

# The River News

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## Pennsbury Manor Boat Ramp Approved

### Supervisors Award Boat Ramp Bid

Bucks County Courier Times

Two residents expressed opposition, one supervisor called it "frivolous" and the project's engineer described some additional costs because of changes to the plan. Still, Falls will move forward with construction of a boat ramp at Quaker Penn Park.

At Tuesday's meeting, Supervisors Robert Harvie, Jim Prokopiak and Jonathan Snipes voted to award the project to James R. Kenney Excavating and Paving, which put in bid of \$1,108,000. Supervisor Dorothy Vislosky voted no.

Harvie said he frequently hears from residents and area fishermen who want access to the Delaware River in Falls Township. He added that this item was approved in the 2009 budget in November.

The ramp and adjoining parking lot will be located just off Bordentown Road on Pennsbury Manor Road.

An official from the Delaware River Fishermen's Association attended the meeting and said this ramp, which will be located near

historic Pennsbury Manor, will attract anglers and boaters from across the Delaware Valley.

Vislosky, a longtime opponent of the project, said, "Falls has no responsibility to provide a boat ramp for the Delaware Valley. It's in a bad location and 10 years from now we'll be back here because we rushed into this."

Resident Guido Mariani agreed.

"Falls does not need, nor do the majority of people in Falls want, this ramp," he said. "It's an unneeded expenditure."

Joseph Jones of CMX Engineering, the firm handling the project, told the board at the Tuesday meeting that, after a meeting with the Department of Environmental Protection and the Army Corps of Engineers, the actual access point to the river would have to be changed.

The original point was located in the cove but, according to Jones, this area has been deemed a mud flat, which is a protected resource.

"We'd need to perform extensive studies before we could get approval to have it dredged," Jones said.

The new point of access is located just east of the cove, and Jones said there would be no environmental obstacles there.

Added asphalt costs, engineering and redesign required by this change will add approximately \$300,000 to the overall price of construction, he added.

The township hopes to receive grant money from the state Fish and Boat Commission to help offset the cost.

Officials have not discussed whether to charge a launching fee to boaters using the ramp, but according to Jones, that is an option that may be explored.

### President's Message

Good news for a change and it is all thanks to the folks that have chipped in to help. If you remember at the end of last year, we were running into a bit of a financial squeeze. Since the call went out for folks to help with different fundraisers, members have responded. Our biggest fundraiser "The Big Cat Shootout" went off as scheduled this year. Tex and his gang of Volunteers were on a mission. They mustered up a bunch of sponsors to pony up some green backs for the T-shirt ads and got that back on track. The weather cooperated and helped

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### Important Dates

**Thursday, June 25, 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, July 11, 8am Annual Youth Fishing Derby.** (See pg 7 map and details).

**Saturday, July 25, Largemouth Tournament.** (see page 6 for map and details).

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bring in the 52 boats for the tournament.  
 All of the volunteers helped with the event and made it a big success.  
 The other gang of Desperados did a bang up job on the "Catfish Roundup". This is only the second year and we have 92 participants. That is phenomenal success in my opinion.

We also have another gang of Rangers searching the vast prairie of grasslands [local businesses] to rustle up Supporting Business Members. These gunmen have hit the target too.

I am so glad to see all of the extra effort and want to thank everybody who has chipped in. We are moving in the right direction and the club's situation is looking better.

Check your Drag and set the Hook.

### Decree Parties Take Steps to Improve Delaware River Flow Plan

Harrisburg, PA – Modifications to the Delaware River flow plan by the parties to the 1954 U.S. Supreme Court decree on the Delaware River, announced Monday by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), represent a modest step toward meeting the needs of fish and aquatic organisms within our waters, the Fish and Boat Commission (PFBC) said today.

"We recognize the national importance of the Delaware River fishery and the dependence of

aquatic life on releases from New York City's Delaware River reservoirs," said PFBC Executive Director Douglas Austen. "Recent developments by the Decree parties to begin increasing seasonal releases and to eliminate harmful flow fluctuations represent positive movement toward the Commission's goal of optimizing the fishery by better management of water for downstream uses. But this is just the beginning and a lot of work still has to be done."

The first agreement – in effect for this summer only - attempts to improve protection of trout from the stresses of high temperatures in the West Branch of the Delaware River by marginally increasing cold water releases this summer from NYC's Cannonsville Reservoir during the period from June 1 through August 31.

The second agreement reduces the rapid increases or decreases in the reservoir conservation release rates (known as the yo-yo effect or bouncing) by allowing New York City the flexibility to more evenly adjust releases from the reservoirs over periods of up to seven consecutive days when reservoir storage levels are rapidly fluctuating in the spring and fall. The bouncing effect is harmful to wildlife in the river habitat. "The Commission's long term goal is to work with the decree parties and the Delaware River Basin Commission to develop water release schedules that best benefit aquatic life within the Upper Delaware System consistent with safe and sustainable mandated uses of the reservoirs," stated Norm

Gavlick, PFBC Commissioner for District 7 which covers the eight northeast Pennsylvania counties. "The schedules would attempt to meet environmental needs consistent with changes in water availability due to changes in water supply demand, precipitation and reservoir storage in the upper Delaware system."

The Flexible Flow Management Program was originally adopted in September 2007 and amended in December 2008. The program and its associated agreements are available at <http://water.usgs.gov/osw/odrm/>.

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. For more information about fishing and boating in Pennsylvania, please visit our website at [www.fishandboat.com](http://www.fishandboat.com).

### Minutes from the May Meeting

President Steve Raulfs called the May 28 meeting of the DRFA to order at 7:05 pm with 39 members in attendance.

#### Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Matt Kicinski reported a balance of \$7,840.10 in the club treasury.

The winner of \$67.00 from the 50-50 drawing was Rick Carver.

The meeting adjourned at 9 pm.

**DRFA Contacts: \* Tournament Hotline:** (609) 466-7719; **President** - Steve Raulfs, (215) 969-1010; **Vice President** - Steve Steinmetz (609) 868-4216; **Tournament Coordinator** – Steve Steinmetz (609) 868-4216; **Treasurer** - Matt Kicinski, (215) 426-5086; **Membership Secretary** -Linda/Bob Slobodian ((267) 386-5561 ; **Recording Secretary** - Eileen Kicinski. (215) 426-5086; **Editor of The River News** – Rick Mawson (215) 708-1344 [DRFA\\_therivernews@hotmail.com](mailto:DRFA_therivernews@hotmail.com) , **Webmaster** – Gil Emery (609) 351-5471

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## May Catfish Tournament Results

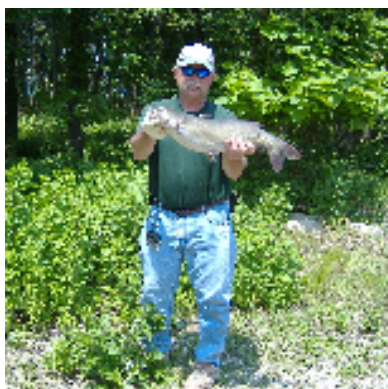
Forty-two members participated in the May catfish tournament on Saturday, May 30, at the West Depthford, NJ Ramp. Although this is a very nice ramp in a good location for a catfish tournament, the increase in parking fees from ten dollars to fifteen dollars caused concern to many members. Some members voiced their disappointment with the increased fees and the difficulties getting the gates open for the weigh-in.

Forty-two members showed up at the scales with fish.



Dan Wermuth – First Place

In Second place was George Hoffman with an 8.18lb, 25.5” fish.



George Hoffman- Second Place

Finishing in first place was Dan Wermuth with an 8.82 lb, 26 inch



catfish  
In third place with a 7.17 lb, 27 inch catfish was Ed Evans.

Ed Evans – Third Place

Rounding out the top ten were:  
Bob Slobodian, 6.95 lbs, 25.25”  
Dave Wermuth, 6.24 lbs, 25”  
Ron Soto, 6.67 lbs, 26”  
Aaron Wermuth, 6.30 lbs, 25”  
Frank Beck, 6.28 lbs, 25”  
Bill Marshall, 6.24 lbs, 24”  
Tom Herman 5.93 lbs, 23.5”

The average weight of all fish caught was 6.67 lbs. and the average length of all fish caught

was 22.5 inches.

## Angler of the Year Standings

After the first two tournaments, Dan Wermuth is in first place in the Angler of the Year competition just two points ahead of Bob Slobodian who is in second place. In third place is Dave Wermuth, a mere five points behind.

## Angler of the Year Top Ten Standings

The following standings are current as of June 15, 2009.

#	Name	Points
1.	Dan Wermuth	194
2.	Bob Slobodian	192
3.	Dave Wermuth	189
4.	Chris Brower, Sr.	187
5.	Steve Steinmetz	187
6.	Bill Marshall	183
7.	Ed Steinmetz	178
8.	Rich Hoffman	176
9.	Linda Kilgus	175
10.	Dave Montgomery	175

## 2009 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 (609) 466 7719 the night before the event to learn about any possible rescheduling or relocation due to water or weather conditions.

Date	Event	Location	Time
6/20	Smallmouth	Byram, NJ Access Ramp	7 am to 1 pm
7/11	Youth Tournament	Snug Harbor Marina (Rain date is Saturday, July 18)	8 am to 1 pm
7/25	Largemouth	Frankford Arsenal Ramp	6 am to 12 noon
8/23	Catfish	Frankford Arsenal Ramp	6 am to 12 noon
9/13	Bass/Combo	Mercer County Ramp	7 am to 1 pm
10/11	Smallmouth	Bulls Island Ramp	7 am to 1 pm

## DRFA Annual Youth Fishing Derby

The 2009 Youth Fishing Derby will be held on Saturday July 11, 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. Children between ages 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.

Only paid members of the DRFA may sponsor a child in this event. See page seven of this newsletter for a map and details.

## Fishing Reports

*This listing is abridged from a report posted on Friday June 12, on the Website of Brinkman's Bait and Tackle in Northeast Phila. (215-632-0674).*

### Tidal River

Stripers in the lower river are back to a two fish limit 28 inches and over!

Things are really starting to slow with reports and most of it is due to all the bad weather we have had the past couple weeks. We had too much rain and days where it is looking like rain but does not. That is what kept me in this week. We were thinking of heading out but all day long it look like the end of the world was coming so we stayed home and did yard work. Next week I head to the mountains so I hope to have some better reports for you.

Now the lower river kind of picked back up for stripers this past week. The river is a little off color but in

really good shape. Anthony and Luther were up to Station Avenue on Friday picking up five stripers. They were all caught on clams with one keeper 31 inches. The next biggest was 27 inches down to smaller fish. Tom was also up Station on Monday catching three stripers up to 28 inches. He caught all his on bloodworms but had to deal with 15 white perch eating up his bait. Up under the Burlington Bristol Bridge a customer picked up a 33-inch striper with fresh clams on Sunday. He also had two other stripers, six catfish and lots of eels. At the Rancocas, several people were out over the weekend but most of these guys only caught catfish. They did have a few smaller stripers with bloodworms.

Off Linden, they are catching all catfish. They have been using nightcrawlers, shrimp, chicken livers and herring. The only striper I heard here was a 6-inch fish taken on bloodworms. All the guys fishing at the Frankford Arsenal have been catching catfish, carp, white perch and small stripers. The carp have been caught on corn and bagels. The catfish have been hitting herring, shrimp and clams.

Now the largemouth bass fishing in the lower river has been good. Several people were over to Dredge Harbor catching plenty of smaller fish. Most of the bass I hear about are 1 to 3 pounds. They have been doing best with plastic worms, crankbaits, spinner baits and lip less crankbaits. Rick was out fishing on Tuesday catching 15 bass in and around Dredge Harbor. He caught most of his fish on a chrome rattletrap. A few other people have been doing pretty well in Salem Harbor with plastic worms, lizards and Senko worms. These people say there are a lot of fish held up in the corner and inside the dock area around the rocks. A few people were up to Tullytown

Cove looking for bass but ended up catching some good numbers of crappies. They were fishing a Carolina rig for bass and picked up a few smaller crappies. Then switched over to smaller jigs and ended up catching fish up to 14 inches.

The last report from the lower river for bass comes from down near the C and D canal. These people are getting ready for a tournament in a couple weeks and went down to see what was happening. They were fishing the flats below the canal and picked up plenty of smaller fish on plastics. They did catch three decent fish that were 3 to 4 pounds. They caught these fish on spinner baits.

### Non-tidal

The upper river even with all the rain we have been having is in great condition. Tom was up fishing Trenton early in the week saying there are still a few herring hitting. However, fishing several hours he was able to put five baitfish in the boat. Using the herring back up river, he was able to land six stripers up to 27 inches. No big fish have been caught in the upper river in over a week. Now Tom has been doing much better fishing poppers early in the day. He said there are a lot of 20 to 25 inch fish held up in the fast water, but once a high sun gets on the river the fish disappear. Charlie did very well on smallies at Point Pleasant this past week. He was out fishing on Monday catching eight fish on minnows and grubs. Wednesday he was back out landing 17 fish all on crankbaits and grubs. He is catching a few fish 14 to 16 inches. Jim was out wading the Treasure Island section of the river on Sunday catching several smallies and stripers all with minnows. He said most of the fish were held up in the fast water below the islands.

**Trenton/Yardley/Morrisville Area**

Dan Leach at **H & L Bait and Tackle** in Morrisville, Pa. (215-295-1400) reports that things are rather quiet with the Herring almost done. The Stripers in the Trenton area are plentiful on cut and strip bait as well as plugs, lures, and large shiners but mostly small fish are being caught.

With the Pennsylvania Bass season starting in on June 13, that activity should pick up. Smallmouth are being caught from Yardley north as well as an occasional one while fishing for Stripers.

**Washington Crossing/New Hope**

Tom at **Tom's Tackle Shop** in Wrightstown, Pa (215-598-9891) reports that the river is much too high and that flooding is occurring in his area. The river is completely unfishable at this time due to all the rain this past week.

**Easton/Phillipsburg Area**

Bill Pierce at **Bill's Bait and Tackle** in Phillipsburg, NJ (908-859-5729) reports the rain and cooler weather kept most anglers off the river.

Water Temperatures are in the mid to upper sixty degrees in both the tidal and non-tidal river. The water conditions at this time are high and muddy due to all the recent rain.

All launch ramps are serviceable, however, due to the recent rains launching a boat in the non-tidal section of the river could be tenuous at best.

**July 2009 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
07/01	04:06AM	0.6 L	09:40AM	6.4 H	04:22PM	0.2 L	10:12PM	7.3 H
07/02	05:03AM	0.6 L	10:35AM	6.3 H	05:13PM	0.3 L	11:04PM	7.4 H
07/03	05:58AM	0.5 L	11:28AM	6.2 H	06:03PM	0.4 L	11:53PM	7.4 H
<b>07/04</b>	<b>06:51AM</b>	<b>0.5 L</b>	<b>12:18PM</b>	<b>6.2 H</b>	<b>06:52PM</b>	<b>0.5 L</b>		
<b>07/05</b>	<b>12:39AM</b>	<b>7.4 H</b>	<b>07:40AM</b>	<b>0.5 L</b>	<b>01:06PM</b>	<b>6.1 H</b>	<b>07:38PM</b>	<b>0.7 L</b>
07/06	01:24AM	7.4 H	08:26AM	0.5 L	01:52PM	6.1 H	08:23PM	0.7 L
07/07	02:06AM	7.3 H	09:10AM	0.6 L	02:36PM	6.0 H	09:05PM	0.8 L
07/08	02:47AM	7.2 H	09:51AM	0.6 L	03:18PM	6.0 H	09:46PM	0.9 L
07/09	03:26AM	7.2 H	10:31AM	0.6 L	03:58PM	6.0 H	10:27PM	0.9 L
07/10	04:05AM	7.1 H	11:08AM	0.6 L	04:38PM	6.0 H	11:08PM	0.9 L
<b>07/11</b>	<b>04:43AM</b>	<b>6.9 H</b>	<b>11:45AM</b>	<b>0.6 L</b>	<b>05:17PM</b>	<b>6.1 H</b>	<b>11:50PM</b>	<b>0.9 L</b>
<b>07/12</b>	<b>05:21AM</b>	<b>6.8 H</b>	<b>12:22PM</b>	<b>0.5 L</b>	<b>05:57PM</b>	<b>6.2 H</b>		
07/13	12:34AM	0.9 L	06:02AM	6.7 H	01:00PM	0.5 L	06:39PM	6.4 H
07/14	01:24AM	0.9 L	06:48AM	6.4 H	01:41PM	0.5 L	07:25PM	6.6 H
07/15	02:20AM	0.9 L	07:43AM	6.2 H	02:28PM	0.5 L	08:18PM	6.8 H
07/16	03:22AM	1.0 L	08:44AM	6.0 H	03:23PM	0.6 L	09:15PM	7.0 H
07/17	04:26AM	1.0 L	09:46AM	5.9 H	04:24PM	0.7 L	10:14PM	7.1 H
<b>07/18</b>	<b>05:30AM</b>	<b>0.9 L</b>	<b>10:47AM</b>	<b>5.8 H</b>	<b>05:27PM</b>	<b>0.7 L</b>	<b>11:12PM</b>	<b>7.3 H</b>
<b>07/19</b>	<b>06:31AM</b>	<b>0.9 L</b>	<b>11:46AM</b>	<b>5.9 H</b>	<b>06:28PM</b>	<b>0.6 L</b>		
07/20	12:10AM	7.5 H	07:29AM	0.7 L	12:43PM	6.0 H	07:28PM	0.5 L
07/21	01:05AM	7.7 H	08:24AM	0.5 L	01:39PM	6.2 H	08:25PM	0.4 L
07/22	02:00AM	7.8 H	09:17AM	0.3 L	02:33PM	6.4 H	09:20PM	0.3 L
07/23	02:53AM	7.7 H	10:07AM	0.1 L	03:26PM	6.6 H	10:14PM	0.3 L
07/24	03:46AM	7.6 H	10:56AM	0.0 L	04:20PM	6.8 H	11:07PM	0.3 L
<b>07/25</b>	<b>04:38AM</b>	<b>7.4 H</b>	<b>11:43AM</b>	<b>0.0 L</b>	<b>05:13PM</b>	<b>6.9 H</b>		
<b>07/26</b>	<b>12:00AM</b>	<b>0.3 L</b>	<b>05:31AM</b>	<b>7.2 H</b>	<b>12:31PM</b>	<b>0.0 L</b>	<b>06:06PM</b>	<b>7.0 H</b>
07/27	12:53AM	0.4 L	06:25AM	6.9 H	01:18PM	0.0 L	06:59PM	7.1 H
07/28	01:47AM	0.5 L	07:20AM	6.7 H	02:06PM	0.1 L	07:53PM	7.1 H
07/29	02:42AM	0.5 L	08:15AM	6.3 H	02:56PM	0.2 L	08:46PM	7.1 H
07/30	03:38AM	0.6 L	09:11AM	6.2 H	03:47PM	0.4 L	09:40PM	7.1 H
07/31	04:34AM	0.6 L	10:06AM	6.1 H	04:39PM	0.5 L	10:33PM	7.1 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	-1 29	-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
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
Egely, 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 Steinmetz 609-868-4216

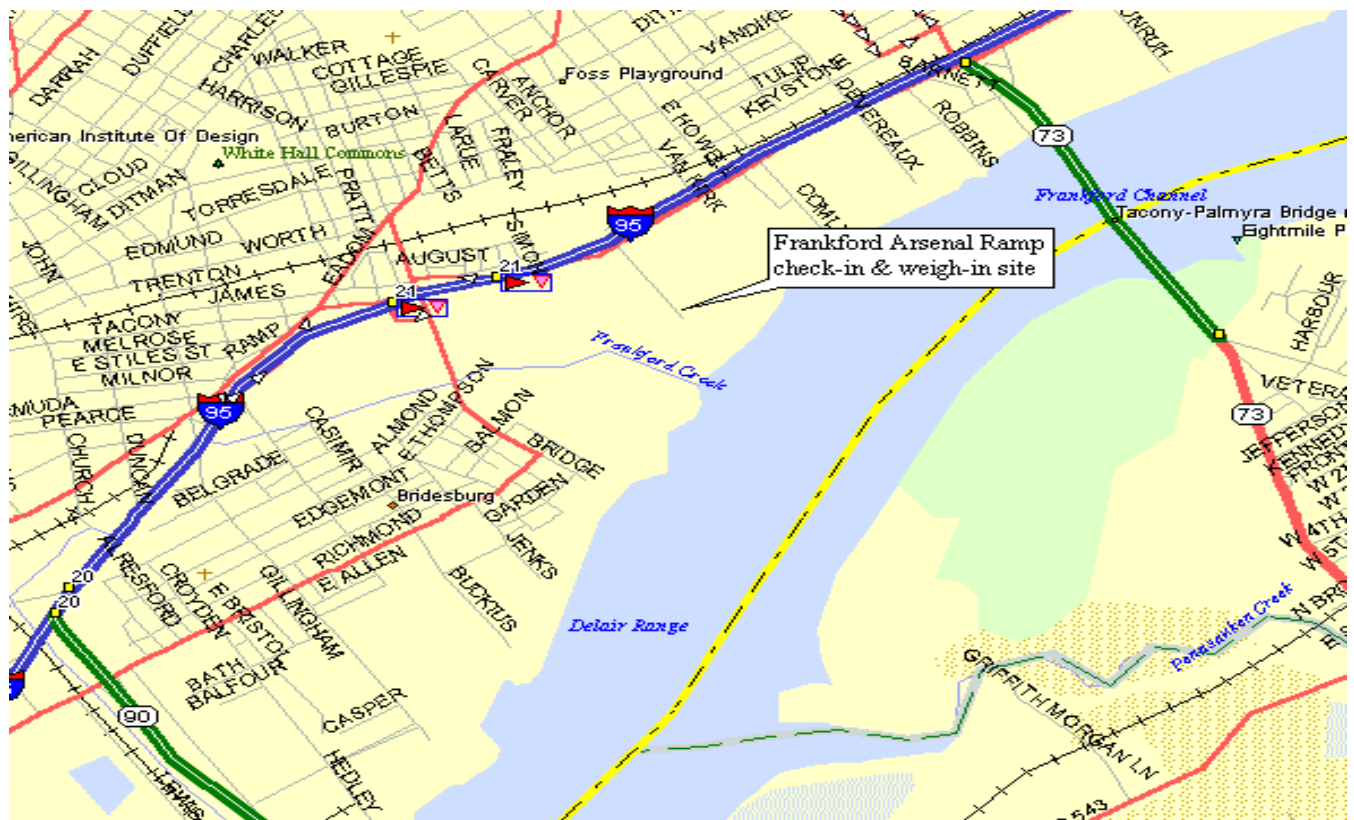
## PRIZES:

1st Place: \$100.00 2nd Place: \$50.00 3rd Place: \$25.00

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.



# Youth Tournament

Saturday, July 11, 2009 - 8:00 am until 1:00 pm  
Snug Harbor Marina, 400 Main Avenue, Croydon, PA

- There is no entry fee; however, all participants must register in advance of the tournament.
- Youth anglers 15-years old and younger *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 Marina Ramp before fishing.
- Youth anglers are allowed to weigh in one fish of any species.
- The heaviest fish in each age group will determine the winner. In the event of a tie in weight, the longest fish will be the tiebreaker.
- The fish must have been 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 Marina Ramp.
- ***All youth contestants and their adult sponsors 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. All fish will be released after weigh-in.
- The tournament judge will have final say in all disputes.
- All youth participants will receive awards. Prizes will be awarded to the top finishers in each age division.
- Refreshments and awards will be distributed 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.



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## JUNE 2009 ISSUE

PENNSBURY BOAT RAMP UPDATE  
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