

## 2007 SEMINAR TESTIMONIALS


*Along with two friends I attended your recent Atlantic City Seminar. We have fished the canyons about 8 or so times a year for the last 6 years and hoped to learn some things to help improve our catch rate.*

*Our experience was well beyond our expectations. Between the extremely informative breakout sessions and the interactive general sessions we picked up a lot that can only help. Everyone on the Canyon Runner staff and the other presenters were great. We are all anxiously waiting for the season to arrive and will get through the winter by checking all the tackle and safety gear on the boat and updating anything that is not 100%.*

*Thanks for sharing your extensive experience with everyone. It is a big ocean with plenty of fish for everyone. Now we just have to figure out how to get more time during the week and avoid the weekends per your last and, as you mentioned, most important tip.*

*Thanks and we look forward to sharing some success stories with you when we get out there. Unless something drastically changes we will look forward to attending the 2008 seminar too. It is clear that there is plenty to learn.*

*Don*

*A must attend for even the most experienced offshore angler, fishing in the canyons for the better part of 18 yrs, I picked up a couple things that I am sure will help full the cooler. You tend to get in certian habits and ways of doing things, but hearing different ideas and theorsys from individuals that are on the water far more than myself, Im sure attending the seminar will prove to be helpful in the upcoming season. As for attending with your boss I can hear it now " the canyon runner guys said this" "the canyon runner guys said that"...LOL.....should make for some interesting discussions 70 miles offshore. hehehe *

*Great show boys! Had a great time. It was awesome to here the opinions and ideas of the guys that do it every day. We learned alot and can't wait to put it to use! We are looking forward to a safe and productive 2007 season. May the coolers be filled!*

*Thanks again.*

*Agree with all the above. Very well done.*

*I was not sure what to expect but it was way better than I thought it would be. They are a well oiled group.*

*The best part is that they really stress keeping things simple. For the amount of experience among that group they were also pretty humble. That is to say, no smart ass remarks when people asked basic questions.*

*I know people scoffed at paying to hear a fishing discussion, and I sort of agreed, but I would be very surprised to hear that any recreational guys didnt learn a ton from them.*

*Brought the entire crew and we all agreed that Adam and crew set the bar in terms of having a plan and sticking to it.*

*I'm really glad that we all went to the seminar we had a great time and learned so much. Thanks to all the Canyon Runner crew, you are all awsome guys and full of really*

*awsome info that I can't wait to use so thanks again and I'll see you on the edge!! Andy give me call and we'll drink some beers this weekend.*

*I thought the seminar was really informative, I took away a lot personally. I have just been getting into this type of fishing the past year as all my experience has been for stripers and blues so I can't say that there was anything I felt was a waste of time.*

*Otherwise I think the format worked well, the morning and afternoon group discussion broken up by all the breakout sessions. Lastly, good work in keeping such a tight schedule, I think keeping to the agenda gave it a very organized feel.*

*Thanks and have a good winter,  
Scott*

*AMEN!! As many know I a just a kid that grew up fishing with his pop. It is nice to know that this organization started like that too. I have been fishing offshore since about 15, am now 36. I learned a ton of new ideas to apply to the 07 season from these seminars. Having been fishing since a very little tike I know that good guys that share honest info is extremely rare. Many will send you on a gas burning goose chase with a smile... I feel these guys are straight up, no BS there. It was great to see a family run organization with a really great bunch of guys!*

*I Attended the seminar with my buddy Bear13 on sat. Boat loads of info. (pardon the pun) It was nice to put faces with names to some of the barners i met. I have no clue why i learn more at fishing seminars than i do at the work seminars that i attend. 😊( I guess that has to do with that fact that i like fishing) 🍷 Everything was great, from the pace of the day to the knowledge of all the capt. and their willingness to let use pick there brains for 8 hours to some unbelievable door prices. On a couple of occasions in the chucking break-out I remember looking at Bear with a surprise look and saying "no \$h\_\_"!!*

*Congrats to Canyon Runner and their Capt. great job. This is one satisfied customer. 🍷*

*Also, Bear Thank you. you the man Bro.*

*Rob*

*I took Big Ack and we absorbed everything we could like sponges. Even had to buy a couple of the legendary Canyon runner spreader bars... These will be incorporated with our Larr bars in the spread. In addition to the 10 dozen greenies we ordered... 🍷(I got some fishing to do)*

*Great seminar Canyon Runner fishing team, your willingness to share the info is unprecidentated at your level. I thank you for your time and information.*

*A bunch of humble good guys that catch fish consistently...*

*I would have loved to win that Penn 16VSX that you gave away or the 2G gift cert for CR tackle..... LOL*

*I think the winter got longer yesterday!*

*Thanks!!!!*

*Canyon Runner Seminar 2007 Atlantic city*

*First off I would like to say after being apart of the first one then missing one year due to working down south last winter is wow wow wow! Congratulations to the owners and staff of this operation. Every person was walking around with smiles , every person I spoke to said they had learned a lot of new things and got refreshed on things they were unsure of.*

*We worked a booth in the sponsor area and meet hundreds of new potential members to the site. We hope to see people show up and say hello over the next week as we get them added into the system. The sponsors of the show were there in full force and we look forward to being at all the future Canyon Runner Shows.*

*If your not signed up one of the following done wait till its sold out get your ticket now as you will not be upset!*

*C R Team;*

*Mid Jan., great weather, interesting topics, had a great day. My partner and I have been fishing for 50 years and really enjoy all types of fishing. We fish offshore, 8 to 12 times a year and still there are techniques and ideas you can pick up to improve your catch.*

*Down to earth, good proven techniques, no claim that their way is the best or the only way, just their way and what results they get from it. I really like when a guy shares his numbers and the techniques that gave him those numbers..*

*It is true what everyone has said about the seminar. I was truly humbled by the experiance, techniques, and overall professionalism of the canyonrunner crew. What topped it off was that I won a \$1200 swordfishing trip in Miami, FL!! I will def. be going back next spring to see another one of their seminars!!*

*Big Mark, Adam, Mark, Brad, Phil and all of the CR Team that I did not get to meet, great job and thanks for setting it all up. ..I hope to chat with you guys during the year and maybe I can return some info, that will help you all*

*I agree, money well spent. I was a bit skeptical , thinking this would be a showcase and push of their products. Nothing could be further from the truth. They were very forthcoming with info , and I was able to learn quite a bit about reading temp breaks , and the hollow core spectra ( which my smaller tiagras will all be filled with )*

*On an even better note , my buddy Ron won the \$2K worth of free Canyon Runner tackle. ( Way to go Ronnie , and a big thanks to Adam from him ! ) Im starting to think having him on the Regulator with me may not be such a bad idea. Great show guys , Thanks*

*Adam,*

*didn't make it last year so this was today was the first time since i saw the first one. tremendous, especially in organization. everything from 15 minutes between breakout sessions to the water in the back were nice touches that made a big difference to someone with a pesky cough. the abbreviated info then question driven content outside the breakout sessions was a plus, i think all seminars should be done this way...*

*dennis braid's session was great.. was clear in the physics of the battle, and clearly demonstrated why the right way was better. i've only been in an extended battle with a big fish twice: once on the big sword my dad and foughtand the other was on the big mako. it's obvious that you should set the harness up before hand, but for some reason in both cases we didn't have a second setup. dennis clearly demonstrated the advantages to setting it up before hand and my legs and back at the time would have thanked me had i done it.*

*congrats on another great seminar.*

*ADAM , JUST A QUICK PAT ON THE BACK , AS EXPECTED THE CANYON RUNNER DID A SUPER JOB AGAIN AT THE SEMINAR THIS WEEKEND IN ATLANTIC CITY, I KNOW THAT A LOT OF TIMES THINGS GO UNNOTICED FOR THE CREW BUT I JUST HAD TO WRITE AND SAY GREAT JOB TO THE CANYON RUNNER TEAM*

*JOHN*

*Really enjoyed Dennis Braid & Len Belcaro , two guys who really know their business and are clearly passionate about fishing. . My head was spinning after Basil Pappas, he was great but I think I will buy pre- made wind on's if I decide to use them.*

*I was concerned about being bored after attending last year but you did a great job of adding new subjects with great speakers. The Sheraton was a great place to hold the event, better flow from room to room.*

*My only recommendation would be to use some more video in the presentations i.e.:  
Leadering a fish, working a butterfly jig rod, more shots of sonar or GPS wile working the edge. Having said that maybe next year a class could should be Mastering your Electronics to catch more fish, put on by Raymarine or Furuno.*

*Michael*

*hey adam*

*great time yesturday at the seminar. i can't thank you guys enough for the raffel prize i won. the penn 16vsx with the penn rod. i'm going to send my reel to basil so he can set it up for me. thanks again for the door prize.. chris*

*Adam - Great seminar. Please pass my congratulations and thanks to Phil and Mark.  
John*

*Hi,  
Thanks for the great seminar in A.C. - I learned a few valuable tips that I can use on the private boat that I Captain out of Ocean City, N.J. You did a great job of keeping to the schedule!  
Regards,  
John*

*we had a great weekend at your seminar in atlantic city. we traveled down from north jersey for the seminar and a night at the tropicana. the information you guys handed out in packets and presented in your breakouts and group settings were phenomenal. we considered ourselves fairly experienced fisherman and didn't think we had so much to*

*learn. one of the first things i remember hearing was that you only fished during the week. we are going to stick to weekday fishing from now on.*

*i only touched on a few key things we took away from the seminar but there was so much more we learned. guys i really want to thank you for sharing your knowledge and tips that you have gathered over years of fishing, its priceless. you now have me itching to get out there and this winter is going to feel like a millennium. you will prob have a high volume of emails so don't worry if you cant get back to me. thank you so much and i look forward to seeing you on the water and next year at the seminar.*

*i will also be loading up with your tackle soon.*

*Jeff*

*Adam,*

*We really enjoyed your Canyon Runners seminar in AC this past weekend. The Sheraton hotel seems to be a better venue than the Trump. The addition of water temp analysis with Len was terrific. What a wealth of information he has! (Wish I could have stayed with him all day.) The Braid standup segment was excellent too. All the other breakouts that I attended were very good as well. I did miss the Penn Reels segment that you had last year. Hopefully you will be able to bring that back again next year. Overall, a great day. Keep up the great work!*

*Wishing you success throughout the year.*

*Sincerely,*

*Ted*

*P.S. This past season we used your Canyon Runner spreader bars and did quite well with the bluefin tuna. The combo of your technique with the same type of spreader bars seems to be the trick.*

*Hey Guys:*

*An excellent seminar, well organized and rich in content. Great Job, I cannot wait to begin fishing in June.*

*The seminar was well worth the price of the admission. Thanks, Sal*

*Adam, great to meet you at the seminar. My brother and friends found the seminar very informative. Our only problem is that we have to wait until spring to try some of the techniques out. Bought a few things, so we're looking to give it a try.*

*Nothing to really complain about: well run, organized and informative. One of your guys made my son's day- he told him that he had the best ballyhoo rig of the day- which made my 2 hour ride home seem awfully long, hearing it over and over.*

*Hey guys, I attended the seminar in AC. over the weekend and you did an excellant job.*

*Let me say that we had a great time at the Atlantic City Seminar. Dennis Braid's breakout session was fantastic.*

*Adam, Capt Mark, - great to meet you guys at the seminar. I echo what everyone else has said about this...definitely worth every cent of admission. Plus winning two CR spreadbars made it that much more worth it! These will definitely be put to good use in the upcoming season.*

*Tight lines,  
Dave*

*Adam, Mark,*

*Great show. Good to see your Dad and Phil again. Picked up alot of info. The one that got me thinking was using the transom crease to get chunks down when the current is screaming from the nose.*

*I liked Mark's comment on immediately establishing the current direction (high flyer to ball) when trolling. I think tuna and bait like to have their nose into the current same as their inshore and freshwater relatives. When I mark fish, I always make sure they get to see a pass with the baits heading into the current...*

*Rob*

*yeah my father and i went to the seminar...it was great....*

*It's all been said, but I'll say it again.....great day, and worth every cent of the registration fee. Even with some of the pictures some of you have posted here it was hard to pick you out of the large crowd that attended. Between my buddies and I we hit all the breakout sessions, and learned something at each one. Very well run seminar.*

*Awesome seminar tons of info for a beginner like me thanks alot CR crew. Special thanks to Capt. Mark and Eddie for the personal lessons, Maybe Ill get to stick one someday...*

*Kelly and I had a blast!!! The Canyon Runner crew are all first class gentlemen, willing to share their experinces. This is a must do seminar for us off shore adicks.*

*The day flew by so fast we did not get a chance to meet any Barn members, we will try harder next year.  
This seminar is a great way to brake up the winter and get us ready for the spring (cant wait for spring).*

*Great info. These guys are great, I just emailed them this afternoon for a resource I forgot to write down and Adam responded in a few hours. I will go again next year.*

*i went with my pop and was very pleased with the whole program. i wish i could have met some of the people on this site there. it is nice to have friends offshore. i now have about 3 month of bathroom reading material though.*

*I also thought it was a great seminar. I did learn more. Dave*

*it was a great seminari learned a ton, the guys were too helpful, and i'll be going to next years too.*



*The seminar was definitely worth the price and trip to Newport. The entire Canyon Runner crew are top notch and put on a great event. I'd love to get out and fish with those guys one of these days.*

*I couldn't believe the quantity and quality of the door prizes. Unfortunately, no winners in our group.*

*Can't wait to try out our new spreader bars and rig some hoo's.*

*My door prize ticket was off by 1!!!!!!!*

*I was 600707 and they called 600708 for a NICE prize! 🍷🍷🍷🍷🍷🍷*

*They were giving away survival suits, Penn Intl Rod&Reel combos, bags and bags of gear worth over \$120+, free charters, and the grand prize of \$2,000 worth of Canyon Runner Tackle!!!!!! WOW!!!!!!*

*It definitely was a top notch seminar...the people, the seminars, the gear, etc.....*

*What a great time. I think if anyone has not gone they need to go. Even if your like canyon runner and fish every day you will learn something. I cant wait to put what I learned to use.*

*It was a great show as usual. These guys pull out all the stops to make sure you not only hear things nobody else bothers to tell you, but they take the time to make sure you understand them as well. But it's not dogmatic, they make the point over and over that they do things a certain way because they are a production charter operation, running back to back charters with only 90 minutes at the dock in between trips. It's not small boat fishing by any stretch, but everything can be adopted to a small boat operation.*

*Had a great time again this year. Harrison did miss the first two hours, but finally showed up (we spent the night in newport, so letting him sleep and pumping him full of drugs did the ticket).*

*We went to the temp analysis breakout, one on topshots, wind-ons, and using spectra hollow core (my favorite breakout), the chunking session and the hoo rigging for tuna.*

*Once again, we won nothing. I'm jinxed, never having a single raffle, bucket drawing, or any kind of door prize. 🙄*

*I too had a great time at the seminar! It wont be long until we start fishing instead of wishing!*

*Tim*

*That seminar is absolutely the best. Even if you don't remember everything (impossible) they give you printed material that covers most of the seminar and then some. Add in the*

*three year Canyon Runner logbook, pages of other material, great prizes and the opportunity to purchase some of their equipment at reduced pricing and it just cannot be beat. And after a night in Newport my wife says that I can go again next year. Life is good.*

*We also bought a ton of stuff while we were there. Mostly parts to make our own spreader bars. CannonRunner is so informative that they will e-mail you the dimensions of their bars. Looked into the charter that I won and it looks like it is going to be great!! Talked to the captain and I don't have to wait till 08 to use it! Here is the site [www.liquidgoldcharters.com](http://www.liquidgoldcharters.com).*

*Your seminar is awesome. I have gone the last two years and have gotten my friends to go too. Teaching them is less work for me in the pit. What was the head count at the AC show. 🇺🇸*

*Dr.Mike*

*Went to the Atlantic City show and everything was awesome. The Canyon Runner crew did a great job and there is not a single piece of advice they will not share with you. Just wanted to say thanks again guys and look forward to putting all the great tips to work.*

*Just wanted to thank the Canyon Runner guys - that was a great show. I think everyone there picked up some good info. Well done!*

*Was also nice to meet you guys...Poon, Kevin, Admin*

*Great show, it seemed like it the day flew by. Was nice to meet poonman and kevin, also met chumtini. Sorry I didnt get a chance to say hello to admin, I was looking for the Penn and Teller looking guy.*

*So Admin, you missed a great session! I've been to few of these things put on by some of the "nationally known" fishing gurus (ofcourse not including you Box)and let me tell you compared to the Canyon Runner seminar, THEY SUCK! The crowd was not so big where you could get a chance to talk in the group or one on one with the presenter, you had a choice of what topic interested you the most, the vendors were excellent and the door prizes were OUTSTANDING! Yes the subject matter is regionalized somewhat but that is what I was looking for. Friendly and responsive. Not the I'm giving the presentation so I am the end all to the topic attitude. If all the south Jersey guys are like the Canyon Runner crew than there are some great fisherman up there and I'm more than happy to be sharing the same ocean with them!*

*THANKS CANYON RUNNER! You missed a good one admin. 😊*

*Thought it was great really enjoyed it. Learned alot of new tricks.*

*My wife Captain Diana and I attended the very best seminar about offshore fishing we have ever been too. Met some great folks from the Mid-Atlantic region that we have talked to before via telephone or e-mail but never had the opportunity to meet in person. Really enjoyed the Billfish break out seminar on how to rig ballyhoo with circle hooks. All of the breakout sessions were excellent with great information. Had a great time and highly recommend attending one of these Canyon Runner seminar's in the future.*

*I also was impressed by the way things were organized and run on a time line that they stuck to and trying to absorb as much info as I could in just an eight hour time frame that is hard to do. I would like to thank all of the guys from Canyon Runner for being genuinely nice people that want to help others in the world of offshore fishing. I will also attend your seminar next year if you decide to have one in Annapolis.*

*Adam,  
Loved rigging the BallyHoo!!!  
Free Tip for anyone else who goes next year... attend this break out session AFTER lunch as it is hands on....I feel bad for the couple holding their wedding reception in that room this Saturday!  
Tim*

*For anyone who has not attended one of these and you are sitting on the fence about it,..... JUST DO IT. You will come away with a lot more than you went there with.*

*Have to put in my 2 cents here...this is a one of a kind seminar put on by THE most knowledgeable Canyon Fisherman I know of. You will gain a ton of knowledge from them.*

*For anyone on the fence, I went on Saturday, great way to spend a day and learn some of the tricks others use. The crew is a true cast of characters. Best thing about these guys is that they know they don't have the magic recipe. They do what works for them, they listen to ideas/innovations and can adapt. They never once say that what someone else does is wrong or can't work, just that what they do does. When they say hands on and that every question is answered, it is the truth, only way you don't get your ? answered is not to ask. I picked up at least 10-12 tips that I'll be adding to the repertoire this season. Well done guys. Also, the outside contributors ie Dennis Braid, Capt Len Belcaro, etc. great additions.*

*Thanks guys!*

*Neal*

*Thank you canyon runner.*

*I had a great time and learned some very valuable material I probably can't learn*

anywhere else.

Thank you.👍

Oh yeah and the packets they gave out were loaded with every little thing they talked about.👍 Excellent tips and tactics!👍

Thanks for a great day guys! I learned a ton and can't wait for the 2007 season! It was worth not going out with Mike, George, and everyone after the Bash to go catch a few hours sleep and not miss anything Saturday. Thanks again!

Scott

### *Canyon Runner Seminar outstanding*

*I just got back from the CANYON RUNNER TUNA & MARLIN SEMINAR out on Long Island NY. Their shows get better and better every year. Most of you guys on this site are lucky because there will be a show in Newport RI on April 14. This years show has/had 3 outstanding guest speakers DENNIS BRAID from Braid Tackle, CAPT LEN BELCARO President and senior editor of Big Game Fishing Journal and BASIL PAPPAS from Wind-Ons by Basil and BHP Tackle.*

*Each one of them had their own 45 min breakout sessions with 15 min between sessions to ask them what ever question you may have. Dennis's was about stand up fishing. outstanding you will learn some really good tricks on fighting large fish. Capt Len's was on water temp analysis. Brilliant he will teach you about warm eddy and were to fish them (you can ask him about chlorophyll charts). Basil Pappas was on making top shots and rigging Spectra. Incredible he makes splicing lines so easy. Just that was worth the price of the show.*

*They also had their own sessions on how to make spreader bars, how rig ballyhoo for Tuna and Marlin and rigging chunking gear like a professional mate. All the way they do it on the Canyon Runner.*

*They had a slide show from preparing your boat all the way to preparing the fish you catch. With the whole crew on stage answering and question you may have about trolling, chunking, baits, anything you can think of to ask them. Any one who is going I would think of questions to ask them and write it down and bring it with you. Because there is so much useful information you will be receiving you may forget your question. They also gave a way \$9000.00 in door prizes. So alot of guys left with way more then the cost of their ticket.*

*One of the best thing about the show is that you will receive the whole slide show and 3 years of the log books loaded with great information.*

*Everyone from the Canyon Runner and their guests are walking around before the show after it and in between to ask them any questions you have.*

*I asked Adam from the Canyon Runner about how many tickets he had left for the Newport Show (Mainly because I wanted to go to it). He told me there going fast and not to many left. Plus because of the bad weather the day of this show he will honor the tickets from the guys who couldn't make the NY show at the RI show.*

*I would suggest that every one who reads this get a ticket and go to the seminar. You will learn things that will make you a better offshore fisherman. (Even if you already know*

*everything their is to know about offshore fishing)*

*I will be there and would like to meet all the guys on this site. Maybe we could set up a meeting time or place at the show.*

*Capt Kevin*

*Adam,*

*You and the guys did a great job on Saturday and I am really glad I had the chance to attend this year. I almost felt as if I was going out to the deep with a blindfold on after being educated by you and your crew.*

*I wish you and your crew a safe and productive season.*

*Capt. Joe Balzamo*

*I just attended a Canyon Runner seminar in CT run by Adam and his crew. They did a fantastic job. I wish I had April 14th free because I would be there in a NY minute.*

*Hey Adam.*

*Excellent seminar. Your crew is top notch. Learned a lot. I'm planing on making a few canyon trips this year when I get my boat. I picked up as much information and tackle as I could. Long way to go. But the seminar gave me some confidence . I would like to go out with you guys when you have open charters to get some experience. Let me know when you have an opening for a single. Thanks*

*Good Seminar definately came away with some topshelf information. As well as some nice spreader bars. Looking forward to the 2008 seminar.*

*Jeff*

*Thanks for a great seminar Adam! The addition of Dennis Braid, Basil Pappas, and the breakout session with Len definitely made the seminar. I have used OSS for a while, but it was great to hear Len talk about what he has learned over the years. They are all truly first class guys.*

*For those of you who missed the seminar you missed a great time. As always Adam, Mark and the crew did a great job. This was my second year at the seminar, (first year I went alone and won nothing)This year I bought my wife (for some buy in when she asks why am I spending so much on fishing gear). My wife has the luck of the Irish, we were the proud recipients of an immersion suit won from Viking and a bag full of lures by sevenstrand, Momio line, and goodies from Adams group. Not to mention it was fun watching my wife rig ballyhoo.*

*All of the break out sessions were great, there was seven total but you could only attend four. I wish I could have made another two seminars.*

*I have to give a special mention to Mark D who always gives great information, explains items in simple but detailed fashion, and always makes you feel comfortable.*

*I have to also give special mention to Basil Poppas from BHP tackle. Basil conducted a breakout session and I have to tell you; people were so interested they were standing on chairs to see his techniques. The room was packed. Last year when I was having trouble*

*inserting mono line into hollow core spectra, Basil invited me to his shop, showed me the technique and did not let me leave until I knew what I was doing. You just do not receive that type of attention from people that do not care, he loves what he does and he loves to share his knowledge and passion for fishing.*

*In closing the wife and I used this as a little get away, spending the night at the hotel; had a great dinner, and although the weather was bad we arrived early the day before so the weather for us was not a factor.*

*Food for thought for the canyon runner guys, but maybe the canyon runner group can receive special pricing on a hotel room for the night and pass the savings along to participants.*

*Thanks again the wife and I had a great time.*

*bignick1*

*Happened yesterday. Had to be about 300 people in attendance. Chris G. & Kevin G. were there representing Offshore Innovations. Any other FFSW guys there ? It was very well done, a full day of information, question and answer, breakout sessions to choose from, hands on ballyhoo rigging, etc. Basil Pappas was there demonstrating how to make spliced loops and topshots with hollow-core spectra in one breakout session. Len Belcaro did a session on temp charts. They did a white marlin session and demonstrated how to rig a circle hook swimming ballyhoo rig that you can troll or drop back. They raffled off tons of gear, had lots of eye candy for sale, and provided tons of reading material including a copy of their 2006 logbook from their 2 boats. Now I'm all fired up to fish. Is it June yet ?*

*i was there yesterday and it was a decent take. Dennis Braid was really interesting to talk to and Basil's seminar was the nuts! It was a good take for a day. They are one hell of a boat.*

*Second year I've been and it was a great day.  
I'm so fired up now also!!  
My favorite was Len Becaro on the water temps.  
And Basil was a magician with the hollow core.  
Seen alot of familiar faces, missed the Viking tho 😞  
Too bad we didn't all hook up for a few.*

*I was at the show too. I agree, it was a very good show. With the amount of trips they put in every year to the canyons, there experiences are invaluable. As the GBFT game has mostly ended, I find myself looking to do more and more canyon fishing. I took alot more away from the show then I expected to. And I did get lucky enough to win 2 spreader bars. I wish I could have gone to every breakout session.*

*GREAT job Team Canyon Runner!*

*I really enjoyed the Newport seminar.*

*Not everyone can fish, rig, teach, lecture, speak 😊, think on the spot, be funny.....but everyone from Team Canyon Runner can and can do it all very well. Great depth to these guys at all levels.*

*I was impressed.*

*Thanks for all the great info and the good time.*

*Thanks Adam. Enjoyed the seminar in AC very much. You are quality guys and am looking forward to doing more business with you in the future. John Giova*

*You guys run a first class operation and are true professionals. I was also at your seminar in Atlantic City and loved it. I will back next year!*

*You guys had a great swordfishing article in Big Game last year I think. Is there anyway you could send me a link to it? It's been a longggggwinter!! Thank you, Mike*

*By the way my father enjoyed the seminar a lot. And you know what he said? He enjoyed the fact that you guys are "young, smart and enterprising!" We have been fishing our whole lives (he's in his 60's and im 36) and he was a school teacher and coach for 32years. Its nice to see a change in the sport away from drunken, belligerent, simple, old guys. I thought you might like to hear that. I thought it was cool.*

*Take care,  
Ron*

*Adam, Hi,*

*I really want to thank you for all your time and knowledge. We really appreciate all your assistance!!!! I'm so looking forward to our 2007 season. It will be a much better experience then last year, due to all your help.*

*If you would like me to write a testimonial for your website, I will gladly do so.*

*Thanx again,  
--gregp*

*Adam,*

*Wanted to thank you for the professional presentation yesterday that was well attended and enjoyed by everyone I spoke with after the seminar. We hope the Canyon Runner team will find its way back to Annapolis on a regular basis.*

*One of the proposed break out sessions would be to walk people through the entire sequence from hooking up a large fish (100 lb. tuna or bigger) to the icing down. By this I mean the relationship and roles of the angler, mate, leaderman and gaffer(s) and how they have to work together to get that fish in the back of the boat. When the fish is in the boat....what next? Bleeding, ice pick/knife in the head, use of billy-bats, etc. Gaffing is a mystery to some people....where to gaff the fish, how to hold the gaff, when you want more than one gaff, hand gaffs, tail ropes, flying gaffs (when and how to use). Cockpit strategies to deal with a fish after hooking up. Who runs the show?*

*For us guys who are about to go offshore for our first season of ocean fishing, this kind of detailed overview would help us with equipment decisions, crew briefings, practice and preparation for that first trial by fire. Helping captains increase catch ratios is the most helpful thing you guys can bring to the party and most people lose fish because they don't get the back of the boat routine right....even experienced anglers. I know..we lost a 300 lb. Allison Yellowfin in the White Marlin Open a year ago because of bad practices in the cockpit that began with a refusal by the mate to agree to a strategy for boating a fish we had been fighting for 90 minutes . Over the next two hours, nothing was settled as to what we were going to do with the fish. Nobody had a role, people were not walked through the gaffing and recovery phases...we actually had 3 people with hands holding the fish alongside as the gaffer(mate) tried to push the gaff down over the shoulder of the leaderman and hit the top of the gaff on the superstructure, causing the head of the gaff to pass across the leader between the leaderman's hand and mouth of the fish. CUT the LEADER and the fish slipped away slowly because the 3 guys could not hold it to the boat. There was no second gaffer...and the mate couldn't get the gaff back into the boat and run behind the guys trying to hold it in time to stop it sinking. The fish had been fought for 3 hours plus. It was absolutely spent. Should have been a piece of cake but errors and a lack of leadership to properly plan the actions of the 7 available people who could have teamed up to boat a fish worth \$150,000 in prize money and probably a state record will go down in my fishing memories as the biggest screw up I ever hope to be a part of on the water.*

*Give it a thought and talk it over with your guys if they see enough value from this kind of session to put it in the program. I'm sure there are other topics that will get mentioned by our members who attended the seminar. I'll pass them along to you later. Thanks again for the generous support of our chapter's monthly raffle table. We gave away the first of the spreader bars a week ago to a very excited offshore fisherman. We wish you great success and hope that you will let us know when you come this way so we can have a chance to talk when you are not under the pressure of a live program.*

*Pete*

*Mark,*

*I was at the seminar on Sat. in Annapolis. Great job, I think everyone there was learning!*

*Thanks for your help, and again Great job on SAT. Capt. John Antonio*

*John*

*Thanks for the seminar yesterday. I really enjoyed it.*

*Sincerely, Scott A. Ulery D.M.D.*

*Good to see you at the Canyon Runner seminar. Great job!*

*Regards,*

*Jeff*

*GREAT SEMINAR. THANKS FOR ACCOMMODATING US.. LEARNED ALOT. I WILL BE IN TOUCH WITH YOU SOON AS TO SET A DATE FOR A TRIP ONCE WE FIGURE OUT A FEW DATES WHEN WE ALL CAN GO TOGETHER.*

*KEEP IN TOUCH*

*KEN KOHLER*

*Adam:*

*First, just a quick note to say that you guys did a nice job on Saturday. It has been a few years since I went to one of the Saltwater Sportsman events with George P. I haven't raced back to another one of their events and not sure that I will any time soon. I understand from one of your folks that you used to participate with him in some fashion but there was some type of falling out or something went on and you guys went out on your own. Keep up the good work. This was the first time I'd ever heard of you going a meeting down in the MD/VA area, and it was worth going to. During a break on Saturday, I was buying some spreader bars from one of the guys (maybe Joe The Bar Maker) and inquired about getting some of the bags you use for your dredges...just the bags for the small dredges, withOUT anything in them, just the bags. The word was, maybe with you standing close by, was to drop an email and someone would send something back with a cost for the bags. Could I get someone to send a price for just the small dredge bags? I might be interested in 4-5 of them.*

*Thanks. Skip*

*ADAM, THANKS AGAIN FOR GETTING THE TICKETS 2 ME. YOUR PEOPLE WE'RE GREAT ON ALL LEVELS. I ENJOYED YOUR TECHNIQUE PUSHING THE QUESTIONS TO VARIOUS CAPTAINS / MATES SO DIFFERENT ASPECTS ARE DISCUSSED. I'D GRADE YOU ON A SOLID 10-- I KNOW THERE'S LOTS MORE TO LEARN BUT AS A SOLID OVERVIEW IN METHODS, REASONS, SUCCESSFUL TRIED AND TRUE TECHNIQUES WITH GOOD RESULTS == YOUR TEAM STANDS TALL. THIS IS THE CONSCIENCE OF AT LEAST 6 GUYS. I SAW YOU KNOW MY GOOD FRIEND JEFF SMITH -EZ2CY- WE ARE CLOSE FRIENDS THAT PLAY & FISH TOGETHER. THERE'S A GOOD CHANCE WE'LL MEET AGAIN. GOOD FISHING AND BETTER CATCHING .*

*PS= I RUN A 28' CAROLINA CLASSIC "IMPULSIVE" OUT OF OC MD. AT DIFFERENT TIMES OF THE SUMMER. YELL AT US IF YA HEAR ME ON THE RADIO. PPS= DO YOU GUYS GO TO COSTA RICO IN WINTER ?*

*HI*

*I attended your seminar out on Long Island a few weeks ago. It was very informative, very well presented and is really giving me the itch to get offshore again. The one thing I did not pay to much attention to was the use of a harpoon. Do you have an article on what type you use, how to rig it and how to use it. Cannot wait until next winter seminars to find out.  
Thanks MIKE*

*That was my first Canyon Runner seminar and I was very impressed. I've spent a fair amount of time on the water and was surprised with how many little tricks & info bits I picked up (like you mentioning the aversion Longfins have towards plugs and how you would use them to target Yellowfin during your commercial days.)*

*Thanks in advance.*

*Regards, Mike*

*This is the second year my son and I attended your seminar. Thought it would be boring after last years. It was just as informative as the first and enjoyed every minute of it. I have to attend a couple of seminars for my job each year and they could take a lesson from you on how to run it. The break out sessions work great. My favorites were Basil and Capt. Len.. Thanks for a great day and see you again next year. Jim Carpenter, Plymouth, MA.*

*Adam,*

*Just wanted to drop you a note on the seminar. Although I thought it was going to be more of a 'networking' thing, I actually learned a few key things that I think will improve the numbers this season. Your content is pretty damn good, and the transparency aspect is awesome.*

*Almost of more interest to me is the business model you have developed. You guys are to offshore fishing as Starbucks is to freeze dried coffee. Nice work!*

*-Seth*

*Adam you and your crew did an excellent job I've been doing my "homework" and find some of the logbook just amazing Like the all out blitz night with the patron wanting a white instead of going home And you team delivered even though you hadn't seen one in 3 wks of trying*

*After listening to some of the questions asked I see why they don't catch fish You explained just about every facet of our canyon fishing 3 or 4 different ways 🍷🍷🍷*

*Side Note:*

*Great seminar in Annapolis – My son & I have started a new bible and follow your plan exactly – every detail that works for the Canyon Runner should work for us. I hope to be your best success story! Thank you for sharing your knowledge with the rest of us.*

*Frank Casale*

*"ANASTASIA"*

*43' Egg Harbor – Manasquan Inlet, New Jersey*

*Adam: Thanks very much for the info.. I really appreciate it. You guys are a class act.*

*I'll check on J&B as they're only 30 minutes from me. I didn't know they even sold ballyhoo of this quality.*

*Again, many thanks, John*

*Adam,*

*Just wanted to drop you a note on the seminar. Although I thought it was going to be more of a 'networking' thing, I actually learned a few key things that I think will improve the numbers this season. Your content is pretty damn good, and the transparency aspect is awesome.*

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*-Seth*

*Must agree with above. Basil's magic show with the braid was excellent. Offshore innovations also had some incredible artificial dredges which were highlighted in the white marlin session . I WILL own them the next time my wife drops her guard! Great time had by all. It got an awful lot of us blue water freaks together.*

## **2006 Seminars**

*If you missed this seminar, you missed a good one! Took a ride down to Atlantic City on the 28 of Jan. to check out another offshore Tuna seminar to beat the winter blues. I have been fishing offshore for about 6 yrs on my own, and every season I try to take in as much useful information as I can to make my fishing trips more productive each time I leave the dock. I have been to many other offshore seminars, and they have been quite helpful, but those guys only want to share so much info. After about the 4th seminar you just getting repeat info.*

*The seminar started off with a continental breakfast and a discussion about offshore safety, which is without the first and most important subject of offshore boating. I looked over my safety equipment and made a few adjustments that could save my life and the crew in an emergency. Then we got into the fishing ,these guys covered everything from hook sharpening to reading offshore temp charts properly along with current movements to warm water eddies over structure. Not only do these guys talk to you but they are constantly looking to answer your questions, in a group session or a one on one situation. Then comes the 'Break Out Sessions', this is where they broke us down into small groups and put us into our own classrooms for some hand on rigging ,(bait)and trolling technics, very personal. We went over various rigging techs on Ballyhoo, which I thought I knew how to rig but made some important adjustments. There was a canyon chunking session which was probably one of the most helpful to me and my crew, not that I wasn't doing it properly to begin with but the tips and tricks they showed us to get the fish to our boat. I believe that these tips are going to make a big difference. Do to rising price of fuel, nobody wants to take that long boat ride just to send the skunk flag flying. I believe that this seminar will help keep that flag in the cabin more than often. In these break out*

*session they cover everything from trolling Marlin to catching bait, along with where and when to buy the best baits(Ballyhoo).This seminar cost about \$100 but when I learned how to recondition my Penn VSWs it saved me about \$300, I'll be doing that myself this winter. They also give you all the information in a written package to take home to study or in case you missed something.*

*Let me finish by saying its nice to see that there's still fisherman out there willing to extend their knowledge and personal tricks to guys like me and you that are just trying to have memorable fishing experiences and trying to make the most of what little time on the water we have. The crew of the Canyon Runner were patient and courteous to all questions asked. These guys know what they are doing, and their stats prove it! I would personally like to thank the crew and Captains for making this happen, and you can be sure that I will be attending next years seminar as well. Let me not forget to tell you about the thousands of dollars worth of door prizes they gave away all day, from survival suits to spreader bars to tees!*

*Captain Chris*

*Adam*

*Wanted to drop you a line to say my crew had a great time at your AC seminar. This was our second year going and we have made it our winter tune-up. It really gets us cranked for the upcoming season and reminds us of the things needed for a successful trip to the edge. You can never learn to much for our kind of sport for it is ever changing. Thanks again for a great seminar.*

*Butch*

*Adam,*

*The seminar was absolutely top notch. From the start of the morning you where completely organized and kept to the schedule. Your staff was very informative and very professional.*

*I will be in attendance in 2007.*

*Thanks, Glen*

*Hi folks...great seminar in LINY. No dissappointments, only exceeded expectations. Been fishing for > 20 years and your input/guidance really makes me wonder how I ever caught any fish at all....*

*On a scale of 1 to 10, 10 being the best I would rate as follows:*

*Main Room Facility: 10*

*Available refreshments: 10*

*Audio: 10*

*Slide Video: 10 - Slides were very busy. But I understand the text content is part of the handout and "read along" format intended to be taken home and read over and over - it was fine. And, I have read it over and over.*

*Main Presentation Content: 10 ALL Sessions had something in it that I could learn from. I liked the focus on safety and PM...Well done. You guys hit the mark dead on for the stuff I was listening for - in ALL categories.*

*Speakers/Crew: 9.5 - generally very good.*

*Enthusiasm: 10*

*Pace: 10 Was I ever bored? Not one minute all day.*

*Q & A - 10. Excellent - you all listened and were more than willing to answer everyone's questions...even repeats...very patient. Keep repeating the questions - the mark of good presentors.*

*Door Prizes: 10 - REALLY Great stuff...of course I had # 211 and # 210 AND 212 won big stuff...the marlin pole etc...it killed me.*

*Expo: 9 - Kinda tight quarters for everyone to get up to the table in between sessions.*

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*Summary:*

*The hardest part for me will be to let the first rod that goes off sit in the rod holder for 30 seconds, or so, before we grab it.*

*Second hardest part will be for me to convince my charter to do the same.*

*Next hardest: limit my fishing to weekdays.*

*Hard to be critical of those so willing to share their knowledge and experiences.*

*I will recommend your seminar to everyone I fish with.*

*Keep up the great work ,  
tight lines  
George*

*Canyon Runner Crew,*

*First & foremost, I must tell you that your Atlantic City seminar was the BEST seminar I every attended on anything!!!! I went out for tuna twice last year on my 28' Hydrasport & got skunked both times!!! (Must have been because we used too heavy a line,,LOL). I feel like I went from an amateur to a pro in 8 hours!!! Your seminar was that great!!!!*

*Thank you for spreading your knowledge & keep up the great work. I unfortunately did not receive a package due to you running out. Please send me one to:*

*Additionally, I would like to purchase some of your items you had for sale @ the show. I was way to overwhelmed with what I was learning to think about purchasing while there.*

*Glenn*

*Adam,*

*I was at your Seminar Last weekend I have to tell you that was the Best seminar I have been to in years and the most fun.*

*I consider my self a well rounded fishermen. I fresh water Bass fish, Fly fish for striper and trout, Surf cast, fish the Flats at night for stripers and have been to all kinds of seminars and your was the best by far. I have never Tuna fished but when Phil explained your Class to me at the Worchester show I had to take it. I drove 3 hrs from Merrimack NH and the trip was well worth it. The day before I was in Mexico on Business and was tired but I had to make the trip. Plus I'm cheap and didn't want to waste the 100 dollars. I'm Glad I made the trip.*

*Now with the Knowledge I've picked up my buddies and I can try in late August to pick up the close Tuna's around the cape.*

*Thanks again for the great learning experience and a **Big Thank you to your team.** They were all outstanding and professional and the patients they had handling some really silly questions proved it to me. That's why I will also be checking in with you shortly for a charter.*

*Thanks Again*

*Chris*

*Capt. Phil,*

*We really enjoyed the Newport RI seminar. The venue was excellent, all of the Captains were very available, and the breakout sessions were very informative. Looking forward to hearing from you!*

*Bart*

*Adam,*

*Thank you and the crew of the Canyon Runner for all your hard work in putting together Saturday's seminar. Everything was very professionally done and my friends and I really enjoyed the day.*

*It was a pleasure meeting you and the guys. Good Luck this year!! I hope the Gulf Stream spits out that eddy early and that we will be reading of great catches on the Canyon Runner website soon.....Frank*

*Hi guys just attended the Newport seminar. Great time overall and you guys did a great/thorough job.*

*Thanks again and great job*

*Bobby*

*Hi Adam,*

*I just wanted to take a minute to let you know how much we enjoyed the seminar on Saturday. We found it very informative and reassuring at the same time. We normally fish to the east because of the run, but will keep an eye out for you if we head to the western.*

*Have a great season.*

*I wanted to drop a note to let you know that the seminar was more than I expected and your crew members were great. I learned a lot of great information and am happy that I decided to go this year and will continue to go.*

*Again, thanks for a great time and all the information provided in the documentation pages.*

*Have a great year and hope to see you out in the Canyon.....*

*My name is Chris and I attended the Canyon Runner seminar last Saturday and thought it was most informative. I have never been to the Canyon but plan to get there this upcoming year. For now thats it, but look to hear from me in the future. I look to be an able Canyon fisherman in the near future.*

*Went to Tuna Seminar this past Sat @ Huntington Hilton. You guys are great. My friends and I learned a lot.*

*Thanks, Tony*

*Adam,*

*I just wanted to let you know that I was very impressed with the Seminar. Where were you 20 years ago? This was a great way for a quasi veteran to validate my old ways and learn some new tricks. Your attention to detail as well as the well thought out timing and flow of the seminar were incredible. I could not believe how effortlessly topics were covered with such a large diverse group on hand.*

*I have been to a few seminars before which were mainly BS sessions with some product pitches mixed in. I swore I would never waste my time again. Well, I am glad I did. I made a few good contacts and brought home a world of new knowledge. I could go on and on. Mainly, I just wanted to say thank you. For writing articles, organizing the seminar, and sharing your team's time and knowledge, it was tremendous.*

*Capt Tony*

*Hi Guys, I attended the show in NY last weekend. I thought it was great, though I believe I had read all your articles before attending. I still learned a lot and thought it money well spent. Anyway, great job, I appreciate all the information you generously provide.*

*Erik*

*Adam,*

*Since I have you, I want to say that the seminar was excellent. Your entire crew presented themselves very professionally and extremely friendly. Every single person from the Canyonrunner team was a pleasure to deal with. I would be very proud to have an organization as well respected, organized, who present themselves in the manner your team did. On top of that the follow up specifically from this email, displays a genuine quality.*

*Overall the seminar was a great learning experience. I hope to soon be able to book a trip on one of your boats to get some tuna action in.*

*THANKS AGAIN.*

*Rob*

*Good Afternoon,*

*Just wanted to thank you for a well produced seminar. We enjoyed it very much. We spent a few minutes with the guy from OSS and he was very informative.*

*Overall, great job.*

*Thanks again,*

*Keith*

*Adam:*

*Great seminar on Saturday. Very informative and well done.*

*Regards*

*Bob*

*Canyon Runner Crew*

*I wanted to thank you for a great seminar in Long Island. One of the best experiences of my fishing life. I picked up a ton of valuable advice. I hope you will be back in the area next year.*

*See you next year,*

*Tim Moore*

*Adam, I attended your seminar this past weekend at the Melville Hilton. I enjoyed the day and picked up a few tidbits of info. I fish the canyons and hold a 50 ton masters ticket. I worked as a mate on the \*\*\*\*\* out of Babylon, New York, I did not do alot of trips with him, but about 4-5 a season for about 4 years. I also do about the same amount every year on my own boat for the past 15 years. I would like to get out there more but I work construction in the Big Apple so its hard to get the time off. I see how you run your operation and it is well done. I know a few of the captains that you had there to give instruction, and I know that they are some of the best around.... Keep up the Good Work.... and thanks for a good day.. Talk to you on the edge..*

*Tight lines .. Capt. Skip*

*Hi, my name is Gavin and i have recently attended your tuna/marlin seminar in Atlantic City NJ. I really thought it was very informative and was well worth it! I wish there was just more time in the day!*

*Thanks,*

*Gavin*

*Hi CR,*

*I was at the seminar and I drove 2 hours to get there, and it WAS WORTH IT!  
THANKS!!!!!!!!!!*

*Dave*

*I was at last years seminar, had capt. dad and a friend, we enjoyed thoroughly. Can't speak for their availability this year, so i want to get at least my ticket reserved, seeing you have sold out Atlantic City. Congratulations!*

*Gregg*

*I attended the seminar in AC last year and it was great. First it was still winter so it was good to be able to talk tuna and get to see some of the guys we fish with and or talk with in the Hudson. They cover alot of ground and even the most experienced of the guys I know picked something up, wether it was fishing, safety, or maintenance, something was learned. they raffle off a ton of gear, they sell a ton of gear, my advice buy early if you are going to.*

*Tthe breakout seminars are tremendous, they will literally hold your hands through a demonstration. With a Penn rep there this time, reel maintenance will be covered in depth. I will be with a big group in long Island( Although knowing MakoMike will be in RI it would be worth it to finally meet the legend and attend that seminar) this year and certainly recomend the seminar to anyone that wants to catch fish on the edge and have an enjoyable time.*

*Catchemup*

*Andrew*

## **2005 SEMINARS**

*Dear Adam:*

*I just wanted to drop you a note thanking you for a "great" seminar on April 10<sup>th</sup>. I took my 12 year-old son and a friend who has been fishing the Canyon's for over 40 years. My son and I both loved the seminar. As for my friend, the entire trip from the Hampton's to Huntington I had to listen to him complaining that he would never learn anything new and he wondered aloud why he was even going. To his surprise, not only did he learn some new tricks and ideas but also he is definitely planning on going to next year's course. As for myself, I certainly learned new techniques and can't wait to try out some of the things learned at the seminar. I plan on telling all my fishing buddies to make sure they attend next year's course.*

*Thanks again.*

*Sincerely,  
Dr. A*

*The show was great yesterday. You really have a wonderful team across the board. I was especially impressed by the mates. They were all well spoken, energetic, friendly during the break out sessions, and extremely knowledgeable about fishing. I am sure that their ability to conduct themselves in such a professional manner is a direct result of years of informal training by yourself and Captain Phil.*

*As for myself I ran into a bunch of friends who I had not spoken to since the end of last season. I also made a few new friends during the show. I learned a lot of little tricks to add to my arsenal when the fish get finicky and the bite gets tough.*

*- Michael*

*Hello Adam,*

*Once again I would like to congratulate you and the rest of the team on the best seminar I have ever attended (I'll never blow the \$\$ on \*\*\* series again). The lectures were great but what truly set it above and beyond were the hands on break out sessions, the guys got down to the intricate details that all others seem to ignore. The team was approachable and professional. Congrats!*

*Best regards, Eric N*

*The seminar was a real first class operation and you guys were great. You kept your promise of answering all our questions and the knowledge you shared with us and the hands on practice was great. I would definitely do it again. I began fishing the edge 25 years ago with my father on his boat. After about 15 years he pretty much lost interest and I was out of luck, so for the next ten years I only made a few trips. Finally last year I purchased a boat and made 5 trips to the edge with limited success. I got some longfins, a couple of makos and a bunch of Mahi and no yellowfins. After the seminar I realized what I was doing right and what I was doing wrong. A lot has changed in 10 years and after the seminar I feel a lot more prepared for success. I would like to thank the whole crew again and I will keep in touch and let you know how I make out. I feel a lot more confident heading to the edge armed with the canyon runner knowledge. Hope to see you out there good luck this year.*

*Captain Greg S*

*Was very impressive and informative! Job well done.*

*- Marlee P*

*Went to the seminar in the Huntington Hilton a few weeks ago, learned a lot, bought three spreader bars at the show. Spoke to Adam last week and ordered three more. You guys are real pros and I appreciate you sharing your knowledge with us! It is going to be a great year fishing for tuna this year because of the tips you guys gave us. Hope to see you out on the water and have a great year.*

*Tony C*

*As I said to everyone who I spoke to about the seminar, I told them that they would come away with more knowledge to increase their catch this year. There were numerous tips, and techniques, that you presented that will make each trip more productive.*

*- Jeff*

*Thanks for the great seminar. My husband & I truly enjoyed it and thought it was a very well planned event. It was so nice of you to think of the little things such as water, coffee,*

*tea, muffins, etc. We certainly learned a lot and have realized that our 23' Seaswirl is not adequate for the offshore fishing that you guys do. We may be booking a trip in the future!*

Thanks again, Chrissy & Tom

*I had a good time at the seminar! The crew of the Canyon Runner had my full attention the whole time. I would have to recommend this show to anyone that spends time offshore. Thanks to Sportfishermen.com for the ticket, and Canyon Runner for sharing all their years of canyon fishing experience.*

Lil' Tunny

*I just wanted to thank the entire Canyon Runner crew for a great seminar yesterday. I got exactly what I wanted out of the day and definitely picked up a few new ideas that should help me put fish in the boat in 2005. The day also started out great for me as I was shocked to find that I held the winning ticket for the big door prize, a Viking survival suit worth about \$300!*

*I enjoyed meeting the entire Canyon Runner crew and everyone associated with the event was tremendously willing to share information openly with anyone with a question. It was also great to meet Mike and Mark from the Desire and finally put faces with their names. I regret not being able to meet other folks from Nor'East & agree with the previous suggestion that we do some sort of name tag the next time there is an event of this type.*

Ken

*hey adam...it's lane.. just wanted to thank you and the crew for putting on a 1st class show yesterday. Everything was very impressive and informative. I look forward to keeping a dialogue with you and Capt Mark over the course of the season....thx again..job well done...*

Regards, Lane

*Adam, I just wanted to let you know that you guys did a great job with the seminar yesterday. As a Canyon novice, I walked away from the seminar with a tremendous amount of useful information. I am buying a crimper today and will be rigging my own lures by this evening. The break-out sessions were top-notch and I found them to be a great learning experience. Having the smaller groups where you could really get up close and work with one of your guys was awesome. I would also say that you guys made everyone feel extremely comfortable at the seminar and everyone was encouraged to participate and ask questions. Overall, a first calls job!!*

Thanks, Kevin S

*Thanks to Canyon Runner for putting on a great seminar and Sportfishermen.com for giving me the opportunity to go. On top of that I scored a sweet door prize donated by Viking, a survival suit!*

Mike S

*WHILE I WAS NOT ABLE TO ATTEND, I WILL GO TO THE NEXT ONE THEY PRESENT.....*

*I TIP MY RIGGERS TO YOU GUYS OF "CANYON RUNNER' FOR SHARING THE WEALTH!!! FIRST CLASS I SAY.....*

MAR

*The Cannon Runner crew put on a great seminar! They covered every detail that makes them successful and provided literature on all of it for later review. I don't think you can get a more detailed and worthwhile lesson on Tuna fishing!*

*Its been a full day today with driving and no sleep the last couple days but Adam Larosa and his crew did one fine job at keeping my attention today. They worked a crowd of 375+ like a well oiled machine.*

*They provided at least a six hour multi staged seminar that covered almost all the basics needed to start and excell at fishing the big waters. The first seminar was held at the main auditorium with the basics of offseason and pretrip inspections and preperation for their offshore adventures. They covered areas such as reel and rod maintenance, boat safety tips and inspections, packing and stowing items on the boat, checking and reading weather and water conditions, and an indepth look at offshore trolling.*

*Following stage one of the seminar they broke the crowd into three different groups. They then sent these groups to 3 separate classes that showed in depth instruction and hands on training/rigging for offshore lures, spreader bars, and ballyhoo rigs. They gave a demonstration of each and then allowed the audience to try it for themselves. WHAT a great way to teach future fisherman and to see new methods. I thought this was a great way to have the anglers remember what they learned at the show. They just were not over bombarded by info and then no training.*

*As the on hand rigging classes ended the mass headed back to the main room and then Canyon Runner resumed the seminar. They covered more in depth trolling spreads and fishing techniques. They then followed up with offshore chunking methods and how they prepare for these long trips, because they usually involve an overnight trip. As they wrapped the final hour of the show they covered fish fighting and landing techniques, knots, boat ethics, and some tricks of the trade.*

*Another great part of the show was that they allowed many questions from the audience, and they responded with well thought out answers with great explanations. In fact there was not one question they were not able to answer no matter how broad or detailed the question. Over all I would have to give the Canyon Runner team an A+. They didn't waste much time and they kept it very much alive. I would highly recommend the seminar to the beginner offshore anglers, or someone that has a lot of experience but may be thinking about starting a charter business. IF you know the rigging already it doesn't mean that you won't learn anything new. I thought it was very interesting to a point of view from a charter operation and not just another offshore angler.*

*GIVEAWAYS!!! If you like winning fishing stuff then this was the seminar for you. The sponsors for the show gave ample items away including rod/reel combos, lures, lines, leaders, and much more. In fact a member of sportfishermen.com won a submersable survival suit which I'm sure is well of \$300 in value plus he won the admission ticket for free! Now you can't get any better then that.*

*Will I go next year....you bet! It was a fun time and its only going to get better. It was impossible to tell that this was their first seminar at this level. Great job Canyon Runner, and it's a pleasure to have you on this sight. Good Luck this coming season!!*

The Tackle Trap

*I also enjoyed the seminar. I thought it was very informative. The handouts alone were worth the trip. I look forward to the seminar again next year. One thing that you have to remember when someone is teaching you about fishing... Everyone has there own style of fishing, I heard a lot of people saying thats now how we do it. Well they aren't telling you how to fish. They are telling you what has worked best for them. It is up to you to incorporate the things that you like from the seminar into how you fish. They had a lot of key points. If you noticed the size of the crew, and everyone there fished the same style this way there is no question. One mate can finish a rig the other one has started, and from start to finish they will be exactly the same no matter who does it. That is important because there one style on the boat the Canyon Runner style. When a new mate comes onboard he learns there way. I think that is a great idea. Over all A++++++. Thanks Captain Adam and thanks Sportfisherman.com.*

pitch bait

*The seminar was well worth the trip from Baltimore. It was great to put some names to faces from this board. I also got some good new pointers and was reminded to keep it simple. That is how we originally caught fish when we all first started, and it still works with great success proven by the great team of the Canyon Runner. It was great to meet everyone.*

-Chris

Guys, it was awesome. This is the third seminar I have attended (the other two were \*\*\*) and this was the best. The open forum for questions really made a difference. The breakout sessions were fantastic. Thanks again for a great seminar.

Adam,  
I just got home from the seminar in Atlantic City.  
We had a great time. (all 9 of us)  
Looking forward to trying out the new spreader bars this summer.

Thanks Again - Jeff

*Good morning Adam and the crew. Thank you for an enjoyable day, we had a pleasant experience at the seminar. We found it informative and we took away some small bits of info that will help us catch more fish. We appreciate your candid approach about giving information to the average guy that fishes on the weekend. The little time we have for heading offshore is precious and we cherish it. Thanks again. Your wife and father and*

*the whole crew couldn't have been more accomodating. Thank you again for an enjoyable day.*

*JC*

*Adam,*

*Would I go again next year?*

*Lets see....*

*A day out. Hmm*

*Get to go to Atlantic city. Yea sounds good to me*

*Got a signed picture from Playboys Miss October 2001. Looking pretty good.*

*Get to talk about fishing all day.*

*Yea I'll be there.*

*I was there with a group of 9 guys that I fish with and we all had a great time.*

*HI GUY'S,*

*I REALLY WOULD LIKE TO CONGRATULATE AND THANK YOUR CREW ON ONE OF THE BEST SALTWATER SEMINARS I HAVE ATTENDED. I HAVE BEEN TO MANY WORKSHOPS AND SEMINARS GIVEN BY VARIOUS PUBLICATIONS. YOU MADE ME FEEL LIKE ONE OF THE " CREW" AND AT NO POINT DID I FEEL INTIMIDATED OR SNUBBED AWAY BY ANY OF CREW MEMBERS. I FELT I LEARNED A SEASON WORTH OF KNOWLEDGE IN A COUPLE OF HOURS AND JUST WHEN I THOUGHT I KNEW A SUBJECT SUCH AS "LURE OR BAR ASSEMBLY " I FOUND OUT I WAS DOING IT WRONG.*

*Hey Adam,*

*Great job at the conference this Saturday. I definitely learned a lot and now can't wait until June to put everything into practice.*

*Although I enjoyed the lecture portion of the conference, the breakout sessions were by far the most beneficial. For future conferences, maybe you could try to have more of these sessions in order to limit the number of people attending each session? I could have spent another 15 minutes with you at the ballyhoo session, but knew I had to give the other guys a chance. But the few tips I learned at this session was worth the price of admission alone*

*Adam, Capt Phil, Capt Justin, and Mates of Canyon Runner,*

*I want to say thanks for a fantastic opportunity to sit around all day and listen to the best of the best share their tricks of the trade. I learned volumes. It was without question the best fishing seminar of any kind I have attended. The breakout sessions were fantastic. Thank you*

*Adam - You guys did a great job with the seminar. I could have went another day listening to you. I won't even bother with the \*\*\* series next year, there was no comparison. You guys are tops in the class as far as I'm concerned. Good luck this upcoming season. Thanks for a great seminar, I took away a ton of useful information and anyone I talked to only had nothing but the best too say about the day.*

*Adam,*

*I just wanted to thank you for the seminar. I thought your entire team did a great job, especially considering the high turnout. I felt things ran smoothly and the info was great. I have been to seminars in the past where the info was just too basic. You did a good job getting to the info that matters.*

*Adam, Phil and Crew,*

*I attended the Seminar on Saturday and was very pleasantly surprised at how much information you were willing to share. I have been fishing steadily in the Hudson for about 15 years and I learned quite a bit from you guys in one afternoon. It was obvious that you guys were there to truly share the tricks and techniques that have worked for you without pounding your chests in regards to your past repeated success. I will definitely recommend your seminar to anyone I know who is serious about Tuna Fishing. You all did a great job. Thanks.*

*Adam,*

*I just wanted to say thanks on a job well done Saturday. I learned many interesting tactics and confirmed that some of what we currently do, is done successfully by others. It was also a great learning experience for my "novice" crew.... You saved me many hours of teaching, which we will hopefully use catching, and I think they will stop looking at me like I'm crazy when I'm telling them how to prepare and what they should be doing have The only regret is that the time went by too quick... I think the group could have gone another 4 or 5 hours with interesting Q & A's. Thanks again to you and your Team, You guys did a fantastic job in Atlantic city this weekend, along with the five grand we won at the black jack table.*

*Thanks again Capt Steve*

*Hi Adam,*

*The seminar was great! I took away a great deal of information. I especially appreciated the handouts you distributed. I found them very helpful and full of information. With the handouts, I did not have to spend the entire time taking detailed notes and was able to devote all my attention to and enjoy the presentation. In addition, having all your tackle, equipment and lures on stage for all to look at and examine was an excellent touch. It's one thing to read or hear about something, it's another to look at and be able to touch it. The entire presentation was very professional and very well done. All of you guys were very solid up there. Everyone seemed comfortable and at ease. It is no wonder in addition to catching fish why you keep charters coming back. The best fishing is only as good as the mates. You guys really struck me as top notch. Adam and Phil are lucky to have you guys.*

*Capt. Adam, Bravo and thank you very much. The seminar was the best I have been to. You guys are first rate fisherman and very, very kind humans. In my personal intro to sport fishing I was always told great capt. and fisherman never talk to guys like me (beginners) and if they did they talk down. Well I no longer fish with those monkeys and have found that great fisherman can be great people too. You, your crew and family could not be more accommodating. There was some talk that you guys were selling out or just promoting your endorsements, I can say that what you did endorse is your expertise, in fishing and running a boat safely, you endorsed the hard work and persistence required to be successful, safe and have fun tuna fishing. The farthest thing from a sellout. As always thanks for taking the time and interest in other fisherman and we will see you out there.*

Andrew

*I JUST WANTED TO PERSONALY THANK ALL YOU MEN FOR A FANTASTIC JOB AT THE AC WORK LEARNING SEMINAR .*

*THIS YEAR WE HAD AND I SAY AGIAN( HAD) TOTAL CONFIDENCE OF GOING OUT EARLY THIS YEAR . WELL AFTER THIS SEMINAR NEEDLESS TO SAY WE JUST SENT OUR BOAT TO THE DEALER FOR SOME PRE SAFTY REPLACEMENT ITEMS . CANT THANK YOU ENOUGH .*

*WE ARE A PERSONAL OWNED BOAT. BUT A LOT OF THINGS THAT WERE TALKED ABOUT REALLY TURNED ON SOME LIGHT BULBS , HOPE TO GO NEXT YEAR , POSS SEE YA OUT THERE ,GOOD LUCK AND THANKS AGAIN !*

*P.S. IT WAS A FAIR PRICE AS WELL, THE DOOR PRIZES WERE GREAT TOO  
CAPT KEN*

*Adam,*

*My buddy, Tom, and I really enjoyed the seminar. We both felt you all put your heart in it. Even at my age,66, I learned a lot. It's great you're willing to share all you guys have learned.*

*Thanks again!  
Don and Tom*

*I attended the seminar held at Trump Marina on Saturday, as sponsor with a booth.*

*The seminar was everything you could expect from Canyon Runner and the LaRosa's, plus more. They covered all the bases in regards what it takes to be the best, including how they run their spread, and what and where they use baits and Spreader Bars when they fish.*

*They showed everyone to the last details on how they rig their Spreaders Bars, Baits. They spoke of tactics, where to fish, even included a list of where they caught their fish.*

*A busy day for everyone attending, I want to thank all of those who participated in my promotional raffle. Also to say, I will be in touch this week by email.*

*Lastly, I want to thank Adam & Joe LaRosa, and their entire crew, for putting on the best educational seminar I have seen, and it just happened to be with the subject matter I like the best!*

*Viking Rafts*

*We attended the seminar as well and agree it was the best we have seen. Canyon Runner team was great in reviewing all the basics and more. It was professionally conducted and well worth every dollar and more. I am glad that one of the best charter boats on the east coast was willing to share all of their techniques to a weekend warrior.*

*If you did not learn some valuable lessons or tricks here at the seminar...well then quite*

*frankly you just were not listening. Adam and crew did a great job not leaving any questions unanswered, and would often times provide more detail then requested.*

*I fish offshore alot, and I learned some very helpful tips from this seminar. I have also had the experience of fishing on the Canyon Runner and they have a top notch crew and operation; they go out of their way to answer your questions even on the charter. Guy keep up the good work!!!*

*Thanks, Chris*

*If someone didn't pick up at least one thing that they DIDN'T know... or can use this season on the edge... I will pay \$1000.00 to hear your seminar...I have quite a bit experience on the edge and was hoping to pick up a couple of things that may make me just a little better... and I got just that... of course it was great to see alot of the tactics I use reiterated by a well polished crew.*

*They went over everything from getting the boat ready for the season... to what needs to be done just before the trip.. Tackle.. tactics... setup... everything... SPOTS--they are usually in the posts here... I have not seen a post from Adam or Justin that has not been complete and thorough. If you have a specific question.. e-mail them, I don't know of anyone they didn't respond to yet.*

*I would not understand how someone could not have picked up SOMETHING to make the day worthwhile...*

*CANYON RUNNER CREW.... Kudos on a thorough and informative presentation.. and was great meeting you...*

*Capt G, J & M*

*The crew of the Canyon Runner did a hell of a job for their first large-scale seminar. If you came to the seminar as an experienced canyon fisherman and had specific questions that you wanted answered the crew was available and approachable. There were several questions that I had that I wanted to have answered and were once I spoke with one of the crew of the Canyon Runner during the hands-on sessions, during lunch, or after the seminar. Mark from the Desire was especially helpful during the spreader bar rigging session.*

*There were many details that were in the session that you needed to pick up that Phil offered such as clouding the water with ground chum on nights when the water is clear and the fish are picky. I took a good number of notes during the session when I heard a comment that made the proverbial "lightbulb" go off. The details were there such as fish squid bars in the canyons and mini mambas inshore since there are no squid inshore. I have been fishing the canyons since 1982 and picked up a bunch of suggestions from a crew actually willing to share information. Not many crews are willing to share the exact measurements used to create their spreader bars. You can bet that I will re-rig some of my bars that haven't caught well in the past to their dimensions.*

*I would recommend this seminar in the future to both the novice and experienced canyon fisherman. Their crew did a great job answering questions when you approached them one-on-one and I left the seminar with many of my approaches validated, new ones to try, and all my detailed questions answered. You can't ask for anything more from a seminar.*

**A MUST GO , A LOT OF STUFF THAT WAS TALKED ABOUT WAS VERY HELPFULL OFFSHORE AND INSHORE A LOT JUST SEEMS TO MIX. ITS REAL, NO OTHER WAY TO EXPLAIN IT. THEY WERE NOT THERE TO SELL THERE CHARTERS OR**

*PRODUCTS . JUST PLAIN OL GOOD FISHING, AND I MUST SAY SAFTY ISSUES THAT EVEN MY PARTNER AND I TOOK FOR GRANTED. WE WERE ALL SET TO GO OUT EARLY THIS YEAR HOWEVER, AFTER THE SEMINAR WE REALIZED WERE JUST NOT READY YET . JUST THINGS WE TOOK FOR GRANTED EVEN FOR JUST FLUKE FISHING, AND FOR WHAT WE SPENT ON THE BOAT IM NOT READY TO LOSE IT THAT FAST FOR NOT DOING THE RIGHT THING.*

*I HOPE NEXT YEARS SEMINAR MOVES ON TO SOME OTHER SUBJECTS AS WELL AS THEY WELCOME ALL SUGGESTIONS (ANOTHER COOL CONCEPT) AS I AND MY PARTNER WILL BE THERE NO EXCEPTIONS ! AND YES THE DOOR PRIZES WERE GREAT ! PS THEY DID NOT PAY ME TO BLOW SMOKE UP THERE \$%\$ PROMISE .*

*HAPPY FISHING , CAPT COOL K*