

Casting Around



photo-Russ Gettig

Opportunities

May and June offer special opportunities for anglers and boaters, and in this issue we remind anglers and boaters of some of those chances.

This year, **May 29 and June 5 are Pennsylvania's Fish-for-Free days.** On those days the fishing license requirement (and only the fishing license requirement) is waived. Fish-for-Free days provide a unique chance to introduce a friend, relative, neighbor or business associate to fishing. For details on how to take advantage of this opportunity, **see page 21.**

On page 22, Linda Steiner explains the function of Pennsylvania's four largest conservancies and land trusts, and how anglers and boaters benefit from their work. After reading this article you'll see that opportunities abound for becoming involved in conservation efforts and making a difference in the conservation of Pennsylvania's lands and waters.

On page 27, we present the results of the 2003 PFBC Photography Contest. The contest included 168 entries in five categories. A group of five judges chose three winners and one honorable-mention winner in each category. Enjoy viewing the results! The opportunity? Please **check page 31** to review the 2004 contest rules and entry form, and be sure to enter this year's contest. Some recognition and sharing your photographs with *PA&B* readers could be in your future. The entry deadline is December 31, 2004.

On page 50, "2003 Pennsylvania Boating Fatalities," by Commission Boating Safety Education Manager Dan Martin, is a stark reminder of the opportunity—no, the necessity—to make safety aboard our boats the priority. As the theme of **National Safe Boating Week (May 22 through May 28)** states, "Boat Smart. Boat Safe. Wear It!" Wearing a life jacket when aboard a boat is one safety measure we can all live with.

Near the end of each issue is our "Cast & Caught" (C&C) page (**see page 63**). C&C offers opportunities to share with the Commission and with other readers the results of your angling prowess and success. —*Art Michaels, Editor.*



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THIS MONTH IN PFBC HISTORY

- 1878.** An act of June 3 banned fishing on Sunday. This act was reversed in 1937.
- 1879.** On June 11, the state legislature authorized the Fishery Commissioners to build fishways or ladders for the passage of migratory or anadromous fishes in the state's public streams.
- 1909.** An act of May 1 "forbids the running of any refuse into a stream which [is] deleterious to fish or fish life." The new law gave the Department of Fisheries similar enforcement power to that of the Department of Health in "keeping water pure."

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