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(between Sunrise Highway and Merrick Road)

**John Nappo, owner of Trophy Tackle in Babylon,
comes to the
FTC for the July GM!**

see inside for details....

President's Message

Dear Members,

It is already July and we are past the half way mark of our year. I am delighted that for this July 4th our memorial plaque and flagpole have been officially blessed with a heart warming dedication ceremony that was performed at our Spring Rodeo.

I want to thank all of the Members who attended this event in a strong show of support and made it a hallmark event for our club. The dedication was well planned and moving as the committee gave great support in giving detail to the unveiling. Thank you, Jim Rooney, for putting together the choreography. It hit home to so many present. To the Gerrity's, who suited up for a very moving flag fold during the unveiling, we thank you. The Captain/Angler's Team put together an outstanding menu and Bill Morrogh did a great job with Awards for young & old.

Our key note speaker, County Legislator and FTC Member, Dave Denenberg did a wonderful job in covering the pride of our club and the significance of our memorial.

Most of all what truly capped off the event was Mike Sullivan's nephew, Chief Petty Officer James McCarthy, US Navy, who did a presentation of a beautiful memorial gift and closing remarks to end our ceremony, which took place on the 44th anniversary of the Normandy "D" Day Invasion.

The American Flag Gift, which was flown over Kabul, during Operation Enduring Freedom, has been mounted for display at our club's property. Chief, we thank you....

With June coming to a rapid close it was nice to see all of the Shark Tournaments going off with great success and exposure for our club. Cape May, FTC Captain Ralph Drewes, F/V Oceanic, Star Island, FTC Captain Anthony Testa, F/V Stefani Ann, Bay Shore, FTC Captain Bruce Forster, F/V Oh Reely. Lastly was our local stomping ground, the Hudson Angler's

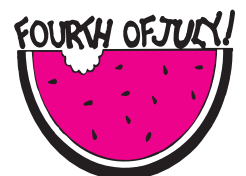
& Woodcleft Tournaments with just about every FTC Boat competing.

June also marks the achievement of some of our annual awards that can safely be announced. Congratulations to Captain Chris Gerhart, F/V Wasabi with 1st Tuna of the year, a 117 lb. Bluefin Tuna; Captain Bruce Forster, F/V Oh Reely with 1st Mako, at 155 lbs.

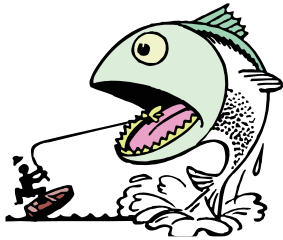
Just a final mention on some really nice personal angling achievements. Captain Paul Noto, personal best with a 170 Mako. Captain Chris Bellinzoni, first ever Thresher @ 253 lbs. & Captain Mike Murray with a Montauk Full Moon Striper @ 51.5 lbs. Personal best & largest striper for our club in over ten years! Lastly a nice 393 Thresher for Captain Harry, F/V Blue Marlin.

In closing, I thank all members for supporting our club by coming to our monthly meetings. These meetings are important for the growth of the club as we continue to build our future. All General Members may sponsor friends for a membership. Members are also encouraged to invite friends to our monthly General Meetings and Thursday Night BBQ so they can get a feel for what our club has to offer. See all at the next GM.

Captain Lawrence J. Festa
President 2010



FISHING BULLETIN



Fishing Report will be Live at Next GM
-Capt. Harry F/V Blue Marlin

Catch of the Month – THRESHER!

Our catch of the month goes to Chris Bellenzoni shown here with a nice 252 lb Thresher captured during the Hudson Anglers Tourney. This was the 4th heaviest shark brought to the scale. Chris hand fed the fish and fought it for 40 minutes. The all FTC crew had Mary Ellen Zullo wire the fish, husband Mike sunk the gaff, while Al Casciano ran the boat. Nice job All !

Our offshore season is now 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



President Larry Festa, Dave Denenberg and the Gerrity's proudly displayed the memorial gift presented to our club by Chief Petty Officer James McCarthy United States Navy

FLUKE CALCUTTA

Tony Testa still leads the 2010 Fluke Calcutta with an 8lb. 6oz. fish. There are 88 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 do so. See Mike Sullivan.

CAPTAIN & ANGLERS

So far this season we had only a couple of rain issues but we have been able to put on a great club event every week. C & A would like to thank Pete DiThomas for his excellent clinic (great job Pete). I would like to thank Bob Bohlert for the donation of his freezer and our new member Dennis for stepping up to participate in the C & A committee. If you have a specialty dish you wish to share with the club we would be happy to have you cook for the club. Contact Bob Pandy or Myself for details. Speaking or special dishes we will be having a Wing off this month between DR John Weber and Raffy Ortiz. This should not be missed who will be the FTC hot wing champ. Please keep an eye on the web site for dates. Thank you

Jim Rooney

CONSERVATION

The bill to rescind the Saltwater license in New York was passed in the State Senate 69 to 1. It is still in the assembly! What to do! Each person fishing on your boat is supposed to have his/ her license. I've been told unofficially if you are not in violation with short fish, out of season fish, or too many fish you probably would not be summoned.

As the boat owner, I probably would have the license to cover myself. This shows intent to comply when you invite people to fish with you. This is only my opinion. I'd like to know what the individual club members are doing.

Sincerely,

Dennis M. Cataldo
Conservation Committee Chairman

ENTERTAINMENT

John Nappo, owner of Trophy Tackle in Babylon, comes to the FTC for the July GM! John is a 100 Ton Master Captain, Instructor of Maritime Science at Kingsborough College of Maritime Technology, and has spent 15 years as a deckhand, captain and owner of an off-shore lobster boat. His topic will be Long Range fishing tackle and techniques, including Spectra rigging, Standup rods and rail fishing. He will also cover West Coast techniques we can use to fight big fish from an anchored boat. Let's escape the heat, pack the house, and pick his brain!!

TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE

Chairman: Matt Errett

Committee Members: John Rooney

Many FTC boats fished the local LI Shark Tournaments the month of June, with plenty of action seen by most boats.

In the Freeport Hudson Anglers Tournament, congratulations go out to Chris Bellinzoni & his all FTC crew consisting of Al Casciano, Mike, & Mary Ellen Zullo. Chris ran deep and hand fed a 252 Thresher to capture 4th Place in the overall standings. With Chris on the rod, Al at the wheel, Mary Ellen wiring the fish, & Mike sticking the fish, the battle was over in 40 minutes. For the month of July we have South Jersey Mid-Atlantic Tuna Tournament July 14th through 17th.

Contact: (609) 884-2400

The Noreast BIG DOG SHOOTOUT is entering month two with no fish on the board yet.

Good luck to all!!!!



JULY 2010 DERBY AWARDS & CONTESTS REPORT

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We have At-A-Glance cards. See me at the Captain/Anglers or GM to get yours!
Our second Fluke derby begins on Saturday, July 3rd and runs through Tuesday, August 17th.
Good luck to everyone in the current derbies and get those Bluefish, Shark, Sea Bass and Weakfish slips in!
Don't forget to weigh your catch! Even if there's not a derby on there are plenty of Annual Awards up for grabs.
Congrats to angler John Payne and Captain Bruce Forster on the "Oh Reely" for taking 1st Mako of the year! Ditto to Chris Gerhart for taking 1st Tuna on the Wasabi!

OUR JULY DERBY WINNERS ARE:

Striped Bass

- 1st Place: Robert Porter..... 36.88 lbs F/V Shark III
- 2nd Place: Joe Leonardi..... 36.06 lbs F/V Rocket Fish
- 3rd Place: Robert Porter..... 31.88 lbs F/V Shark III

Fluke

- 1st Place: Tom Schwender.....5.34 lbs F/V Nauti Boyz
- 2nd Place: Bob Sabella.....5.13 lbs F/V Old Sam
- 3rd Place: Paul Pezar.....4.00 lbs F/V Super Spray



THE FOLLOWING DERBIES ARE IN PROGRESS OR STARTING THIS MONTH:

- Fluke (3.5 lbs.).....July 3rd ~ August 17th
- Tuna (20 lbs.).....July 3th ~ August 8th
- Mahi (4 lbs.).....July 3th ~ August 8th

Record Mako and Threshers

Sharking is in high gear in our local waters, congrats to all FTC members who have scored of late.

Some notable IGFA records for our target species:

Mako

All Tackle (M130)— 1221 lbs, Chatham Mass, USA 2001
lbs, Bay of Islands NZ, 1983

M 30 lb - 977 lbs, Botany Bay Australia 1995
Albarella Islands, Italy 1996

M 50 lb - 1080 lbs, Montauk NY, USA, 1979
of Islands, NZ, 1983

M 80 lb - 1075 lbs, Puerto Rico, Spain 1997
Tutukaka Isl, NZ, 1975

W 30 lb - 634 lbs, Port Stevens Australia, 1994
Hawaii USA, 1994

W 50 lb - 698 lbs, Redhead Australia, 1987
Montauk, NY USA, 1984

W 80 lb - 880 lbs, Bimini Bahamas, 1964
Tutukaka, NZ, 1964

**FTC Record - 483 lbs, Bob Porter, 1977
Capt. Larry Festa, 1995**

Thresher

All Tackle (M50) - 767

M 30 lb - 485 lbs,

M50 lb - 767 lbs, Bay

M 80 lb - 739 lbs,

W 30 lb - 302 lbs, Kona,

W 50 lb - 448 lbs,

W 80 lb - 802 lbs,

FTC Record - 600lbs,

The 1221 Mako was caught during the Oak Bluffs Tournament, setting the bar way up there for the IGFA record. The story of this incredible catch can be read online at <http://www.fishingmarthasvineyard.com/Story/index.html> .

A 952 lb Thresher was caught out of Kona, Hawaii in 2007 but did not qualify as an IGFA record since three anglers handled the rod. The IGFA record 767 Thresher may be vulnerable. Good Luck

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