



# RBAC 6th Annual Fisherman's Flea Market

The Raritan Bay Anglers Club will be hosting their 6th annual fisherman's flea market on Saturday, **February 6th** between the hours of 8am and 2pm. This event will be held at St. Cecelia's School Hall in Iselin, NJ. Directions and vendor applications can be found on our web-site at [www.raritanbayanglersclub.com](http://www.raritanbayanglersclub.com). Vendors from the tristate area will be on hand with both new and used fishing gear. We will also have local Captains in to give short seminars on fishing tactics and area hot spots. The Coast Guard Auxiliary 44 will be on hand to give an update on safe boating practices. This years event looks to be even bigger than last year. Admission is \$5 for adults and children over the age of 12. The kitchen will be open for food and beverages all day. Hourly door prizes will be given out.



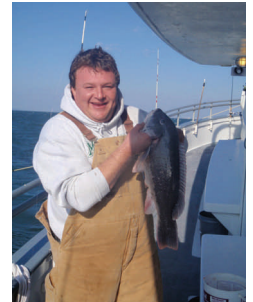
## RBAC Club News



The Raritan Bay Anglers Club had their final charter trips of 2009 season aboard the Bandit IV on November 28th and the Sea Hawk on December 6th .

We fished for blackfish with Captain Scotty on the Bandit IV sailing from Belmar Marina Basin. The Bandit departed at 6:30am and returned around 4:30pm.

The Sea Hawk with Captain Mike sailed at 7am for blackfish out of the Perth Amboy Marina and returned around 5:30pm. Ron Nicol won the pool with an impressive 7.5 pound tog.



With the blackfish bag limit increasing to 6 fish on November 15th, this seemed like the ideal time to get out and try to put some of this tasty fish in the freezer for the winter.



The 2009 season has had its good days and bad days. With bag limits being reduced and size limits increasing it is getting tougher to bring home keepers. We must all remember that fishing is a sport and we participate for enjoyment and relaxation most of all. Let's not lose the passion.

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### Raritan Bay Anglers Club

#### Officers

- *Vinny Makfinsky - President*
- *Ron Nicol - Vice President*
- *Al Hrehowsik - Treasurer*
- *Mike Pelligra - Secretary*

## RBAC Angler of the Year Tournament

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In 2009 the Raritan Bay Anglers Club held it's first "Angler of the Year" Tournament. This event was for the big four of the bay; Striped Bass, Bluefish, Weakfish and Fluke. Anglers were required to bring their entry to an official weigh station and have the weigh ticket filled out and certified. A \$25 prize was awarded for the heaviest fish in each species. Points were given for the top 5 fish in each category and the member with the most points on November 30, 2009 was named the "RBAC Angler of the Year".



The category winners were:

**Striped Bass** - Vinny Makfinsky

**Fluke** - Walt Dallenbach

**Bluefish** - Vinny Makfinsky

**Weakfish** - No entry

The overall winner of "Angler of the Year" went to Vinny Makfinsky with 27 points.

## National Saltwater Angler Registry

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The NJ DEP Division of Fish and Wildlife reminds saltwater anglers that the federal government's National Saltwater Angler Registry Program requires most New Jersey saltwater anglers to register prior to fishing in 2010.

### You must register if you\*

- \* Fish for or catch anadromous species (striped bass, shad, river herring) in state tidal waters
- \* Fish in Federal waters (more than 3 miles from shore)

### You do not have to register if you\*

- \* Are under 16 years of age
- \* Only fish on federally licensed party or charter boats
- \* Hold a Highly Migratory Species Angling Permit
- \* Purchased a NY State saltwater fishing license (Or any other state saltwater license)



Online and telephone registration will begin January 1, 2010. Register online at [www.countmyfish.noaa.gov](http://www.countmyfish.noaa.gov) or call toll free 888-674-7411.

Registration is free in 2010.

## New York State Requires a Recreational Marine Fishing License

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Persons 16 years of age and older need to acquire a recreational marine fishing license if they are:

- fishing in the Marine and Coastal District or
- fishing any water (such as the Hudson River, Delaware River, or Mohawk River and their tributaries) where the angler is fishing for "migratory fish from the sea" (such as striped bass, American shad, hickory shad, blueback herring, alewife).

The Marine and Coastal District includes all the waters of the Atlantic Ocean within three nautical miles from the coast and all other tidal waters within the state, including the Hudson River up to the Governor Malcolm Wilson Tappan Zee Bridge.

Non-resident annual marine fishing license - \$15

Non-resident 7-day marine fishing license - \$10

Non-resident 1-day marine fishing license - \$5

The license year for the recreational marine license runs on a calendar-year basis: from January 1 through December 31.



“Lots of people committed crimes during the year who would not have done so if they had been fishing. The increase of crime is among those deprived of the regenerations that impregnate the mind and character of the fisherman.”

Herbert Hoover

## A Message from your President

As 2009 comes to a close, I would like to thank all of our members, sponsors and patrons for another great year. We could not have grown and prospered as a club without all of your help. I believe the Raritan Bay Anglers Club is quickly becoming one of the best saltwater fishing clubs in the state. In 2009 we were able to host and participate in some memorable events and trips such as the annual fluke tournament, flea market, kids fishing derby, annual picnic, club tournaments, charter trips and baseball outings. I would like to thank the City of Perth Amboy, the Iselin Knights of Columbus, JCAA and the Perth Amboy Marina for all their help and support they gave us this year and our charter captains, Capt. Mike Russo of the Sea Hawk, Capt. Scottie Gold of the Bandit IV.

We face some tough regulations coming up this year. There are tighter limits on sea bass, weakfish and possibly fluke. We all know where we are with the winter flounder. Lets not get frustrated by all the red tape. Our passion is fishing and we should never forget we do it for pleasure and recreation. Keep the passion!

In order to keep our club on this upward growth we need the help and support of all our members. The RBAC has reached a club record 63 members in 2009. The officers are planning more club outings and events for 2010. Committees will be formed for each event and your help is essential to the outcome of the event. I ask that each member select a committee to be on this coming year. Remember, this is your club and the only way to make it better is with your involvement. The outings and events cannot be done without you. We need your help.

Tight Lines, Calm Seas

Vinny Makfinsky, RBAC President

## Saltwater Sportsman National Seminar Series Comes to Tinton Falls

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**February 27** is when the Salt Water Sportsman National Seminar Series returns to the Jersey Shore with an entertaining and information-packed day on how to catch more and bigger saltwater fish off New Jersey - inshore and offshore. The 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. event, presented by Sperry Top-Sider, will be held inside the Performing Arts Theater at Monmouth Regional High School (1 Norman J. Field Way, Tinton Falls, NJ). Headlining the event will be **George Poveromo** – Host of George Poveromo’s World of Saltwater Fishing on ESPN2, and a Senior Editor for Salt Water Sportsman, and **Gary Caputi** – Offshore Editor for Salt Water Sportsman.

Entering into its 23rd consecutive year of touring in 2010, the Salt Water Sportsman National Seminar Series has earned the distinction of being the nation’s most popular and longest-running educational seminar on recreational marine angling.

To order tickets by phone with a major credit card, call **1-800-448-7360**. To order tickets on-line – and for more information – visit: [www.nationalseminarseries.com](http://www.nationalseminarseries.com)

## Remember Your Anodes

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### Don Casey Tip #39

The rule of thumb on underwater sacrificial anodes is to check them at least once a year, but if you dry-store your boat, inspecting the anodes should be part of your wash-down routine. The anodes on outboards and stern drives can last a long time if the motor's lower end is out of the water when not in use, but a few days or even a few hours in a "hot" marina can silently dissolve the anodes and leave your engine under protected.

Outboards and stern drives are typically fitted with at least three anodes, often more, and every one is essential.

When 50% of an anode has been lost to corrosion, replace it. If you do your boating in salt or brackish water, use zinc anodes. If you boat only in freshwater, use magnesium anodes.



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**"Raritan Bay Anglers Club" is a non-profit organization for fishing enthusiasts in the Raritan Bay and Sandy Hook Bay areas. Club activities such as our Annual Charity Fluke Tournament support local charities plus organizations that protect our marine environment."**

The Raritan Bay Anglers Club began as small group of Perth Amboy fisherman who happened to own boats that were docked at the original Perth Amboy Marina. The group ended up disbanding while the new marina was being built and later reformed in 1991 to include fisherman from other areas of the state. Currently the club has over 60 members.

Over the years, the club has donated money to various charities including the Raritan Bay River Keepers, the Marine Mammal Center, SSFFF, St. Barnabas Burn Center, St. Baldwick's, Salvation Army, Area Food Banks, Angel Paws Animal Shelter, JCAA, Coast Guard Auxiliary, Knights of Columbus and other local groups. The club has doled out more than \$30,000 over the years to various charities and organizations. The Charity Fluke Tournament also raises money to help sponsor the City of Perth Amboy's Annual Kids Fishing Derby contest that at the waterfront marina.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- February 6, 2010 Fisherman's Fleamarket
- July 15, 2010 Captain's Meeting
- July 17, 2010 Annual Charity Fluke Tournament
- August 8, 2010 Annual Picnic

## 19th Annual Charity Fluke Tournament is a Success

The Raritan Bay Anglers Club hosted their 19th Annual Charity Fluke Tournament on Saturday, July 18, 2009. The event kicked off at 6am and ran until the final weigh-in at 6pm. With 116 boats entered the competition was fierce.



When it was all over, top prize went to Wayne Seleski with a 10.01 pound fluke. Second place went to Chet Fabyanski with 9.03 pounds, third went to Bill Reilly with a 8.69 pound flattie and fourth was taken by Tom Licknack with a 8.16 pounder. Prize packages were awarded for 5th & 6th place. Pictured at the left is Club President Vinny Makfinsky, Perth Amboy Mayor Wilda Diaz and the top four prize winners with their fish.



With this years tournament in the books, we are already planning next years event. The Raritan Bay Anglers Club will be hosting their 20th Annual Charity Fluke Tournament on Saturday, July 17, 2010 beginning at 6 am.

With the upcoming year being our 20th anniversary we anticipate an even bigger event than last year. In 2009, with the help of our over 60 sponsors, we were able to give all participating teams door prizes at the Captain's meeting. Interlux, who is our biggest sponsor, donated marine wax and compound to each boat captain. The top 4 tournament teams were awarded cash prizes and the 5th and 6th place teams were awarded prize packages.

Proceeds from the tournament go to help numerous charities and non-profit organizations in our area. 2009 donations have been made to St. Barnabas Burn Center, Knights of Columbus, Food Banks of Union, Middlesex, Monmouth & Ocean Counties, JCAA, Marine Mammal Stranding Center, Angel Paws Animal Shelter, Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 04-04 Station and the Children's fishing derby in Perth Amboy. Other donations will be given at years end. With the help of our sponsors and tournament anglers we hope to raise even more money for charities in 2009.

Registration forms for the 2010 tournament will be available at local tackle shops, from any club member or on our website. [www.raritanbayanglersclub.com](http://www.raritanbayanglersclub.com)

The Raritan Bay Anglers Club takes pride in running a quality tournament which gives back the highest payout possible. We hope to see all of our 2009 participants back as well as some new ones in 2010.

