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ROUSES POINT

Tom Haley proved that there is no such thing as “New Boatitis” as he blasted over 15 pounds to the scales on the first day of our Rouses Point event held on June 12th & 13th. A solid second day performance ensured his first victory from his new boat. Big weights were also brought to the scales on day 1 by Bobby Simek (14.65 lbs), Bill Pigott (14.22 lbs) and George Leiback from the back of the boat with 14.03 pounds. Fifteen guys weighed in 11 pounds or better on day 1. Day 2 was a little tougher for most. The sunny skies and gentle northerly breeze that had greeted us on the first day shifted out of the south on day 2 and kicked up some waves. The strong south wind made some areas difficult or impossible to fish but guys still brought them in. Big weight for day 2 came from Bill Swinton Jr. with 14.21 pounds and there were still ten other guys with 11 pounds or better. Tom Haley brought in 13.52 to give him a total of 29.16 pounds and \$150. Bobby Simek landed 26.63 lbs. from the back of the boat and grabbed second place worth \$100 of calcutta money. George Locke turned in a solid tournament and weighed in 26.48 pounds for the two days. He also had second lunker on day 2 with a 4.13 pound largemouth. Rounding out the top five were Jim Underhill with 24.62 pounds and Blase Regina with 24.35 pounds. Jim Underhill also hit the daily lunker pool each day with a smallmouth. He had second lunker on day 1 (3.88 lbs) and big bass on day 2 with 4.20 pounds. Frank Polomaine weighed in a 4.07 pound lunker on day 1. Let’s hope that we can get more non-boater participation when going here. It’s too much of a diverse and solid fishery to exclude it from our schedule because of lack of interest.

SACANDAGA

Sacandaga turned out to be the tournament of the non-boaters with the top three finishers fishing from the back. Winning the event with 11.10 pounds was Brady Moy. Along with the associated bragging rights, he collected first place calcutta money of \$198. Art Grant brought in 10.97 pounds and grabbed \$132 for second place calcutta. Leo Godin, also from the back, weighed 10.39 pounds and also had second lunker with a 2.69 lb. smallmouth. That also got him \$42 cash. Now, the boaters came in. 4th place went to Al Dickinson with 10.38 pounds and 5th went to Tom Haley who weighed 10.33 lbs. Lunker for the event with a smallmouth weighing 2.96 pounds and collecting \$63, went to Bob Richard. A big thanks to the folks at Sunset Bay Resort for once again letting us use their facility and providing food and cold drinks for us!

YETI SITING ON CHAZY RIVER

“What the heck is that?” asked Greg Allen as he squinted in Tom Haley’s direction. The dim, early morning light made it hard to see. “Looks like a *\$&@! Yeti!”, I exclaimed. Armed with flipping sticks and boat paddles we went over to save Tom from the beast. As we drew near, we realized that it was none other than Tom’s partner bundled up in several layers of clothing. His finishing touch was a grey, hooded sweatshirt and amber goggles...He looked like a *\$&@! Yeti! I don’t know who he was but Sir Edmund Hillary would have told him to leave some stuff behind. It’s a good thing Tom has a bigger boat with alot of storage for all of the clothing.

A Message From the "Prez"

They say time goes by faster as you get older. If that is the case, I'm afraid to think what life after sixty will be like. June is already over and we're fast approaching the midway point in our tournament season, Oneida Lake will be number three! I'm already neglecting all those household chores that didn't get done before the boat came out of mothballs.

Congratulations to Tom Haley for a great job on northern Lake Champlain. Bobby Simek and George Locke were right there with him. Congratulations also go out to the BOBAs who swept the top three spots on Sacandaga: Brady Moy, Art Grant and Leo Godin. The fishing has been good for some, not so good for others. With the exception of a little blow Sunday at Rouses, the weather has been cooperative. There have not been a lot of tales to tell after the first two events, however...

Terry Fleming returned to the "boating fraternity" only to pull what we all know as a "Fleming". He somehow lost his trolling motor and the ability to start his gasoline engine on the same journey. He managed to get to shore near the same marina that Paul Pflieger rescued him from a few years ago. Terry described to me how he got close enough to shore so that he could step out of the boat and pull it to shore. He misjudged the depth slightly and found himself cheat deep in Lake Champlain. He must have been some sight for Joannie when she arrived to bring him home!

We need to get the grapevine cranked up, I am sure there are more stories to share, but I'm not hearing them.

The Club wants to thank Rick O'Dell, Leo Godin and the folks at Sunset Bay for their hospitality at Sacandaga Reservoir.

We will have the tournament draw for Oneida at the July 8th meeting. We may have to do a bid Calcutta just to see how high Bob Richard goes. Who knows one of the Committee chairs may even show up at the next meeting!

ONEIDA LAKE

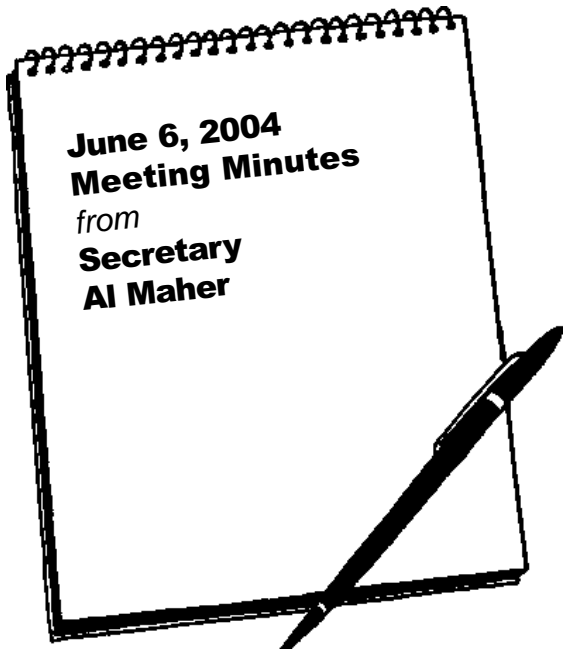
MEETING CHANGE

The July meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 8th @ 8PM at our usual place.

Oneida will be our next tournament and is a two day event. Saturday, July 31st & Sunday, August 1st are the dates. **5:30am - 1:30pm will be the tournament hours.** Please note, this is different than what is printed on our schedule, so please plan accordingly. The launch site is still the same - Oneida Shores Park. As always, watch the shoals, especially on this lake. The danger buoys are not always readily visible and very hard to see in rough water. \$40 entry fee and don't forget calcutta & lunger.

NYS BASS FEDERATION 2004 SCHEDULE

Sun., June 20	Cayuga Lake	Union Springs Village Launch sponsored by: Cayuga Co Chamber of Commerce	Points
Sun., July 11	Hudson River	Catskill sponsored by: Greene County	Points
Sun., July 25	Oneida Lake	Oneida Shores County Launch	Partners
Sun., Aug. 8	Mohawk River	Schoharie Crossing	Points
Sat./Sun., Aug. 21&22	Oneida Lk	Oneida Shores Co Launch	CTC
Sun., Sep. 12	Canandaigua Lk	Canandaigua State Marine Park	Points



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

Officers Present: Mike Ellrott, Jim Underhill, Alan Maher & Paul Pflieger.

Mike's opening remarks. This is a considerable amount of more boaters than non-boaters. Mike asked for volunteers to go no-boat.

Treasurer's Report - Paul Pflieger

Checkbook balance is \$3,879.29. A table was purchased for conducting our weigh-ins.

Membership - Mike Ellrott

Andrew Zema was in attendance and voted back into membership.

Safety - Mike Ellrott

Mike gave an impromptu safety report. Know your maps and familiar with the various shoals. Keep an eye on the weather. We will have a list of cell phone numbers to be used in an emergency or break down situation. Know the VT navigation laws. Particularly, there is a 200ft no-wake zone before and after passing under a bridge.

Kid's Tournament - Mike Ellrott

Mike read through the names of participants and their respective weights.

Tournament Committee - Jim Underhill

Insurance and VT licenses are all set. Boat draws for Rouses & Sacandaga later in meeting. Mike went over rules for two-day events, partner draws, boat-to-boat draws, etc.

Federation Report - Mike Ellrott

The Federation has a sponsorship program with Lowrance/Eagle Electronics that will provide Federation members with up to a 20% discount on Lowrance/Eagle products. There is a form that needs to be filled out to take advantage of this offer.

Lunker Pool - Charlie Curcurito

This was the final reading (I think) of the members in the Lunker Pool.

New Business

Mike Iaconelli will be at Dick's Sporting Goods on June 12th, 11am-3pm. Dick's is also looking for help.

Next months meeting will be rescheduled to Thursday, July 8th.

Rouses Point boat draw. Tournament hours 5:30am to 1:30pm. Blase Regina & Al Maher boat-to-boat on day 1. Al Dickinson & Rob Richard boat-to-boat on day 2.

-10 Minute break-

Sacandaga boat draw. Tournament hours 5:30am to 1:30pm.

Leo Godin informed the members that they could use the Sunset Bay launch the week prior to the off limits.

50/50 raffle won by Mike O'Brien....\$38

Motion to adjourn by Bill LaRose, 2nd by Tony Curcurito.

Albany Area Bassmasters
 Bassman of the Year
 2004

Name	Rouses Pt	Sacandaga	Oneida	Saratoga	Port Henry	Schroon	Total	Standings
Tom Haley	100		92				192	1
Art Grant	86		98				184	2
Bob Simek, Jr.	98		74				172	3
Bill Swinton	82		88				170	4
Greg Allen	88		80				168	5
Bill Pigott	84		82				166	6
Jim Underhill	94		72				166	6
George Locke	96		68				164	7
Blasé Regina	92		64				156	8
Allen Dickinson	58		94				152	9
Jamie Dickinson	72		78				150	10
Bob Richard	56		90				146	11
Mike Richard	76		66				142	12
Ch. Curcurito	74		62				136	13
Mike Ellrott	50		84				134	14
Frank Rossetti	48		86				134	14
Joey Curcurito	62		70				132	15
Tim Bantham	78		52				130	16
Paul Pflieger	66		54				120	17
Bill Swinton Sr.	60		60				120	17
Frank Polomaine	80		32				112	18
A. Curcurito	70		38				108	19
Brady Moy	0	100					100	20
William Backes	54		42				96	21
Leo Godin	0		96				96	21
Gene Lavigne	46		48				94	22
Ralph Sommers	64		30				94	22
Terry Fleming	42		50				92	23
Al Maher	90		0				90	24
Rob Richard	44		46				90	24
Jim Greeley	52		34				86	25
Rich Bishop	0		76				76	26
Geoge Leibach	68		0				68	27
Nash Alexander	0		58				58	28
Don VanTassel	0		56				56	29
Bill LaRose	0		44				44	30
Brian Dengler	0		40				40	31
Bob Simek	0		36				36	32
Mike O'Brien	0		28				28	33
Russ Camadine	0		0				0	34
Frank Maher	0		0				0	34
Andy Zema	0		0				0	34

Meeting Reminder...

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

Place
Postage
Here

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