

Tuna Tower News

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NEXT GENERAL MEETING

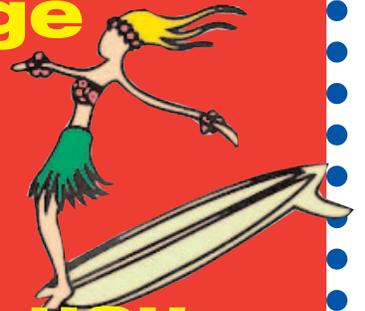
Thursday, July 13, at 8:00 pm

At The Property

Note Meeting Change at Property

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August 10th G/M

2nd Annual Hawaiian Luau



President's Message

Jim Rooney

I hope all of our members are enjoying this start to summer. I would like to start my message by wishing Theresa Morrogh a speedy recovery. We all miss you down at the dock, and we tried to clean the boat as well as you do, hope it passes inspection. I would also like to congratulate Bob Benzenberg on his 11 lbs. 3 oz fluke caught in the bay; nice job Bob. A Big thank you goes out to Christopher Bellinzi for his assistance and excellent boatmanship in our property survey, which was conducted last month, we are still awaiting the results. All members should know that JULY and AUGUST GENERAL MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE PROPERTY; NOT AT THE CHURCH!!!

The church is under renovation and is not available to us. July is a regular meeting and August is the second annual Hawaiian Luau. All members are asked to please start getting their raffle tickets money back in to Bob Benzenberg or Dave Massa. There are great prizes to win and the drawing is at our holiday party on December 10th. I am very proud to announce that the FTC has won the first three Shoot Outs of the year. I thank the many members who participated. It was a great showing with a lot of club pride. Talking of Shoot Outs, we

have a new event this year on July 14, 15, 16. We will be having a shark shoot out with Babylon Tuna Club, Hudson Anglers and Staten Island Fishing Club. This will be for Mako and Thresher only and 125 lbs minimum. At this time we are working very hard to make this an IGFA qualifying event for FTC members. More information on this event will be on the web site when we complete all necessary arrangements. I am looking forward to a good showing for this event to show all the other clubs who is the best. On Sunday, August 13 we will be holding our 3rd annual Zachs Bay Floatilla. This year we have a new group, the over night division starting on Saturday, 12 August they will meet up and stay all night. This is a great time for the whole family and I hope too see you all there. I like to wish all members and their families a happy and healthy 4th of July. Fish hard, stay safe and remember that participation is the key to a great club experience.



Jim Rooney
President

FISHING BULLETIN

Our 2006 summer season is in progress and our club members are taking advantage of it. Both inshore and offshore our membership has been "in tune" and the results have shown this. Firstly congratulations to the crews of the Oil Burner, 230 lb. Blue Shark, and the Vindictive, 214 lb. Mako, on their respective 4th and 5th place finishes in this years Hudson Anglers Tournament.



As the offshore crews prepared for the next weeks tournaments the weather decided that it did not want to do so and as luck would have it NOAA was not on the mark with that weekends forecast and many of us were left tied up to the dock. Although the lines of thunderstorms that swept through the area kept most of us at bay, the weekend came and went and all eyes pointed to the following weekend.

On the offshore scene, Capt. Larry Festa ran his Kristen during a not so nice mid week trip and was rewarded with a 100lb class mako. They reported heavy fog and seas all day long. With a forecast of subsiding seas for this past weekends rescheduled Woodleft Tournament, it went off as planned. Quite a few makos were brought back to the scales, our own John Gerrity and his crew of the Moon Child bested a 189lb. Mako as well as the Mickey Likes It with a 126lb specimen rounded out by the Kristen with a like twin to his earlier in the week caught fish. Our regular canyon commuter Wasabi continues to ply the shelf waters, prior to last weekend, a day troll produced 2YFT and 5 BFT with one legal size BFT taking the trip home below deck on ice. The Shark Hunter made a day canyon trip and had one BFT, released, and one yellowfin.

One the inshore scene congratulations are once again in order

FLUKE CALCUTTA

Ninety four members have joined the fluke Calcutta meaning the winner will pocket a cool \$940. So far there has been one entry and quite an entry at that. Bob Benzenberg is leading with an 11lb. 4 oz. fish! WOW. That one will be hard to beat; but not impossible. Some of you might have wondered if IGFA rules apply to Calcutta fish. The answer is no; we wanted the Calcutta to be FUN. The Calcutta is like a boat pool. Only three rules apply: 1- the fish must be free swimming when captured(that would also mean alive), 2- the fish must be caught with a hook, and 3- it must be the biggest fish caught. Now go out there and beat Bob!

SHOOT-OUT

Freeport Tuna Club beat the Hudson Anglers. Thank you to all the members who fished against the Hudson anglers . There are no results against the Matinecock club at his time but as soon as possible it will be posted on the web site. The time is closing in on the first ever Shark shoot-out so keep the weekend of July 14,15,16 open. Sean Libby and myself are work on the IGFA tournament to Cabo for the crew who are members of the Freeport Tuna Club who catch the heaviest shark.This will be discussed at the next GM.

but this time they go to the farther and son crew Mike and Ryan Sullivan. During a recent outing Ryan bested a 21.7lb. Striped Bass, however the feat was that this fish was caught on 2lb. test line. The fish is being submitted as an IGFA World Record. This fish was caught after many unsuccessful tries and further demonstrates the bond that is formed when a farther and son team are committed to fulfilling their dream.

Paul Hilton continues to slug away at the bass his most recent 38lb. fish was one of many that evening and the farther and son duo of Chris and Christopher Bellinzoni continue to pick away at the striped bass population.

Mike Wagner aboard his Mikes Mistress has reported fluke action on the tough side with lots and lots of dogfish on the fluke grounds, however with his crews perseverance they have managed good catches of fish. When they are not on the fluke grounds his crew has been doing very well with the bass locally.

As our summer season wears on lets hope that both our inshore and offshore action continue to progress and that the weather does not play against us.

Sincerely,

Harry Weinblatt
F/V Blue Marlin

Dogfish-Fisherman's Worst Friend

Can you believe that the spiny dogfish is actually a fishery regulated by NOAA fisheries!They are working on a stock assessment to aid in implementing commercial rules for the next three years. Because of its initial low stock assessment, and bag limits, the dogfish has quickly restored itself into an abundant nuisance fish. While the dogfish used to be a deep, cold-water fish, it is now found in shallow waters while fishing for fluke! As we all know they seem to be everywhere and interfere with most of our bottom and shark fishing. Including fluking. These fish eat virtually anything including the fry of many of our local fish. If you have comments about these fish and how they impact our fishing contact Dr Jose Montanez of NOAA fisheries at 302-674-2331 by July 31.

Virtual Lifeline

How often do we cruise at his speeds while our crewmembers are hanging in the cockpit?

We have all heard of friends disappearing off the transom without warning and possibly getting lost at sea.

Well, there is a new device that helps prevent this type of accident.

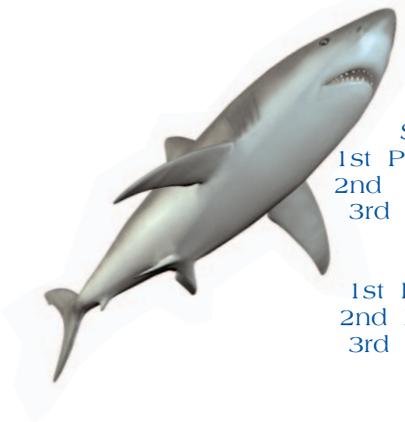
Crewmembers wear a wireless lanyard sensor that when submerged immediately sends a signal to the boat and shuts down the engine and sounds an alarm. The captain can bypass the alarm to start the engine for immediate rescue efforts.

Each VL unit consists of four sensors (about the size of a watch) and an ignition control module that is easily installed, usually in an hour or less. The sensors can be worn in a variety of ways, such as attached to a PFD or swim suit, to a belt loop, etc. VL is activated when anyone is ejected into the water.

For more info goto <http://www.powerboatsafety.com/>

JUNE 2006 DERBY, AWARDS & CONTEST REPORT

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



The following derbies are closed, Final Result are:
Striped Bass (15 lbs.).....May 13th ~ June 18th
1st Place: Peter Montana.....36.6 lbs F/V Sand Peddles
2nd Place: Captain Doug Toback.....34.6 lbs F/V Corazon
3rd Place: Paul Hilton.....33.0 lbs F/V Emily S

Seabass (02 lbs.).....April 22rd ~ June 4th
1st Place: Frank Saviano 4.96 lbs..... F/V Angry Annie
2nd Place: Captain Michael Zullo..... 4.5 lbs. F/V Magic Too
3rd Place: Mary Ellen Zullo..... 3.5 lbs F/V Magic Too

Weakfish (05 lbs.).....May 20th ~ June 25th
Sorry no winners

The following Derbies are in progress or starting this month:
Shark (125 lbs.).....June 3rd ~ July 16th
Bluefish (08 lbs.).....June 3rd ~ July 16th
Tuna (25 lbs.).....July 1st ~ August 5th
Mahi (04 lbs.).....July 1st ~ August 5th

The following derbies are closed, Results are Pending:
Fluke (02 lbs.).....June 3rd ~ July 9th
Deadline for weigh slips.....July 23, 2006

Derby News: All derbies are running well; the competition on all fish is extremely close so make sure to get your weigh slips in early and check with our committee team to make sure we have your results. The results are usually posted on our web site before the deadline closing and followed up with a second Final Results Posting. So please check in with the committee, it is your responsibility to make sure we have your winning slip.

Awards & Contest News: The new FTC weigh slips have been printed and are now available. The new slips have an additional caption which requires the angler of the fish to sign the card, which states:

All IGFA Rules Apply _____
angler signature

Any members who still have the old slips may use them, however, it is required that the above caption be added as an ink change. IFGA rules are available on our website and the IGFA'S website @:
www.igfa.org

Our Board of Director's reviewed the IFGA endorsement on all FTC Prizes during our June 2006 Board Meeting. Our club has always used IFGA rules for all club prizes and records. The only exception that our club allows goes back to 1975 in which the club approved wire line for club prizes and records. This is the only exception to IGFA rules.

On the use of treble hooks they are perfectly legal. So all you bunker spoon are fine.

Of course, treble hooks and bait combo is a BIG no no.



FTC invited to Babylon 50th Tournament

Babylon Tuna Club 50th Anniversary Tuna Tournament July 28, 29 & 30 -fish 2 days of three. On Thursday July 27 The Captain's Meeting is at the Town Dock at 7pm and Dinner follows 8 pm at the Venetian Yacht Club. Tournament gun off at day 430am for the day boats; overnight 5am. Weigh in 6pm.

- Entry Fee: \$1,500 for overnight category or \$300 for the day boat + extra \$100 for the bluefish.
- Day category is Mako or Thresher
- Blue and white marlin release overnight or day-trophy
- Special prizes for heaviest mako day or overnight \$1000, heaviest dolphin \$1000 day or night -
- Donated by Arnold Chevrolet
- Fish sales benefit the Assoc. for the Help of Retarded Children (AHRC).
- Live Music Saturday and Sunday all day.
- For info call (516) 660-1531 or 631-774-2361

EPIRB News

Now you don't have to spend upwards of \$800 to buy an EPIRB for the occasional use this season.

The BoatUS Foundation rents out EPIRBs weekly for \$55. Reservations are necessary to insure viability during peak boating season. All units are 406 Mhz beacons and not gps enabled.

Contact Boat US Foundation 88-66 EPIRB Mon-Friday. Renters fill out a detailed information form and are given to BoatUS. Dispatchers are on duty 24/7. In an emergency deployment they will relay boaters location information to rescue authorities.

The new 406mhz signal emits a more precise and accurate signal to passing satellites. The older 121 mhz models are being totally phased out in 2008.

While the older Mhz units are certainly useful, the newer units cost considerable more and need to have their batteries overhauled every 5 years. You may weigh the cost, but remember it only takes one time, one emergency to realize the performance value of the newer units.

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2006 Officers

James Rooney..... President

Chris Squeri.....1st Vice President

Joseph Jahn.....2nd Vice President

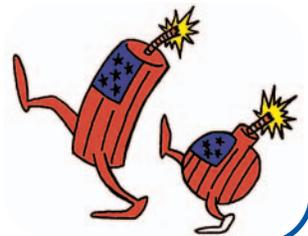
Mike Sullivan Treasurer

Chris Bellinzoni.....Secretary



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**3rd Annual
Zach's Bay
Floatilla**

**Sunday,
August 13th**

**over night division
starting on
Saturday, Aug. 12th**

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