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## OLD TIMERS'S DINNER TO HONOR THE NESSEL BROTHERS; FISHING ACTIVISTS, RECORD-HOLDERS AND LEGENDS IN MONTAUK'S HARBOR COMMUNITY



**Captains Richie and Jacob Nessel** 

The Nessel Brothers, Jacob and Richie, are the honorees at the Annual Montauk Harbor's Old Timer's Dinner, announced by the Montauk Chamber of Commerce, on Thursday June 5, 2014. The dinner takes place at the Clam and Chowder House at Salivar's at 5 to 8pm. The two brothers have made their living fishing in Montauk for over 50 years. They own their own boats and have also worked on various charter and party boats in the hamlet.

Richie Nessel, who captains the "Nasty Ness" recently received the Chester Wolf IGFA Sportsman Award at the First Annual Shark's Eye Tournament, which is a tag and release event to promote conservation of sharks. Richie was also instrumental in easing this year's NY State fishing regulations and catch limits, specifically addressing the summer flounder restrictions in the state compared to neighboring states. He reached out to Gov. Cuomo and invited him for a day of fishing on his boat. That resulted in awareness of the unfair regulations and a change in the daily bag limits by the DEC, which will have a very positive impact on charter and party boat business in Montauk Harbor this summer.

Captain Jake Nessel began fishing in Montauk with his dad back in 1951. By 1955, fifteen year old Jake was already working as a deckhand on Montauk party boats on weekends and summer vacations. Captain Jake spent the next 15 years running the Marlin 3, 4 and 5. His own charter boat, "Sportfisher", fished in 1994 and 1995 and since 1996 he has captained the Marlin5/Ebb Tide. Captain Jake's many fishing highlights include two 18lb fluke, a women's world record 55lb codfish and the current 50 lb. world record codfish of 85lbs. Jake also won the first ever Marine Basin Shark Tournament (then the Fins and Feathers) landing a 320lb Mako.

Tickets for the event are \$40., which includes dinner with wine or beer. The evening begins at 5pm with a roast of both brothers and dinner will follow. Tickets are available at the Montauk Chamber of Commerce office, or by calling 631-668-2428. There is also an option to pay online by going to <a href="www.montaukchamber.com">www.montaukchamber.com</a>, then scroll to the "Events" tab and use PayPal or a credit card to purchase a ticket.

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