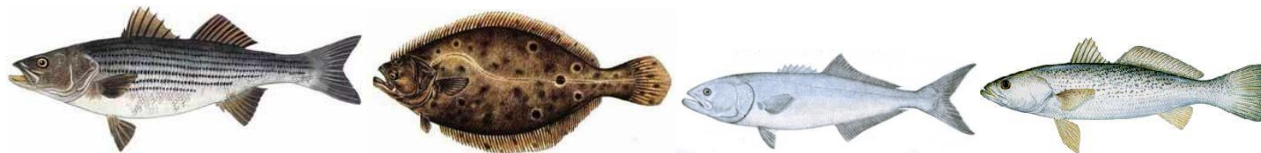




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Please Note: Meetings normally are the last Thursday of each month at the Mattituck-Laurel Library at 6:30 PM in the basement meeting room. The exceptions are the November Annual Dinner meeting which is the third Thursday of the month because Thanksgiving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

Also, Larry Welcome's daughter Iris, she is young – won't spill the beans age wise, has been diagnosed with a rare and very aggressive form of breast cancer. She has begun chemotherapy and is facing a long and difficult treatment regimen, with significant copayments and procedures not covered by her insurance not to mention her loss of income.

Several of her friends started a Go Fund Me, <https://www.gofundme.com/f/aid-iriss-healing-from-rare-cancer>. The Board has decided to make a \$500 donation to her recovery fund. Additional individual donations would also be greatly appreciated by Iris and her family.

Last Meeting: March 27, 2025

26 members attended. Our speaker was the one and only Bill Wetzel. He discussed fishing different types of lures, how to hold the rod and retrieve speeds. Lure colors, equipment choices and how to approach different types of structure. It was a great time. In appreciation we presented him with a North Fork Anglers Tee shirt and a distressed rose (pink) North Fork Anglers hat.





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Wish You Were Here: - Existing wish you were here was \$17 plus the \$26 equals \$43. Ron Contrelli was here and won the pot. The supplemental WYWH drawings resulted in Joe Hetterich won 2 packages of small FemLee eels, Eddie Brooks won a book "The Wave Watchers Companion", Lynie Toronto won a Knot tying book, Paul Thiregarten won a spook lure, Ed Kneski won a Schmidt jointed Danny lure, and Auggie Lanzotti won a fish lip gripper.

Treasurer's Report – Steve Kellner reported as of the February meeting the treasury had \$2841.50.

April - Meeting Agenda – Martin Gary – Director - NYSDEC Division of Marine Resources. Martin is the new Director and will introduce himself, his background and provide his assessment of the striped bass fishery and its direction toward sustainability.

Board Meeting: The Board met 4/ 24/25 to discuss and plan for additional 2025 speakers, necessary meeting day and meeting start time adjustments due to Library meeting room scheduling, member volunteers for club activities, possible additional 2025 Club events, new website reporting of fish for the NY Surf Fishing Contest.

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 updated as necessary 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 and will be continually updated as future speakers and events are finalized.

Dues: **IT'S TIME!! 2025 dues are way overdue.** To be a member in good standing your dues must be



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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:

April Meeting – 5/29 Pete Utschig – Comanche Surfcasting and Phase Gear

May – Saturday May 10 - **Beach Clean-up** –@ Truman's Beach – East Marion - 11 AM to 1 PM. Lunch will be provided. Trash Bags will be provided. Bring gloves and a pickup device if you have one.

May: 5/23-6/01 **Spring North Fork Anglers Tournament** Friday 5/23 6:00 PM to Sunday 6/01 9:00 AM
Prizes: \$100 largest Bass over 28 inches and \$100 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. Text or email and additionally record your participation and any catch information **on our Club website** by Noon Sunday 6/01. Texts can be used if absolutely necessary to Rich Strzepek – 631-793-9143, but follow-up on the website is absolutely necessary. Updates of the progress of the Tournament will be emailed daily.

June Meeting – Our own Capt. Craig Cantelmo - Date still being confirmed with the Library.

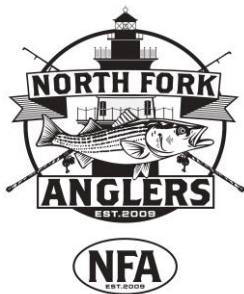
July Meeting 7/31 – New to our area - NYSDEC Environmental Conservation Officer – Julie Dickerson Cutchogue native.

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



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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 till March 31st and now the day after Labor Day 9/2/25. The permits are available on-line or by phone only.

2025 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 2025 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)

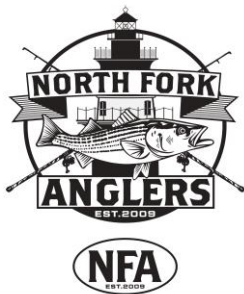
How to purchase a 2025 Long Island Dashboard Permit:

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 2025 Dashboard Permit? Please contact the Regional Permit Office via email at lidashboards@parks.ny.gov



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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 Registration 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: Begins 12 AM on 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 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 on our website. The data must include the species, weight, date and where (in general) caught



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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). 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. Fluke - 3 lbs. (from shore only) has been added in 2025. Minimum length: May 4 - August 19 inches, August 2 – October 15 – 19.5 inches must also be recorded. **Fluke MAY BE KEPT to be eligible for the contest.**

Any Striped Bass not released CANNOT be submitted. The ten heaviest bass, bluefish, weakfish and fluke (Top Ten) each month of all fish for each species reported are tallied for Club standings and Individual standings. The balance of the four species reported are reported as released points plus the Top Ten released fish of each species equal total released points for the month.

The 2025 Contest Rules were emailed to members.

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.

Released Points Standings: NFA #6 out of 6 clubs reporting released points.