

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1

1:00 PM NORTHEAST STRIPED BASS STUDY Jim Hutchinson, Jr. *The Fisherman Magazine*

A revolutionary study initiated in 2019 by Gray FishTag Research and *The Fisherman* has been deploying mini satellite tags on post-spawn striped bass off the Atlantic Coast. The tags record salinity, depth, temperature, and location before detaching from the fish after a pre-set period of time; the findings from those tags have been eye opening and may someday disrupt the dogma of migratory striper beliefs.

3:00 PM KAYAK FISHING Rob English Wilderness Systems/Tackle Direct

Kayaks allow stealth access to areas otherwise out of reach to most anglers. Wilderness Systems kayak fishing team member Rob English specializes in inshore kayak fishing and does a majority of his fishing under cover of dark. However, in this afternoon kayak fishing spotlight Rob will share his tactics for improved success while chasing everything from fluke and stripers to weakfish and tautog.

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THURSDAY, MARCH 2

1:00 PM THE BEST BUFFET IN TOWN Noel Feliciano One Stop Bait and Tackle

The 13 jetties found in the Absecon Inlet area provide outstanding structure and offer near year-round fishing opportunities. As the owner of One Stop Bait & Tackle in Atlantic City, Noel Feliciano keeps a keen ear to the rocks on what's biting and where. From fluke, weakfish, striped bass, and tautog, to a few unexpected visitors, Noel knows how, when and where to find the bite in Atlantic City.

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4:30 PM SOUTH JERSEY SHEEPSHEAD Khoa Nguyen Tidechasers Podcast & Century Rods

Khoa is an expert at targeting some of New Jersey's more unusual seasonal residents, sheepshead. The popularity and availability of sheepshead has taken off in recent years. Learn what gear and techniques you need to target these very accessible and delicious fish. Khoa is co-host of TideChasers Podcast which covers topics from conservation to seasonal tactics and gear reviews.

6:00 PM STRIPED BASS FISHING Capt. Jim Freda Shore Catch Sportfishing

The 2022 striper season was one for the ages, as all-out blitz fishing was the norm along the Central and North Jersey coast this past fall, which followed some epic trophy striper action in the spring. Whether you were in on the blitzes or not, Capt. Jim has some unique video of the action to share, along with tips and tactics to help make your 2023 striper fishing more successful.

FRIDAY, MARCH 3

1:00 PM THE TROLLING MOTOR INSTALL Aaron Held Octopus Yachts

The trolling motor has become a real "game-changer" in local fishing, whether locking onto a prime tautog snag, sneaking up on shallow water stripers or eliminating "wind against tide" in fluking. With more and more of these unique tools popping up on the bows of Jersey Shore boats, here's a chance to learn what it takes to add this high-tech tool to your arsenal.

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4:30 PM NEW JERSEY ARTIFICIAL REEFS Capt. Peter Clarke NJ Division of Fish & Wildlife

Since 1984 New Jersey has been a national leader in the design and creation of artificial reefs for recreational fishing. Spend an hour with the state's artificial reef coordinator for the last updates on the reef program, learn how to fish them and perhaps get a few new numbers you weren't unaware of. Plus, learn how you can help support new reef initiatives through the Sportfishing Fund with Brian Nunes-Vaise.

6:00 PM TARGETING NJ/DE WAHOO Capt. Darren Dorris *Good Chemistry II*

South Jersey sees an influx of wahoo in the summer months and nothing is quite as exciting as hooking up with and boating one of these speed demons. Spend an hour with dedicated Jersey 'hoo hunter Capt. Darren Dorris as he runs through the best lures, baits, trolling techniques, tackle and local areas to find these tasty, toothy and tremendously fish on South Jersey's lumps and canyons.

SATURDAY, MARCH 4

11:00 AM TAUTOG MASTER CLASS

Matt Sorrentino

NJFishingClub.com

In his tautog master class; Matt will discuss everything you need to know when hunting for blackfish from boats including tips and tricks for new anglers to help lessen the learning curve towards better success. With 40 fish over 10 pounds and countless party boat pool wins Matt can help you master the timing and hookset while learning a few trade secrets to increase your likelihood of catching a personal best.

12:30 PM TROLLING MOTOR TACTICS FLUKE

Capt. Brett Taylor

Reel Reaction Sportfishing

Trolling motor technology has revolutionized how many people fish for fluke. Trolling motors paired with navigation electronics allow you to pinpoint your drift and put you on the exact spot you want to be, or, once you find the fish, put you back on that same drift. Trolling motors also allow you to fish in less-than-optimal conditions such as wind against the tide. Learn how a local charter captain gets it done!

2:00 PM BOOMERS IN THE BAY

Capt. Steve Bent

Free Spirit Sportfishing

Learn how to catch black drum, the biggest fish you've ever caught within sight of land in Delaware Bay. Fish to 80 pounds in 20 feet of water, and the one fish that actually tells you they're coming! Great fighters and good eating, learn the tackle, techniques, where to and when to secrets of black drum fishing with Capt. Steve Bent of the charter boat *Free Spirit*.

3:30 PM SOUTH JERSEY SHEEPSHEAD

Capt. Dan Schafer

Insomniac Guide Service

As one of the most respected light tackle and flyfishing backwater guides in New Jersey, Capt. Dan Schafer has effectively revolutionized sheepshead fishing at the Jersey Shore. The Stone Harbor guide and lure designer (Bottom Sweeper jigs) is an expert at targeting New Jersey's more unusual seasonal residents such as sheepshead, spadefish and triggerfish in the shallow, back-bay waters.

5:00 PM THE ART OF THE CAST

Patrick Sebile

A Band of Anglers

Noted lure designer and record-holder Patrick Sebile has written seven books and roughly 800 articles, appeared on more than 200 television shows and has fished in over 70 different countries. As an exclusive for A.C. attendees on Saturday, Sebile takes to the main stage for a strategic look at lure design and function to help you "plug" a few holes in your bucket list during the '23 season.

6:00 PM WRECK & BOTTOM FISHING

Capt. Adam Nowalsky

South Jersey Charter Captain

Whether you're looking for you own hidden snag or working the state's artificial reef complex, get a pro's point of view for putting more fish in the box when fishing structure. With over 15 years of experience as a professional charter captain, Capt. Adam is known as an expert bottom fisherman and offers unique insight into the tackle and techniques to pull blackfish (tautog) and black sea bass from hard bottom.

SUNDAY, MARCH 5

11:00 AM JERSEY SHORE FLUKE

Capt. Scott Newhall

Time Out Charters

Capt. Scott Newhall has spent the last 20 years fishing every part of the Jersey Shore and has learned a thing or two. With all those years on the water, primarily targeting fluke, one is almost guaranteed to learn something from Scott. His success of him getting his clients on the fish. Let him share some of his proven tips to help make your outings for fluke more productive.

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2:00 PM TOG TACTICS FOR BLACK DRUM

Frank Mihalic

Century Rods

Blackfish are pound for pound one of the hardest fighting fish in the Mid-Atlantic, with some of the biggest bruisers coming from New Jersey waters. A dedicated togger and author, Frank has spent years perfecting his equipment he uses to target tog and he offers his proven tips on hunting down and landing the biggest tog in our region.

3:30 PM FISHING FOR STRIPED BASS

Jim Hutchinson, Jr.

The Fisherman Magazine

The spring run of striped bass is officially underway in the Garden State with the March 1 opening of the back bays. Whether it's bloodworms to start the year or chasing down a personal best during the bunker run, new regulatory changes put greater focus increasing the survival of released fish. Join Hutch for a spring kickoff primer on tackle and techniques for the striper run.