There is now expanded parking at the downtown Wilmington boat ramp. It was really nice having other JLSC members on the water nearby to share information including live fishing results. These group outings help make the fishing experience more enjoyable, safer and successful.

Friday morning we got some tips from local guides, viewed their recent trophies and bought the "hot lures" from Robbie and the Intercoastal Angler staff.

Once on the water we scored a nice striped first thing on a new blue crank bait purchased that morning and had a larger fish pull the hook on the same lure that afternoon right at the boat. Brian got us more excited with his reports further up river so we tried that area Saturday morning. The Carolina Skiffers were arm weary casting flukes, jigs with snakes, crank baits and umbrella rigs. My usual go to lure, a red eye shad, was a disappointment with nary a sniff.

After the Skiffers were skunked all Saturday morning, Dan Frye and his partner called to say that they had caught fish trolling closer to downtown. After joining them we caught our lone striped of the day. A picture of the 28 incher is attached. It had a NC Wildlife tag and Steve will...
President’s Box

Let’s Have Fun!!

Your JLSC Leadership Team has built a balanced approach for 2014. Enjoy this first edition of the JLSC Newsletter announcing highlights and please note the new recognition program. Our meetings will continue to feature both member and outside expertise.

Everyone is looking forward to having a great time catching stripers again on our home lake. Our first Jordan Lake Outing on 5/10 should offer us a much better understanding of the striped rebound. We will then set our course concerning home lake events.

Have a BLAST on Member/Guest Outings to SML, Kerr, Cape Fear, Weldon and others. Do you have an interest in a JLSCStriper charter on the Chesapeake this winter? By utilizing our members’ vast fishing network and connecting with other striped club, we can greatly shorten the learning curve. Knowing when, where and how to actually catch bait and the trophy stripers in a new area makes for a much more EXCITING experience.

You must make a deposit in participation and effort to get your best return in the JLSC. What a wonderful opportunity to learn, build lasting friendships and memories!

Keep in touch and let’s have FUN!!!

Outing Report: Smith Mountain Lake, April 11-13

The JLSC outing to Smith Mountain results are in and the consensus is that everyone had a great time. A total of four boats participated and included some guests and one new member. The conditions were not perfect – too much sun, too much wind on Friday, and too much boat traffic on Saturday. However, everyone caught fish. The guys who arrived earlier in the week (Todd Hamilton and father on Wednesday and Wayne and Mike on Thursday) had the most success. The fish that were caught were smaller on average this trip versus our previous trips. There were still several fish caught in the SML slot (26” to 36”) and Todd Hamilton’s father, Larry, caught the largest fish, a nice 34 inch. Large “Mongo” gizzards and bait in general seemed to be fairly easy to catch.

Catching some smaller fish did support the shore lunch fish fry on Saturday. It again was a highlight of the trip. Mike and Wayne did another outstanding job cooking the fish. The rest of us did our part in attempting to eat all of the 10-12 fish that were cooked. We came close to succeeding. Thanks to everyone for their contributions of sides, dessert, plates, utensils, etc. After lunch, the group swapped stories and relaxed. Another activity that generated interest at the outing is throwing a large net. Wayne is getting some competition as Mike and Dan Frye exhibited considerable prowess at throwing the 10 foot net. Steve is also coming on strong with his new 8 foot net.

Hopefully, those of you that had to cancel out of this trip as well as others can make this trip in the fall. It is a beautiful lake and the Westlake accommodations with the convenient dock go along with the good fishing to make for a nice outing.
New Member Corner

RAY CARROLL

I was in the Air Force and worked for 33 years at Bowe Bell and Howell Company. I am a 32° Scottish Rite Mason, a member of Cary Masonic Lodge No. 198, Scottish Rite Valley of Raleigh, Lake Gaston and Buggs Island Striper Clubs, Raleigh Saltwater Sportsman Club, U.S. Power Squadron, and NC Waterman’s Club. In 1998 I attended NC State University Sport Fishing School in Hatteras completing their one-week course.

I love fishing and have really spent a lot of time doing just that since I retired 7 years ago. I am on the surf fishing team with the Raleigh Saltwater Sportsman Club and have fished the Nags Head, Hatteras and Ocracoke surf fishing tournaments. Last year our club’s team took first place out of 72 teams in the Ocracoke Invitational Surf Fishing tournament. The year before, we came in third place.

In past years, I served as a Certified BBQ Judge for the Kansas City BBQ Society, judging in the eastern states and as far away as Mississippi.

I live in Wake Forest and spend the summers at the coast around Topsail Beach and the spring and fall months in and out of Lake Gaston.

I am looking forward to making new friends, learning from them, and fishing with the Jordan Lake Striper Club.

AKA Gotaway

Marching Meeting Minutes

Jessica Baumann, District 5 NC Wild Life Biologist (see the attached state map with district fisheries biologists, their area of coverage, and their contact info) conducted a great presentation on the December 2013 gill net survey in Jordan Lake. According to her data it appears that the striper fishery is quickly improving, with a good number of fish expected to reach 20 inches in the next year or two. Overall fish health looked great and there haven’t been any significant shad die-offs over the past couple of years, so the outlook for stripers is good. Jessica is confident that with a little luck, and no extreme winter or summer temperatures, the striper size and population will return to the good conditions that were experienced in years past.

Jessica welcomes information from the club and its members on their fishing success, as well as any reports of the invasive water plant hydrilla found in the lake. She would prefer a sample of the plant in a plastic bag along with GPS coordinates but will take any report with a general location.

At the conclusion of the meeting the club voted to make Jessica an honorary member. We look forward to getting her out on the lake during an upcoming outing or tournament.

The club plans on maintaining a balanced approach in 2014 including: Quality educational meetings, a first class website, member recognition, and great club events. Future meetings will be held on May 6th, July 8th, September 9th, and December 2nd. Potential meeting topics that we discussed included fishing line knots, trolling techniques, cast net throwing techniques, and maintaining live bait. Please contact Ray Carroll our new Speaker Chairman with ideas and recommendations.

2014 Leadership roles and the club’s general direction were discussed at the meeting and shall be reflected in the 2014 JLSC Rules. We will continue to hold outings at various striper fishing locations in the surrounding area and hope to start having tournaments in Jordan Lake again as the striper fishing continues to improve.

As far as the Leadership Team, Steve Rhoads was unanimously recommended to continue as President along with Steve Marlów as Webmaster. Troy Roberson was unable to make the meeting due to work but asked to continue as our Treasurer. Approved new officers include: Brian Stinnett as Secretary, Dennis Shepherd as Event Chairman, Ray Carroll as speaker Chairman and Dan Frye as Membership Chair.

“The Jordan Lake Striper Club provides members with opportunities to learn more about catching stripers, build friendships and enjoy club events”
The Jordan Lake Striper Club was founded in August of 2004. We are a diverse club comprised of recreational fishermen to professional fishing guides. The JLSC provides members with opportunities to learn more about catching stripers, build friendships and compete in fun Jordan Lake club tournaments. We support NCWRC efforts by uniting local striped bass fishermen who are interested in conservation issues and are interested in decisions that directly impact the management of Jordan Lake’s striped bass population.

Our informal bi-monthly meetings are welcome to those interested in getting to know us and to learn more about JLSC events. Presentations by both club members and outside experts cover various striped bass fishing techniques, tackle, boat maintenance, water safety, striped bass fishing destinations and offer NCWRC updates. Members may even share a few fish stories!

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Join today!

Fishing Reports....

**Todd Hamilton: Jordan, Sunday 5/04/14**

Caught bait at Farrington ramp and bridge...mixture of 6” to 8” gizzards and small to medium size threadfins. Fished in the river between stinking creek and the dam with down lines, free lines and planers. Caught 4 stripers (2 - 17”, 1- 18” and 1 - 19”) on down lines set between 12 and 15 feet. All were caught on medium to small threadfins. Wind picked up about 10:30 and so did the boat traffic so I called it a day.

**Dan Frye: Weldon, Saturday 5/03/2014**

I fished a family Saturday, and they had a great time. They estimated we caught 70+, and we went through 12 dozen herring that we bought at the campground in Weldon.
Two other boats went with us, and they also had a great day, catching plenty of fish.

**Corey Bartley: Weldon, Saturday 5/03/2014**

Two people fishing, caught between 70-90 stripers. SeeCorey for more details.