

Daiwa LT Series SPINNING REELS WITH ZAION

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Daiwa's LT Series of spinning reels includes a trio of models featuring new, lightweight Zaion housing. Developed by Daiwa, Zaion is a "high density" carbon strain material that is 20 percent stronger and 50 percent lighter than traditional nylon and aluminum construction. Within the LT Series featuring Zaion construction are the Ballistic, Tatula and Procyon series reels. All adhere to the LT concept of "Light but Tough." The Ballistic LT series reels feature a machined aluminum alloy Digigear designed for smoothness, strength and durability, and the main shaft utilizes the Magseal, which prevents water and debris from entering the reel. Its Zaion housing accounts for its very light but strong construction. The Ballistic series is available in models ranging from 1000 to 6000, and all employ an extremely smooth seven-bearing system. Prices range from \$230 to \$240.

The Procyon LT Series feature Zaion bodies that reduce the size and weight of the reels, yet provide a rigid framework for their powerful Digigear system. Its ATD drag system uses

a new proprietary grease that enables the reel to apply smooth and consistent start up drag pressure from the first pull. Available in sizes from 1000 to 4000 with six ball bearings and one roller bearing, they are an ideal choice for freshwater or light tackle

saltwater applications. Prices range from \$160 to \$170. The Tatula LT Series of reels are among the lightest spinning reels on the market thanks in large part to their Zaion body, and an air rotor design that is 15 percent lighter yet stronger by dispersing the pressure evenly over the part. These reels also feature the Digigear system and seven ball bearings. They are available in sizes from 1000 to 4000 and have become a popular tool on the pro BASS tour. Priced around \$189. For more info go to www.daiwa.com.



CALENDAR Of Events

June 7: Manhattan Cup Charity Striped Bass Tournament; Benefits Wounded Warriors and fisheries conservation. Meet celebrity anglers, gourmet breakfast-lunch-dinner featuring celebrity chefs. Light tackle and fly fishing divisions. Everyone gets a fantastic goodie bag. Fishing out of Liberty Landing Marina. Donate your boat and services, purchase a professional captain and boat for the day, enter your own boat and team, or make a donation. Go to: www.manhattancup.com, call Capt. Frank Crescitelli at 917-468-4817, Gary Caputi at 732-740-9982 or the RFA Office at 609-294-3810.

June 8: 6th Annual Point Lookout Shark Tournament; Proceeds benefitting Waterfront Warriors. Entry fee \$350 per boat. Prizes for first, second and third place. Mako and threshers only. Six Calcutta levels: \$100, \$300, \$500, \$1,000, \$1,500, and \$500 Mako Madness. Bimini start at 6 a.m. Weigh-in at Ted's Fishing Station by 6 p.m. Weather date Sunday, June 9. Captains' Meeting and Kickoff Party 6 p.m. Friday, June 7 at Ted's Fishing Station, 143 Bayside Drive, Pt. Lookout, NY. For info, email plcaptains@gmail.com, call 631-745-4778 or visit the Point Lookout Shark Tournament Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/pointlookout.sharktournament

June 13-15: 33rd Annual Star Island Yacht Shark Tournament; Captain's meeting and beer bust Thursday, June 13 at 7:30 p.m. Fishing on Friday from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday from 6 a.m. to 5 p.m. Awards ceremony and open buffet with live entertainment Saturday at 7:30 p.m. \$60,000 in cash prizes and trophies with \$30,000 for heaviest shark. Cash prizes for Heaviest Shark of the Day, three Heaviest Makos, three heaviest blues and three Heaviest Other Species. Entry fee \$1,250 per boat. For more information on Star Island Yacht Club & Marina, or to register for the tournament, call 631-668-5052, or visit www.starislandyc.com.

June 15: 47th Annual Freeport Hudson Anglers Shark Tournament; Over \$250,000 in cash and prizes awarded in previous

years. Entry fee \$300 per prior to June 1 - \$350 after June 1. Mandatory captain's meeting 7 p.m. Friday, June 14 at Town of Hempstead Guy Lombardo Marina in Freeport. Tournament begins at 6 a.m. with weigh-in deadline of 6 p.m. at Guy Lombardo Marina. For complete rules and a Tournament application please visit www.freeporthudsonanglers.com or call Dave Gross, 516-286-8293.

June 15: 3rd Annual Freeport Hudson Anglers Fluke Frenzy; Based out of Town of Hempstead Guy Lombardo Marina in Freeport in conjunction with FHA Shark Tournament. For more details, contact Dave Gross 516-286-8293.

June 22: Great Gun Anglers 43rd Annual Shark Tournament; Based out of Center Yacht Club, 222 Old Neck Road in Center Moriches. Entry fee \$300 per boat. Mandatory captains meeting on June 21 at 7 p.m. at the Center Moriches V.F.W. Hall. New this year - weather date is following Saturday, June 29. Call Mike Lang at 631-903-5184 or Matt Robano 631-697-3021.

July 13: Center Yacht Club 2nd Annual Fluke Tournament; Fishing from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. by land or boat. Entry fee \$35 per adult. Each registered adult can bring up to two junior anglers (\$5 each under 16). 1st, 2nd, 3rd place prize monies; Juniors 1st, 2nd, 3rd place trophies. Weigh in from 5 to 6 p.m. followed by a barbecue. Entry forms and rules available at marina office, 222 Old Neck Road, Center Moriches, NY 11934. Call 631-874-2200 or email cyacht@optonline.net.

July 21: 12th Annual Fluke Rodeo; Fundraiser for Special Olympics hosted by NY State Council of Knights, The Fisherman and Marine Max Marina. Fishing from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Entry fee \$20 for adults - \$10 for children 15 and under. Optional Calcutta available. Cash, tackle and trophy prizes. Based out of Marine Max Marina in Lindenhurst. Awards barbecue with raffles from 4 to 6 p.m. Free T-Shirt and Goody Bag to first 200 attendees. Sign up at Causeway B&T, Marine Max, Lindenhurst B&T, Saltwaters Tackle and J&J Tackle in Patchogue. For more info, contact Stan at 631-580-1018.