

The Atlantis Anglers Association official newsletter

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PORGIES SAVE THE DAY!

Our Spring charter went off smooth as could be despite the forecast for showers and thunderstorms as we departed Port Jeff on the Osprey at 6:30 am sharp. Speaking with Captain Amanda on the way out confirmed what I had feared about the fluke fishing taking place in her usual hot spots. The pick had been slow and inconsistent as the waters were still on the cold side and the bait that the fish usually follow really hadn't shown yet. With that knowledge she asked if doing a porgy drop would be ok at some point when the tide was right and drifting conditions were suitable to go for some of the large scup? I agreed after a quick discussion with other board members on the boat as we all wanted some fish on the lines and people had driven a far way to come to Port Jeff that early. Capt. Amanda did her best early on but very few fluke came up and most of those that did were shorts. When the wind against tide slowed down the drift just right for her porgy hot spot we switched over for an hr. plus. Drifting for a bit lead to anchoring and chumming for a while, then we switched back to fluking in hopes of the tides being right in other areas. Unfortunately, no improvement was to be had fluking. The forecasted rain and thunderstorms had been delayed and we had sunshine and warm weather until the end of the day as we went in surrounded by 3 storm cells.

June Meeting & Pizza Party

There will be pizza sodas and desserts at the next meeting 6/26 at 815pm. We will hold off on the board reports and club business until after we've had the pies (so they don't get cold). Thanks go out to Reed for picking up the pizzas and plates and to Ken Bell for getting the cups sodas and ice. Please arrive on time to get some! Afterwards the normal meeting will take place and we have raffle items as well. There will be discussions about the past charter and future charter destinations going forward.

F.T.C. Shootouts!

The first shootout of the year against Freeport Tuna and Matinecock Rod and Gun club was won by FTC with over 120 lbs. of striped bass combined with their three entries. I didn't get the second-place weights. We had very little effort put in as a club particularly on the outside trolling which is where all the bigger fish were taken on bunker spoons. WE did have some effort inside, but those fish are generally smaller. I hope we can get a better showing during the next one on August 10th-12th. I have been told that the charter caught fish should be ok as I reported last month (below in red) I will confirm this in the future as we will be on the Orient start on the 11th. We do well as a club with Fluke none the less as there have been 2 fish over 8lbs caught but not put on a weigh station scale and one that was 8lbs and weighed in at baypark, along with a 7lb fish weighed in at baypark and a few four to 6lb fish both weighed in and not brought to the scales. Pictures of some below in the photo album page.

The dates for the remaining shootouts are: August 10,11,12 fluke.

December 7,8,9 striped bass (All events are weather permitting)

It is understood that anglers may participate from charter or party boats as well as private boats or from land. This is for bragging rights and no one is expecting cheating, nor do I expect cheating from any of our members. We want to win to show were a strong club, but the right way, so get out there and fish!

<u>Fishing Reports Catch Up with the New</u> <u>Millennium!</u>

I recently started an email chain for our members to get out the latest fishing reports as fast as possible to help us all improve our fishing and get more out of being a club member. I have seen a few of you post reports to us on that email chain and I encourage all of our members to do the same when you make a fishing trip. The idea is not to steal anyone's honey holes, but to provide general guidelines to make us all more successful. Part of the advantages of belonging to a club is to help each other do better while on the water. Remember you could be the one that catches more fish from another members sharing info, so don't be hesitant to chip in!

For your convenience you can simply <u>reply to all</u> on the email to the club that the newsletters come in. That will give the whole membership the reports . Sending them to just me under the Reply button defeats the purpose. You have to send to Reply ALL button. For those of you that want to contribute a report that has pictures you can email those directly to me at <u>wannafish@optonline.net</u> I will do my best to put it in the next newsletter and the website when I do the updates. As of now there are updates to the website on the charter page and a couple of other pictures too. Those of you that just want some pictures put up shoot me a text message with the photo of the fish and most of the time I can convert that to the website also, but emails are a much more reliable way. Please also understand that it will take me some time to get the photos online and in the newsletter, I am in the midst of my busy a/c season at work and with running the club and other obligations sometimes I run a bit late with updates in the summer, which is also why all of us sharing email reports is helpful.

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Black Sea Bass Opens!

Even though we still are getting screwed with Sea bass regulations this year, I am thrilled that the season will open June 23rd! I have been catching nice seabass, as many of you have I'm sure, at the area reefs while fluking. Throwing back large fish stinks when they are such a good eating fish and other states have had their seasons open for more than 3 weeks already! Please remember while we gained a couple of weeks in the beginning due to our appeal, we still have a disturbingly low bag limit of three fish a person per day , and a hard to find 15 inch size limit once we get through the beginning of the season when fishing pressure starts to take its toll on the available larger fish. (Mid-summer will be lots of pins I'm sure) Some tips, do drift if you have a slow enough drift to take you down ledges to the deeper spots on the reefs. Move around on the reefs to try different sections, don't fall in love with the big north wall if nothing is working there, misery loves company and many of the boats will stay still on the north and south walls just out of spite. Anchoring away from the fleet sometimes is the key to a great day! If possible, try to stay at it through the next change of tide, fishing often improves on the change, don't go all the way out there and come back too soon! Lastly don't be afraid to jig like you would fluking and use an artificial, they work! Seabass may be "endangered" in NMFS eyes but let your eyes be the judge, there are too many seabass to not come up with a good catch if you work a little diligently at it and keep baits fresh!



We had a few moments like this at the reef and Matt had to release this double header of large black sea bass at 19.5 and 17 inches taken bucktailing with a teaser above for fluke.

Photo Album

OSPREY CHARTER JUNE 2ND!

Departure time on the charter saw scenes like these around the osprey!









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And then the fishing begins!









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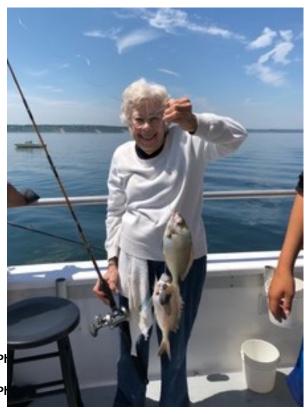
















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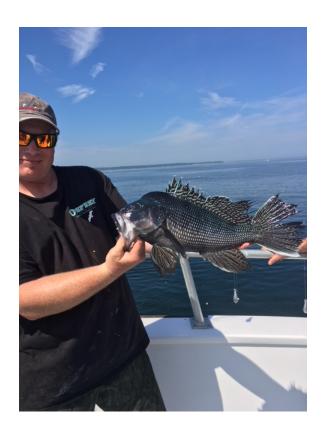






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MEMBERS CATCH ON THEIR OWN BOATS TOO!











REMINDERS:

Fluke Derby 1 ends 830 pm 6/26

Bluefish Derby opens 835 pm 6/26

Fluke Rodeo: July 13th-16th

ALL MONTHLY DERBIES END AT 830PM DURING OUR MEETINGS SO SLIPS NEED TO BE IN MIKES HANDS BY THEN. IF YOU HAVE A WEIGH SLIP FOR US AND CAN'T MAKE THE MEETING, PLEASE MAIL TO MIKE LOWENSTEIN AT 81 NEPTUNE BLVD. LONG BEACH NY 11561.

OUR CLUB WEBSITE IS NOW UPDATED, AND I WILL CONTINUE TO UPDATE PERIODICALLY. THERE ARE THINGS THAT SOMETIMES COME UP BOTH WITH REGULATIONS AND WITH REPORTS I GET FROM THE MEMBERS. PLEASE MAKE AN EFFORT TO CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR BOTH REPORTS, NEW LINKS, ARTICLES AND ALSO MEETING INFORMATION. OUR WEBSITE IS NOT ONLY TO ATTRACT NEW MEMBERS BUT ALSO SERVES AS A TOOL FOR OUR MEMBERS TO KEEP UPDATED ON THINGS INCLUDING WEEKEND EVENTS.

Please email photos and reports to me at wannafish@optonline.net

To have them included here in the club newsletter and on the website!

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Don't forget to visit

http://www.atlantisa.

**Our complete calendar is now online with all the derby dates, contest dates and events we have planned for this year. Please check it out on the events page for easy access to what's on tap

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