



# *THE ATLANTIS ANGLE*

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## Rolling Along

Strangely enough summer is almost over already although it barely has gotten started it seems. Our fishing events calendar is half done and our third of 7 derbies for the year is nearing completion. I've been working hard trying to come up with guests for our meetings and with the late start planning this year due to the pandemic, it hasn't been easy to do. *With that said its always around this time of year that I do a little club analysis at the midway point and make note of what members like and what they haven't seemed to like.* Here is what I have come up with .....**This year I have no idea, ha-ha!** All jokes aside, we all love one thing for sure..... FISHING! and usually that means our charters are highly regarded, and that has been a constant for many years, and our weekly events are highly anticipated week after week. Now for the issues:

1. People in the club are forgetting to check the calendars for some reason this year, and the website which also has the calendar on it, isn't being utilized by our members. This club website is both a members' tool and a way to attract perspective members, so please log on and see what has been added and utilize the website, it takes a long time to build it ...I know as I have worked many hrs. to get it to where it needs to be for our members.
2. The charters now are more of a chore to plan, Here is the issue going forward..... What to do with the charters now that our group is larger than ever.
  - A. Boats the size of the Orient Star are a little small now.

Rolling along continued...

B. The costs of these charters has skyrocket over the last 3 years and we are facing a crossroads, either charter less often using a bigger more expensive charter boat so more of us can join in , or change the venue a little and do the usual three trips which still are at more of a cost year after year.

*Luckily for most you don't have to think about this as your board is hard at work on this problem already for next year. We will be discussing our charters at meetings and I hope to get some new feed-back from the membership.*

3. Attendance at meetings is holding steady but hasn't gone up in comparison to the increase of members & associates we have gained this year. This means we are still seeing the same amount of people at the meetings as we did when the club only had 40 members even though we have around 65 members & associates now. We all expected & acknowledged the drop in attendance due to covid before the pandemic eased and there wasn't a vaccine, yet at this point it is clear there may be another issue and I'd love to hear from members who haven't been attending as to why and if there is something we need to address I want to take care of it and keep the club heading in a positive direction. This is not to say that attendance at any meeting is mandatory, but it does make for a better club when more people attend. Members at meetings have an early advantage for charter sign ups and things like shirt orders and other things we are doing as a club and it's still the best way to get properly updated with all things club related. I have witnessed all kinds of cycles in our club over the years since 1995 when I first joined, I am only bringing these things up here to cut off any possible problems that could be to our detriment, proactively running this club is the only way to go about being president.

It's not all doom and Gloom haha! As we continue to roll along this year, we are seeing that more and more members are catching their personal best fluke and partaking in more fishing on a daily basis than in years past. We have seen the return of former members to the club and there are more and more requests by our members being made to bring friends to the meeting to possibly join. At this time we are comprised of many party and charter boat anglers and are the only club to be that way. This in itself is a cool thing, but I would love more members with boats to join so we can maybe get members out fishing together more often. We saw a need some years back to allow party and charter boat caught fish to count and attract those for hire anglers , now we need more balance and that will be considered going forward when accepting new members. To address this in-balance we may decide to run two derby series next year, one for boat owners and one for those who fish party and charter boats. Again this will be decided by board vote... just the way I'm thinking right now. As always I hope all of you are enjoying the summer and safely boating around our area as the great influx of new boaters has really made an adventure of boating in the bays. Stay safe!

MIKE BOBETSKY

## *Empire Wind to Send Representatives to September Meeting*

In trying to find speakers for the meetings, I came across an email forwarded to me by Chris LaPorta from the D.E.C. about the new wind projects getting started in N.Y. waters by Empire wind development. I asked about the exact proximity to the areas fishing grounds such as Cholera and Angler Banks as the sites outlined seemed to run directly through them. Never fear as I have received word from the developers that this isn't the case. The reps. offered to come to the club, as they have visited other clubs and the questions they get are really good and the information can better get to us if they stop by. In order to satisfy our clubs responsibility to provide our members the most up to date information on things that affect fishing and conservation of the local natural resources, I have agreed and they will be at the club on Sept. 28<sup>th</sup>. Write down any questions you come up with and you will have an opportunity to have them answered right from the horse's mouth.

## MEMBER PHOTOS:

Club charter 8/1/21 Orient Star:

Beautiful morning greeted us



Fishing was a slow pick at best and there was a long dry spell but here's the catch! Reed's 6lb 8oz & Rich's 5lb 12oz fluke

Hanging up top with stogie discussing to the days action





## Members Photos Cont.

Mitch and John on the Krystyna Maria:



**Mitch's 9.5 lb. John's 6.8lb**



Hampton Lady



**Carolyn's doormat 11lb plus !**

Fluking the Capt.AL.



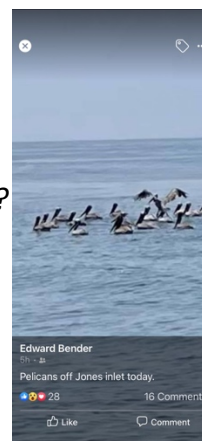
Steve got him some dinn



Rich, Larry and Tony C. hit the Miss Montauk for some fluking

In late July ,nice catch!

*Pelicans in July in Jones?*



**Party boat Review:** MONTAUK STAR, CAPT. MARK RYCKMAN

Every once in a while a party boat trip to clear your mind and fish a different area is just what the doctor ordered. It took me until my last summer weeks' vacation to actually leave home so to speak and head east to Montauk (my wife's idea!) With the fickle nature of the weather and with the insane crowds on the Miss Montauk I decided to jump on board the Montauk Star with Matt. No reservations were needed so we could watch the forecast properly, and the boat leaves dock at 6am which is perfect. We arrived at 5am and found a pretty good crowd on board for a Tuesday, which turns out is their busiest weekday (go figure). We departed at 6 with 45 anglers anxiously anticipating some good old fashioned Montauk fluking. On the way out with the smell of fresh bacon and eggs on the grill we had to try the galley cooks special, it was just what we needed a good start to the day the sandwich didn't disappoint. We arrived at the first drop off the frisbees, and found the drift to be too slow, and only a few fish picked here and there as the tide was close to slack. We realized early that the two pools we joined for 10 and 20 dollars each were in jeopardy as the angler four rod holders down from me, an older gentleman named Al, brought up a doormat of 9.4 lbs! What a way to start the day and put all the other pool hopefuls behind the 8 ball so early! The captain moved around some and tried more and more to the east as the conditions didn't get much better right away. We bucktailed for a bit and I took a nice 6lb fish, then went back to the chicken rigs and gulp we had started with on our lines. Eventually when the captain had enough inshore, he headed to the deep, you guessed it, Cartwright. The Inner and outer grounds combined with a little more tide proved to be beneficial as we picked away at fluke, seabass, a couple of ling. Matt had a good fluke there around 5 lbs. or so. We ended the day with 5 keeper fluke along with the previously mentioned by catch. With the fishing going on until 215pm I figured with the distance to dock it would be a late return (after the 3pm advertised return), but I was very impressed with the speed of this boat! We cruised in within an hr at 16 kts or so! I had all to do to get the fillets done in the time it took to get to dock. The final boat tally was 65 keeper fluke which were filleted quickly by the mates. The mates were the best mates I've had the pleasure of fishing with in quite some time. All the fish were quickly bled after they netted them for you, if there was a tangle they were on it fast, always watching and running to help. If you called for a net and they were helping others, the captain came down or the galley cook came out to net the fish for you, no hesitation. Those of you who know my background know that I began fishing in the ocean sailing out of Brooklyn on the ELSIE K PRINCESS for fluke. That boat always had a great crew consisting of Capt. Tommy Paladino, first mate Henry Feeny, & "Squirt" and his brother, previously owners of the "Rosie". That boat groomed the best mates, well these mates on the Montauk Star more than held their own to the standard I learned to expect as a customer, and as it turns out Caroline the port side deck mate had worked for the Rosie under James when they owned it. I found her work effort showed it and she's darn good filleting as well! It's rare that a trip lives up to 100 percent of my expectations, this one definitely did! Give this outfit a try and I'm sure your "escape to the end" will be a happy one! Photos of our trip on the next page.

Mike Bobetsky



Photos from Montauk Star trip: Tuesday 8/17/21



Stunning day!



Friendly group of fishermen not crowded with 45 on board



Matt had a few good ones to 5lbs



The catch minus the seabass and Ling



My biggest at 6lbs. and 2<sup>nd</sup>. Keeper

We had some short life to but it was a pick.



# REMINDERS:

**Next Meeting August 24th. 745 pm**

**Fluke derby 2 closes 8/24 8pm**

*Seabass and Porgy derbies open 8/24 8pm*

***ALL MONTHLY DERBIES END AT 8PM DURING OUR MEETINGS SO SLIPS NEED TO BE IN BY THEN. IF YOU HAVE A WEIGH SLIP FOR US AND CAN'T MAKE THE MEETING, PLEASE EMAIL Mitch Gootnick [Atlantisweighslips@gmail.com](mailto:Atlantisweighslips@gmail.com)***

Blue fish Derby \winners

1<sup>st</sup> Blanche Goodman. 5lbs 4 oz.

2<sup>nd</sup> open

3<sup>rd</sup>. open

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