



# PATCHOGUE FISHING CLUB REGULAR MEETING MINUTES



Date: **March 27, 2008**

Meeting called to order by President at: **8:16 p.m.**

After the pledge, the following committee reports were discussed:

## OUTDOOR

John Caruso handed out a flyer that included details on the April 12<sup>th</sup> Cod, Pollock, and Ling Tournament (see attached). John reminded the members that this was an open boat tournament that would not be cancelled unless there were small craft warnings in effect. Approximately nine (9) members that were present at the meeting said that they planned on fishing the tournament.

## INDOOR

Jason Remien provided an update on upcoming indoor activities, which were summarized in the March newsletter. Al Goldberg was present at the meeting and provided valuable tips on striped bass fishing (see attached handout for more information). As usual, we had a raffle for one of Al's custom rods and Gregg Maynard was the lucky winner. The club helped raise a total of \$360 that will go to the "Send a Kid Fishing" Program.

## NEW YORK SURF TOURNAMENT

Heidi LeLaidier handed out informational packets for this year's New York Surf Tournament.

## CONSERVATION

Not reported.

## SCALES

Bill Rockwell was not present at the meeting. However, scales were collected from those members willing to part with them until the next regular meeting. Bill Rockwell will calibrate them at home during the month and bring them back during the April meeting unless other arrangements are made.

## WEIGH MASTER

Fish of the Month				
	Month	Name	Fish	Weight

No report.



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## PRIZES

George Remien reported that all prizes are up to date.

## RULES & RECORDS

The proposed Constitution and By-Laws rule changes were voted upon and accepted.

## JACKETS

Ron Pfister requested \$100 to purchase small-sized PFC T-shirts, which was approved by club members. The T-shirts would definitely be available for the summer picnic.

## CUSTODIAN

No report.

## HISTORIAN

No report.

## NEWSLETTER

No report.

## GOOD & WELFARE

No report.

## PUBLICITY

No report.

## DINNER DANCE

No report.

## PICNIC & CASTING

No report.

## LADIES NIGHT

No report.



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## 150 CLUB

Don reported that several more tickets were sold and that we should have not problems reaching the 150 mark as long as the current list of unpaid members pays their dues.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ron Pfister provided details on the Alaskan Fishing Trip that he is trying to coordinate. The cost would be \$5,000/person, which includes flights. Additional discounts are possible if more members sign up.

## NEW BUSINESS

None.

## BILLS & COMMUNICATIONS

No report.

## RECEIPTS OF THE MONTH

Renewal Dues - \$600  
Items Sold- \$131  
150 Club - \$280  
Total: \$1,011

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance on March 26, 2008: \$2,277.02

It was moved, seconded and voted to adjourn meeting at: **9:50 p.m.**

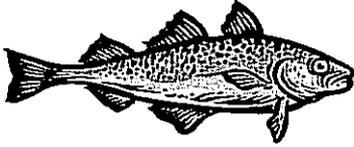


Respectively submitted,

Recording Secretary

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COD, POLLOCK & LING TOURNAMENT  
SATURDAY, APRIL 12



**BOAT: VIKING STARSHIP-MONTAUK**

**TIME OF DEPARTURE: LEAVES 3:00 A.M.-4:00 P.M.**

**Directions:** The physical address is 462 West Lake Drive, Montauk, NY if you need to get directions via computer. Otherwise, take Sunrise east to Montauk. After arriving in Montauk, make a left at the Plaza Circle in town towards the Montauk Harbor Area. Keep going straight and the boat is located on the right side of the street, coming from town, after the stop sign. These directions were taken directly from the Viking Web Site.

**Time to Travel:** If I drive from my home in East Patchogue, I allow 1½ hours to get there. It takes my wife 50 minutes!

**Boat Description:** The Viking Starship is 140 feet long. It is equipped with 72 Navy style bunks below deck, reclining cushion chairs at cabin level and a hot shower room. The boat has a very large heated cabin and there is a full restaurant in the cabin. Tackle will be available on board if you need it. Sorry.... no casino, no massages, no bar and no climbing rock wall!

**Cost:** \$90 per person, plus whatever you tip mate and a 10% discount if we have 25 people from the club.

**Cancellation Info:** If small craft **WARNINGS** are in effect, the trip is cancelled. Matt Werner will email or text information to those members that have email access. Otherwise, you can call his cell phone at 516-527-2803.

Respectfully submitted,

John B. Caruso, ED. D

# **Striped Bass Tips and Techniques**

## **By Al Goldberg**

### **Overview**

Striped bass are the premier inshore game fish in the Northeast. They have a special mystique to many fishermen and are pursued on foot from open beaches, back bays and coastal rivers; and on boats from kayaks and canoes to serious offshore battlewagons.

### **Methods**

There are many methods used to fish for bass. Fishing from the beach you can cast bucktails, plugs and eels as well as fishing chunk bait, clams and sea worms on the bottom. Fishing from a boat, one or more of the following techniques can be employed: wire-line trolling with bunker spoons, umbrella rigs, parachute jigs and plugs; diamond jigging; drifting live bait such as bunker, mackerel, porgies and eels; and finally anchored up and drifting chunked bunker, mackerel or clam chumming.

The method used is determined by a number of factors as well as your own personal preference. When I charter a boat for stripers I will not troll even if it's the best method that particular trip. My preferred methods are diamond jigging, drifting live bait and casting top water plugs to breaking fish.

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### **Key Factors to Know When Chasing Stripers**

**Structure** – Structure holds bait that will draw stripers and other predators to feed. Structure can be rocks, jetties, channel drop offs, sloughs along the beach, inlets, points of land and bridge abutments.

**Bait Presence** – You can fish all types of structure. However, if there is no bait present than probably the stripers are not present as well. Remember you are trying to “match the hatch” and imitate the bait the bass are feeding on.

**Time of Day** – Stripers, especially big bass, are primarily night time feeders. Bait usually stays very close to structure during the day but venture out under the cover of darkness. Bass will also feed during daylight hours on overcast and stormy days and during the fall blitz in October and November.

**Tide and Moon Phases** – Bass like moving water because they are lazy predators. Big stripers take up station close to structure facing into the tide. They wait in ambush allowing the tide to bring the bait to them. Since tides are primarily effected by the phases of the moon, knowledge of the moon phases is essential to score consistently. Bass show a preference for tides around the new and full moon periods. Certain bass spots are more productive during the incoming tide while other spots the outgoing tide is preferred. Coordinating the tide, moon phase and time of day are critical to know for the successful striper sharpie.

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### **Lunker Locations Around Long Island**

Big stripers, over 40lbs, can be caught in many places around Long Island from back bays, in Long Island Sound and from the southshore beaches and inlets. However, when you break through 50lbs certain areas seem to produce more of these cow bass. Such legendary areas like Montauk, Fishers Island Race, Block Island, Plum Gut and the Sluiceway come to mind. The common elements making these areas so productive are their heavy structure and strong tidal flow.

### **Tackle Recommendations**

**Diamond Jigging, Live Bait, Eeling and Chunking** – 7 ft medium heavy rod rated from 30-40 lb, quality conventional reel with a smooth drag and capacity to hold at least 250 yards of 30 lb braided line.

**Clam Chumming** – 7 ft conventional rod rated from 10-20 lbs and a baitcasting reel with a smooth drag such as a Newell 220 or an Ambassador 6500 spooled with 20lb braid or mono.

**Casting Small Plugs or Bucktails** – 7-8 ft conventional or spinning rod rated from ½-1 oz with a Ambassador 6500, Calcutta 400 or a spinning reel in the 4000 size from Penn, Shimano or Daiwa.

### **Wire Line Trolling** –

**Bunker Spoons** – 8-9 ft slow action wire-line rod fitted with carbaloy guides and machined reelseat. A Penn 4/0 113H spooled with 50 lb mono backing and 300 ft of 50 lb wire.

**Umbrella Rigs and Parachute Jigs** – 6.5-7 ft firm-tipped rod with carbaloy guides and machined reelseat. A Penn 4/0 113H spools with 50 lb mono backing and 300 ft of 50 lb wire.

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### **Shore Fishing**

#### **Southshore Beaches and Inlets**

**Lures and Eels** - 10-11 foot rods rated from  $\frac{3}{4}$ -2 oz and 2-5 oz. A matching reel, conventional or spinning, spooled with 300 yards of 30 lb braided line.

**Chunking** - 11 ft conventional rod rated from 8-12 oz and a conventional reel like a Shimano Calcutta 7000, Penn 975, Torque 300 or Ambassador 7000, 9000 or 10000 spooled with 50 lb braided line.

**L.I. Sound and Back Bays** - 7-8 foot spinning rod rated for  $\frac{1}{2}$ -1.5 oz with a quality reel in the 4000-5000 size series from Penn, Shimano or Daiwa.

### **Bass Conservation**

The striped bass have made an amazing recovery since the moratorium back in the early 1980's. In addition, the last three years have seen many cow bass over 50 lbs taken with a number of fish exceeding the 60 lb mark. The current recreational regulations allow for one fish greater than 28 inches for private catches and two fish for charter boat and party boat passengers; one over 28 inches and the second over 40 inches.

I support the idea of giving striped bass gamefish status. Whether that happens is questionable. However, I try to do my part by returning fish over 30 lbs, since they are female spawners and have the ability to produce millions of eggs. If you get a real cow bass, think about taking a picture and releasing the fish. You will feel good about it.

To help with successful catch and release and reduced mortality use circle hooks. They will increase your hook up ratio and significantly reduce fish mortality of those released.