



Patchogue Fishing Club

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May 2005 Newsletter



The weather is improving and the weigh-slips are arriving. It was a long, hard winter but it's over and the fishing season is upon us. Let the games begin!

Congratulations to John Tighe, Vinny Conwell, George Dietz, T.J. Kasten, Greg Maynard and Ed Harrold, the winners of the Peconic Bay Tournament, held on May 16th. It was nice to see so many members participate. Thanks John, for the fabulous group picture.

We expect to have someone from the Auxiliary Coast Guard at the May meeting. Jason has done a fine job as Indoor chairman. He has provided several interesting guest speakers. Jason, thanks for a great job.

We will begin the 150 Club drawings at the May meeting. There are several tickets yet to be sold but we have to get started with the raffle. As previously explained, each member is obligated to purchase or sell two raffle tickets. The money for the tickets was or will be collected when you pay your dues. Please be sure to pay your dues by the May meeting before the drawing, so you won't miss out on chances to win.

NEXT REGULAR CLUB MEETING WILL BE HELD ON:

May 26, 2005

Where: Blue Point Cottage

Time: 8:00 p.m.



Coffee and donuts will be served.

Committee Reports

Scales



Although Bill will not be at the May meeting, George and Jason Remien will be calibrating scales in his absence.

Committee Reports (cont)

Fish of the Month



John Tighe is the winner for April with a 1lb. 8oz. flounder. T.J. Kasten is the junior winner with a 10lb. 2oz. striped bass. Congratulations to both of them!

Jackets



Tom has new tee shirts and will continue taking jacket orders. We will publish a price list for all available merchandise as soon as possible. Carl will be posting available merchandise on the website.

Dues



Adult Member + two 150 Club Tickets	\$65.00
Senior Member + two 150 Club Tickets	\$50.00
Spouse + two 150 Club Tickets	\$45.00
Junior Member	\$10.00

150 Club



The drawings will begin at the May meeting. Since we have only five Regular meetings left for the year, we will have two drawings each meeting. There are about 30 unsold tickets at this time so anyone wishing to purchase extras may do so at the next meeting. All unsold tickets become the property of the Patchogue Fishing Club and if drawn, PFC will win the prize.

Picnic & Casting



The George Dietz annual picnic and the Jim Belmonte annual casting tournament will be held on July 31st at Cathedral Pines. Anyone who wants to help out should speak to Jason.

Committee Reports (cont)



Outdoor

Most recent tournament:



PECONIC BAY TOURNAMENT (WEAKFISH, FLUKE, BLUEFISH)

Date: MAY 15, 2005

Time: Sunrise - 4:00 p.m.

Place: Peconic Bay

Weigh in: From 4:00 – 4:30 p.m. at the Manhasset Avenue Launching Ramp
(Gull Pond)

Prizes: 1st and 2nd Place for (Weakfish, Fluke, and Bluefish)

Results:

Weakfish

Tighe, John 14-2

Conwell, Vinny 10-2

Fluke

Dietz, George 9-15

Kasten, T.J. 7-11

Bluefish

Maynard, Greg 6-3

Harrold, Ed 4-2



Tom Ganetis has requested help from members at the weigh-in. Please give him a hand weighing and recording. It's a big job, so don't be so quick to run off; stay and help. It's fun to see all the members and hear their stories and tell your own. Be sure to hang around and get your picture taken & sign your weigh slip.

Committee Reports (cont)

Outdoor (cont)

Upcoming Tournaments:



PATCHOGUE FRESHWATER TOURNAMENT

Date: JUNE 5, 2005

Time: Sunrise to noon

Place: Mill Pond, Patchogue

Weigh in: Noon to 12:30pm at the East end of East 2nd St.

Prizes: 1st and 2nd for Bass, 1st and 2nd for Pickerel, and
1st and 2nd for the two biggest fish of any other species



PORT JEFFERSON FLUKE TOURNAMENT

Date: JUNE 19, 2005

Time: Sunrise to 4pm

Place: Herod Point to Smithtown Bay

Weigh in: Brookhaven Town parking lot, Port Jefferson

Prizes: Largest Fluke (1st, 2nd, and 3rd place)



SOUTH SHORE TOURNAMENT (STRIPED BASS, FLUKE, BLUEFISH)

Date: July 16 & 17, 2005

Time: Sunrise Saturday - 4:00pm Sunday

Place: South Shore (Between Fire Island and Moriches Inlets,
including the bay and ocean between those two points)

Weigh in: Anytime during store hours at J&J Bait & Tackle until 4pm Sunday.

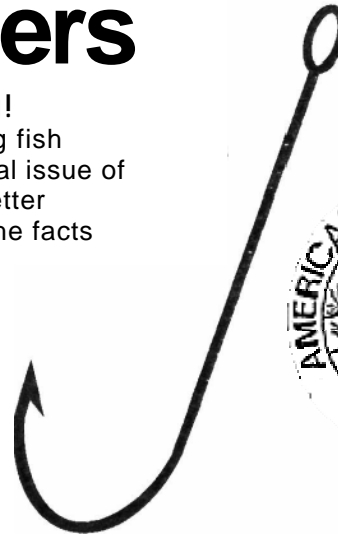
Prizes: 1st and 2nd Place (Fluke, Striped Bass, and Bluefish)

All winning weigh-slips will be submitted by the committee chairman. All other fish weighed in at a tournament must be submitted by the angler. Please be sure to write TOURNAMENT at the top of the weigh-slip. Thanks a million!

Calling All Taggers

Help us celebrate 40 years of fish tagging!
 Send us your funniest, most interesting and amazing fish tagging stories. We'll publish the best ones in a special issue of *Underwater Naturalist* in Summer 2005. If you're a better fisherman than a writer, don't worry-just write down the facts and we'll do the rest. We'll call you if we need more information. If you have photos to illustrate your story, send them, too.

Send your submission by mail,
 fax (732-291-3551) or e-mail
 (submissions@littoralsociety.org).



Deadline: June 10

Upcoming Meetings



Regular Meetings

Date	Time	Location
26-May	8pm	Blue Point Cottage
23-Jun	8pm	Blue Point Cottage
no meeting in July		
no meeting in August		
22-Sep	8pm	Blue Point Cottage
27-Oct	8pm	Blue Point Cottage
4-Nov	7pm	Ladies Night Sunset Harbour
15-Dec	8pm	Blue Point Cottage

Directors' Meetings

Date	Time	Location
15-Jun	8pm	Jason Remien
no meeting in July		
no meeting in August		
14-Sep	8pm	Cheryl & Carl Dippel
19-Oct	8pm	Tom Ganetis
16-Nov	8pm	John Tighe
no meeting in December		

Hope to see you
 at the next meeting!
 Cheryl



Laws and regulations are frequently amended by the Legislature or DEC. You should check with the Marine Fisheries office to ensure that the requirements set forth in this notice remain in effect. **The most recent changes to this summary are indicated by the shaded boxes and are effective as of:**

April 8, 2005

For further information, visit our website at www.dec.state.ny.us/website/dfwmr/marine/finfish/swflaws.html

SPECIES	MINIMUM SIZE (Total Length in Inches)	DAILY POSSESSION LIMITS (Number of Fish)	OPEN SEASONS
Summer flounder (fluke)*	17.5	5	April 29- Oct 31
Winter flounder	11	15	All state waters: 3rd Sat in March thru June 30 & Sept 15 thru Nov 30
Tautog (blackfish)	14	10	Oct 1 - May 31
Bluefish (including "snappers")	No minimum size limit for first 10 fish, 12" TL for the next 5	15 No more than 10 of which shall be less than 12" TL	All year
Weakfish	16 (10" filleted & 12" dressed)	6	All year
Atlantic cod	23	No limit	All year
Pollock	19	No limit	All year
Haddock	21	No limit	All year
Striped bass (marine waters**) Anglers aboard licensed party/charter boats	28	2***	April 15 -- Dec 15
Striped bass (marine waters**) All other anglers	28 to 40 >40	1 1	April 15 -- Dec 15
Scup (Porgy) Anglers aboard licensed party/charter boats	10.5	25 26 - 60***	July 1 - Aug 31 Sept. 1 - Oct 31***
Scup (Porgy) All other anglers	10.5	25	July 1 - Oct 31
Black Sea Bass	12	25	Jan 1 - Nov 30
Atlantic sturgeon	No possession allowed	No possession allowed	No possession allowed
Cobia	37	2	All year
Spanish mackerel	14	15	All year
King mackerel	23	3	All year
Red drum	No minimum size limit	No limit for fish less than 27" TL Fish greater than 27" TL shall not be possessed	All year

SPECIES	MINIMUM SIZE (Total Length in Inches)	DAILY POSSESSION LIMITS (Number of Fish)	OPEN SEASONS
American eel	6	50	All year
Monkfish (goosefish)	21 14 tail length	No limit	All year
American shad	No size limit	5	All year
Hickory shad	No size limit	5	All year
Yellowtail flounder	13	No limit	All Year
Crabs#	No Size Limit	50	All year
American lobster# (Rec. permit required)	3¼" carapace length	6	All year

- * Summer flounder may not have heads or tails removed or be otherwise cleaned, cut, filleted, or skinned until brought to shore, with the following exception: the white side fillet or white skin only of a legal size fluke may be removed to use as bait. The carcass of the fluke with dark side completely intact must be retained for inspection of size limit and counts against the possession limit.
- ** For striped bass only, marine waters is defined as south of George Washington Bridge.
- *** Customers aboard a licensed party/charter boat who take more than 25 scup from Sept 1 - Oct 31 or take two striped bass from April 15 - December 15 must possess an original dated receipt from the licensed vessel.
- # Lobsters and crabs in spawn (eggs visible thereon) may not be taken or possessed.

Recreational Fishing Regulations for Sharks

For further information call NMFS Fisheries
Information Line at (978) 281-9278

Category	Species	Minimum Size Limit	Daily Possession Limit
Large & Small Coastal Sharks & Pelagic Sharks	Sandbar, Silky, Tiger, Blacktip, Bull, Great Hammerhead, Lemon, Nurse, Scalloped Hammerhead, Smooth Hammerhead, Spinner, Blacknose, Bonnethead, Finetooth, Blue, Shortfin mako, Oceanic whitetip, Thresher, Porbeagle	54 inches fork length*	One shark per vessel per trip
	Atlantic sharpnose	No size limit	One Atlantic sharpnose per person per trip
Prohibited Sharks	Atlantic angel, Galapagos, Basking, Longfin mako, Bigeye Sand Tiger, Narrowtooth, Bigeye Sixgill, Night, Bigeye thresher, Sand tiger, Bignose, Sevengill, Carribean Reef, Sixgill, Carribean sharpnose, Smalltail, Dusky, Whale and White+	No possession allowed	

* Fork length means the straightline measurement of a fish from the tip of the snout to the fork of the tail. The measurement is not made along the curve of the body.

+A person may fish for white sharks with rod and reel, provided the person releases such fish immediately with a minimum of injury and that such fish may not be removed from the water.

Other provisions

- ▶ All landed sharks must have head, tails and fins attached
- ▶ No sale allowed
- ▶ No finning



General Angling Regulations

More information from this division:

[Fish, Wildlife and Marine Resources](#)

[Freshwater Fishing](#)

See [Special Regulations by County](#) section for the individual waters that have exceptions to these general regulations

Species	Open Season	Minimum Length	Daily Limit
Trout (brook, brown and rainbow trout and hybrids of these species; and splake)	April 1 through October 15	Any size	5
Lake Trout	April 1 through October 15	21"	3
Landlocked Salmon/ Atlantic Salmon	April 1 through October 15	15"	3
Kokanee	April 1 through October 15	Any size	10
Coho, chinook, pink salmon - See Great Lakes Regulations			
black bass largemouth/smallmouth	3rd Saturday in June through November 30	12"	5
Muskellunge	3rd Saturday in June through November 30	30"	1
Northern Pike	1st Saturday in May through March 15	18"	5
Pickereel	1st Saturday in May through March 15	15"	5
Tiger muskellunge	1st Saturday in May through March 15	30"	1
Walleye	1st Saturday in May through	15"	5

	March 15		
Crappie	All year	9"	25
Atlantic, shortnose & lake sturgeon; paddlefish	Closed	Possession Prohibited	
Whitefish	All year	Any size	5
Striped bass in the Hudson River and tributaries north of George Washington Bridge	March 16 through November 30	18"	1
American Shad	All year	Any size	6
Yellow perch	All year	Any size	50
Sunfish (bluegill, pumpkinseed and redbreast sunfish)	All year	Any size	50
American eel- all waters except Hudson River	All year	6"	50
American eel- Hudson River from the Battery to Troy and all tributaries upstream to the first barrier	All year	Eels 6-14" only may be possessed in any number for bait. No eels greater than 14" may be possessed. No eels may be possessed for food.	
All other species (except endangered and threatened species)	All year	Any size	Any number

Caution:

Dangerous Water Releases

Many rivers in New York State have dams on them. Some areas downstream have variable flows, including rapidly rising water that quickly creates conditions that are dangerous to anglers. Before fishing an unfamiliar river, become aware of the potential dangers or contact the Regional Bureau of Fisheries office for detailed information.

Also, keep in mind that almost any dammed or regulated water can be subject to quick increases in flow accompanied by rapidly increasing water depth and current speed.

When fishing on any river, if the water begins to rise unexpectedly, anglers should quickly move safely to shore.



Special Regulations for Suffolk County

More information from this division:

[Fish, Wildlife and Marine Resources](#)
[Freshwater Fishing](#)

- This is a list of exceptions to the **General Angling Regulations** of New York's [Freshwater Fishing Regulations](#).
- Trout waters where ice fishing is permitted are identified here.
- Where regulations appear in the Method column, they pertain to all fishing in the listed water.

Waters	Species	Open Season	Minimum Length	Daily Limit	Method
All waters	Crappie	All year	9"	15	
	Sunfish (Bluegill and pumpkinseed)	All year	Any size	15	
		All year	Any size	15	
	Yellow perch	All year	Any size	15	
All waters except Lake Ronkonkoma, Belmont Lake, Artist Lake, Blydenburgh Lake, and Fort Pond	black bass	1st Sat. in June-Nov 30	12"	5	Note: It is illegal to fish for bass during the period March 16 thru Friday preceding the 1st Sat. in June
		Dec 1-March 15	No Kill	No kill	
Fort Pond, Lake Ronkonkoma, and Artist Lake	Largemouth and smallmouth bass	1st Sat. in June-Nov 30	15"	5	Note: It is illegal to fish for bass during the period March 16 thru Friday preceding the 1st Sat. in June
		Dec 1-March 15		No kill	
Blydenburgh Lake	Largemouth and smallmouth	1st Sat. in June-Nov	12"	5	

	bass	30 Dec 1- Fri before 1st Sat in June	No Kill	No kill	
Artist Lake, Belmont Lake	Black Bass	All Year	catch and release only		
All tidal streams	Trout	All year	12"	3	
All freshwater (non-tidal) lakes and ponds except as listed below	Trout	All year	Any size	3	Ice fishing permitted
East (Swan) Lake	Trout	April 1- Nov 30	10"	3	
Laurel Lake, Deep Pond	Trout	All year	12"	3	Ice fishing permitted
All freshwater (non-tidal) streams except Carmans River in Southaven County Park, Connetquot River in Connetquot River State Park and Nissequoque River in Caleb Smith State Park	Brown &Rainbow Trout Brook Trout	All year April 1 - Sept 30	Any size No Kill	3 No Kill	
Carmans River (Southaven County Park)	Special Regulations by River Sections. Additional park regulations may apply. Call (631) 854-1414.				
Carmans River (Southaven County Park)	Brook trout	April 1 - Sept 30	No Kill	No Kill	
From LIPA transmission lines at Gate G upstream to Yaphank Avenue	Trout	April 1- Sept 30		No kill	Fly fishing only
From Cement Dam upstream to LIPA transmission lines at Gate G	Brown &Rainbow Trout	April 1- Sept 30	9"	3	Fly fishing only
From Cement Dam downstream to Hards Lake Dam	Brown &Rainbow Trout	April 1- Sept 30	9"	3	
Connetquot and Caleb Smith State Parks	Trout	Park Regulations apply, permit required. Call (631) 581-1005 Connetquot, (631) 265- 1054 Nissequoque.			
