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CURE OF ARS AUDITORIUM
MERRICK AVENUE • MERRICK
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The boys from Whitewater Outfitters are back by popular demand - Bryce will cover NEW and improved trolling, chunking, and jigging techniques for inshore bluefin!! Time to kick off the pelagic season
Let's pack the house!

President's Message

Dear Members,

I want to thank all of the members that attended our May General Meeting and showed strong support to the Recreational Fishing Alliance and our Guest Speaker Jim Hutchinson. Jim was impressed with our club which is reflexive of our members. He was also delighted that he left our meeting, not only with donations from the club, but most importantly with five new members that signed up at the meeting to join the RFA! In addition to the five new members, Jim also left with firm commitments from additional members. I ask that we all continue to support this Crime Fighting Group of Sportsman who are relentless in battling to keep our recreational fishing resources thriving.

A special thanks to our Spring Rodeo Committee and all of our event committees for doing outstanding jobs with our club events. Our Spring Rodeo starts June off with a bang! Awards are given out to approximately six of the targeted species and the menu of food by our house committee is always outstanding. Thank you committee for leading another outstanding club event.

Our Yard Sale was another labor of love and I want to thank Al Casciano for keeping the magic going. The success was because we had a very fine working crew of volunteers to get the job done! Jim Rooney, Joe Steiner, Don Morin, Sharon Missan, and company did a great job with house. Paul Schuber did a great job assisting Al at our gate along with Assistant Treasure John Deum who also shared in the responsibility at the event. All good. I am sure I have missed some members who contributed, so I thank all. The event was a hung success and a big help in giving our club great exposure along with assistance in funding.

Our Property.... Never finer! John Gerrity and crew along with the Boy Scouts did a wonderful job in the clean up. Many people approached me and commented about the beauty of the property and asked about membership applications, all positive. We also thank all of our winter tenants' who also complied in launching their boats on time and clean up their winter storage areas. In addition to all that we have achieved with our property, Chairman John Gerrity led his Boy

Scout Troop to yet another upgrade as they painted our property's fence! A true labor of love... thank you John and team and thank you Ralph Drewes for delivering and donating the paint and supplies to do the job.

I might also add that all of these events flourished under the display of our Nations Flag along with the State, County, POW and Club flags.... A very proud display! Our flag pole was additionally graced by our beautiful Veteran's Memorial Bronze Plaque, which was dedicated at our June 6th Rodeo weekend.

Yet another successful club event was our FTC 15 Angler Orient Point Trip, once again organized by our Past President, Joe Jahns. We thank him for his continuing efforts in running these trips.

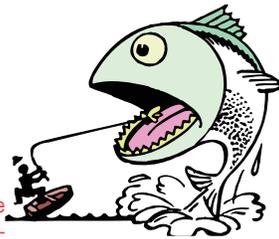
A second note on fishing and club camaraderie must go to, Two Term Past President Scott Schafer. Captain Scott we all thank you for a wonderful club fluke trip on your all new F/V "Sea Spray". Captain Scott hosted 20 FTC members on a commentary Montauk Fluke/Bass Trip. No body does it better that Captain Scott!

This month also starts our offshore season. I wish all members who will be competing in the Shark Tournaments' safety and success. I will be fishing most of them. Cape May will lead the season this June 11th, which will make me unavailable for our June General Meeting, so I will be turning over the program this month to 1st V.P. John Rooney.

Enclosing we will be having our 6th board meeting of 2010, which is the halfway mark in my term as President. I am enjoying the "Ride", mostly because of all the support that the Board of Directors and I receive from our great membership. If any members have time, please feel free to attend a Board Meetings, we would love to have you.



FISHING BULLETIN



The month of June has finally made its appearance on our calendars. For our members who enjoy targeting pelagic species, June is typically the month which signals the ringing of the dinner bell. Although our crews have not started the process of plying the distant offshore waters, it is just a matter of time before the perfect ingredients exist and our FTC fleet is present to cash in on the action. Our weather, although still on the cool side is 180 degrees from the month long rains we had last year during the months of May and early June. With that said the next several weeks should tell the tale as to how our late spring early summer fisheries will fare.

On the offshore scene our crews are all but ready to point their bows to the deep blue sea. That is all but one that is no stranger to running the offshore waters. This past weekend Chris Gerhart skippered his "Wasabi" to check out some warmer water in the vicinity of Toms Canyon. On this trip a multitude of blue sharks made their appearance known during a mid day drift and many school sized bluefin tuna were spotted, however none landed. Hopefully the next several weeks of weather will help to shape up our 2010 offshore fishing season.

On the local fishing front striped bass is still on the menu. The tremendous school of bass which has been transitioning east along the western south shore beaches in depths that have ranged from 25 – 50 feet of water is still a very viable option. The fish are between Debs and Jones Inlet and mainly caught via wire line trolling in the deeper depths. When the right conditions are present some fish are being caught on live bunker which are traveling along the beach. Recently Peter Cefai aboard Paul Noto's "Rocket Fish" landed his personal best at an even 25 lbs. employing a live bunker along the beach. Our traditional clam chumming has started and a three way foot race is on. Chris Bellinzoni aboard his "Four Bells" Joe Mangiapanello aboard his "Crazy G" and Tim Sherman aboard his "Betty" have been consistently producing bass on each of their outings. Capt Barbara Solomon accompanied by her husband Jeff and her mom, took her Boston Whaler on an afternoon troll last week and reported trolling two "nice bass". Swimming Plugs on mono were utilized. Keep up the good work and keep the reports coming my way.

Our sea bass fishery opened during the latter half of May and Brian Dougherty aboard his "Blue Sky" and Mike and Mary Ellen Zullo aboard their "Magic Too" have been hammering away at them. During the month of May our fluke fishery opened as well. The reports have been better from the inside to date, Don Granger can attest to his efforts and rewards, however we should start to see our traditional ocean fishery develop as the local areas water temperature start to increase. The opening weekend from our Montauk fleet told a different tale. Anthony Testa skippered his "Stephanie Ann" accompanied by his two boys and Club President Larry Festa to an area along the south side and reported lock and load fluke fishing with his personal best of 8.5 lbs coming over the rail that day. Capt Scott Schafer hosted a dozen and a half club members during a recent outing on his new multi passenger charter boat "Sea Spray". Although the fishing was slow on this day, FTC camaraderie prevailed and made for the perfect outing. Thank you Scott for hosting this trip.

Not looking to outdo themselves several members of our club made their second trip of the season back down to Islamorada Florida. Chris Bellinzoni, Bruce Forester, Bobby Hindenlang and Mike Bellinzoni made the trek back to the Keys to light it up once again. They certainly did that and some. On this trip three club records came out of four days of intense fishing. Bobby Hindenlang nailed a 31lb Blackfin Tuna which beats the previous club record by 3lbs. He was also lucky enough to land a 2.3 lb Lookdown, in the Permit family. Chris Bellinzoni also landed a 9.0 lb Almaco Jack which should make its way into our club records. They also reported non-stop action on Sea Trout, Lady Fish and an assortment of Jacks. Bruce Forester was able to put his new Shimano tackle to the stress test by going two for two on Goliath Grouper and wrenching them out of their natural habitat without breaking a sweat. The "reel" story of the trip was the 75-125lb Lemon, Black Tip and Bull Sharks which when caught on 40lb tackle provided for excellent action. The night tarpon fishing was capped off by Chris's personal best a 130lber which showed plenty of spirit during the epic 35 minute battle. On their last day of offshore fishing, Amberjacks to 45lbs Kingfish to 30lbs and a two hour Mahi blitz with fish between 6-12lbs provided enough memories that no further trips will be required to Florida until next season is upon us once again. Great job guys and thanks for the detailed report.

Well that is a wrap on this month's report. Please send me via e-mail, to captharryweinblatt@yahoo.com, your detailed fishing reports so that I may include them in next month fishing report.

Sincerely,
Captain Harry Weinblatt
F/V Blue Marlin

Fluke Killer – The Two Hook Slider Rig

The Two Hook Slider rig can effectively fish large baits like whole squid or strip baits when targeting large fluke. It can be tied in five simple steps :

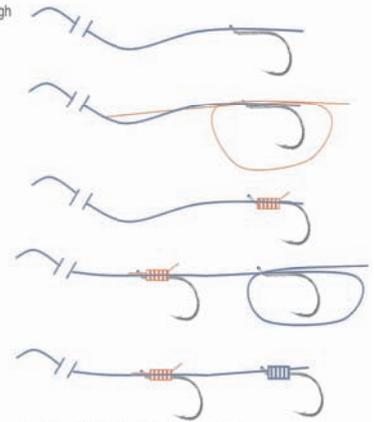
1) Take a 3-4 ft length of 50lb leader material, bring it through the hook eye, and just beyond the bend of the hook.

2) Take a 1 ft. piece of 30 lb mono (shown in red), insert through hook eye as shown, in preparation for a snell knot.

3) Make a 8-10 turn snell, draw up, but do not tighten fully. Leave the tag ends extra long, approx 1/2 inch.

4) Slide the first hook up the leader by holding the tag end of the 50 lb mono. Slide up enough to put the second hook on and form a loop, in preparation for the rear snell knot.

5) Form the rear snell, draw up and trim. The forward sliding hook tension can be increased by gently pulling on the tag ends of the 30 lb mono with pliers.



Some tips : Traditional Octopus or Kahle (wide gap) hooks work well, match the hook size to the bait. Some like a larger hook forward, smaller rear. During the day you may need to re-tighten the 30 lb tag ends, that's why they are left slightly longer than usual. Trim the fins off of whole squid to prevent spinning, place the rear hook in the squids head. Catch them up ! - Paul H / Emily S

TOURNAMENTS

Plenty of tournaments this month to choose from.
Good luck to all!!!!

Chairman: Matt Errett • Committee Members: John Rooney

OFFSHORE

1. 8th. Annual Noreast Big Dog Shootout - June 1st. - July 31st
http://www.noreast.com/discussion/ViewTopic.cfm?topic_ID=145167&page=1
2. South Jersey 30th Annual Shark Tournament - June 10th - 13th
<http://www.southjerseytournaments.com/>
3. Star Island 24th Annual Shark Tournament - June 18th - 19th
<http://www.starislandyc.com/dl/2010-24-shark-tournament.pdf>
4. Hudson Anglers Shark Tournament - Saturday June 19th
http://fha.leap-link.com/sharkapp_2010.pdf
5. Woodcleft Shark Tournament - Saturday June 26th
6. Bayshore Mako Tournament - Saturday June 26th
<http://bayshoretunaclub.angelfire.com/>
7. South Jersey Mid-Atlantic Tuna Tournament - July 14th - 17th.
<http://www.sportfishermen.com/tournaments/info/4874/>
8. White Marlin Open - August 2nd. - 6th. <http://www.whitemarlinopen.com/>
9. Star Island 18th Annual Mako/Thresher Mania Tournament - August 6th.-7th. <http://www.starislandyc.com/sport-fishing-tournaments-montauk.php>

INSHORE

1. Mike Sullivan's "Duke of Fluke" for FTC Members only. in progress. See Mike for details
2. Woodcleft Fluke Tournament - August 1st. Through September 15th.
3. Woodcleft Stripe Bass Tournament - October 15th. Through November 28th.

JUNE 2010 DERBY AWARDS & CONTESTS REPORT

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Note that we've moved our Sea Bass derby to 6/1 - 6/30.
There are just a few days left in the Striped Bass derby. Get out there and bring in a derby fish!
Our Cod, Blackfish and Flounder derbies are complete. The Blue Marlin swept the Cod derby and Bob Hindenlang showed how it's done by sweeping the Flounder derby with 3 beauties!
Special mention goes out to Meghan Libby (4½ years old!) for her 3.2lb Blackfish which just missed placing in the derby. She's a "Future Sharpie" for sure!

See me at the GM or Thursday night BBQ for AT-A-GLANCE cards.

OUR JUNE DERBY WINNERS ARE:

Blackfish
1st Place: Dennis Cataldo.....5 lbs F/V No Time
2nd Place: Jim Krug.....3.75 lbs F/V Persuader
3rd Place: Bobby Krug.....3.5 lbs F/V Persuader

Cod
1st Place: Bob Hindenlang.....7.00 lbs F/V Blue Marlin
2nd Place: Ralph Drewes.....6.56 lbs F/V Blue Marlin
3rd Place: Peter Cefai.....6.31 lbs F/V Blue Marlin

Flounder
1st Place: Bob Hindenlang.....3.25 lbs F/V Tin Man
2nd Place: Bob Hindenlang.....3.06 lbs F/V Tin Man
3rd Place: Bob Hindenlang.....2.81 lbs F/V Tin Man

THE FOLLOWING DERBIES ARE IN PROGRESS OR STARTING THIS MONTH:

Striped Bass (15 lbs.).....May 8th ~ June 13th
Weakfish (5 lbs.).....May 15th ~ June 27th
Fluke (3.5 lbs.).....May 15th ~ June 16th
Shark (125 lbs.).....May 29th ~ July 5th
Bluefish (8 lbs.).....May 29th ~ July 5th
Sea Bass (2.5 lbs.).....June 1st ~ June 30th

SHIP STORE SALE

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Knitted Hats \$12
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AVAILABLE AT NEXT GM

Catch of the Month - FLUKE

Our catch of the month goes to 4 year old Nick Jahn, shown here with his very first, and personal best, 18" fluke released on the Huntress II in Reynold's Channel.



The new season is in full swing. Email me at philton@optonline.net to be recognized for "Catch of the Month", include a picture and catch details.

- Paul Hilton

CLINIC

On Thursday June 17th 19:30 hrs at the club house Pete DiThomas will be holding a clinic on the use of plugs and artificials for Bass and Fluke. Come early this clinic always draws a large crowd. Thank you Jim Rooney and Bob Dimino

FLUKE CALCUTTA

Tony Testa leads the 2010 Fluke Calcutta with an 8lb. 6oz. fish. There are 85 members signed up at \$10 each. The winning fish will take home all of the money in the pool. The fish must be caught during the regular New York recreational fluke season. If you aren't already signed up you can still get in the Calcutta. See Mike Sullivan.

CAPTAIN & ANGLERS

The C & A committee would like to thank Sharon Mlssan for her donation of an excellent pasta salad and Dr John Weber for his generous donation of steak to the C & A. Bob Sabella's stuffed squid was great as always. We Thank all the members and volunteers for their support and participation. The committee would also ask that all members attending C & A please promptly sign in and pay upon arrival to help the committee member collecting keep a proper count. Thank you

Jim Rooney

CONSERVATION

Beware:

By executive order signed by President Bush the fishing for, possession of, or the sale of striped bass taken in the federal economic exclusion zone (EEZ) is prohibited. President Bush signed this order to encourage the individual states to make striped bass a gamefish and to prevent commercial targeting of the species. Well, leave it to New York State to take something done to benefit recreational fishermen and turn it against us. Recently the NYS DEC was boarding vessels off of Rockaway Reef in 50' of water and issuing warnings against bass fishing. Apparently the DEC has gotten a cross-designation enabling them to enforce federal law. The EEZ begins 3 miles from the shore; on your chart plotter it should be marked as the "demarcation line". One warning was issued to a boat 3.2 miles off the beach. This regulation makes the mere possession of a bass a federal violation, so if you catch a bass at the inlet in the morning, and then later in the day run out to the reef to bottom fish, that bass in the cooler subjects you to the risk of a federal fine the instant you cross the demarcation line.

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2010 SHOOT-OUTS

COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN JOHN ROONEY, CHRIS SCARPANTONIO

MAY 14, 15 & 16, FRIDAY, SATURDAY & SUNDAY: STRIPED BASS
FISHING AGAINST THE MATINECOCK CLUB & HUDSON ANGLERS

JUNE 4, 5 & 6, FRIDAY, SATURDAY & SUNDAY: FLUKE AND BLUEFISH
FISHING AGAINST THE HUDSON ANGLERS

JUNE 25, 26, & 27 FRIDAY, SATURDAY & SUNDAY: FLUKE AND BLUEFISH
FISHING AGAINST MATINECOCK

JUNE 18, 19, 20 FRIDAY, SATURDAY & SUNDAY: SHARK
FISHING AGAINST THE STATEN ISLAND, BABYLON TUNA CLUBS

AUGUST 27, 28, & 29, FRIDAY, SATURDAY & SUNDAY: TUNA
FISHING AGAINST THE BABYLON TUNA CLUB

OCTOBER 29, 30, & 31, FRIDAY, SATURDAY & SUNDAY: STRIPED BASS
FISHING AGAINST STATEN ISLAND TUNA CLUB

JUST REMINDER, SAFETY SHOULD ALWAYS BE THE FIRST PRIORITY AND RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CAPTAIN/OWNER. WEATHER CONDITIONS THE SIZE OF YOUR VESSEL & CREW SHOULD ALWAYS BE A DETERMINING FACTOR AS TO "WEATHER" OR NOT YOUR VESSEL LEAVES THE DOCK. IF THERE IS ANY DOUBT, KEEP THE DOCK LINES TIED TO THE DOCK AND START THE BLEND!

ONLY THE FISH THAT ARE ON OFFICAL CLUB SLIPS AND THAT ARE HANDED TO THE SHOOT-OUT COMMITTEE WILL COUNT TOWARD THE THREE HEAVIEST FISH COMPARED TO THE OTHER CLUBS FISH THAT ARE BEING FISHED AGAINST. THERE ARE CLUB TROPHIES INVOLVED WITH THE BABYLON TUNA SHOOT-OUT AND THE STATEN ISLAND STRIPED BASS SHOOT-OUT. THERE ARE OTHER CLUBS TO BE ADD AND AT THIS TIME THIS IS A TENITIVE DATE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Freeport Tuna defeated the Matinecock Fishing Club in our first Shoot-out of the year, thanks goes out to Paul Noto, Paul Morrissey and Chris Bellinzoni for there wonderful catches.
John Rooney



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