

# ***GNYAA***



***SPRING 2012***

# GREATER NEW YORK ANGLERS ASSOCIATION INC.

## PRESIDENTS LINE

The holidays came quick this year, and before I knew it new year has come and gone .Just like last year to the day 50 plus degree weather and calm winds were begging me to get out and fish the big lake upstate ,but I was happily tied up with the birth of my daughter, my wife and I agreed to be surprised at the moment of birth and what a surprise , I'm going to change the name of the boat to my two girls ! I'm proud as a peacock, I hope I don't get my tail feathers plucked by some near sighted fly tier. As I was saying the weather was terrific and apparently so was the fishing, my good friend was out for the afternoon light and took a fine laker of about 12 lbs. No photo but spectacular fish, the laker took a pink over grey over white # 4 smelt streamer on a 8# line forward sink tip cast into 20 feet of water . I will be out in a couple of days if the weather warms a spell. I'll have one or two of those in my box. I was asked if i ever stopped fishing , I blurted back with out thinking do you ever stop breathing? Some may say its not the same ,for me there is no difference. As the winter plods on a lot of time will be spent at the vise trying to wrangle some fishable flies out of the myriad of new materials coming on to the scene, i hope to get a few nights a month tying with some club members ,getting ready for the spring thaw when lines will behave once again and the fish eager to smash a fly passing over head. This year i plan to spend more time in fresh water and more on the Beaver Kill and Delaware Rivers , its good therapy to wade and cover spring water that time of year. If any one is interested please let me know, between the shad of May and rainbows id like to pencil in some dates, hopefully the rivers will remain some what stable and fishable. Please send your photos and adventure storys to Dave its going to be a long winter,, In closing I hope and wish you all the very best and may you find many years chasing your favorite game .. thank you Brian m

## ON THE COVER

Flies tied by  
Steve Farrar

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## MEETING NOTICE WEDNESDAY, March 13th, 2012

Mannasset Bay Yacht Club

455 Main Street

Port Washington, NY 11050

1 516 767-2150

7:30 PM

**Casual Dress, No Jeans**

Congratulations to Elizabeth and Brian on the Birth of their daughter

Anna Elizabeth Moran

7lbs 14 oz 12-28-2011



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## DUES ARE DUE

If you need more time give Howard Marshall or one of the officers a call.



## FISHING REPORTS

Nelson and his family took some time off and headed to Costa Rica for a much needed vacation. Managing some time to do a charter the two older boys were rewarded with some Sailfish for their efforts. Along with their proud Dad who also scored on a Sail. If I got it right they raised 11 Sails, hooked 9 and landed 7 in total. Awesome Day!



Chris Alcaraz with his Sail!



Lucas Alcaraz with his Sail!





## FISHING REPORTS

Heard from Anthony Pampillonio the other day. Florida fishing has been difficult due to the wind but he did manage to get out with his spinning rod and took this 24" fluke off the beach.

Reports that commercial fisherman have been catching Bluefish off shore and rumors are that there are some Bass off Montauk.

Trout season opens soon so don't forget to purchase your Fresh Water License. Add the Saltwater license at no charge.



## LEGISLATION [Angler Support Requested to Conserve Massachusetts' Striped Bass Fishery](#)

After successfully rallying behind Massachusetts legislation that would designate striped bass as a game fish in Massachusetts waters, Keep America Fishing is asking anglers to continue to let legislators know there is continued support for H.260.

## You Did It! Petition to Ban Lead Fishing Tackle Rejected

by [KeepAmericaFishing](#) on February 15, 2012

Listening to the voices of thousands of activist anglers, on February 14, 2012, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) [once again rejected](#) the most recent petition to federally ban lead fishing tackle under the Toxic Substances Control Act. KeepAmericaFishing thanks everyone who took action on this important issue.

### The Situation

Attempts to ban the use of lead fishing tackle have become increasingly prevalent. In November 2010, 43,000 anglers such as you helped to defeat an attempt to ban lead in fishing tackle nationwide when the EPA denied a petition to ban lead in fishing tackle. Despite the EPA's ruling, the petitioners filed a law suit against the EPA's decision and submitted a similar new petition to the agency. Thanks to you, this new petition has been defeated!

The EPA's decision demonstrates, once again, that lead fishing tackle is not harming waterfowl populations and that this is not an issue that merits a sweeping ban. Anglers are, first and foremost, some of our nation's most devoted conservationists and the EPA recognized this fact with their dismissal.

### Your Help is Still Needed

Despite this monumental win for anglers nationwide, attempts to overregulated our sport have not ended. The Hunting, Fishing and Recreational Shooting Sports Protection Act ([S. 838/H.R. 1558](#)) seeks to prevent a federal ban on lead in recreational fishing tackle and helps to ensure that any future regulations on fishing tackle are established based on scientific fact instead of unjustified petitions.

With anti-fishing organizations trying to stop recreational fishing using whatever means they can, the Hunting, Fishing and Recreational Shooting Sports Protection Act is necessary to protect traditional fishing tackle, as well as ammunition, from unjustified bans that will harm the economy and reduce participation in traditional outdoor sports.

### Take Action!

To assure passage of this important legislation and prevent future attempts to overregulated sport fishing, it's critical that your Members of Congress hear from you! [Click here to support the Hunting, Fishing and Recreational Shooting Sports Protection Act today.](#)

It is a decision that is no doubt trying some men's souls and causing others to scratch their heads.

In a bizarre experiment being tried only in Massachusetts, the federal government is offering cash to 1,900 anglers to turn in their fishing licenses and abstain from fishing for a year. Anglers can get anywhere from \$15 to \$500.

Officials from the NOAA say the experiment is not intended to lessen fishing pressure but rather to study the worth of recreational saltwater fishermen in that state. The study is to calculate the economic consequences should an environmental disaster put an end to recreational fishing. More than 1.2 million Massachusetts residents and visitors fish in saltwater in that state annually.

### Massachusetts Anglers Offered Cash to Abstain from Fishing for a Year

by [Mike Bolton](#) on March 5, 2012



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### Web Sites worth keeping

<http://www.thefishingwire.com/>

<http://www.theoutdoorwire.com/>





## FLY TYING

Found a cool looking fly while down in Florida which is really simple to tie. All that's needed is a barbell eye, a strip of rabbit and a Mylar or crystal collar. Been told that the Tarpon love them and if you decide to make Dubbing Brushes you can really make a large quantity very quickly.



Similar to above but a few extra steps of which I use Finnish Raccoon for the tail and over wing with a Dubbing Brush for the body.

Hook Short shank size 1 or 2  
Eyes 5/32 Barbell Eyes  
Tail Finnish Raccoon with a little flash.  
Body Dubbing Brush Enrico's Crystal flash with some Dazzle Aire mixed in  
Gills Red Yarn  
Over wing Tan Finnish Raccoon or Craft Fur

**Dazzle Aire** is a knitting yarn with a lot of micro flash that was made by the Caron Company. Recently re introduced but the original can still be purchased on E Bay from time to time. White is the necessary color but many other colors are still available. We used, this material for nymph patterns



**Vincent Pica**  
**Chief of Staff, First District, Southern Region (D1SR)**  
**United States Coast Guard Auxiliary**

## **Safety on the Ice – Barely and Very Carefully**

Here’s how the story goes. In the dead of winter, two duck hunters and their trusty hunting dog drive their brand new Range Rover out on to the ice of (choose: \_\_\_\_\_ [a] Moriches Bay, [b] Shinnecock Bay, [c] Great South Bay, [d] Narrow Bay, [e] body of water of your choice) and, seeing that there were no open leads to entice migratory birds to land, take out a stick of dynamite, light it and throw it as far out on the ice as they can. The plan is simple. The dynamite blows a substantial hole in the ice; they get back in the car and run the heater until the migratory birds arrive. They step out with their shotguns full of bird shot and bag much of the flock.

So, as the dynamite stick is flying through the air, the dog takes off after it, thinking that a game of fetch is exactly what will make his day. Grabbing the lit stick of dynamite in his mouth, he turns and starts running back to his master and fellow hunter. This of course alarms the hunters no end. Seeing that waving their arms wildly and shouting, “no! no! no!” isn’t working, they fire their bird shot at the charging dog – striking fear into a bewildered Fido. Fido turns to his only source of cover – the car. Running under the car to hide, all is fine until he burns his rump on the still-hot exhaust pipe. As he yelps and takes off running again, the dynamite stick, which was left behind with the yelp, explodes. This sends the brand new Range Rover, in many pieces, to the bottom of (choose: \_\_\_\_\_ [a] Moriches Bay, [b] Shinnecock Bay, [c] Great South Bay, [d] Narrow Bay, [e] body of water of your choice.)

Funny – but only apocryphal as every Coast Guard station north of the 40<sup>th</sup> degree of latitude was telling that story a couple of winters ago, swearing that one of the locals swore to them that they knew somebody that was related to somebody who knew the dog owner.

- Always check the weather and ice conditions before any trip out onto the ice. Ice thickness is not consistent, even over the same body of water.
- Always tell family and friends where you are going and when you are expected to be back, and stick to the plan.
- Use the buddy system. NEVER go out onto the ice alone.
- Dress in bright colors. Wear an exposure suit, preferably one that is waterproof, and a personal floatation device.
- Carry a whistle or noise-making device to alert people that you are in distress; carry a cell phone and/or a VHF-FM radio in order to contact the nearest Coast Guard station in the event you see someone in distress.

Carry two screwdrivers or a set of ice awls. If you fall through the ice you can use these items to help get yourself out. They are more effective than using your hands.

Remember, hypothermia is a killer and it sneaks up on you with woolen slippers (see GNYAAS, “[Cold Water Survival, Hypothermia, Rescue & Recovery](#)”, March 2011.) Cold water safety presentations by the Auxiliary are available to local organizations and can be arranged by contacting the Coast Guard Auxiliary District Public Affairs Officer via their Web site.

But some of us do fish and/or hunt on the frozen lakes, creeks and bays. Please heed the following from the US Coast Guard:



Ice is unpredictable and dangerous. While the Coast Guard understands winter recreation on the ice around our area is a tradition, it is important to take safety measures:

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## **Dressing For Winter Outdoor Activities**

Winter is making its annual visit. Some folks really look forward to winter, others don't. One of the reasons some people don't like winter is the cold. However, with all the improvements that have been made in outdoor clothing, there really is no need to be cold. Sure your nose and cheeks might get a little cold, and when temperatures are extremely cold you should stay inside, but even when the temps are moderately cold, by dressing properly, pretty much anyone can enjoy outdoor activities throughout the winter months. Following are some ideas for staying comfortable outdoors in the winter.

One of the keys to staying comfortable outside in the winter is to not get too warm. When you get too warm, you sweat. When you sweat, you lose body heat, and when you lose body heat, you get cold.

Let's say you're going ice-fishing. Most ice anglers, especially the mobile ones, like to cover territory. They drill lots of holes, then move frequently to the holes they've popped in search of fish willing to bite their lure. Drilling those holes, then walking around to all of them keeps us warm. We don't want to get too warm though. That will make us cold. Strange but true.

Layering is a clothing technique that really works well. Instead of one big bulky coat, it works well to wear several layers of lighter garments. The base layer, your underwear, is really important. Put something like Cabala's Polartec underwear next to your skin. This stuff comes in several weights and styles: You need to decide what's right for you. Polartec is constructed from a material that wicks moisture away from your body. Getting that moisture away is how you stay warm.

So, if you're popping holes in the ice to go fishing, if you're on a walk in the woods, or if you're shoveling snow, put the proper underwear on. Next add a hooded sweatshirt, these are also available in moisture wicking materials from Cabela's, then a light to medium weight jacket. If you're going to be active outside, that's generally all you need.

If you prefer a more sedentary approach to ice-fishing or any other winter outdoor activity, you'll just need a heavier outer jacket. Cabela's and Frabill both have new suits that were designed for ice-fishing, but also work well in the boat fishing in open water on the river. Cabela's is called the Guidewear Ice Angler, Frabill's is the Ice suit. Both have unique features, and both will keep you warm and dry in extreme conditions.

When it comes to the outer jacket, I really like a parka length coat.

Boots and caps are also very important. A stocking cap prevents heat from escaping, and anyone who has been outside with cold feet knows what that's like. Again, what you wear on your feet next to your skin is very important. Socks that wick moisture away will help your feet stay warm. If your feet get too cold, nothing else matters.

Not liking the cold is not a good excuse for staying inside anymore. Dress properly and you can enjoy the outdoors year 'round.

*--Bob Jensen*



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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