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**NOTE
MEETING
PLACE
CHANGE**

**CAPT JOHN RAGUSO WILL GIVE A VISUAL PRESENTATION
ON THE "NEW" OFFSHORE CANYONS ALONG WITH IMPROVED
DETAILS AND CONTOURS OF EXISTING LOCAL 100 FATHOM
FAVORITE SPOTS.**

President's Message

Jim Rooney

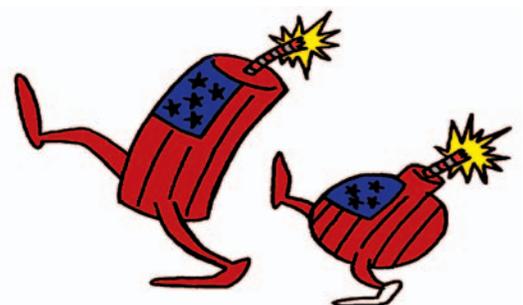
July is here and there are plenty of club events left to participate in over the summer. First I would like to thank Joe Steiner and his whole cook crew for the great job they did on our spring rodeo; it was a good time for all. Congratulations go out to Mike Labosco and the crew of the "Mikey likes it" for second place in the Hudson Shark Tournament with a 320 Thresher shark. Congratulations also to first VP. Chris Squeri on his Marriage (good luck Chris). John Koenig landed a nice 140 lbs mako on the "Margarita Bill" during the Woodcliff tournament. The Mako put on a great show for the crew and it tasted good too. Our June clinic with John Raguso was rained out; so John will present his clinic in July, please keep an eye on the web site for further dates. On August 16th the club will be hosting a canyon seminar with Noreast magazine. This seminar will be similar to the shark clinic given by Larry Festa in May. This is a fund raising and recruitment event for the club. Details of this event will be posted on the web site. On August 19th the club will be holding the annual Zac's bay raft up. Once again there will be an overnight group meeting on Saturday August 18th

and the main party will be on Sunday the 19th. Remember to use the club channel 78A for raft up directions. A reminder that our August 9th GM is our annual luau and will be held at the property. Hawaiian attire requested. The Thursday night cook crew is looking for a few volunteers to help out. If you can lend a hand please contact Bob Pandey or myself for further information. That's about all for this month, stay safe and remember that participation is the key to a great club experience.



Jim Rooney

President



Our 2007 season is in progress and our club members are taking advantage of it. Firstly congratulations to the crews of the Mickey Likes It, 320 lb. Thresher Shark, and the Adventurer II, 254 lb. Thresher Shark, on their respective 2nd and 6th place finishes in this year's Hudson Anglers Tournament. A week earlier the crews of the Mickey Likes It and Oceanic fished the South Jersey Shark Tournament. From what I have been hearing, this is the tournament to fish. These two boats were flying the FTC flag proudly. The Oceanic was the first to draw blood with a 189 lb. Mako, The Mickey Likes It drew first blood on day two with a respectable 162 lb. Mako



On the offshore scene, The Annual Woodcleft Shark Tournament went off as planned. Looking to strike lighting twice the crew of the Mickey Likes It did not bring home the winner but the season's first mako, a 178 lb. specimen. Quite a few makos were brought back to the scales. The Moon Child bested a 140 lb. Mako as well as the Bunker Dunker, Blue Marlin and Margarita Bill which all reported similar sized makos. Lastly congrats to the crew of the Outline, they weighed in a respectable 260 lb. Thresher Shark. Another fine showing for the FTC. Our regular canyon commuter Wasabi continues to ply the shelf waters and has reported lackluster results for his efforts

On the inshore scene congratulations are in order for Dick Moreo and his crew, they recently fished the Molnar's Landing Fluke Tournament and took the top spot with a 9 lb. 12 oz. Fluke. 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 crew's perseverance they have managed good catches of fish fishing structure laden areas

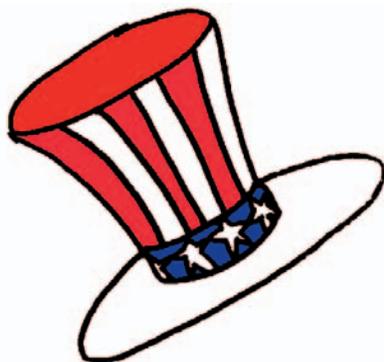
The seabass fishing still continues to produce quality action locally, however this action is off from the last two months.

Our striped bass fishery has slowed down tremendously. The local waters have warmed up and put the fish off of their feed. I still continue to get reports from a few members who are able to target them amongst the scattered schools of bunker that remain in our area.

As our summer season wears on let's 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



The Wind Farm of Long Island

is in more trouble. It was recently disclosed by FPL, one of the Wind farm partners, that the cost estimates have gone up drastically to an estimated \$697 or roughly double the \$356 winning bid in 2003. LIPA would still be committed to shoulder some of these increases even if FPL later decided to abandon the project.

The estimate increase has raised concerns with some politicians; including Babylon Supervisor, Steve Bellone, and us energy payers who worry that LIPA may try to pass these costs on to consumers despite assurances to the contrary. Seems that the list of issues gets longer with the project. Even the U.S. government Minerals Management Services which must approve the FPL application for construction to begin has put the draft Environmental Impact Statement on hold pending additional documentation from FPL. So, the debate, review, and deliberation continue as the project costs continue to escalate.

Fluke Calcutta

Fluke fishing is becoming more consistent as the summer matures. Dick Moreo's 9 lb. 12 oz. fluke caught on the Shinnecock based Cathy O during the Molnar's Annual Fluke Shootout leads the 2007 Calcutta. An 8 1/2 lb fish hit the deck of a local Freeport based boat for Joe Fanora. Other local sharpies report catches of quality fish coming from the vicinity of the local reefs and wrecks. All signs indicate it is going to be an interesting summer. There are 70 members entered in the 2007 Calcutta and there is still time to join. Contact Mike Sullivan.

L.I. East End Reef

On another DEC front, that agency has proposed an 850 acre reef on LI East End. The project is overseen by the Army Corps, which wants to increase the size of the Moriches and Shinnecock reef, and shore up older nearby reefs including the Hempstead Town, Fisherman, Fishing Line, and Fire Island artificial reefs. Our local anglers are all for this, but the commercial fishing community feels that increasing the acreage of these artificial reef will further reduce their fishing waters. Still others feel that there should be more studies done to assess the impact these reefs have on migratory species, and native marine creatures. Once again what appears to be a great idea from standpoint is a horrible one to the other!

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

STRIPED BASS:

1st Place: Jacqueline Toback.....42.60 lbs. F/V CORAZON
2nd Place: Paul Noto.....37.62 lbs. F/V ROCKET FISH
3rd Place: Paul Noto.....35.56 lbs. F/V ROCKET FISH

SEA BASS:

1st Place: Bob Hindenlang.....5.12 lbs. F/V TIN MAN
2nd Place: Mary Ellen Zullo.....4.20 lbs F/V MAGIC TOO
3rd Place: Michael Zullo.....3.90 lbs. F/V MAGIC TOO

Weakfish:

Sorry.....NO WINNERS
The following Derbies are in progress,
ending or starting this month:

Shark (125 lbs.).....June 2nd ~ July 15th
Bluefish (8lbs.).....June 2nd ~ July 15th
Tuna (20 lbs. new wt.).....July 7th ~ August 12th
Mahi (04 lbs.).....July 7th ~ August 12th

Awards & Contests:

I can officially announce that the award for first mako and tuna of the year has been achieved by Captain Mike Lobosco F/V "Mikey Likes It" with a 178 mako caught during the Woodcleft Tournament and a 57lb. bluefin caught on July 8, angler Grover Howell.
(now that's tough to beat)

Shoot Out

Shoot-Out and IGFA Qualification is next weekend July 13, 14, 15th. This event is both a shootout with other clubs, and a second event in which FTC boats and crews can compete and qualify for the IGFA Offshore Challenge Cabo San Lucas Invitational. A minimum of 10 boats is needed from our Club to be eligible. The largest mako or thresher shark caught by Club members will be eligible for next year's trip. While this is not a free trip, maybe we should find a sponsor to offer \$5000 prize to the winners of this for next year. Hey, wouldn't that be cool to be a rep for the FTC, and paid expenses to do so! Any deep FTC pockets out there for this? Hint. Hint. Sign up sheets at the next GM. Contact Sean Libby for more info 516-317-3635

51st Annual Babylon Invitational

The 51st Annual Babylon Invitational comes up at the end of the month. This 3 day, day and overnight event has lots of club members teaming up to make a strong showing in this local challenge. It kicks off Friday July 26 with a 7:30 captains meeting at the Venetian Yacht Club in Babylon. The Day category includes tuna, shark, bluefish, fluke, and marlin. Overnight category is tuna, and marlin with special mahi prize. \$2000 entry fee per boat. So, time to round up a crew, and partake in this last of the local summer's larger tournaments. Contact Ralph Perone at 516-860-9345. Applications will be available at the next GM, July 12.

Big Splash

Thanks to Vic Consiglio of Save the Great South Bay and Rob Weltner of Operation Splash for speaking at our last GM. Their mission is to provide a solution to the growing problem of waterfront pollution through public education and individual participation. Their insight into the condition of the quality of water in our area bays, and their commitment to improving it are worthy of our support. In fact, 17 FTC members ponyed up at the last GM to join SPLASH and help in this local and important cause. Why not take some time with your family to participate in one of their clean-up days. This could be a good school project for your kids, or simply a way for you to donate a fraction of your free time in nurturing your fishing environment. You can visit their website, contribute and become a supporting member. Go to www.operationsplash.net, or call 516-378-4770.

A note from your Editor

To all Members (B.O.D. and Committee Heads)
Your monthly bulletin is your best link of communication. Therefore I ask all to use it. If there is any information you wish to share with club members please do so by emailing to JJutt@mmpmk.com. It's your club and participation is greatly appreciated.
Thank you.
Capt. John J. Jutt

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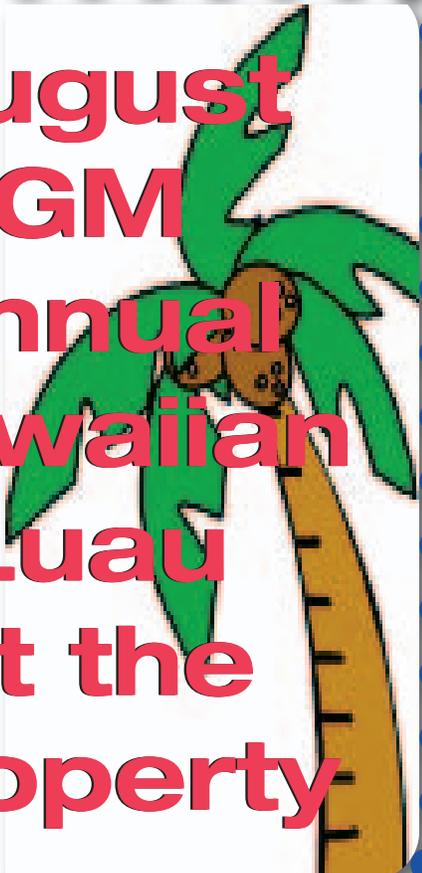


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