

Berkeley Striper Club Newsletter



2010 Calendar

Meeting, Wed 2/3, 7:30PM

Meeting, Sat 3/6, 7:30PM **
at Hugh J. Boyd Elementary

Flea Market, Sun 3/7, 6:00AM

Banquet, Sat 3/27

Meeting, Wed 4/7, 7:30PM

Meeting, Wed 5/5, 7:30PM

Meeting, Sat 6/6, 7:30PM **

Picnic, July ?

Meeting, Sat 9/11, 7:30PM **

Meeting, Wed 10/6, 7:30PM

Meeting, Wed 11/3, 7:30PM

Meeting, Sat 12/4, 7:30PM **

** Saturday meetings, please
bring a covered dish

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President's Corner

Dear Members,

March means the annual BSC Fishing Flea Market and the BSC Awards Banquet. Please donate some time in helping out with both events. We can always use some help with set-up and take down at the flea market. Prizes for the awards banquet Chinese auction are desperately needed, please keep this in

mind when you're shopping the flea markets. If every member donated one item, that would save a lot of leg work. Please come on out and support your fellow club members for their achievements in 2009, any member that is up for an award should be in attendance.

The Flea Market is NOW!

Set up for the flea market is 6:00 PM at Hugh J. Boyd Elementary in Seaside Heights on Saturday, March 6th. Our meeting will follow at 7:30 PM. Dues must be paid by the Saturday meeting in order to obtain early admission to the flea market. Doors open to the public at 9:00AM and will remain open until 2:00 PM. All members are required to pay \$3.00 admission – NO EXCEPTIONS! We need volunteers throughout the day,

especially for break down and clean up. Thanks in advance for coming out in support of our annual fundraiser.

Directions

GSP to exit 82 (Rte 37E), keep left after crossing over Toms River Bridge. From Rte 35 North, bear right for Seaside Heights, bear left at "Welcome" sign. At stop sign, make left onto Bay Blvd.

March Entertainment

As if the Flea Market preparation wasn't enough, prior to Saturday's business meeting, we'll be hosting Joe Merola, owner of one of the World Record Striper mounts. Joe will talk with our group and be on hand for the flea market the

following day. Steve Perna, our Delegate-at-Large, has put together a super slide presentation, the Berkeley Striper Club 2009 Year in Review. Make sure you don't miss this awesome display of "fish porn".

Last Chance for 2010 Dues

The deadline for this year's dues payment is the March meeting. Club dues are \$24 and include food and refreshments at the weekday meetings, early entry to our annual flea market, a free picnic for you and your immediate family, discounted rates for a fall

weekend in Montauk, and discounted tagging supplies. What a bargain! If paying by mail, please provide your contact information so we can update our records, including phone number, address and email.

Welcome New Members

Robert Corrado

Kenneth Hansen

Debbie Jeffers

Richard Sona Jr.

Know someone who might be interested in our club? Anyone is welcome to attend a meeting just to "check us out".



Snow got ya down? Start working on your Wacky Hat for the July picnic!

"We need donations for the Chinese Auction and all members are asked to bring a bottle for the Basket of Cheer"

Buggy Pass Raffle

On sale through the March meeting, raffle tickets for an Island Beach State Park buggy pass, value \$195. See Ken Hollins to buy your tickets, priced at one

for \$10, three for \$20. The winner will be drawn at the March meeting, on the eve of the Flea Market.

Sedge Island Natural Resource Education Center

Our club has been invited to participate in this 3 day program from April 23-25. Over the last several months this trip has been discussed at our monthly meetings and we will be finalizing those club members who have an interest in attending. Information pertaining to the trip can be found on the NJ Division of Fish & Wildlife web site link:

<http://www.state.nj.us/dep/fgw/sedge.htm>
Those interested in attending need to sign up at our March meeting on Sat, March 6th. For additional information/questions or if you are unable to make our March meeting and have an interest in attending this trip please contact Steven Perna (srperna@aol.com / 732-221-0540).

Annual Awards Banquet

Please come out on Saturday, March 27th for our annual awards dinner. It will be held at the East Dover Fire House on Fischer Boulevard in Toms River from 6 PM until 11 PM. Tickets are \$25 each and will be available at the next meeting or at the door.

We need donations for the Chinese auction and all members are asked to bring a bottle for the Basket of Cheer.

This fun night out isn't limited to club members, get a group of your friends

and family together and claim your own table! Dress is casual, the food is plentiful and the club provides beer, wine and set-ups. For entertainment we'll have a DJ, Chinese auction, Big Bass 50/50, and a basket of cheer.

Come out and applaud your fellow club members for their big catches in 2009!

Questions? Contact Phil LaGrossa at 732-929-0947.

Tournament Update

Intra-Club Tournament – Results for 2009 are now final. If any of the winners would like their picture on a plaque, please bring it to the meeting. Also, if anyone would prefer a gift certificate rather than a plaque, contact Paul Haertel at (973)943-8201 or anglerpmh@aol.com

Spring Tournament – Entrance fees will be accepted at the meeting. The fee is \$20. and the first 150 entrants will receive a collectible pin. If you would like to reserve a particular #, contact Paul Haertel. This year we are doing away with the cash pay outs except for the calcuttas/pools which will now have a 100% payout.

Legislative Report by Paul Haertel

Saltwater Registry

With few exceptions, we are now required to register to fish in saltwater. The registry is free this year and is being run by the federal government. Hopefully, our state will have its own registry or license in place by next year. You may register by going to <https://www.countmyfish.noaa.gov/> or calling (888) 674-7411.

Striped Bass

The New Jersey Marine Fisheries Council is seeking to change the size limit on striped bass from 2 fish at 28" to 1 fish over 24" and 1 fish over 32". However, this is a long ways off as this cannot be done by the council because the striped bass regulations may only be changed through legislation. A legislator would have to sponsor a bill and this has not occurred yet. Our club is opposed to the change.

Sea Bass

Through a temporary emergency rule, NOAA increased the 2010 black sea bass total allowable catch from 2.71 million lb to 4.5 million lb. After deducting discards, the total allowable landings will increase from 2.3 million lb to 3.7 million lb. This will allow us to have a longer season rather than just being able to fish for them in June and September. The bad news is that we will not be able to fish for them in the fall or winter. The Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission last week initially set a May 22 to Sept. 12 season. However, the Mid-Atlantic council voted to seek an alternative, split season — May 22 to Aug. 8, and a final month of Sept. 4 to Oct. 4 — so that captains will still have black sea bass to focus on after the summer flounder fishery is closed. As of 2/15, the final dates for the season have not been set but the season is expected to apply to both state and federal waters.

Fluke

The NJ DEP Division of Fish and Wildlife has been advised that the March 4, 2010, Marine Fisheries Council meeting location has been changed from Galloway to Toms River. The meeting

will be held at 4 p.m. in the L. Manuel Hirshblond Room in the Toms River Township Office, 33 Washington Street, Toms River, NJ 08753. This is great news as the 2010 fluke regulations will most likely be set at this meeting. If we all show up and voice our opinions, we might just get a regulation that allows us to fish into September. I intend to testify on behalf of our club at the meeting but it is important for everyone to give their opinions. Please attend the meeting! As of 2/13 the following options have been approved but I am hopeful that a couple more might be added that would have an 18" minimum but will include later beginning to the season and a later ending.

ALREADY APPROVED:

Option 1 calls for an 18-inch minimum, six fish bag limit and a season from May 29 to Sept. 6.

Option 2 is an 18-inch limit for four fish and a season from May 23- Sept 6.

Option 3 is an 18 1/2 minimum, six fish limit and a season from May 13 to Sept. 13

Options 4 is an 18 1/2-inch minimum for six fish and a season of May 29 to Sept 26.

Option 5 is an 18 1/2 -inch minimum for six fish between May 21 and Sept 12 and

Option 6 is an 18 1/2-inch minimum for six fish and a season of May 29 to Sept. 17.

PROPOSALS I SUGGESTED THAT HOPEFULLY MAY BE ADDED: PLEASE SUPPORT THESE!

June 12th - September ? with an 18" size limit and a 6 fish bag limit.

June 19th - September ? with an 18" size limit and a 6 fish bag limit.

June 26th - September ? with an 18" size limit and a 6 fish bag limit

Striped Bass Defense Fund – Our membership is considering making a donation to the National Coalition for Marine Conservation but more specifically to their Conserving Marine Ecosystems Fund. We are also considering making a donation to the Chesapeake Bay Foundation. If you would like to have input on these decisions, go to www.savethefish.org and www.cbf.org.



Our Youth Education program has proven to be rewarding for all involved.

Committee Chair Contacts

Have something to include in the newsletter? The deadline is the 15th of each month.



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