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JULY 2012

GREATER NEW YORK ANGLERS ASSOCIATION INC.

Barbecue / Meeting

July 11, 7:30

Fellow member Enrico Puglisi has invited the members
to his home for the July meeting & barbecue

(PIG ROAST)

Location

5010 Deepdale Place
Little Neck, NY 11361

R.S.V.P - A.S.A.P.

So that we know who is coming
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Should there be a change due to weather or other, a notice will be sent via e-mail

ON THE COVER
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Big Blue

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FISHING REPORTS

Nelson with a bait caught striper that made the dinner table on Fathers Day.



Brian with a Small Mouth Bass taken from one of the reservoirs up state earlier this year



State suspends fishing fee for 2 years

New York saltwater fishermen will get a free pass for two years under a budget agreement between Senate and Assembly leaders and Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo that would suspend a controversial \$10 state license.

The agreement hammered out Tuesday night would deprive New York of \$2.4 million in annual revenue, as well as \$1.4 million in federal sportfishing aid that was anticipated in 2012-13, according to Cuomo's budget office. A free registry will replace the license program.

The license program was set up in 2009 to satisfy federal reporting requirements intended to improve data on the number of fish anglers catch. Long Island's recreational fishing industry vigorously opposed the license, which costs residents \$10 per year. They called it a tax on a previously free resource and said the requirement hurt local tackle shops and party and charter boats. "It's a bright sunny day for saltwater fishermen," state Sen. Lee Zeldin (R-Shirley) said Wednesday. He has sponsored bills that would have repealed the saltwater licensing.

In December, seven Long Island towns won a lawsuit against the state over the program. They said the license infringed on their jurisdiction over town waters as conferred by historic patents.

But conservation advocates and some recreational anglers defend the license. They say the fees are equivalent to those paid by other sportsmen, and support fisheries research, artificial reefs and other programs that serve saltwater fishermen.

The change came out of a Senate budget provision that proposed to repeal the program. Cuomo's office confirmed the agreement Wednesday.

The changes include issuing refunds to anglers who already shelled out \$150 for a lifetime license -- a total of \$0.7 million, state environmental officials said. Lost revenue would be made up by the general fund, according to Zeldin and Stephen Liss, counsel to Robert Sweeney (D-Lindenhurst), the Assembly environmental chair and a staunch defender of the license.

New York will also forfeit \$1.4 million in federal sportfishing aid because, Liss said, the money only goes to states with license programs that make at least \$1 more than they cost to administer -- criteria the free registry does not meet.

Charles Witek of West Babylon, a member of the Coastal Conservation Association angler group, said the decision would hurt the state's ability to safeguard marine resources.

"It's embarrassing that saltwater anglers are coming out and saying that it's fine for freshwater fishermen and hunters and trappers to pay for licenses and for us to fish for free," Witek said.

Kindly pass along to members or use in newsletter. Hope all is well. Taken from Newsday online
Mike Wrenn

Fly Tying



Spoke to Wally and happened to show him a fly using a dubbing brush around the shank and he commented that in South Carolina they use Mud Minnows and the sample fly was almost an exact copy of the real thing.



Mud minnow species are properly known as killifish or mummichogs. Varieties are found in fresh, salt and brackish water. There are common as well as striped types of mud minnows. They are plentiful in tidal creeks where they stay very close to the shoreline seeking natural protection against the many predators that eat them.

More information at

<http://voices.yahoo.com/saltwater-minnows-live-bait-fishing-3432080.html>



Interesting crab pattern I found on the web. Notice the orange beads that are on the weed guards

GULF NEWS

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.

BOGA GRIPS can harm fish: is some of the talk on the various forums. Some interesting observations but I expect more to come of this. Boga Grips can cause injuries to fish if not used properly.

An Act of God – Just What Is That..?
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Any school child knows, or at least believes, an terrible storm or other natural phenomena that causes damage to your property, or, causes your property (your boat) to damage someone else's (another boat), is an Act of God. Behind this "fact" lies protection for the insurance company that may, or may not, have to pay (check the fine print and be sure of what you are paying for) or for you when your boat sets down on someone else's during a storm and sinks it. Or, does it? What are the facts?

The 4-Day Nor'easter

Some of you may recall the severe nor'easter we had in the late fall of '05. I do in particular because my son and I moor our boats in a bite of water east of Gunning Point, along with about a dozen other boaters. During that storm, two of those dozen boats broke loose from their ground tackle. One, my son's, ended up about 300 yards to windward, way up in a marsh. The other, my neighbor's ("Joe"), set down on my boat in the storm and sank it. His boat ended up against my dock and sustained considerable damage, just from being banged up against the bollards. After two days of mourning, I said to myself, "Hey, it's a boat. Call the insurance company. Work something out. Buy another boat." And I did. The insurance company was professional in every way (see The Independent, "[Boat Insurance – Friend or Foe? An Update](#)", 12/09/09)

Enter Joe, the Neighbor

My neighbor, Joe, was really and truly sorry that it had happened. He came over to the house, hat and check-book in hand, and offered to pay for the damages. "Joe, don't be silly. It was an Act of God. No one's fault... For cripes'sake, the wind blew for 4 days straight! Go home." And, after many, many attempts at redressing what he felt was his fault, he went home*.

What Actually Is an Act of God?

An Act of God from a layman's point of view is any natural act caused without human intervention – hurricane, tornado, earthquake, lightning, etc. From a legal point of view, it is the same. However, to seek a defense as an Act of God, there is a second test. There must be no negligent behavior by, for example, the vessel owner that contributed to the accident. There is a presumption of fault under the law, from the start, that a vessel adrift is adrift due to negligence so it is a difficult "beat to windward" to offset that presumption. If, for example, everyone in the marina doubled their lines because a heavy storm was predicted, and you didn't, you very well may have an issue with the second test. Were you negligent in failing to act as other skippers did?

A recent case having to do with Hurricane Katrina, a vessel named the "Trust Me II" and the marina that she was moored at highlights all of these issues. First, Katrina clearly passes the Act of God test as a natural act caused without human intervention. And there was plenty of damage caused by "Trust Me II" as she broke from her mooring lines and ping-ponged through the marina. And, as noted above, the presumption of fault lies with the owner of the adrift vessel, despite the massive power of Katrina, so the facts have to be compellingly on the side of the vessel owner. So, was there negligence?

The owner of "Trust Me II" didn't go down to the marina herself. She did, however, ask two qualified mariners to check on her vessel and make sure that she had adequate lines. Extra lines were added and one of the mariners testified that "Trust Me II" was secured as well as she could be, given the circumstances. Given the presumption of fault, the judge had to weigh that these facts – boat double checked, lines doubled, all by competent mariners – were sufficient ballast against the presumption of fault under the law.

You won't be surprised to know that the judge, despite several arguments by the marina owner that the vessel

could have or should have taken further precautions, ruled in favor of “Trust Me II”’s owner that the facts met the legal test of an Act of God.

But, what if the owner hadn’t asked for that extra help...?

FISHING REPORTS Continued



Attached are some photos from a couple of weeks ago. A little rainbow I caught while camping at Little Pond Campground near Roscoe. If anyone wants a great campground, Little Pond is the one. I will be going again in the fall if anyone is interested.

FISHING REPORTS Continued



Brian with a 37 or 38" beast that he caught in the sound, he hopes they will be here in the fall so that he can throw a Crease Fly at him again. Have to say that fish is in the upper teens in weight for this time of year.



6-12-2012 A friend of Wally's sent up a picture of a Redfish he took from the old rice patty pond on the property in South Carolina. Definitely a 30"= fish



On Friday evening, June 29, the flotilla organized by Ron Restivo left from Port Washington. Ron and Mike Wrenn were on Ron's boat, Dylan Sinnickson was on Brian Moran's boat and I was on Nelson Alcaraz's boat. We departed at about 6:30 PM. As we cruised along western Long Island Sound, Nelson and I kept a lookout for schools of bunker jumping on the surface, although every time we floated up to one, the action stopped. It was a warm evening, and unfortunately the fish weren't biting. Brian and Dylan were fishing with bait, while the rest of us used flies. I was using a purple and black pattern that I got from John Thomson. I have a feeling that if I were a better fly fisherman, I probably would have caught something beside the railing of Nelson's boat. The last stop Nelson and I made was at Hart Island. We anchored not too far from shore and cast to the rocks. We continued to fish until past dark, then headed back to shore. The next day, Mike Wrenn sent me a picture of Ron holding a nice striped bass. I think that's the first of the season for him. A big thank you to Ron for organizing the flotilla.

Jerry Romano

A brief summary of the 1st GNYAA Flotilla 2012:

Started out with temps in the high 90's, light (5-10) NW winds, and 6 anglers (Brian, Mike, Jerry, Dylan, Nelson, and myself). Split the boats accordingly....Brian and Dylan on bait, Nelson and Jerry, and Mike and me. The tides were right, spots looked good, but no fish. Bunker schools everywhere, with fish under them. Mike and I fished Barkers....nothing, Sands Point....nothing, Harts-Mike and I were having good conversation, and unexpectedly, Mike gets a surface strike. No time to set the hook, slack line, fish lost. Night fell, and fishing in the dark proved to be challenging. Mike did well, with his casting improving greatly throughout the night. Tremendous firework show from the Bronx, lasting about 40 minutes. After over 1000 casts I'm certain, I raise and boat a 25 inch bass on a Blurple Dark Knight (my version of Daves Crystal Minnow). Brian and Dylan sparked the most action, as we knew they would. 37 inch bluefish (WOW!!!), 33 inch bass, and lots of other run offs. Finished the night at Louies for a few beers and some more talk, great ending to a good evening on the water with classy guys.

Ron



Would like to Thank John Thomson, Wally Carucci, Jerry Romano, Brian Moran, Mike Wrenn Ron Restivo and Vincent Pika for their contributions to the Newsletter.





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