

## MANHATTAN CUP CHARITY STRIPED BASS TOURNAMENT

The legendary Manhattan Cup Charity Striped Bass Tournament is set for Friday, June 7 with all the trappings you remember - Wounded Warriors fishing alongside anglers, and the top light tackle guides and charter captains donating their boats for you to fish. Or bring your own boat and team, enjoy an amazing day and a great awards dinner with raffles, all while helping fisheries conservation and Wounded Warriors. What better way to give back to the sport we all love?

Meet celebrity anglers, enjoy a gourmet breakfast-lunch-dinner featuring celebrity chefs. Fish the light tackle or fly fishing divisions. Everyone who enters gets a fantastic goodie bag and the opportunity to enjoy a great day of fishing in the shadow of downtown New York City.

To donate your boat and services, to purchase a professional captain and boat for the day, to enter your own boat and team or to make a donation, go to: [www.manhattancup.com](http://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.

## AMERICA'S BOATING COURSE IN SOUTHOLD

The United States Power Squadrons will present "America's Boating Course®" (ABC), beginning at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 1 at the First Presbyterian Church in Southold. ABC is approved by NY State and is the finest course available for boaters to comply with the NY state boater education law, as it provides essential information for new boaters or serves as a great brush up for experienced boaters. The course is also approved by the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators and the U.S. Coast Guard.


The five sessions (continues 5/8, 5/15, 5/22 & 5/29) will cover boating law, safety equipment, safe boating practices, navigation, boating emergencies, personal watercraft, charts, GPS, trailering and much more. Attendees will receive a 244-page America's Boating Course manual, and after passing an exam, a completion certificate will be issued. Many insurance companies offer discounts to boaters who earn their completion certificate.

The First Presbyterian Church is located at 53100 Route 25 in Southold. The \$50-fee covers the cost of the manual. Students must be at least 10 years of age on or before May 29, 2019. Register on line at [www.PBPS.us/education/schedule](http://www.PBPS.us/education/schedule) before 4/17/19 or call Melissa (Southold Free Library) at 631-765-2077 or Fred Smith at 631-298-1930 to learn more. The course is sponsored by the Southold Free Library and presented locally by Peconic Bay Power Squadron, Eastern Long Island's local unit of the United States Power Squadrons.

New York State law requires operators of mechanically propelled vessels in NY waters (who must be over 10 years old), born on or after May 1, 1996 to be holders of a boating safety certificate. Exemptions include: minors between 10 and 18 must have a certificate unless accompanied by an adult certificate holder, new boat owners within a 120-day grace period, boating safety instructors, US Power Squadron members, USCGA members, licensed captains, or on duty emergency service, rescue and law enforcement personnel.

## CHANGE IN MAKO REGULATIONS FOR 2019

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) has amended the 2006 Consolidated Atlantic Highly Migratory Species (HMS) Fishery Management Plan (FMP) based on the results of the 2017 stock assessment and a subsequent binding recommendation by the International Commission for the Con-

servation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT) for North Atlantic shortfin mako sharks. The ruling establishes a minimum size limit of 71 inches fork length (FL) for male and 83 inches FL for female shortfin mako sharks, regardless of where and when recreational anglers target them. This final rule went into effect on March 3 of this year. The North Atlantic shortfin mako shark stock is overfished and is experiencing overfishing. Consistent with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act) and the Atlantic Tunas Convention Act (ATCA), NMFS is implementing management measures that will reduce fishing mortality on shortfin mako sharks and establish a foundation for rebuilding the shortfin mako shark population consistent with legal requirements. For more information, contact Guy DuBeck or Karyl Brewster-Geisz at 301-427-8503. 

## 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](http://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 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

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BY CAPT. JOHN N. RAGUSO

# PLANO RUSTRICTOR Stowaway Tackle Boxes

Every once in a while I get to review a product that is right in my wheelhouse. The new Plano Rustriector Stowaway tackle boxes are one of those must-have, indispensable angler's tools. For over 60 years, Plano has been a pioneer in the tackle storage solutions industry. For 2019, Plano has engineered a tackle storage system that blocks rust and stops corrosion five times longer than a standard tackle box.

The Plano Rustriector Stowaway is the first of its kind. Completely infused into the storage boxes, the rust stopping compound resides throughout the entire container. Unlike competitors that use a few molded inserts to fight rust, Rustriector provides 360 degrees of complete protection against rust, for up to five times longer than competitive products. Developed with Armor Protective Packaging, an industry leader in corrosion management since 1979, Plano's Rustriector uses an extremely effective Vapor Corrosion Inhibitor.

Rustriector begins working the moment you close the Stowaway box with your lures and hooks inside. Once you snap the Ferrari red latches in place, the box's interior spaces



fill up with an invisible VCI vapor. VCI ions attract to metals, creating a wall of protection that's only a few molecules thick, stopping rust before it can start. Rustriector protects without leaving a film, residue or odor on the surface of your tackle. Gone are the days of a spray-in solution that alerts fish via an unnatural odor that something might be amiss. With the protection

built right into the Stowaway box, there is no maintenance and zero worry about wasted money on rusted and damaged tackle.

The Rustriector Stowaways are available in seven of the most popular 3500, 3600 and 3700-series models, making them perfect for handling and protecting all of your terminal tackle and hard baits. MSRP's range from \$5.99 to \$14.99, depending on the size and layout of the Stowaway box. After spending way too much time and money replacing the hooks on the lures that I keep in my center console's onboard tackle lockers after they invariably rust out, I will upgrade my tackle storage boxes to the Rustriector models before the season starts and suggest that you consider doing the same. For more information, visit [www.planomolding.com](http://www.planomolding.com).

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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](http://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](http://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. For more information, 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](mailto: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.