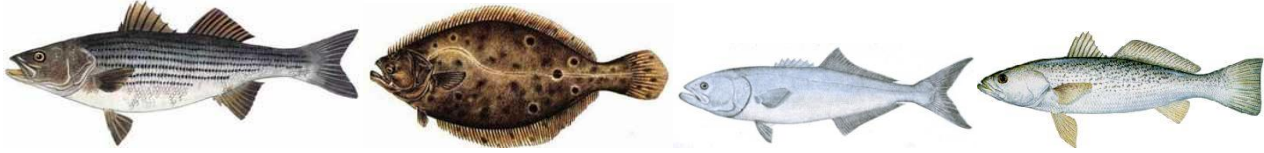




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Please Note: Meetings normally are the last Thursday of each month at the Mattituck-Laurel Library at 6:30 PM in the basement meeting room. The exceptions are the November Annual Dinner meeting which is the third Thursday of the month because Thanksgiving usually falls on our regular November meeting night and the December meeting is the second Thursday of the month to avoid any potential conflicts with Christmas.

Last Meeting: March 28, 2024

Important Notice: Recently John Nugent had major surgery and will be dealing with follow treatments. We wish for a speedy recovery and healing. Try to give him a call or text for support. Also, our web meister, Bruce Heller was at our March meeting, has been recovering from major surgery and is back to work. We're thankful for his successful surgery and recovery.

Eighteen members were in attendance. For the Wish You Were Here pot we have \$18 because Joe Hetterich was not at the meeting. The supplemental Wish You Were Here again was outstanding. Books were won by: John Nugent – Silver the Story of an Atlantic Salmon, Dave Comando – Atlantic Beaches, Arty McCleery - Perilous Sea, Rob Rudolf – Armchair Angler, Bob Barry – Leviathan – The History of American Whaling. Ed Kneski won a pair of Cut Resistant Gloves by Buck, Fishing Line or Leader was won by: Eddie Brooks, Mike Lisowy, John Tomici, Mike Monahan, Don Meola, Peter Melly. Assorted Plugs was won by: Rich Strzepak, Steve Kellner and Leif Gobel. Various bottom fishing Rigs tied by John Nugent were won by: Bruce Heller, Don Meola, Ron Contrelli and Bobby Lisowy.

John Nugent's demonstration of his ingenious self-designed and constructed rig tying jig was fascinating. Fluke rigs, porgy rigs and more. Our new members hadn't seen this demonstration.

Treasurer's Report – Steve Kellner reports as of the April meeting the gross balance in the checking account is \$4710.71. Minus \$700 payments received for the Fluke Trip. The net balance is \$4010.71. Pending expenses \$500 for the Mattituck High School Scholarship, \$400 for Fluke trip mate's tip and payments for the VS Raffle prizes. More VS ticket sales are expected.

March Meeting Agenda – Speaker - Ross Squire – President of the NY Coalition for Recreational Fishing. He will talk about the purpose and activities of the Coalition and maybe a little fishing!! He finished 5th in Individual Standings in the Fisherman Magazine NY Surf Fishing Contest.



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Board Meeting: The Board met on 4/22. Discussed was: Elections, VS raffle proceeds to date, member volunteers for club activities, upcoming events, possible future day Club events such as a NFA Surf Doormat Fluke Derby, club web site, identifying speakers for August, October and December meetings for 2024.

Club Logo Hats, Tee Shirts and Clothing: Please see John Tomici. Off White Hats with the new club patch logo, Navy Blue hats with the new patch club logo, navy blue tee shirts of various sizes with the large new logo on back and small NFA in an oval on the front will be available. \$25 each.

The issue of hoodies and SPF 50 performance shirts is more complicated. EESG has to order transfers, etc. for these items as members request them directly from EESG. If members go in and order 1 or 2 hoodies, etc. the price for the transfers will be significant. It will be better for members to group their hoodie order together to get the best price. A price for a logo transfer for a personal item will reflect the price as indicated with the hoodies.

Club Roster: The Club membership roster will be revised due to the new members and will be emailed. The roster will be updated as necessary to reflect members in good standing that being those who have paid the 2024 dues.

Meeting and Event Calendar: The 2024 Meeting and Event Calendar was recently emailed.

Dues: For 2024 are payable now. To be a member in good standing your dues must be paid by the April meeting or as soon as you pay your dues after the April meeting. Members not in good standing are not eligible for prizes in Club Tournaments, must wait for other members first chance at club party boat events, must pay to attend the November annual Club dinner and will not be eligible for the 4 \$100 Attendance Drawings at the Dinner. You will continue to be considered a provisional member and receive all Club emails, meeting notices and additional FYI emails unless advising the Board that you do not wish to continue to be a member.

Upcoming Events:

Meeting - May – 5/30 - Bill Wetzal – Respected Surf Casting Guide who is known for trekking Deeeeeeeeeeep into the South side of the Montauk Surf.

Spring Tournament - May: 5/24-6/02 Spring North Fork Anglers Tournament – Friday 5/24 6:00 PM to Sunday 6/02 9:00 AM Prizes: \$50 largest Keeper Bass and \$50 Largest Bluefish any weight.

Southold Town waters only. If you can walk to a rock in the water that's fine. No Swimming to rocks.



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Text or email your participation and any catch information by Noon Sunday 6/02 to Rich Strzepek – 631-793-9143.

Meeting - June - 6/27 - NYSDEC Region 1 Environmental Conservation Officer Emilio Zullo. He is assigned to the East End and is very proactive enforcing the Recreational Saltwater Fishing Limits. His dedication and concern for our fish, wildlife and Environmental Conservation Law enforcement are greatly appreciated.

Meeting - July 25 - Matt Hetterich – Eastern Rodworks – Custom Rods made to customers fishing style and physical attributes. He will also discuss the latest in rod building materials, blanks, guides, guide layouts etc.

4x4 Beach Access & Marine Recreational Registry Information:

NOTICE: NY STATE 4X4 AND CAMP HERO PERMITS REQUIRE YOU HAVE A VALID NYSDEC MARINE RECREATIONAL REGISTRY LICENSE TO OBTAIN THE BEACH ACCESS PERMITS.

Suffolk County 4x4 Beach Access Permit

The NYSDEC Marine Recreational Registry License is not a requirement for the Suffolk County 4x4 Beach Access permits. For the County permit you need your County Parks Green Key and current vehicle registration card. However, it appears that previous policy with the County Parks employee issuing the sticker witnessing you putting the sticker on your vehicle is not in effect currently. The County employee (at least at Indian Island) issuing the permit is NOT witnessing you putting the sticker on your windshield. County Access Permit goes to half price after Labor Day. Senior's (over 60) cost is ½ (\$50) for the entire year.

NY STATE 4X4 AND CAMP HERO DASHBOARD PERMITS

NY State 4x4 and Camp Hero Dashboard Permits were available from December 4, 2023 to March 31, 2024 and now the day after labor day 9/3/24. The permits are available on-line or by phone only.



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2024 Long Island Dashboard Permits

4x4 Fishing, 4x4 Surfing, Stargazing, Night/Sport Fishing, Camp Hero Fishing, Regional SCUBA-Diving, Nighttime Photography, Metal Detecting

Available for purchase now after labor Day 9/3/24.

Permits are available ONLINE, by PHONE.

Permit(s) purchased ONLINE or by PHONE will be mailed once processed. Please allow at least 14 business days for your physical permit(s) to arrive in the mail.

The following is required to purchase a 2024 Long Island Dashboard Permit: **Valid Reserve America account log in - needed for ONLINE and PHONE sales only.**

- Valid e-mail address
- Valid credit card is required for payment
- Valid driver's license of the applicant
- Valid vehicle registration and license plate information
- Valid NYS DEC Recreational Saltwater/Marine Fishing Registry ID # (required for fishing dashboard permits only).
- "C" card (required for Regional SCUBA-Diving only)

How to purchase a 2024 Long Island Dashboard Permit:

1. Purchase ONLINE by visiting -

<https://newyorkstateparks.reserveamerica.com/posProducts.do?contractCode=NY&tti=Permits>

2. CALL the Reserve America Call Center at 1-800-456-2267 (Hours: Monday - Friday 9AM to 5PM; Saturday and Sunday 9AM to 12PM).

Questions about purchasing a 2024 Dashboard Permit? Please contact the Regional Permit Office via email at lidashboards@parks.ny.gov

You must have an existing or create a new Reserve America account with a valid email address



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- Select the permit(s) you wish to purchase and complete the required information
- Add to cart and follow prompts to complete purchase
- Please allow 14 business days for your physical permit(s) to be issued and arrive in the mail

Remember to obtain your 2024 NY State Recreational Marine Registry License for salt water fishing.

The Registration now goes from the date issued for 12 months (not January to December by default any more). The license is free.

You can register on line at: <https://decals.dec.ny.gov/DECALSCitizenWeb> or by phone: **1-866-933-2257** (M-F 8:30AM – 4:30PM)

Also, they can be easily obtained at Dick's Sporting Goods in Riverhead and Southold Town Clerk's office. Your NY Marine Registry License is reciprocal with Connecticut and Rhode Island.

NY State Surf Fishing Contest

Reminder: The contest is on! Begins 12 AM April 15th and ends midnight November 30th. NOTICE: The NY Surf Fishing Contest requires all scales to be certified. Please bring your scales to the meeting to have them certified. You cannot submit



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fish caught until your scale is certified unless fishing with a Club member with a certified scale.

Your catch information needs to be submitted to me by the 5th of the next month by physical slips, email, text, on our website or in person with physical slips at our club meeting or drop off at my home – 1060 Rosewood Drive, Mattituck. The data must include the species, weight, date and where (in general) caught and if released. If multiple fish of a species are caught in a single day, you can list additional fish information on the back of the slip or the digital “slip” on the website (It has provision for multiple fish on the same day), with all necessary information. This contest is totally the honor system. Witnessing is only necessary for the heaviest of a species, but all fish must be weighed on your certified scale or another member’s certified scale if necessary. . **The weights for scale certification are available at every meeting.**

CRITERIA:

Minimum weights for contest purposes are Striped Bass – 10 lbs., Bluefish – 5 lbs., Weakfish – 5 lbs. **Any Striped Bass kept CANNOT be submitted.** The ten heaviest bass, bluefish and weakfish (Top Ten) each month of all fish for each species reported are tallied for Club standings and Individual standings. The balance of the three species fish is reported as released points plus the Top Ten released fish of each species equal total released points for the month.

The 2024 Contest Rules will be emailed to members in the Spring when available.

New York Surf Fishing Contest Standings November Final for 2023

North Fork Anglers Highlights:

Individual Standings: (Based on Top Ten reported fish for a club.)

#8 Andrea Caruana 494 pts. and tied for 5th largest Bass in the contest at 42 lbs. #13 Larry Welcome 312 pts., tied for 34th Jim Mowdy 159 pts., 1 point behind 37th Rich Strzepek 152 pts., 2 points behind 44th Brian Killen 131 pts., 1 point behind 54th Joe Mazza 111 pts., 1 point behind 57th Bruce Heller, 3 points behind 63rd Leif Gobel 86 pts, 1 point behind 75th Arden Gardell 63 pts., tied for 85th John Nugent 36 pts., 6 way tie for 111th Dave Ficken and Augie Lanzotti, #118 Mike Lisowy 5 pts. Out of 118 anglers reporting Top 10 fish.



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Club Standings: NFA # 6 out of 11 clubs entered,
Released Points: NFA # 3 out of 7 clubs reporting released points.