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Thursday, June 14th at 8:00 pm

VFW Post 2770

2400 Bedford Avenue, Bellmore, NY

(between Sunrise Hwy. & Merrick Road)

Reminder
Meeting
Place
Change

GUEST SPEAKER

COME HEAR CRUSADER VIC CONSIGLIO SPEAK ABOUT HIS UNIQUE PROJECT TO RE-OPEN OLD INLETS (THAT WERE CLOSED IN 1934) TO ALLOW FOR BETTER TIDE FLUSHING, WATER QUALITY AND BAY LIFE.

President's Message

Jim Rooney

I would like to start my message by thanking all the members who worked very hard bringing May's events together. On May 3rd. Chris Bellinzoni presented a top-notch striped bass clinic at the property. In his clinic Chris displayed his excellent techniques on locating and catching striped bass, I can speak from experience that last season I used several of Chris techniques and had the best striped bass season ever. Once again thanks for a great clinic Chris. On May 10th. We had Andy LoCasio and Jon Marino as guest speakers at our GM. Andy and Jon's expertise and knowledge in fluking and striped bass was unsurpassed and their willingness to share that knowledge was evident by the time they spent discussing and explaining these techniques to our members well after the meeting ended (which was well after 11:00 pm). I have to thank Jeff Yapalater for the hard work and caring he puts into finding quality entertainment for our GM's. On May 19th. The club held it's annual garage sale and as always Al Casciano and crew did a great job once again showing why this is the best club. Al informed me that all the venders were very happy with their sales and the weather held out for the most part. On May 31st. the Freeport Tuna Club and Noreast magazine joined together to co-host Larry "the Legend" Festa's Shark clinic. This clinic was both a fundraiser and

a recruitment drive for our club. The club raised more than two thousand dollars and the exposure for the club was unparalleled. This was the first of many clinics the club hopes to co-host with Noreast. The success of this clinic is due to three factors #1 the professionalism, expertise and willingness of Lerry Festa to put together and execute a wonderful presentation; Larry was truly at the top of his game for this event. #2 the hard work and dedication of the board of directors and all the members who unselfishly stepped up to the plate and gave their time and effort to make sure this club hosted a first class event. #3 the support and advertising that Noreast provided really helped fill the seats. Once again I have to thank all the members who volunteered and supported the club in this last month. It is the sprit and commitment of the members of this club that make it great, It is the same sprit and commitment that makes me Honored and proud to be your President. That's all for this month, remember that participation is the key to a great club experience.



Jim Rooney
President

Fluke Calcutta

Fluke got off to a slow start. But Montauk has been hot for the last week or so. Some respectable fish up to 9.5 lbs. have come over the rail. Don Granger leads the contest with an 8lb. 2 oz. fish besting Bruce Forester's 6 ½ lber and Bob Pandy's 5 lb. 13 oz. fish. A larger fish were boated, but the lucky angler wasn't entered. □ There are 60 people signed up for the Calcutta making the pot an even \$600. Ladies and gentlemen, the Calcutta is wide open and anybody can win. So long as you remember to sign up with Mike Sullivan before you feel that fluke taking line against your drag.

Bulletin Delivery

Want to get your bulletin even sooner? Sign up for free e-mail delivery. More than half of the members already have. That's right. You can receive the bulletin by e-mail and not wait for the USPS. Of course, the printed bulletins will still be sent, if you wish to store them in your files. And, your e-mail address is kept confidential. Just send your request to ftc1937@verizon.net.

Atlantic HMS Angling Permit (Recreational)

All owners/operators of vessels fishing recreationally for and/or retaining regulated Atlantic Highly Migratory Species (Atlantic tunas, sharks, swordfish and billfish) in the Atlantic Ocean, including the Gulf of Mexico and Caribbean Sea, must obtain an Atlantic Highly Migratory Species (HMS) permit. Similar to Atlantic tunas permits, 2007 Atlantic HMS permits cost \$28.00 and will be valid from the date of issuance through December 31, 2008.

FTC Noreast.com Shark Seminar A Success

This was an excellent event. From the talent, to the ground crew, lights, food, and music to the members who helped out, it came off very well. The tents gave a grand look to the place, and our few tables gave just enough dressing to the look and feel.

I know several of the attendees are experienced sharkers, so it was an acknowledgement to Capt Larry that they should be interested in what he had to say. The three hours of seminar time were an excellent value for the money. Even the weather added some effect by blowing wind to make it feel like we were actually on the water in a stiff 15-knot wind to our backs!

Good & Welfare

Our condolences to the Testa family on the passing of Anthony Testa Sr. He will be truly missed by all. Our condolences to the Past President Paul Sposato and his family on the recent passing of his mother.

Congratulations to my son, past president and current Vice President, Christopher Squeri, on his marriage to Alex. A good time was had by all.

Upcoming Shark Tournaments

Hudson Anglers-June 16th-	\$350	516-378-5181
Star Island-June 15,16th-	\$800	631-668-5052
Woodcleft-June 23rd -	\$250	516-378-8748
Bayshore Tuna Club 46th Mako June 30, \$250	516-779-6924	

Updated Offshore Mapping Seminar June 20th

Capt John Raguso will hold an evening seminar next week to show and tell the updated navigational software highlighting the "New" Canyons along the 100 fathom line. Previously unknown to the public, Capt John has worked with the latest NOAA mapping charts, to bring this new information to the public. The advent of better electronics has enabled the chart mappers to bring new definition, detail and contours of the edge of the continental shelf to our boat nav panel. This promises to be a very informative and fascinating presentation to all those who frequent the cobalt blue waters of the deep. Don't miss this discovery seminar at Surfside 3/Marine Max Fishing Boat Center, 20 E Montauk Hwy, Lindenhurst, June 20 beginning at 7:30pm. Admission is \$10. You must pre-register by calling 631-226-0012.

FTC Members break open the '07 Offshore Season

The crews of Wasabi, and Findictive got out recently to christen the 2007 season. Crew of Wasabi, Capt Chris, and bigmahi made the long voyage to the 1000 fathom curve in search of the season's first tuna, sword or mako. While not finding their target prey, they were surprised by maruading mahi in 64 degree water which cooperated and making the trip worthwhile. The crew of Findictive did not find their macho mako at the 500 fathom line, but had fun catching and releasing some nice blue sharks to 175 lbs, and what appeared to be a Porbeagle shark est 125lbs in 52 degree water. Both boats broke the ice for the season, and have just whetted everyone's appetite for this year's Canyon crusades.

JUNE 2007 DERBY, AWARDS & CONTEST REPORT

Awards Chairman: Captain Lawrence J. Festa
Committee Team: Captain Michael Zullo, Mary Ellen Zullo,
Captain Chris Squeri, Joseph Johns, Bill Morrogh

The following Derbies are closed with the following Results:

COD

1st Place:	Manny Carvallo..... 16.12 lbs.	F/V Findictive
2nd Place:	Manny Carvallo..... 15.06 lbs	F/V Findictive
3rd Place:	Danny Carroll..... 10.81 lbs.	F/V Findictive

Blackfish

1st Place:	Joe Fanora..... 10.20 lbs.	F/V Norma
2nd Place:	Joe Fanora..... 8.40 lbs.	F/V Norma
3rd Place:	Michael Zullo..... 7.5 lbs.	F/V Magic Too

Flounder

1st Place:	Paul Hilton..... 2.75 lbs.	F/V Emily S
2nd Place:	Bob Hindenlang..... 2.68 lbs.	F/V Tin Man
3rd place:	Tony Testa Sr..... 2.62 lbs.	F/V Stephanie Ann

The following Derbies are in progress or starting this month:

Seabass (02 lbs.).....	April 28th ~ June 3RD
Striped Bass (15 lbs.).....	May 12th ~ June 17th
Weakfish (05 lbs.).....	May 19th ~ June 24th
Fluke (3.5 lbs. new wt.).....	May 26th ~ July 1st
Shark (125 lbs.).....	June 2nd ~ July 15th
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2007 MEMORIAL AWARD:

This past month long term Member Anthony Testa Sr. passed. Tony was only 61 years of age. In honor of this passing the FTC is unveiling an Annual Award in his memory. This award shall read as follows:

THE ANTHONY TESTA SR. MEMORIAL AWARD

INSHORE/OFFSHORE CHALLENGE

The Inshore and Offshore Challenge has started (May 1). The applications will be available at any Thursday BBQ or GM's. Cost \$50. Inshore and \$75. Offshore. Great looking trophy and prizes will be awarded at the Feb GM. You have to be it to win. (All money raised from this event is going directly to the club, All prizes have been or will be donated.) CONTACT BOB BENZENBERG 516-7378 OR DAVID MASSA 917-335-6765



Above are photos of the trophies for the inshore/offshore challenge. (A nice piece to take home.) GOOD LUCK TO ALL PARTICIPANTS.



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2007 Officers

James Rooney.....President

Chris Squeri.....1st Vice President

Joseph Jahn.....2nd Vice President

Mike SullivanTreasurer

Chris Bellinzi.....Secretary



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REMINDER!

MEETING PLACE CHANGE

VFW POST 2770
2400 BEDFORD AVE.
BELLMORE

BETWEEN SUNRISE HWY.
AND MERRICK RD.

CLASSIFIED:

• 1 28x23^{1/4} 3 blade nibril prop. like new condition,
reasonably priced 516-632-9770.

FISHERMAN WANTED: 1/5/08 to 1/12/08
Panama - Marlin Sails Tuna,
Tropic Star Lodge, Panama

FOR INFO CALL DENNIS CATALDO - 516-753-5433

4 Penn 50sw Internationals - great shape - \$375 each
4 Penn 80 Internationals - very good shape - \$375 each
All reels been serviced last year. Contact Chris: 516-523-3444

For sale:

Two 9/0 Garcia Mitchell Big Game reels(Seldom used) \$150 each

6/0 Finn-Nor reel(seldom used) \$300

Sears (wheeled) 1 HP compressor withpaint spraying accessories (never used)
\$100

8 inch Craftsman table saw with legs \$50

Call Doc Jarow @486-6408

A friend of the Club has a beautiful 80lb class Pompano fighting chair. He is willing to let it go for free providing that the recipient make a notable donation to the donor's favorite charity. Fight in comfort and get a tax deduction in the process! For more info, contact bigmahi@yahoo.com

