

TROUT SEASON OPENED!

GNVAA

April 2011

GREATER NEW YORK ANGLERS ASSOCIATION INC.

GAME DINNER POSTPONED UNTIL THE MAY MEETING

Presidents line, finally the spring we have been waiting for has sort of arrived ,striped bass are moving into the bays and from some of the catches I've heard of sizable fish are among them , its hit or miss this time of year but the casting practice and the chance of a sun burn are well worth it. the fresh water side where I spend the winter and spring is still off to a slow start the water temp is still in the low forty's on the reservoir s and the midge fishing has been mediocre at best, on the kensico this week I managed to get a half a day in and walked into the last of a smelt run and tied into a few smallmouth bass up to 22 inches on white beast masters, slow and deep, it was nice to take a break and fish during the week. the weather was wet and cold. Any time now the temps will come up and get things going. I understand that shad have started to run the lower Delaware river, that's a good sign, I plan on being in the Callicoon area on or around the 15th of May to try my luck it should be a great time to be on the river. Rainbows and browns will be in the mix, a few trips to the Beaverkill are in order this spring. The rainbows have been doing well and are eager to bang dries and nymphs on a drag free drift, it's been too long a winter for a day trip, make a weekend out for it. On to other news, the game dinner will be on for the next meeting at the Manhasset Bay Yacht Club, Pat has generously donated some wonderful cuts of venison and pheasant along with turkey there may be some boar in the mix to, I will bring along a nice doormat fluke for the surf side of this dinner, so mark it on your Calendar. Wind up its time to get out and fish, as always send some of your photos in for the news letter ,weather boating, fishing, or shooting, I'd like to get your spin on the outdoor side of life, Thank you and see you at the meeting ..Brian Moran



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Bonefish



By Law Change

Dear Club Members:

At the April 2011 meeting a proposal will be made to the general membership to amend one of our by-laws. This is Section 6, Membership Balloting and Candidate Approval. A proposal will be made to eliminate voting new members into the club. A current club member will have to sponsor a new candidate. If there are any problems or complaints by club members the sponsor will be charged with taking care of that situation. In the past there were members voted in who the membership were not happy with, so voting someone in does not guarantee anything.

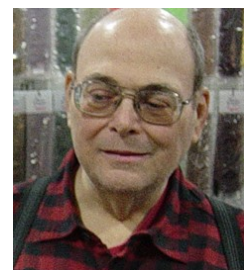
The old bylaw is as follows: "Membership Balloting and Candidate Approval. When a new member is proposed, there will be a secret ballot submitted by all members present. When a candidate is sponsored, written notification will be made to the General Membership advising of the date, time and place the General Membership Ballot will take place. Such notification will be sent not less than seven (7) days prior to the scheduled vote. Membership Approval is contingent upon the sponsored candidate receiving no more than one negative vote. No member may abstain. Upon completion of a "witnessed vote count," the Membership Committee Chairperson or the President will only specify whether or not the vote was favorable or negative. All ballot totals will remain anonymous. In the event that two negative votes are witnessed, ballot counting shall stop immediately. The candidate shall be notified by the president or membership committee chairman of the results by letter or by electronic mail."

The new bylaw reads as follows (unless modified by members): "When a new member is proposed by a member sponsor, the member sponsor shall invite the candidate to a club meeting so that the candidate can see what the club is about and can make an informed decision whether they want to join the club. After bringing the candidate to a meeting the sponsor shall present the potential member with an application to be filled out by the candidate. At that point the sponsor will submit the application to the Board or the Membership Committee Chairman for examination and then will notify the sponsor whether or not member seems right for the club. If approved the candidate will come to the next meeting, pay their dues if not already paid, and become a member of the club"

This second bylaw is subject to modification by the membership at the April meeting. There will be a vote on the new bylaw at the May meeting. If anyone has any questions or comments you can reach me at jpunge@optonline.net.

Thanks for your attention,

Jim Pungello, Secretary



Dear Club Members,

My family and I want to thank you for the beautiful bouquet of flowers that the Club sent. It was really appreciated and showed the rest of my family what a great Club we have.

Sincerely,

FISHING REPORTS & NEWS

The coastal herring shad populations have been in decline. Ct has had the foresight to enact a closed season for the efforts for a recovery ,, bunker ,menhaden populations are down and a free for all has ensued for cast netters for selling as bait ,, NY has no plan or regs in place for the future of this important bait fish . thank you Brian Moran

<http://www.nyc.gov/html/dep/html/recreation/access.shtml>

Lee Smith and his son have been having a great time down in Florida

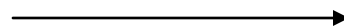
Received pictures 3/07/11



African Pompano.

My son & I off Singer Island Florida 3 weeks ago. Fishing down there is just unbelievable.

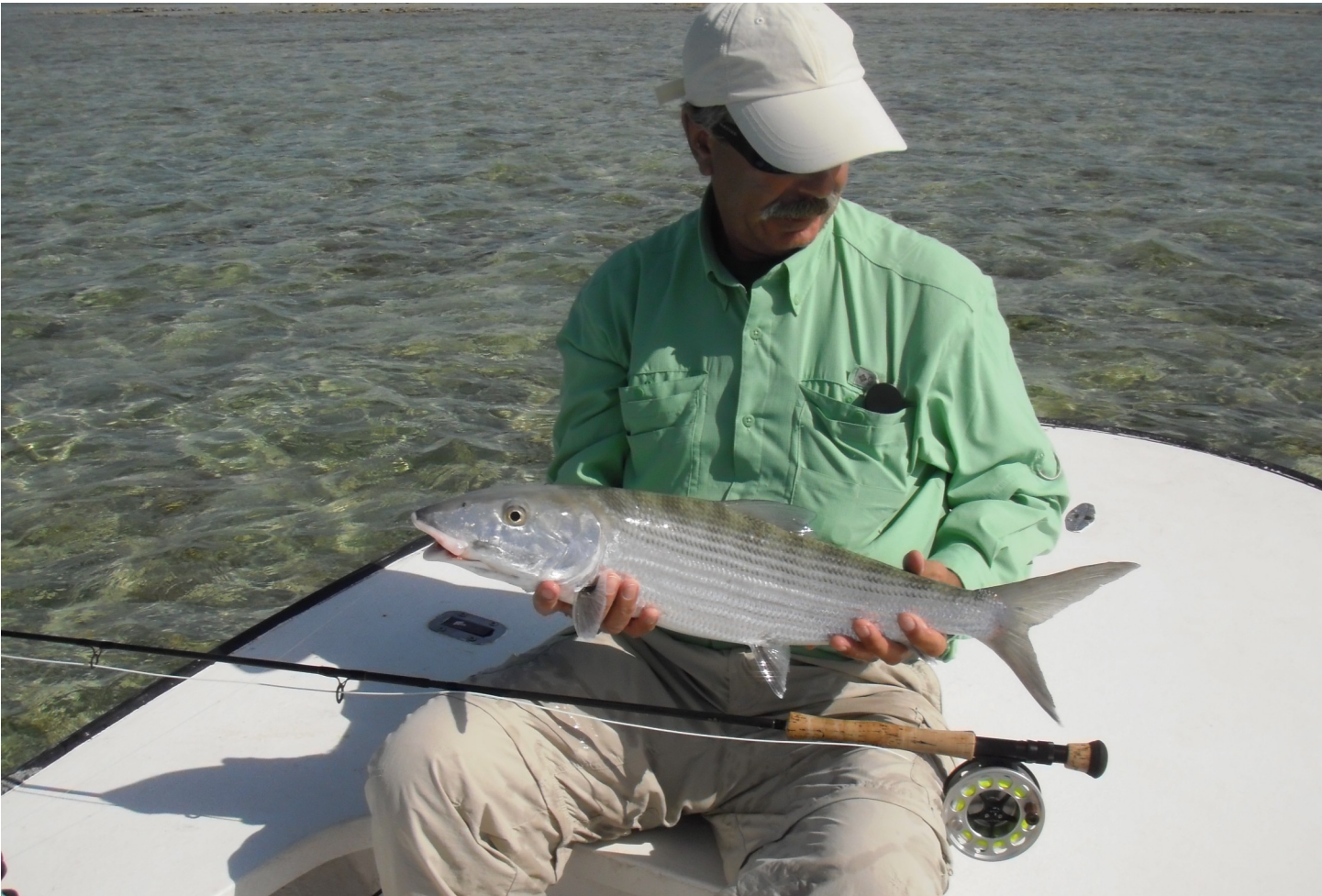
Anthony Pampillonio, Jeff Becker, Jim Gilmore and Joe Saverino had a great trip to Andros Island last month with many fish caught. Anthony had a few bones to 10 pounds.



Andros Island 2011



Andros Island was the destination for some of the Club members as they made the trip for a week in the sun. Jim Gilmore above with a nice Bonefish . Jeff Becker lights a sacrificial fly to the gods. Anthony did not destroy any fly rods in the ceiling fans this trip.



Vincent Pica
Chief of Staff, First District, Southern Region (D1SR)
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The Good Samaritan – Safety of Life at Sea

Any school child knows, or at least believes, that if you see a person or boat in distress on the water, the “law of the sea” demands that you render assistance. Simple human decency would require no less and, from time immemorial, this has been law of the sea. But we live in a modern and litigious world... Having just come in from patrol where USCGAux 251384 provided assistance to a disabled and adrift vessel, it occurred to me that we ought to refresh this information (see SSP, “[The Good Samaritan – Safety of Life at Sea](#)”, 8/15/07.) So, what are the facts?

Your Duty to Assist

As said above, from time immemorial, seamen have always come to the rescue of those in distress on the high seas. In fact, Admiralty Law has consistently encouraged such actions. Those “that go down to the sea in ships” have by law and precedent been urged to assist in life-saving efforts. On the US Federal books (46 U.S.C. paragraph 2304), it states:

“A Master or individual in charge of a vessel **shall** render assistance to any individual found **at sea** in danger of being lost, so far as the Master or individual in charge can do so without serious danger to the Master’s or individual’s vessel or individuals on board.” (Emphases mine.)

It goes on to specify that those that fail to do so can be fined (up to \$1,000) and imprisoned (up to 2 years). When a maritime law says, “shall”, it means **must**.

For those that are expert wordsmiths, the term “at sea” doesn’t evoke the Forge River or Seatuck Cove – or does it? Centuries of practice would argue that they are part of the seas and, in fact, the USCG Rules of Navigation (the COLREGs) embody, in Rule 1, the connectedness of our waters:

“These Rules shall apply to all vessels upon the high seas and in all waters connected therewith navigable by seagoing vessels.”

The “Good Sam” Laws

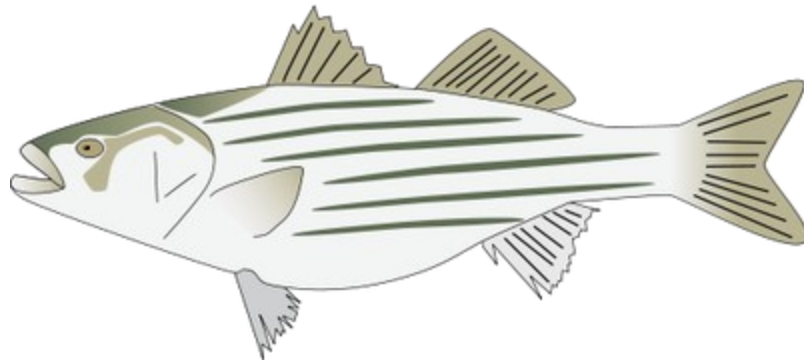
The Congress and Admiralty Courts have addressed this little “at sea” loophole via the Good Samaritan regulations. Federal Law 46 U.S.C. paragraph 2303(c) states that the Master or individual involved in rendering assistance “is not liable for damages as a result of rendering assistance or for an act or omission in providing or arranging salvage, towage, medical treatment or other assistance when the individual acts as an ordinary, reasonable and prudent individual would have acted under the circumstances.” This creates, in legalese, a “high legal hurdle” to prove a case against a Good Samaritan. The Admiralty Courts have always considered the chilling effect that a decision against a Good Samaritan would have upon centuries of life-saving practice. Even if the Good Samaritan made the situation worse, the Court has only ruled against the “Good Sam” if they were grossly negligent or exhibited “reckless or wanton conduct” in attempting the rescue.

This doesn’t mean that the rescuer even has to succeed – not all rescues do. The Court recognizes that, “under the bright light cast by hindsight”, a rescuer might have done something differently and thus outcomes might have been different. “A rescue attempt must be considered in the light of the circumstances that faced the rescuers when they acted and not with the wisdom of an ‘armchair admiral’ after the fact.” (Korpi v the United States, 961 F. Supp. 1335)

The tough part for you - the skipper - is deciding whether he or she is “standing into danger” that is beyond the

capabilities of the crew or the vessel. However, when you see some vessel alongside the rocks in the Moriches Inlet, most skippers will try – and the Courts will applaud you, even if you have to back away.

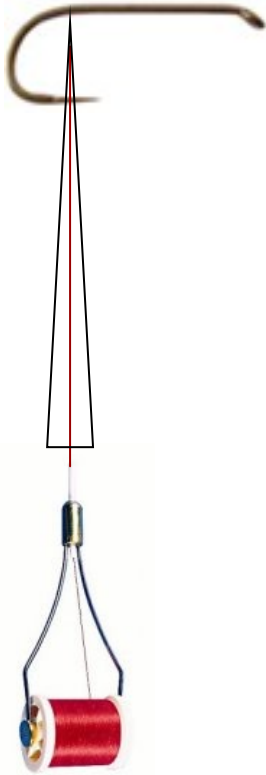
Let me also add this – call the US Coast Guard on channel 16 as soon as you see the situation develop. They will give you advice and counsel as the facts you relay would imply – and get a boat or helicopter underway at the same time. Also, all the commercial salvors, as is required ANY boat equipped with a [VHS radio](#) is required to do by Federal regulation, monitor channel 16 (see SSP, “Your Radio – Sounding Smart”, 8/01/07.) They themselves are accomplished skippers and may also find the opportunity to assist in the circumstances



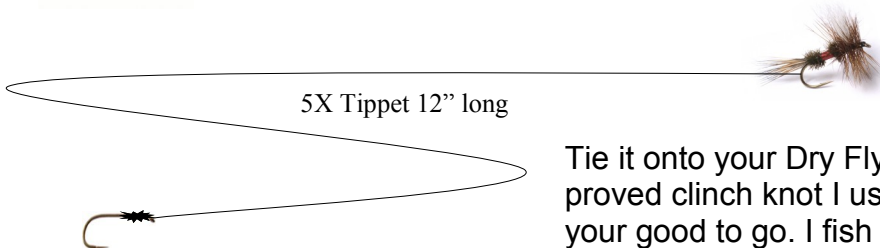
Worlds Cheapest, Dumbest Fly I Ever Used: but also one of the most effective flies that I have in my fly box. Either way this fly is a producer. Several years ago I was sitting in an audience waiting for the Club to disposed of their business before making a presentation to the members. Sitting there I could not help over-hearing a conversation taking place behind me. This member de-scribing how he took fish after fish on his favorite fly one evening on the Carmins River. Listing intently to the conversation he mentioned the name Saran Fly of which I tried to think if I ever heard of this pattern. I kind of prided myself on the knowledge of various patterns and my memory was still pretty good but the name did not ring a bell. Curious I introduced my self and asked again what the name of the fly was thinking perhaps that I made a mistake. As we engaged in conversation I learned a little more and was quite surprised that the main ingredient of the fly was ordinary kitchen brand Saran Wrap! After a little prod-ding he went out to his truck to get a sample to show me. I just could not believe that Saran Wrap could make an effective fly. I later found out that it is a real fish getter in fresh water.



HOOK	3906 - 3906B (Mustad or equivalent)
SIZE	16 - 24
BODY	Saran Wrap
TAIL	None
WING	None
THORAX	Dk Dubbing
THREAD	Clear Mono



Cut a triangle piece of Saran wrap or plastic bag about 3/16" at the widest point about 2" long. Tie onto hook then into a dubbing loop and twist. Wrap around hook shank until just short of the head. Add some dark dubbing and your done.



Tie it onto your Dry Fly or Nymph pattern with an improved clinch knot I use about 1 foot of 5X tippet and your good to go. I fish it under a Dry Fly or Nymph pattern with an indicator with great results. My preference for a great setup for searching new waters.



ROD REVIEW

Cortland Big Sky 912-4 12wt 4pc 5 ½ oz

Had a chance to try one out a week or two back and needless to say I was quite impressed. Met up with Enrico Puglisi who was telling me about his favorite Tarpon Rod and gave me the opportunity to try it out. Needless to say I was taken back by it's performance. Very easy to cast actually feels like a 9 weight. But it is a legitimate 12 weight. He had a Monic Clear Tarpon Line which has a very hard finish and it went through the guides with ease. Have been looking for a 12 weight and this may be my next purchase. At a advertised cost on the internet of \$ 239.00 it is quite a bargain complete with rod tube.





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