



Fishing Fun Facts

Seasonal Fishing Schedule?

Depending on the time of year most Party Boats will fish for the following species:

- December - April: Blackfish, Ling, Cod
- April - May: Winter Flounder, Striped Bass and Drum
- June - September: Fluke, Bluefish, Striped Bass, Weakfish, Drum, Shark and Tuna
- October – November: Striped Bass

Many Wildwood Fishing Charter Boats will fish for the same species as the Wildwood Party Boats and will also fish offshore for Sharks from June – September and Tuna during August through early October.

Types of Fishing

Inshore Fishing

Inshore boat fishing is fishing from a boat in easy sight of land and in water less than about 98 feet deep. You look for fish orienting on the bottom structure, whether you're fishing near the surface or on the bottom. While you don't always anchor for this kind of fishing, the water is shallow enough that you could. In general, inshore fishing is done within a few miles of shore, offshore is farther out.

Offshore fishing

Offshore boat fishing, sometimes called deep sea or open water fishing, is fishing in deep water (more than 30 meters) and at some distance from land.

Fly Fishing

Fly fishing is an angling method in which an artificial "fly" is used to catch fish.

When is the best time to go surf fishing?

The best time to go surf fishing is at a higher tide.

What are the most popular fish?

Several types of fish can be caught in the Wildwoods such as; Bluefish, Flounder, Sharks, Tog, Striped Bass, Black Drum, Tuna, Marlin, Swordfish, Kingfish and Weakfish, and Sea Bass.

Surf Fishing Hot Spots

15th Street and 2nd Street Jetty in North Wildwood and Sweetbriar Road in Wildwood Crest.

Fishing, a favorite seashore pastime, is a great way to have some fun and enjoy the island environment. A fishing pier on the Intracoastal Waterway – known locally as "the back bay" – at Sweetbriar Road in Wildwood Crest is a popular fishing spot for island natives and visitors alike, and there are beaches along Hereford Inlet in North Wildwood where fishing enthusiasts gather to surf fish.

Crabbing Hot Spots

Crabbing is another beloved shore activity commonplace along the tidal marsh areas on the west side of the island. Those looking to catch their evening crab feast are frequently spotted along the wetlands area entering the island; at street ends; or on docks along the back-bay.

Surf vs. Charter

Surf fishing is the sport of catching fish standing on the shoreline or wading in the surf. A general term, surf fishing may or may not include casting a lure or bait, and refers to all types of shore fishing - from sandy and rocky beaches, rock jetties, or even fishing piers.

Charter fishing occurs on a vessel with a passenger or passengers for hire that are engaged in recreational fishing.

2014 NJ Recreational Minimum Size, Possession Limits & Seasons

(Source: <http://www.state.nj.us/dep/fgw/pdf/2014/maregsum14.pdf>)

Striped Bass

2 fish at 28"

Fluke (Summer Flounder)

5 fish at 18 inches

Open Season: May 23 – Sept. 27

Weakfish

1 fish at 13 inches

Open Season: Jan. 1 – Dec. 31

Black Drum

3 fish at 16"

Open Season: Jan. 1 – Feb. 28 & Jul. 1 – Dec. 1

Bluefish

15 fish; No Minimum Size

Open Season: Jan. 1 – Dec. 31

Kingfish

3 at 23"

Open Season: Jan. 1 – Feb. 28 & Jul. 1 – Dec. 1

Tautog

15 inches

4 fish Jan. 1 – Feb. 28

4 fish Apr. 1 – Apr. 30

1 fish Jul. 17 – Nov. 15

6 fish Nov. 16 – Dec. 31

Black Sea Bass

12.5 inches

15 fish May 19 – Jun. 30

3 fish Jul. 1 – Aug. 31

15 fish Sept. 1 – Sept. 6

15 fish Oct. 18 – Dec. 31

What works in terms of bait and tackle?

(Source: http://www.nj.gov/dep/fgw/pdf/saltwater_fishing_guide.pdf)

Striped bass

The striped bass is the ultimate trophy for New Jersey surf fishermen. Many lures, including metal squid, plugs, spinners, spoon and jigs are used successfully, while shedder crab, clam, bloodworms, shrimp, mullet and live bunker, herring and eels are used for bait fishing.

Fluke (Summer Flounder)

The fluke is probably the most sought after fish by New Jersey's recreational anglers. Being a voracious species, the fluke prefers a moving bait. Killies, spearing, other small bait fish or squid strips are favorable baits.

Weakfish

Many weakfish are taken in our bays by chumming with live shrimp. Shedder crab, squid and spearing are also excellent baits, while bucktail jigs, shad darts and plugs are effective lures.

Black Drum

While black drums are most abundant in Delaware Bay, a few are caught in other coastal bays. This large, bottom species is usually taken with clams for bait in the vicinity of shellfish beds

Bluefish

Adult bluefish can be taken by trolling with various lures, chumming from a boat or surf casting with either cut baits or lures. Young bluefish, known as "snappers," are usually caught in the bays with bobbers and small hooks baited with spearing, although casting small lures, such as bucktails and spoons, also works well.

Kingfish

Bloodworms, squid, shrimp and shedder crabs are good bait, and should be fished on the bottom. Kingfish prefer sandy bottoms of the surf and coastal bays.

Tautog

Although rarely taken on lures, tautog take a variety of bait including green crabs, sand bugs, fiddler crabs, clams, mussels and bloodworms.

Black Sea Bass

Sea bass are bottom feeders taken on clam, squid, and fish strips. The best place to catch sea bass is on ocean wrecks and reef sites.

Main Fishing Rentals/Charters**Adventurer Deep Sea Fishing**

609-729-7777

504 West Rio Grande Avenue, Wildwood, NJ 08260

Daily six hour deep sea fishing trips from 10am-4pm. Charters and group rates for up to 70 persons. We provide rods, enclosed lounges, large sundeck and a fish cleaning service. Night trips also available every Saturday from 6pm-midnight.

Beach Runner Fishing Charters

609-827-2777

560 West Rio Grande Avenue, Wildwood, NJ 08260

Boat cruises and fishing – Credit cards accepted – Open year round

The BEACH RUNNER, a 32-foot RAMPAGE Sport fisherman will get you quickly to the fishing grounds. This 12 foot wide and stable fishing platform is powered by twin 300 horsepower diesel, with a cruising speed of 20 knots. Capt. John Beach, as well as Capt. Jeff, are both USCG Master Licensed Captains and have been fishing Cape May waters for over 30 years. Their specialties include inshore flounder/fluke, striped bass in the rips and drum in the Delaware Bay, as well as sea bass on inshore wrecks.

Canal Side Boats & Kayaks

609-522-7676

1710 Delaware Avenue, North Wildwood, NJ 08260

Boat rentals, Touring/sightseeing, Watersports, Fishing

Opens at 7 a.m. Specializing in crab and fishing boat rentals for over 60 continuous years. Recently we have expanded into one and two person kayak rentals. We also offer a full range of fishing supplies including live bait, ice and tackle. Live blue crabs are also sold onsite from our custom made live storage unit.

Captain Carlson Charters

609-522-0177

104 East Wisteria Road, Wildwood Crest, NJ 08260

Boat Cruises, Fishing, Touring/Sightseeing

Fins & Grins

(609) 522-2770

1051 West Rio Grande Avenue, Wildwood, NJ 08260

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Lakeview Docks

609-522-0471

7118 Park Boulevard, Wildwood Crest, NJ 08260

Watersports, Boat Rentals, Fishing

Jet-ski and boat rentals, kayak, crabbing and fishing on pier, fishing boats, and power boats. Jet ski prices are \$65 for single, \$70 for double, and \$75 for triple for a half hour. Fishing boats are \$65 for 3 hours and pier admission is \$6 for adults and \$4 for kids all day.

Mocean Waverunners

609-522-3159

560 West Rio Grande Avenue, Wildwood, NJ 08260

Watersports, Boat Rentals, Fishing – Handicapped Accessible and Credit Cards Accepted

Jet ski rentals, boat rentals, fishing, and bait & tackle shop. Voted "Best of Summer" and "Best of the Jersey Shore." FUN for all ages, NO riding in circles, largest riding area, top of the line equipment, professional instruction, plenty of free parking. Daily specials, call for details. Open May - October.

Starlight Fleet

609-729-7776

6200 Park Boulevard, Wildwood Crest, NJ 08260

Fishing, Touring/Sightseeing, Boat Cruises - Handicapped Accessible and Credit Cards Accepted

Star Fleet's Deep Sea Fishing & Dolphin-Whale Watching Center, serving southern New Jersey's Cape May, Wildwood and Wildwood Crest with first class deep sea fishing trips and exciting dolphin watching and whale watching tours, and our sunset dinner cruises around Cape May Island. South Jersey is one of the best places on earth to observe wild dolphins! The Starlight Fleet offers a great opportunity for students to explore our oceans, hands-on! Our curriculum based science-at-sea trips led by marine biologists and educators are ideal for school field trips. Starlight Fleet's Deep Sea Fishing and Dolphin-Whale Watching Center founded by Captain Jim Cicchitti, has over 35 years experience providing top quality deep sea fishing trips on the Starlight and Twilight boats. The Starlight Fleet has been offering South Jersey extraordinary dolphin and whale watching trips as well as the Sunset Buffet Dinner Cruise for 23 years. You can experience those tours on our 100 foot, air conditioned Atlantic Star.