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MAY & JUNE 2012

GREATER NEW YORK ANGLERS ASSOCIATION INC.

PRESIDENTS LINE

Spring is finally here and so are the fish ! Id would like to thank Vincent Pica .the district chief of staff and his group who attended the last meeting for a informative and fun Q-A with regards to the auxiliary Coast Guard. These folks who do so much for the boating public certainly rarely ,get the recognition for the service they provide ,so again thank you. Those that missed the event missed a good time. Id also like to thank Wally Carrucci and Nelson Alcaraz for the terrific photos of huge red drum and sail fish taken during the winter months in warmer climes. I'm amazed how I stared through a hole in the ice in sub zero weather with 50 mph winds, fighting off wolfs and polar bears ,that while just a few A states away 30 lbs red drum were sliding around in submerged rice fields slurping down crabs. The Delaware has been going strong with rainbows and browns into the 20 inch plus side for a couple of weeks now ,taking cream caddis, rychophylia caddis and hellgrammite patterns . The water levels have been stable and temps are in the high 50,s. A couple of club members are planning a trip up that way in mid may for a day of troutng , either the Beaver Kill or the Delaware ,it should be a fun trip and some ,hopefully good trout brought to the net . If any one is interested please email me or Ron Restivo to coordinate the days plan. Some good shad fishing has also started on the river and some reports have the shad at a good size and very acrobatic. I was as up last week and freezing temps and hellacious if that's a word winds in excess of 45 mph. clobbered me , so much for the fly fishing ,but managed a great couple of days with the small mouth .Big blues have invaded the south side beaches and inlets ,bass are among them ,,the Great South Bay has water temps into the high 50s with some weak fish in the bay as well. Its now up to you to pull out your fly rods ,dust of your ability's and give it hell. As all ways any and all photos ,fishing ,shooting stories or lies are welcome and should be forwarded to Dave for the news letter. Speaking of id like to say thank you to Dave for continually producing a solid and informative letter for the club. If you feel something is missing or would like to see something in the news letter please let me know or send your material . With that said its time to go fishing!!! thanks Brian Moran

ON THE COVER
Jim Gilmore
&
Mr. Brown

MEETING NOTICE WEDNESDAY, June 12 th. 2012

Manhasset Bay Yacht Club

455 Main Street

Port Washington, NY 11050

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7:30 PM

Casual Dress, No Jeans

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Nelson making a cast, see page 15

FISHING REPORTS

Jim Gilmore and Anthony Pampillonio met up in Georgia last month to get in some fish (Southern Style) and were well rewarded for their efforts. They had a day or two of rain but managed to get through it. Any one interested in a vacation to Georgia give it a try.

Georgia Trophy Fly Fishing At It's Best.

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CASTING MASTER

Last month Mark Sedotti held a demonstration of his casting ability at Orvis in Greenvale. For those who don't know he has the uncanny ability to make back casts in the 140'+ range with a long and heavy weighted Bunker Fly with a 8 weight rod, If you have not had the opportunity to witness his skills you are truly missing something great. He was kind enough to share his system and answered any and all questions.

In one demonstration he uses a 120' foot steelhead line, attached to 30' of Amnesia mono which was then attached to the running line. That's right he threw it all with one false cast, a sight to see.

I spoke to Mark and he is available for personal instructions so if you want to get up close and personal to his technique give me a call for his phone number if your interested.



We finally did it! With the joined effort of John Thomson we believe we are finally on the right road in developing a great Mantis Shrimp pattern. Ever since Brian Moran came into John's shop with some specimens that he removed from a Bass he caught three years ago the intrigue of developing a pattern started. Up to this time only one pattern is available commercially but it is really tiny in comparison to the real shrimp, does not look like a Mantis Shrimp but carries the name. I knew that a dubbing brush would be instrumental in its design. Started with the tail abdomen by making several brushes and with a little trimming I got the shape I was looking for and assembled a couple. At this time I gave it over to John who started playing with different materials and to see how realistic he could develop a pattern. Some testing is needed as to color but I believe we are on the right track.

Mantis Shrimp are a great food source for Striped Bass as evident of the five that were removed from Brian's bass and from what I understand May is a primary spawning period for these shrimp in our area. Would like to commend John in his effort to produce what I believe could be a great pattern once the right color is found and it takes a fish or two.





Picture above in one that Brian recovered as you can see the size of the shrimp.

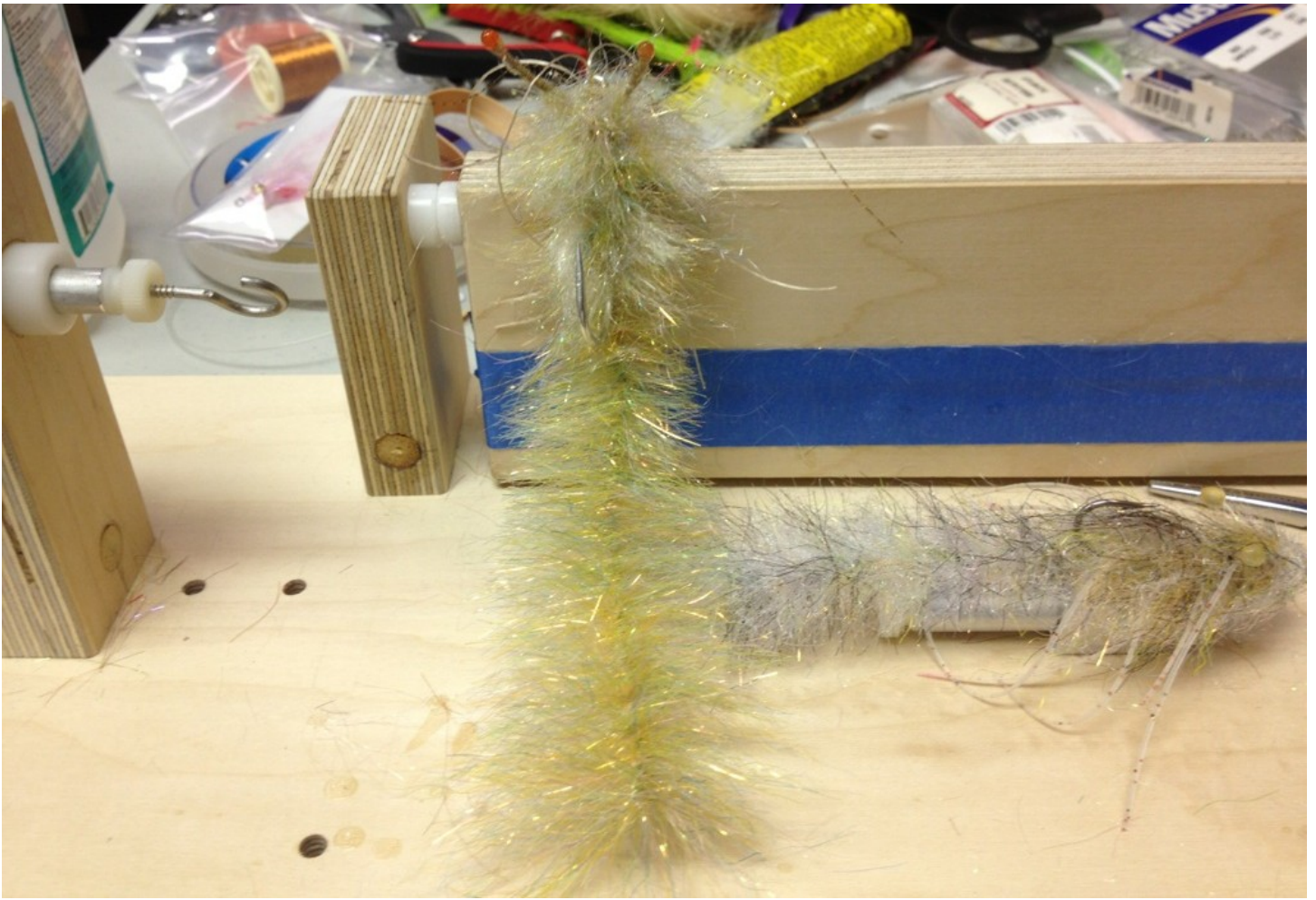




Above are two of my efforts.

Below John has been busy





John has also been busy making other patterns using Dubbing Brushes





Found a good substitute for making Vale Flies with less fuss Dubbing Brushes

The Associated Press via Seattle Post-Intelligencer

Open sores. Parasitic infections. Chewed-up-looking fins. Gashes. Mysterious black streaks. Two years after the drilling-rig explosion that touched off the biggest offshore oil spill in U.S. history, scientists are beginning to suspect that fish in the Gulf of Mexico are suffering the effects of the petroleum. The evidence is nowhere near conclusive. But if those suspicions prove correct, it could mean that the environmental damage to the gulf from the BP disaster is still unfolding, and the picture isn't as rosy as it might have seemed just a year ago.

No Fuss, No Muss – and Your Favorite Price (Free!) – Vessel Exams

Vince Pica

In the springtime, the saying goes that a young man's fancy turns to thoughts of love. This may be true but just about everyone I speak to lately has had it with “cabin fever” and wants to get back out on there! And, fitfully, Spring is nearly here. When getting to work commissioning your boat for the water, stop for a moment and consider getting the “gilt edged” United States Coast Guard Auxiliary Vessel Safety Check – better know as the Vessel Exam. Oh, and it's free.

What It is Not!

USCGAux vessel safety checks are not a regulatory event. If your boat doesn't pass all components of the exam, no one “turns you in.” The examiner will explain exactly what needs to be brought back into line to conform to Federal standards and, most likely, will also give you his or her cell phone number. “Call me when you've addressed the issue. I'll come over and we'll get this boat decal'd as having passed the USCGAux Vessel Safety Check.”

What Does The Decal Mean?

It says something very simple. This boat meets, at least, Federal minimums for 15 specific safety or regulatory features. Can USCG active-duty members still come alongside and board you? Of course they can. They need no reason whatsoever (see “We're Being Boarded by the Coast Guard – Now What!?” SSP, 11/15/06). But experience tells me that when the regulars are faced with two boats, and one has passed our exam and the other hasn't, the other guy had better hope that he has no reason to worry.

How Do I Get One?

In an out-reach program started a few years ago, the USCGAux flotillas “Out East” have created “Vessel Exam Days” with a number of marinas and dock masters. Some throw BBQs for their customers. Some set up tables with fresh sets of flares (the most common reason for a boat not to get its decal) and other necessary items like fire extinguishers or air-horns, etc. So, check with your dock master and, if he or she isn't planning to sponsor a “VE Day”, email me below and I will follow up directly. Or, you can go online.

WWW.CGAUX.ORG and click on Vessel Safety Checks. Follow a few simple prompts and you will be asked for your zip-code. The computer will then list for you, closest first, where the Vessel Examiners are and you can email them automatically. Or just email me below and we'll get it set up for you.

What Will The Vessel Examiner Check?

Believe it or not, the first thing that the Examiner will ask for is your registration. The registration, not a copy, is required by law to be on the boat. If it isn't there, the examiner will still conduct the exam to see if there are any other show-stoppers but the VSC decal cannot be awarded without a valid registration on the boat. It can be in your wallet as long as you are on the boat!

An important reason for the registration to be in hand is that right on it is the length of the boat as it is known to DMV. USCG safety standards are size-dependent. For example, a boat over 39.4 feet shall (must!) have a copy of the Navigation Rules (the COLREGs you've seen so much on here) on the boat. Twenty-six feet or more? Where's your Pollution placard? Trash placard? At least two “B-1” fire extinguishers aboard?

Why Typically Don't All Boats Pass?

Well, as I noted above, the most common reason is expired flares. What does that mean? Your flares come from the factory with 40 months of “life” and that date is stamped on the side of the flare. Why 40? So, after shipping and sitting on a shelf, hopefully you have 3-years (36 months) of coverage. Are the flares still good after the expiration date? Almost without a doubt, they are. But the Examiner cannot give you your decal unless you have at least 3 day and 3 night “pyrotechnic devices” aboard in an un-expired state.

What else can go wrong? Well, before you get nervous, with over 100,000 exams as the basis, 75% of all boats pass on the first pass. And it is not a regulatory event if it doesn't. You get specific advice from the Examiner on what you need.

And likely his or her cell phone number to schedule the re-exam. And, oh yes, it is free. Both times...

Here is the breakdown:

Display of Numbers Registration / Documentation

5.435% 5.574%

Personal Flotation Device Ventilation

2.832% 1.451%

Visual Distress Signals Fire Extinguishers

12.221% 4.501%

Backfire Flame Control Sound Producing Device

1.639% 5.156%

Navigation Lights Marine Sanitation Device

8.465% 2.921%

Pollution Placard MARPOL Trash Placard

2.375% 2.802%

Navigation Rules State and/or Local Regulations

2.742% 10.432%

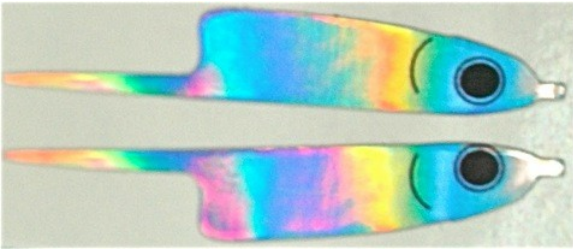
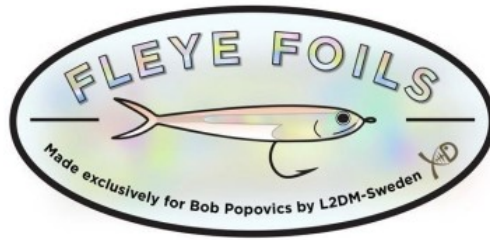
Overall Vessel Condition (catch-all) – 4.670%

Does every boat need to pass every item? Not at all. If you don't have a marine sanitation device (a "head") aboard, the Examiner just checks "N/A." But if you do, it must meet Federal standards for safe and secure operation. Does your 20' Seahunt need a set of Nav Rules aboard? Nope. But that 46' Ocean yacht of yours does..! You get the picture.

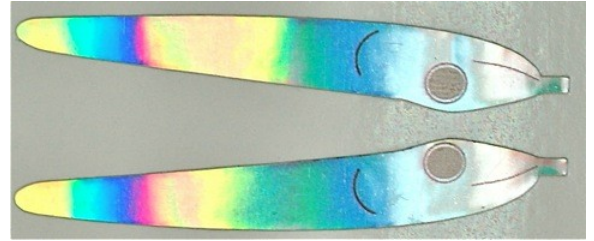
So, let's be sure we go to sea with a vessel that meets the gold standard and increase the safety of life at sea – yours! Oh, and it's free...

BTW, if you are interested in being part of USCG Forces, email me at JoinUSCGAux@aol.com or go direct to the D1SR Human Resources department, who are in charge of new members matters, at [DSO-HR](#) and we will help you "get in this thing..."

FLY TYING: something new: Bob Popovics has added a new dimension to fly tying with introduction of a new foil product that enhances his tried and true surf candies. It comes in two styles Anchovy and Sand Eel. They are available but not cheap from what I heard.



ANCHOVY



SAND EEL





April 26 Thursday Nelson and I went to Connetquot to see if we could get lucky but unfortunately it did not happen. Nelson arrived early to secure a beat but it was unnecessary for there were only two cars ahead of him and when I arrived I was the fourth. We secured beats on the lower river but there were no fish visible anywhere. I went down as far as Beat 9 but seen nothing. The grass is everywhere and very thick which made it difficult to use nymphs and no rises observed. It's unfortunate but it will be awhile before it gets back to being fishable if ever.

We did stop by the main pond on the way out and did see some fish rising but time was running out.



Nelson Alcaraz fished out East with Joe Blados in May
Nice day but short on fish!



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