

The River News

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Clean Boating Act Signed into Law

Clean Boating Act Now Law

The U.S. House and Senate passed S. 2766, "The Clean Boating Act of 2008," which will permanently restore a long-standing exemption for recreational boats from permitting requirements under the Clean Water Act.

President Bush signed the Clean Boating Act of 2008 into law. This is welcome news for the fishing and boating community. The law was enacted just two days before the public comment period closes on what would have been a devastating new EPA regulation.

The law permanently restores a long-standing exemption for recreational boats from permitting requirements under the Clean Water Act. It became necessary after a U.S. District Court decision in September 2006 that potentially subjected approximately 17 million recreational boats to permitting requirements under the Clean Water Act. The impending permit

requirements for anyone operating a recreational vessel were not the result of any real problem, but rather a court's assumption that there was no difference between large, trans-oceanic shipping vessels and an 18-foot bass boat.

These permits would have been expensive and subjected recreational boaters to maintenance and operation procedures that were designed for industrial polluters.

Minutes from the July Meeting

The July 31 meeting of the DRFA was called to order by club president Steve Raulfs at 7:00 pm with 28 members in attendance.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Matt Kicinski reported a balance of \$5,584.88 in the club treasury.

Environmental Report:

Two tugboats sank in the Schuylkill River at the Girard Point Bridge during a storm. These old tugboats were moored there for a number of years. Each tugboat contained 1000 gallons of fuel that spilled into the river. Officials claim that the fuel spill is contained to a small area of the Schuylkill River. It is not known yet who owns these tugboats but they do know who owns the dock where the tugboats sank. Officials are trying to raise the boats in an effort to find out what happened.

A bill is pending to make the stretch of the Delaware River from the Water Gap down to Trenton a

protected waterway that would prevent companies from dumping chemicals in the river. Officials have been delaying on this but the Delaware Riverkeepers and other environmental groups are pushing hard to get this done. This would be the largest protected area of water with this level of protection. As of now, no one can discharge more than the amount currently discharged now without getting a waiver. Officials are trying to balance things between the environment and economic impact on the area.

The Lehigh Valley is causing the delay because the cost to build new sewer treatment plants would cause a hardship on the area.

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Important Dates

Thursday, July 31, 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.

Sunday, August 24,

Smallmouth Tournament:

Bulls Island, NJ (see main schedule of pg 3 for time)

Sunday, September 14,

Largemouth Tournament:

Frankford Arsenal Ramp (see page 7 for details).

Saturday, September 27,

Big Cat Shootout II, Lighting

Jack's Marina, Riverside, NJ.

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Fishing Reports:

Sam Shiels said that he had a couple of 100 fish days. He said he was fooling around on the NJ side of the river and he caught a nine-pound catfish.

Old Business:

Steve wanted to give out the checks to the winners of the largemouth tournament; however, he left them at home. It did not matter because none of the winners was present at the meeting.

Steve Steinmetz read of the names of the winners and said that there were more smallmouth bass caught than largemouth.

New Business:

Our next tournament is our smallmouth tournament on Sunday, August 24 at Bulls Island. Rick Mawson and Pete Marcolina will be weighmasters.

Pete Antoniewicz mentioned about his upcoming raft trip on the upper Delaware River and that he needed to know who would like to go and what weekdays they are available. The cost of the trip is \$45.00 plus a share of gas money for the trip.

Pete Antoniewicz also gave a presentation on a number of websites available to monitor water and weather conditions on the Delaware River at many different locations. These websites provide information on water levels, water temperatures, water clarity, water levels surges, such as when dams are opened or there was rain in the upper regions. All of these sites are posted on the DRFA Website, www.drfishermen.com.

The winner of \$43.00 from the 50-50 drawing was Lawrence Webre.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Record White Perch

Harrisburg, PA (PFBC)

A white perch (*Morone americana*) caught in the Delaware River has been named by the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (PFBC) as the new state record for the species.

James Clark was fishing for striped bass and white perch under the Commodore Barry Bridge in Chester around 5 p.m. on April 13 when he hooked the record fish. The catch measured 12.5 inches and weighed 1 pound, 12 ounces.

The weight of the fish surpassed the previous record by five ounces. The catch broke the record of 1 pound, 7 ounces, held by Bangor angler Kevin Nelson Strunk since 1991. Strunk caught his fish in Minsi Lake, Northampton County. Pennsylvania certifies state records based on total body weight.

Potential record fish must exceed the established mark by at least one ounce, as weighed on a certified scale. To be considered for state record certification, a fish must be caught using legal means, in season, from Pennsylvania waters open to the public without charge or fee. Fish taken from farm ponds, fee-fishing lakes, ponds or streams or in waters restricted to use by club members or their guests do not qualify. A biologist or Waterways Conservation Officer from the Commission must examine the fish. The PFBC is the only entity that can certify an official state record fish in the Commonwealth.

The mission of the Fish and Boat Commission is to protect, conserve, and enhance the Commonwealth's aquatic resources and provide fishing and boating opportunities.

More information on white perch can be found at www.fish.state.pa.us/white_perch

Temporary Fishing Regulation Change

The Executive Director of the Fish and Boat Commission, acting under the authority of 58 Pa. Code §65.25 (relating to temporary changes to fishing regulations), has taken immediate action to make it unlawful to take eggs from a fish taken from waters of this Commonwealth outside the Lake Erie watershed or to possess these eggs or use them as bait. Eggs taken from lawfully harvested fish from the Lake Erie watershed may be possessed and used as bait in the Lake Erie watershed only. This action does not prohibit the possession of eggs contained within a lawfully harvested fish that is possessed for the purpose of human consumption.

The Executive Director has found that this action is necessary and appropriate for the protection, preservation and management of fish. This temporary modification will go into effect immediately and will remain in effect until January 1, 2009, unless the Commission, by appropriate action, adopts the new regulation. The Commission will seek public comments on permanent changes to the Commission's fishing regulations.

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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Largemouth Tournament Results

Forty-six members fished in the largemouth tournament held at Trenton on July 26. Only eight fish arrived at the scale by the end of the tournament. There were plenty of fish caught, but most of the fish were smallmouth bass instead of largemouth. Some members talked about catching smallmouth bass over three pounds. Most of the largemouth bass caught were caught off the main river in the feeder creeks.

The largest largemouth was a 3.05 lb, 17.5 inch fish weighed in by first place winner Rich Hoffman.



First Place - Rich Hoffman

In second place was George Hoffman with a 2.39 lb, 16.5 inch largemouth.



Second Place - George Hoffman

Finishing in third place was Jim Pocetti with a 1.75 lb, 15 inch fish.



Third place - Jim Pocetti

Other members weighing in were:
 Steve Raulfs, 1.63 lb, 14.5"
 Lawrence Webre, 1.56 lb, 13.5"
 C. Schneiderwind, 1.42 lb, 13.5"
 Dave Montgomery, 1.36 lb, 13.5"
 Pete Antoniewicz, 1.29 lb, 13"



Rich, George and Craig

Angler of the Year

By the slim margin of one point, Steve Raulfs remained in first place in the AOTY race after finishing fourth in the largemouth tournament. George Hoffman moved to within one point of Steve with a second place finish and Rich Hoffmann jumped into third place with his first place finish in the largemouth tournament. Slipping to fourth place was Lawrence Webre, just six points behind, and Craig Schneiderwind moved into fifth place. All five caught fish in every tournament.

Angler of the Year Top Ten Standings

The following standings are current as of August 18, 2008.

#	Name	Points
1.	Steve Raulfs	377
2.	George Hoffman	376
3.	Rich Hoffman	373
4.	Lawrence Webre	371
5.	Craig Schneiderwind	366
6.	Jim Pocetti	280
7.	Hazel Scholl	271
8.	Dan Wermuth	261
9.	Dave Montgomery	261
10.	Rick Mawson Sr	260

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
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

DRBC Votes to Protect the Lower Delaware Water Quality

Delaware River Basin Commission (DRBC) Executive Director Carol R. Collier announced that the commissioners on July 16 permanently designated the Lower Delaware as Significant Resource Waters under DRBC's Special Protection Waters (SPW) program. The unanimous action taken at the commission's public business meeting establishes numeric values for existing water quality in the 76-mile-long stretch of river extending from the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area downstream to the head of tide at Trenton, N.J. It also expands coverage of the DRBC's SPW anti-degradation regulations to include the entire 197-mile non-tidal Delaware River from Hancock, N.Y. south to Trenton.

"This permanent designation clearly demonstrates the DRBC's long-term objective of keeping our clean water clean by ensuring that future discharges to the Lower Delaware will have no measurable change on existing high water quality," Collier said. "We believe this action, along with the previous SPW designations, establishes the longest stretch of anti-degradation policy on any river in the nation." The SPW program is designed to prevent degradation in streams and rivers considered to have exceptionally high scenic, recreational, ecological, and/or water supply values through stricter control of wastewater discharges and reporting requirements. The initial SPW regulations adopted in 1992 focused on controlling point (or end-of-pipe) sources of pollution to maintain existing high water quality. In 1994, the regulations were amended to add language dealing with the complex

issue of non-point source pollutants that are found in runoff, especially after heavy rains.

The July 16 rulemaking decision has been years in the making, beginning with the efforts leading up to President Bill Clinton signing legislation into law adding key segments of the Lower Delaware and selected tributaries to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System in November 2000. This federal designation was followed in April 2001 with a petition from the Delaware Riverkeeper Network to classify the Lower Delaware as Special Protection Waters. Extensive data were collected from 2000 through 2004, which confirmed that existing water quality in this stretch of river exceeded most state and federal standards, and an eligibility report was issued by DRBC in August 2004.

The Lower Delaware has been temporarily classified as Significant Resource Waters by DRBC since January 2005, making it subject to all SPW regulations except those that stipulate the use of numeric values for existing water quality. The temporary designation was made pending a determination of the numeric values, evaluation of options for implementing the rule, consideration of rule clarifications needed to ensure the program's uniform application in all areas of the basin that drain to SPW, and rulemaking to adopt the amendments to DRBC's Water Quality Regulations that are needed to fully implement the program. The notice of proposed rulemaking leading up to the July 16, 2008 action was published September 28, 2007 on the commission's web site, and appeared in federal and state registers in early October 2007. Two informational meetings took place on October 25 in Stockton, N.J. and on November 1

in Easton, Pa. A public hearing followed on December 4 at the DRBC's headquarters in West Trenton, N.J. and written public comments were accepted through December 5.

As adopted, the rule requires new or expanding facilities to demonstrate that their discharges will not cause measurable change to existing water quality. In response to concerns raised during the public comment period, the adopted rulemaking clarified language, in particular relating to the circumstances under which wastewater facilities must employ nondischarge alternatives or natural treatment technologies and how they must demonstrate that they will cause no measurable change. It was noted at the July 16 meeting that the clarifications were consistent with the overall goal of "no measurable change except to natural conditions" and with provisions applicable to already designated SPW areas upstream of the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area.

The commission plans to hold informational workshops explaining the rulemaking later this year, but the dates and locations have yet to be determined. The DRBC was formed in 1961 by compact among the four basin states (Delaware, New Jersey, New York, and Pennsylvania) and the federal government. Its members include the four governors and a federal representative appointed by the president. The creation of the commission marked the first time in our nation's history that the federal government and a group of states joined together as equal partners in a river basin planning, development, and regulatory agency.

Additional SPW information is available on the commission's web site at www.drbc.net.

Volunteers Needed to Obtain Fishing Reports.

Volunteers needed to visit local tackle shops to obtain fishing reports. This will be a once-a-month task. Anyone living near any of the following bait & tackle shops that would like to volunteer; your help would be welcomed.

**H & L Bait & Tackle
Morrisville, PA.**

**Bill's Bait & Tackle
Phillipsburg, NJ.**

I have tried doing this by phone, but I have had very limited success. On most occasions, I get an answering machine or a busy signal. It would be extremely helpful if someone could visit the shop and get a first hand report.

Anyone interested in volunteering please call me at 215-708-1344 or 267-934-2148 or see me at the monthly meeting on August 28 for further details.

Fishing Reports

Tidal River

Tacony/Palmyra Bridge Area

Joe at **Sportmaster Bait & Tackle** in Philly (215-331-8836), reports fishing is slow and easy this time of year. Catfish, perch, carp, a few stripers, and even a couple smallmouth near the bank are being hooked from Linden Ave down to the Ben Franklin Bridge. Above the Tacony Palmyra Bridge is little more active with bass, a few walleye and muskie at and above the Neshaminy Creek. The Schuylkill River is doing much better on bass and carp although the Delaware River carp are starting to get more active. Many people are fishing down the shore on vacation and it is hit or miss mostly sand sharks, eels and oystercrakers, but the crabbing is very good.

Northeast/Burlington/Trenton Area

From the website 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 lower river has still been very good for catfish and smaller stripers. With a week of cooler weather and some rain, the fish really turned on. Most people have been using chicken livers, herring, shrimp, bagels, nightcrawlers and shiners for the catfish and bloodworms, shrimp and chicken livers for the stripers. Chuck was down fishing off Linden Avenue on Monday picking up four cats and two stripers up to 18 inches. He caught his all on shrimp. Jack and his crew were down fishing Rhawn Street Sunday catching 11 catfish, 7 stripers and 2 largemouth bass. They did their best on bloodworms and shrimp for the cats and stripers with the largemouth bass hitting spinner baits along the shoreline. Several people have been fishing up at Trenton picking up a few bigger catfish with live eels. They have been looking for bigger stripers but only have caught cats 7 to 15 pounds. They are fishing up in the rocks during the night hours. The bass fishing has still been good with Kenny fishing down by the sailboat club on Saturday. He fished from five until dark and boated eight largemouth bass and four catfish. He caught all his fish on crankbaits. Jerry was out fishing on Sunday with crankbaits, plastic worms and spinner baits. With these, he picked up three largemouth bass up to 14 inches, but he found a school of small stripers and fish torpedoes, Kastmasters and poppers catching over 20 fish up to 17 inches. He said there was a load of small herring the fish were working over. A few anglers have been fishing up

at the Neshaminy Marina catching some largemouth bass and crappies in the cove with catfish and carp hitting on the inside of the creek. The bass have been hitting minnows and worms fished under a bobber along the pilings. The cats and carp have been hitting worms, corn and bagels on the bottom.

Non-tidal river

Now over all the smallmouth bass fishing in the Delaware River has been the best fishing around. Bruce got back on Thursday and told me that on Wednesday he had his best day on the river with smallmouth bass. Trolling Zoom watermelon grubs, he picked up over 30 bass up to 15 inches. Kevin has been fishing New Hope section of the river and has been catching 30 to 50 fish each trip. He has been doing his best on minnows, twister tails and top water baits. Al has been fishing just above there doing as well with the same baits. They say most of the fish have been 10 to 14 inches with a few 15 to 17 inches fish mixed in. They are also catching many 12 to 15 inch stripers in the fast water with minnows and white twister tails. Peter was up fishing Bryan on Tuesday catching 32 smallies, 1 walleye and plenty of catfish. He was fishing with minnows and nightcrawlers. At Upper Black Eddy, a customer picked up several bigger smallmouth bass fishing with crayfish. He had 25 smaller fish but ended the day with five fish over 16 inches. Up at the Water Gap several people have been doing well during the day with smallmouth bass, catfish and rock bass. During the evening hours, they catch a few bigger stripers and walleyes. The stripers are hitting big shiners and top water lures. The walleyes have been on jigs, twister tails, minnows and nightcrawlers.

Trenton/Yardley/Morrisville Area

Dan Leach at **H & L Bait and Tackle** in Morrisville, Pa. (215-295-1400) reports that the Trenton area saw plenty of small stripers and some spotty smallmouth fishing. He said that there were not many people fishing.

Washington Crossing/New Hope

Tom at **Tom's Tackle Shop** in Wrightstown, Pa (215-598-9891) reports that smallmouth are being caught with crankbaits in crayfish patterns during the day and with topwater baits in the morning. Early morning is good for walleye trolling minnow raps and shad raps. Neshaminy Creek is giving up smallies and rock bass on shiners, crawfish and 3-inch senkos. Robbins Pond is giving up crappies on shiners and largemouth bass on senkos.

Easton/Phillipsburg Area

Bill Pierce at **Bill's Bait and Tackle** in Phillipsburg, NJ (908-859-5729) reports that plenty of big channel catfish, six pounds and up are being caught on shad chunks. He is seeing more big walleye than ever before. Leeches and nightcrawlers are the best baits for the walleye. Smallmouth fishing is good with leeches and crayfish being the best baits to use.

The water levels in the river are good and visibility is about four to five feet. Water temperatures in the tidal section are in the mid 70's on both the incoming and outgoing tides. Temperatures in the non-tidal river are in the mid 70's.

All launch ramps are serviceable as of this report.

September 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
09/01	03:04AM	7.3 H	10:03AM	0.4 L	03:30PM	7.1 H	10:20PM	0.6 L
09/02	03:49AM	7.1 H	10:45AM	0.5 L	04:15PM	7.1 H	11:07PM	0.7 L
09/03	04:35AM	6.9 H	11:26AM	0.6 L	04:59PM	7.1 H	11:53PM	0.8 L
09/04	05:21AM	6.7 H	12:06PM	0.7 L	05:44PM	7.0 H		
09/05	12:39AM	0.9 L	06:10AM	6.3 H	12:46PM	0.8 L	06:32PM	7.0 H
09/06	01:27AM	0.9 L	07:00AM	6.1 H	01:29PM	0.8 L	07:21PM	6.9 H
09/07	02:17AM	0.9 L	07:53AM	6.0 H	02:15PM	0.9 L	08:14PM	6.9 H
09/08	03:09AM	1.0 L	08:48AM	5.9 H	03:06PM	0.9 L	09:09PM	6.9 H
09/09	04:03AM	1.0 L	09:43AM	5.9 H	04:00PM	0.9 L	10:03PM	6.9 H
09/10	04:57AM	0.9 L	10:36AM	6.0 H	04:55PM	0.9 L	10:56PM	7.1 H
09/11	05:49AM	0.9 L	11:27AM	6.1 H	05:50PM	0.8 L	11:46PM	7.2 H
09/12	06:39AM	0.8 L	12:15PM	6.3 H	06:43PM	0.7 L		
09/13	12:32AM	7.3 H	07:26AM	0.7 L	01:00PM	6.6 H	07:33PM	0.7 L
09/14	01:16AM	7.3 H	08:10AM	0.6 L	01:42PM	6.8 H	08:23PM	0.6 L
09/15	01:57AM	7.3 H	08:53AM	0.6 L	02:22PM	7.0 H	09:11PM	0.6 L
09/16	02:38AM	7.3 H	09:35AM	0.6 L	03:01PM	7.2 H	10:00PM	0.7 L
09/17	03:20AM	7.1 H	10:18AM	0.6 L	03:41PM	7.3 H	10:50PM	0.7 L
09/18	04:04AM	6.9 H	11:01AM	0.6 L	04:24PM	7.4 H	11:41PM	0.8 L
09/19	04:52AM	6.7 H	11:48AM	0.7 L	05:12PM	7.4 H		
09/20	12:35AM	0.9 L	05:46AM	6.4 H	12:38PM	0.7 L	06:08PM	7.3 H
09/21	01:32AM	0.9 L	06:46AM	6.1 H	01:34PM	0.8 L	07:10PM	7.2 H
09/22	02:32AM	1.0 L	07:50AM	6.0 H	02:34PM	0.9 L	08:17PM	7.1 H
09/23	03:33AM	1.0 L	08:56AM	6.0 H	03:37PM	0.9 L	09:24PM	7.1 H
09/24	04:34AM	0.9 L	10:00AM	6.1 H	04:40PM	0.9 L	10:28PM	7.1 H
09/25	05:33AM	0.8 L	11:01AM	6.3 H	05:41PM	0.7 L	11:27PM	7.2 H
09/26	06:27AM	0.6 L	11:57AM	6.7 H	06:39PM	0.6 L		
09/27	12:21AM	7.3 H	07:18AM	0.4 L	12:48PM	7.0 H	07:33PM	0.5 L
09/28	01:10AM	7.3 H	08:05AM	0.4 L	01:36PM	7.2 H	08:23PM	0.5 L
09/29	01:56AM	7.2 H	08:49AM	0.4 L	02:20PM	7.3 H	09:11PM	0.5 L
09/30	02:40AM	7.1 H	09:31AM	0.5 L	03:03PM	7.4 H	09:57PM	0.6 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				
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
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 Largemouth Bass Tournament

Check Main Schedule on page 3 for time and date

Frankford Arsenal Ramp

Off Tacony Street, Philadelphia, Pa. (just south of the Tacony-Palmyra Bridge)

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

RULES:

- All participants must check in during the hour preceding start time.
- 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) legal largemouth bass (minimum 12") 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 Frankford Arsenal Access Ramp. Shore fishing is permitted.
- Weigh-in is at scheduled end time. Those arriving late for weigh-in 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: 609-466-7894

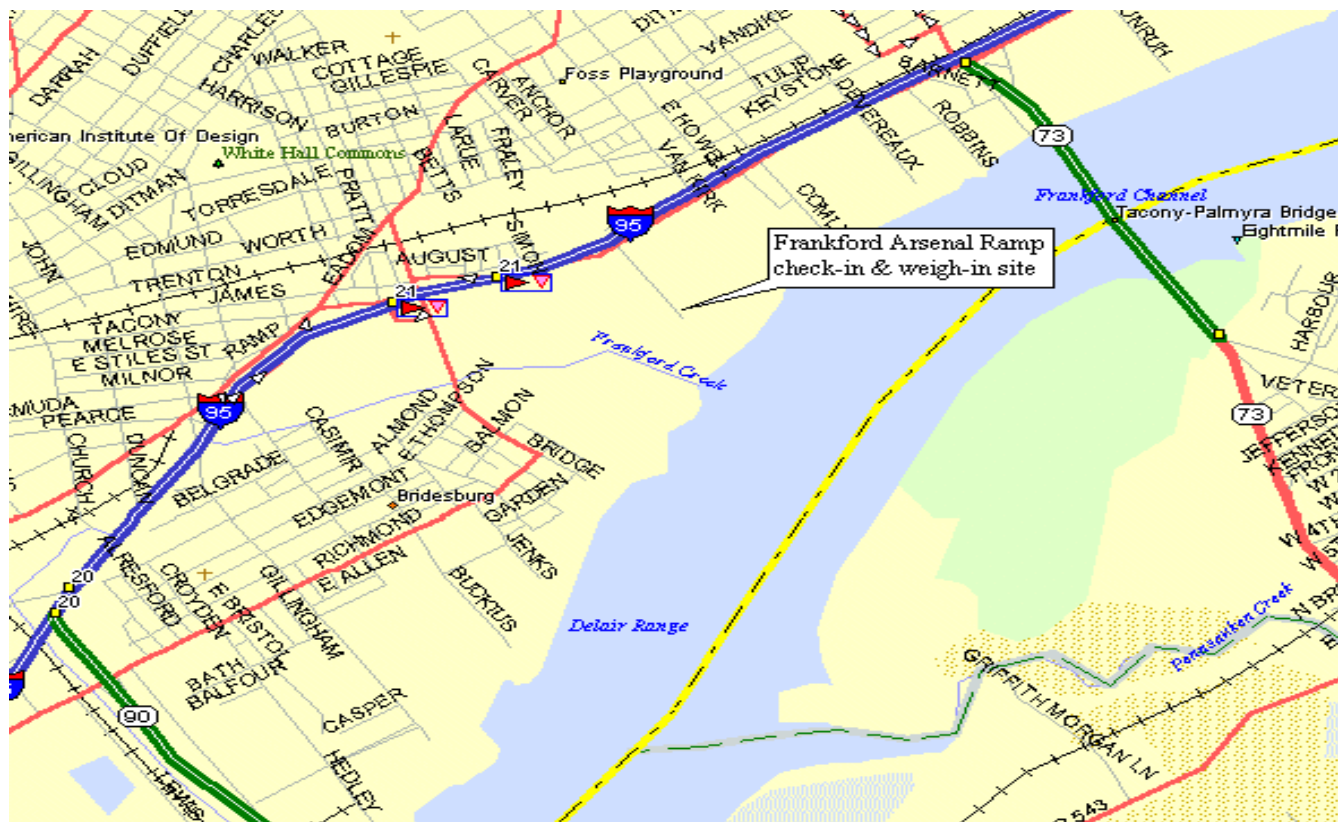
Tournament Coordinator: Steve Raulfs: 215-969-1010

PRIZES:

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

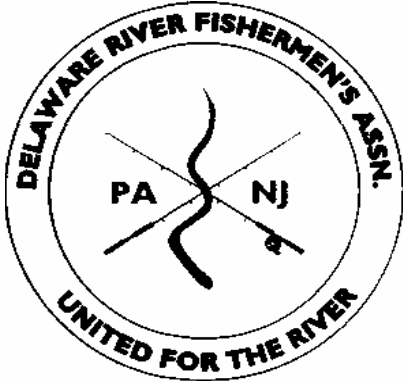
All anglers weighing in fish, no matter where they place, will accumulate points towards the
"Dave Bryant Memorial Angler of the Year Contest"

*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.

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