

Recreational Fishing Alliance

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RFA-NJ MEMBERS EYE WEEKEND OUTDOORS EVENTS

Tuckerton Decoy Show & Lakewood Boat Show Keep Anglers Busy

While canyon hunters are waiting to see which way the winds will be blowing and striped fishermen are anxiously awaiting word of the mullet run along the beach, New Jersey anglers also have some other options farther inland.

First off, the *3rd Annual Fall Jersey Shore Boat Sale & Expo* will take place this weekend at FirstEnergy Park, home of the Lakewood BlueClaws, in Lakewood, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, September 23 - 25, 2011. This great boating sales event will feature new and pre-owned boats and accessories for sale by New Jersey's premier marine retailers including brand new 2012 models. The event is organized by the Marine Trades Association of New Jersey (MTA/NJ) to offer a low cost, one stop opportunity to consumers and marine retailers at an easily accessible and popular venue.

"The Jersey Shore Boat Sale & Expo offers a unique and affordable opportunity to meet with and shop from the top boat dealers and retailers in the state," said MTA/NJ executive director, Melissa Danko, adding "the cost for a family of four to attend is less than \$10 and the stadium is easily accessible with convenient parking located right next to the entrance of the show."

Event details including directions, a list of exhibitors and highlights can be found online at www.JerseyBoatExpo.com. Admission is only \$2 per person, 12 and younger are free with free parking. The event will run from 11-6 on Friday, 10-6 on Saturday and 10-5 on Sunday. All proceeds from the event support MTA/NJ's efforts to promote and protect the recreational boating industry in New Jersey.

To the south, the Ocean County Department of Parks and Recreation presents the *29th Annual Ocean County Decoy and Gunning Show*, this Saturday and Sunday, September 24th and 25th from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day in Tuckerton.

The event is being held, rain or shine, at two downtown Tuckerton locations, at Tip Seaman County Park at Lakeside Drive and Route 9, and across the street at the Tuckerton Seaport. Free parking with shuttle bus is available at Pinelands Regional High School and Freedom Fields County Park on Route 539.

"Not only decoys and unique sporting antiques, but I think a lot of anglers would be surprised at the old hand-carved plugs which can sometimes be uncovered at some of the vendors' tables," said Jim Hutchinson, Jr., managing director of the Recreational Fishing Alliance (RFA) and a member of the board of trustees at Tuckerton Seaport. "Certainly worth taking a look at is the striped bass plug contest at 1:30 on Saturday at Tip Seaman Community Center."

Get more information about this event online at www.tuckertonseaport.org.

About Recreational Fishing Alliance

The Recreational Fishing Alliance is a national, grassroots political action organization representing recreational fishermen and the recreational fishing industry on marine fisheries issues. *The RFA Mission is to safeguard the rights of saltwater anglers, protect marine, boat and tackle industry jobs, and ensure the long-term sustainability of our Nation's saltwater fisheries.* For more information, call 888-JOIN-RFA or visit www.joinrfa.org.