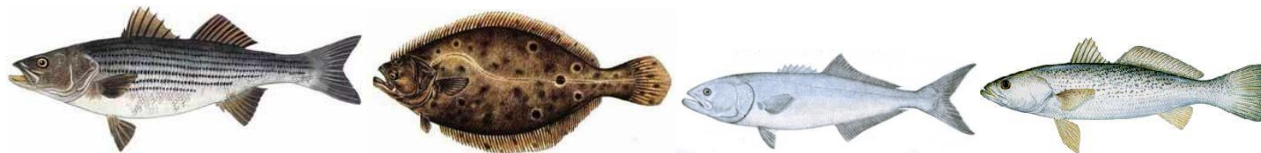


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Please Note: Meetings normally are the last Thursday of each month at the Mattituck-Laurel Library at 6:30 PM in the basement meeting room. The exceptions are the November Annual Dinner meeting which is the third Thursday of the month because Thanksgiving 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.

**Important Notice:** John Nugent is going through chemotherapy. It has gone well so far but is not easy. We wish for a speedy recovery and healing. Try to give him a call or text for support.

### Last Meeting: January 30, 2025

22 members attended. Plus, former member Patrick Marchand has moved back to the North Fork and has rejoined; welcome back. In addition, we welcome new member Joe Ingenito.



**Wish You Were Here:** - Existing wish you were here was \$17 plus the \$23 equals a whopping \$40. Bob Barry was at the meeting and was glad he was "Here". So we start from scratch this month. The supplemental WYWH drawings resulted in Paul Thiergartner winning a book "Saltwater Gamefishing", Arty McCleery won two Fish coffee mugs, Eddie Brooks won a book "Wilderness First Aid", Bob Barry won a squid lure, Bruce Heller won some shad bodies, Pete Melley won some red and white twister tails and jig heads.

**Treasurer's Report** – Steve Kellner reported as of the January meeting the treasury had \$2134.00 minus the \$200 for fluke trip deposit = \$1934 plus dues collected at the meeting.

**February Meeting Agenda** – Due to a library scheduling conflict the meeting will start at 7:30 PM. Please arrive before 7:00. We will have someone at the door to let you in if you arrive after 7:00 PM. Speaker Christopher LaPorta – NYSDEC – Artificial Reef Program Coordinator – Marine Fishing Access



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& Artificial Reef Programs

**Board Meeting:** The Board held discussions relative to speakers for 2025, member volunteers for club activities, possible 2025 Club events, and club web site.

**Club Logo Hats, Tee Shirts and Clothing:** Please see John Tomici at our meetings. Off-White Hats with the new club patch logo, we have a resupply of 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. All \$25 each. Basically, the cost to the club.

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 for 2025 removing those not renewing their membership or failing to pay their dues. Those former members and members not in good standing will still receive club emails until such time that we are informed they no longer wish to receive club emails.

**Meeting and Event Calendar:** The 2025 Meeting and Event Calendar has been emailed will be continually updated as future speakers and events are finalized.

**Dues:** 2025 dues can be paid 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 receive Club emails.

### Upcoming Events:

Ward Melville Fishing Show – WM High School - Saturday 3/1/25

March Meeting – 3/27 – Bill Wetzel



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### 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. 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 are now available the day after Labor Day 9/3/24. The permits are available on-line or by phone only.

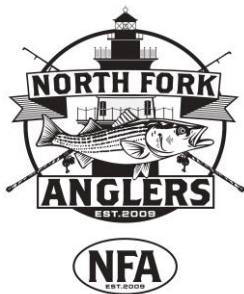
### 2024 Long Island 4x4 and Camp Hero Dashboard Permits

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

Permit(s) may be purchased ONLY ONLINE or by PHONE and 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)



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### How to purchase a 2024 Long Island Dashboard Permit:

Purchase ONLINE by visiting -

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

1. **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](mailto:lidashboards@parks.ny.gov)*

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

- 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 2025 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.



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### NY State Surf Fishing Contest

Reminder: Begins 12 AM on April 15<sup>th</sup> and ends midnight November 30<sup>th</sup>.

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 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 5<sup>th</sup> of the next month by on our website or in person with physical slips (if necessary) at our club meeting. 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 digital "slip" on the website (It has provision for multiple fish on the same day) or on the back of the slip (if necessary ), 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 not released 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 were emailed to members.



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### *New York Surf Fishing Final Contest Standings 2024*

#### **North Fork Anglers Highlights November**

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

#14 Larry Welcome, #22 Arden Gardell, #37 Ed Kneski, #38 Bruce Heller, #40 Leif Gobel, #41 Mike Lisowy, #43 Andrew Charron, #54 Joe Mazza, #60 Jim Mowdy, #60 Don Meola, #80 Rich Strzepek, #84 Dave Ficken, and #95 John Nugent out of 101 anglers reporting Top 10 fish.

Club Standings: NFA #7 out of 10 clubs entered, down one from September results.

Released Points Standings: NFA #6 out of 6 clubs reporting released points. Down one from September.