

# Fishing Journal

Information For The Serious Angler

January 2010

## New Puget Sound Salmon Seasons

### Area 7:

**December 1-April 30**, Daily limit 2 salmon, Release wild chinook. See closures page 106.

**Area 8-1: November 1-April 30**, Daily limit two salmon, Release wild chinook. See Oak Harbor fishery page 109.

### Area 8-2:

**November 1-April 30**, Daily limit two salmon. Release wild chinook

### Area 9:

**January 16-April 15**, Daily limit two salmon, release wild chinook.

**Area 10: October 1 January 31**, Daily limit two salmon, release wild chinook. See closure page 114.

[Marine Areas, click here](#)

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Tom Nelson  
John Martinis is a  
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## ESSC Club Blackmouth Derby March 20, 2010

**Reserve your tickets now,  
only 100 tickets will be sold**

**If you want to reserve a ticket, send a \$100 check to John's Sporting Goods, 1913 Broadway, Everett, WA 98201. Make the check out to Everett Salmon & Steelhead Club. All ticket money is non-refundable.**

The ticket will get issued to the boat. Include your boat number when purchasing a ticket. The **1st place is \$3000.00, 2nd is \$1500.00, 3rd takes home \$500.00 and 4th will be \$250**, plus other merchandise prizes. The ticket will be \$100 per boat, up to four anglers can fish per boat on that one ticket. That makes each angler share of the ticket as little \$25 or as high as \$100.

### Salmon Seminar

The ticket will also give you admission to the **Salmon Seminar sponsored by John Martinis**. This is the first seminar that John has given in a decade. The seminar will be held at Bayside Marine on the Everett waterfront: <http://www.baysidemarine.com/>. **March 12, 7PM** will be the seminar date.

## Area 9 Opens January 16, 2010

After a brief closure, Marine Area 9 opens on January 16, 2010. This opener will be welcomed by most salmon anglers. When Area 9 was open in November, it provided some of the best winter chinook fishing that Puget Sound has seen in many years.

### The General rules will be:

Open January 16-April 15.  
Two salmon limit, release wild chinook. The minimum size on chinook is the standard 22”.

## Recognize these Salmon Fishing Holes?

By John Martinis

Have you ever been a part of a conversation about salmon fishing and have been at a loss when someone mentions an unfamiliar term for a particular fishing hole/place. I want to point out some of these areas so that the next time someone mentions the “salmon slammer hole”, you know exactly where it is.

I will start out in the Everett area and move out from there:

The most talked about salmon hole in the Everett area is “The Race Track”. How and where the bar that stretches between Hat and Camano Islands got this name, I have no idea. But that is where and what it is. [See chart click here](#)

# Just Fishing



This will bring back memories for any angler that is 70+ years old. This area is called “Jim and John’s”, or now is referred to as “Columbia Beach”. This is the area that is south of the Clinton ferry on Whidbey Island. The name “Jim and John’s” refers to a boat launch/bait house that was on the Whidbey Island shoreline many years ago. If you look closely, there are still remnants of the old tracks going down the beach.

[See chart click here](#)

Further south of Clinton and towards Possession Point on Whidbey Island is the “Bait Box Hole”. The bait box is still there. This name refers to the bait tank that is run by Possession Point Bait Company. [See chart click here](#)

This is one place that everyone is familiar with, “Humpy Hollow”. This is the area from Mukilteo to the Ship Wreck. The Ship Wreck is a real ship wreck that is on the beach a couple miles south of Mukilteo. [See chart click here](#)

Let’s talk about Possession Bar for a moment. The bar is broken up into to four main areas: The East Side of the Bar, The West Side of the Bar, the “Horseshoe Hole” and the “Tin Shed Drift”. The East and West side is self explanatory. The “Tin Shed Drift”, is the small area of Possession Bar that forms a pocket near the west side of the bar. Words cannot describe this adequately, so look at the chart I have provided. The “Horseshoe Hole” is much easier to describe because there is a landmark to go by. This is the deep area that is formed directly west and east of the Possession Point Buoy.

[See chart click here](#)

Pilot Point is on most nautical charts, but if you are looking for a distinctive Point of land, you will not find one. Pilot Point is about a mile south of Point no Point.

[See chart click here](#)

When I talk about salmon fishing at Double Bluff, I actually mean the area inside of Useless Bay.

[See chart click here](#)

Here is a Salmon area name only some of us know anymore, “The Wind Mill Hole”. This is Mutiny Bay. When I was a child this was “The” top rated Chinook fishing area in Puget Sound. There was no Wind Mill there when I was a child and there definitely is not one there today. [See chart click here](#)

Mid Channel Bank and Middle Bank often get confused with each other, Mid Channel Bank is at Port Townsend. Middle Bank is southwest of San Juan Island.

[See chart click here](#)

Let’s move over to Saratoga Passage which is between Whidbey Island and Camano Islands. Most of the areas are self explanatory: Elger Bay, Baby Island, Green Bank. A couple areas need some explaining. One area is called “Fox’s Spit”. The name Fox’s Spit has given way to the more proper name that appears on most nautical charts, “Rocky Point”. “Ole’s Hole” is another name that locals have pinned on one of their favorite salmon fishing holes. This area is the little Bay near North Bluff on Whidbey Island. [See chart click here](#)

## San Juan Islands

The San Juan Islands have so many

salmon holes, that it would take a large book to explain all the different salmon holes. So, let’s take a shot at the most popular spots that most anglers can easily reach.

Lopez Flats or Lopez Pass is the popular names given to the area that lies just to the east of Lopez Pass. This area runs from Bird Rocks to James Island.

[See chart click here](#)

Thatcher Pass is a very generic term that salmon anglers use to describe the fishing areas that are actually at the edges of Thatcher Pass. Take a look at the chart I have provided that show the main fishing area. When I am talking about Thatcher Pass, I am referencing the area that is close to Pointer Island.

[See chart click here](#)

Eagle Bluff and Eagle Point are often confused with each other. Eagle Bluff is actually “Eagle Cliff” and it is on the north end of Cypress Island. Eagle Point is on the west side of San Juan Island.

[See chart click here](#)

“Tide Point or Strawberry Bay/Tide Point” is on the west side of Cypress Island. The salmon fishing area is actually closer to Tide Point.

[See chart click here](#)

“Secret Harbor” is on the south side of Cypress Island. Trust me; no one fishes for salmon in Secret Harbor. The salmon fishing area is actually Deepwater Bay. See chart

“Indian Village” is one the west side of Guemes Island, when the locals fish this area they call it “Indian Village”. The salmon



fishing hole runs from the Indian Village and north to the northern tip of Guemes Island.

*See chart [click here](#)*

There many more salmon fishing areas throughout Puget Sound and the San Juan Islands that have local salmon fishing names attached to them. Some of the names are relics of the past and others come from the new crop of salmon anglers. I hope this column helps you be in touch when others are having a conversation about salmon fishing. By the way; Hat Island near Everett is actually Gedney Island. The real Hat Island is near Anacortes in the San Juan Islands.

## Parking

### New Parking Area at John's Sporting Goods

Parking at John's Sporting Goods can sometimes be a problem if you are parking out on Broadway.

You can park with your car, truck or truck and boat at the Thai Restaurant that is on corner near my store.

I pay for parking from the owners of the Thai Restaurant. So, ignore the no parking signs and feel free to park as long as you like.

### New Sign at John's Sporting Goods

If you are looking for John's Sporting Goods by my old sign that overhung the sidewalk. Look closer. The old sign is gone and a new sign has been installed that

runs parallel to the building. I hated to see the old sign go, but the old sign defied gravity for too many years. It was time for the old sign to go before mother nature removed it for me.

## Anacortes Salmon Derby

2010 Derby scheduled for the last weekend of March. Opening events Friday March 26th with fishing March 27 and 28.

Tickets to go on sale February 1st. Buy your tickets early (tickets sold out in just two weeks last year) Only *1,000 tickets* will be sold.

Tickets are \$50. They go on sale February 1. John's Sporting Goods will have the tickets as soon as they are available.

### Derby information

<http://www.anacortessalmonderby.com/>

## Puget Sound Crabbing closes January 2, 2010

### Test your Fishing Knowledge

By John Martinis

A Chinook caught in the Winter months is commonly called: A

A Coho is commonly called: B

A Humpy is commonly called: C

An up river bright is referred to as: D

Power Pro and Spider wire fishing line are made out of what material. E

The minimum size limit on Puget

Sound coho. F

Chinook that have white meat are from the Frazer River in Canada. G  
Sturgeon Fishing is closed during what months in the Puget Sound Rivers. H

Steelhead are what kind of trout. I

The cost to Launch a boat at the Port of Everett. J

What was old name of Bob Heirman Park on the Snohomish River. K

The last time the WDFW (formerly Wash. Dept. of Fish & Game) charged for steelhead catch record cards, what was the price. L

The Snohomish River has Pink salmon runs on Even or Odd numbered years. M

Rufas Woods Lake is behind which Dam. N

Opening day for many Western Washington Lakes. O

What was the original name of John's Sporting Goods. P

- A. Blackmouth
- B. Silver
- C. Pink Salmon
- D. Columbia River Chinook
- E. Spectra
- F. No size limit
- G. False, they are in many rivers
- H. Sturgeon is open the entire year
- I. Rainbow Trout
- J. \$5
- K. Thomas' Eddy
- L. \$18
- M. Pinks run every year in the Snohomish River
- N. Chief Joseph Dam
- O. Last Saturday in April
- P. Bob's Sporting Goods

## Happy New Year!



## U.S. COAST GUARD AUXILIARY BOATING EDUCATION COURSES

**The U. S. COAST GUARD AUXILIARY, Edmonds Flotilla, is offering two BOATING / NAVIGATION COURSES for students in North KING and South SNOHOMISH Counties.**

**BOATING SKILLS AND SEAMANSHIP** is a 12-lesson course, beginning February 11, 2010 for all boaters, covering boat selection, boat handling, safety and legal requirements, aids to navigation, navigation rules, introduction to piloting, lines and knots, marine weather, trailering, marine engines, marine radio, locks and dams.

The course cost, including text and study guide, is \$55 for one student and \$20 for the second in a family, if they can study together. The class will meet on Thursday nights from 7:00 - 9:30 PM at Chuck Olson Chevrolet, Shoreline, WA.

**WEEKEND NAVIGATOR** is a comprehensive program designed for both experienced and novice powerboat and sailboat operators. This 12 week class combines the fundamental principles and tools of navigation with the use of modern electronic equipment. Student will learn to use nautical charts, plotting tools, compass, depth sounders, VHF radio, autopilot, GPS handhelds, chart

plotters, radar, and computer navigation soft-and hardware. Practical exercises will include course plotting with dead reckoning, chart interpretation, understanding tides and currents, using way points with GPS, use of chart plotters, radar, and digital charts; underway planning and progress evaluation, navigation under adverse conditions, avoiding danger, and using weather instruments.

The textbook "The Weekend Navigator" by Bob Sweet and demonstration navigation software will be included in the \$95 fee, \$145 per couple. Classes will be held on Tuesdays from 7:00 - 9:30 PM, beginning February 9, 2010, at Chuck Olson Chevrolet, Shoreline, WA.

To ask questions and/or preregister, please email to [boatclasses@hotmail.com](mailto:boatclasses@hotmail.com) Those without email, contact **Mark Hawley - CG Auxiliary at 360-668-0196.**

## CCA Dinner Coastal Conservation Association Pacific Northwest

**It's time for the second annual North Snohomish CCA fund raising banquet brought to you by Bayside Marina.**

This year's banquet will be held on

February 13, 2010. At the Everett Event Center on 2000 Hewitt Ave Everett WA.

Come join us for an evening of fun games, live and silent auction, raffles, and a wonderful steak and chicken dinner served at your table at the Everett Events Center. 100% of the Proceeds generated from the event will be used to fund the state chapter of the CCA to help ensure our fish runs will continue for the future.

So please purchase your tickets today at one of the following stores. Hook Line and Sinker at Smokey Point, Johns Sporting goods in Everett, Greg's Custom Rods in Lake Stevens, or Bayside Marina at the Everett Boat Marina and home to our title sponsor. If you cannot make it to one of these locations you can **call Tom Elliott at 425- 220-6567** and pay with a credit card. Tickets can then be picked up at will call.

So come spend this valentine weekend evening with us and help us give back to the sport we all love.

*more info click on this CCA link:  
<http://ccapnw.org/washington>*

CCA Washington is a statewide nonprofit advocacy group for salmon, steelhead and other marine fish. Our goal is to shine a light on the plight of our precious marine resources, and to ensure both recovery and abundance for future generations.



# Tight Lines



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## Club News

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## Blackmouth Chinook Seminar

**Friday, March 12th** there will be a Blackmouth seminar held at Bayside Marine in Everett to learn the secrets before the derby. The seminar is being put on by **John Martinis of John's Sporting Goods** in Everett. He has guest speakers lined up to give you the inside scoop on where to fish and get an edge at winning one of the big prizes.

## Salmon Derby

**On March 20th will be our 3rd annual  
Everett Blackmouth Derby**

There will be only 100 tickets sold at \$100 per boat. Tickets will be on sale starting January 20th at John's Sporting Goods, Bayside Marine, Ted's Sports Center & Ed's Surplus. Interest is high so get your ticket before they sell out. The Club's Blackmouth derby is now part of the Northwest Derby series giving us the opportunity to make it bigger and better than previous years and offer some great prizes. **1st place is \$3000.00, 2nd is \$1500.00, 3rd takes home \$500.00 and 4th will be \$250,** plus some great sponsor prizes. Mark your calendar for March 20th!

Check out the Everett Blackmouth Derby website at: [www.everettblackmouthderby.com](http://www.everettblackmouthderby.com) for updates and more prizes that are

listed here.

Also, check out the Club's website at [www.esscwa.com](http://www.esscwa.com) to see what is happening with the club.

**January meeting date is the 17th at 6:30 pm, location is the Everett Firemen's Hall, 2411 Hewitt Ave., Everett.**

## Happy New Year!

2009 was a great year for the Everett Steelhead and Salmon Club! The several events we sponsored or helped support were all a great success.

The kid events were especially rewarding and we encourage members to share the enjoyment of helping these youngsters this coming year if you never have. You'll soon realize what you've been missing.

The 2009 Coho Derby was amazing thanks to the hard work of club volunteers, our wonderful sponsors and Bayside Marine who graciously shared their space with us. The fishing was outstanding which really made it exciting for the participants and the volunteers.

Our general meetings were entertaining and informative with talented guest speakers that taught us several new things about local fishing opportunities. Monthly raffles offered many great prizes including rods, reels, tackle and guided trips.

The Club will be planning more group events this coming year and we love to see them continue to

grow. Port Townsend was a blast, the Club trout derbies and Langus Park picnic and fish-in were fun too.

During our December general meeting we held our annual Christmas party and elections for the Board. With our dinner being a potluck there was plenty of food for everyone who attended. Special thanks goes out to Dave Miller who supplied the turkey, ham and roast beef, which was donated to the club. There was our gift exchange for all who brought a gift, and Ted Measor donated two very nice salmon rods for a raffle and auction. The raffle winner had their choice of rod with the other being auctioned off. Total money raised was \$300, which will be donated to a local senior center. The food from our Food Drive will be donated to the Everett Gospel Mission. Our thanks to Ted and Woody Woods for putting together the auction & raffle to raise money for a great cause.

Our elections came up with a complete new line up for the 2010 executive board. In at President will be Dave Miller, Vice-President will be Kelli Mack, and for Treasurer/Secretary will be Peter Hatch. We all look forward to them continuing moving the club forward with new idea's and expanding what we have now. Along these lines Dave will be promoting a membership drive geared toward our Pizza feed in February. Bring into the club a new member and receive an ESSC t-shirt; bring in 2 new members receive a t-shirt and your 2010 dues paid for. For each additional new member above 2 that you bring in, you will be entered into a drawing for a guided float trip for two.

**Staying tied to our membership**

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1913 Broadway  
Everett, WA 98201**

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**Scotty Downrigger  
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\$39.95**

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