

The President's Lines 2011

December 2011

End of the Season:

I can't believe the season and the year is coming to an end. Jay has won just about everything. He has set records for the most wins and wins in a row. Dave Delio is our rider of the year. His first riders win, although he has come close before. Great job Dave. Chris Weber is our Classic winner for 2011, his first Classic win. Congrats. Mr. Bass stand at 5lbs 11oz., with only a month to go. We will be having our 2012 elections in November so please come down and cast your vote. Thanks to the board, we seem to have made some forward progress, updated bylaws new website and many new ideas for the upcoming season. Thanks guys you all did a great job. Our new website is in the making and we will have it up soon. Chris and his class are hard at work for us. I can't wait to see it. The winter series is coming to an end also. Updates are posted on News and Events on the website. It's a close race and the winner will be decided at Fort. Good Luck to all. See you at the monthly meeting.

See you on the water,
George

October 2011

Well as I write the presidents lines Jay has already won Angler of the year, Boater of the year and Long Island champion. Congrats on a great year. Dave D. and Chris N. are fighting it out for Ryder of the year. I have MR. Bass at 5lbs. 11oz. But there's plenty of time to go. We will be voting on the bylaws this month. They needed to be update for a while. Please attend the monthly meeting and cast your vote. The updates are in the taps. There will be a change in the format for the Joe Mo winter series. In a effort to get a better turnout, it will be an open. The dates will be all on long island. They will be announced at the general meeting. Don't forget to pick up you new fishing license.

See you on the water,
George

September 2011

Hope everyone made it through the storm okay. It forced the tournament committee to change a couple of dates. All tournament matters will be set straight at the monthly meeting. At the last board meeting Charlie Kick came down and we discussed some of the changes that need to be made to the bylaws. They will be announced at the September meeting Put in Octobers Taps and be voted on at the October meeting. The winter series will be an open this year. There will be two tournaments on Long Island with a \$100.00 per boat entry fee. The lakes will be announced as we get the permits. The dates are October 16th and the 23rd Don't forget to tell all your friends about the Big Bass Splash to be held at forge on September 18th \$50.00 per boat, 50% pay back for the biggest fish.

See you on the water,
George

August 2011

Well it's been a while since my last president's line was posted. I have to apologize. I've been so busy at home and before I knew it the month was half over. I have been updating the website on the news and events page about important happenings in the club. With the

weather heating up so has Jay, He's leading angler of the year, boater of the year and Long Island Champion. Can he be stopped? We have our team in place for the Six-Man Team event on the Hudson this year. Danny, Pete and Chris are the boaters. Dave C. Dom and Chris N. are the riders. Good luck guys make us proud and have a great time. Our next fund raiser is set for Sept 18th, Our Big Bass Splash. Big fish win's it all 50/50. \$50.00 entry fee. You can fish alone or as a team. Open to 30 boats. There finally is a Mr. Bass. I caught a 5lb 11oz bass at the Whaley night tournament. Sorry no pick I wanted to put her back in the water ASAP, she was in the live well a long time.

See you on the water,
George

May 2011

Well May's finally here and with it brings the warm weather. Well not just yet. But at least it's tournament season. The club had its Candlewood Open and it was a great success. We filled our permit of 50 boats. The weather was bad but the fish didn't seem to mind. Former LIB member Brendan C. had a huge "smallie" over 6lbs. The top five finishers had bags over 29lbs. The whole tournament went off without a hitch due to a great job by all who helped. Thanks guys. Don't forget to make your reservations for the Earl. Dom will have some great giveaways and great raffle items. Charlie is hard at work updating the Bylaws that have not been updated. We will be discussing it at the next general meeting. There is some tournament info that will be told about at the next meeting.

See you on the water,
George

April 2011

March is supposed to come in like a lion and go out like a lamb. Well I guess someone forgot to tell Mother Nature this. She has her own agenda. In March we had our annual awards dinner and Dom, once again came through. Long time member Dan McGarry was elected into the elite Life Member Club - it was well deserved. Dave Cangro was given a appreciation award for all the wonder behind the scene's work he does. All had a great time and the food was delicious. April 9th will be the DEC Spring Fishing Festival at Belmont Lake. As always LIB will be there to help hand out worms and help the DEC where ever needed. We will be trying to also pick up a few new members. April 23rd is our annual Candlewood Open. Six-Man team members will be there fulfilling their obligations and helping run the tournament. Anyone is more than welcome to help us fulfill these yearly obligations. We've had a good response by mail and field may be filled before the event. I have the Tournament Packages and will be giving them out at the April Meeting. May 1st is our clubs first point qualifier at Candlewood Lake. If one of you needs a ride I'll try my best to help you find one.

See you on the water,
George

Preparation

During the tournament season everyone prepares for a tournament by getting there tackle ready. I'm going to go over some of the things as boaters we may forget. I usually start off the season by thoroughly cleaning and waxing the boat, compartments and trailer. It's so important to check your trailer bearings. I know what I speak of. I had to have my boat and trailer flat bedded home one day. It's good to remove the bearings, clean off the old grease and replace it with a good marine bearing grease. After cleaning the hub reinstall the bearings and put them back on the trailer. Add some never seize to the studs so they don't freeze up and you

can't get the wheels off. Make sure they rotate smoothly, no grinding. Having a spare hub and bearing set is a good idea. Tires are next. Check the air pressure and also look at the tread and check for nails and cracks. Don't forget the spare. Make sure you have a jack that will lift your trailer enough to remove the tire. Next is the trailer lights. Have someone help you check your signal and brake lights. Also check the running lights. Replace all burnt out bulbs. Dialect grease is used on the base of the bulbs and the trailer to vehicle connections. At the start of the season I change all my spark plugs. At the end of last season I changed my lower unit oil, so if you didn't it's a good time to do it now. Also on the outboard there may be relays to raise and lower the motor, carry a spare. If you don't have a digital trolling motor you should carry a spare momentary on off switch. Northern Bass carries them. Top off batteries with distilled water and charge your batteries. I swap out my batteries every two years to my electric boat and buy new ones. Check you live well and live well pumps for cracks. Change pumps now before you find they're not working on the lake. Check the age of your fire extinguisher; you hope to never have to use it. It's also a good time to check you first aid kit and replace what needs replacing. All these things I do to try to avoid problems on the road and on the water. And just worry about those elusive green fish. If I can help in any way just ask.

See you on the water,
George

March 2011

As we finally get a little taste of spring as the snow melts, I'm sure were all looking forward to our first tournament. I know I'm looking at new line, hooks and baits. Hopefully the price of gas per gallon won't be the same as a bag of Senkos by then. Please don't forget to tell Dom if your coming to the awards dinner, he needs a head count for the amount of tables we need. The free fishing day sponsored by the DEC is April 9th at Belmont Lake State Park. Contact Pete Byrnes if you're coming. I'm sure Joe Blunden will be there as he always donates his time handing out hundreds of worms, fishing poles and helping the kids. This year our Earl Benefit tournament will be donating its proceeds to The United Cerebral Palsy Foundation. It's always a great fishing day and we all love those Bubba Burgers. Dom is looking for help running the event. At the March meeting we will be having a vote on a bylaw change. We will open the floor for a quick discussion and then have a vote on saying the pledge of allegiance before our monthly meetings. I have had a meeting with Brendan and we have come up with a solution for the website. I'll be discussing it at the March meeting. Thank you Brendan for all your time. I hope to have the Tournament Package at the March/ April meeting. The dates are on our website.

See you on the water,
George K

February 2011

Did I ever tell you how much I hate the winter? Well according to the ground hog spring is coming soon. Once the snow melts we will be uncovering our boats respooling our reels and buying what we need for the coming season. I can't wait. Dom has our awards dinner set and is waiting for us to get back to him so he can give a head count. Please let him know as soon as possible. We will have the usual raffles and hopefully our famous slide show. Thanks to Ray Carmen for his presentation on drop shotting. He made it sound so easy. Jay has other ideas for the coming meetings. We will be looking for volunteers for the free fishing day at Belmont Lake in April. Hopefully someone can bring our banner and a bass boat to try to get new members. We will be making a list at the February meeting. We will need to update our bylaws - something that hasn't been done in a long time. Anyone that members the changes we made please bring them up at the next meeting. I started setting up the dates for the upcoming

tournament season and after some tweaking I should have the tournament package at the March meeting.

See you on the water,
George K

January 2011

Happy New Year to all. I hope you all had a safe, healthy and happy new year. This year will not be the same in my household as my father in law [more like a second father] has gone to be with his family in heaven. Love you Tony. Thanks to everyone for their condolences. Thanks to all who voted for me and I hope to change the minds of those that didn't. With a great and seasoned board, I see nothing but success for the club. These next few months before tournaments start are rather boring, but Jay will do his best to make cabin fever go away. At the January meeting we will be getting together the committee's for the coming year. Please participate. We will be looking to bring back some members who have left in the past. We need to get our membership up. All are welcome new as well as past. We will be taking advantage of the 12-inch limit on Ronk, and Fort. So there will be four Long Island tournaments. There will also be a new award this year - Long Island Champion [the most points for all Long Island lakes]. The early tournament dates are set thanks to Dave Cangro, and the tournament committee will have a schedule as soon as possible. Dom is working hard taking care of the Awards dinner March 13th as well as the Glasshagel. I will be running the Kid's tournament on Father's Day. Don't be afraid to call or email me if any of you have a question or problem I can help you with. Please no calls after 9pm. I get up at 3:30 for work.

See you on the water,
George