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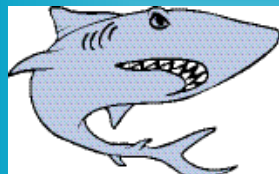
Tuna Tower News

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"PARTICIPATION"



Capt. Larry Festa on sharking

NEXT GENERAL MEETING



Wednesday, June 11, 2003

FREEPORT YACHT CLUB

8 Guy Lombardo Avenue (Just South of Sea Isle Sports Center on left hand side)

SHARK SPECIAL

HOW TO L.I. SHARK - MAGIC WITH FESTA

Tackle - Meals for the man in the blue suit

Boatside Handling - The Entire Game Plan

YOU ONLY STAND TO GAIN - "REMEMBER YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU DON'T KNOW"



PRESIDENTS MESSAGE



I have great news for all our Club Members. The Indian in my backyard that kept doing his rain-dance was taken out by me with an 8-ounce sinker, so I guarantee you'll see the weather improve.

Now that June is finally here, our schedule really heats up. First, I would like to announce that at our June General Meeting, our guest speaker will be a member who holds many Club Records, has spoken at many functions in the past and is well recognized by many shark connoisseurs. Captain Larry Festa, F/V Kristen will speak on how to bag a trophy mako, which includes rigging, baiting, chumming and boat side tactics. Don't miss this one! I guarantee that you will learn tremendously from this professional sharkerman.

Next, we are on the threshold of our Spring Rodeo, scheduled for the weekend of June 20-22. I know that all of our incredible little anglers are excited when it comes to fishing for fluke, bass, and blue fish from what they learned at our last general meeting. It was a great turn-out, and I hope everyone noticed how much they wanted to learn just like the adult fisherman wants to learn. I'm looking forward to our next Little Anglers meeting.

Our yard sale was a great success. Thanks to Board Member, Al Casiano and the team of 1st V/P John Weber, Board Members Barry Simon, Ed Faza, Bob Sabella and members, Rick Totten and Bob Pandey pitched in to help. I sincerely thank to all for getting involved and helping out.

June also brings around the Big Tunas, so all of our members that plan on sailing off-shore, please make sure your

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rigs are safely and adequately tuned-up and ready for that trip. If you know of any problems, fix them before setting sail. Don't wait till you are 80 miles off-shore and then regret not taking care of your problems.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all out members Good Luck in all of June's Tournaments and Rodeos. Remember, we are all professionals in this club. Let's show everybody what a bunch of classy professional fisherman we are.

Sincerely Yours,
Scott Schafer

SPRING RODEO

FRIDAY, SATURDAY & SUNDAY

JUNE 20, 21 and 22

AT

PROPERTY



6 Species:

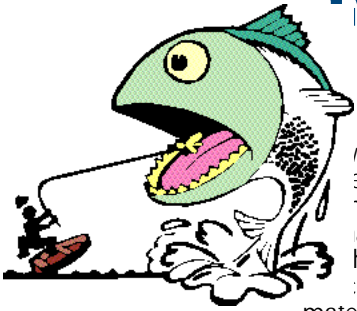
FLUKE / BLUEFISH / STRIPED BASS
SEABASS / SHARK (Tag & Release) / WEAKFISH

All Club Minimum Weights Are In Effect
Trophys For All Kids. Giveaways and More
Weigh-In Slips at Property by 4:00 P.M. Sunday
Food at 5:00 P.M.

C'mon down and enjoy

**IT'S A GREAT FAMILY TIME
AT THE RANCH!! DON'T MISS OUT!!**

FISHING BULLETIN



The month of May came and went however we were awarded with some of the best shore bottom fishing that we have seen in years. Although the local waters are still on the cool side this has not had any material effect on the fishing. With

about a week to go before the first major shark tournaments our club members are busy finishing up last minute tasks to get ready for these events. Let's hope that we get a break in the weather so as to allow warmer water to get dumped into striking range of our fleet.

The local fishing for striped bass could not be better. Our members are reporting fishing locally around bridges and inlets as well making the trek to the west off the Rockaway's. The fishing has been very consistent and the quality has been as well with fish reported to the mid-twenties.

The method that has been employed has been clam chumming inshore and fishing with whole clams in the ocean. Club member John Coleman fished locally during the Memorial Day monsoon and was rewarded for his efforts with a limit of fish to 38 inches. Our full-time fisherman/club member, Mike Sullivan, has enjoyed a great season so far this year and has set the bar again with his 39lb bass caught in the local waters around his homeport of Shinnecock.

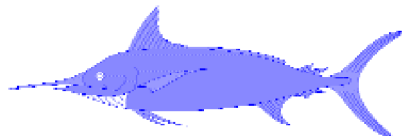
Our fluke fishing started off with red-hot action during the middle of May with fish reported up to 8lbs. However has slowed up considerably as of late in our local waters. The local waters are full of shorts and another wave of larger fish will jump-start an interest in this fishery again. If the fluking is anything like it was last year then we should be in for a great season.

The local wrecks continue to yield phenomenal catches of seabass. Our local wreck experts have been putting in their time and reporting consistent action with fish to 4lbs. Last week Bob Hindenlang managed to hang a 5.7lb seabass caught locally aboard the Magic Too. Another great showing has been porgies, which have inundated the local reefs as well. These fish are the jumbo category and fish in excess of 2lbs have been quite common.

The offshore action has not started as of yet, however with the weather permitting possibly this weekend several members are planning to go scout the off-shore waters. Typical for early season sharkers is a long run offshore to find the conducive water temperature. The current offshore surface temps are in the mid 50-degree range. I think we are still about two weeks off from a decent run of pelagics. It's just a matter of time before "The Man in the Blue Suit" makes his arrival in our area. The Hudson Anglers Shark Tournament is scheduled for June 14. For all that are planning on fishing this event or any of the other tournaments from Montauk to South Jersey, be careful and let discretion be the better part of valor when venturing offshore.

Sincerely,

Captain Harry Weinblatt
F/V Blue Marlin



Property

4 boats unaccounted for, please contact Bob Sabella. Thanks to clean-up crew on property.

Special Events

Yard Sale - A Great Success, Thanks All, See ya next year!

Membership

212 Members

Conservation

1,400 Additional Signatures were sent to Governor Pataki and DEC Commissioner Crotty. Copy of Cover letter will be posted on website. As of June 11, 2003 Blackfish is closed until the fall.



CLUB AWARDS & DERBY DATES

The Following Derbies are in Progress/Starting This Month:

Spring weakfish (05 lbs. Min.).....May 17th ~ June 22nd
Spring Striped Bass (15 lbs. Min.).....May 10th ~ June 15th
Spring Shark (125 lbs. Min.).....May 31st ~ July 6th
Spring Fluke (02.5 lbs. min.).....June 7th ~ July 13th

The Spring Flounder Derby Is Closed & The Winners Are:

1st Place:.....Tony Testa 2.06 pounds
2nd Place:.....George Spitaleri 2.0 pounds
3rd Place:.....Captain Fed Ruehman 1.93 pounds

The Spring Seabass Derby Closed on June 8th

Winners To Be Announced

Notable Catches received by the Award Committee:

- Flounder: Ryan Sullivan F/V Blue Jacket IIMay 30th 3.06 lbs.
- Richard Olejnik Sea Queen IIApril 29th 2.62 lbs.
- Fluke: Howard Berman Blue Jacket IIMay 9th 11.25 lbs.
- Bob Sabella Kathy-OMay 15th 09.40 lbs.
- Striped Bass: Michael Sullivan Blue Jacket IIMay 21st 39.2 lbs.
- Seabass: Bobby Hindenlang Magic TooMay 29th 05.40 lbs.

Attention All Club Members:

Effective 2003 at per the iBoard of Directors the Awards & Contest Committee will only be allows to except **Official Freeport Tuna Club Weigh Slips**. All derby weigh slips must be submitted prior to two weeks after the close of the derby. Only fish caught from Debs, Jones and Fire Island inlets are eligible. Good luck to all.

Shoot-outs & Tournaments:

Chris Bellinzoni, Committee Chairman, Tony Testa Jr., Christopher Bellinzoni, Committee Members.

Back-To-Back "Bragger's Rights" Weekends! : With 2 inter-club Shoot-outs under our keel, "participation" is at a good level despite the weather and our results bode well for Long Islands oldest and best fishing club, Us! Of 8 possible categories covering 2 weekends events, we have won 4 categories, lost 2 and tied 2 anothers. Over 50 Club Members and 20 club boats have fished hard to ensure that our FTC remains best known for our cameradie, fine catches, sportsmanship and not just our fantastic BBQs.

"Bragger's Rights" Shoot-out-Weekend May 17-18 Results: **In the Striped Bass Division** we dominated the weekend! We scaled 43 lbs. Vs 33 lbs. from Matinecock. **Joanne "Just Add Water" Schroader** topped our club putting an 18 pounder on the scale. Our second largest Bass came off the scale at 12.3 lbs. taken on my **"Four Bells"** Putting us in the winner's circle was another one of **Harry Schroader's "Just Add Water"** fish, this one 11.75 lbs. angled by Pete Di Thomas.

In the Fluke Division Amazingly, both our club and the Hudson Angler's 5 biggest fish brought to scale were a dead even 22.9 pounds! Topping the scales for our team was **Mike "Magic Too" Zullo's** 5.7 pounder. Matt Carbone fishing on **Joe LoMonaco's "Twin Hearts"** and **Don Granger** fishing on his **"Split Shot"** bested our clubs other top 3 fish. Scott "50/50" Schafer's best fish "jumped the scale", landed on the dock and flipped back into the bay. Yep, the one that got away would have broken the tie... Matinecock had No Weighable Fluke.

In the Flounder Division: Jim Krug's "Sea-Jet-Ski" crew including son Bobby brought our club's only weighable Flounder to scale! Nice job Capt. Jim! Captain of the year...? The Hudson Anglers dominated the Flounder division, 8.1 pounds to our .91. With Matinecock weighing No Flounder, Jimmy's fish puts us in 2nd

Special Thanks go out to our BBQ and Grill Team, Joe Glavin, Dave Massa, John Webber, Joe Jahn, Bob Sabella, and Bob Panda an outstanding Sunday afternoon "Bragger's Rights" BBQ and beer blast! As I heard several Hudson Anglers say, "Boy this place is nothing like the community room at Baldwin Park where our meetings are held." I say of course not, we're the Freeport Tuna Club, Long Island's Best!

"Bragger' Rights" Shoot-out weekend May 23-25 Results:

First the good news, we dominated the Sea Bass competition where **Mary Ellen "Magic Too" Zullo** single handedly swept the category for us by weighing 3 fish totaling 11. 3 lbs.! MEP's 2, 3.8s and her 3.7 were all we needed not only for the sweep, but also for a complete shut-out! Howard "Aphis" Berman's 3.7 would have served as a tiebreaker should we have needed it.

In the St. Bass category we did not fare as well although several quality St. Bass for our area were brought to scale. **Christopher Bellinzoni's 20 pounder nailed on Larry Festa's "Kristen"** set the pace for our club. **Our 2nd & 3rd place fish tied . A pair of 19 pounders were caught by Freddie Eder on his "Wet Snapper" with a twin decked by Gabrielle Toback on the "Corazon."** Honorable mention for her 18 pounder goes to Diana Toback also decked on the "Corazon."

"Participation," with boats like the above category winners and other club boats who fished these events such as Angry Annie, Fish Hawk II, Golf Rest, Huntress, Mikie Likes It, Oxygen, Persuader, Stephanie Ann, and The Betty, will to try and ensure that if any club's gonna have "Braggers Rights" it will be Us!

Next "Bragger's Rights" Shoot-out weekend: (Rodeo Weekend!) Friday, Saturday and Sunday June 20, 21 & 22 Bluefish and Fluke. Weight slips can be dropped off at the club property or call Tony Testa Jr. @ (516) 785-2518 or Chris Bellinzoni @ (516) 379-3943 by Monday evening 6/23. All Long Island ports are open for "Shoot-out" fish.

Tournaments:

June 14th, Saturday:

Hudson Anglers Shark Tournament Rain Date Sunday, June 15th Contact (516) 771- 1442

June, 12 through 14, Thursday, Friday & Saturday:

Star Island Shark Tournament, Montauk Point Contact: Star Island Marina (631) 668-5052

June 19th through June 25th, Thursday through Wednesday:

First Annual "I love New York" Shark Tournament, Montauk Point Contact: Gayle Haines 1-888-281-7071

June 28th, Saturday:

Woodcleft Fishing Station Shark Tournament Richie Rosenkranz @ (516) 378-8748

June 28th, Saturday:

Bay Shore Tuna Club Mako Tournament, Bayshore Marina Contact: Archie Rhodes (631) 665-5341

JUNE

	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7 <small>Fluke derby starts</small>
		9	10	11 <small>General Membership Meeting - Sharking</small>	12 <small>Captain/ Anglers BBQ</small>	13	14 <small>Hudson Angler Shark Tournament</small>
	15 <small>Striped Bass Derby Ends</small>	16	17	18 <small>Board of Directors Meeting</small>	19 <small>Captain/ Anglers Barbecue</small>	20 <small>Rodeo Starts</small>	21 <small>Rodeo Weekend</small>
	22 <small>Rodeo BBQ</small>	23	24	25	26 <small>Captain/ Anglers Barbecue</small>	27	28 <small>Woodcleft Shark Tournament</small>
	29	30					



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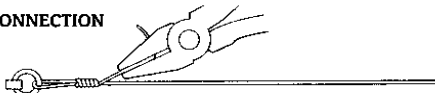
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