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PRESIDENTS LINE

Id like to start off with the reminder that Vincent Pica , auxiliary Commander from the Coast Guard eastern long island will be at the October meeting to speak on the subject of maritime boat handling and maritime safety, if any one who has ever taken the coast guard exam will attest there are a lot of regulations and laws to follow. I personally believe that a boating license and exam should be mandatory for all who traverse the waterways as is required in some states and Canada. I can tell you it feels like the wild west on weekends when the fleet lets out. It will be informative and old ducks like me will learn a few things new I'm sure .Please welcome him by attending the October meeting . On to fishing news, Albies have showed up on the north side on the sound this week in numbers .I was out in the rain and the blow on Tuesday and found birds blues and Albies jumping around mid sound east of execution all the way to Greenwich . deadly dicks and tan or chartreuse rain bait patterns are in order ,, be certain to put a lighter leader 8# or 10 lbs to fish your flies .When I tell you how leader shy they can be I'm not kidding. John has all you need for leaders and material to tie up some chovy patterns for your outing. The weather looks great as far as Indian summer is concerned so get out while you can . The water temps are sill in the high sixties so they should be around for a couple of weeks feeding on the massive schools of rain bait we have . Bring a spin rod along in case the wind starts up,, Albies don't mind the wind,,, I would like to have a flotilla before the end of the month so any one interested should contact me or Ron to put a date and time together. Some big blues and school bass should keep things interesting. Hunting season has opened and weather you shoot for fun or harvest game please send a photo for the news letter .Photos of what you shoot, target, game, your hunting buddy, doesn't matter. I was out working

ON THE COVER
Autumn is Near

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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER
12th, 2011

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7:30 PM

Casual Dress, No Jeans



the hounds and had a terrific time in the field opening day watching my spinones put pheasant and ruffed grouse in the sky. I had some good friends working with me and afterwards had a great field lunch in the rain. Trout season will start soon on the reservoirs as the water temps drop into the 50s , I fish quite a bit up until ice up and experience some good fly-fishing ,check your waders for leaks that need repairing and get out your wooly's, your going to need them! that's about it for me hoping all your adventures are good ones!

Thank you , Brian Moran



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FOG!

Vincent Pica
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As the air temperature rises and the water still holds some of that winter chill, we can expect fog, just as we do in the Fall when the air is cooling but it is the water that is now warm. For those of a more scientific-bent, fog that forms when water is warmer than the air is called “steam” fog (Fall). Think of that pot of spaghetti water you are boiling. Fog that forms when the water is colder than the air is called “advection” fog (Spring). There is a third kind of fog called “radiation” fog. That is the fog that you see float in across the backyard or linger in a dip in the country road...

But fog is fog. You can't see the land or the buoys or, worse, the bow! What to do?

Well, with the dropping price of radar, boats in the mid-20' range can now be found to have radar (**see below for listing of columns on radar**) aboard. If you do have radar aboard, read the manual and get familiar with gain controls. I won't waste space in this newspaper lending advice to a skipper that already has a state of the art system aboard on how to use it. Not surprisingly however, the advice below holds for the 65'er with radar and chart overlay capabilities as well as the skipper in the 17' open boat with a 90-hp Merc on the stern. When the fog rolls in...

Slow down to “a slow bell”, that is, with forward propulsion necessary to maintain steerage, but no greater. Put on life jackets. (see [“Life Jackets – Do I Really Need To Wear One?”](#).)

While underway and making way, that is, engine in gear, give 1 “prolonged” blast on your whistle (4-6 seconds). This is specified in the Navigation Rules, Rule 35(a) (see [“COLREGs: What's That I Hear?”](#).) In fact, the Rules say “not more than 2 minutes apart.” Let me make it plainer. No **LESS** than every 2 minutes.

While underway but **not** making way, that is, dead stop on the engine but not at anchor, give 2 “prolonged” blasts, separated by a couple of seconds apart, no less than every 2 minutes. This is [Rule 35\(b\)](#).

1. If necessary to anchor due to visibility (none!), “boats less than 39 feet 4 inches (12 meters) in length may make an efficient sound signal at intervals of not more than two minutes.” In short, it is not specified for boats under 12 meters. Boats larger than 12 meters at anchor must clang their bell 5 times quickly followed by one prolonged and one short (~1 second) blast in the whistle.

2. Listen. Sound travels more efficiently through fog than clear air. Listen. Bring your engine to dead stop from time to time and listen. Listen for the sound of surf (move away from that!), buoy whistles/horns/bells (move towards that, carefully) or other engines (sound danger whistle right away and take all way off – but don't turn off the engine!)

So, now you are properly communicating with other boats but you do want to get in out of the fog if you can. How? Don't, as some old chestnuts might advise, hug the shore. As the fog intensifies and you draw closer and closer to shore, you know what will happen. (See column on what to do if you run aground (see [“Hard Aground, Now What!?”](#).) Of far more danger, don't “hug the shore” when you are outside the Inlet. If you get caught in the surf line (see 5 above), you will be capsized and now there is imminent threat to life.

If you can't see, you must stop, drop the hook, sound your warning horn as specified and wait out the fog. If due to electronics (GPS, Loran) you realize that you are in a heavy traffic lane, get out - at a slow speed and just enough to be out of the traffic. But if you can't see past the bow and you are underway and making way, you are in extreme danger of having a collision at sea.

If you have some visibility, see #'s 1 and 2 above. The slower speed will help in another way as well – you can hear better. Lastly, if you have those canisters of compressed gas as your boat's horn/whistle, you will likely run out of compressed air before you run out of fog. Think about getting a simple whistle. Get the “pea-less” kind in case you have to worry about your spittle freezing one cold and foggy day... and blow, baby, blow...!

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...”

FISHING REPORTS

Hi Dave,

Sorry for the late reply. A little info regarding Bonito in the Western Sound:

The fish was caught last Sunday, Sept 25 with my Dad. For three days prior, Bonito were available in our area if you knew where to look. I had been fishing solo on at least two instances before this Sunday, targeting them. Brian and I were into fish each day; Brian and his clients were doing well, boating a couple fish each day on small tins. I was into the fish as well, having ample opportunity to throw the fly and a deadly dick. The tins I was using were too big, 4 inch I believe. The fish were zeroing in on spearing, 2-3 inches. I dropped one fish on a small epoxy fly, and no hits on artificials. The fish were chasing bait and following a typical, predictable pattern, so chasing them wasn't necessary (or an option for me, since my boat isn't equipped with a trolling motor, and poling was getting a bit strenuous). Anyway, I picked up some proper sized deadly dicks late Sat from Atlantic Outfitters, and headed out with my Pop Sunday about 8 am. The fish were there and so was Brian; we staked out spots opposite each other, and waited till the fish broke surface. Again, plenty of opportunity for the fly and spin. Footballs jumping out of the water, crashing back My fish was caught from a decent pod, with Brian and clients about 75 feet away. I rose this fish on a small deadly dick, 6 foot fluoro leader of 10 lb test to 20 lb braid, on a 7 foot 6 inch G Loomis light action greenwater rod (awesome rod for all applications, IMHO) . Fish struck in about 14 feet of water, and took me into my mono backing on its initial run. I was excited to finally raise one after 2 + years of searching them out, and even more ecstatic that my dad and Brian were present. I usually fish with my dad on Sunday mornings, targeting the typical Bass and Blues. This year has been slow on that front for us (Although Brian has been doing pretty well). This Sunday we were targeting solely Bonito. The fish fought well, and I boated him rather quickly. About 7-8 lbs. Brian snapped the photo withing seconds, and I appreciate that. The Bones have since left our area, and will hopefully be back next year. The past 2 years we're into them for at least a week, no more than 2, and then they vanish as quickly as they come. Funny, and I think Brian can confirm, come Sept, you can almost smell the days they're here. The sound is usually flat, with a light SW blowing.



FISHING REPORTS

Ron was out found some schoolie Bass along with the Bonita





Ron called this past Saturday to inform me that he was out at Montauk riding his bike when he observed a lot of 20 lb bass being taken by shore anglers. Unfortunately I could not stay on the phone long I was deep into appliance repair so my wife could wash some clothes, Sorry Ron. No Ron did not have a rod available to get into the action.

FLORIDA, heard from Anthony and he is doing well casting to fish on the flats near Stuart Florida. Small Jacks, Sea Trout and a few Snook gives him a mixed bag to pursue.

**Congratulations to Jim Pungello and family on the birth of a new Grandson Jims daughter gave birth to
Ryan James
6 pounds 13 oz.**

Monster Algae Bloom Off Jersey Shore

September 15, 2011

Weird News Photos A satellite has identified a monster algae bloom off the New Jersey coast that could soon affect fishing and beachgoers.

Images from the NOAA satellite show a swirling blueish green blob stretching from Brooklyn past Sandy Hook all the way down to Cape May -- a distance of more than 100 miles.

An arm of the bloom extends east from Long Beach Island for dozens of miles, then curls north and northeast across the middle of the New York Bight, also for a distance of about 100 miles.

When the algae dies in the next week or so, it could cause a huge dead zone just off shore.

"If there's no way for oxygen to be replenished, yes it could have an impact on fish," said Josh Kohut, an assistant professor at Rutgers' Marine and Coastal Sciences school.

Kohut explained that, as algae dies and sinks to the ocean floor, it is eaten by bacteria.

That process consumes oxygen in the water, which either suffocates fish that can't get away in time or drives them to more oxygen-rich waters.

Kohut said the bloom was caused by an unfortunate combination of southwesterly winds that allowed the upwelling of cold, nutrient-rich waters to come to the surface.

That upwelling gave the algae so much food they could quickly multiply. Kohut compared it to a sort of Miracle Gro in the ocean.

Some of the nutrients appear to have come from New York Harbor following heavy rains over last weekend and the overflow of sewage and storm drain systems.

"The secondary process with extensive rainstorms over the weekend seemed to fuel the secondary growth to the north," said Heather Saffert, a staff scientist with Clean Ocean Action, based on Sandy Hook.

"This is something from a science fiction movie," Jeff Tittel, director of the New Jersey Sierra Club, said in a statement.

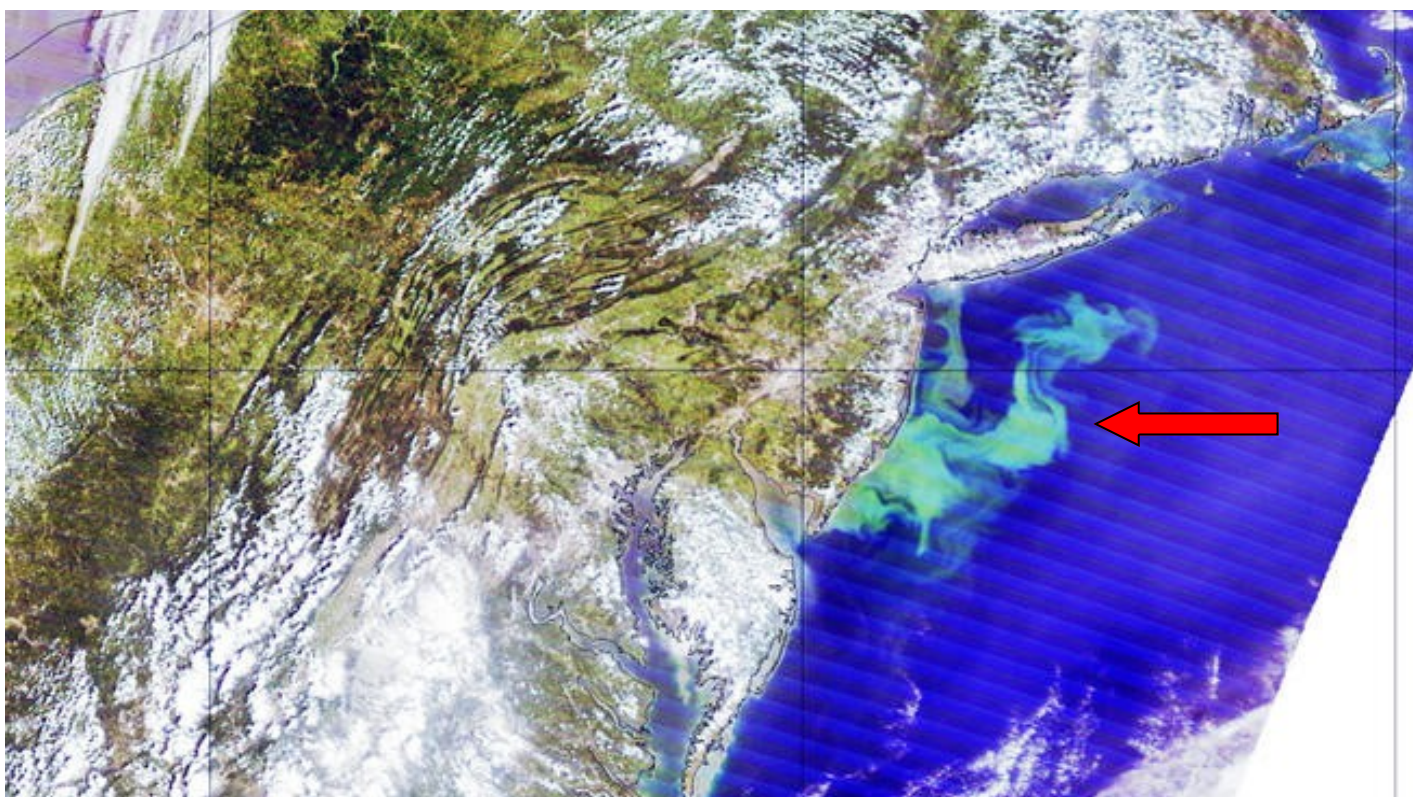
Tittel took the opportunity to criticize what he called "failed environmental polices that do not protect our water." He slammed Gov. Chris Christie's recent vetoes of two bills that would have set limits on the amount of pollution entering Barnegat Bay and would have helped local communities develop

plans to control their storm water runoff, which carries more pollution to the ocean.

Neither of those bills would have had an effect on the current bloom.

Normally, Kohut said Nor'easters and hurricanes will churn up the waters enough to prevent a dead zone from Cape May to New York Harbor.

Without that, he warned fishing could be slim and beachgoers may notice a brown foam covering their bodies as they get out of the surf.

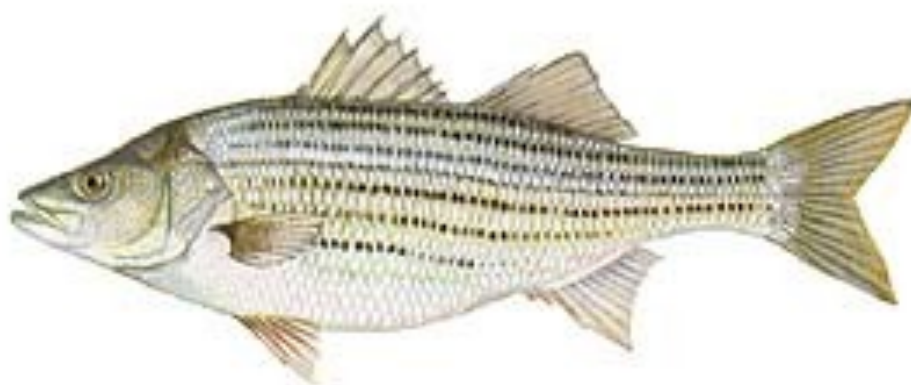




BASTARD FLY
Bonefish
 By Aaron Adams

Hook	Mustad 34007	Size 2, 4, 6
Thread	Fluorescent (Gotcha) Pink	
Eyes	Bead Chain or Barbell	
Tail	Clump of Tan Marabou	
Body	Tan EP Fibers	
Legs/Wing	Sand/Orange flake Sili legs	
Head	Wrapped Thread	

Tying notes: Aaron ties the tail full rather than sparse and makes the marabou extend beyond the bend by slightly more than the length of the hook shank. To build the body, he rolls a bunch of EP Fibers between his fingers into a strand the diameter of a piece of yarn, which he cuts into shorter pieces to then apply to the spine of the shank with crosswise tying wraps, just as on a standard Merkin. Tie in the first Sili Leg on the hook-point side of the hook shank, after applying the second strand of EP Fibers. The legs should not be oriented sideways, Merkin-style, but should be entirely on the hook point side. He does this by folding each Sili Leg in half over the standing thread and making a few wraps of the thread over the V formed by the Sili Leg where it meets the hook shank.





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