front a little bit, so the parking will be moved a little. It will allow better pedestrian access to the riverfront for people to fish, to sit, to stroll and to enjoy the river.

Of the \$1 million in funding for the first phase, \$500,000 was secured by State Rep. Michael McGeehan through the State and Councilwoman Joan Krajewski (D-6) matched that from the City.

"It goes to prove with the state and the city working together what we can accomplish." Krajewski said. "Councilwoman Krajewski and I are determined with sites like this to make public access, not only available, but appealing," McGeehan said. "For too long, we in Northeast Philadelphia have been cut off from this river and the young people haven't had the exposure to the fish and the wildlife that inhabit this river. We think it is important for this generation and future generations that we reconnect to the river in a meaningful way."

With funding in place, the Department of Recreation will work to finalize the plan for the park as they hope to have contractors submitting bids by next summer.

Important Dates

Thursday, October 27, Monthly Meeting: Dick's Sporting Goods, Franklin Mills Blvd, Franklin Mills, Philadelphia, Pa. in the seminar room, rear of the store on the right hand side.

Sunday, October 23, Smallmouth Tournament: Byram, NJ Access Ramp (See page 6 for details)

Saturday, October 30, Teen Angler Event: (See page 3 for details)

Minutes from the September Meeting

The September 29th meeting of the DRFA was called to order by club president Steve Raulfs at 7:10 pm with 25 members in attendance.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Matt Kicinski reported a balance of \$5,604.11 in the club treasury.

Environment:

Club member Frank Beck reported that the water at Byram is very clear.

Steve said that they are continuing to dredge the Schuylkill River as was reported last month.

Fishing Reports:

Matt Kicinski reported that up in Warren, Pa. they will have to kill a million lake trout. They have a fish hatchery there on the Allegheny River and they have to kill all the lake trout that they have, all sizes and breeders. They caught some type of a virus and the virus is very contagious to all trout and salmon. It's 95% fatal to all trout and salmon. The hatchery is on the Allegheny River near the Kinzua Dam. (See article elsewhere in newsletter)

Old Business:

We have six members representing our club in the South Jersey Bass Club Associations annual Bass Bowl tournament. They are David Raulfs Jr., Steve Raulfs, Pete Antoniewicz, Jeff Antoniewicz Jr., Ed Evans and Dave Milburn.

New Business:

Checks were given to the winners of the September 11th Smallmouth

tournament.

A \$125.00 prize went to first place finisher Pete Antoniewicz., a \$75.00 prize went to second place finisher George Hoffman and a \$50.00 prize went to third place finisher Dave Montgomery.

Also, checks were given to the winners of the September 25th Largemouth tournament. A \$125.00 prize went to first place finisher Steve Raulfs, a \$75.00 prize went to second place finisher Dave Raulfs, Jr. and a \$50.00 prize went to third place finisher Evan Hoffmann.

Pete Antoniewicz is in the lead for angler of the year. It all comes down to the October 23rd Smallmouth tournament to see who angler of the year will be.

The club's picnic will be on hold until next year.

The winner of \$19.00 and a gift bag from the 50-50 drawing was Bob Tiller.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Big Cat Shootout II Tournament Results

It didn't rain all summer. So we had to get it all on one day. And of course it had to come on the day of our club's Big Cat Shootout #2, the fall classic of Catfishing tournaments. The weather was predicted to be lousy and it sure lived up to those expectations. However; they originally predicted it for Wednesday, then Thursday, then Friday morning. Well as you know by now it started Friday evening at the captains meeting. The rain and I'm sure the price of

gas also had something to do with it. These factors obviously kept folks away.

We had 13 boats register. There were 38 boats last fall and we were really pushing for a bigger turnout this year. Hollis, Tom and the entire catfish gang really had a big push on. They worked hard to get the participation to grow. However; the conditions conspired against us.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who helped out. The weather was miserable and our club members showed their true spirit for the club and pitched in. We actually had more volunteers than boats this time.

A big positive note: We had several new members sign up.

The 1st place prize of \$630 went to Jim Hughes with 16.25 lbs.

The 2nd place prize of \$270 went to Allen Stark with 14.48 lbs.

Allen Stark won the Lunker Pool of \$130 with a 7.10 lb fish. Listed below are the complete results:

Pos	Name	Weight
1	Jim Hughes	16.25 lbs
2	Allen Stark	14.48 lbs
3	James Perrone	12.30 lbs
4	Jerry Roache	11.81 lbs
5	John Petrone	11.67 lbs
6	Mike Johnston	11.56 lbs
7	Sam Cummins	11.00 lbs
8	John Marter	10.36 lbs
9	Ed Evans	9.47 lbs
10	John Richardson	6.79 lbs
11	Leon Ames	No Fish
12	Bob Larsen	No Fish
13	David Bowers	No show

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Largemouth Bass Tournament Results

The Largemouth Bass tournament held on Sunday September 25 at the Frankford Arsenal Ramp was the second and final largemouth event of the year. The 7 o'clock start was just about at the top of the tide, which some consider the best time for largemouth bass. There were 22 competitors in this event and nine of them weighed in fish.

The top prize went to Steve Raulfs moving him into second place in the AOTY standings. Steve's fish weighed 2.70 lbs and was 16.75 inches long.

Second place was won by David Raulfs Jr. moving him into third place in the AOTY standings. David's fish was 2.18 lbs, 16 inches long.

In third place was Evan Hoffman with a 1.92 lb 15.5 inch fish.

Others weighing in fish were:
 Rick Mawson Sr., 1.73 lbs, 15.25"
 Dave Milburn, 1.68 lbs, 15.75"
 Bill Cox, 1.56 lbs, 14.5"
 Jeff Antoniewicz, Jr., 1.17 lbs, 13.75"
 Ralph Ferguson, 1.04 lbs, 13"
 Chris Hoffman, 0.90 lbs, 12.25"

The average weight of all fish was 1.65 lbs and the average length of all fish was 14.75 inches.



The winners with their fish:
 Steve Raulfs (center) 1st Place
 David Raulfs Jr. (right) 2nd Place
 Evan Hoffmann (left) 3rd Place

Teen Angler Event

Bauer's Fishing Preserve will be the next stop for the Teen Anglers in the Northeast!

Joe Bauer has agreed to host our event on October 29th, 2005 from 9 am till 3 pm.

Fishing is Free! Bait will be provided by Teen Anglers, bring a non-fishing friend, rods and reels will be available for rent for the day for only \$4.00. Teen Anglers will provide trophies and prizes! Categories will include big fish trophies for: Biggest Channel Cat, Biggest Largemouth Bass, Biggest Hybrid, Biggest Crappie, and Biggest Trout! Plus prizes for everyone!

We will have hot dogs, and water and soda before the awards presentation.

Please sign-up online at: ALTeenAnglers@aol.com, so we know how many hot dogs and T-Shirts and prizes to bring! For information on how to volunteer or just be a part of this event, please contact:

Capt. Frank Breakell 1-609-425-9401
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Meeting Reminder

Meetings are held on the last Thursday of each month at Dick's Sporting Goods at Franklin Mills. Don't just be a member, be a participant. Attend meetings and meet your fellow club members and learn more about the club.

Angler of the Year

The AOTY race has indeed become interesting as Steve Raulfs took first place in the Largemouth tournament to cut Pete Antoniewicz's lead to nine points. The final tournament, which is for smallmouth at the Byram access, is to be held on October 23.

Mathematically, seven members have a chance at winning the AOTY race. With smallmouth fishing being as spotty as it has been all year, who knows, anything is possible. This one will be an interesting weigh-in.

Angler of the Year Top Ten Standings

The following standings are current as of October 14, 2005.

#	Name	Points
1.	Pete Antoniewicz	550
2.	Steve Raulfs	541
3.	David Raulfs, Jr	531
4.	Chris Hoffman	525
5.	Bill Marshall	467
6.	Scott Ferral	458
7.	Ed Evans	457
8.	Rick Mawson, Sr	368
9.	George Hoffman	364
10.	Jeff Antoniewicz, Jr	352

2005 DRFA Tournament Schedule

This is the final DRFA tournament of the 2005 season

Always check the DRFA Web site or the Tournament Hotline the night before the event to learn about any possible rescheduling or relocation due to water or weather conditions.

Date	Event	Location	Time
10/23	Smallmouth	Byram, NJ Access Ramp	7 am to 1 pm

Fall Striper Seminar at October Meeting

Kevin Ingram, Fishing Department Manager at Dick's Sporting Goods, will give a presentation on fall striper surf fishing at our October meeting. Kevin is a very knowledgeable and experienced angler who has given other very informative seminars at DRFA meetings in the past.

Come to the October 27 meeting and listen to Kevin and pick up some tips on fishing in the surf for stripers.

Spinnerbaits

I'm sure a lot of the guys reading this right now know a lot more about how, when, and some pretty good tricks for spinnerbaits than I do. The object of this article isn't to show those really good bass fishermen in the club anything new. The purpose is to revisit the spinnerbait for guys and [excuse me] gals who might have gotten away from them or may want to use them with a little more versatility.

The clothespin style spinnerbait is absolutely the one bait I have tied on all the time, sometimes several different colors etc. I'll use it anytime and anywhere I fish for bass. Over the years it has accounted for about a third of the bass I've caught, also most of my bigger fish.

I like it because it can cover a lot of water quickly. You can find the most active fish in the area faster with this bait. The spinnerbait is versatile because you can use it for a larger variety of cover situations. It doesn't get snagged up as easy as crankbaits & jigs etc. I really like it over the top of weeds.

When using them over this cover, I'll try to tip the top of weeds and let it drop into open areas. If I should get hung up, I'll give it a big

hard rip. Remember to point your rod tip straight at the lure and this will help it get through. When the fish aren't on top of the weeds, I'll start slow rolling it along the weed edge. Also slow roll it down on a drop off. A slower speed reel helps with this tactic.

This last Largemouth tourney both the first and second place fish were caught over weeds with spinnerbaits. My nephew got his fish where the spadderdock had a gully between them. My fish was right in the middle of a large bed of spadderdock. The tide was high and falling. The weeds were mostly submerged. Now when the bait got hung up, I gave it a big pull which made it jump about 4' with a big splash. Then I reeled in the slack fast and stopped it. That's when the fish hit.

As far as size, I like to use larger baits a 1/2 oz. or so. I can fish them on 6-1/2' med. heavy baitcasting gear with 12 lb. line or heavier. When the big fish get down in the cover, you need heavy gear to get them to boat.

As far as the colors I prefer: they are white, black, and chartreuse / wt. Also fire-tiger when the water is off color.

I usually don't downsize. However; I know a lot of guys that do with very good success. They are basically trying to match the hatch kind of thing. Size, color, blade types, etc. is something you need to experiment with for yourself on the water you fish.

These were just two of my favorite ways to work the spinnerbait. There is so much more to talk about on this subject. This month's Bassmasters magazine has an article that will give you even more insight.

Smallmouth bass like big baits too. Don't forget. "Set the hook".

Fish Virus Found

Lake and brook trout at the Allegheny National Fish Hatchery in Warren, Pa. have tested positive for the fish virus Infectious Pancreatic Necrosis, or IPN. To eliminate the infection, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service staff will remove the entire population of fish and eggs and disinfect the hatchery. The hatchery now has 720,000 juvenile lake, brook and rainbow trout. The hatchery also has 2,500 lake trout broodstock, some as old as nine years, and 230,000 lake trout eggs. Fish from the hatchery are stocked in lakes Erie and Ontario and in and around Allegheny National Forest. IPN is highly contagious among trout and salmon species, causing up to 90 percent mortality in young fish. There is no cure or treatment for the disease. It does not affect humans. The virus may be passed from parent fish to offspring through the egg or from diseased fish to healthy fish. The Allegheny hatchery undergoes strict fish health inspections annually. The November 2004 inspection showed no IPN, so the infection is presumed to be new in 2005. The Service is moving quickly to reestablish the lake trout program lost this year at Allegheny. The White River National Fish Hatchery in Bethel, Vt. is already raising lake trout to be stocked in 2007.

Newsletter Deadline

If you are interested in submitting an article, news item, report, message or want ad for publication in the November newsletter, please send your information to The River News Editor, Rick Mawson at the contact address or phone number listed on the back cover of this newsletter or E-mail to: DRFA_TheRiverNews@Hotmail.com. All items for publication must be submitted **no later than Friday, November 21.**

Fishing Reports

*This listing is abridged from a report posted on Friday, October 7 on the Web site of Brinkman's **Bait and Tackle in Northeast Phila. (215-632-0674)**, for a complete report log on to Brinkman's Web site:*

<http://members.aol.com/wormpeople/>

Tidal River

The amount of information has really dropped off. Online reports have completely stopped and information coming in here has been very slow. I hope after this rain over the next few days may start things up putting some water back into the streams and rivers and cool the water down the shore to start the beach fishing for blues and stripers.

The lower river has still been very good for catfish and small stripers. With the Big Cat Shoot-out this Saturday I would have thought they would have had a great tournament but with the rains they are calling for I'm not so sure now. The cats are still hitting nightcrawlers, shrimp, chicken livers, herring, mackerel and bagels. Most of the fish being picked up have been 2 to 5 pounds with a few fish 5 to 10 pounds still being caught. Now again most of the stripers that are being caught have been from 10 to 15 inches. These fish are schooling up around bridges, sand bars and under the moving pods of baitfish. They are being caught on kastmasters, rattle traps, twister tails, and Zara Spooks. Now the largemouth bass fishing has picked up a bit the past couple of weeks. These fish are starting to move closer and into the harbors and marinas. The guys have been telling me that plastic worms, rattle traps, fire tiger crankbaits, grubs, tubes, and pig and jig have been working the best. Most of the fish have been 1 to 3 pounds with some guys getting 2 to 10 fish per boat for a morning of fishing.

Myself I have not gotten out in over three weeks now. All kind of problems are keeping me close to home. But Bruce and Karl were able to get up river on Monday and had a really good day on smallies. They put in at Byran and fished that area most of the day but went through the dam and went out at Bull's Island. They picked up over 50 smallies 3 stripers and 1 big catfish. Fishing along the wall at Byran they picked up mostly small fish from 6 to 10 inches. And that is where the big cat came from. When they went down river around the foot bridge is where they picked up some better fish. Now the biggest they had was around 14 inches. They were using minnows, grubs and surface lures. Several other guys are all doing very well on the upper Delaware. Most guys are wading the river at Frenchtown, Upper Black Eddy, Treasure Island, New Hope, Washington's Crossing and Yardley. And most guys are using minnows, worms, grubs, spinners, tubes and surface lures. All have been doing very well on smallmouth bass and small stripers. The numbers on the smallies have been from 10 to 25 fish per man for a days fishing with some guys getting up to 10 to 20 stripers a trip also. But these stripers are on their way down river so they will not be caught much longer. One customer did the canoe drift trip on Saturday with his kids and they picked up 80 bass, 9 stripers and 4 catfish. All their fish were caught on live minnows. All the bass were 10 to 13 inches and the stripers were 12 to 15 inches. Trout were stocked in Core Creek, Levittown Lake, Wissahickon and the Pennypack. Now Core Creek has just gotten a regular stocking but in this lake the crappies and perch have really turned on. They have been using small minnows, meal worms, small tubes and twister tails. There also have been

some decent bass being caught along the shore line with plastic worms, spinner baits, rattle traps and crankbaits. There are still a lot of catfish, perch, small stripers and largemouth bass being picked up in the main river. Several guys have been out bottom fishing with herring and chicken livers picking up plenty of catfish. The small stripers have been picked up around the bridge abutments and also around the pods of bait fish coming down the river. Most of these stripers have been 6 to 14 inches with a few fish following the bait fish up to 21 inches. If you do see a bunch of silver bait fish breaking water try to follow them around throwing Kastmasters, rattle traps and Zara Spooks. The largemouth bass fishing seemed to pick up a bit this week. Several guys were out throwing crankbaits, Senko worms, and Carolina rigging plastic worms and lizards.

Trenton/Yardley/Morrisville Area

Dan Leach at **H & L Bait and Tackle** in Morrisville, Pa. (215-295-1400) reports smallmouth and some small stripers being caught on live bait in the non-tidal river. In the In Trenton area a few Walleye have been caught around the bridges, but that was before the rains.

Easton/Phillipsburg Area

Bill Pierce at **Bill's Bait and Tackle** in Phillipsburg, NJ (908-859-5729).said the weather really put the kibosh on the fishing in the Delaware River, the Lehigh Valley and elsewhere.

Water levels in the river are above normal as of this report. Water temperatures in the tidal river are holding in the mid 60's on the outgoing and the upper 60's on the incoming tide. In the non-tidal river temps are in the mid 60's.

As of this report, all launch ramps are serviceable.

DRFA Battles the Odds at Bass Bow

The six-man DRFA team competing in the SJBCA Bass Bowl Tournament on October 16 had to fight more than just 82 anglers from 14 other fishing club teams in this year's competition. An arriving front, plus winds up to 30 mph made it tough for most of the competitors overall (with the exception of one pair's phenomenal bag limit).

Although the complete team results were not yet available, the DRFA team – consisting of boat partners David Raulfs Jr. with Steve Raulfs, Pete Antoniewicz with Jeff Antoniewicz Jr., and Ed Evans with Dave Milburn – finished in the middle of the pack with a three-fish total weight of 7.08 lbs.

Cumberland County Bassmasters won this year's SJBCA Bass Bowl with an impressive sixteen bass for 42.34 lbs. Their total was anchored by a ten-bass limit brought in by Roy Henry and Jerrod Lloyd that weighed 29.26 lbs. Roy also took lunger with a 4.92 lb bass.

Tidewater Bassers took second place with six bass totaling 16.40 lbs.

Except for the winning team, actually, except for just the top two partners on that winning team, the remaining teams averaged about 1 fish or less per angler. The DRFA's top competitors were Steve Raulfs with a 3.02-lb. bass, Jeff Antoniewicz Jr. with a 2.57-lb. bass and Ed Evans with a 1.49-lb. bass.

November Tide Predictions, NOAA National Ocean Service

Readings taken at Municipal Pier 11, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
All listings are Eastern Standard Time. **Weekends are indicated by bold.**

Date	Time	Hgt	Time	Hgt	Time	Hgt	Time	Hgt
11/01	12:53AM	6.2 H	07:44AM	0.7 L	01:13PM	6.7 H	08:19PM	0.6 L
11/02	01:33AM	6.0 H	08:28AM	0.7 L	01:49PM	6.7 H	09:07PM	0.5 L
11/03	02:11AM	5.8 H	09:11AM	0.6 L	02:25PM	6.7 H	09:55PM	0.5 L
11/04	02:50AM	5.5 H	09:55AM	0.6 L	03:02PM	6.7 H	10:43PM	0.4 L
11/05	03:32AM	5.3 H	10:41AM	0.5 L	03:45PM	6.6 H	11:33PM	0.4 L
11/06	04:20AM	5.2 H	11:31AM	0.5 L	04:36PM	6.5 H		
11/07	12:24AM	0.4 L	05:16AM	5.2 H	12:24PM	0.5 L	05:35PM	6.4 H
11/08	01:17AM	0.5 L	06:20AM	5.2 H	01:21PM	0.5 L	06:41PM	6.4 H
11/09	02:12AM	0.5 L	07:27AM	5.4 H	02:21PM	0.6 L	07:48PM	6.4 H
11/10	03:08AM	0.4 L	08:31AM	5.8 H	03:23PM	0.6 L	08:51PM	6.5 H
11/11	04:03AM	0.4 L	09:32AM	6.2 H	04:25PM	0.6 L	09:51PM	6.6 H
11/12	04:58AM	0.4 L	10:28AM	6.6 H	05:25PM	0.6 L	10:46PM	6.6 H
11/13	05:51AM	0.3 L	11:20AM	7.0 H	06:22PM	0.5 L	11:39PM	6.6 H
11/14	06:42AM	0.3 L	12:09PM	7.2 H	07:17PM	0.4 L		
11/15	12:29AM	6.5 H	07:31AM	0.4 L	12:56PM	7.3 H	08:08PM	0.3 L
11/16	01:17AM	6.3 H	08:18AM	0.4 L	01:41PM	7.2 H	08:57PM	0.3 L
11/17	02:04AM	6.1 H	09:03AM	0.5 L	02:26PM	7.0 H	09:44PM	0.4 L
11/18	02:51AM	5.8 H	09:46AM	0.5 L	03:10PM	6.8 H	10:29PM	0.4 L
11/19	03:37AM	5.6 H	10:28AM	0.6 L	03:54PM	6.6 H	11:13PM	0.5 L
11/20	04:25AM	5.4 H	11:10AM	0.6 L	04:41PM	6.4 H	11:57PM	0.5 L
11/21	05:16AM	5.2 H	11:53AM	0.6 L	05:31PM	6.2 H		
11/22	12:41AM	0.6 L	06:08AM	5.2 H	12:39PM	0.6 L	06:23PM	6.1 H
11/23	01:27AM	0.6 L	07:03AM	5.2 H	01:28PM	0.7 L	07:19PM	6.0 H
11/24	02:14AM	0.6 L	07:58AM	5.3 H	02:22PM	0.7 L	08:14PM	5.9 H
11/25	03:03AM	0.6 L	08:52AM	5.5 H	03:19PM	0.7 L	09:08PM	5.9 H
11/26	03:53AM	0.6 L	09:44AM	5.8 H	04:17PM	0.7 L	10:00PM	5.9 H
11/27	04:43AM	0.6 L	10:32AM	6.0 H	05:14PM	0.6 L	10:50PM	5.8 H
11/28	05:33AM	0.5 L	11:17AM	6.2 H	06:10PM	0.5 L	11:37PM	5.7 H
11/29	06:22AM	0.5 L	12:00PM	6.4 H	07:04PM	0.4 L		
11/30	12:22AM	5.5 H	07:11AM	0.4 L	12:41PM	6.5 H	07:56PM	0.3 L

All times are listed in Local Standard Time (LST) or, Local Daylight Time (LDT) (when applicable). All heights are in feet referenced to Mean Lower Low Water (MLLW).

Station	Time Differential		Height Differential	
	High	Low	High	Low
Marcus Hook, Pa.	-1 29	-1 16	*0.90	*0.90
Bridgeport, Raccoon Creek, NJ.	-1 13	-0 55	*0.87	*0.87
Darby Creek, Pennsylvania				
Tinicum National Wildlife Refuge	-0 26	+0 18	*0.71	*0.71
Paulsboro, Mantua Creek, NJ.	-0 25	-0 28	*0.90	*0.90
Woodbury Creek, NJ.	-0 19	-0 23	*0.93	*0.93
Schuylkill River, Market St 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. Rt73 Bridge, NJ.	+0 49	+0 57	*0.84	*0.84
Pompeston Creek, NJ.	+0 19	+0 37	*1.02	*1.02
Bridgeboro, Rancocas Creek, NJ.	+1 09	+1 09	*1.03	*1.03
Cornwells Heights, Pa.	+0 40	+0 49	*1.14	*1.14
Burlington, NJ.	+0 41	+0 58	*1.17	*1.17
Edgely, Pa.	+1 02	+1 19	*1.24	*1.24
Fieldsboro, NJ.	+1 01	+1 30	*1.26	*1.16
Trenton, NJ.	+1 12	+1 48	*1.30	*1.05

Height Differences: for most stations, use of 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 Fall Smallmouth Bass Tournament

Sunday, October 23

7 am to 1 pm

Byram NJ Access Ramp

RULES:

- All participants must check in between 6:00 am & 7:00 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) Smallmouth Bass (Legal size) 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 its tributaries that can be reached by boat from the Byram NJ Access Ramp. Shore fishing is permitted.
- Weigh-in is 1 pm sharp. Those arriving after 1 pm will not be permitted to weigh-in fish.
- Only legal fishing methods of the States of New Jersey and Pennsylvania may be used.
- The tournament judge will have final say in all disputes.

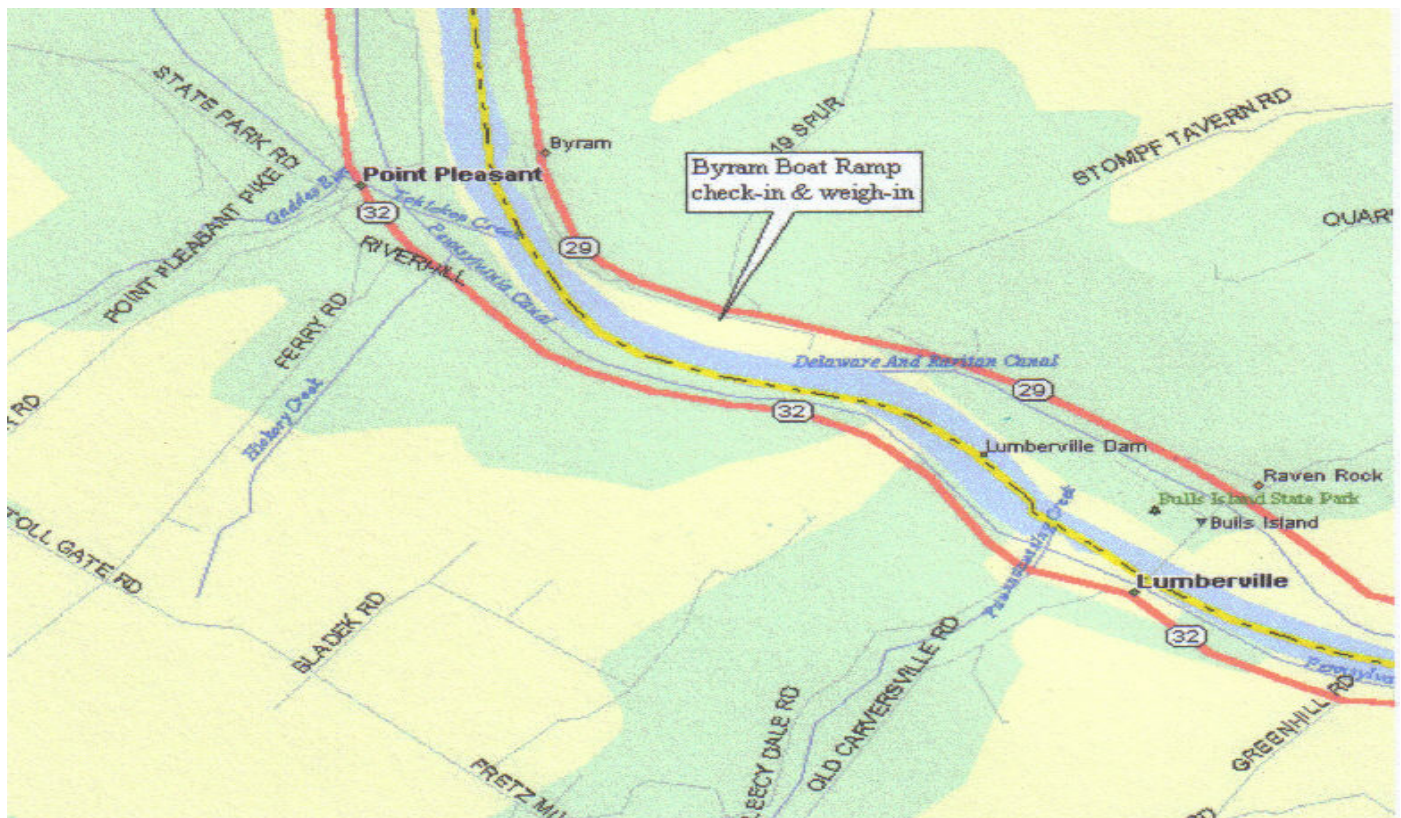
Tournament Hotline: 215-945-3635

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All anglers weighing in fish, no matter where they place, will accumulate points towards the
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*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
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