

The River News

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Fishing License Sales Continue Upward Trend

The Pa. Fish & Boat Commission is reporting fishing license sales through Aug. 18 are up 5 percent and overall stamp sales are up 4 percent over the same period from 2008, reinforcing thinking by many that people have returned to fishing as an affordable, family-oriented activity in tough economic times.

The number of licenses sold to date—855,013—has already eclipsed the total yearly sales for each of the last four years and represents the largest one-year percentage increase since 1980. This year's sales are the highest since 2004, when more than 909,000 licenses were sold. In 2005, the cost of a license was increased from \$16.25 to \$21 and sales for that year subsequently dropped to 823,175.

Among license types, resident license sales are up 5.52 percent; non-resident sales are up 3.32 percent; 7-day tourist licenses are up 1.61 percent; and 3-day tourist licenses are up 3.24 percent.

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Among stamps, trout permits are up 3.76 percent; Lake Erie permits are up 2.98 percent; and Combo permits are up by almost 8 percent. The good news also extends to boating, where registration renewals are up 5.5 percent from the same period in 2008.

Minutes from the August Meeting

President Steve Raulfs called the August 27 meeting of the DRFA to order at 7:25 pm with 23 members in attendance.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Matt Kicinski reported a balance of \$6,308.19 in the club treasury.

Environmental:

There were no specific environmental reports.

Fishing Report:

Bill Burke caught sixteen catfish over a two-day period on salted clams. Frank Beck, Walt and Steve were fishing on the Delaware at Yardley up to Bowman's Tower and altogether caught sixteen fish, one being a largemouth. They fished all the feeder streams off the river. Members reported that there are not too many catfish of big size being caught.

Old Business:

Steve read off the standings for Angler of the Year. As of this meeting, Rich Hoffman is in First place.

The final club tournaments for the year are, Smallmouth, Sunday September 13 at Byram, from 7 am to 1 pm. Bass/Combo, Sunday September 27 at Mercer County ramp, from 7 am to 1 pm. Smallmouth, Sunday October 11 at Bulls Island from 7 am to 1 pm.

The Big Cat Shootout II will be held on Saturday, September 26 at Lightning Jack's Marina. Tex needs help with this tournament. So far volunteering to help is Sam Shiels who will be the weighmaster, also helping will be Ron Soto, Rich Bryant, Matt & Eileen Kicinski. Gil Emery said that he could help if Tex is stuck and needs an extra pair of hands.

The Captain's meeting is on Friday, September 25. Therefore, if you have some time to give a helping hand with this tournament, just stop

Important Dates

Thursday, September 24, 7 PM, Monthly Meeting:

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

Saturday, September 26, Big Cat Shootout II, Lightning Jack's Marina, Riverside, NJ.

Sunday, September 27, Combo/Bass Tournament: Mercer County N J Ramp (see page 6 for details).

Sunday, October 11, Smallmouth Bass Tournament: Bulls Island, NJ Ramp (see page 7 for details)

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by. Tex can use all the help that he can get.

New Business:

The winners from the August 23 club catfish tournament were awarded their prizes. In First place was George Hoffman, Second place was Rick Mawson and Third place went to Rich Hoffman.

"Congrats to all!!!

The South Jersey Bass Club Associations Bass Bowl is on October 19.

The winner of \$31.00 from the 50-50 drawing was Cliff Reed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

**Fifth Annual
DRFA Raft Trip
Better Late Than Never**

Despite multiple postponements, a half-dozen DRFA members and friends finally made the annual trip up above Port Jervis on September 1st. While the water flow rate was higher than on past trips (3,500 cfs vs. a normal of around 2,000 cfs plus or minus) and it made raft control a little harder at times, clarity was good (4 feet or better) and the fish cooperated despite unseasonable water temperatures of 64 to 68 degrees.

The weather made the trip worth the wait, as skies were sunny but a gentle breeze kept things comfortable. One benefit of all the false starts due to high water conditions was that the Kittatinny Canoe staff was very familiar with our group and arranged for us to have our own shuttle van take us upriver immediately after we registered.

The fish were cooperative enough despite the non-seasonal water conditions. The slightly faster moving water made it a bit tougher to position and anchor the rafts at times, and kept some lighter baits from getting down to where the fish were, but fishing improved as we adjusted to the conditions.

Fish were active in a variety of sizes -- plenty of dinks, but also plenty of legal size smallies and some mid-teens fish up to 17.5 inches. A number of obese river sunnies and a decent walleye completed the catch. Several raft trip veterans used their experience to produce numbers comparable to previous trips. Overall, we averaged about 18 fish per person - ranging between approx. 10 fish at the least and around 30 fish at best. Trip veterans Dave Wermuth and Tex Schroeder did the best, close to the typical numbers of previous trips, while the rookies improved their production as the day went on.

A fairly wide variety of lures produced fish with plenty taken on 1/8 oz. spider jigs in dark colors and in the traditional #33 pumpkinseed/pepper and #34 pumpkinseed/pepper/red flake colors. White spinnerbaits, white twister tails, white tubes, and white SSM (flukes) and a variety of Senko-type baits also contributed to the final count.

As on past trips, the river and scenery were beautiful, and there were a lot of laughs to be had. If you like catching smallies and like a change of pace on a beautiful stretch of the river, consider joining other club members on next year's

trip. We just have to hope that next summer shows us more normal conditions (around 3.0 or lower, and 2,500 cfs or less on the Port Jervis gage.

**Backwoods Angler
Offers Discount
To DRFA Members**

Blaine Mengel (of Backwoods Angler Guide Service), who has spoken about smallmouth bass fishing at several DRFA meetings, is offering a reduced rate of \$250 for DRFA members on 7-hour smallmouth fishing trips on the Delaware River, from now through the end of November. At two guys per trip, that is just \$125 per person. (Blaine's normal day rate is \$325.)

Blaine usually fishes out of Belvidere, Sandt's Eddy, or Easton, so there is a lot of nice water to be covered in just about any water conditions. As of mid-September, Blaine was reporting catches of around 80 fish and more per day. And as the summer turns into the Fall season, the average size of the typical fish tends to increase as the numbers of smaller fish starts to decline. For more information about Blaine's services and experience, plus up-to-date fishing reports, people can visit his Web site www.backwoodsangler.com or E-mail him at fishtheriver@enter.net or call him at (610) 868-9349.

While you are at Blaine's Web site, be sure to click on the link to his new TV series at BackwoodsAnglerTV.

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August Catfish Tournament Results

After a tremendous amount of rain the day before, the August 23 catfish tournament managed to stay on schedule; however, it was not your typical catfish tournament. Normally with a catfish tournament, just about everyone fishing catches at least one catfish. That was not the case for this catfish tournament. Of the thirty-one anglers participating in this event, only twenty-six weighed in a fish and most members said that they did not catch very many fish.

In first place with a catfish that weighed 10.4 lbs and measured 28.25 inches long was George Hoffman.

Rick Mawson Sr. captured second place with a fish that weighed 7.18 lbs and was 25.75 inches long

In third place was Rich Hoffman with a 7.04 lb, 26.75 inch fish.

The Winners



George Rick Rich

Smallmouth Tournament Results

The rescheduled smallmouth tournament, originally scheduled for June 20, was held Sunday September 13 at the Byram NJ Access Ramp. Of the forty-four members participating in this event,

nine of them were new members. The weather started cloudy but the sun came out and the day was perfect. The water was higher than normal but very fishable with visibility about three feet. Twenty-two of the 44 participants weighed in a fish. Five of the nine new members weighed in fish and new members won the top three prizes.

New member Scott Longmore won the top prize with a very impressive 20 inch, 3.28 lb smallmouth.

Another new member, Greg Loglisci, captured second place with nice 2.74 lb, 18.5 inch fish.

Third place went to Dennis Boyle, also a new member, with a 2.08 lb, 16.5 inch smallmouth.

The Winners



Gregg Scott Dennis

Angler of the Year Standings

Rich Hoffman moved in to first place in the AOTY standings after his second place finish in the August Catfish tournament and a fifteenth place in the September 13 smallmouth tournament. His brother George is in second place after finishing first in the catfish and fifth in the smallmouth tournaments. Bob Slobodian slipped to third place, Ed Evans remains in fourth place and Dan and Dave Wermuth moved to fifth and six places.

Angler of the Year Top Ten Standings

The following standings are current as of September 14, 2009.

#	Name	Points
1.	Rich Hoffman	456
2.	George Hoffman	394
3.	Bob Slobodian	374
4.	Ed Evans	368
5.	Dan Wermuth	356
6.	Dave Wermuth	344
7.	Steve Steinmetz	276
8.	Bill Marshall	274
9.	Chris Brower Sr	273
10.	Tom Herman	272

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
9/26	Big Cat II	Lightning Jack's Marina	7 am to 3 pm
9/27	Bass/Combo	Mercer County Ramp	7 am to 1 pm
10/11	Smallmouth	Bulls Island Ramp	7 am to 1 pm

N.Y. Shad Population is Endangered

New York State regulators plan to ban commercial and recreational fishing for American Shad, saying the population remains at its lowest level despite efforts to restore it by restricting fishing. The State Dept. of Environmental Conservation will have three public meetings in September to explain the move and the steps to be taken to save the species. The ban will take effect before the Shad fishing season starts next spring.

Fishing Reports

Brinkman's Bait and Tackle in Northeast Phila. (215-632-0674).

Tidal River

Reports that the lower river for catfish has been quite slow the past couple weeks. I talked to several people coming in the ramp on Wednesday and all were saying the fishing sucked. One boat with four people had two catfish both small. They caught them on chicken livers. Another boat was coming in with two anglers that fished 6 hours with only one striper 12 inches and four white perch. They were fishing with bloodworms. Another boat came in and they did not catch a fish all day. Rick has been out a couple times this week looking for largemouth bass but said it has been the worst year he has had in a long time. He has been picking up some smaller fish with 4-inch slider worm but fishing the main river with crankbaits, spinner baits, rattle traps and everything else in his box has lead to very few fish. He said when you find a pocket of baitfish busting the surface they do pick up a few bigger largemouth bass and stripers with Zara Spooks, poppers and jerk baits. However, with all the high water there is not a lot of bait fish in the area. Another bass

fisherman was over to Dredge Harbor fishing the creek opening around to the river catching 5 largemouth bass all with rattletraps. He had fish from 10 to 14 inches. He did see a nice size musky a week ago; the fish would not take a single plug he threw at it.

Non-tidal

Helen and I got out to the river late on Wednesday and had a good day for the short time we fished and all the rain we had while we were fishing. We went up to New Hope and fished from the 202 bridge south to the Lambertville Bridge. We fished from one until five in the afternoon. Over all we caught 20 smallmouth bass, 1 catfish and a striper. Five of the smallmouth were decent size 14 to 17 inches. The rest were small. Both the catfish and striper were small. Most of the fish were caught on minnows and watermelon red Zoom grubs. The river was prefect. It is still a little high and off color but that is the way I like it. What the rain this week will do to it we will have to wait and see. I talked to several other anglers that were fishing that day and all said they had 20 to 30 fish per boat. One person was fishing Senko worms; another one was fishing crayfish imitation on a plastic worm hook. Two other people were fishing shiners and crayfish. Kevin has been fishing Lambertville over the weekend and each day he caught plenty of fish. He was catching them on minnows one day and the next they would only hit grubs. He said he had a lot of decent fish over the holiday weekend. Charlie told me the fishing up Point Pleasant has been the best all season. He fished several days this week and did better and better as the week went on. The best day he had was 24 fish up to 19 inches. Most of the fish were 10 to 14 inches but he did have a lot of 16 to 18 inch fish. He

also picked up 11 walleyes during the week. Most of the week he caught fish on grubs, tubes and top water poppers; however, he also picked up some fish on plastic lizards, hellgrammites and crayfish. A few other people have been down fishing the Yardley section of the river doing well on smaller fish. One person was wading the islands below the railroad bridge with grubs, minnows and nightcrawlers. He picked up 15 bass, 5 stripers on Sunday, another 22 smallies, and 6 stripers on Monday. His partner was up fishing the island under 95 bridge catching 11 smallies, 3 stripers on Sunday and another 18 smallies and 2 stripers on Monday. They said most all the fish were on the small side. A little further up river the drift trips were very good over the holiday weekend. One group fished on Saturday drifting Frenchtown back to Point Pleasant. They picked up over 100 bass for four people. All the fish were caught on minnows and most were picked up in the fast water. They said a lot of 15 inch or better fish were caught with quite a few small stripers. Another couple of people came down in tubes fishing with twister tails. They caught about 20 fish each on Sunday. They said all the fish were just an average size. All said that drift took about 6 hours. Now another couple of people did the drift from upper Black Eddy down to Point Pleasant. They said this drift took a little over 10 hours but they did very good all day long. They were fishing with minnows, nightcrawlers, crayfish, tubes and twister tails. They did not know a true amount of fish but said they each had to catch close to 50 fish. Now they had smallies, stripers, catfish, carp and walleyes. The best fish they talked about was a 21 inch striper with a 19 inch walleye next. Most of the bass were 10 to 14 inches.

Trenton/Yardley/Morrisville Area

Dan Leach at **H & L Bait and Tackle** in Morrisville, Pa. (215-295-1400) reports that after a summer of rainy days and muddy waters, the Labor Day weekend was great for both weather and fishing. The ramps were crowded and the smallies were biting. Live minnows, worms, and all kinds of lures were successful. Individual catches in the high teens and low twenties for half a day were not uncommon. Some very nice 3-5 lb. catfish were reported also. It is not often that the weather, the water, and the moon phases come together. It was a great weekend. Hope you all got a chance to enjoy it. Now if we can just get the same conditions for the tournament on Sunday.

Washington Crossing/New Hope

Tom at **Tom's Tackle Shop** in Wrightstown, Pa (215-598-9891) reports that the river has really turned on for smallmouth fishing. Most of his customers are reporting that they are catching smallies on Senkos. One angler caught 47 smallmouth bass on 5-inch senkos. His biggest fish was 4.7 lbs.

Walleye are also being caught trolling Rapala Husky Jerk baits.

Easton/Phillipsburg Area

Bill Pierce at **Bill's Bait and Tackle** in Phillipsburg, NJ (908-859-5729) reports that anglers are catching some nice channel catfish in the Phillipsburg area.

Merrill Creek is a hot spot for bass and trout.

Water Temperatures are in the upper sixty degrees in non-tidal river. Water Temperatures in the tidal are in the low 70 degrees on both the incoming and outgoing tides.

All launch ramps are serviceable as of this report.

October 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
10/01	06:45AM	0.8 L	12:26PM	6.7 H	06:58PM	0.7 L		
10/02	12:43AM	7.1 H	07:29AM	0.7 L	01:08PM	6.9 H	07:47PM	0.7 L
10/03	01:26AM	7.0 H	08:11AM	0.7 L	01:48PM	7.0 H	08:34PM	0.7 L
10/04	02:06AM	6.9 H	08:52AM	0.7 L	02:26PM	7.1 H	09:21PM	0.8 L
10/05	02:46AM	6.8 H	09:32AM	0.8 L	03:02PM	7.2 H	10:07PM	0.9 L
10/06	03:25AM	6.6 H	10:13AM	0.8 L	03:38PM	7.3 H	10:55PM	0.9 L
10/07	4:06AM	6.4H	10:56AM	0.8 L	04:17PM	7.3 H	11:45PM	0.9 L
10/08	04:52AM	6.2 H	11:42AM	0.8 L	05:03PM	7.3 H		
10/09	12:37AM	1.0 L	05:44AM	6.1 H	12:33PM	0.9 L	05:59PM	7.2 H
10/10	01:32AM	1.0 L	06:44AM	5.9 H	01:30PM	0.9 L	07:03PM	7.1 H
10/11	02:30AM	1.0 L	07:49AM	5.9 H	02:31PM	0.9 L	08:11PM	7.1 H
10/12	03:30AM	0.9 L	08:54AM	6.0 H	03:35PM	0.9 L	09:18PM	7.1 H
10/13	04:28AM	0.8 L	09:56AM	6.3 H	04:39PM	0.8 L	10:21PM	7.1 H
10/14	05:25AM	0.6 L	10:56AM	6.7 H	05:40PM	0.6 L	11:20PM	7.2 H
10/15	06:19AM	0.4 L	11:51AM	7.1 H	06:38PM	0.4 L		
10/16	12:14AM	7.3 H	07:10AM	0.3 L	12:42PM	7.4 H	07:34PM	0.3 L
10/17	01:05AM	7.3 H	07:58AM	0.2 L	01:30PM	7.6 H	08:26PM	0.2 L
10/18	01:53AM	7.2 H	08:44AM	0.2 L	02:16PM	7.7 H	09:16PM	0.3 L
10/19	02:39AM	7.0 H	09:29AM	0.4 L	03:01PM	7.6 H	10:04PM	0.4 L
10/20	03:26AM	6.8 H	10:12AM	0.5 L	03:45PM	7.5 H	10:50PM	0.5 L
10/21	04:12AM	6.6 H	10:55AM	0.6 L	04:29PM	7.4 H	11:36PM	0.7 L
10/22	04:59AM	6.3 H	11:37AM	0.7 L	05:15PM	7.2 H		
10/23	12:22AM	0.8 L	05:48AM	6.1 H	12:20PM	0.8 L	06:03PM	7.0 H
10/24	01:08AM	0.9 L	06:39AM	6.0 H	01:06PM	0.8 L	06:55PM	6.9 H
10/25	01:56AM	0.9 L	07:32AM	5.9 H	01:54PM	0.9 L	07:48PM	6.7 H
10/26	02:45AM	0.9 L	08:25AM	5.9 H	02:46PM	0.9 L	08:43PM	6.7 H
10/27	03:35AM	0.9 L	09:19AM	6.0 H	03:41PM	0.8 L	09:38PM	6.6 H
10/28	04:25AM	0.8 L	10:12AM	6.1 H	04:38PM	0.8 L	10:30PM	6.6 H
10/29	05:15AM	0.7 L	11:02AM	6.3 H	05:33PM	0.7 L	11:21PM	6.6 H
10/30	06:03AM	0.6 L	11:49AM	6.7 H	06:27PM	0.7 L		
10/31	12:08AM	6.6 H	06:49AM	0.6 L	12:33PM	6.9 H	07:20PM	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 Combo Largemouth/Smallmouth Bass Tournament

Check Main Schedule on page 3 for time and date

Mercer County Ramp, Trenton, NJ

Rte 29 South thru tunnel to Lambertson Road Exit, go 0.5 miles to ramp on right

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

NOTE: BRING YOUR DRFA MEMBERSHIP CARD WITH YOU FOR THIS TOURNAMENT

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 or smallmouth bass (12" minimum) 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 Mercer County 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.
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- The tournament judge will have final say in all disputes.

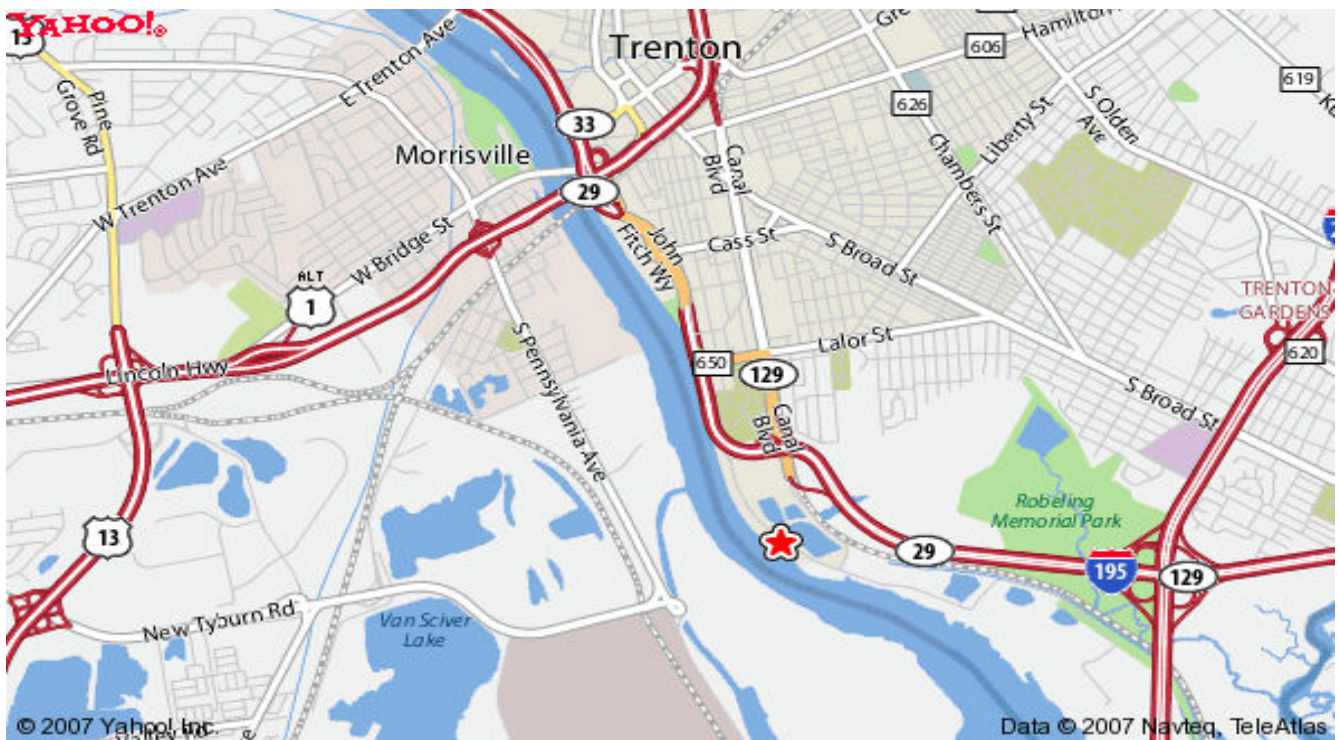
Tournament Hotline: 609-466-7894

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.



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DRFA Smallmouth Bass Tournament
Check Main Schedule on page 3 for time and date
Bulls Island, NJ Access Ramp

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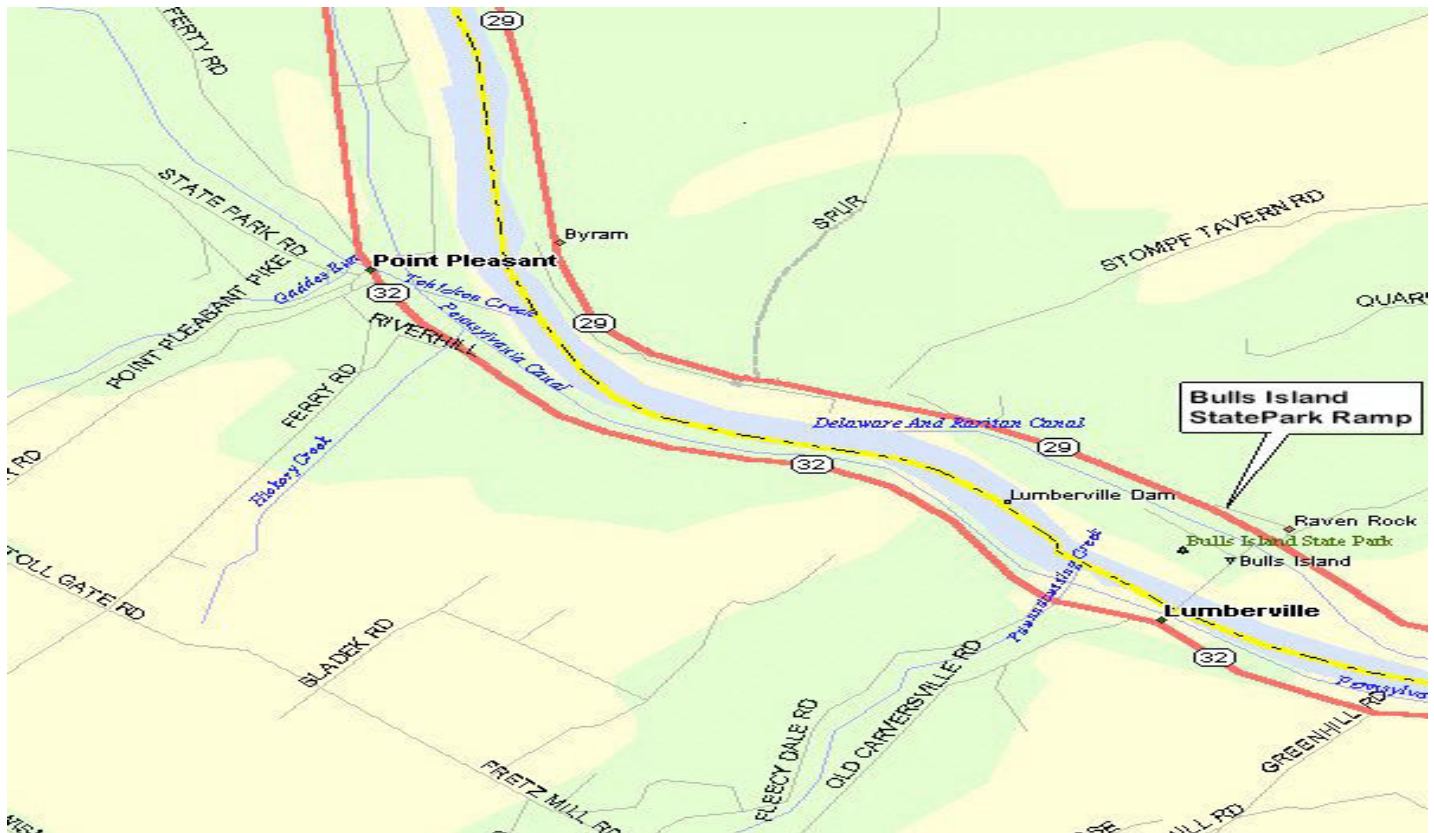
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