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MAY 2011

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MEETING NOTICE WEDNESDAY, MAY 11th, 2011

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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NEED YOUR VOTE ON THE BY LAW CHANGE

If you cannot attend the meeting please submit your approval via E Mail
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April 19, 2011

We've received word that master saltwater fly fisher Billy Pate died early yesterday morning. Pate was a important pioneer in landing big saltwater fish on fly rods and was particularly dedicated to tarpon fishing, although billfishing was also a passion. His 1982 188-pound tarpon world record on 16-pound tippet remained unbeaten for 21 years, and he was the first person to catch a blue marlin and a black marlin on fly. He was also the first angler to catch six billfish species on a flyrod. Pate was also an ardent conservationist; he was instrumental in the creation of the \$50 tarpon tag system in Florida and was a founder or board member of the Everglades Protection Association, Trout Unlimited, Bonefish & Tarpon Unlimited, the Don Hawley Foundation, and the Pate Foundation.

Billy Pate partnered with legendary Florida Keys guide George Hommel in 1967 to create one of the first destination angling companies in the U.S., Worldwide Anglers, which they sold in 1995 to Bass Pro Shops. In 1976, Pate got together with Tibor Reels' Ted Juracsik to design the first readily available anti-reverse tarpon reel, a reel that later went on to help catch 225 world records. He was inducted into the IGFA Hall of Fame in 2003.



A Poem Worth Reading

He was getting old and paunchy
And his hair was falling fast,
And he sat around the Legion,
Telling stories of the past.

Of a war that he once fought in
And the deeds that he had done,
In his exploits with his buddies;
They were heroes, every one.

And 'tho sometimes to his neighbors
His tales became a joke,
All his buddies listened quietly
For they knew where of he spoke.

But we'll hear his tales no longer,
For ol' Bob has passed away,
And the world's a little poorer
For a Soldier died today.

He won't be mourned by many,
Just his children and his wife.
For he lived an ordinary,
Very quiet sort of life.
He held a job and raised a family,
Going quietly on his way;
And the world won't note his passing,
'Tho a Soldier died today.

When politicians leave this earth,
Their bodies lie in state,
While thousands note their passing,
And proclaim that they were great.
Papers tell of their life stories
From the time that they were young
But the passing of a Soldier
Goes unnoticed, and unsung.

Is the greatest contribution
To the welfare of our land,
Some jerk who breaks his promise
And cons his fellow man?

Or the ordinary fellow
Who in times of war and strife,
Goes off to serve his country
And offers up his life?

The politician's stipend
And the style in which he lives,
Are often disproportionate,
To the service that he gives.

While the ordinary Soldier,
Who offered up his all,
Is paid off with a medal
And perhaps a pension, small.
It's so easy to forget them,
For it is so many times
That our Bobs and Jims and Johnnys,
Went to battle, but we know,

It is not the politicians
With their compromise and ploys,
Who won for us the freedom
That our country now enjoys.
Should you find yourself in danger,
With your enemies at hand,
Would you really want some cop-out,
With his ever waffling stand?

Or would you want a Soldier--
His home, his country, his kin,
Just a common Soldier,
Who would fight until the end.

He was just a common Soldier,
And his ranks are growing thin,
But his presence should remind us
We may need his like again.
For when countries are in conflict,
We find the Soldier's part
Is to clean up all the troubles
That the politicians start.

If we cannot do him honor
While he's here to hear the praise,
Then at least let's give him homage
At the ending of his days.

Perhaps just a simple headline
In the paper that might say:

"OUR COUNTRY IS IN MOURNING,
A SOLDIER DIED TODAY."

Pass On The Patriotism!
YOU can make a difference
A veteran is someone who, at one point in his life,
wrote a blank check made payable to
The United States ' for an amount "up to and in-
cluding my life."

That is Honor, and there are way too many people
in this country who no longer understand it.

Dear Club Members:

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 notes 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

VOTE NEEDED ON BY LAW CHANGE
Please respond by E mail with your vote if you will not be at the meeting



FISHING REPORTS

4/19/11 good morning ,fished a northern resi on Saturday in that slop and howling wind ,,water temp 43 degrees ,,Christ it was sleeting at one point , pain and suffering yes,, but as you can see the rewards are worth it ,,all fish released. if you can believe it the big one got away ,,pray for warmth ,,,,thanks Brian m



CALEB SMITH: Jerry Romano reported that he had a great day fishing Nissequogue Blue, Scuds at Caleb Smith on site 4 with many quality fish taken. Spoke to Wally Carucci and the Cobia are now making an appearance off the coast and in the inlet around South Carolina.

Joe Blados said that he hopes in a few day the Bass will be on the flats so far it looks promising for a good season.

Around the Forums there are reports a Blue fish along with Fluke activity.

Robert Schoelle sent in the following

In the unlikely event that you are not already aware of this, I was in the Orvis store in Manchester, Vermont earlier in the week and observed a NOTICE that the State of Vermont prohibits the use of felt soles in its streams and waterways. Might save someone some time and inconvenience.

Help Is Coming – How Hard Will You Be to Find?

Vincent Pica

**Chief of Staff, First District, Southern Region (D1SR)
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Help Is Coming – How Hard Will You Be to Find?

When I teach seamanship classes, I eventually get around to the fact that the sea is a dangerous and hostile place – but, if prepared, you can increase your odds dramatically if you view yourself as an astronaut on a far away planet. Help is on the way. It will take time to get to you. What have you done to stay alive while the rescue team is heading for you? This column is about those steps.

Leave Her When She Has Sunk from Beneath You

The advice I always give to mariners is, “Never leave the boat, even if you can only cling to her up-turned keel, until she has sunk out from under you.” It is hard to imagine how much easier it is to find an over-turned hull than it is to find your lonely head peering out from the waves – and it isn’t easy to find that hull... It is like crossing the street at night. You can see the headlights of the car racing down the street quite clearly. But the driver can’t see you, especially if you are blending into the night’s colors. While you are bobbing in the waves, you can see the plane, helicopter or rescue boat – but your head can easily blend it with the waves and wave-caps, especially if you have no distinctive coloring or reflective material to help you stand out from the steely blue and white of wind-tossed seas... So, unless the vessel has sunk beneath you, stay with her. And get up on her if you can since water will draw your body heat from you 25 times faster than air of the same temperature (see SSP, “[Cold Water Survival, Hypothermia, Rescue & Recovery](#)”, 10/27/10).

Thar’ She Goes – Time to Leave...

There will be conditions, God forbid, when you must abandon ship. Do you have a “ditch bag?” What’s that? This is a bag – preferably water-proof – that contains as much vital material as you can bring. Remember, you’re marooned on Mars and it will take time for the rescue rocket to get to you – will you survive until help gets there? What should be in your ditch bag? Well, obviously, priorities are implied since you can’t drag the entire boat with you – she must have disappeared beneath the waves by now. Here are some thoughts:

1. Per above, the bag itself should be water-tight. Buoyant and brightly colored is an absolute “yes” too... If you don’t have a raft, the bag itself will work as a supplemental life-jacket, keeping you above water.
2. Drinking water. You can survive for weeks without food; days, without water.
3. Water-proof handheld VHF radio; maybe it comes with a hand-cranked charger too...
4. If your cell phone isn’t water-logged, it might make a lot of sense to have a hand-cranked charger...
5. First-aid kit
6. Flashlight and spare batteries
7. Flares, flares, flares... and only set them off when you can see the rescue team/vessel/plane/helicopter... day-smoke distress signals are great too...

8. A signaling mirror might even be more useful than day-smoke distress signals since you can throw a mirror's light signal for miles...
9. If your boat had an EPIRB aboard, take it with you... (see SSP, "[EPIRBs, PPIRBs, GPIRBs - What???](#)", 11/29/06 and SSP, "[Personal Locator Beacons Locate You!](#)" 8/11/10)
10. Your life-jacket should be on, not in the bag...



Done, Now What?

Now the question is this: How hard – or easy – have you made it for others to find you? Clearly, coloration matters so be sure that your life-jackets, flotation devices and your ditch bag are brightly colored and have reflective materials attached. Secondly, if you haven't invested in an EPIRB yet, consider this. Per USCG records, at 0500 hours on May 13, 2008, an EPIRB signal was generated by the captain of the 48-foot S/V Wolf. At the time, the S/V Wolf was 200 miles offshore, abeam of Brunswick, GA. She had been holed by some submerged object and was sinking. Within the hour (obviously implying the good luck combination of a USCG patrol and a near-by disaster), the USCG Cutter Reliance was alongside. Do you know how much that EPIRB cost the skipper? Close to zippo. He had rented it from BoatUS...

But, there is nothing like having your own gear and ensuring that it is always in readiness. What used to be over \$1,200 is now in the mid-hundreds. Over a 5-10 year life, what could be a cheaper or more reliable "come and get me!" beacon? What a pity it would be to survive the initial catastrophe, including getting off the may-day – but no one can find you and your crew.

Think like an astronaut. You have to survive the rescue-cycle – and you have to be found by determined parties searching for you in a dangerous and hostile environment.

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..."



Hook: 4-14 (X2 - X4 long)
Thread: Black
Tail: Black marabou (1-2X hook length)
Body: Dark olive chenille
Weight: Lead wire (under body)
Rib: Clear nylon mono
Hackle: Black cock hackle

This is one of the most popular streamers in use today. Originally tied to imitate the Dobsonfly larva, the Woolly Buggy in many variations, is used to imitate amongst other things; leeches, baitfish, tadpoles, damselfly larvae, dragonfly larvae, crayfish, and even the dobsonfly larva itself. This is a versatile fly that can be used to give the impression of a large number of food sources and as such is considered a generalist pattern that's always worth a try and a must have for any fly box, dry fly purists excepted!

In this 'original' dressing the pattern can be used for trout, largemouth and smallmouth bass, pan fish, chub, and carp, to name a few. In suitable sizes and appropriate colors you can expect to get into steelhead, salmon, stripers and more





**It is the soldier, not the reporter, who has given us Freedom of Press.
It is the soldier, not the poet, who has given us Freedom of Speech.
It is the soldier, not the campus organizer, who has given us the Freedom to Demonstrate.
It is the soldier, who salutes the flag, who serves beneath the flag, and whose coffin is
draped by the flag that allows the protester to burn the flag.**
By Father Dennis O'Brien Chaplain, USN



Any one wishing to have additional club logos embroidered on there garments please contact NEEDLEHEADS and make the arraignments. They have the Club Logo in there files along with the correct thread colors.

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