

Tuna Tower News

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"PARTICIPATION"

NEXT GENERAL MEETING



Thursday, July 8th 8:00 pm

NEW LOCATION

Curé of Ars School Auditorium
Merrick Ave., Merrick

(South of Sunrise Hwy. between Sunrise Hwy. & Merrick Road)
For more info call 516-546-2312



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SCOTT SCHAFER - 50/50

ALL THE ASPECTS OF OCEAN FLUKE FISHING

Presidents Message

Scott Schafer

With the summer fishing season in full swing, I want to congratulate Mikey Likes It for their 2nd place finish in the shark tournament in south Jersey. Everyone else who is taking advantage of this great shark season I want to wish them good luck. With the heat of summer here our club has seen all of its spring events go off without any problems. I want to thank everyone who helped to make them a fun time for everybody. I am looking

forward to giving my little Fluke seminar at the July meeting. Everyone seemed to enjoy it last year and hope they do the same this time. Looking forward to seeing everyone at the next meeting.

Scott Schafer
President



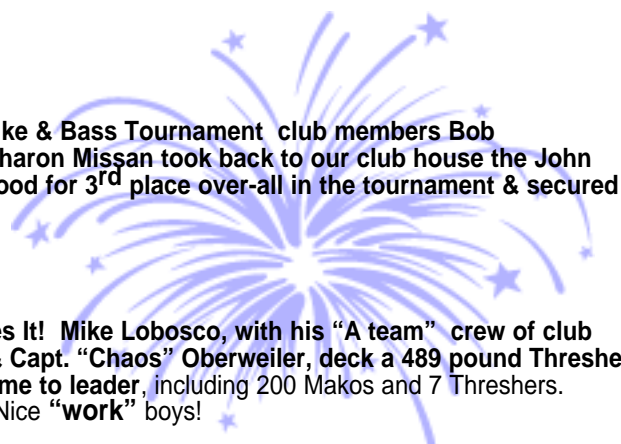
HAPPY 4TH OF JULY

Tournament Report

Al Casciano, Chris & Christopher Bellinzi

"Fish N White Tails" makes our Freeport Tuna Club proud!

While fishing the **1st Annual South Shore Open Challenge Fluke & Bass Tournament** club members **Bob Benzenberg, Bob "Pandyman" Pandy, Mike Wengrgrn and Sharon Missan** took back to our club house the **John Namimoli Memorial Club Trophy!** Bob's 5.82 pound Fluke good for **3rd place over-all** in the tournament & secured more hardware for our Club! Congratulations to the crew!



South Jersey Marina Shark Tournament

D-I-N-G!, Team Lobosco does again! **Mikey "Reelly" Likes It!** **Mike Lobosco**, with his "A team" crew of club members **Freddy Ruehman, Anthony Testa, Grover Howell & Capt. "Chaos" Oberweiler**, deck a **489 pound Thresher** good for **2nd place** in an event that saw over **900 sharks** come to leader, including 200 Makos and 7 Threshers. You know that our FTC flag was on an outrigger the entire ride! Nice "**work**" boys!

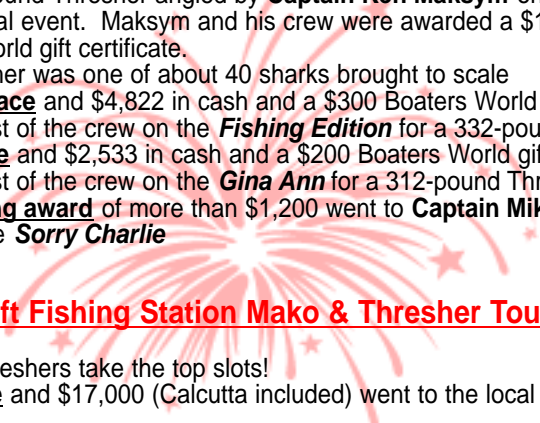
Our local tournaments action heated up during the month of June.

While for the first year in recent memory our club did not put any contenders on the local docks, there were some spectacular Sharks brought to scale. You could call the weekends of June 19 & 28 "Thresher City" As Thresher after Thresher were brought to Scale to take all the local prize money.

Hudson Anglers Shark Tournament Won by 354 Pound Thresher!

A total of 183 fishing teams participated in this year's tournament
The **1st** place team took home more than \$16,000 in cash and prizes
The **354-pound Thresher** angled by **Captain Ken Maksym** on the **Canyon Bound** won the **32nd** annual event. Maksym and his crew were awarded a \$15,600 cash prize and a \$500 Boaters World gift certificate.

The Thresher was one of about 40 sharks brought to scale
Second place and \$4,822 in cash and a \$300 Boaters World gift certificate went to **Captain Chris Kaily, angler Dan Dank** and the rest of the crew on the **Fishing Edition** for a 332-pound Thresher
Third place and \$2,533 in cash and a \$200 Boaters World gift certificate went to **Captain Michael Nappo, angler Spag** and the rest of the crew on the **Gina Ann** for a 312-pound Thresher
The tagging award of more than \$1,200 went to **Captain Mike Wasserman, angler Rob Michalowski** and the rest of the crew on the **Sorry Charlie**



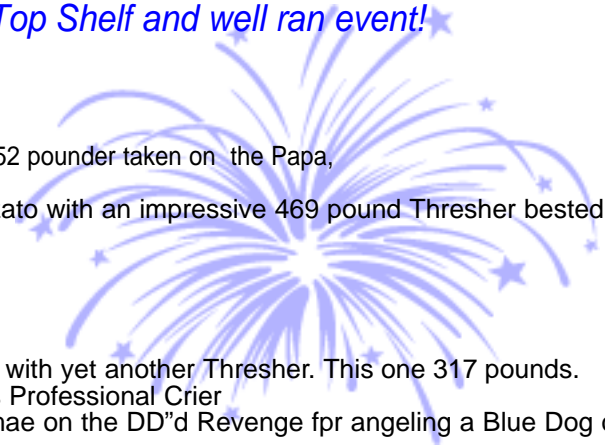
Woodcleft Fishing Station Mako & Thresher Tournament

3 More Threshers take the top slots!
First Place and \$17,000 (Calcutta included) went to the local boat, "**Slam**" Captained by **Tom Milici** with a **313 pound Thresher**.
Second Place and \$4,900 was awarded to another local boat, **Action Jackson** with a 310 pound whip tail. **Capt. Steve Ostouer** was at his helm for the harvest.
Honorable Mention to the F/Vs **Momentum** with a **304 Thresher** & the **Canyon Bound** with a **275 pound Thresher** brought to scale
For those who didn't visited WFS at the tournament's end, your missed out on a "Margaritaville" type setting with fun, celebrations and good times flowing!

"Congratulations Richie" on a Top Shelf and well ran event!

Wally Oakland Memorial Shark Tournament

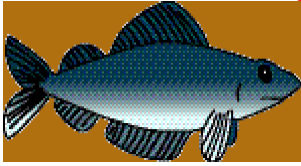
Mako Division taken by this seasons largest reported Mako, a 652 pounder taken on the Papa, with Michael Papajohn at the wheel
Thresher Division captured by Danny "Fish Unlimited" Azzato with an impressive 469 pound Thresher bested on his Born To Be Wild.



Montauk Marine Basin

First Place overall went to Charlie Repaci on his Freedom with yet another Thresher. This one 317 pounds.
First Place Blue Shark was hung by Steve Ronland on his Professional Crier
Women's Division was won and awarded to Gail Kunzeumae on the DD'd Revenge for angeling a Blue Dog of 215 pounds

CLUB AWARDS & DERBY DATES



Capt. Lawrence J. Festa F/V Kristen

The Following Derbies are in Progress/Starting This Month:

Spring Shark (125 lbs. min.).....May 29th ~ July 4th
Spring Bluefish (08 lbs.).....June 5th ~ July 4th
Spring Tuna (25 lbs. min.).....July 3rd ~ July 25th



The Following Spring Derby s Are Closed & The Winners are:

Spring Striped Bass (15 lbs. min.).....May 15th ~ June 13th
1st Place: Paul Hilton.....29.9 lb. Striped Bass
2nd Place: James Counts.....24.7 lb. Striped Bass
3rd Place: Anthony Iannaci.....20.8 lb. Striped Bass

Spring Weakfish (05 lbs. min.)May 22nd ~ June 20th
Sorry.....No Winners

Spring Fluke (02 lbs. min).....June 5th ~ June 27th
Winners to be announced at the August 2004 meeting

Notable Catches

Congratulations to Hal Berman for first tuna of the year @ 25.1 lbs. Bluefi caught on captain Howard's Aphis.

Hats off to John Gerrity for first Mako @ 147 lbs. of the year caught on the Kristen.

Dan Kahn for his keeper mako @ 167 caught on the Blue Marlin.

Arnold Fleisher with a 24.5 lbs. Amberjack....Charleston N.C.

John Weber Jr. Ill age 7 for a 4.68 lbs. Equalizer Fluke

Spring Rodeo Awards:

Any members who's children participated in the spring rodeo are asked to bring your junior anglers to our next meeting. They will be recognized and awarded FTC Rodeo Plaques.

Across The Bow & Up Next:

July 10 -11, Montauk Boatman's & Captain's Association Shark Tournament, Montauk, NY. For info call (613) 668-1051

July 10th, The 10th Annual Shad Creek "It's a Fluke Tournament" For Info Call (718) 474-5476

July 10th, Bay Shore Marina Shark Tournament, Bay Shore/Fire Island. For info call (631)665-1184

July 17th, 49th Annual South Shore Marlin & Tuna Club Marlin & Tuna Tournament. For info call (631) 957-2114

July 29th- August 1st, Babylon Tuna Club Invitational Tournament, Babylon, NY "New Format" Call For Details (631) 667-3196

July 31st, Old Mill Yacht Club Ladies Day Fluke Tournament, Howard Beach NY. For info call (718)835-0454

Aug 7th, Old Mill Yacht Club Fluke Tournament, Howard Beach, NY For Info Call (718) 835-0454

Aug 13th & 14th , Star Island Mako Mania Tournament, Montauk, NY For Info Call (631) 668-5052

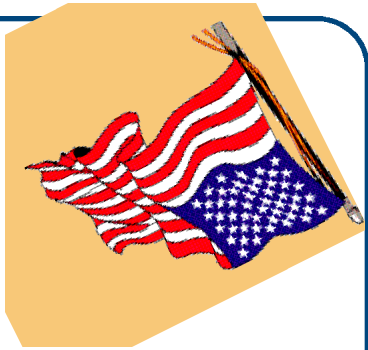
The Tournament Committee is currently contacting other clubs and looking at the opportunity to also organize & facilitate a shoot-out week-end event for late August. **Stay tuned!**

Please feel free to contact your committee heads with any of your crew's results. Additional Events, Dates & Results will be posted as they become available.

Remember to fly our FTC flags high and proud in all tournament and club events.

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- Dockage for 1-25'1-20-22 Located on Newbridge Creek, Bellmore See or call Tom Schwender 516-221-1821.
- 1989 22 ft. Galaxy, Needs work, w/ or w/out tandem trailer, Best Offer, Call Harry 516-285-0986
- 1984 Tiara Pursuit 27, cabin, stand up head, twin 220 crusaders, GPS, Depth finder, radio, out riggers, \$27,500 Also, 16 ft. heavy fiberglass dingy \$200. Call Michael 516-535-4085, embroidme@optonline.net