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FOR SALE

Merc Aluminum prop. 14.5"
Diameter, 18 pitch, asking \$140

Call Tony Curcurito.
434-8032

BOATER SURVEY

Please take the time to fill out the accompanying survey so that Bill will have the latest information regarding boater status in the event that a change needs to be made as a result of being short boats at a tournament. We don't want to leave anyone without a ride nor do we want to see three guys in a boat.

SOME GUIDELINES

This is mainly for the new and prospective members of our club. First off, WELCOME ABOARD!

Second, make note of the guys listed to the left. These are the guys that make up the tournament committee. If you have a prior commitment and can't make a meeting before a partner draw and you intend (or don't intend) on fishing the event, please let one of them know so that you can be included in the draw. Our partner draws occur the meeting before the scheduled tournament. As a rule, we meet on the first Friday of every month. Note the next meeting date on the newsletter in case of a change.

Third, whenever you aren't sure about a "keeper", hunt down Greg Allen **before** the start of the weigh-in and ask for a courtesy measure. He can save you a penalty and the embarrassment of trying to weigh in a short fish.

Fourth, for non-boaters, please share the expenses of the day fishing. Unfortunately, this year is going to be pretty expensive for everyone at the gas pumps. I cringe at the thought of what prices will be by May. Also, don't show up 15 minutes before the start of the tournament looking for your partner. It's nice to have an extra hand when launching your boat. If you can't back-in a trailer, you can at least hold the boat while your partner pulls out and parks the truck & trailer. Try to get there an hour before the start time.

And fifth, try to ignore Charlie Curcurito whenever mentally possible. However, he can be a great motivator to do your best.

Listed with the tournament schedule are places to stay that are near-by the tournament waters. Hang on to these numbers and call for reservations ASAP. Don't wait until the month before, you may not get a room.

A Message From the “Prez”

You won't want to miss the next meeting. We'll be starting our “ice-out” pool. Will there be open water on Saratoga by May 4th and how many boats will still be snowed-in in backyards?

Speaking of boats, we're attaching a very important, brief survey form to the Newsletter. We need to carefully assess boat availability before the season is upon us. The critical balance of boater to non-boater is in danger and we need to determine if we may have a problem. It is important that everyone complete the survey and send it to me. Email is perfect, send it to mikee@nycap.rr.com; If you can't email it, send it via the US Postal Service to 1825 Devendorf Road Schenectady, NY 12303-2641. The last resort is to bring it to the meeting. If I get them before the meeting, I will make a report to you at the meeting.

The Tournament Committee has been considering some options, should there be a shortage of boats and we'll discuss those options when we meet.

I don't know about the rest of you, but I am sick and tired of this winter weather. I can't get in the mood to play with my tackle; I forced myself to go to the Springfield Show – where I bought nothing; and the prospect of Spring seems so far away it's hard to think about. Maybe a roomful of grumpy old fishermen will get the juices flowing again. At least we can be miserable together. We'll see if we can get Al Dickinson and Paul Pflieger to talk about their new boats, and I'll bet Al Maher could make an interesting presentation on making boat payments when the temperature outside is zero and below. See you soon.

STATE FEDERATION 2003

Sunday, June 22	Points	Lake George	Hague
Sunday, July 13	Points	Oneida Lake	Marion Manor
Sunday, August 3	Points	Sackets Harbor	Lake Ontario
Sat & Sun Aug 16&17	Club Team	St Lawrence R.	Ogdensburg
Sunday, Sept 7	Points	Niagara R/Lk Erie	Buffalo

The Post Office just recalled their latest stamps. They had pictures of lawyers on them and people couldn't figure out which side to spit on.

How many lawyer jokes are there? Only three. The rest are true stories.

If a lawyer and an IRS agent were both drowning, and you could save only one of them, would you go to lunch or read the paper?

ALBANY AREA BASSMASTER'S 2003 TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Sunday, May 4th	Partners Pike Tournament	Saratoga Lake, State launch site 6AM - 2PM
Saturday, May 17th	Kid's Tournament	Saratoga Lake, State launch site 7AM - 1PM
Saturday & Sunday, June 14th & 15th	POINTS	Rouses Pt., Lake Champlain 5:30AM - 1:30PM
Saturday, June 28th	POINTS	Great Sacandaga Lk. Sunset Bay 5:30AM - 1:30PM
Saturday, July 19th	Husband/Wife	Cossayuna Lake, State launch site 6AM - 1PM
Saturday & Sunday, July 26th & 27th	POINTS	Oneida Lk., Oneida Shores Park 6:30AM - 2:30PM
Sunday, August 10th	POINTS	Saratoga Lake, State launch site 5:30AM - 1:30PM
Saturday & Sunday, September 27th & 28th	POINTS	Port Henry, Lake Champlain 6AM - 2PM
Saturday, October 18th	POINTS	Lk. Bomoseen, The Edgewater Inn 7AM - 3PM
Sunday, October 26th	Pick-your-Partner	Mohawk River, Schoharie Crossing 7AM - 3PM

Rouses Pt
The Anchorage Motel (518) 297-4211

Port Henry
Circle Court (518) 585-7660
Stonehouse (518) 585-7394
Super 8 (518) 585-2617

Oneida Lake
Belair Motel (518) 699-5991

Lake Bomoseen (802) 468-5251

NAME _____

Do you have a tournament ready boat? That is, a boat that is properly equipped and insured?

- NO YES

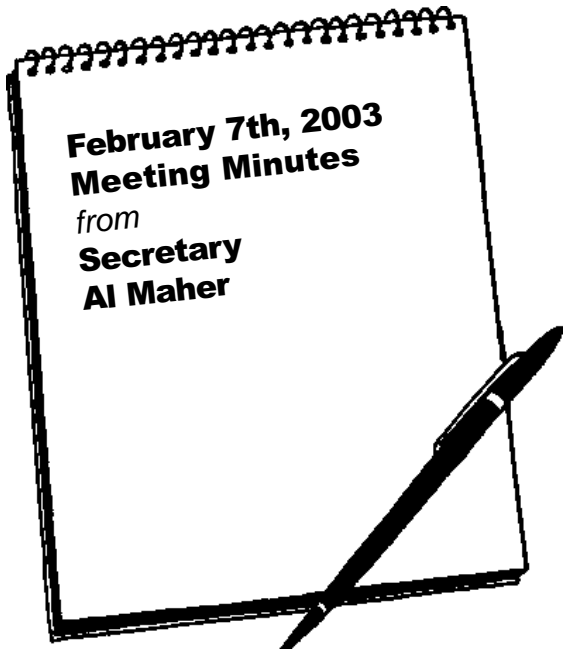
Do you intend to compete as a boater?

- NO YES Thanks, you're done.

If you have a tournament-ready boat, but intend to compete as a **non-boater**:

Would you be willing to use your boat in a Club tournament if it was needed?

- Yes
- Only if no other boat was available, i.e., as a last resort.
- Only if the points I earn would still count as BOBA points.
- Only on the following bodies of water (please check those bodies of water that you would be willing to use your boat on) :
- Rouses Point
 - Sacandaga
 - Oneida Lake
 - Saratoga Lake
 - Lake Champlain (Port Henry)
 - Bomoseen
- No



The meeting was called to order at 8:00 PM by President Mike Ellrott.

Officers Present: Mike Ellrott, Bill Swinton Jr., Alan Maher & eventually Paul Pflieger.

Motion to accept the Minutes from the January 17th meeting by Al Dickinson and 2nd by Brady Moy.

Membership - George Locke

George announced that we had three prospective members in attendance. Making their 1st function were Gene Lavigne and Nash Alexander. Attending his 2nd function was another member of the Richard clan, Mike Richard.

State Federation - Charlie Curcurito

State Federation dues were due last month. If you plan on joining, you must contact Sharon Green with the State Federation (check with Charlie for details). You also must let Charlie know that you have so that he can record you as a member. Currently, there are 26 paid members to the State Fed.

Lunker Pool - Charlie Curcurito

There was some confusion on how many people paid. He thinks there are 9 but Jim Greely was recorded twice. Ever in denial, he immediately blamed Sandy, his wonderful wife, for the mistake.

New Business

Mike was able to get our Web Guy, Greg Allen, to agree to do a presentation on the use of GPS units at our April meeting. A survey was passed out so that Greg would have an idea on the experience level of the membership. Mike is looking for volunteers for our March meeting. Give Mike an email or phone call regarding a possible topic or if you would like to be the presenter.

George Locke stated that our donation to the Toys for Tots program was well received. The club received a certificate of appreciation for our efforts.

Tournament Committee - Bill Swinton Jr.

Before turning the floor over to Bill, Mike said how impressed he was with the smoothness and productivity of the committee meeting. Very few fines were collected, only \$11.

Bill passed out the 2003 schedule. Seeing that no one rushed the front tables throwing beer bottles and wielding black jacks, it appeared to be well received by the members present. Mike also explained that we talked over the rules but could see none that needed to be added or modified.

Mike talked about the responsibility that the non-boater has in sharing expenses on a fishing day. With the price of gas, this will be very important this season. Also, starting times were posted for the tournaments. Rules state that you must be in the water and ready to go one half hour before the tournament start time.

Treasurer's Report - Paul Pflieger

Checkbook balance is \$4,151.87

50/50 was won by Joe Curcurito - \$36

Motion to adjourn by Brady Moy and 2nd by Al Dickinson.

Meeting Reminder...

The next meeting of the Albany Area Bassmasters will be **Friday, March 7th** at the Watervliet K of C hall at 8:00 PM sharp.

Place
Postage
Here

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