

The River News

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Shad, Herring and Stripers Have Arrived

President's Message

While I am sitting here writing this the river water temperatures are creeping above 50 degrees. That is the magic number. Why is 50 the magic number for these fish to start to bite? I really do not know. It could be any number of reasons. One could be it is the same air temperature that is more appealing to me to go outdoors. I think that is it. Wearing a light jacket instead of a parka is my idea of a comfortable day on the water. Those people that like to fish the hard water more power to them. Not me,

I wish this time of the fishing year lasted four months or longer, but it will not. You are looking at about 6 or 7 weeks maybe a little bit longer.

In any case if, you have not had an opportunity to fish yet, now is the time to do so. Check river levels on line and get out fishing.

Do not forget and take a child fishing. Now is a great time of year for that. If you have ever taken kids herring fishing you already know

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how much fun they can have. When a kid can catch over 25 fish in a couple of hours they will be begging you every year for you take them again. It is a lot of fun for you and the little anglers to be.

Also, do not forget that water temperatures in the 50's can bring on hypothermia. So wear your life jackets and take extra care.

Check your drag and set the hook.
Steve Raulfs

Minutes from the March Meeting

The March 27 meeting of the DRFA was called to order by Club President Steve Raulfs at 7:20 pm with 49 members in attendance.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Matt Kicinski reported a balance of \$6,607.29 in the club treasury. Matt also reported that \$550.00 of this is for the Big Cat Shootout.

Environmental Report:

Club member Pete Antoniewicz reported that there were high water conditions at the Yardley Ramp, causing a lot of silt and gravel to wash up over the ramp.

Another member said that Alan Moyer is supposed to see about getting it cleaned up.

Fishing Reports:

Some club members reported fishing at the Trenton Power Plant and catching some Smallmouth, American Shad and Gizzard Shad.

Pete Antoniewicz was fishing with his nephew and Blaine Mengel. They fished about half dozen spots and caught about 18 fish. They figured that was not bad considering it was a cold and windy day.

Old Business:

Ed Evans asked for volunteers for the Big Cat Shootout. For the Captains meeting on Friday, May 16 Ed has Ron Soto, Rick Mawson, Bill Burke and Eileen and Matt Kicinski. For Saturday morning, May 17, the day of the tournament, Ed has Ken Reitz and Ron Kall. In the afternoon, Ed has Ron Kall, Rich Bryant, Frank Beck, Joe Westerly, Pete Marcolina and maybe Ron Soto.

Rick Mawson asked for volunteers for the Youth Tournament. So far, volunteering is Rick Bryant, Laura Newton, Frank Beck, Pete Marcolina, Charles Bay and Ron Soto.

Important Dates

Thursday, April 24, 7 PM, Monthly Meeting:

Dick's Sporting Goods, Franklin Mills Blvd, Philadelphia, Pa in the seminar room, rear of the store on the right hand side.

Saturday, April 19, Shad Tournament: Yardley Park & Ride. Weigh-in 2:00 PM

Saturday, May 31, 7 AM, Catfish Tournament: West Depthford Ramp, NJ. (See pg 7 for details)

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Rick Mawson brought applications to the meeting for the youth tournament, which is on Saturday, July 12 at Snug Harbor Marina, from 8 am to 1 pm. The rain date is Saturday July 19.

Rick also explained to the members and new members the rules and specifics of the Catfish Roundup. The entrance fee for this is \$20.00.

New Business:

Hollis and Karen Laing, the club's membership secretaries gave out the new membership cards.

Steve explained to the members and new members about the membership card. The new password, bigcat, was announced to all members.

The winner of \$77.00 from the 50-50 drawing was Ron Soto. No wonder Ron was in such a hurry for the drawing of the winning ticket.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

2008 Youth Tournament

The 2008 Youth Tournament will be held on Saturday July 12, from 8:00 am until 1:00 pm. Once again, the tournament will be held at Snug Harbor Marina in Croydon. This year, just like last year, every child will receive a T-shirt along with other gifts. There will be a barbeque and a safety talk by a Fish Commission Officer. Children between age three and fifteen are eligible.

If you have children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews or any other child that you think would like to spend a day of fishing and fun, I urge you

to sign them up for this event. Not only is it a great time for the children, but it is also a very fun-filled and rewarding day for the adult sponsors.

Sign up early because all applications must be submitted by the June 4 deadline. An application must be submitted for each child entered in order for that child to receive the proper size T-shirt.

Only paid members of the DRFA may sponsor a child in this event. You may pick up an application form at the monthly club meeting on Thursday April 24, make a copy of the application on page seven or download one from the club website.

Delaware Fishing License

If you fish the lower portion of the river from Oldman's Creek south to below Pennsville using a boat you will need a Delaware license which costs \$20 for non-residents. Many anglers do not know that the State of Delaware owns to the low tide line on the New Jersey side in this area. The DOD is a very popular area that is covered by this new law. Here are a couple of links explaining the new law:

<http://www.dnrec.state.de.us/dnrec20...asp?PRID=2756>
<http://www.fw.delaware.gov/Fisheries...se%20FAQs.aspx>

You might want to pass this information on to as many people as possible so the word gets out to those who might not know. I have a feeling there is going to be some very upset people who find out the hard way. According to an official

at the Del. Fish & Wildlife Division, they do not recognize any other license except the Delaware license.

If you have any questions here's a number to call: 302-739-9913

FREE Fishing Magazine Now Available

We have just received the FREE copies of the 2008 POSTSPAWN Issue of Bass Club Digest magazine.

As it was with the PRESPAWN Issue in February, you can pick up your free copy at the next meeting (at Dick's Sporting Goods on 4/24) or at the upcoming Shad Tournament weigh-in on April 19. If you cannot get to our meeting or tournament, you can obtain a copy at one of the following supporting businesses:

HL Live Bait & Tackle
78 East Bridge St.
Morrisville, PA. (215) 295-1400
 and tell Dan you are a DRFA member requesting one.

Tom's Tackle Shop
557 Durham Road
Wrightstown, PA.
215-598-9891
 Let Tom know that you are a DRFA member looking for a copy. You can also E-mail petea2z@mac.com to have one set aside for you.

DRFA Contacts: * Tournament Hotline: (609) 466-7719; President - Steve Raulfs, (215) 969-1010; Vice President - Ed Evans (215) 399 7297; Tournament Coordinator – Steve Raulfs, (215) 969-1010; Treasurer - Matt Kicinski, (215) 426-5086; Membership Secretary -Karen/Hollis Laing, (215) 612-2814; Recording Secretary - Eileen Kicinski. (215) 426-5086; Editor of The River News – Rick Mawson (215) 708-1344 DRFA_therivernews@hotmail.com , Webmaster – Gil Emery (609) 351-5471

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Back to the Sea

Striped Bass

Some fish live in two different habitats: Fresh and salt water. American shad, herring, striped bass, and American eels do that. These fish are found in the Delaware River. American shad and herring are also found in Pennsylvania's section of the Susquehanna River. Shad, herring, and striped bass are anadromous (eh-nad-ro-muss) fish. They are born in fresh water and grow up in the ocean. Adults return to fresh water to lay eggs. Eels are born in salt water and grow up in fresh water. They are catadromous (cat-ad-ro-muss).

American Shad

When the leaves turn colors and begin to fall, these groups of fish begin their travels to the sea. It is like a parade of fish marching back to the ocean. On the Susquehanna, adult and young American shad and herring make the move. On the Delaware River, striped bass of all ages, shad, and eels migrate out to sea. Scientists tell us that these fish move when river flows increase. They "ride the wave" made by rain in October and November.

Unfortunately, they run into some hazards before reaching the sea. Dams slow their journey. Scientists have conducted many studies to find out how fish make it through dams. On some dams, they make it through the turbines safely. Some turbines are not so good for fish. These dams have ways to help fish around the turbines.

Once at sea, the fish travel in large schools, just as you do on school buses. The fish in these schools are from many different rivers. They follow warm water up and down the Atlantic Coast. American shad and herring do this for three to five years until they are adults.

Stripers also do this until they become adults.

Then, as they are swimming up the coast, they pass the different rivers where they were born. The fish born in that river break off from the school and move into fresh water. This is like your getting off the school bus at your stop. The adults move up those rivers and have their young. Then, in the fall, the parade happens all over again.

Eels are a little different. Young eels spend their time in the Delaware River and its tributaries. Each fall, the adults move out to sea to spawn. In the spring, young eels migrate up the rivers their parents came from.

This is the cycle of fish migration!

Sportsmen Help Defeat Measures in New Jersey

New Jersey sportsmen helped defeat legislation backed by two state lawmakers that would have weakened the state's ability to manage natural resources for anglers and hunters. The defeated measures included legislation that would remove sportsmen and biologists from the Fish and Game Council, ban bear hunting, provide funding to animal rights groups and strip the New Jersey Fish and Game Commission of its management authority. Members of the New Jersey B.A.S.S. Federation Nation helped with the publicity blitz that warned the state's anglers and hunters of the danger.

2008 DRFA Tournament Schedule

All of these tournaments (except for the Big Cat Shootout) are free and open to dues paying DRFA members only. Members accrue points for the Angler of the Year competition based on their finish in the eight regular club events. New members may register on the morning of an event, before the check-in time (except for the Shad Tournament). Weigh-in is at the time specified. Late entries will not be weighed. 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.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>
4/19	Shad	Yardley Park & Ride	2 pm weigh in (Sorry, no registration on the day of the Shad tournament)
5/17	Big Cat Shootout	Lightning Jack's Marina	7 am to 3 pm
5/31	Catfish	West Depthford Ramp	7 am to 1 pm (Alternate location is Frankford Arsenal Ramp)
6/21	Smallmouth	Byram, NJ Access Ramp	6 am to 12 noon
7/12	Youth Tournament	Snug Harbor Marina	8 am to 1 pm (Rain date is Saturday, July 19)
7/26	Largemouth	Mercer County Ramp	6 am to 12 noon
8/24	Smallmouth	Bulls Island, NJ Ramp	6 am to 12 noon
9/14	Largemouth	Frankford Arsenal Ramp	7 am to 1 pm
9/27	Big Cat II	Lightning Jack's Marina	7 am to 3 pm
10/12	Catfish	Frankford Arsenal Ramp	7 am to 1 pm
10/26	Smallmouth	Byram, NJ Access Ramp	7 am to 1 pm

TV Fishing Hosts Set "To Crash" DRFA Event

MinnKota and Humminbird have teamed up on a promotion to offer fishing clubs the chance to have either Hank Parker or Al Lindner attend a club event for a day. That could be the Youth Tournament, Big Cat II Tournament, club Holiday Party, a tournament, or some other special event of our choice. The more members who enter, the greater the club's chances to win. There is a limit of one entry per E-mail address and/or person, but club members can have other family members submit entries, too. The deadline for entries is June 15.

Club members who submit entries will also personally qualify to win top-of-the-line MinnKota and Humminbird products like a Maxxum Pro trolling motor or a 797c2si Combo fishfinder featuring Side Imaging technology.

Complete rules, more information, and contest registration are all available at:

www.clubcrashers.com. Club members without Internet access can also register by mail by providing the following information: Name,

Mailing Address, Phone Number, Club Name (Delaware River Fishermen's Association), Location of Club (Philadelphia, PA), and whether an Entry is for Hank or Al to be your club's "Club Crasher". There will also be preformatted postcards available at the April meeting. Mail entries to:

Johnson Outdoors Inc.,
Attn: Club Crashers,
555 Main Street, Suite 230,
Racine, WI 53403

Fishing Reports

*This listing is abridged from a report posted on Friday April 11, 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

This week I got out again on the lower river and after three hours of fishing, I should have just stayed home. We fished in several spots with bloodworms and herring. In addition, after the three hours of fishing with 4 rods we managed one decent hit. The river was up to 50 degrees but was still off color and full of small leaves and sticks. You could only leave your rod in for 10 minutes before it was full of junk on the line, but with these warm nights I think next week things will pick up. At least that is what I am hoping. Now there are some people catching stripers up in this area but they are being picked up here and there. One customer was up to the Burlington Bristol Bridge on Saturday picking up a 30 and 22-inch fish on bloodworms. He also had a few catfish mixed in. The Turnpike Bridge has been another place they have caught a couple of 28-inch stripers again on bloodworms. Now the people fishing off the dock down the street have just been catching catfish. Moreover, they said that a few herring were picked up on sabiki rigs off the dock. At Station Avenue, a few smaller stripers were caught with a few herring showing up there. The best reports on stripers are still coming from down river by the Commodore Barry Bridge and the Susquehanna flats. The people fishing at the bridge have been using bloodworms, herring and clams catching fish up to 38 inches. Most of the people are saying 10 to 20 fish a day per boat is common. At the flats most of the fish are being picked up on rattle traps, bombers, and red fins and

shad bodies. There are a few people fishing with bloodworms and have been catching many smaller fish. In Trenton, I have not heard of any stripers yet but it will not be long now until I do. However, in the power plant they have been catching a lot of shad and starting to pick up the herring in better numbers. Most of the shad are being caught on spoons and darts with the herring on sabiki rigs and the shad spoons. Several people have been up fishing at the railroad bridge picking up a lot of shad dead sticking spoons behind the bridge abutments. They are getting a few herring up there but have to work hard for each fish. Now some of the best catches on shad have come from up river by New Hope and Point Pleasant. Several people have been coming in telling me that they are catching 5 to 20 fish each day. A lot of these fish are still bucks but the roes are now starting to show up. Here most every fish is being caught on shad spoons.

The lower river for bass, crappies and perch was very slow this week. Several people I know were over to Dredge Harbor and they all said the water is very muddy back in the harbor. One customer was up to Neshaminy marina catching a few crappies along the docks. He tried for bass on the jetty and did nothing.

The trout fishing in the area has been the hottest thing going. The Pennypack over all has been the best with most everyone I know catching their limits with plenty of extra. This creek will be getting more fish again tomorrow afternoon. I think around 4000 more. Some of the best places to fish have been Welsh Road, Rhawn Street, Roosevelt Boulevard, Bustleton Avenue, Krewston Road, Pine Road and Verree Road. The best baits have been wax worms, mealworms, earthworms, chartreuse and rainbow power baits and corn. Lures have been spinners,

spoons, twister tails and trout magnets. The Wissahickon has been another good creek to fish for trout. This creek does not get the pressure that the Pennypack does.

Trenton/Yardley/Morrisville Area

Dan Leach at **H & L Bait and Tackle** in Morrisville, Pa. (215-295-1400) reports that the fishing has improved in the Trenton area. Shad, Herring and Stripers are being caught in the Trenton as well as the Yardley and Washington's Crossing and New Hope Areas.

Washington Crossing/New Hope

Tom at **Tom's Tackle Shop** in Wrightstown, Pa (215-598-9891) said that he had a report of a 30 lb striper being caught at Trenton. He also reports that the shad run is in full swing and that is one of the best runs in recent years. Shad are being caught from Trenton all the way up to the Water Gap.

Easton/Phillipsburg Area

Bill Pierce at **Bill's Bait and Tackle** in Phillipsburg, NJ (908-859-5729) reports that his customers are catching shad in the Phillipsburg area.

River conditions have improved to comfortable level and the river is running about normal for this time of year. Water temperatures in the tidal section are in the low 50's on both the incoming and outgoing tides. Temperatures in the non-tidal river are also in the low 50's

All launch ramps are serviceable as of this report.

May 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
05/01	05:08AM	0.9 L	10:45AM	6.9 H	05:39PM	0.8 L	11:18PM	7.0 H
05/02	06:09AM	0.8 L	11:39AM	6.9 H	06:32PM	0.8 L		
05/03	12:07AM	7.4 H	07:07AM	0.7 L	12:32PM	6.9 H	07:23PM	0.8 L
05/04	12:56AM	7.7 H	08:04AM	0.6 L	01:23PM	6.8 H	08:13PM	0.7 L
05/05	01:43AM	7.9 H	08:59AM	0.5 L	02:15PM	6.7 H	09:04PM	0.8 L
05/06	02:32AM	8.0 H	09:53AM	0.5 L	03:07PM	6.6 H	09:55PM	0.8 L
05/07	03:23AM	8.0 H	10:46AM	0.5 L	04:01PM	6.4 H	10:48PM	0.8 L
05/08	04:16AM	7.8 H	11:40AM	0.5 L	04:57PM	6.3 H	11:41PM	0.8 L
05/09	05:13AM	7.6 H	12:33PM	0.5 L	05:56PM	6.3 H		
05/10	12:36AM	0.9 L	06:12AM	7.4 H	01:27PM	0.6 L	06:56PM	6.3 H
05/11	01:33AM	0.9 L	07:13AM	7.2 H	02:21PM	0.6 L	07:56PM	6.4 H
05/12	02:31AM	0.9 L	08:15AM	7.0 H	03:15PM	0.5 L	08:55PM	6.7 H
05/13	03:30AM	0.9 L	09:14AM	6.9 H	04:08PM	0.5 L	09:52PM	6.9 H
05/14	04:28AM	0.9 L	10:11AM	6.8 H	04:59PM	0.5 L	10:45PM	7.1 H
05/15	05:25AM	0.8 L	11:05AM	6.8 H	05:49PM	0.5 L	11:35PM	7.3 H
05/16	06:19AM	0.7 L	11:55AM	6.7 H	06:36PM	0.6 L		
05/17	12:21AM	7.5 H	07:10AM	0.6 L	12:43PM	6.7 H	07:21PM	0.7 L
05/18	01:05AM	7.6 H	07:58AM	0.6 L	01:29PM	6.6 H	08:03PM	0.8 L
05/19	01:46AM	7.6 H	08:44AM	0.6 L	02:13PM	6.4 H	08:44PM	0.9 L
05/20	02:26AM	7.6 H	09:27AM	0.7 L	02:55PM	6.3 H	09:24PM	1.0 L
05/21	03:04AM	7.5 H	10:09AM	0.7 L	03:37PM	6.1 H	10:02PM	1.0 L
05/22	03:42AM	7.4 H	10:50AM	0.8 L	04:18PM	6.1 H	10:40PM	1.0 L
05/23	04:19AM	7.3 H	11:30AM	0.9 L	04:59PM	6.0 H	11:19PM	1.0 L
05/24	04:57AM	7.3 H	12:11PM	0.9 L	05:41PM	6.0 H		
05/25	12:00AM	1.0 L	05:37AM	7.2 H	12:53PM	0.8 L	06:25PM	6.1 H
05/26	12:46AM	0.9 L	06:22AM	7.2 H	01:37PM	0.8 L	07:12PM	6.2 H
05/27	01:37AM	0.9 L	07:14AM	7.0 H	02:23PM	0.8 L	08:03PM	6.4 H
05/28	02:35AM	1.0 L	08:11AM	6.9 H	03:13PM	0.8 L	08:56PM	6.7 H
05/29	03:38AM	1.0 L	09:11AM	6.8 H	04:06PM	0.8 L	09:50PM	7.0 H
05/30	04:42AM	1.0 L	10:10AM	6.7 H	05:01PM	0.8 L	10:44PM	7.3 H
05/31	05:45AM	0.9 L	11:08AM	6.6 H	05:57PM	0.8 L	11:36PM	7.6 H

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	-129	-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 2008 Youth Tournament

Saturday, July 12th, 2008

8:00 am until 1:00 pm

(Rain date is Saturday July 19th)

Sign-In: Snug Harbor Launch Ramp (near mouth of the Neshaminy Creek)

Weigh-In and Awards: Snug Harbor Marina, 400 Main Avenue, Croydon, PA

To Register: Complete the form below and mail to: **Rick Mawson, 3811 Karen St., Philadelphia, Pa., 19114**

There is no entry fee; however, all participants must register in advance of the tournament.

(No application will be accepted after June 4th, 2008)

Youth anglers 3 yrs of age to 15 yrs of age who are guests of any dues-paying DRFA member are eligible.

All participants must check in between 7:00 AM & 8:00 AM at the Snug Harbor Ramp before fishing.

Youth anglers are allowed to weigh in one fish of any species.

The heaviest fish will determine the winner. In the event of a tie in weight, the longest fish will be the tie-breaker.

The fish must be caught on that day, during the hours of the tournament.

Fishing can be done from a boat or the shoreline in any part of the Delaware River and its tributaries that can be reached by boat from the Snug Harbor Ramp.

All youth contestants must wear Coast Guard approved Personal Flotation Devices at all times that they are in a boat during this tournament.

Sponsoring adults may aid the youth contestants in terms of baiting hooks, netting, and unhooking fish, but they may not hook, play, reel, or land fish for the youth contestants.

Only legal fishing methods of the States of New Jersey and Pennsylvania may be used.

Live bait is permitted.

Weigh-in is at 1:00 pm sharp. Those arriving after 1:00 pm will not be permitted to weigh-in fish for prizes. All fish must be of legal size and alive at weigh-in, and will be released after weigh-in.

The tournament judge will have final say in all disputes.

All youth participants will receive awards, and refreshments at the weigh-in location at the end of the tournament.

Directions to Sign-In and Weigh-in:

By boat: go up Neshaminy Creek past the first bridge (at State Road). Snug Harbor Marina is around the bend on the right hand side.

By car: exit from I-95 North or South at the Street Road exit (PA Route 132) and follow Street Road east to the traffic light at State Road. Turn left on State Road and follow it north Cross the State Road Bridge over the Neshaminy Creek, and turn left at the next traffic light, onto Cedar Avenue. Take Cedar Avenue to the second street on the left and turn left onto Main Avenue there (at sign for Snug Harbor Marina).

Follow to end of road, into marina.

(Complete and cut out entry form below.

I give my permission for my child to participate in the 2008 DRFA Youth Tournament and I accept full responsibility for my child's participation in this event. **(Applications not accepted after June 4th, 2008)**

Parent/Guardian's Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian's Name (print): _____

Sponsoring Club Member's Signature: _____

Sponsoring Club Member's Name (print): _____

Club Member's Phone Number : (_____) _____

Youth Angler's Name (print): _____

Youth Angler Shirt Size: _____

Birth Date: _____ **Age:** _____ **Years** _____ **Months**

DRFA Club Catfish Tournament

Saturday May 31

7 am to 1 pm

West Depthford, New Jersey Ramp

IMPORTANT: REMEMBER TO BRING \$10 IN REASONABLY CRISP, CLEAN BILLS FOR AUTOMATIC PARKING TOLL BOOTH. THERE IS NO PARKING ON LOCAL STREETS.

Directions: Take Interstate 295 to exit 23 (*National Park*). Exit right onto Route 642/Hessian Avenue westbound. Go .5 miles to the first traffic light. Turn right onto Red Bank Avenue. Go 0.9 miles, almost to the end of Red Bank Avenue at the river. Turn left onto 2nd Street. (*There is a small sign on the right side of the road indicating left hand turn for "boat ramp"*). Go one block to Donop Street and turn right. The ramp is straight ahead. Ramp gate opens at 6:00 am.

The DRFA STRONGLY SUGGEST that all participants wear a PFD while their boat is under power.

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) Catfish 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 West Depthford 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.

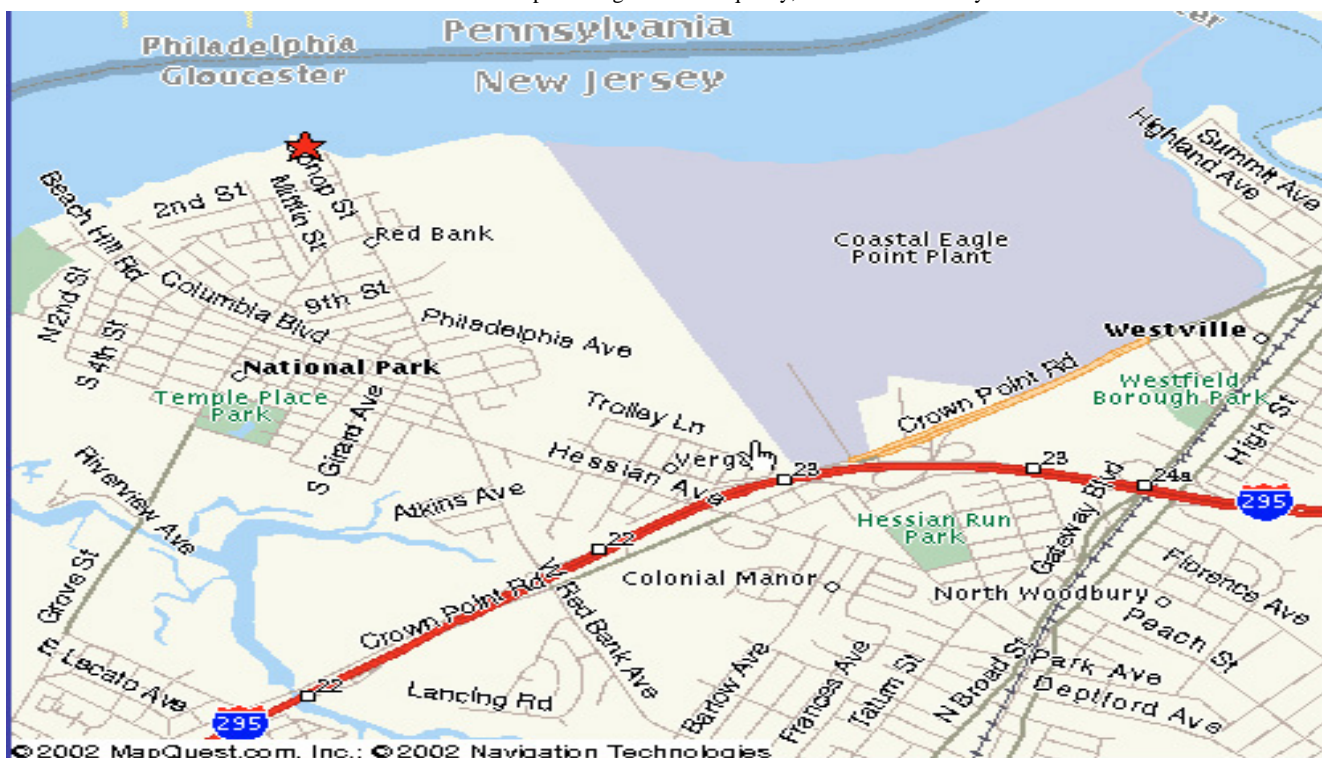
Tournament Hotline: 609-466-7719

Tournament Coordinator: Steve Raulfs, (215) 969-1010

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