

# MAY 2009



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31	Memorial Day Observed					Memorial Day

May is the most underrated month on the fishing calendar as fishing action explodes across Long Island. By the third week your hardest choice should be deciding what to target.

Consider that winter flounder scores peak, doormat fluke patrol the East End, bluefish invade Peconic Bay and the South Shore inlets, stripers pummel bunker schools in L.I. Sound harbors, and world record weakfish may glide silently into play.

On the freshwater front, trout, crappie and sunfish action is superb, while bullheads and large carp feed heavily in the early morning and evening hours.

With warming waters crystal clear, and the fish increasingly aggressive, lures are especially effective on predator species. Hit the flats.

Take a couple of vacation days before turning this page. May's fishing is fresh and begs to be enjoyed.

## BEST BETS

- Jamaica Bay stripers, weaks and blues on bunker near JFK
- Clam chum stripers at Debs Inlet, Atlantic Beach and Meadowbrook Bridges, Black Banks
- South Shore fluke on spearing and squid combos
- L.I. Sound fluke at buoys 9 and 11 on bucktails tipped with spearing
- Big blues on tins and bunker at Jessups Neck
- Doormat fluke off Greenport, Gardiners Island and Mattituck
- Panfish and stocked trout in ponds and creeks

## TOM'S TIPS

- Find the bunker and you'll find the bass.
- Challenge yourself with light tackle or fly rods for bass and blues on the flats.
- Fish whole squid for doormat fluke at Greenport Harbor, The Greenlawns, or Montauk Radar Tower.
- Winter flounder stack in inlet pockets.
- Pond trout respond to Gold-Ribbed Hare's Ear nymphs and Blue Dunn dry flies.

