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# The River News

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## 2005 Tournament Season Winding Down

### President's Message

The summer is over and the fishing will start to heat up. This is my favorite time. The fishing can be the absolute best of the year. The fall colors & temps can be delightful, and a day on the water is just picture perfect. The Best part is the fishing. Some of the biggest fish of the year will come out to play.

The club has the best part of the year coming up as well. We have the "Angler of the Year" finale. Pete Antoniewicz took a commanding lead with his first place finish in the last smallmouth tourney and most of the other top contenders going fishless, including yours truly. Pete can close out his competition with an 83 point lead. He is in the driver's seat. Good Luck Pete! However: This will still come down to the last tournament, the October 23rd Smallmouth tournament. Stay tuned.

Also we have the fall "Big Cat Shootout 2". We still need volunteers to help at the boat check-in and the weigh-in. If you're available please give Hollis Laing or myself a call.

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Remember "Check your drag and set the hook." It could be your biggest fish of the year!

### Linden Ave. Boat Ramp Update.

The official name of the park is "Pleasant Hill Park." This update is abbreviated from the News Gleaner. The Fairmont Park Commission has received it's first phase of funding from the state. They received \$500,000.00 from the state and a matching amount from the City of Phila.

They have also received funding from the PA Fish & Boat Comm. The project is broken down into 6 phases. This first phase will concentrate on the rehab of the rip rap and the greening of the parking lot. Because we have a space limit here, I'll have the newspaper article on hand at the next meeting.

### "Bass Bowl" Contestants Asked To Sign Up Now

Any DRFA members interested in participating in the South Jersey Bass Club Association (SJBCA) annual Bass Bowl tournament need to register with Vice President/Tournament Coordinator Ed Evans by the first week of October. This year's event will be held on Sunday, October 16, at the Northeast River/Upper Chesapeake Bay in Maryland, a popular spot for sizable largemouth as well as smallmouth bass.

As one of the member clubs in the SJBCA, the DRFA is entitled to send a representative team consisting of three boats with two anglers per boat. A contribution of \$7.50 per angler goes toward prizes

for the top two teams and the lunger award. There is a limit of 5 fish per angler/10 fish per boat, with the total weight for all six anglers accumulating toward the team total. The lunger award goes to the largest individual fish. Tournament slots are open to any interested DRFA anglers, with priority going to the top point earners in the club's bass tournaments. But each year there have also been openings for members who did not score in the DRFA club tournaments. Any interested anglers should contact Ed Evans at (215) 361-2767, or talk to him at the September 25 largemouth tournament or the September 29 club meeting. The DRFA has been well represented in several of the Bass Bowl tournaments in which it has competed over the past few years, finishing in the top tier several times and landing the tournament lunger one year.

### Important Dates

**Thursday, September 29, 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.  
**Saturday, October 8, Big Cat Shootout II:** Lighting Jack's Marina, Riverside, NJ. (See page 7 for details)  
**Sunday, October 16, SJBCA Bass Bowl:** (Call Ed Evans at 215 361 2767 for details)  
**Sunday, October 23, Smallmouth Tournament:** Byram, NJ Access Ramp (See page 6 for details)

## Minutes from the August Meeting

The August 25th meeting of the DRFA was called to order by club president Steve Raulfs at 7:15pm with 21 members in attendance.

### Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Matt Kicinski reported a balance of \$6,477.75 in the club treasury.

### Environment:

Steve Raulfs reported that on the news he heard that there was a chemical spill of some type at Crum Creek down near Darby.

### Fishing Reports:

Other than the club members discussing their fishing experiences there were no specific fishing reports.

Members reported that fishing has not been that good.

### Old Business:

The Big Cat Shootout II is on October 8th at Lightning Jack's Marina. Hollis Laing mailed the application forms to the former fishing people that were in the last Big Cat tournament. So far helping out at the Captains meeting on Friday night October 7th are Ed Evans, Frank Beck, Hollis Laing, Matt Kicinski, Brian Jacobs and Rick Mawson. Everyone should be there by 6pm. Volunteers are still needed to help on Saturday morning October 8th. For Saturday afternoon we have Ed Robinson, Eileen & Matt Kicinski, and Ed Evans. The weighmaster will be Sam Shiels.

We have a tentative date of October 15th for our club picnic. We still

need volunteers to put it together. Volunteering to help out Tom Zerumski is Brian Brown. The picnic would be held at Core Creek or Playwicki Park on Bridgetown Pike.

### New Business:

Our club's Smallmouth tournament will be on September 11th at Bull's Island ramp. Rick Mawson will be the weighmaster with Dave Montgomery helping out.

The club's Largemouth tournament is on September 25th. The weighmasters for this tournament are Ed Evans, Scott Ferral and JR.

The club's final Smallmouth tournament is on October 23rd at Byram. The weighmasters will be Dave Montgomery and Frank Beck.

Checks were given to the winners of the Catfish tournament. A \$125.00 prize went to first place finisher Ed Evans. A \$75.00 prize went to second place finisher Hollis Laing and a \$50.00 prize went to third place finisher Leo Zachwieja.

Tom Zerumski is trying to get Cablela's to sponsor the Big Cat Shootout.

The winner of \$21.00 and a gift bag from the 50-50 drawing was Steve Raulfs.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

## 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.

## Big Cat Shootout II Tournament

The DRFA will sponsor its Big Cat Shootout II Tournament on Saturday, October 8, 2005. This event will be held at Lightning Jack's Marina in Riverside NJ from 7 am until 3 pm. There will be a mandatory captain's meeting at 7 pm on Friday October 7, at the marina. Rules and regulations and procedures for check-in and weigh-in will be discussed at this meeting. This meeting is mandatory for all captains.

Entry fee is \$100 per boat, with up to four anglers allowed to fish per boat. The Lunker pool will be \$10 per boat.

The top prize is \$3,500 based on a field of 100 boats. The top six teams will be awarded prize money. Application forms are available at local marinas and tackle shops, on the DRFA web Site: [www.drfishermen.com](http://www.drfishermen.com), on page 7 of this newsletter or by calling Tom Zerumski at 215-357-0570.

## Newsletter Deadline

If you are interested in submitting an article, news item, report, message or want ad for publication in the October 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](mailto:DRFA_TheRiverNews@Hotmail.com). All items for publication must be submitted **no later than Friday, October 14.**

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## Summer Smallmouth Bass Tournament Results

The Summer Smallmouth Tournament was held at the Bulls Island NJ Ramp. This was the club's first event at this site. Parking was tight, but adequate. This section of the river provided good depth and structure, with fast moving water upstream of the ramp and slower water with some nice pools downstream. Hopefully more events will be held at this site. Thirty-seven members participated in the Summer Smallmouth Bass Tournament held on September 11 at the Bulls Island NJ Ramp. Twenty-two contestants weighed in fish. Pete Antoniewicz earned first place with a 2.25 lb 17 inch fish. In second place was George Hoffman with a 1.76 lb, 16 inch smallie. Dave Montgomery came in Third with a 1.69 lb, 16.5 inch fish. Rounding out the top ten were: Jeff Antoniewicz Jr., 1.66 lb, 15.75 inches. Chris Hoffman, 1.65 lb, 16 inches. Tom Zerumski, 1.47 lb, 14.75 inches. David Raulfs, Jr., 1.44 lbs, 15.25 inches. Mike Hall, 1.41 lbs, 14.5 inches. Bob Bonczyk 1.39 lb, 13.75 inches. Rick Mawson Sr., 1.33 lb, 14.5 inches. The average weight of all fish was 1.32 lbs and the average length was 14.25 inches.



Pete Antoniewicz, First Place, 2.25 lb, 17 inches

No picture is available for second place. George Hoffman left before his picture could be taken. George's second place fish was 1.76lbs, 16 inches. Could George be camera shy?



Dave Montgomery, Third place, 1.69 lb, 16.5 inches

## 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 9am 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](mailto: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**

**Capt. Al Bernetti 1-772-519-0482**

## Angler of the Year

Pete Antoniewicz moved into the top spot in the AOTY race with a first place finish in the Summer Smallmouth Tournament. Pete holds a comfortable 83 point lead with only two tournaments remaining; however with the next contest being a largemouth tournament, anything can happen.

## Angler of the Year Top Ten Standings

*The following standings are current as of September 19, 2005.*

#	Name	Points
1.	Pete Antoniewicz	550
2.	Bill Marshall	467
3.	Scott Ferral	458
4.	Ed Evans	457
5.	Steve Raulfs	441
6.	Chris Hoffman	433
7.	David Raulfs Jr	432
8.	George Hoffman	364
9.	Dave Montgomery	349
10.	Joe Pocetti	338

## 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

## Frayed Knot

When the line breaks, chances are it's at the knot. And whose fault is that? Choosing the right knot and tying it properly often will make the difference.

Professional fishermen know the importance of a good knot, when to use it and how to tie it. It's second nature to them. They have a regimen they use day in and day out.

First, they all agree that fresh line is critically important. That's why they change it out after each day of hard use. Second, they use the right line for the job. If it is gin clear water they'll use fluoro-carbon line rather than monofilament. Third, they tie the right knot for the line they're using.

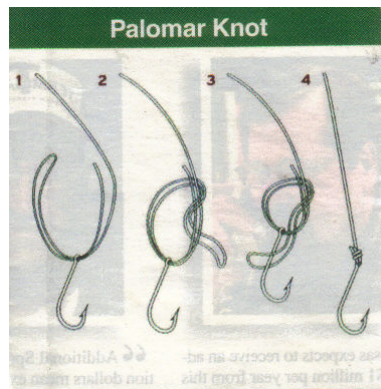
Here are some examples of three of the most popular knots, when to use them and how to tie them. As with any knot, wet the line. The heat built up inside the knot while cinching it down will weaken the line if it's not wet.

The Trilene® knot is easy to tie and works great on fluorocarbon. (1) Slide your line through the hook eye and repeat, entering the line from the same direction and being sure to form a double loop at the hook eye. (2) Wrap the tag end around the standing line four or five times, moving away from the hook. (3) Pass the tag end back through the double loop at the hook eye, moisten, pull the knot tight against the hook eye, and trim tag.

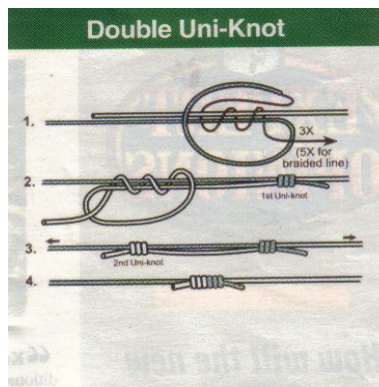


The Palomar knot has become one of the most popular knots among pros for most lines, but it does not fare well on fluorocarbon.

(1) Double about 6 inches of line and pass through the eye of the hook. (2) Tie a simple over-hand knot in the double line, letting the hook hang loose. (3) Pull the end of the loop down, passing it completely over the hook. (4) Pull both ends of the line to draw up the knot. Trim excess.



Joining monofilament to braided line can be a pain, but when you need to do it, the double uni-knot will get it done. (1) Overlap line ends about 6 inches, forming a loop in one line for uni-knot. (2) Tie a uni-knot with six wraps around the lines. (3) Pull tag end to tighten first knot around line. (4) Tie a second uni-knot with tag end of other line. (5) Pull both main lines to tighten and bring knots together. Trim ends.



## Fishing Reports

*This listing is abridged from a report posted on Friday, September 16 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

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.

Now the upper river has been a different story. The smallmouth bass fishing has still been very good. Some spots have been better than others but this fishery has really come back since the spring. Jay did fish the Washington's Crossing only catching a couple of small bass so he went back up to his spot around Frenchtown and did much better on numbers and size of fish. He is using mostly minnows. Another customer was up in the Yardley area doing very well. He picked up over 50 fish by himself early on Tuesday morning. He said all the fish were on the small side but the action was good using minnows. His biggest fish was 11 inches. Another customer was up in the Treasure Island area wading along the islands picking up 20 smallies and a bunch of small stripers. He said most of the

smallmouth bass were in the deeper water while the stripers were right in the fast water. Again he picked most of his fish up on minnows. Dennis and Larry were canoeing in the Point Pleasant area also doing very well with minnows. The said both the numbers and size were very good. The only other report from up river was in the Water Gap area. This group of guys did very well with both bait and lures. They had plenty of smallmouth bass with a 20 inch fish to top the stringer. They also had a bunch of rock bass, bluegills and even a few pike. Not a bad weekend

**Trenton/Yardley/Morrisville Area**

Dan Leach at *H & L Bait and Tackle* in Morrisville, Pa. (215-295-1400) reports a decrease in fishing activity probably due to high gas prices. A few anglers have been fishing the Trenton area picking some small stripers. North of Trenton smallmouth fishing has improved but is still below normal for this time of year.

**Easton/Phillipsburg Area**

Bill Pierce at *Bill's Bait and Tackle* in Phillipsburg, NJ (908-859-5729) says anglers in the Phillipsburg area and north are seeing some better fishing. Most of the action has been stripers and catfish, some occasional walleyes and decent size smallmouth.

Water temperatures in the tidal river are holding in the 80-degree range on both incoming and outgoing tides. In the non-tidal section of the river water temperatures are in the upper 70's. As of this report, all launch ramps are serviceable.

**October 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
10/01	01:00AM	6.9 H	07:53AM	0.8 L	01:27PM	6.4 H	08:06PM	0.9 L
10/02	01:43AM	6.9 H	08:37AM	0.9 L	02:08PM	6.5 H	08:54PM	0.9 L
10/03	02:23AM	6.7 H	09:18AM	0.9 L	02:45PM	6.6 H	09:41PM	0.9 L
10/04	03:01AM	6.5 H	09:59AM	0.9 L	03:20PM	6.6 H	10:27PM	0.8 L
10/05	03:36AM	6.2 H	10:39AM	0.9 L	03:52PM	6.6 H	11:13PM	0.8 L
10/06	04:11AM	5.9 H	11:19AM	0.8 L	04:24PM	6.6 H		
10/07	12:00AM	0.8 L	04:47AM	5.6 H	12:00PM	0.7 L	05:00PM	6.5 H
10/08	12:49AM	0.7 L	05:29AM	5.3 H	12:46PM	0.6 L	05:47PM	6.4 H
10/09	01:41AM	0.7 L	06:23AM	5.2 H	01:36PM	0.6 L	06:46PM	6.4 H
10/10	02:36AM	0.8 L	07:30AM	5.1 H	02:34PM	0.6 L	07:54PM	6.3 H
10/11	03:33AM	0.8 L	08:40AM	5.2 H	03:35PM	0.7 L	09:05PM	6.4 H
10/12	04:31AM	0.7 L	09:47AM	5.5 H	04:39PM	0.7 L	10:10PM	6.6 H
10/13	05:29AM	0.7 L	10:49AM	6.0 H	05:42PM	0.7 L	11:10PM	6.9 H
10/14	06:25AM	0.6 L	11:46AM	6.5 H	06:42PM	0.7 L		
10/15	12:06AM	7.1 H	07:18AM	0.5 L	12:40PM	6.9 H	07:40PM	0.6 L
10/16	12:59AM	7.2 H	08:09AM	0.5 L	01:30PM	7.3 H	08:35PM	0.6 L
10/17	01:49AM	7.2 H	08:58AM	0.5 L	02:18PM	7.5 H	09:28PM	0.5 L
10/18	02:38AM	7.0 H	09:45AM	0.5 L	03:05PM	7.5 H	10:18PM	0.5 L
10/19	03:25AM	6.7 H	10:30AM	0.5 L	03:51PM	7.4 H	11:07PM	0.5 L
10/20	04:13AM	6.4 H	11:15AM	0.6 L	04:37PM	7.1 H	11:54PM	0.5 L
10/21	05:02AM	6.0 H	11:58AM	0.6 L	05:24PM	6.8 H		
10/22	12:41AM	0.6 L	05:53AM	5.7 H	12:42PM	0.7 L	06:14PM	6.5 H
10/23	01:28AM	0.6 L	06:47AM	5.4 H	01:28PM	0.7 L	07:07PM	6.3 H
10/24	02:16AM	0.7 L	07:43AM	5.3 H	02:15PM	0.7 L	08:03PM	6.1 H
10/25	03:06AM	0.7 L	08:40AM	5.3 H	03:06PM	0.8 L	09:00PM	6.1 H
10/26	03:56AM	0.8 L	09:37AM	5.4 H	04:00PM	0.8 L	09:56PM	6.2 H
10/27	04:47AM	0.8 L	10:31AM	5.7 H	04:56PM	0.8 L	10:49PM	6.3 H
10/28	05:38AM	0.8 L	11:23AM	5.9 H	05:51PM	0.8 L	11:40PM	6.4 H
10/29	06:27AM	0.8 L	12:10PM	6.2 H	06:46PM	0.8 L		
10/30	12:27AM	6.5 H	06:14AM	0.8 L	11:54AM	6.4 H	06:39PM	0.8 L
10/31	12:11AM	6.4 H	07:00AM	0.8 L	12:35PM	6.6 H	07:30PM	0.7 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				
Tincum 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

# 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.

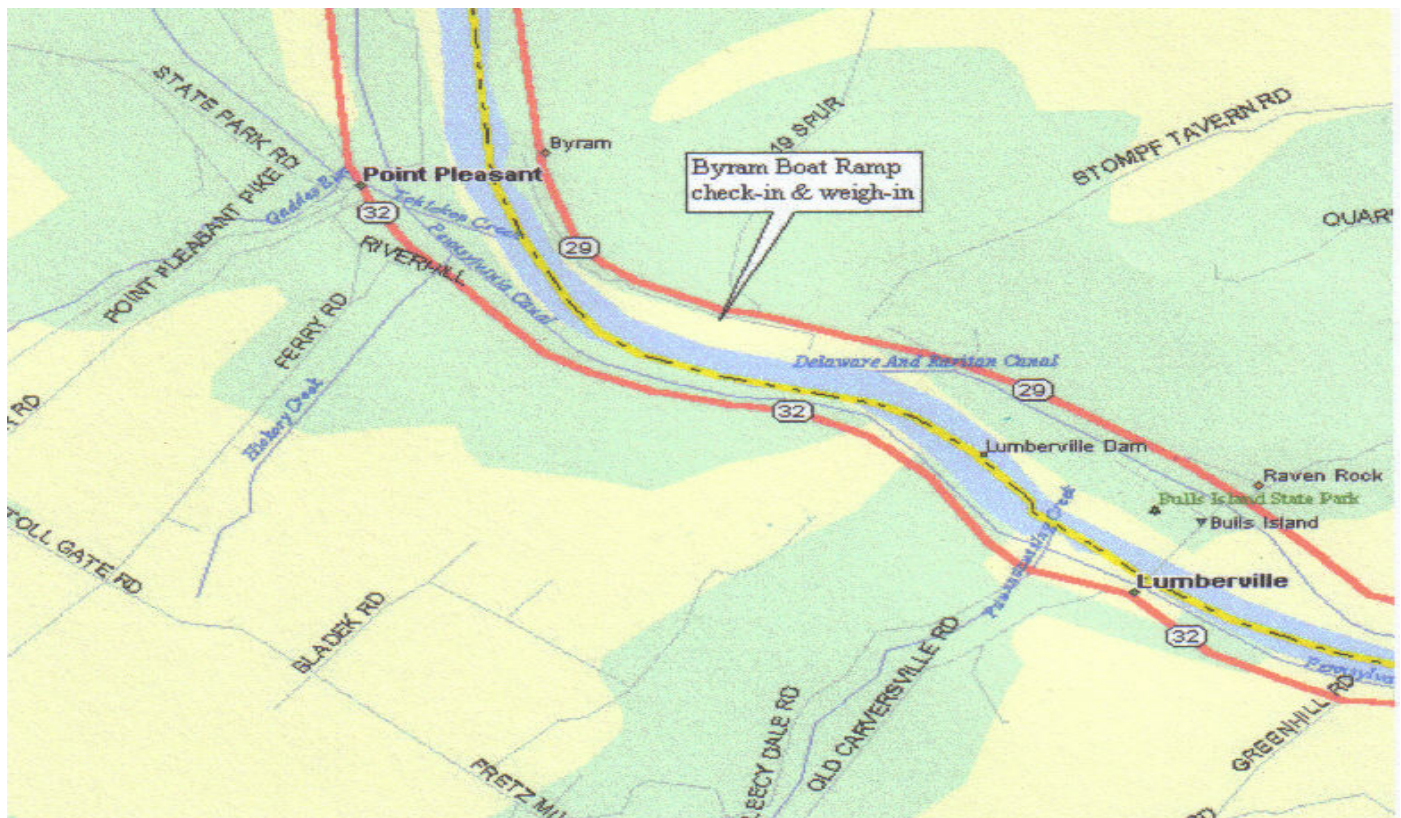
Tournament Hotline: 215-945-3635

Tournament Coordinator: Steve Raulfs: 215-969-1010

**PRIZES:**      1st Place:      \$125.00      2nd Place:      \$75.00      3rd Place:      \$50.00

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.



# THE 2005 BIG CAT SHOOTOUT II

Presented by The Delaware River Fishermen's Association

Date: Saturday October 8, 2005

Check-in & Weigh-in Site: Lightning Jack's Marina 856-461-0086  
625 Harrison Street, Riverside, NJ 08075 - \$15 Launch Fee (pay at Ramp) From Rt. 130 North, take Bridgeboro Road exit, South of Rancocas Creek Left at bottom of ramp, 613 West (Bridgeboro Road) Right on Laycock Street to Marina. From Rt. 130 South, cross Rancocas Creek, take first right, on 613 West, Bridgeboro Road, right on Laycock to Marina

Time: 7:00 AM till 3:00 PM

Boat Check: 5:30 AM till 6:45 AM  
Weigh In: 12 Noon till 3:00 PM  
Entry Fee: \$100.00 per Boat (max. 4 anglers)  
Lunker Option: \$10.00 per Boat  
Late Entries: \$110.00 per Boat after 6-04-/05  
Questions: Call Tom @ 215-357-0570  
Email: DRFA\_TheRiverNews@hotmail.com

Payout: (based on 100 boat field)

1<sup>st</sup> Place \$5,000

4<sup>th</sup> Place \$500

2<sup>nd</sup> Place \$1,700

5<sup>th</sup> Place \$100

3<sup>rd</sup> Place \$1,100

6<sup>th</sup> Place - \$100

## Rules and Regulations:

- 1) Captain's Meeting**-There will be a mandatory Captain's Meeting, Friday October 7, at 7:00 PM at Lighting Jack's Marina, Harrison St., Riverside, NJ. One angler from each boat must attend and will receive a (3) part numbered boat pass. **Failure to attend the Captain's Meeting will result in disqualification and loss of entry fee. No entries will be accepted after the Captains Meeting.**
- 2) Entry Fee** - Entry fee is by boat only. Entry fee is \$100.00 per boat if paid on or before June 4, 2005. Entry fee after October 1, 2005 will be **\$110.00**. Late entry fees must be **cash only**, and will be accepted at the Captain's Meeting.
- 3) Fishing by Boat Only**- Maximum number of anglers per boat limited to four. There will be no fishing off of docks, riverbanks, etc. Entries must check in prior to fishing. Boat checks will begin at 5:30 AM. All boats must be in the water at the time of check-in (not on trailer). Failure to do so will result in disqualification. **NO FISHING PERMITTED PRIOR TO 7:00 A.M.**
- 4) Boat Inspection** - Each boat, prior to starting, **MUST** be inspected by a tournament official. The "Boat Check" portion of your Boat Pass will be collected by Tournament Official after the inspection is completed.
- 5) Safety** - all participants should be equipped with Coast Guard Approved Safety Equipment. **THERE IS NO WEATHER DAY -CAPTAIN AND CREW FISH AT THEIR OWN RISK.** Each competitor is liable, by his signature on this document, to a polygraph test, in the event of a suspected violation. All decisions made by tournament officials regarding rules, regulations and eligibility of fish are final. Good sportsmanship will be appreciated.
- 6) Tournament Start** -After boat check, you may proceed to your fishing grounds. **No fishing prior to 7:00 A.M.**
- 7) Return Pass** - Upon your return, the "Return" portion of your boat pass **must** be collected **prior to 3:00 p.m.** by a tournament official.
- 8) Weigh-in** - Catfish must be alive to be eligible for weigh-in. Weigh-in station will be open at 12 Noon. You must turn in the "Weigh-In" portion of your Boat Pass to weigh-in. **Maximum amount of live catfish at weigh-in is limited to (3) per boat.** You may weigh-in **ONLY** once. Each fish weighed in counts toward the tournament. **THERE WILL BE NO SUBSTITUTIONS.** All weighed in fish will be immediately released by tournament officials. In the event of a tie, the heaviest lunker for the tied teams will determine the winner. If still tied, the prize will be split.
- 9) Scoring** - Tournament standings and final winners will be determined by the combined weight of (3) LIVE catfish weighed in per boat.
- 10) Lunker Pool** - \$10.00 per boat to enter. One hundred percent of collected lunker money will be paid in cash to the team entering the heaviest live single catfish. In the case of a tie, the lunker pool will be split.

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Will you launch at Lightning Jack's Marina? \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

SKIPPER: \_\_\_\_\_ Entry Fee: \_\_\_\_\_ LUNKER POOL: YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

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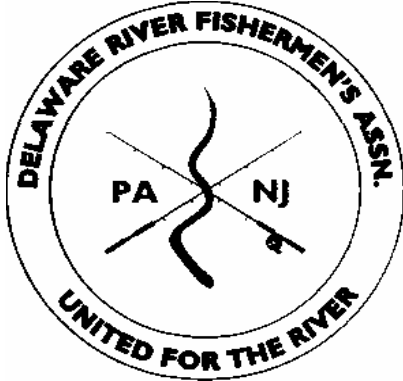
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Boat Registration Number: \_\_\_\_\_

*By signing below, I hereby state that I have read in full, do understand, and agree to be bound by all rules and state laws governing this tournament. I also agree to abide by any and/or all on-site Rules and Regulations that may be deemed necessary by the tournament officials. By signing this application, I do hereby declare that I will indemnify and hold harmless all other contestants, the host, Lightning Jack's Marina, The Delaware River Fishermen's Association, and sponsors, from any and all claims for injury and/or damage that may occur, or may be incurred in conjunction with this tournament.*

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ PLEASE PRINT: \_\_\_\_\_

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