

# Casting Around



photo - Chris Gorsuch

## Pennsylvania Rivers

During the 1980s, seeing a jet-driven outboard on our rivers was unique. Back then, jet drives were modified lower units—major manufacturers didn't make production-model jet-drive engines until the 1990s. To protect their props and lower units, river anglers most often caged their props. Today, of course, jet-driven outboards are common sights on our waterways.

During the last 20 years, we anglers and boaters have learned much about jet-drive outboard and boat selection, maintenance, repair and performance. *PA Angler & Boater* is lucky to have Chris Gorsuch, an expert on jet-driven rigs, contribute, and his latest article, on how to choose a jet boat, begins on page 12.

A jet-driven boat is the perfect craft for working the waters of the Juniata River, and author Vic Attardo explains how to do that through the Commission's own expert, Warmwater Unit Leader Bob Lorantas. Lorantas also appears on this issue's cover. Attardo's article begins on page 7.

For more river fun, regular contributor Mike Bleech talks about the Clarion, beginning on page 47. Pennsylvania rivers, including the Clarion, are loaded with catfish, walleyes, muskies, trout and smallmouth bass.

If a successful day on a river for you includes keeping some of your catch, check out Carl Haensel's article "Care of the Catch," beginning on page 51. Haensel provides step-by-step instructions with photographs on how to dress and fillet your catch.

Those who break the laws on our waterways and who do not pay fines or respond to citations are served with arrest warrants by waterways conservation officers. District judges issue arrest warrants. For special insight into how waterways conservation officers serve warrants, see WCO Dave Kaneski's "WCO Diary" column, on page 16. Special thanks go to the 16th WCO Cadet Class for providing photographs, and to District Justice Gregory D. Johnson for assisting in the cadet training and appearing in the photographs.

If you'd like more information on articles that appear in *PA Angler & Boater*, read the "Web Resources for this Issue" item, on page 59. We'll include a web resources section in each issue.—*Art Michaels, Editor.*