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NEXT GM

THURSDAY, JUNE 11TH • 8:00 PM
CURE OF ARS AUDITORIUM
MERRICK AVENUE • MERRICK
(BETWEEN SUNRISE HIGHWAY AND MERRICK ROAD)

Joe Richter from Marine Safety Corporation will help usher in the season at our June GM, with a dynamic presentation on the life saving equipment we sometimes take for granted while chasing our quarry at sea. He will share with the FTC the lowdown on:

- * **EPIRBs**
- * **Survival Suits**
- * **Pyrotechnics**
- * **Liferafts - including contents, repacking, and a LIVE deployment at our GM!**

He will also share real life stories that remind us of why we carry this equipment with us to the deep!! Joe is excitedly coming all the way from Wall, NJ to get in front of the biggest and best club on Long Island. He will have a table set up early to engage the members, so let's give him our best showing!!

President's Message

Dear Members,

I would like to thank all those who have helped out and continue to do so with FTC events most recently our yard sale. Al Casciano filled our property with vendors, our always reliable cook crew kept everyone fed and the decent weather kept the customers coming. Many members were very happy to unload their unwanted goods that turned out to be someone else's gold. The crowd was a little more than our bathrooms plumbing could handle so a call into our resident plumber Darren "on the spot" Schaefer quickly took care of the problem. Thanks again Darren. And Thanks to all who have once again made an FTC event a big success.

Some of us just could not wait for the yard sale to wrap up. Club members Al Casciano, Chris and Christopher Bellinzoni, Bobby Hindenlang, and myself along with guest and return angler, Mike the motorboat headed on down to Islamorada that night for 3 days of fishing and just a little R&R. Al and I were paired up with Captain Tom Brown. The day bite for us was a little slow. We Tarpon fished the back country our first day. We fished the flats for Bones, Permit, Tarpon and some Snook our second day. The third day was a wash due to heavy rains and T-storms. Our sister boat captained by Bruce "Gooch" Pollock fared a little better and had a few Snook, 150lb class Bull Shark and a 40" Cobia during the day.

The night bite is what we went down for and that's what we got. The Tarpon started to roll at dusk each night with the bite getting on an hour later each night with the tide. Al and myself went 6 for 8 on the Silver King's with the heaviest Tarpon of the trip caught by yours truly, a 160lb whopper keeping me on the rod for an hour and a half plus. The "Gooch" crew went 11 for 22 on the Silver King's with Christopher bringing a 130lb brute to the boat. Both crews lost fish from head shakes that straightened the 5/0 Owner Hooks like they were paper clips. Heavier weight hooks were not an option as the crabs won't swim properly with the bigger hooks. "Ya gotta bow to the King", A big thanks to Chris for setting the whole trip up for everyone and Bobby for the bottom time. I'm looking forward to next year BIG TIME.

The Orient fishing trip was another great time, 15 anglers put 30 keepers in the boat to 22lbs. Captain Mike had to work hard as did the anglers to get our limit. Andy Herr was high hook and biggest fish all day until our third to last drift when Billy Hines put his jig down and came up with the 150 buck pool winner. Congrats Billy! Yellow & white, with yellow pork rind and white, blue, with a red pork rind were the bucktail of choice in the race, we used diamond jigs in Plum Gut. Fluking did not pan out as the Fluke grounds were weeded up according to several other captains that gave it a try. I would like to thank Charlie Goldstein for the safe ride home and Chris 4bellz for donating 4 littoral bass tags that he tagged in the name of the angler who had caught them.

Next on tap, October 19th Monday, we will be sailing again with Capt Mike this time for Blackfish and Bass. Lines off 7 am same price \$100.00 per head. See me to sign up.

Yet another success story was our recent shark rig clinic put on by "Shark Guru" and 1st VP Captain Larry. Our clinics have been standing room only with good reason, there great, very informative and you can't beat the pro line up that has been giving the clinics. From tag end to hook Cap-

tain Larry gave hands on personal instruction to anyone who needed it and stayed till the last captain new how to make a reliable shark rig. Thanks Captain Larry.

Next up, Bob Dimino has lined up two of our Offshore Pro's. Captain Harry Weinblatt F/V Blue Marlin will show and tell all how to rig your offshore lures for the big ones. Captain Chris Squeri F/V Lady E will show and tell all how to rig dead baits for trolling. More clinics are in the works so stay tuned.

If you have not signed up for the Dinner Dance on the Bay July 25rd you better get to it. See Jim Rooney for tickets at the GM or any Thursday Night Captain Anglers. All are welcome at this event, live music, good food and friends are a combo that can't be beat. This truly will be a boat ride that can't be missed.

Our first rodeo kicks off this month, June 12th ~ 14th with the BBQ and awards on the 14th. All weigh slips must be in by 4pm sharp on Sunday. The weigh slip box will be on the clubs deck all weekend. You must be present to win. Guests are welcome but please inform rodeo committee head Jim Rooney. I would like to personally thank Jim for putting so much of his time into this event. Jim and company prepare, cook, clean, set up take down etc, etc the whole entire event. This crew sacrifices their time away from fishing with their families year after year to make this event special for all club members to enjoy. Jim can use some help this year, Get involved, see Jim and ask what you can do to help out with.

This month's GM just in time for our offshore season we have Joe Richter from Marine Safety coming all the way from South Jersey. He will do a demo raft deployment and go over all the in's and out's of raft safety, Epirbs and survival suits. If you are in need of a repack talk with Joe discounts may be available.

Also at this month's GM in an effort to get our guest speakers on earlier Woody's House Crew will open up the food table at 7:45 PM.

As we all know June is the month when all our local tournaments start. I would like to wish all our club boats the best of luck starting with the South Jersey Tournament. The Woodcleft Tourney and the Hudson Anglers Tourney. Most importantly, stay tied to the dock if the weather does not permit a safe journey. God forgives, Mother Nature does not. Good luck gentleman, make the FTC proud.

In closing I ask all members at some time to come down to a board of directors meeting. All members should see and be a part of how their club is governed. Many executives and directors spend hours each month taking care of the day to day business of your club. I urge all members to get more involved and not use a director as an avenue for any club business they may need taken care of. Come on down, our next BOD Meeting is June 17th. I hope to see some of you there.

Till Next Tide,
Joseph Jahn
President



FISHING BULLETIN



Captain Harry Weinblatt F/V Blue Marlin

The month of June has started to tick on our calendars and with that brings a lot of excitement. It is traditionally the month that kicks off the start of our offshore fishing season and reminds the inshore angler that the season is now well under way. With fuel prices about \$ 1.75 - \$ 2.00 lower on the pump than they were at this time last year; hopefully this will encourage our member captains to make the reports rather than waiting to hear about them. The weather has not been ferocious with lots of east winds as in years past and as a result our membership has been very active in taking advantage of it. The reports that I have been receiving are indicative of an excellent start to date for 2009. The next several weeks will tell the tale as to how our early summer fisheries will fare.

On the offshore scene, Capt. Chris Gerhart skippered his new offshore chariot "Wasabi" on two offshore trips to date. The first was a day trip shakedown and a chance to explore some high 50 and low 60 degree water in the Hudson Canyon. Although that trip produced no Tuna all the signs of life were present so its just a matter of time until the tuna find them. A few tilefish drifts resulted in a few golden tiles which lined the bottom of his fish box for the quick transit back to the dock. The second trip was a chance to explore some low 60 degree water off the bank between Toms and the Hudson. Although that effort was not rewarded by the tuna gods they planned an overnight stay to give it another shot. Within a short while of setting up on a shark drift; the blue sharks showed up and the crew was kept busy all night by playing tag and release. They stopped counting at an even 12 releases. A quick troll up the east side in the morning proved uneventful. It is still early in the season and with a commitment to go; its is just a matter of time until those trolled lines are snapping from their clips with bent rods and reels screaming signaling that our tuna season has started. Chris, I applaud your efforts and keep up the good work. Closer to home the reports that I have received from last weekend trips indicate that our shark season has started. A local Freeport vessel played tag and release with 10 bluesharks within striking distance of a day trip. I know that several FTC vessels are locked and loaded to pull the trigger this weekend for a shot at the FTC's coveted first mako of the season.

On the inshore scene lots of action has been keeping smiles across the faces of our members. Our seabass season has been excellent to date and the results of our seabass derby will tell just how good it really was for some. Our local striped bass action has been equally as good and taking advantage of his new ride club member Joe Mangiapanello skippered his "Crazy G" this past weekend not with his usual crew but his seven year old daughter Kristen. After a brief instruction from her dad it was not long after that her rod was bent and her very first bass was caught and released. Well it did not stop there as she literally schooled her dad and Granddad finally taking her rod out of the water to give them a shot. Her best that day was 31 inch 10lb. fish. Great job Joe, it is great to share your interests with your family. I remember when my daughter was that age and I was lucky enough to share in on those same trips which are memories that I will keep forever. Michael Edelman skippered his new vessel "Reel Time" to some local back bay spots during the Memorial Day Weekend accompanied by his son Matthew, my son James and myself we were treated to a bakers dozen of striped bass all released to be caught another day. During the same morning we ran into Chris Bellinzoni aboard his "Kismet Joe". He was engaged in constant action while a nearby vessel was taking pictures of his simultaneously two bent rods while the bite lasted at that location. The bass action has been very consistent in our local back bays as the waters are still on the cool side. Clam chumming around any bridge or marsh drain will almost guarantee some action. Our local Fluke action has been consistent and Mike Wagner and Don Granger have been posting some good reports fishing local back bay spots their largest to date has been a 7.0 lber, which was caught by Don Granger.

Out east our members are telling the same story. The fluke season

opened with a vengeance and Jim Krug aboard his Persuader has been limiting out on all of his recent trips. A combination of bass and fluke has been the order of the day for his efforts. During a recent mid week trip Anthony Testa skippered his vessel Stephanie Ann along with his two sons and first vice president Capt. Larry Festa to an area along the southside of Montauk and had phenomenal action. They reported a limit catch of fluke their largest was 7.0 lbs. Bob Powell landed a 9.0 lb fluke recently which currently leads the FTC Fluke Calcutta for the 2009 season.

Recently several club members headed back down to sunny and windy Islamorada Fl. For season two of tarpon, back bay bull sharks, permit and snook action. Chris, Christopher and Mike Bellinzoni, Bobby Hindenlang, Al Casiano and club president Joe Jahn enjoyed excellent action. Largest tarpon taken was in the 150lb range.

That is it for this month. I would appreciate receiving your reports to be included in upcoming FTC Fishing Bulletins Please e-mail your reports to capharryweinblatt@yahoo.com

Sincerely,
Capt. Harry Weinblatt
F/V Blue Marlin

TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

by Matt Errett

The tournament season really begins to heat up this month. Many FTC boats participate in these for both prize and glory. Maybe this is YOUR year???

Some of the more notable events are:

Northeast Mako-Thresher Big Dog Shootout
June 1st. - July 31st.

South Jersey Shark Tournament
June 11th. - 14th.

Star Island Shark Tournament
June 19th. - 20th.

Woodcleft Fishing Station Shark Tournament
Saturday, June 20th., rain date Sunday June 21st.

Hudson Anglers Shark Tournament
Saturday, June 27th., rain date Sunday June 28th.

Bayshore Tuna Club Mako Tournament
Saturday June 27th.

Please note that the Hudson Anglers Tournament, usually held Father's Day Weekend, is being held a week later. Richie's Woodcleft Tournament is now on Father's day Weekend.

For the FTC Shootout schedule we have a couple lined up for June. Lets' show them who has the best fisher-people around, and keep the bragging rights at home.

FTC vs. Hudson Anglers - Fluke & Bluefish - June 5, 6. & 7.

FTC vs. Babylon Tuna Club & Staten Island Tuna Club - Shark - June 19, 20, & 21.

Contact John Rooney for Shootout details.

Good & Welfare

Matt Errett is proud to announce that his daughter, Nikki Ann, graduated in December, a semester early, in the top of class, with honors, from Johns Hopkins University, with BA in Public Health Studies, and has been accepted into the masters program at Johns Hopkins Institute of Policy Studies, with a with a VERY generous scholarship.

Woody Andersons wife is recovering well from surgery.

JUNE 2009 DERBY, AWARDS & CONTESTS REPORT

Awards Chairman: Captain Bill Morrogh
Committee Team: Captain Lawrence J. Festa
Captain Michael Zullo, MaryEllen Zullo

See me at the GM or Thursday night BBQ for AT-A-GLANCE cards. The spring Seabass derby is closed. You have until 6/14 to get in your slips and you'll need 4lb+ to show! There are just a few days left in both the Striped Bass and Fluke derbies. Get out there and bring in a derby fish!

Our June Derby Winners are:

Blackfish

1st Place: Joe Fanora.....8.85lbs F/V Norma
2nd Place: Bob Hindenlang.....5.87 lbs F/V Tin Man
3rd Place: Mike Zullo.....5.75 lbs F/V Magic Too

Cod

1st Place: Joe Fanora.....7.95 lbs F/V Norma
2nd Place: Joe Fanora.....6.06 lbs F/V Tin Man

Flounder

1st Place: Bob Hindenlang.....2.81 lbs F/V Tin Man
2nd Place: Bob Hindenlang.....1.87 lbs F/V Tin Man
3rd Place: Jim Krug.....1.75 lbs F/V Persuader II

THE FOLLOWING DERBIES ARE IN PROGRESS OR STARTING THIS MONTH:

Striped Bass (15 lbs.).....May 9th ~ June 14th
Weakfish (5 lbs.).....May 16th ~ June 28th
Fluke (3.5 lbs.).....May 15th ~ June 15th
Shark (125 lbs.).....May 30th ~ July 5th
Bluefish (8 lbs.).....May 30th ~ July 5th

Rodeo

June 12,13,14

Party starts at 4PM food 5PM

weigh slips must be submitted at the property by 4PM
sea bass, fluke, striped bass, bluefish, shark, children
under 12 old sea Robbins.

club min. and state regulations apply.

DJ, bounce castle,

Bake contest. prizes first. and second place

Rodeo committee is looking for volunteers contact Jim
Rooney 850-6772

CAPTAIN & ANGLERS:

The committee appreciates all the members participation especially in clean the clean up. June 25 Pete DiThomas clinic on Back bay plugging and use of artificial baits.

ANNUAL FLOTILLA ZACS BAY

Sunday 8/16. Over night will meet Sat. 8/15 Contact Bob Pandey for further information.

PROPERTY

Property Committee: Chairman John Gerrity, Al Casciano, Bob Dimino
Financial Director Captain Larry Festa

Our season is coming into full swing. I thank all of our members for their help in keeping our marina in fine state of beauty.

Our FTC Yard Sale this past May 16th was a big success, thanks to all the hard work of our members that got involved with their time and commitment to our club. We thank Al Casciano for leading the committee and organizing the event. We thank John Gerrity, Bob Dimino and their crew for getting our property ship shaped for an event to be proud of. Jim Rooney, Jerry Amitrano, John Koenig, Joe Steiner, Bob Pandey and so may others from Captain Angler's Crew who pitched and served our guests. Lastly to Darren Schafer who assisted our event in a last minute repaired our plumbing repair.

In closing this event help build our club in both exposure and revenue for growth. The property, house and special events committees did a great job.

The following regulation as related to canines has been approved by our board and will be in effect immediately:

1. All dogs must be on leashes and under complete control of their owners while on the property.
2. Dogs must never be left unattended on the property and must be under the control of the owner at all times while on the property.
3. Picked-up and disposal of dog waste must be taken care of by the owners by putting the waste in the green trash bin.

Our waiting list is opened to any member looking for a slip for next year. Members looking for a summer spot should get on the list now. It will secure you an early slot for next year. In 2010 we do anticipate some openings. Please keep in mind that your deposit is fully refundable, even if you pass on a slip. Once passed you go to the bottom and we run through the list again.

On behalf of the FTC it is our pleasure to serve the members and help bring our club together.

In closing our property committee for 2009 is always looking for new talent to keep our state of the art marina up to grade. Any members interested in get involved with our club property upkeep and growth kindly contact our Chairman John Gerrity.

HONORING OUR VETERANS

Members honoring a loved one in the memorial plaque at the property, may honor them a second time by submitting a brief biography (50 words max) that will be published in the 2009-10 yearbook. The biography may cover such topics as branch of service, years served, rank, conflicts served in as well as references to specific battles and honors awarded. You should email the biography to Dr. John Weber at jweb1961@optonline.net or you may fax it to 516-379-0132. You may also reach John at 516-379-0132. The deadline for submission is June 30.

FLUKE CALCUTTA

Seventy-nine members have entered the Fluke Calcutta. Bob Powel is the present leader with a nine lb. even fluke. Nice fish Bob! There is still plenty of time to enter. See Mike Sullivan

YEARBOOK

These are the final weeks to place your ad in the yearbook. For all the supporters that have paid for your ads already, Thank You. For all the folks still not in the yearbook, time is about to run out! If you need any help placing your ad, or questions about an ad, let us know. Charlie Goldstein (516-225-0214) and Tom Schwender will be at the Thursday BBQ's and GM

FTC HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT MARCH 2009

Committee: Chairman Woody Anderson
Sandy Donin, Don Morin, John Weber, Gerry Amitrano

Our House Committee under the direction of Woody Anderson is in need of additional support & volunteers. This is a great way for a new member to get involved with our club and meet the members. Getting involved must have a start so let's lend a hand and contact Woody.

Like the Marines, we the house committee, are always looking for a "few good men/women". Anyone who would like to be one of our volunteers, please contact me.

Contact Info: House Committee Chairman Woody Anderson @ (516) 785-2007 or @ (516) 236-1549

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Bring your ad to one of the Thursday barbeques or the GM.

Charlie Goldstein (516-223-0214) and Tom Schwender (516 221 1821) will be available at every meeting to sign you up and help with any questions.

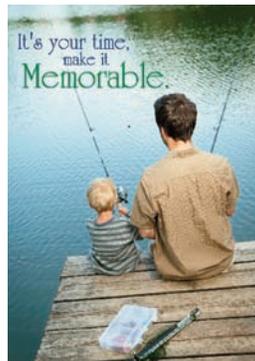
Thanks in advance.....
Yearbook Sales Committee

SAVE THE DATE

FTC Dinner Cruise: Thursday July 23 on the Captain Lou. Boat departs 6:30 PM to 10:30 PM. Food, Music, and open bar. Tickets go on sale at the May GM \$60 per person.

On behalf of the board of directors we wish all the Dad's a Happy and Healthy father's day!

-Editorial staff



CLASSIFIED:

Looking for 13" Boston Whaler with or without engine,
Contact Jeff 516-425-4645

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