

The River News

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Shad Tournament Produces Great Results

President's Message

This past Saturday we held the "2008 Big Catfish Shootout" at Lightning Jacks Marina in Riverside, NJ. This year was another successful event with fifty boats entered in competition.

A lot of boats complained about catching Stripers while fishing for catfish. I heard of one angler catching a 40" striper. I am sure it disappointed some of the competitors thinking they might have a winning catfish on the line only to see a fish with stripes and no whiskers. Many large bags of catfish arrived at the scales for weigh-in.

Fortunately, the rain ended on Friday and Saturday's weather, although windy, was sunny and pleasant.

Our newest fundraiser "The Catfish Round-up" started off with really good participation and enthusiasm as well. We have 90 anglers registered in this event. This exceeds my expectation for the first year.

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None of these events would be possible without the folks that pitch in. I would like to give a shout out to everyone who helped.

Thanks to everyone!

This is Boating safety week. Wear your Life Jacket! Also, take a boating safety course.

Check your drag and set the hook.

Steve Raulfs

Minutes from the April Meeting

The April 24 meeting of the DRFA was called to order by Club President Steve Raulfs at 7:10 pm with 41 members in attendance.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Matt Kicinski reported a balance of \$6,898.20 in the club treasury.

Environmental Report:

There were no environmental reports.

Fishing Reports:

Sam Shiels reported that he had a good day fishing, but we all know that Sam always has a "good" day fishing. So far, since the first of the year, Sam has caught 1700 fish.

Way to go Sam!!

There were reports of good fishing from other club members also. A 4lb. smallmouth was caught on the Schuylkill River.

Ron Soto reported that there were many herring in the river.

Old Business:

Club member Phil Kameinicki will be our cook for the Big Cat Shootout.

Sam Shiels will be the weighmaster for the Big Cat Shootout.

The clean up at the Trenton Power Plant was a big success with 12 bags of trash collected.

Prizes were awarded to the winners of the April 19 Shad tournament.

First place went to Steve Raulfs, Second place went to Craig Schneiderwind, and third place went to Dick Schroeder.

"Congratulations" to all!

You only have until midnight May 16, 2008 to enter the 2008 Catfish Round-up. As of May 8, the total prize money is \$870.00

New Business:

David Keller who is doing a study on the White catfish will be at the May 29 meeting.

Steve explained to all the members about the Linden Ave. ramp. He

Important Dates

Thursday, May 29, 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, May 31, 7 AM,
Catfish Tournament: West Depthford Ramp, NJ.

Saturday, June 21, 7 AM,
Smallmouth Tournament: Byram Access Ramp, NJ. (See page 7 for details)

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talked about the parking area and said that there is no rigging or de-rigging areas. In addition, there is no dock to tie your boat up yet. Warren Brady gave an informative talk on Striper fishing in the Delaware River.

We had two winners from the 50-50 drawing. The first winner was Walt Pommer, receiving \$37.00 and the second winner was Pete Marcolina also receiving \$37.00

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 May 29, make a copy of the application on page seven or download one from the club website, www.drfishermen.com. Go to the website and click on Event Calendar from the menu on the left, then click on 2008 DRFA Tournament Schedule, scroll down to the July 12 Youth Tournament and click for a registration form.

Big Cat Shootout Results

Fifty boats participated in the Big Cat Shootout on Saturday, May 17. Each team could weigh in three catfish and the heaviest weight determined the winners with cash prizes awarded to the top four total weights.

The first place prize of \$2000.00 went to the team of Roy Trainor in boat #22 with a weight of 35.4 lbs.



Roy Trainor's Team - First Place

Roy Trainor also won the lunker pool of \$500.00 with a catfish weighing 13.01 lbs. In addition, Roy also received \$500.00 from Sea-Tow for his big fish.

Second place went to the team of Bill Damask Jr in boat #24, 29.55 lbs, and a prize of \$1000.00.

Bill Trainor's team in boat #23 and a weigh-in of 28.07 lbs won \$650.00 and third place.

The final prize, fourth place, of \$335.00 went to the team of Jerry Roache in boat #9 with 26.19 lbs.

Supporting Business Special

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Speaker for May Meeting

David Keller, a marine biologist doing a study on white catfish in the Delaware River, will speak at our monthly meeting on May 29.

Dave will talk about his research and his findings regarding the white catfish. He will explain how to identify a white catfish and distinguish it from other species of catfish as he did previously at one of our catfish tournaments.

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
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Shad Tournament Results

This year's shad tournament, unlike other years, was held as scheduled. The weather was ideal and the water conditions were perfect.

Along with the nice weather and water conditions, the shad were running quite well. Nineteen shad made it to the scales, the highest number so far for a shad tournament, beating last year's high of seventeen.

First place winner Steve Raulfs weighed in the largest fish, which weighed 4.99 lbs and was 21.75 inches long.



Steve Raulfs - 1st Place

Second place winner Craig Schneiderwind weighed in a 4.63 lb, 21.5 inch fish.



Craig Schneiderwind - 2nd Place

In third place was Tex Schroeder with a 4.61 lb, 21.5 inch fish



Tex Schroeder - 3rd Place

The average weight of all fish was 2.97 lbs and the average length was 18.75 inches.

Angler of the Year Standings

Steve Raulfs jumps out in front with a first place finish in the shad tournament.

Angler of the Year Top Ten Standings

The following standings are current as of May 19, 2008.

| # | Name | Points |
|-----|---------------------|--------|
| 1. | Steve Raulfs | 100 |
| 2. | Craig Schneiderwind | 99 |
| 3. | Tex Schroeder | 98 |
| 4. | Bob Kuntz | 97 |
| 5. | Rick Mawson | 96 |
| 6. | Hazel Scholl | 95 |
| 7. | Don Mawson | 94 |
| 8. | Bob Slobodian | 93 |
| 9. | Linda S | 92 |
| 10. | Lawrence Webre | 91 |

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.

| Date | Event | Location | Time |
|-------|------------------|---|-----------------|
| 5/17 | Big Cat Shootout | Lightning Jack's Marina | 7 am to 3 pm |
| 5/31 | Catfish | West Depthford Ramp (Alternate location is Frankford Arsenal Ramp) | 7 am to 1 pm |
| 6/21 | Smallmouth | Byram, NJ Access Ramp | 6 am to 12 noon |
| 7/12 | Youth Tournament | Snug Harbor Marina (Rain date is Saturday, July 19) | 8 am to 1 pm |
| 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 |

Catfish Roundup

Ninety anglers have signed up to fish in the DRFA Catfish Roundup. This will be the first year for this tournament, which is a tagged catfish tournament. We have tagged fifty catfish between the Burlington-Bristol and the Commodore Barry Bridges. The first three tagged catfish caught will be worth \$450.00 each. The total prized money for this tournament is \$1350.00. The entry fee is \$20.00. Contestants will be able to fish from May 17 thru Dec 17 for these fish.

For further information on this tournament, contact one of the club officers or e-mail: drfa_therivernews@hotmail.com.

Mark Boriek N.J. Fish Biologist Shad Report

Monday, May 19, Mark says that his personal observations and reports from up and down the river is that the Shad are still coming up the river. Fourteen caught by one angler last week at Trenton. There is very little spawning activity seen up river yet, saying that the cold nighttime temperatures are probably keeping the fish down river. He also expects this weekend warm up to trigger a lot of activity. Reports of only a few stripers caught in the river could be the same effect, so maybe we could expect these fish to be in the river later.

Also, any Sturgeon that are caught you can send Mark the report and he will forward the info to the endangered species folks. E-mail @

mark.boriek@earthlink.net. Mark also said that N.J. Fish commission workers walking across the Calhoun Street Bridge saw Sturgeon and catfish spawning under the bridge.

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*

It was another fantastic week on the river for Helen and me. Tuesday was a nasty windy day but heading to Trenton got us our herring in a couple of hours. I expected the river to be high and muddy after Monday's rain but the river was clear and a normal level. The herring were a little hard to catch but a little work we were able to get our 70 fish. Back down river, we came to head over just above the Tacony Bridge. We fished from 10 until 2 and boated 11 stripers and 9 catfish. The stripers ranged from 15 inches up to 33 inches and the cats were up to 6 pounds. Wednesday we got a later start but still had herring so we did not have to head to Trenton. With gas prices, one trip a week is enough. We were anchored up by 8 and fished until 3 and had a much better day. We boated 21 stripers and 19 catfish this day. The stripers were 15 to 36 inches. Catfish again were up to 6 pounds. This day we did have a lot more 20 to 30 inch fish, so after dinner I had to head back out. I only had a couple hours to fish. Now John anchored next to me on Wednesday and he picked up 15 stripers and 15 catfish all about the same size. Frank was also out between us and he picked up 10 stripers up to 28 inches. John was back out on Thursday catching five stripers and a bunch more catfish. This day he had a 38-inch fish and lost two bigger fish. Talking to several people up at Trenton, they are doing well up there but there are many smaller fish being caught.

Jack had nine fish the day before and all were 20 to 26 inches caught on chunk bait above the Route One Bridge. He has been fishing live herring but has had so many run off with no fish he started chunking baits to catch fish. Marty has been fishing with live herring and has picked up a couple of fish each day. He really has not caught any giant fish this year. J R was up on Wednesday catching 10 fish up above the bridges at Trenton.

Now overall, striper fishing has been the best fishing in the area. Many people have been bank fishing at Station Avenue catching several fish 20 to 35 inches. Herring, bloodworms and clams have been the main baits. Talking to the people that fish off Linden Avenue, Wednesday was a great day for stripers up to 32 inches. Ralph picked up eight fish himself on chunk herring. Princeton Avenue is a forgotten spot to fish but no one uses the boat ramp anymore so a number of anglers have been fishing right off the ramp. On Tuesday, I saw one angler land 3 fish and most looked to be mid 20 inch fish. Charlie was there on Monday in all that bad weather fishing with chunk herring catching four stripers 20, 24, 25, and 33 inches. He was sitting in his truck staying out of the rain. At the Frankford Arsenal, several anglers have been fishing with chunk herring and clams catching a bunch of catfish with a striper mixed in here and there. Some good size stripers are being caught down in the airport section of the river. One customer was fishing below Fort Mifflin catching 20 fish this past week. His biggest was 31 inches. He has caught most of his fish on fresh clams. In addition, off the UPS docks they are fishing with fresh clams and catching plenty of 20 to 30 inch stripers and 3 to 6 pound catfish. Here they are also

catching many nice size white perch on bloodworms. A few people were in Dredge Harbor this week doing very good on largemouth bass. They say the fish are hanging around wood and have been hitting jigs the best. Another customer was up fishing off the dock in Salem Harbor with plastic worms and picked up four largemouth bass 12 to 15 inches.

Trenton/Yardley/Morrisville Area

Dan Leach at **H & L Bait and Tackle** in Morrisville, Pa. (215-295-1400) reports that the fishing in the Trenton area is the best of the spring so far. Shad, Herring and Stripers are being caught in the Trenton area.

Washington Crossing/New Hope

Tom at **Tom's Tackle Shop** in Wrightstown, Pa (215-598-9891) reports that stripers are being caught in the rocks above the bridges at Trenton and Yardley and Lambertville are producing schoolies. Smallies are hit and miss with mostly small fish. Robin's pond is producing crappie and bass.

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 along with small stripers to 24" and some nice channel catfish.

The water conditions in the river are higher than normal due to recent rains. Water temperatures in the tidal section are in the low 60's on both the incoming and outgoing tides. Temperatures in the non-tidal river are also in the low 60's

All launch ramps are serviceable as of this report.

June 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 |
|--------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|
| 06/01 | 06:46AM | 0.8 L | 12:04PM | 6.6 H | 06:52PM | 0.8 L | | |
| 06/02 | 12:29AM | 7.8 H | 07:45AM | 0.7 L | 12:59PM | 6.4 H | 07:47PM | 0.8 L |
| 06/03 | 01:21AM | 8.0 H | 08:41AM | 0.6 L | 01:54PM | 6.4 H | 08:41PM | 0.8 L |
| 06/04 | 02:13AM | 8.0 H | 09:36AM | 0.5 L | 02:49PM | 6.3 H | 09:36PM | 0.8 L |
| 06/05 | 03:06AM | 7.9 H | 10:29AM | 0.5 L | 03:44PM | 6.3 H | 10:29PM | 0.8 L |
| 06/06 | 04:01AM | 7.8 H | 11:21AM | 0.4 L | 04:40PM | 6.3 H | 11:23PM | 0.8 L |
| 06/07 | 04:57AM | 7.6 H | 12:12PM | 0.4 L | 05:37PM | 6.3 H | | |
| 06/08 | 12:17AM | 0.8 L | 05:54AM | 7.3 H | 01:03PM | 0.4 L | 06:35PM | 6.4 H |
| 06/09 | 01:12AM | 0.8 L | 06:51AM | 7.1 H | 01:53PM | 0.4 L | 07:32PM | 6.6 H |
| 06/10 | 02:07AM | 0.8 L | 07:48AM | 6.9 H | 02:43PM | 0.4 L | 08:27PM | 6.8 H |
| 06/11 | 03:03AM | 0.9 L | 08:44AM | 6.7 H | 03:32PM | 0.4 L | 09:21PM | 7.0 H |
| 06/12 | 04:00AM | 0.8 L | 09:39AM | 6.6 H | 04:22PM | 0.4 L | 10:13PM | 7.2 H |
| 06/13 | 04:55AM | 0.8 L | 10:33AM | 6.4 H | 05:11PM | 0.5 L | 11:02PM | 7.3 H |
| 06/14 | 05:50AM | 0.7 L | 11:24AM | 6.3 H | 05:58PM | 0.6 L | 11:50PM | 7.4 H |
| 06/15 | 06:41AM | 0.6 L | 12:14PM | 6.3 H | 06:45PM | 0.7 L | | |
| 06/16 | 12:35AM | 7.5 H | 07:31AM | 0.6 L | 01:01PM | 6.2 H | 07:30PM | 0.8 L |
| 06/17 | 01:18AM | 7.5 H | 08:17AM | 0.6 L | 01:46PM | 6.1 H | 08:13PM | 0.9 L |
| 06/18 | 01:59AM | 7.4 H | 09:01AM | 0.6 L | 02:30PM | 6.0 H | 08:55PM | 0.9 L |
| 06/19 | 02:39AM | 7.4 H | 09:44AM | 0.7 L | 03:11PM | 6.0 H | 09:36PM | 0.9 L |
| 06/20 | 03:17AM | 7.3 H | 10:25AM | 0.7 L | 03:52PM | 5.9 H | 10:16PM | 0.9 L |
| 06/21 | 03:55AM | 7.3 H | 11:05AM | 0.7 L | 04:31PM | 5.9 H | 10:57PM | 0.9 L |
| 06/22 | 04:32AM | 7.2 H | 11:45AM | 0.7 L | 05:11PM | 6.0 H | 11:40PM | 0.9 L |
| 06/23 | 05:10AM | 7.2 H | 12:25PM | 0.6 L | 05:52PM | 6.1 H | | |
| 06/24 | 12:26AM | 0.9 L | 05:52AM | 7.1 H | 01:06PM | 0.5 L | 06:37PM | 6.3 H |
| 06/25 | 01:17AM | 0.9 L | 06:42AM | 6.9 H | 01:50PM | 0.5 L | 07:26PM | 6.6 H |
| 06/26 | 02:14AM | 0.9 L | 07:38AM | 6.7 H | 02:39PM | 0.5 L | 08:20PM | 6.8 H |
| 06/27 | 03:16AM | 0.9 L | 08:39AM | 6.4 H | 03:32PM | 0.6 L | 09:16PM | 7.1 H |
| 06/28 | 04:21AM | 0.9 L | 09:42AM | 6.3 H | 04:29PM | 0.6 L | 10:14PM | 7.3 H |
| 06/29 | 05:25AM | 0.9 L | 10:43AM | 6.2 H | 05:29PM | 0.7 L | 11:11PM | 7.5 H |
| 06/30 | 06:28AM | 0.8 L | 11:43AM | 6.1 H | 06:28PM | 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 | -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 Smallmouth Bass Tournament

Saturday, May 31, 2008

7 am to 1 pm

Byram NJ Access Ramp

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) 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: 609-466-7719

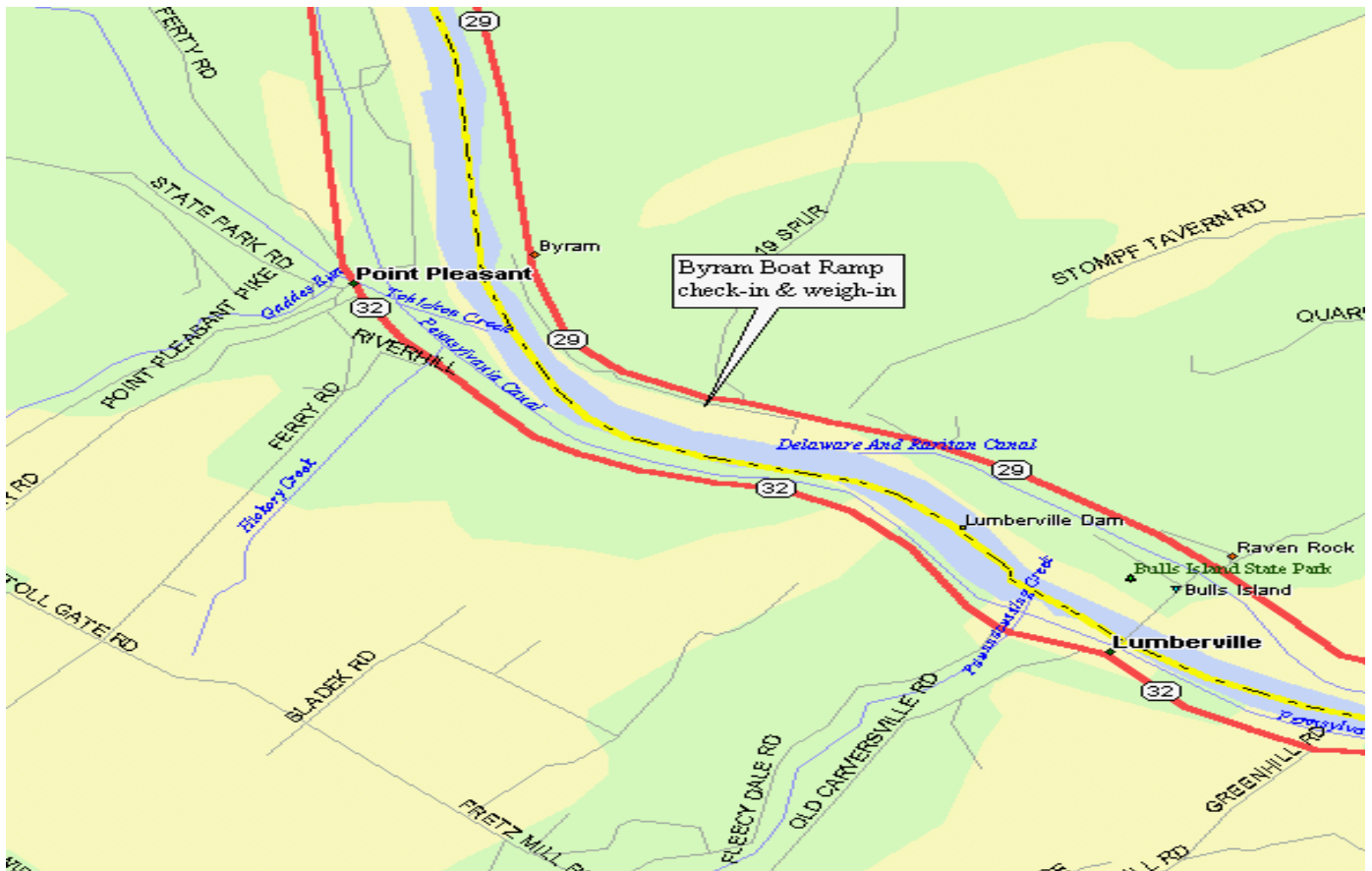
Tournament Coordinator: Steve Raulfs, (215) 969-1010

PRIZES:

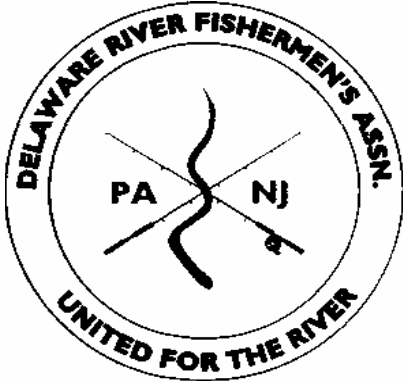
1st Place: \$125.00 2nd Place: \$75.00 3rd Place: \$50.00

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 & grandchildren up to the age of 16, no matter where they live.



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