

# The River News

The Official Newsletter of the Delaware River Fishermen's Association

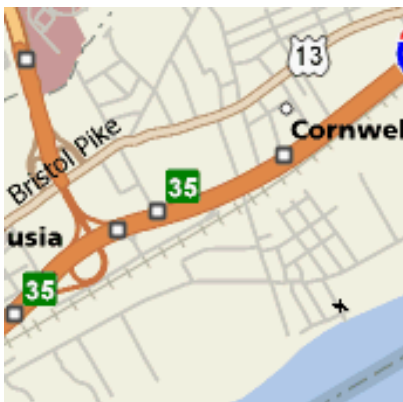
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Due to a Golf Seminar at Dick's Sporting Goods, the February 26 meeting will be held at the Pennsylvania Yacht Club, 2189 State Road, Bensalem, Pa. Directions to the Yacht Club: Take I-95 to the Woodhaven Exit and take the Rt 13 exit. Go North on Rt 13 (Bristol Pike) to Station Ave (Approx 1/2 mile). Turn right on Station Ave to State Road. Turn Left on State Road to Yacht Club on your right (Approx 1/4 mile). Turn right into yacht club entrance.



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### President's Message

Forget the economy. Fishing is what is important. At least to those of us who love this sport. Turn off all the CNBC and Fox News channels bunk.

If I hear one more re-hash of what caused the economic crises and how best to fix it I'll get sick. Turn on some fishing shows, put on a fishing video.

Pull out all your fishing gear and get it ready. Do not skip the maintenance on the boat as well. Also, get out the calendar and pencil in all of our tournaments so the misses does not schedule a trip to the in-laws for those weekends. [Use a pen so it cannot be erased.] Accidentally of course.

The Phillies start spring training tomorrow and we will soon get to see the World Champions play again. I know when they hit the field the start of the fishing season is just around the corner.

I'm sure some of you folks have been out ice fishing. And I'm sure you enjoyed it. I'm sure with all of this cold weather that the hard water fishing was pretty good this year. However, that is not my cup of tea.

Balmy days and air temperatures over 40 degrees are for me. Stop laughing, I'll be honest, actually over 50 degrees, which I'm hoping will be here shortly. The club has a very good list of speakers for the next couple of meetings and we'll try to line up some more. This will help with getting rid of the "Cabin

Fever" and help you catch a few more fish. Therefore, there is lot to be positive about, especially now that the fishing season is about to kick in.

A couple of other things to remind you about, we will have the chances for the "Tackle Bag of Lures" at this meeting. Also, turn in any chances you have sold. This will be your last chance to get them. The winner will be drawn at the "Hemlock Fishing Seminar". March 6th. There is a \$200.00 gift card to Dicks and an underwater digital SONY camera as well as the lures.

Also please remember to send in you membership application or this will be your last newsletter.

Remember to wear your life jacket.

Steve Raulfs

### Important Dates

**Thursday, February 26, 7 PM,  
Monthly Meeting:**  
Penna Yacht Club, 2189 State Road, Bensalem, PA.

**Friday, March 6, 6:00 PM,  
Hemlock Rod & Gun Club  
Free Fishing Seminar:** Fraternal Order of Eagles Hall (Formerly Hugh Carcella Hall), 920 Trenton Road, Fairless Hills, PA. (For more information, call 215-493-2072).

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## Minutes from the January Meeting

President Steve Raulfs called the January 29 meeting of the DRFA to order at 7:15 pm with 48 members in attendance.

### Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Matt Kicinski reported a balance of \$3,752.38 in the club treasury.

### Environmental:

Tex reported that Zebra mussels were found in the Susquehanna River around the Conowingo dam. The Army Corps has been pressing to deepen the Delaware River. This deepening would be a threat to the Delaware River and all of the communities' dependent upon it. It has been reported that the Delaware Riverkeepers are fighting this.

### Fishing Report:

Club member Dick Schroeder caught a Trout and 10 Blue Gills. Sam Shiels was fishing in Core Creek, but Sam could not remember just where (another senior moment) but he did say it was a good day fishing.

### Old Business:

Steve Steinmetz is trying to set up a Buddy Bass tournament to make money to donate to the kids so we can still have the T-shirts for the kids.

The Hemlock Rod & Gun clubs show is on March 6 at 6pm at the Fraternal Order of Eagles hall up on Trenton Road at Fairless Hills, Pa.

### New Business:

Chris Gatley gave a very informative talk on Striper fishing. Due to inventory being done at Dick's Sporting Goods we were unable to have our meeting there but "Thanks" to Bill Burke, we

were able to have our meeting at the Pa. Yacht Club.

The winner of \$76.00 from the 50-50 drawing was Mike Fanelli.

Mike was very generous and donated his winnings to the Youth tournament. "Thanks" Mike this is very much appreciated.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm.

## Membership Renewal

As another year comes to a close, it is time to renew membership dues for the 2009 season. You can print a membership form from the DRFA Web site, complete one at the December meeting, or use the one included in this newsletter.

That way, you are sure to be included in all the fun for the coming year. Anyone who does not renew his or her membership will be dropped from the newsletter mailing list and will not receive the new 2009 password for the DRFA Web site.

## New Supporting Business

The Delaware River Fishermen's Association would like to welcome **Clayton's Hunting & Fishing** as our newest supporting business. **Clayton's Hunting & Fishing, 660 Easton Road, Horsham, PA 19044 (215-672-6060)** carries a full line of hunting equipment and fishing tackle from all the major suppliers. He also sells fresh live bait and packaged baits for both fresh and salt-water fishing. Formerly located on Horsham Road, Clayton's has been in business for 39 years and is experienced in all aspects of hunting and fishing supplies and equipment. Stop in, see Tom at Clayton's Hunting & Fishing, and let him know that you are a member of the DRFA.

## Annual DRFA Clean-Up Effort Needs Your Help

The annual DRFA Clean-Up at the Trenton Power Plant Fishing Access Area is scheduled for Thursday, April 9, at 6 PM; Rain date is Thursday, April 16. Volunteers are needed for this event. It is a great opportunity to protect our environment and keep the river a little cleaner from debris that can foul up your prop. Helping to keep the area clean can encourage the power company to continue providing anglers with waterfront access to this prime fishing area. Meet in the parking area at 6:00 pm. Bring a large heavy-duty trash bag and a pair of gloves. Clean up should take an hour to an hour and a half. The access area is at the southern end of Lambertson Road. You can reach it from the Lambertson Road exit off Route 129 (*one exit west of its interchange with Interstate 295*). Go to the end of the exit ramp, turn left, and continue to the parking area at the end of the road.

## Big Cat Shootout

DRFA member Tex Schroeder has decided to take on the responsibility of running the Big Cat Shootout. He has set the date for Saturday May 16. Tex will need volunteers for a variety of duties including, check in, boat check, weigh in, etc on the day of the event. He could also use help on Friday, May 15, at the captains meeting. Assistance would be appreciated getting sponsors for the T-shirt ads and donations for prizes. Anyone interesting in giving Tex a hand with this important fundraiser can call him at 215-869-7239 or 215-675-3040 or contact Tex or a club officer at the monthly meeting on Thursday, February 26, at the Pennsylvania Yacht Club.

**Support Schuylkill River Dam Removals Now – Your letters needed this week!**

On January 30, 2009, The Army Corps recently issued a public notice seeking comments on a proposal by Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PA DEP) to remove two hazardous dams from the Schuylkill River. We need your help this week to urge the Army Corps to move quickly to grant these dam removal permits.

For nearly 200 years, dams have altered the Schuylkill River's flow and prevented the return of American shad, an historic fishery that was significant to this region's early settlement. The removal of Vincent Dam across the Schuylkill in East Vincent Township, Chester County, and Limerick Township, Montgomery County, and Plymouth Dam, located on the Schuylkill River in Plymouth Township, Montgomery County, need to occur as early as possible in 2009 during the allowed April to October window.

With improvements underway at the Fairmont fishway and fish passage construction underway at Black Rock Dam, Plymouth and Vincent are the only remaining physical barriers blocking the restoration of a migratory fishery to over 100 miles of the Schuylkill River. Their speedy removal could potentially allow American shad to return as far upstream as Hamburg this year, an event not witnessed in nearly 200 years.

The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission has stocked nearly 4.5 million shad fry in the Schuylkill River since 1999. These fry are returning to the Schuylkill as adults. Shad fry stocked four years ago will soon be looking to return

home. We could really use your help in urging the Army Corps to grant these permits quickly which could allow the PA DEP to mobilize contractors on site and begin dam removal on April 1st.

Please take a moment to send your letter in today.

A sample letter is provided for you below to copy on to your letterhead. However, if you have the time, add a few personal touches. Personalization magnifies your letter's impact. Sign your letter in blue, green, red or some other color (to make clear it is an original signature) and send it in to the address indicated.

Your letter will really help make a meaningful difference and send a strong message.

**Sample letter text:**

Subject: CENAP-OP-R-2007-1079-61 Vincent Dam  
CENAP-OP-R-2008-884-61 Plymouth Dam

Lieutenant Colonel Thomas J. Tickner  
District Engineer  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
Philadelphia District  
Wanamaker Building  
100 Penn Square East

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107-3390

Dear Colonel Tickner:

I support the removal of Vincent and Plymouth Dams from the Schuylkill River. These breached structures present safety hazards and should be removed as quickly possible.

Their removal will allow me to enjoy a more free-flowing Schuylkill River. I will be able to enjoy greater recreational and aesthetic opportunities along the reaches of the River now barred by these dams. Birders and other wildlife watchers will be able to enjoy animals that require healthy, flowing streams and associated habitats to thrive. Anglers will be able to enjoy improved resident and migratory fisheries.

I understand that, to protect the red-bellied turtle require, the dam removal work cannot be done before April 1st. However, this work can be accomplished quickly within that window if the Army Corps moves quickly to grant these permits. Issuing the permit well in advance of the April to October time frame will ensure that preparations, plans, contracts and commitments can be put in place to

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**2009 DRFA Tentative Tournament Schedule**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>
4/18	<b>Shad</b>	Yardley Park & Ride	2 pm weigh in (Sorry, no registration on the day of the Shad tournament)
5/16	<b>Big Cat Shootout</b>	Lightning Jack's Marina	7 am to 3 pm (Open to the Public)
5/30	<b>Catfish</b>	West Depthford Ramp	7 am to 1 pm (Alternate location is Frankford Arsenal Ramp)
6/20	<b>Smallmouth</b>	Byram, NJ Access Ramp	7 am to 1 pm
7/11	<b>Youth Tournament</b>	Snug Harbor Marina	8 am to 1 pm (Rain date is Saturday, July 18)
7/25	<b>Largemouth</b>	Frankford Arsenal Ramp	6 am to 12 noon
8/23	<b>Catfish</b>	Frankford Arsenal Ramp	6 am to 12 noon
9/13	<b>Bass/Combo</b>	Mercer County Ramp	7 am to 1 pm
10/11	<b>Smallmouth</b>	Bulls Island Ramp	7 am to 1 pm

# THE 2009 BIG CAT SHOOTOUT

Presented by the Delaware River Fishermen's Association

**Date:** May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2009

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

**Ramp Fee:** Ramp fee at Lightning Jack's Marina is \$15.00

**Questions:** Call Tex Schroeder 215-675-3040

**Payouts:** (Based on 150 boat field) 1st Place \$5,000 2nd Place \$3,300 3rd Place \$2,000 4th Place \$1,200

## **Rules and Regulations:**

**Captain's Meeting** – There will be a **mandatory** Captain's meeting, Friday May 15th, at 7:00PM, at Lightning Jack's Marina, Harrison Street, Riverside NJ. One angler from each boat must attend and will receive a three-part boat pass.

**Failure to attend the Captain's meeting will result in a disqualification and loss of entry fee. No entries will be accepted after the Captain's meeting.**

**Entry Fee** – Entry fee is by boat only. Entry fee is \$100.00 per boat if paid before May 1st, 2009. Entry fee after May 1st, 2009 will be \$110.00. Late entry fees must be **cash or money orders only**, and will be accepted at the Captain's meeting. **(NO CHECKS will be accepted after May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009)!**

**Fishing by Boat Only** – Maximum number of anglers per boat is limited to four. There will be no fishing off 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 a disqualification.

**Boat Inspection** – Each boat prior to starting **Must** be inspected by a Tournament Official. The "Boat Check" portion of your three-part Boat Passes will be collected by a Tournament Official after the inspection has been completed.

**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 or her 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 by all would be greatly appreciated.

**Tournament Start** – For safety purposes Tournament Officials will allow 10 boats at a time to proceed to their fishing grounds based on the order in which the Big Cat Tournament applications were received. **(Check-in Pass is used)**

**Return Pass** – Upon your return, the "Return" portion of your three-part boat passes **MUST** be collected prior to 3:00 PM, by a Tournament Official. **(Late returns will not be allowed to weigh-in fish and will be disqualified.)**

**Weigh-In** – Catfish must be alive to be eligible for weigh-in. Weigh-In station will be open at 12:00 noon. You must turn in the "Weigh-In" portion of the three-part boat passes in order to weigh-in fish. Maximum amount of live catfish at weigh-in is limited to three fish 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 fish for the tied teams will determine the winner. If still tied, the prize will be split.

**Scoring** – Tournament standings and final winners will be determined by the combined weight of three (3) LIVE catfish per boat.

**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.

**PRIOR to May 1st, 2009 make checks payable to:** D.R.F.A. 2037 East Wishart St. Philadelphia, Pa. 19134

(No checks accepted after May 1st, 2009. Cash or money orders only will be accepted at the Captain's Meeting.)

SKIPPER: \_\_\_\_\_ ENTRY FEE: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ LUNKER POOL: YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_

STREET: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ BOAT REGISTRATION # \_\_\_\_\_

Will you be launching at Lightning Jack's Marina? YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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 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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allow work to begin as soon as the biological window allows.

Improvements are underway at the Fairmont fishway and fish passage is under construction at Black Rock Dam. This leaves only Plymouth and Vincent blocking the restoration of a migratory fishery to over 100 miles of the Schuylkill River. Their speedy removal in early April could potentially allow American shad to return as far upstream as Hamburg, an event not witnessed in nearly 200 years.

The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission has stocked nearly 4.5 million shad fry in the Schuylkill River since 1999. These fry are returning to the Schuylkill as adults. From 2004 to 2006, Philadelphia Water Department biologists reported a 279% increase in American shad passage at the Fairmount Fishway. Shad fry stocked near Hamburg four years ago will soon be looking to return home, when water temperatures rise to a range of 55 degrees F to 60 degrees F. This could occur as soon as April. But, once a contractor has mobilized, removal of breached timber crib dams can be accomplished in a matter of days, making it possible for the region to begin experiencing the economic benefits of a migratory fishery yet in 2009.

These removals will not only allow the Schuylkill River to restore itself, but also facilitate the restoration of an historic migratory fishery that played a significant role in the region's early settlement.

**Thanks for your letter. Go to the following site to see what we had to say on ours:**

<http://delawariverkeeper.org/newresources/factsheet.asp?ID=92>

**March 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
<b>03/01</b>	<b>04:03AM</b>	<b>6.3 H</b>	<b>11:23AM</b>	<b>0.0 L</b>	<b>04:37PM</b>	<b>5.7 H</b>	<b>11:29PM</b>	<b>0.0 L</b>
03/02	04:49AM	6.3 H	12:16PM	0.1 L	05:30PM	5.5 H		
03/03	12:19AM	0.1 L	05:45AM	6.3 H	01:14PM	0.3 L	06:32PM	5.4 H
03/04	01:16AM	0.2 L	06:50AM	6.2 H	02:16PM	0.3 L	07:36PM	5.3 H
03/05	02:19AM	0.2 L	07:59AM	6.2 H	03:19PM	0.3 L	08:41PM	5.3 H
03/06	03:24AM	0.2 L	09:06AM	6.3 H	04:20PM	0.2 L	09:44PM	5.5 H
<b>03/07</b>	<b>04:28AM</b>	<b>0.1 L</b>	<b>10:09AM</b>	<b>6.4 H</b>	<b>05:19PM</b>	<b>0.1 L</b>	<b>10:43PM</b>	<b>5.8 H</b>
<b>03/08</b>	<b>06:28AM</b>	<b>-0.1L</b>	<b>12:08PM</b>	<b>6.7 H</b>	<b>07:13PM</b>	<b>-0.1L</b>		
03/09	12:38AM	6.1 H	07:26AM	-0.3L	01:03PM	6.8 H	08:04PM	-0.3L
03/10	01:30AM	6.4 H	08:19AM	-0.4L	01:54PM	6.8 H	08:52PM	-0.3L
03/11	02:18AM	6.8 H	09:11AM	-0.5L	02:42PM	6.8 H	09:37PM	-0.3L
03/12	03:05AM	6.9 H	10:00AM	-0.4L	03:28PM	6.6 H	10:21PM	-0.2L
03/13	03:50AM	6.9 H	10:47AM	-0.3L	04:15PM	6.4 H	11:03PM	-0.1L
<b>03/14</b>	<b>04:34AM</b>	<b>6.9 H</b>	<b>11:33AM</b>	<b>-0.2L</b>	<b>05:01PM</b>	<b>6.2 H</b>	<b>11:45PM</b>	<b>0.1 L</b>
<b>03/15</b>	<b>05:19AM</b>	<b>6.8 H</b>	<b>12:20PM</b>	<b>0.0 L</b>	<b>05:49PM</b>	<b>6.0 H</b>		
03/16	12:27AM	0.2 L	06:05AM	6.7 H	01:06PM	0.1 L	06:39PM	5.8 H
03/17	01:11AM	0.3 L	06:55AM	6.4 H	01:55PM	0.3 L	07:31PM	5.7 H
03/18	01:57AM	0.4 L	07:47AM	6.3 H	02:45PM	0.4 L	08:25PM	5.6 H
03/19	02:47AM	0.5 L	08:42AM	6.2 H	03:38PM	0.5 L	09:20PM	5.6 H
03/20	03:41AM	0.5 L	09:38AM	6.1 H	04:32PM	0.5 L	10:14PM	5.6 H
<b>03/21</b>	<b>04:37AM</b>	<b>0.5 L</b>	<b>10:33AM</b>	<b>6.2 H</b>	<b>05:25PM</b>	<b>0.5 L</b>	<b>11:07PM</b>	<b>5.8 H</b>
<b>03/22</b>	<b>05:33AM</b>	<b>0.5 L</b>	<b>11:25AM</b>	<b>6.2 H</b>	<b>06:15PM</b>	<b>0.5 L</b>	<b>11:56PM</b>	<b>6.0 H</b>
03/23	06:26AM	0.4 L	12:14PM	6.3 H	07:03PM	0.4 L		
03/24	12:42AM	6.2 H	07:18AM	0.3 L	01:00PM	6.4 H	07:48PM	0.4 L
03/25	01:25AM	6.4 H	08:07AM	0.3 L	01:43PM	6.4 H	08:31PM	0.4 L
03/26	02:04AM	6.6 H	08:55AM	0.2 L	02:25PM	6.3 H	09:13PM	0.4 L
03/27	02:42AM	6.8 H	09:43AM	0.2 L	03:06PM	6.3 H	09:55PM	0.5 L
<b>03/28</b>	<b>03:20AM</b>	<b>7.0 H</b>	<b>10:31AM</b>	<b>0.3 L</b>	<b>03:49PM</b>	<b>6.2 H</b>	<b>10:38PM</b>	<b>0.5 L</b>
<b>03/29</b>	<b>03:59AM</b>	<b>7.1 H</b>	<b>11:20AM</b>	<b>0.3 L</b>	<b>04:34PM</b>	<b>6.1 H</b>	<b>11:23PM</b>	<b>0.5 L</b>
03/30	04:43AM	7.1 H	12:11PM	0.4 L	05:24PM	6.0 H		
03/31	12:11AM	0.6 L	05:34AM	7.1 H	01:04PM	0.5 L	06:20PM	5.8 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				
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

# 2009 Catfish Roundup

Presented by The Delaware River Fishermen's Association

## Finally !!!

A catfish tournament for the average person, if you are tired of tournaments with the same people winning year after year then read on.

We have a tournament that lets you fish for 7 months any time and anywhere on the Delaware River.

For an entry fee of just \$20 you can fish for 50-tagged Catfish released in the Delaware River somewhere between the Burlington Bristol and Commodore Barry bridges.

Registration is from now until midnight May 15, 2009. The tournament begins on May 16, 2009 and ends on December 16, 2009. **No entries accepted after midnight May 15, 2009. To enter, fill out the entry form below.**

### Here is how the payout works.

Seventy-five percent of all entry fee money will be paid out as prize money for the first two tagged fish caught. Each tag is worth one half of the total prize money. **In case of a tie, prize money will be divided equally.**

**Let us look at an example: If 100 anglers enter the tournament, there would be \$1500.00 in available prize money.**

**Each tagged fish would be worth \$750.00; however, the Delaware River Fishermen's Association is guaranteeing a minimum payout of \$1000.00 per fish for the first two fish. Of course, the more entries, the higher the payout.** When you catch a tagged fish, call the number on your contestant card to report and verify your catch. In order to receive your money, you need to bring your completed contestant card, an ID card and the tag (**MUST BE A 2009 PURPLE DRFA TAG**) from the fish you caught to our monthly meeting at Dick's Sporting Goods in the Franklin Mills Mall, Philadelphia, PA. Meetings are held on the last Thursday of each month. When you present the contestant card and tag you will receive a check immediately, and you will receive another contestant card so you can keep fishing until the tournament ends.

**Fill out the entry form below and mail to DRFA, PO Box 4739, Phila., Pa. 19134 along with a self-addressed stamped envelope. A contestant card will be mailed to you in the SASE.**

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ENTRY FORM \$20.00

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE NO. \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

*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, 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 send your entry form along with a check of money order for \$20.00 made out to DRFA along with a self-addressed stamped envelope to DRFA, PO Box 4739, Philadelphia, PA 19134

Entries must be received prior to midnight May 15, 2009 to be eligible. You will receive a contestant card in the self-addressed stamped envelope.

# Delaware River Fishermen's Association 2009 Membership Application

## Indicate type of membership and dues amount enclosed:

- Individual: \$20.00  
 Family: \$25.00  
 Affiliated Sportsmen's Club: \$25.00  
 Supporting Business: \$50.00

## Every membership includes:

- Access to the password protected Member Services Section of the DRFA Web site
- 12 monthly issues of the DRFA Newsletter *(delivered to your door every month)*
- Entry in all seven DRFA Tournaments  
*(Each tournament paying \$100 for first, \$50 for second, and \$25 for third)*
- Eligibility for the 2009 Dave Bryant Angler of the Year Award  
*(An individual plaque and \$100 cash prize to the winner)*

## Make check payable and mail to:

Delaware River Fishermen's Association  
Attn: Matt Kicinski  
PO Box 4739  
Philadelphia, PA 19134

## For more information, contact:

Linda/Bob Slobodian  
Phone: 267-386-5561

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address *(to receive DRFA Web site password)*: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

New Membership or Renewal:      If new, referred by: \_\_\_\_\_

*(Please select one of the two options below, and confirm with your signature.)*

I give my permission for the DRFA to publish the above information in its member directory:

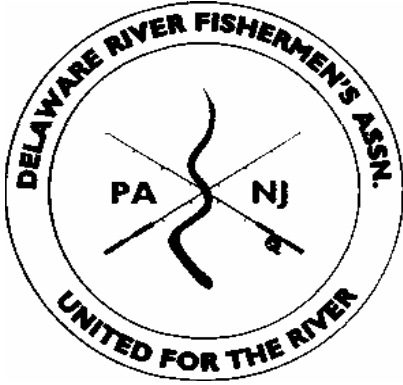
Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

*(Directory use is strictly for club business, not for sales or promotions.)*

I DO NOT wish the above information to be published in the DRFA member directory:

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

The Delaware River Fishermen's Association  
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