



Patchogue Fishing Club

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October 2005 Newsletter



Fall has finally arrived and Carl has been receiving lots of weigh slips. Although there haven't been any tournaments since our last newsletter, several members have been out on the surf and they are catching some nice fish. The year is winding down but we still have a few tournaments to look forward to as well as Ladies Night and October's Chinese Auction.

Included in this month's newsletter is a great conservation report by Jim Smith. Be sure to take a look at it.

NEXT REGULAR CLUB MEETING WILL BE HELD ON:

October 27, 2005

Where: Blue Point Cottage

Time: 8:00 p.m.

Coffee and donuts will be served.



Committee Reports

Ladies Night



Ladies Night will be held Friday, November 4th at Sunset Harbour. This promises to be another great event, thanks to our expert shoppers Mark & Toni Tutrani. The invitations will be in the mail very soon. Please make sure you contact Mark & Toni with your reservation.

As always, members are asked to bring a wrapped gift valued at approximately \$10.00. These gifts are used as door prizes for the ladies. Mark also needs donations for the Basket of Cheer. Thanks!

Indoor



A Chinese Auction is scheduled for the October meeting. If you have any contributions, please bring them to the meeting.

Fish of the Month



September: James Smith with a 2lb. 12oz. porgy & Jake Lipponer with a 3oz. kingfish. Congratulations to both winners!

Jackets



Tom has new tee shirts and will continue taking jacket orders

Good & Welfare

Dawn Smith recently had gastro bypass surgery and Harvey Holmes is facing a lengthy recuperation from extensive back surgery. Our best wishes to both for a speedy recovery.

Outdoor



Important notices:

1. If a small craft warning is posted for a body of water where a boat tournament is being held, the tournament will be cancelled.
2. Any one interested in participating in the Blackfish Tournament scheduled for Friday, October 28th on the Celtic Quest, must make a non-refundable deposit of \$40.00. Jason began collecting the money at the June meeting. The new boat, which is bigger and faster, now holds at least 30 people. Contact Jason at 447-6236 or see him at Thursday's meeting.

Upcoming Tournaments:

Please note that the Montauk Surf Tournament originally scheduled for September 17th & 18th has been cancelled.

North Shore Surf Tournament at Kenny's Beach

- Date: Sunday, October 23rd (One day only)
- Time: Sunrise to 11am
- Weigh-In: 11am-11:30 am



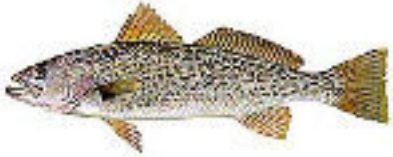
Blackfish Tournament

- Date: Friday, October 28th
- Where: Celtic Quest



Moriches Surf Tournament at Cupsoque

- Date: Saturday, November 12th & Sunday, November 13th
- Time: Saturday 6:00 a.m. – Sunday, 2:30 p.m.
- Weigh-in: 2:30 – 3:00 p.m. at the Smith Point Boat Launching Ramp
- Place: Long Cove to Moriches Inlet (Both sides of inlet)



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!

Upcoming Meetings



Regular Meetings

Date	Time	Location
27-Oct	8pm	Blue Point Cottage
4-Nov	7pm	Ladies Night Sunset Harbour
15-Dec	8pm	Blue Point Cottage

Directors' Meetings

Date	Time	Location
16-Nov	8pm	John Tighe
no meeting in December		

*Hope to see you
at the next meeting!
Cheryl*

PATCHOGUE FISHING CLUB OCTOBER CONSERVATION REPORT

WEAKFISH According to a recent report in the Long Island fishermen's column "Conservation Watch" by Al Ristori, a report on the local weakfish population by the MASMFC claims that our weak fishery is in deep trouble. According to this report the local weakfish stocks are said to be down by almost 16% and there are very few young fish around to replenish the schools. This seems to contradict my observations during the summer. At several docks along the Great South Bay and Moriches Bay I observed a ton of juvenile weakfish chasing the spearing schools. How did I know they were weakfish? On quite a few occasions while fishing for snappers this last summer, I was having a hard time keeping the snappers on the hook. There was a strike and the hook was set, and the fish was on, only to be lost a few seconds later. Finally, after a dozen or so lost fish I was able to get a fish to the dock. They were weakfish (about maybe 8 to 10 inches in length). To me this seems to be a very good sign for the coming years. I have talked to a few anglers and gotten the same sort of information. Also, the club as a whole has done quite well on weakfish this year, so where is this 16% drop in the weakfish population? I would hope that we are not being targeted again. We will have to wait and see what comes out of the next few MASMFC board meetings.

Late Addition: The Recreational Fishing Alliance is getting into the fray in regards to the weakfish dilemma; they are sending a team to the next MASMFC meeting in Boston. The MASMFC is claiming that the current weakfish plan needs to be changed because of an exceptionally high weakfish mortality rate during the last two years. They want to reduce the recreational quota when everyone including the council agrees that the mortality rate is caused by a natural occurrence. The mortality is directly linked to a depletion of the weakfish's natural forage. The moss bunker population is down drastically and the council just voted to allow the reduction industry to continue to harvest millions of pounds of bunker from the Chesapeake Bay area. The natural mortality of weakfish has been directly linked to the decline of moss bunker. All parties agree to this but the council still feels that the recreational regulations need to be tightened. The RFA is hopping to talk some sense into the weakfish board before we are forced to saddle the burden for the reduction industries ravaging of the bunker schools. The worst part of this whole thing is that changing our regs will not make a bit of difference.

Possible Federal Marine Fishing License The question of a marine fishing license is back in the news again. A bill is being put before congress that would institute a national federal marine fishing license. The authors of this bill feel that this would be the fairest way to solve the issues which have been plaguing the individual states as they have been trying to implement a marine recreational license. All states would have one all inclusive marine recreational fishing license, which would be good any where within the continual United States. As more information becomes available I will keep you informed.

Ecosystem vs. Single Species Management There has been a call for a change in how the fishing counsels manage fish populations. Instead of targeting individual species they would set up a plan that encompasses the entire ecosystem. That would mean that not only would the larger predator species be monitored and protected but also all of the inhabitants. This would include all forms of forage fish and even the so called trash species. The trash fish eat just as much as the game fish and can even over shadow the other fish in the hunt for food.

The plan calls for the consideration of the impact of any regulation on all species not just the ones being regulated. I have been told that this was talked about before, but never got off the ground. I feel this is a much better approach to managing our natural resources. Again I will keep the club apprised of any developments in this matter.

Patchogue Fishing Club

2005 Annual Contest Standings

Total Boat		pts.
1	Holmes, Harvey	1347
2	Fumuso, Joel	338
3	Mangan, Lorry	58

Total Surf		pts.
1	Conwell, Vinny	484
2	Kasten, T.J.*	116
3	Dietz, George	84

Blackfish		lb-oz
1	Tighe, John	3-8
2		
3		

Bluefish Boat		lb-oz
1	Holmes, Harvey	13-2
2	Conwell, Vinny	11-3
3	Van Ginhoven, Neil	9-4

Bluefish Surf		lb-oz
1	Dietz, George	10-8
2	Conwell, Vinny	10-0
3	Belmonte, Jim	7-12

Cod/Pollack		lb-oz
1	DiDonato, Leo	5-0
2	Ganetis, Tom	2-8
3		

Striped Bass Boat		lb-oz
1	Mangan, Lorry	58-0
2	Fumuso, Joel	35-0
3	Holmes, Harvey	28-1

Striped Bass Surf		lb-oz
1	Conwell, Vinny	21-8
2	Dietz, George	18-8
3	Kasten, T.J.*	15-2

Flounder		lb-oz
1	Ganetis, Tom	2-10
2	Bennett, Bruce	2-2
3	Tighe, John	1-8

Weakfish Boat		lb-oz
1	Tighe, John	14-2
2	Conwell, Vinny	10-2
3	Ganetis, Tom	9-2

Weakfish Surf		lb-oz
1	Conwell, Vinny	13-12
2	Kasten, T.J.*	10-1
3	Wasilewicz, Tom	2-2

Fluke		lb-oz
1	Mangan, Lorry	10-8
2	Dietz, George	9-15
3	Ganetis, Tom	7-14

Kingfish		lb-oz
1	Moffett, Chuck	1-8
2	Lipponer, Jake*	0-3
3		

Largemouth Bass		lb-oz
1		
2		
3		

Pickarel		lb-oz
1	Rockwell, Bill	3-8
2	Gerkhe, Jason	2-2
3	Gerkhe, Steve	1-11

Porgy		lb-oz
1	Smith, James	2-12
2	Steinbart, Rich	2-4
3	Tutrani, Mark	1-13

Sea Bass		lb-oz
1	Conwell, Vinny	4-5
2	Van Ginhoven, Neil	3-12
3	Maynard, Greg	3-8

Trout		lb-oz
1	Conwell, Vinny	2-8
2	Wasilewicz, Tom	2-4
3	Kasten, T.J.*	2-3

Tuna		lb-oz
1	Ogeka, Carlee	40-0
2	Jewell, Dylan*	21-0
3	Caruso, John	17-4

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Weigh Slips by Species

Blackfish

3-8 5/4/2005 Tighe, John

Bluefish Boat

13-2 7/19/2005 Holmes, Harvey

11-3 8/23/2005 Conwell, Vinny

9-7 5/30/2005 Holmes, Harvey

9-4 6/2/2005 Van Ginhoven, Neil

9-0 6/28/2005 Polcha, Andy

8-8 7/24/2005 Bodnar, David

8-6 8/23/2005 Conwell, Vinny

8-2 7/21/2005 Ganetis, Tom

8-0 7/21/2005 Tighe, John

7-9 5/30/2005 Holmes, Harvey

6-14 7/12/2005 Holmes, Harvey

6-11 7/12/2005 Holmes, Harvey

6-11 7/19/2005 Holmes, Harvey

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6-3 5/15/2005 Maynard, Greg

6-2 7/12/2005 Holmes, Harvey

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5-15 7/12/2005 Holmes, Harvey

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5-10 7/12/2005 Holmes, Harvey

5-7 5/30/2005 Holmes, Harvey

5-6 5/30/2005 Holmes, Harvey

5-2 5/30/2005 Holmes, Harvey

4-2 5/15/2005 Harrold, Ed

Bluefish Surf

10-8 9/28/2005 Dietz, George

10-0 5/10/2005 Conwell, Vinny

10-0 7/16/2005 Conwell, Vinny

8-10 5/9/2005 Conwell, Vinny

7-12 10/3/2005 Belmonte, Jim

7-2 7/25/2005 Kasten, T.J.*

6-8 5/9/2005 Conwell, Vinny

6-8 10/3/2005 Dietz, George

6-0 5/14/2005 Kasten, T.J.*

5-6 7/24/2005 Kasten, T.J.*

5-1 5/14/2005 Conwell, Vinny

5-1 5/14/2005 Kasten, T.J.*

5-0 5/14/2005 Conwell, Vinny

5-0 5/14/2005 Jewell, Dylan*

5-0 10/14/2005 Dietz, George

Cod

5-0 5/17/2005 DiDonato, Leo

2-8 4/6/2005 Ganetis, Tom

Flounder

2-10 6/1/2005 Ganetis, Tom

2-2 6/30/2005 Bennett, Bruce

1-8 4/22/2005 Tighe, John

Fluke

10-8 8/26/2005 Mangan, Lorry

9-15 5/15/2005 Dietz, George

7-14 5/27/2005 Ganetis, Tom

7-11 5/15/2005 Kasten, T.J.*

7-4 6/2/2005 Van Ginhoven, Neil

7-4 7/15/2005 Maynard, Greg

6-14 5/17/2005 Remien, Jason

6-13 7/16/2005 Caruso, John

6-8 7/12/2005 Holmes, Harvey

4-3 8/20/2005 Mazurkiewicz, Frank

4-2 8/21/2005 Caruso, John

3-9 7/16/2005 Moffett, Chuck

3-6 8/19/2005 Pfister, Ron

2-12 8/21/2005 DiDonato, Leo

2-10 8/19/2005 Bennett, Cliff

2-9 8/20/2005 Pfister, Ron

2-8 6/19/2005 Pfister, Ron

2-8 8/20/2005 Tutrani, Mark

Kingfish

1-8 10/2/2005 Moffett, Chuck

0-3 9/11/2005 Lipponer, Jake*

Mahi

12-0 9/19/2005 Ogeka, Carlee

Pickrel

3-8 5/11/2005 Rockwell, Bill

2-2 6/5/2005 Gerkhe, Jason

1-11 6/5/2005 Gerkhe, Steve

1-5 6/5/2005 DiDonato, Leo

1-5 6/5/2005 Polcha, Andy

Porgy

2-12 9/25/2005 Smith, James

2-8 9/25/2005 Smith, James

2-7 9/25/2005 Smith, James

2-4 10/5/2005 Steinbart, Rich

2-1 9/25/2005 Smith, James

2-0 9/25/2005 Smith, James

1-13 10/1/2005 Tutrani, Mark

Sea Bass

4-5 7/6/2005 Conwell, Vinny

3-12 6/28/2005 Van Ginhoven, Neil

3-8 7/15/2005 Maynard, Greg

3-0 10/1/2005 DiDonato, Leo

1-15 8/21/2005 Caruso, John

Striped Bass Boat

58-0 8/14/2005 Mangan, Lorry

35-0 6/18/2005 Fumuso, Joel

31-0 5/30/2005 Fumuso, Joel

28-1 7/19/2005 Holmes, Harvey

25-1 6/4/2005 Holmes, Harvey

25-0 5/30/2005 Fumuso, Joel

25-0 8/8/2005 Jewell, Dylan*

24-2 8/19/2005 Holmes, Harvey

23-10 7/10/2005 Holmes, Harvey

23-7 6/10/2005 Holmes, Harvey

23-3 6/10/2005 Holmes, Harvey

22-5 6/10/2005 Holmes, Harvey

22-0 5/30/2005 Fumuso, Joel

21-1 7/20/2005 Holmes, Harvey

20-7 7/20/2005 Holmes, Harvey

20-6 5/30/2005 Fumuso, Joel

20-5 5/30/2005 Holmes, Harvey

20-5 7/3/2005 Holmes, Harvey

20-4 5/30/2005 Fumuso, Joel

20-3 6/24/2005 Holmes, Harvey

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 19-4 6/4/2005 Holmes, Harvey
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Striped Bass Surf

21-8 8/27/2005 Conwell, Vinny
 18-8 8/1/2005 Dietz, George
 18-0 5/5/2005 Conwell, Vinny
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 15-2 7/24/2005 Kasten, T.J.*
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 11-3 5/8/2005 Conwell, Vinny
 11-3 7/25/2005 Conwell, Vinny
 10-8 7/16/2005 Conwell, Vinny
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Trout

2-8 3/29/2005 Conwell, Vinny
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 2-4 5/20/2005§ Smith, James
 2-3 3/29/2005 Kasten, T.J.*
 2-1 3/29/2005 Conwell, Vinny
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 1-4 5/20/2005§ Smith, James
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Tuna

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 17-4 8/6/2005 Caruso, John

Weakfish Boat

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 9-2 5/15/2005 Ganetis, Tom

Weakfish Surf

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 10-1 5/7/2005 Kasten, T.J.*
 2-2 9/4/2005 Wasilewicz, Tom

* = juniors members

§ = out of Long Island waters