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NEXT GENERAL MEETING



Thursday, May 12, 2005

CURE OF ARS CHURCH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

Merrick Ave., Merrick

(South of Sunrise Highway between Sunrise Hwy. & Merrick Road)

INFINITE KNOWLEDGE AND WISDOM

from Local Bay Men

"Bunker Don"

Donald Schnarrs formerly of Garan's Bait and Tackle

How to throw a cast net, locating bait in the bay

Don will cover all the aspects of the bay and the obvious signs that we normally overlook

DON'T MISS THIS ONE! THEY DON'T GET BETTER THAN THIS!

President's Message

Capt. John J. Jutt, Sr.

The club is buzzing with activity this month. The property has been beautified with the installation of attractive pavers that not only look good but will soothe the feet of Thursday night's barbeque chefs. All thanks to a work committee of at times dozens, under the leadership of Dave Massa and Peter Cefai, and heavy contributions from, to name just a few, Jim & John Rooney, Al Casciano, Wolfman Pandey, Bob Sabella, Mike Sullivan, Jeff Yalalater, and Bill & Theresa Morrourgh.

The annual cod fishing trip went fabulously, thanks to Harry Weinblatt's tireless efforts. Numerous cod and had-dock were boated and to everyone's surprise quite a few wolfish were boated as well. Everyone seemed to have a good time. This year is now the fifth consecutive trip that has been a great success. For those who didn't make it this year, you have next year's trip to look forward to.

Planning for the spring yard sale is in full swing, under the watchful eyes of Al Casciano. If you want to reserve space give Al a call. The date is Saturday, May 14th with a rain

date of the 15th. Fishing tackle deals should be available just in time for the upcoming fishing season. Everyone loves a bargain. Who knows, maybe you will land the biggest one of the year.

The bulletin has a new look with paid advertising for the first time. We are trying this out for a year as a way to offset the cost of the bulletin (we are always looking out for how we save your membership dollars). Please take a minute to look it over and tell me what you think.

Looking forward a bit to the first weekend of June, the club will hold the spring rodeo with an awards ceremony at the conclusion on Sunday June 5th. Food will be "catered" by Jim Rooney's Thursday night BBQ team. Please come down even if you could not fish. Let's make this event an attendance record breaker.

As Alexander the Great once said "Remember upon the conduct of each depends the fate of all"

Captain John



FISHING BULLETIN

The middle of April witnessed a drastic change in our weather pattern. The lack of a consistent east to northeast wind and low barometric pressure has helped to jump-start our spring fishery, into full swing. Sunny skies and light southwest winds equal good spring fishing. The stable weather pattern is the key ingredient in that formula. The departure of our winter type weather has stirred an interest for the rest of our members to hurry and get their boats in order so they may get in on this action.



Our flounder fishery has bounced back with decent catches being reported from the west. The fishing at Romer Shoals and the Cedars has been very good as reported by Paul Hilton aboard his vessel Emily S. The fishing in the Jamaica Bay area has shown a transition to the ocean spots, a signal that our season is moving along. My eastern Long Island contacts tell me that the snowshoe flounders off Block Island have not started yet perhaps a moderation in water temperature should help this fishery.

Our Spring Blackfishing has not yet gotten off to a good start, although several boats have tried, they have reported results that indicate it is not time yet.

The Mackerel came in right on schedule at the end of April and the action has actually lasted more than two days. This past Friday, Captain Mike Zullo sailed his Magic Too accompanied by Chris Bellinzoni and Bob Hindenlang to an area south of our inlet and reported filling a cooler full of mixed size mackerel. Although the weather was wet this past weekend the fish were still cooperating and were reported south of our reef on Sunday afternoon. The radio chatter was indicative of strong

catches still being made.

Our Spring Cod Fishing has not gotten off of the ground yet. Typically at this time of the year we see a run of smaller fish on the 20-40 mile wrecks. A continuation of moderate weather should help to get this going. Our eastern fleet has reported a slow down in the action, a 180-degree change from this time last year.

This past Friday also saw the start of our fluke fishery with not such excellent catches being reported from the inside. Reynolds Channel and Swift Creek gave up a few fish. The season was hyped to be a grand opening, due to the fact that the commercial boats started catching prior to the opening day for recreational anglers. Remember that the new limits are five fish with a seventeen and one half-inch size limit. This fishery will continue to improve as the month progresses and our water temperatures continue to moderate.

The weather was an absolute ten for our annual off-shore Cod Trip. We departed Montauk with our destination Stellwagon Bank. The fishing was as great as the weather and all on board reported strong catches of cod, haddock and a record number of wolffish, 41 were caught. The first place pool was copped by Jimmy Counts with a 15lb. Cod and the second place pool was settled by a 14lb wolffish. Thanks to all the club members who participated in this annual event.

Lastly, a trip to North Carolina was made by Ken Kapner and his gang aboard a local charter boat for a day of good old southern tuna fishing. Ken reported that they caught their limit of yellowfin trolling ballyhoo along the edge.

Sincerely,
Captain Harry Weinblatt
F/V Blue Marlin

PROPERTY

The property is in good shape, all the pavers are down so the house has plenty of cooking room not to mention the overall appearance is 100%. All the hardware was installed on the new poles. Special thanks to the members who really went the extra mile to bring the property together. Peter Cefai (dump truck, bob cat, and countless hours of his time) Dave Massa, The Ronney Boys, Bill Morrough and Theresa, Bob Pandy & Bob Sabella

FLUKE CALCUTTA

There is still time to join the fluke Calcutta, if you haven't done so. There are 52 members already in the Calcutta, which is open to FTC members only. Entry is \$10. The largest fluke caught anywhere wins. Contact Mike Sullivan for details.

Rules and status reports are e-mailed to participants on a periodic basis, as well as being posted on the web site. If you haven't received a report but wish to, send your e-mail address to bluejacketii@optonline.net.

CAPTAIN & ANGLERS

Captains and anglers started the season on Thursday, April 28th. The support was phenomenal with the cook crew doing a great job as always. Special thanks to Joe Steiner for the shrimp jambalaya (outstanding as usual), Joe Lamonaco for the steaks and to Raffy Ortiz for manning the grills late into the night. A big thank you goes out to all the members who gave a hand in finishing the patio. The participation was excellent and the patio looks great. Kudos to Al Cassciano and his work crew; you guys out did yourselves. Special thanks to future members Joe Costanza and Pete Cefai for their time and equipment. It is very much appreciated.

Tight Lines,

Jim Rooney

CLUB AWARDS & DERBY DATES

Capt. Lawrence J. Festa F/V Kristen

May 2005 Bulletin Report Awards Chairman: Captain Lawrence J. Festa F/V "KRISTEN"

Committee Team:

Captain Chris Bellinzoni F/V "FOUR BELLS,@

Captain Michael Zullo & Mary Ellen Zullo Fishing Team "MAGIC TOO"

Captain Chris Squeri F/V "LADY E"

The following derbies are in progress or starting this month:

Blackfish (03 lbs.)	April 16th ~ MAY 15th
Flounder (01 lbs. 08 ozs.)	April 2nd ~ May 15th
Seabass (02 lbs.)	April 23rd ~ June 5th
Striped Bass (15 lbs.)	May 14th ~ June 19th
Weakfish (05 lbs.)	May 21st ~ June 26th

The following derbies are closed winners to be announced at the June GM

Cod (10 lbs.)	March 26th ~ May 8th
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2005 SHOOT-OUTS & DATES:

May 13, 14 & 15, Friday, Saturday & Sunday: Flounder & St. Bass

Invited/Participating clubs: Bablyon Tuna Club, Hudson Anglers, Atlantic Anglers, Mill River Fishing Club, Smith Point Fishing and Hunting Club, Matinecock

May 20, 21 & 22, June 3, 4 & 5 Friday, Saturday & Sunday both weekends: St. Bass, Weakfish & Seabass

Invited/Participating clubs: Bablyon Tuna Club, Hudson Anglers, Atlantic Anglers, Mill River Fishing Club, Smith Point Fishing and Hunting Club, Matinecock

June 10, 11& 12, Friday, Saturday & Sunday: Bluefish & Fluke

Invited/Participating clubs: Babylon Tuna Club, Hudson Anglers, Atlantic Anglers, Mill River Fishing Club, Smith Point Fishing and Hunting Club, Matinecock

July 1, 2 & 3, Friday, Saturday & Sunday: Fluke & Bluefish

Invited/Participating clubs: Bablyon Tuna Club, Hudson Anglers, Atlantic Anglers, Mill River Fishing Club, Smith Point Fishing and Hunting Club, Matinecock

Thursday or Friday Night in August to be Announced

"Bragger's Rights" BBQ and Awards, Freeport Tuna Club

Invited/participating Clubs: Bablyon Tuna Club, Hudson Anglers, Atlantic Anglers, Mill River Fishing Club, Smith Point Fishing and Hunting Club, Matinecock

May 28 Th Saturday: Fluke

Freeport Tuna Club Vs Hudson Anglers, Fluke shoot out

August 26, 27 & 28, Friday, Saturday & Sunday:

Freeport Tuna Club Vs Babylon Tuna Club, Tuna-Shoot-out

October 28,29 & 30, Friday, Saturday & Sunday:

Freeport Tuna Club Vs Staten Island Fishing Club, St. Bass-Shoot-out

GOOD AND WELFARE

John McCrea a former FTC President passed away on April 20th at age 75. John was an adored husband, father, brother, uncle & grandfather of seven grandchildren. He was also an avid boater, fisherman and as posted in his obituary past President of our Freeport Tuna Club. That alone says alot about the affection a man can have for our club when a person's family sees to it that it is part of their death notice. Donations may be made to the National Colorectal Cancer Research Alliance or charity of your choice. Cremation was private.

SPECIAL EVENTS

With the outstanding catch of fun, laughs, good times, Wolf Fish & Cod in mind, Chris Bellinzoni will be taking orders for commemorative FTC "Wolf Pack" & "Stellwagen Bank" Cod trip t-shirts as well as orders for 38-40" Wolf Fish mounts. Contact Chris at one of our upcoming General Meetings or other FTC events. Artwork and design for the shirts are in the works. Group/bulk pricing for the mounts is going to be available. Individual pricing will be determined on if you brought home your Wolf Fish head or jaws...pricing is slightly more if you left "your jaws" on the banks. HOWLLLLL!

Harry Weinblatt, Chris Bellinzoni

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- James Rooney.....1st Vice President
- Chris Squeri.....2nd Vice President
- Mike Sullivan Treasurer
- Chris Bellinzoni.....Secretary



**ANNUAL
YARD SALE
AT THE
PROPERTY
SATURDAY, MAY 14TH
RAINDATE MAY 15TH
Contact Al Casciano
516-523-1339**

**SAVE THE DATE
June 3, 4 & 5th
Spring Rodeo**

Party starts 4 pm June 5th at property
DJ, Dancing, Kids activities and more
stay tuned for more details

*volunteers needed
contact your First Vice President
Jim Rooney 516-850-6772*

CLASSIFIED:

- 1984 Tiara Pursuit 27, cabin, stand up head, twin 220 crusaders, GPS, Depth finder, radio, out riggers, \$20, 000 Also, 16 ft. heavy fiberglass dingy \$200. Call Michael 516-535-4085, embroidme@optonline.net
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- Montauk Condo For Rent - Bi-weekly or monthly, 1 bedroom condo/pool/all amenities - Call for details 516-536-1078
- WANTED - Mate on offshore & inshore trips - clean boat after trips - prep boat before trips -perform misc tasks during the week Contact: JEFF 516.377.2677
- Dock Space: deep & wide canal, Freeport - off Hudson Canal for boat up to 30' Call Sy 516-632-9770