

The Fishing Experience:

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People go fishing to catch something fresh for dinner, to brag to their buddies or simply to enjoy a day outdoors experiencing nature first-hand. There is much value in the camaraderie of spending quality time fishing with friends. Find out how your fishing fun might even benefit the fishery resource.

More than Just Fish

The fishing vessels *Queen Mary*, a party boat from Point Pleasant and the charter boat *Hunter* from Barnegat Light both have a group of anglers who faithfully count on captains Dave Riback and Eddie Yates for their fishing experience. On each vessel, the group of “regulars” have become friends through their common love of fishing.

As a marine biologist with New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife, it’s been a privilege working with these two party/charter boat crews as they assist the agency in our fish sampling efforts. It has also been a pleasure to learn how these fishing vessels became like a second “home” to several dozen anglers over the past 20-plus years.

Although the *Queen Mary’s* “Wednesday Gang” and the *Hunter’s* “Barry’s Barnegat Light Bruisers” look forward to catching dinner as well as doing some bragging, the main reason these groups go fishing is to spend time together and to share a few laughs.

Fishing Vessel *Queen Mary*

The *Queen Mary’s* most devoted regular, Bill Holden, has been fishing on this boat since the late 1960s when Harvey Brown was captain. In spring 1995, Holden made the 1.5 hour drive to Point Pleasant planning to fish for mackerel. The boat never left the dock that day because there weren’t enough customers. Holden was determined to not let this happen again. He approached then-owner, Captain John Brackett (JB), and received a list of his regular customers. Holden contacted each of them and organized a weekly Wednesday fishing trip to assure there would be enough anglers for the boat to sail. Since then the group of fishermen, known as the “Wednesday Gang,” has been fishing together every week of the season.

Currently, the Wednesday Gang has 18 members who get together for more than just fishing. They have helped one another after Hurricane Sandy, have shared vacations and enjoyed dinners together. Since the spring of 2009, they gather for an annual luncheon to kick off the fishing season. At last year’s annual luncheon, Rich Sloane (Stoney) had a special surprise for boat owner, Dave Riback.

Sloane, a member of the Wednesday Gang since 2012 who joined after repeated encouragement from Frank Strouse, said he had no idea he would have so much fun fishing. In addition to fishing, Sloane makes models as a hobby. His latest creation is a perfect replica of Captain Dave’s *Queen Mary*. Minute details from the anchor winch to the helm controls look exactly like the boat of which the Wednesday Gang is so fond. Sloane’s replica, which measures 31.5 inches long and 19 inches tall, took 345 hours to construct from November 2014 to March 2015. The long hours spent meticulously working on the model vessel shows Sloane’s true appreciation for the Wednesday Gang and the *Queen Mary* staff.

Fishing Vessel *Hunter*

Captain Eddie Yates’s customers are another dedicated group of camaraderie-seeking anglers no less dedicated than the Wednesday Gang. *Hunter* customers have come to expect entertaining banter between captain and crew as well as deckhand Marty Pley’s patience in teaching even the most novice angler how to catch fish and have fun.

About ten years ago, several groups struggled to assemble enough anglers to book a fishing trip. Captain Eddie approached longtime customer, Barry Emens—who has been fishing on the *Hunter* for over 25 years—for his assistance. Emens contacted all 32 fishermen, merging the groups into one. Each spring Emens sends the group a list of dates. Fishing trips are booked on a first come, first serve basis



Rick Case and Rich Sloane with his bluefish on the *Queen Mary*.



Captain Eddie observes Walt Kaminski netting Barry Emens’ catch on the *Hunter*.



Bob Gieson and his bluefish with Erik Olsen on the *Queen Mary*.



Replica of the *Queen Mary* made by Rich Sloane.

It's Not Just About The Fish

and most dates are booked quickly with alternate anglers listed in case someone must cancel.

In January 2015 the group was officially named by Captain Eddie at their annual luncheon when he presented each member with a "Barry's Barnegat Light Bruisers" tee shirt. *Memorable Moments* awards are bestowed at the luncheon. One of these moments recalled was when two regulars lost their rods overboard but were miraculously saved by deckhand Chris Patro and Walt Kaminski.

The Bruisers typically start each season with an "exploratory trip" where the fishing grounds are tested. This trip is full of excitement, with everyone catching up on what's happened during the winter break and filled with anticipation of what the season ahead will bring.

There are a lot of laughs and always an elaborate food spread provided by Wayne Queroli. Queroli's food selections have ranged from pepperoni to shrimp—which was successfully used one day for bait by Dave Bryan! On hot summer days everyone is refreshed with ice cold watermelon on the ride back to the dock. Another special memory was when everyone stopped fishing to gather in the cabin to share cake and sing Happy 90th Birthday to Jack Stewart.

One Bruiser, Tony Ingram, fishes so relentlessly that his favorite fishing shoes literally disintegrated all over the deck! During the offseason, many of the Bruisers spend time together shopping for fishing gear or even fishing in Florida.

Importance of Science


Why is this story different? The uniqueness is the cooperation between everyone associated with these two fishing vessels and the New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife. Since 1999, our agency has been collecting data, primarily on striped bass and bluefish. The Queen Mary's deckhand, Erik Olsen, has been helpful in developing protocols

for sampling to make the process simple and efficient, making it easy for Fish and Wildlife to collect length, weight and age data.

Information collected about striped bass provide data that's lacking from Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC)-mandated field surveys and has been instrumental in enabling Fish and Wildlife to use New Jersey-specific data when developing regulation options. Considerable data on age structure are required for stock assessments both for bluefish and for striped bass.

Prior to 2010, all bluefish age data came from the state of Virginia. Since that time, New Jersey has collected nearly 1,000 bluefish age samples which have significantly contributed to the coast wide bluefish stock assessment. Both of these boats are always willing to help by submitting voluntary daily log books, collecting requested samples, spreading our agency's messages and providing information when requested.

Whether your reward for a day of fishing is the bragging rights about "the big one" or it's the camaraderie of friends, consider modeling after the crews of these two boats by remembering that it's not all about the fish. Consider submitting a fishing log to Fish and Wildlife after every trip. Be a part of the fisheries management process. Complete your Striped Bass Bonus Program Log or the volunteer Recreational Saltwater Angler Survey (see NJFishandWildlife.com/saltwater.htm) each time you wet a line. All data is valuable. Your log from a day without harvest is just as valuable to Fish and Wildlife as a day where 10 fish are caught!

Experience the adventure of party or charter boat fishing in New Jersey. See Fish and Wildlife's Party/Charter Boat Directory at NJFishandWildlife.com/prtyboat.htm or visit a local bait and tackle shop for fishing boat recommendations. Boats from Cape May to Atlantic Highlands all have something to offer for first-time or experienced anglers alike. 

More Than Just Fishing

"It is not always about the fishing that catches my interest. It is about the outdoors, bird watching, whale watching, ship and tall ship watching plus viewing other interesting marine-related wildlife that I observe while being out on the ocean. Then there are the personalities, backgrounds and stories told by the other persons that are part of the fishing trip. Finally, over the years, it is the camaraderie and friendships that are established with the fishermen, captain and mates onboard that is very hard to replace. It all makes life—and you—a better person. Life is good!"

Bruiser Barry Emens

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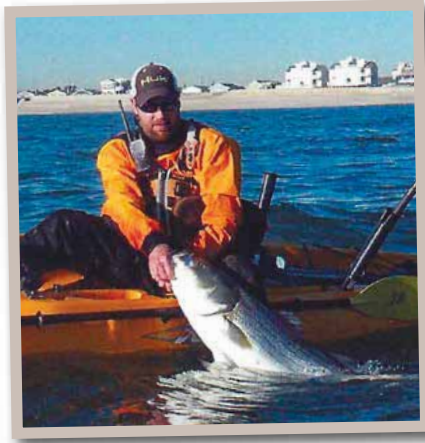


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Skillful Angler Recognition Program

RECOGNITION PROGRAMS

The Skillful Angler Program is designed both to supplement the New Jersey Record Fish Program and to acknowledge that many anglers catch freshwater and marine fish that are not record size but are still worthy of recognition because the size and weight of the fish sufficiently tested the angler's skill. Open to resident and non-resident anglers. All fish must be caught in New Jersey waters using a hook and line during legally open seasons.



Christopher Baggott landed this fish while kayak fishing in the ocean off of Lavallette. The striped bass measured 44.5 inches and was caught on November 4, 2015 at 8:30 am.

Saltwater species taken from a boat must have been caught from a boat that left from, and returned to, a New Jersey port during the same trip.

The Program has three main divisions: Adult (for anglers age 16 and older), Junior (under age 16) and Catch and Release (based on length). A clear, side-view photo that allows accurate species identification must be included with each application.

Anglers qualifying for a Skillful Angler award receive a certificate with an artistic rendering of the fish species they caught as a testament to their achievement.


The Skillful Angler Program now recognizes different levels of fishing expertise. An angler who submits five applications of qualifying size for the same species will receive a Specialist Certificate. An angler who submits five applications of qualifying fish of different species will receive a Master Certificate. Catch 10 or more qualifying species of fish within the year, and the angler will earn an Elite Angler Certificate. The Program also now recognizes the first fish caught no matter the age of the angler. Qualified anglers will receive a First Fish certificate.

The program now has four marine "Slam" categories — an Inshore Slam 1, Inshore Slam 2, Offshore Pelagics Slam and Marlin Slam. For the Inshore Slam 1, an angler must submit qualifying applications for a Striped Bass, Bluefish and Fluke. For the Inshore Slam 2, an angler must submit qualifying applications for Black Sea Bass, Tautog, and Weakfish. The Offshore Pelagics Slam will be obtained if

an angler submits qualifying applications for Bluefin Tuna, Bigeye Tuna, Yellowfin Tuna and Dolphin. For the Marlin Slam, an angler must submit qualifying applications for a White Marlin and a Blue Marlin.

Each month, the leaders of each category and species will be posted on our Skillful Angler Leader Board web page. At the end of the year, special recognition is given to anglers who catch the largest fish in each species category. The winner of each category is sent a special certificate recognizing his/her accomplishment as the best of New Jersey's Skillful Anglers.

Fish must be measured from the tip of the nose (with mouth closed) to the tip of the tail. For catch and release categories, the fish must be measured and photographed alongside a ruler. For Adult/Junior division, fish must be weighed and measured by fishing license agents, tackle shops or authorized Fish and Wildlife fisheries biologists.

Anglers must submit two photographs of the fish caught, one at the site of the catch and one with the fish alongside a ruler for clear identification and measurement verification. Take time to compose good quality (and high resolution) photos to submit with your application. The best photo may be selected for publication in this *Digest* next year! Include your e-mail address on back of the photo so we may contact you for a digital copy of your print. 

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Minimum Entry Requirements:

Species	Adult Weight (lbs., oz.)	Junior Weight (lbs., oz.)	Catch & Release (inches)
Black Sea Bass	4	3	20
Striped Bass	40	36	42
Black Drum	70	63	46
Bluefish	18	16	33
Cod	30	27	42
Dolphin	30	27	n/a
Winter Flounder	2	1 lb., 8 oz.	16
Fluke	8	7	27
Kingfish	1	8 oz.	13
Mako Shark	250	225	n/a
Blue Marlin	400	360	n/a
White Marlin	60	54	n/a
Pollock	25	22 lbs., 8 oz.	41
Tautog	8	7	22
Albacore Tuna	50	45	n/a
Big Eye Tuna	200	180	n/a
Bluefin Tuna	500	450	n/a
Yellowfin Tuna	120	108	n/a
Tuna (other)	250	225	n/a
Weakfish	10	9	30

The New Jersey State Record Fish Program requires a separate application and is based on weight alone. Scale certification documentation and a weighmaster's signature are necessary. Other rules apply. Visit Fish and Wildlife's website at NJFishandWildlife.com for a complete list of current state records. See also page 28.

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RECOGNITION PROGRAMS



Mark Milici of Doylestown, PA landed a new state record gray tilefish while bottom fishing in the Lindenkohl Canyon. The 23 lb., 4 oz fish eclipsed the old record by 4 ounces and measured 35.5 inches in length with a girth of 22.5 inches.

New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife's Record Fish Program honors anglers who catch the largest of select species of freshwater and saltwater fish. Record size is based on weight alone; there are no line classes. Currently there are 76 marine species eligible for entry into the program which includes a new spearfishing category with 17 additional species.


Anglers are reminded that the objective of the Record Fish Program is to increase awareness of fishing opportunities for species that are regularly sought and routinely found on or off the coast of New Jersey. The original list of 72 species was pared down with that objective in mind.

Twelve species are now retired from the list of program-eligible fish, but remain on a separate list posted on Fish and Wildlife's website. One historical catch is also retired and posted on the list.

Anglers should be aware of the procedure in effect for entering the Record Fish Program. First, separate applications are required for freshwater and saltwater species. Second, for saltwater entries, it

is now mandatory that a marine biologist inspect any potential record fish, as identification solely by photo is not always accurate. Anglers must call Fish and Wildlife's Nacote Creek Research Station at (609) 748-2020 to make arrangements for inspection. In most instances, the fish must be transported to this office in Port Republic. However, in the case of extremely large fish (i.e., shark and tuna), a biologist should be available to travel for dockside inspection. Note that all scale certification requirements still apply, including a valid Certificate of Inspection/Test Report and current Registration Certificate issued by the County Office of Weights and Measures.

The entry deadline is now no later than one month after the date of catch. Note that the triggerfish category is now defined as gray triggerfish.

For a complete list of state record fish or to print an application with complete program rules, visit the Division of Fish and Wildlife's website at NJFishandWildlife.com/fishing.htm. 

New Jersey State Record Marine Fish

Species	Lbs.	Oz.	Year	Angler	Where Caught
Amberjack, greater	85	0	1993	Edwin Metzner	Off Cape May
Bass, black sea	9	4.5	2010	Steve Singler	Off Cape May
Bluefish	27	1	1997	Roger Kastorsky	5 Fathom Bank
Bonito, Atlantic	13	8	1945	Frank Lykes, Jr.	Off Sandy Hook
Cobia	87	0	1999	John Shanchuk	Off Sea Bright
Cod	81	0	1967	Joseph Chesla	Off Brielle
Crab, blue	8¾" pt. to pt.		2009	Raymond Ponik	Bayonne
Croaker, Atlantic	5	8	1981	Frederick Brown	Delaware Bay
*Cunner	3	0.5	2012	Raul de la Prida	Off Pt. Pleasant
Dogfish, smooth	19	11.2	2013	Michael J. LaTorre, Jr.	Sculls Bay
Dogfish, spiny	15	12	1990	Jeff Pennick	Off Cape May
Dolphin	63	3	1974	Scott Smith, Jr.	Baltimore Canyon
Drum, black	109	0	2008	Nick Henry	Delaware Bay
Drum, red	55	0	1985	Daniel Yanino	Great Bay
Eel, American	9	13	1988	Warren Campbell	Atlantic City
Fluke	19	12	1953	Walter Lubin	Off Cape May
Flounder, winter	5	11	1993	Jimmy Swanson	Off Barnegat Light
Hake, white	41	7	1989	Wayne Eble	Off Barnegat Light
Kingfish, Northern	2	8	2004	Chester Urbanski	Barnegat Bay
Ling (red hake)	12	13	2010	Billy Watson	Off Manasquan
Mackerel, Atlantic	4	1	1983	Abe Elkin	Manasquan Ridge
Mackerel, king	54	0	1998	Fernando Alfaiate	Off Cape May
*Mackerel, Spanish	9	12	1990	Donald Kohler	Off Cape May
Marlin, blue	1,046	0	1986	Phil Infantolino	Hudson Canyon
Marlin, white	137	8	1980	Mike Marchell	Hudson Canyon
Perch, white	2	12	1998	Michael King	Little Beach Creek
*Pollock	46	7	1975	John Holton	Off Brielle
Porgy	5	14	1976	Victor Rone	Delaware Bay
Sailfish	43	4	2006	Dr. John Tallia	Linden Kohl Canyon
Seatrout, spotted	11	2	1974	Bert Harper	Holgate Surf
Shad, American	7	0	1967	Rodger West	Great Bay
Shad, hickory	2	13	2011	Robert Macejka	Mantoloking

Species	Lbs.	Oz.	Year	Angler	Where Caught
Shark, blue	366	0	1996	William Young, Jr.	Mud Hole
Shark, bull				Vacant (Minimum Weight 150 lbs.)	
Shark, dusky	530	0	1987	Brian Dunlevy	Off Great Egg Inlet
Shark, hammerhead	365	0	1985	Walter Thacara	Mud Hole
Shark, porbeagle				Vacant (Minimum Weight 100 lbs.)	
Shark, s-fin mako	856	0	1994	Christopher Palmer	Wilmington Canyon
Shark, thresher	683	0	2009	Bennett Fogelberg	Fingers
Shark, tiger	880	0	1988	Billy DeJohn	Off Cape May
Sheepshead	19	1	2014	William Catino	Longport
Spadefish	11	6	1998	Cliff Low	Delaware Bay
Spearfish, longbill	42	0	1989	George Algard	Poor Man's Canyon
	42	0	1997	Joseph Natoli	Hudson Canyon
Spot	0	13	2003	Robert Belsky, Jr.	Little Sheepshead Creek
*Striped bass	78	8	1982	Al McReynolds	Atlantic City
Swordfish	530	0	1964	Edmund Levitt	Wilmington Canyon
*Tautog	25	0	1998	Anthony Monica	Off Ocean City
Tilefish, golden	63	8	2009	Dennis Muhlenforth	Linden Kohl Canyon
Tilefish, gray	23	4	2015	Mark Milici	Linden Kohl Canyon
Triggerfish, gray	5	12	2008	Ronald Pires	High Bar Harbor
Tuna, albacore	77	15	1984	Dr. S. Scannapiego	Spencer Canyon
Tuna, big-eye	364	14	1984	George Krenick	Hudson Canyon
Tuna, bluefin	1,030	6	1981	Royal Parsons	Off Pt. Pleasant
Tuna, skipjack	13	4	1999	Craig Eberbach	Wilmington Canyon
Tuna, yellowfin	290	0	1980	Wayne Brinkerhoff	Hudson Canyon
Tunny, little	24	15	1977	Mark Niemczyk	Off Sea Bright
Wahoo	123	12	1992	Robert Carr	28-Mile Wreck
Weakfish	18	8	1986	Karl Jones	Delaware Bay
Whiting (silver hake)				Vacant (Minimum Weight 2.5 lbs.)	

* Fish was previously certified by the IGFA as a world record.

For information concerning the New Jersey State Record Fish or Skillful Angler programs, visit the New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife's website at NJFishandWildlife.com.

New Jersey State Record Marine Fish – Spearfishing Category

In 2014, the NJ Record Fish Program expanded with the addition of a Spearfishing category for saltwater. Seventeen (17) species commonly sought after by spearfishers are part of the Program. Spearfishers now have a unique opportunity to be recognized in New Jersey's Record Fish Program. Anglers are reminded that the objective of the Record Fish Program is to increase the awareness of fishing opportunities for species that are regularly sought after and routinely found in or off the coast of New Jersey.

Species	Lbs.	Oz.	Year	Angler	Where Caught
Amberjack, greater	Min. Wt. 60 pounds			VACANT	
Bass, black sea	Min. Wt. 5 pounds			VACANT	
Bluefish	Min. Wt. 18 pounds			VACANT	
Cobia	Min. Wt. 60 pounds			VACANT	
Cod	Min. Wt. 50 pounds			VACANT	
Dolphin	Min. Wt. 40 pounds			VACANT	
*Fluke	15	5	2014	Robert A. Davis	Off Barnegat Lighthouse
Flounder, winter	Min. Wt. 3 pounds			VACANT	
Hake, red (ling)	Min. Wt. 9 pounds			VACANT	
Pollock	Min. Wt. 30 pounds			VACANT	
Porgy	Min. Wt. 4 pounds			VACANT	
Sheepshead	Min. Wt. 12 pounds			VACANT	
Spadefish	Min. Wt. 9 pounds			VACANT	
Striped bass	Min. Wt. 55 pounds			VACANT	
*Tautog	23	14	2007	Luke Dylan Hickey	Off Cape May
Triggerfish, gray	Min. Wt. 3.5 pounds			VACANT	
Weakfish	Min. Wt. 14 pounds			VACANT	

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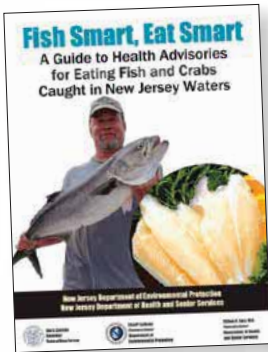

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For a complete list of state and federal marine fish consumption advisories visit: www.FishSmartEatSmartNJ.org.

The fish consumption advisories and Fish Smart-Eat Smart website are updated periodically and are available online or from the Office of Science at (609) 984-6070 and through the Division of Health and Senior Services at (609) 826-4935.

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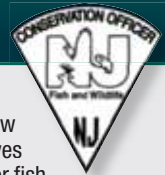


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