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(between Sunrise Highway and Merrick Road)



**Dave Feit, Chief, Ocean Forecast Branch,
Ocean Prediction Center**

**“The Ocean Prediction Center - Who we are, What we
do, and Why we do it.”**

**Dave will disclose for the first time publicly and to our Club
the brand new Offshore Zone.**

President's Message

Ed Faza

Spring has sprung. The 2008 season is off to a good start. I have read quite a few promising flounder reports generated from the NY bight area. The bulk head project is entering into the final stages and I know we are all waiting anxiously for its completion. Please keep your eyes open for any postings by John Gerity, help will be needed for some improvement projects.

Congratulations to all of the great anglers who won our prestigious annual awards last month. As always, Larry Festa presided over a wonderful ceremony. Capt Harry Weinblatt has given another very informative clinic on cod fishing. Everyone that attended the event, held at the Tree House Restaurant, had a very good time. I am sure the club trip will be a blast. Hank Jenet is planning another clinic at the end of the month. I would highly recommend going to these events. Not only do you learn fishing techniques, you also get to meet and mingle with members and make new friends.

This Month's Speaker is Dave Feit from NOAA. He is flying in just to speak to our club. I would ask everyone to show him

courtesy and respect during his presentation. What other club has government agencies flying people in to speak to them!!!!???

Regards,

Ed



FISHING BULLETIN



Captain Harry Weinblatt
F/V Blue Marlin

The month of March came in like a lion and left like one as well. The start of this month was no different than any other early spring month, lots of east wind and plenty of rain to go along with it. March did have its nice days, which allowed some members to get their boats in the water. As the month of April wears on, the weather should begin to moderate for a long enough period to allow the rest of us to get our boats ready for another season. Our local waters are still on the cool side with water temps still in the low forty degree range. Warm sunny days with winds from a more southerly direction will help to jump start our season. I can only hope that by the end of April our springtime fishery will be in full swing as well as the reports for this column that go along with them.

On the local fishing front our flounder season has started with lackluster results, most recently Capt. Jim Krug skippered his Persuader and made several local drops in Baldwin Bay and reported four fat flounder for his maiden trip of the 2008 season.

Our resident bottom fisherman are just starting to get their boats

in the water for the season. One boat that was ready for a window of weather was Bob Hindenlang's Tin Man. He took advantage of a sudden change in the weather forecast and poked his bow out of the inlet for some local action. He and his crew worked hard and put together a small catch of Blackfish along with a sprinkling of Cod.

The local cod action off of Montauk has slowed up and there are reports that the fishing up North is starting to pick up. If that is the case then it is just in time as our Annual Off Shore Cod fish Trip will be departing Montauk this Friday April 11th at 7:00PM. This trip is currently sold out.

Lastly the word on Mackerel is not yet. As the month of April comes to a close we can only hope that the vast schools of this species will make an appearance this year. Last year the fish transited very far south of Long Island and showed up at Cape Cod. These fish have traditionally been caught in our local waters around the Full Moon period which this year is April 20th. Lets keep our fingers crossed that we can expect a run this year and not a fly by which has been the case the last several years.

Sincerely,

Captain Harry Weinblatt
F/V Blue Marlin

INSHORE/OFFSHORE CHALLENGE

The second annual Inshore and Offshore Challenge will start again on May 1 to December 15, 2008. Applications will be available at the MAY GM, or for those wishing to get a jump on this please contact us before the next GM. Remember, you must be registered before entering any fish in either challenge.

Bob Benzenberg
Dave Massa

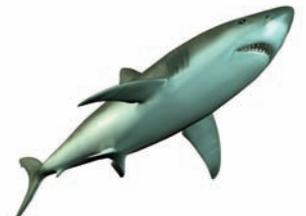


PROPERTY

Hancock is working feverishly to complete the marina by April 30. Much work remains. Floating docks start to arrive on April 7. Members should help out where you can.

One space is open at the property. An inside slip is available, complete with finger. This slip can accommodate boats to 25 feet. Contact Mike Sullivan if you are interested.

Mike Sullivan



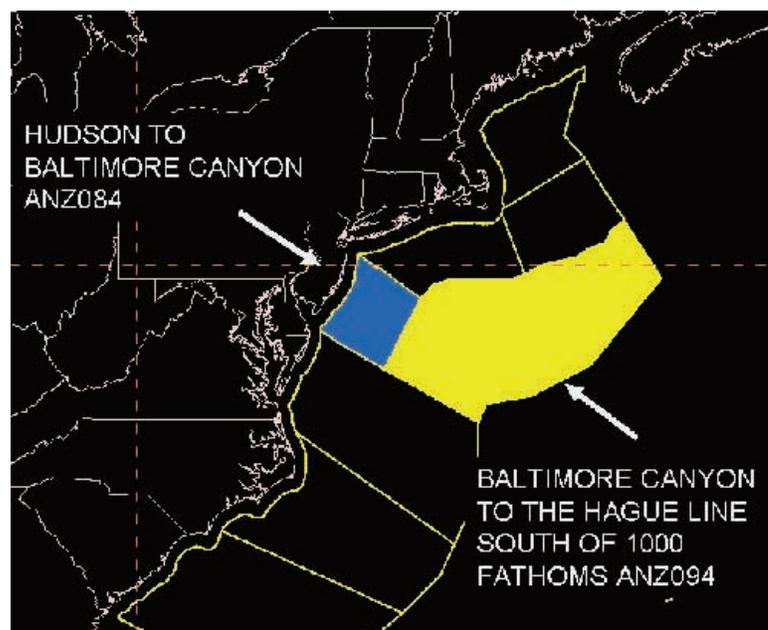
Weather or Knot to Go?

As the fishing season is fast approaching many of us are already looking at the offshore temp charts. Believe it or not there is 70 degree water not too far off the Hudson and Linden Kohl Canyons. Unfortunately not many boats are in the water capable of heading there at this time of year. Fortunately we have weather services from NOAA that will assist in our decision-making as to "weather" we head off or "knot". How many times and years have we complained about the lousy and inaccurate forecasts? How many times have we headed home in 4-6 foot seas when we expected 2-3s? NOAA has just re-zoned the weather forecasting area from the Hudson to Baltimore Canyons narrowing down their forecasts to a more manageable area with improved wind knot speed, wave height and overall conditions. Well, this is not going to make the forecast bulletproof but the newer Zone will hopefully make it a bit better and more on target. Now all we need is for Congress to allocate more money to the national National Data Buoy Center so they can deploy a real time weather buoy at the Hudson Canyon to really provide the accurate forecasts we need.

New Offshore Zone to be Launched June 2

On Monday June 2 2008 At 1200 Universal Coordinated Time /Utc/ Or 0800 Eastern Daylight Time /Edt/...The Nws Ocean Prediction Center /Opc/ Will Split Its Offshore Marine Zone In The North Atlantic Ocean...Hudson Canyon To Baltimore Canyon...Into Two New Offshore Marine Zones To Provide Greater Specificity In The Offshore Marine Zone Forecasts For The North Atlantic. The First New Zone Will Be Named Hudson To Baltimore Canyon. The Second New Zone Will Be Named Baltimore Canyon To The Hague Line South Of 1000 Fathoms.

The Demarcation Line For The New Zones Extends From 39.3 North 71.9 West...Southwestward To 37.7 North 72.9 West.



NOAA Weather information on line

Local Graphical-Within a few miles of shore. Interactive.
<http://www.erh.noaa.gov/ndfd/graphical/sectors/okxMarine-Day.php#tabs>

Wave height, Precip, Weather, Wind, Sky Cover, Gusts, Visibility

Coastal Zones-Out 20 miles or so from shore.

<http://www.nws.noaa.gov/om/marine/zone/east/okxmz.htm>

Offshore Zones-Approx 23-250 miles off shore

<http://www.nws.noaa.gov/om/marine/zone/wrdooffmz.htm>

More Useful NOAA Weather Links

1-Offshore-

<http://www.nodc.noaa.gov/dsdt/cwtg/cat1.html>

<http://weather.noaa.gov/fax/marshlatest.shtml>

<http://www.hurricanecity.com/>

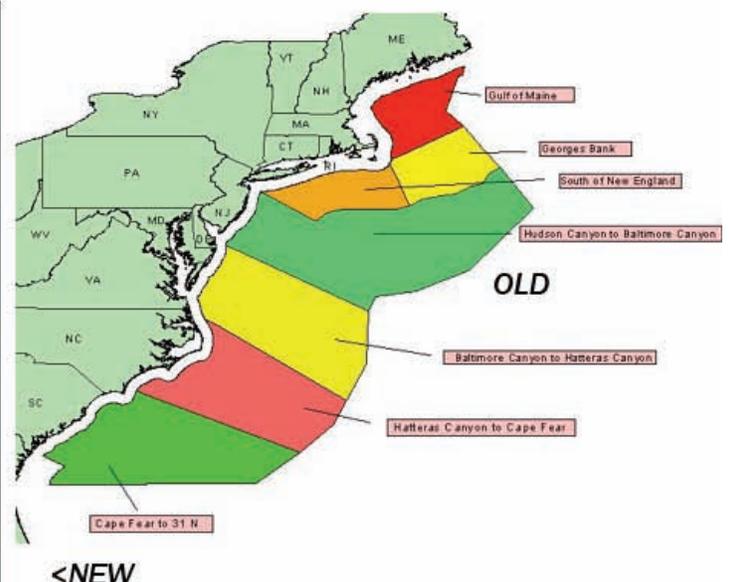
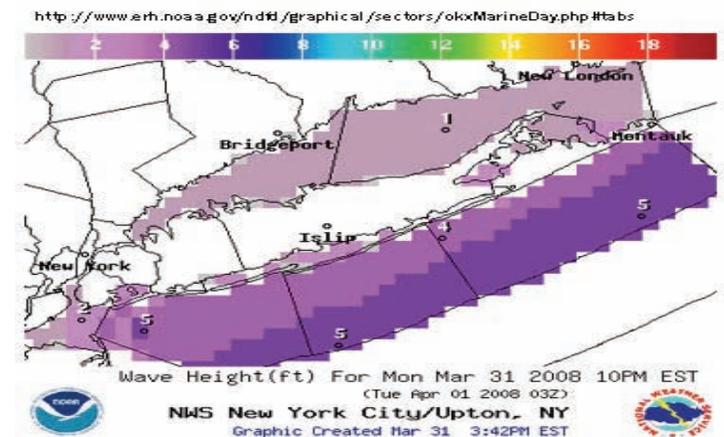
2-Inshore-

<http://www.nws.noaa.gov/om/marine/zone/east/okxmz.htm>

<http://www.erh.noaa.gov/ndfd/graphical/sectors/okxMarine-Day.php#tabs>

3-Buoy Status

<http://www.ndbc.noaa.gov/stations.shtml>



New Offshore Hudson-Baltimore Zone-June 2 2008

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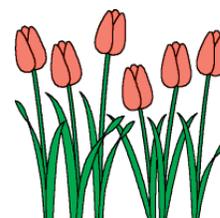
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Wanted 25 hp outboard long shaft with tiller. Call Joe, 516-851-8762

Looking for 13" Boston Whaler with or without engine,
contact Jeff 516-425-4645

AQUASPORT 270XF: 1987 27' (30'-6" oa) express with twin 325 hp fresh marinepower inboards. 10' beam, Arch, electronics, riggers, shore power, swim platform, sleeps 3. huge cockpit, fast and economical \$25,000.00. call bruce @ (516) 443-4680

FREE STYROFOAM FOR FLOATING DOCKS: TOM S. 516-221-1821

Wanted - C-MAP NT+ card NA-C302 Cape Cod, LI and Hudson River. Contact Mike Sullivan

Wanted the New York Sportfishing Federation has some auction fishing trips still available. These are for discounted party and charter boat trips. Please call Dennis Cataldo for listing etc. The federation needs club members for its' four inshore fishing tournaments. Visit our website www.nysf.org or call Dennis Cataldo at 516-753-5433 for special discounts.

To place an ad in our classified contact Capt. John Jutt 516-546-2312 or email to: JJutt@mmpmk.com