



# *THE ATLANTIS ANGLE*

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## *AFTER A NIGHTMARE 2020 , WE'RE BACK AND BETTER THAN EVER!*

.....March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019 , Ward Melville High school :

Our club booth at the Fishing show was a hopping place as we mingled with hundreds of fisherman and made a true membership push. That afternoon at 4 pm the show ends, .....1 week later the world is on hold !

From that point in time the club as we had known it, and the progress we had made making a fun recreational group the most popular it had been in years, was wiped away as we faced an enemy we couldn't see and a set of circumstances none of us had lived through ( if your less than like 100 years old anyway). The board was faced with some tough decisions, and many phone calls, emails and texts amongst us led to a course of events we would have never imagined , a complete immediate cancellation of meetings for the year, and the postponement of all events until further notice. We decided on what to do about members who had rejoined already, and what to do with derby fees and other funds in the club's treasury. We constantly felt uncertain about and what to do to best serve our members each month as we went forward. Would the world ever re-open, would fishing ever happen? Head boats weren't allowed to sail until late in the spring and only threats of legal actions got them operating . When the boats were allowed to sail , I decided since some of the members that had boats were fishing, and so many others liked to go out on party boats, to urge the board to let seasonal contests only begin , ultimately, we decided to do just that. It felt important to offer something to the members and provide a way for a bit of normalcy.

Nightmare 2020 cont.....

.....**January 2021** , I decided with the board that we weren't going to sit still as a club, letting the year get away from us as there were ways to hold a meeting, so we started doing just that! From the first meeting on it became evident that the choice to re start the club was a good one as a lot of members seemed to be enjoying and coming to the diner as we attempted to do whatever we could as a club.

.....**June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2021:**

***Our room is now open, and we will be meeting at 745 pm , the club is fully back!*** We had a great few meetings at the diner and at the tent in the Freeport Yacht club, (Thanks to Andy Hepworth for the help getting that tent space!) Now it's back to normal as we are all systems go for the rest of the year to meet as always on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of the months at 745 pm.!! We will have raffles, refreshments, club business reports, fishing reports and information and of course our specialty meetings that include the yearly club tackle and gear auction and our holiday meeting, JUST LIKE ALWAYS! I am also hard at work trying to get guest speakers when possible , if possible. I expect as we move forward more of our members will be vaccinated and be joining us at these meetings , it will be great to see everyone!

## State of Our Membership.....

In a turn of great fortune, our club was able to attract a record number of new members during our spring membership drive as 9 new members joined us! They found us both online thru our website and Facebook page, and some were brought in by friends of theirs who were members. These new members are indeed enthused about the club and many have been at all meetings and fished with us on the spring charter , taking advantage of the club often, which is awesome to see! Please join me in continuing to assist these new Atlantis Anglers as they get acclimated to all the club has to offer! I have sent an email out introducing them personally to everyone and their info is in our current roster. Our total membership is now at a level higher than it was pre-pandemic with 44 members and 16 associate members, and I couldn't be happier! **I know we've established ourselves as the finest inshore fishing club on Long Island and this is sure to continue as more of our events will be re-started as the pandemic eases!**

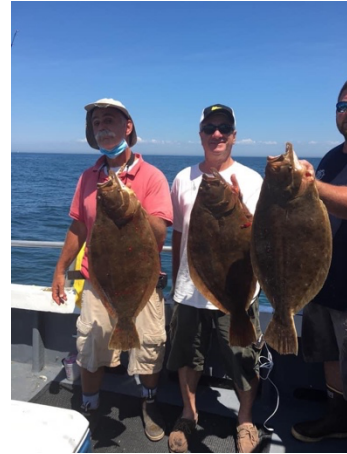
## Quick look back at 2020 Seasonal Award Winners



Jeff Potish with largest Seabass 4lb 5 Oz.



Barry Beck largest fluke 10 lb. 9oz.



(Middle)

Sheila Patton ,largest Associate member seabass 4lb 8 oz.

*(I don't have a picture of Sheila and the fish please forward and ill email it out to the club)*

*Matt Bobetsky largest associate fluke*

*6lb. 13 oz.*



## Club Shirt Order A Big Success!

I never imagined when I came across the ad for Wild River Tees on Facebook, that the long sleeve tee shirts SPF 50 , customized for the club, would be such a big hit! We placed an order for 40 shirts , well over the minimum for a wholesale rate. When they came in I was very pleased. Members got to choose a fluke, or Striped bass, amongst many other species like Tuna and Swordfish, or in one case a Redfish? The logo I forwarded to Gina at the company, was sharpened up and perfected beyond what I could have hoped for! The shirts really came out amazing in Light blue with black graphics. Richie and I spoke about subsidizing something for the club members, so I asked the board to do it for these shirts. We were able to use some of the budget to bring the shirts to our members for a great cost of 15 dollars per shirt, not the 21-26 dollars they each cost depending on size. I have since been contacted by other members who missed the order and would like to set up a second order. I will see based on member demand if we have enough for this, if not I know the shirts can be made at retail cost of 25-30 dollars each. We can further discuss this and other things we can purchase in the future at our meetings.



Please email photos and reports to me at [wannafish@optonline.net](mailto:wannafish@optonline.net) have them included here in the club newsletter and on the website. [www.atlantisanglers.com](http://www.atlantisanglers.com) don't forget to visit!



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