



Patchogue Fishing Club

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January 2007 Newsletter

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President's Message

Happy New Year everyone! I would like to take a few moments to welcome all of you to the year 2007. It is with confidence and hopeful optimism that I assume my position as President of the Patchogue Fishing Club. I hope to serve all of our members faithfully and with integrity. First, I would like to give a quick introduction about myself. I joined this fine club of sportsmen during the general meeting in September 2003 and have not looked back since. For the past three years, I have served as Conservation Chairperson and in the past two years, I performed the duties of Recording Secretary as well. I now look forward to filling the role of President this year. I first began fishing in 1966 at six years old when my father and Uncle Johnny (actually my next-door neighbor) took my brother and me to Shinnecock Cannel for some Cain pole Snapper fishing. We had a blast and I have been hooked (excuse the pun) ever since. Throughout the past 40 years, I have caught just about every species of fish that is available on our shores.

Conservation of our natural resources has always been important to me. "Catch and Release" is a practice that I have followed religiously for many years. To me, if you enjoy the pursuit and catching of fish and then release them, there is a chance you can continue to enjoy that experience for years to come. There is a famous quote from Lefty Kerhn pertaining to "Catch and Release." When Lefty was questioned why he would always "Catch and Release", he answered, "You don't throw away your golf balls after each swing do you". That philosophy leads me into our topic of discussion. I speak of the troubling news that everyone seems to be talking about; the new 2007 Fluke harvest quota. As it stands right now, we will be taking a very big hit regarding the 2007 Fluke regulations. It was voted on and passed back in December by the MASFC to allow 12.98 million pounds for the harvest of Fluke in 2007 of which we, the recreational anglers would receive only 40% (5.192 million pounds). We may be asked to take an even bigger cut because it is being alleged that New York over fished Fluke again by 40% in 2006. This would mean that the recreational angler would again, be asked to take further reductions in our fluke quota for this coming year as a penalty.

There was a brief hope that the MASMFC would accept a second larger quota in March, which would be 17.11 million pounds. This would almost certainly bring strong reprisals from the NMFS, who threatened closing the 2007 Fluke season in federal controlled waters, and revoking federal fishing permits of those party and charter boats that tried catching Fluke in state controlled waters. The NMFS is

being pressured with lawsuits (by certain environmental groups) to cut the quotas and to rebuild the fish stock by the year 2010. What does this all mean; we could be looking at a severely shortened open season, a one fish per bag limit, and a minimum size of 19.5". This would hurt the party boat and charter boat community the most but if we choose to take the long term view of this situation we can take solace in the fact that there could still be fish for our children and grandchildren to catch in the future. If we as a club practice "Catch and Release" this season, we can still enjoy our sport while trying to rebuild our dwindling resources simultaneously. ...James Smith

NEXT REGULAR CLUB MEETING WILL BE HELD ON:

January 25, 2007



Where: Blue Point Cottage
Time: 8:00 p.m.

Coffee and donuts will be served.

New Slate

OFFICERS

President:..... Jim Smith
1st Vice President: Rich Steinbart
2nd Vice President: George Remien
Secretary: Jason Remien
Financial Secretary: Carl Dippel
Treasurer: John Tighe

DIRECTORS

Chairman: Cheryl Dippel
..... Mark Tutrani
..... Don Schaefer
..... Tom Ganetis
..... Bill Rockwell
..... Heidi LeLaidier

2007 Committees

Indoor..... Board of Directors
Outdoor..... Tom Ganetis
..... John Tighe
..... Bill Rockwell
NY Surf Tournament..... Heidi LeLaidier
Conservation..... Jim Smith
Scales..... Bill Rockwell
Weigh Master..... Carl Dippel
Fish of the Month..... Carl Dippel

Prizes.....	George Remien
Rules & Records.....	Jason Remien
Jackets.....	Ron Pfister
Custodian.....	Leo DiDonato
Historian.....	John Tighe
Newsletter.....	Cheryl & Carl Dippel
Good & Welfare.....	Cheryl Dippel
Publicity.....	Heidi LeLaidier
2006 Dinner.....	Jason Remien
2007 Dinner.....	TBD
Casting.....	George Remien
Picnic.....	Debbie & Jason Remien
Ladies Night.....	Toni & Mark Tutrani
150 Club.....	Don Schaefer
Budget – Audit.....	Debbie Remien

If anyone would like to work on any committee, please contact the chairman. Your help and/or input is always appreciated.

Committee Reports



Indoor

Jason is lining up a few guest speakers for this year. We're hoping to get Al Goldberg to do another presentation at one of the meetings. Jason would like some suggestions. Some of our best speakers have been members who are willing to share their expertise and experiences. Please consider volunteering.



Scales

Bill will be ready to start calibrating your scales at the January meeting.



Good & Welfare

Jim Belmonte spent some time in the hospital just before the holidays. He is home now and doing better. Speedy recovery, Jim!



Conservation

Jim will continue his outstanding reporting on conservation and will keep us up-to-date on everything throughout the year.



Fish of the Month

The winner for December is Pete Cilento with a 20 lb. striped bass. Nice going, Pete! There was no junior winner.



Jackets

Ron has done a terrific job on this committee and is always working on offering new merchandise and alternative designs. We will keep you posted.



Historian

John is continuing on as the club's historian. He does an outstanding job keeping our photo albums up-to-date and in fine order. If you have pictures, articles and other material of historical interest to the club, please pass it on to him for inclusion. The albums are often available for viewing at the meetings, so please take the time to browse through them.



Prizes

George Remien is requesting the return of all annual trophies ASAP. He needs time to have all the engraving for this year's winners. Please bring them to the January meeting or make arrangements with George.



150 Club

Don Schaefer did a great job the last couple of years and will continue distributing tickets this year. Each adult member must buy or sell two tickets but anyone wishing to sell extra can get them from Don.



2007 Dinner

The Annual Dinner Dance will be held March 17th at the Sunset Harbour. We are hoping to change the menu somewhat and we will have a new DJ this year. As always, a cocktail hour will be included. In an effort to cut costs, there will be a cash bar the rest of the evening.

Dues



Carl will begin collecting dues at the January meeting.

This year we will be collecting dues and the obligatory 150 tickets together. So be prepared to pay for both. Dues are due as of January 1st. So if you want to avoid being considered “not in good standing” you have to pay before or at the April Meeting. Here are the rates for 2007:

Adult Member + two 150 Club Tickets	\$80.00
Senior Member + two 150 Club Tickets	\$65.00
Spouse + two 150 Club Tickets	\$60.00
Life + two 150 Club Tickets.....	\$20.00
Junior Member	\$25.00

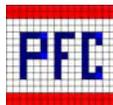
Additional 150 Club tickets will be available.

Junior members are not obliged to purchase 150 Club tickets.



Newsletter

This year, again, anyone who has internet access will receive their newsletter electronically. We have done this in an effort to save money and time. Anyone without internet access will receive their newsletter in the mail. If you have any problems with the electronic delivery please call Carl at 289-6934. He will be happy to help you.



Website

Since we are no longer reading the minutes during the meetings, look for them on the website: www.pfc1938.com.



January Birthdays

16 th	Guy LeLaidier
26 th	John Tighe
27 th	Matt Pfister

Happy Birthday to all the members who were born in January!



Outdoor

Tom Ganetis presented a tentative tournament schedule for 2007 at the January Director's meeting. We will be discussing this proposal at the Regular meeting. The total number of tournaments and associated prizes (including amounts) will depend on 2007 budget. Please look it over before then.

Tournament	Species	Date	Prizes
Peconic Bay	Weakfish Fluke	May 6 th	1 st 1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd
South Shore Flounder	Flounder	May 18 th , 19 th , 20 th	1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd
Fresh Water	Bass Pickerel Other	June 3 rd	1 st , 2 nd 1 st , 2 nd 1 st , 2 nd
South Jamesport Ramp (Peconic Bay)	Porgies	June 24 th	1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd
North Shore Fluke	Fluke	June 16 th , 17 th	1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd
South Shore Boat & Surf	Striped Bass Bluefish	July 20 th , 21 st , 22 nd	1 st , 2 nd 1 st , 2 nd
South Shore Fluke	Fluke	August 17 th , 18 th , 19 th	1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd
Snapper Derby	Snapper	August 26 th	TBD
Montauk Surf	Striped Bass Bluefish	October 14 th , 15 th	1 st , 2 nd 1 ^s , 2 nd
Blackfish	Blackfish	November 3 rd	1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd

Upcoming Meetings



Regular Meetings

Type	Date	Time	Location
Business	25-Jan	8pm	Blue Point Cottage
Informal	22-Feb	8pm	Blue Point Cottage
Dinner	17-Mar	7pm	Sunset Harbour
Business	26-Apr	8pm	Blue Point Cottage
Informal	24-May	8pm	Blue Point Cottage
Informal	28-Jun	8pm	Blue Point Cottage
Casting Picnic	28-Jul	8am Noon	Cathedral Pines
no meeting in August			
Business	27-Sep	8pm	Blue Point Cottage
Informal	25-Oct	8pm	Blue Point Cottage
Ladies Night	2-Nov	7pm	Sunset Harbour
Business	13-Dec	8pm	Blue Point Cottage

Directors' Meetings

Day	Date	Time	Location
Wed	17-Jan	8pm	Jason Remien
Thurs	15-Feb	8pm	George Remien
Wed	14-Mar	8pm	Cheryl & Carl Dippel
Thurs	19-Apr	8pm	Bill Rockwell
Thurs	17-May	8pm	Mark Tutrani
Wed	20-Jun	8pm	Heidi LeLaidier
no meeting in July			
no meeting in August			
Wed	19-Sep	8pm	Don Schaefer
Wed	17-Oct	8pm	Cheryl & Carl Dippel
Wed	28-Nov	8pm	John Tighe
no meeting in December			