



Fish Hawks Celebrates 42 years

JANUARY 2019 FISH HAWKS NEWSLETTER

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THERE WILL BE NO JANUARY GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

SHORE CASTS

MEMBERS ARE REMINDED TO PATRONIZE ALL OF OUR SPONSORS.

Our Club radio channel is 19. We ask our members to please monitor it at all times.

If you have changed your mailing address, phone number, or e-mail address, please give new information to our Membership Chairwoman, Sandi Roy. Sandi's cell phone is 609-618-6211 or an email can be sent to robandsandi@yahoo.com. Please do not leave a message on her home phone.

Please call Good & Welfare Chairwoman Marilyn Dahl if you know of any member who is ill or has been hospitalized. Marilyn can be reached on her cell phone at 201-232-6896 or home phone at 609-693-4674. You may also email her at be marilynjd@comcast.net.

Yearly membership cards for those current in dues are available at the meeting. If you have paid your dues and have not received a current dues card, please see Gail Matuska, Treasurer, at the meeting.

If you have or want a speaker on a specific subject please contact either of our Guest Speaker Co/Chairman, Bill Geddes at bfgeddes@msn.com or Bill Browne at cb7558@aol.com.

Boat US membership discount code is GA83831B. Ask for new member applications.

Recreational Fishing Alliance Membership discount code is FISHHAWKS11.

Fish Hawks 2019 Offices

Please make a point to say hi and congratulate our 2019 club officers

Karl Dahl - President

David Bye - Vice President

Gail Matuska –Treasurer

George Royston – Secretary

Message From Our President

I hope everyone enjoyed the holidays. Another year has come and gone, and with the help of our wonderful, Officers, Board of Directors and Committee Chair, men and women. I'm looking forward to 2019 being as successful as ever. We look forward to your continued support and attendance! I'd like to thank Tony and George for an outstanding "Pizza" meeting. Great Job!

Karl

"Remember, "you got to hook em to cook em!"

Your Past President's Departing Message

This is a bittersweet moment. 10 years has passed and I believe that we as a club have matured quite well. There are more members involved in our club than ever although our membership remains about the same. This says a lot. It is not important how many members we have but how active they are. I am proud of ALL those who have helped us become such a great and respected club.

I am passing the gavel which dates back to 1977. It has passed thru many great achievers and now to our new president Karl Dahl with best regards for his success and Dave Bye as your new VP

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Bill Westervelt

"THE HAWK"
(JANUARY)

**"WE WILL NOT HAVE A JANUARY MEMBERS MEETING"
(OUR FIRST MEETING IN 2019 WILL BE THURSDAY FEBRUARY 7th)**

THE BIRD: Another year & another beer & pizza meeting is behind us eighty members attended as well as Liza & Bill from Creekside. Karl our new President presented Bill with a plaque in appreciation of his 10 years tenure as our club President. Sharing in the warmth of the evening was five of the board members spouses, Barbra, Alice, Marilyn, Mary & Cy. Bill will remain as a board member while he's still in New Jersey. (He & Barbra are planning to move to Vermont). Again, **"OUR SINCERE APPRECIATION & GRATITUDE FOR THE 10 YEARS OF SUPPORT & LEADERSHIP THAT YOU PROVIDED"**
"THANK YOU BILL"!!!!!!

CHINESE AUCTION: We had Record-breaking participation for this year's 14 auction items. George sold a record number of tickets for a third year in a row. Karl & Tony ordered the Beer & 48 Pizza's (with a few left over) but we did **"FLOAT THE KEG"** We appreciate Karl, George & Tony's time & effort in putting together the last meeting of the year. Some of the big winners were, Rich Esposito, 1st. place 50/50; Jeff Harrop won the yearly Custom Rod & Reel; Ken Rylak had the winning ticket for the Bazillion \$\$\$ Treasure Chest. A **GREAT time was had by all.**

MONTHLY CONTESTS

There were FIVE 1st Place winners entered in the November \$25 bonus drawing.
Blackfish: 6.87 lbs. Ray Given Bluefish: 2.55 lbs. Paul Schell
Sea Bass: 4.26 lbs. Harry Combs Striped Bass: 37.90 lbs. Doug Itjen
For the second month in a row, Jim Schiller's 2.30 lb. Winter Flounder took the \$25 Bonus!

LARGEST FISH OF THE YEAR (thru November)

Blackfish: 6.87 lbs. Ray Given Bluefish: 10.06 lbs. Tom Kowitski
Weakfish: 4.19 lbs. John Howell Codfish: 5.90 lbs. Bill Browne
Fluke: 9.75 lbs. Ken Rylak Sea Bass: 4.26 lbs. Harry Combs
Striped Bass: 41.45 lbs. Tom Berlinski

FISH BITES

Club Calendar of Events will be available in February
Membership Renewal: If you have not submitted your dues for 2019 you have until January 30th. to maintain club membership. Submit \$40 dues + \$ 10 late fee ASAP !!!

**"BE SAFE OUT THERE"
"THE HAWK"**

U.S. House Passes Modern Fish Act

First-Ever Sportfishing-Focused Legislation to Pass Congress Heads to President's Desk

Washington, D.C. - December 19, 2018 - Today, the U.S. House of Representatives passed S.1520, the Modernizing Recreational Fisheries Management Act of 2017 (Modern Fish Act). Today's vote was the final step toward sending the landmark legislation to the President's desk after it passed the Senate on December 17.

"The Modern Fish Act is the most significant update to America's saltwater fishing regulations in more than 40 years and the recreational fishing community couldn't be more excited," said Johnny Morris, noted conservationist and founder of Bass Pro Shops. "On behalf of America's 11 million saltwater anglers, we're grateful to Speaker Ryan, the 115th Congress and all the elected leaders who came together to support and enhance recreational fishing across America."

The priorities of the recreational fishing and boating community were identified and presented to federal policy makers in 2014 by the Commission on Saltwater Recreational Fisheries Management in a report "A Vision for Managing America's Saltwater Recreational Fisheries." The Commission was known as the Morris-Deal Commission, named for co-chairs Johnny Morris, founder of Bass Pro Shops, and Scott Deal, president of Maverick Boat Group. Four years later, many of the recommendations of the Morris-Deal Commission are found in the Modern Fish Act.

"America's anglers and members of the recreational fishing and boating industry are among the most responsible stewards of our marine resources because healthy fisheries and the future of recreational fishing go hand-in-hand," said Scott Deal, president of Maverick Boat Group. "A huge thank you to our congressional leaders who answered the call of the recreational fishing community to improve the way our fisheries are managed."

America's 11 million saltwater anglers have a \$63 billion economic impact annually and generate 440,000 jobs, including thousands of manufacturing and supply jobs in non-coastal states. Furthermore, \$1.3 billion is contributed annually by anglers and boaters through excise taxes and licensing fees, most of which goes toward conservation, boating safety and infrastructure, and habitat restoration.

"It is a historic day for America's 11 million saltwater anglers thanks Senator Roger Wicker, Congressman Garret Graves and our many champions in Congress who fought until the very end for recreational fishing to be properly recognized in federal law," said Jeff Angers, president of the Center for Sportfishing Policy. "For the first time ever, Congress is sending a sportfishing-focused bill to the President's desk."

The Modern Fish Act will provide more stability and better access for anglers by:

Providing authority and direction to NOAA Fisheries to apply additional management tools more appropriate for recreational fishing, many of which are successfully implemented by state fisheries agencies (e.g., extraction rates, fishing mortality targets, harvest control rules, or traditional or cultural practices of native communities);

Improving recreational harvest data collection by requiring federal managers to explore other data sources that have tremendous potential to improve the accuracy and timeliness of harvest estimates, such as state-driven programs and electronic reporting (e.g., through smartphone apps);

Requiring the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct a study on the process of mixed-use fishery allocation review by the South Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico Regional Fishery Management Councils and report findings to Congress within one year of enactment of the Modern Fish Act, and

Requiring the National Academies of Sciences to complete a study and provide recommendations within two years of the enactment of the Modern Fish Act on limited access privilege programs (catch shares) including an assessment of the social, economic, and ecological effects of the program, considering each sector of a mixed-use fishery and related businesses, coastal communities, and the environment and an assessment of any impacts to stakeholders in a mixed-use fishery caused by a limited access privilege program. This study excludes the Pacific and North Pacific Regional Fishery Management Councils.

The coalition of groups supporting the Modern Fish Act includes American Sportfishing Association, Center for Sportfishing Policy, Coastal Conservation Association, Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation, Guy Harvey Ocean Foundation, International Game Fish Association, National Marine Manufacturers Association, Recreational Fishing Alliance, The Billfish Foundation and Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership.

America's recreational fishing and boating community applauds Congress for this historic vote and looks forward to final enactment of the Modern Fish Act following the President's signature.

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Notice: All ads that have run for three (3) months will be deleted for next month's issue unless you renew them. To place a new ad or renewal of an existing ad, please call Bruce Creighton @ 609-971-3282 or send an Email to bacreighton@gmail.com.

FOR SALE: *Heavy-duty electric winch.* Mounted on dock \$200. Used and you come get it. Call Paul - 609-440-0907 (4/2017)

FOR SALE: PORKERT Meat Grinder #10 Includes 1 never used spare cutting blade and assorted never used accessories. Was \$128 new. Asking \$50. Contact Gene 973 886 9682

FOR SALE: PENN REEL- Fathom Master 600 with ball weights. Call Ray Bragg at 732-244-7583

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