

# Tuna Tower News

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## NEXT GENERAL MEETING

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**Thursday, August 12 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

## *NEXT GM - TUNA TROLLING*

*Father and Son team and crew f/v Lady E  
JEFF AND CHRIS SQUERI INVAIL TIME TESTED TECHNIQUES.  
PATTERNS/LURES/SPEED/WATER EDGES & MUCH MORE  
THESE GUYS ARE GOOD - DON'T MISS THIS!!*

## Presidents Message

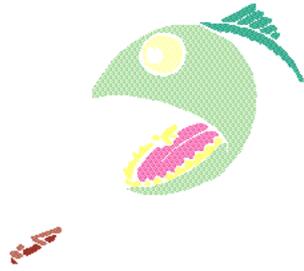
Scott Schafer

**Busy fishing and enjoying the beautiful weather. Hope you all are doing the same. See you at the next g/m.**

**Scott**

# FISHING BULLETIN

The beginning of July showing signs of an early canyon but ever this fishing has slowed up considerably as the fish have not yet come down and taken up residence on the offshore grounds. As the month of August draws close we can just hope that Mother Nature will allow the prime ingredients to continue to form and that this fishing will take on a more consistent pattern. Throughout the month of July we have had several days of easterly-south easterly winds. This direction of wind is conducive to carrying oxygen rich blue water inshore. This water type makes a very comfortable habitat for pelagic species. A fairly large patch of this water has replaced the dull green water that had previously taken up residence around the 20-fathom curve as our waters warmed up rapidly during the later part of June into early July.



Upon reviewing the off-shore temperature charts in early July, Captain Chris Squiere

Ran the "Lady E" 120 miles to meet a patch of blue water that was alive with yellowfin tuna. His crew boated 18, keeping their limit up to 75lbs. Also reacting to the same information club president Scott Schafer skipped his 50/50 to the same area catching 6 fish up to 75lbs as well.

Although tuna were not in my sights, acting on a tip from an "old-time friend" I ran my vessel to the West Side of the Hudson Canyon in mid-July accompanied by club members John Jutt and Paul Hilton for a little tilefish action. Drifting in the 450-foot depths with 4/0's and 50-lb. fireline resulted in 64 fish up to 12lbs.

Shark fishing, in our local waters, has fallen into its typical summertime pattern with an abundance of small makos in the 30-100 lb. range being caught. Lets practice our conservation measures and release these fish, under 100 lbs., so that they may grow up and spawn. During his maiden voyage, aboard his new vessel John Coleman and crew landed their first mako of the season a 193lb. specimen. The story is different from our eastern crew. During the early part of July, Captain Jim Krug aboard his vessel Persuader accompanied by his proven crew of Bobby and Jack and a friend bested a 591 lb. Thresher Shark. The large whiptail was taken after a prolonged four and a quarter hour battle, highlighted by several blistering runs that nearly spooled the reel several times.

There have been consistent reports from our inshore trollers

## GOOD AND WELFARE

Our condolences go out to Daniel Pollera and family on the recent loss of Danny's Dad. May he rest in peace.

Special thanks to Theresa Morrogh for giving the Tuna Club Bathroom a face lift. A new coat of paint goes a long way. Thanks again. (it's good to have a lady around the house)

## PROPERTY

Our property is in need of minor repairs! As in the past the FTC relies upon volunteer work from its members. Please contact Al Casiano (516) 523-6401 or John Gerrity (516) 967-9522. WE NEED YOUR HELP! IT'S YOUR PROPERTY, YOUR CLUB SO KEEP IT CLEAN!

reporting catches of school-sized bluefin tuna as well as mahi mahi and skipjack tuna. The action has been concentrated over a rather large body of water at the 20-fathom mark, start trolling with small lures and you might be rewarded for your efforts.

On the local front fluke has been fair at best, however if you are targeting a big one this past month many of our members have been scoring with fish that range in the 5-8lb class. Drifting around local wrecks or employing live bait have proven deadly on these larger fluke. During an early July outing club member Mike Sullivan landed as many as 75 fish, keeping their limit up to 8 1/2 lbs.

The local fishing for striped bass has been fairly consistent this year to date. We were rewarded with almost daily action on the bunker schools that spanned from Fire Island Inlet - East Rockaway Inlet. However our eastern crew tells a slightly larger story, to the tune of 51.3 lbs. This trophy bass was taken last week once again by Captain Jim Krug aboard his new downeaster "Persuader". What a way to christen a new boat. Congratulations on your trophy.

Bluefishing has been at its best as well. 17 Fathoms has been the hot area for the last month and the fish are showing no signs of letting up. Bunker Chum and cut bait are the ticket to cashing in on this action.

As the month of August wears on we can target a multitude of species, get out there and enjoy the action.

Sincerely,

Captain Harry Weinblatt  
F/V Blue Marlin

## FTC DOCKAGE WAITING LIST

In an effort to ensure fairness in managing the property waiting list, the Board of Directors adopted the following set of rules at its June meeting:

Rules for the "waiting list"

- The business manager will be the official keeper of the waiting list
- Any member wishing to be on the waiting list will post a \$100 deposit.
- The deposit is refundable at any time.
- The receipt of the deposit, by the business manager, will initiate placement on the list on a "first come first serve" basis[1].
- The member must designate, in writing, which type slip they want at the time that they give a deposit. Slips designations are:
  - width: 10,11,12,13,14 or any combination
  - Floating dock, non-floating dock or no preference.
- Slip designations must be in writing and may be revised at any time by notifying the business manager, in writing.
- When a slip becomes available that meets their requirements, the next person on the list will be asked to submit their boat for review by the Property Committee to determine its "sea worthiness." Vessels determined to be "not sea worthy" by the committee because they represent a risk to the club may be rejected.
- If a slip meeting the requirements is offered between November 1 and January 31, and it is refused, the \$100 deposit will be returned and the person's name will be removed from the list.
- If a slip meeting the requirements is offered between February 1 and October 31, and it is refused, it will be offered to the next person on the list. The person refusing the slip will remain on the list in their prior position.

If you wish to place a deposit for a spot on the waiting list, see Mike Sullivan.

# CLUB AWARDS & DERBY DATES



## Capt. Lawrence J. Festa F/V Kristen

July 2004 Derby Report

Awards Chairman: Captain Lawrence J. Festa F/V "KRISTEN"

Committee Team: Captain Chris Bellinzi, Captain Michael Zullo, Mary Ellen Zullo & Anthony Testa

The Following Derbies are in Progress/Starting This Month:

### Who says East is least?



Jim Krug  
51.3 Pounds  
Striped Bass

- Fall Weakfish (05 lbs.).....August 28th ~ September 26th
- Fall Fluke (02 lbs.).....July 24th ~ August 22nd
- Fall Tuna (25 lbs.).....August 28th ~ September 26th
- Green Bonito (06 lbs.).....August 28th ~ September 26th
- False Albacore (06 lbs.).....August 28th ~ September 26th

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

- Spring Shark (125 lbs. min.).....May 29th ~ July 4th  
Dan Kahn.....Mako ~ 168 Lbs. F/V Blue Marlin  
John Gerrity.....Mako ~ 147 Lbs. F/V Kristen  
Al Casciano.....Mako ~ 136 Lbs. F/V Four Bells
- Spring Bluefish ( 08 lbs.).....June 5th ~ July 4th  
Paul Hilton..... 11.68 Lb. Bluefish F/V Emily S  
Joe LoMonaco.....10.3 Lb. Bluefish F/V Twin Hearts
- Spring Tuna (25 lbs. min.).....July 3rd ~ July 25th  
Winners to be announced at the August 2004 General Meeting

### Notable Catches

Congratulations to Jim Krug & crew with a 591 Lb. Montuak Thresher  
and to ice the cake - with a 51.3 pound Striped Bass. Way to go Captain Jim and crew!  
Hats off to Kathleen Grippo with a 34 pound Striped Bass  
John Colman with a 190 largest mako to date.

## AUGUST

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	G/M Curé of Ars School	12	13
Zach's Bay Raft Up Picnic	15	16	17	B.O.D. MEETING	18	19
FLUKE ENDS	22	23	24	25	26	27
29	30	31				WEAKFISH ENDS TUNA, BONITA, FALSE ALBACORE STARTS



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James Rooney..... 2nd Vice President  
Mike Sullivan ..... Treasurer  
Jeff Squeri ..... Secretary

### 2004 Officers

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## SAFE RAFTUPS

1. Hail the raft-up on Channel 78 to find out what side to pull in on. Also inquire as whether you need to drop an anchor.
2. Have two lines on: the first on your bow cleat and the second on the stern cleat.
3. Have at least two fenders out: one at the stern and one forward of the mid-ship cleat. The person on the bow waiting for the boat coming in should have a life jacket on and should have a fender in hand so they don't use their hands or feet to fend off the incoming boat. Please follow the rules so we can have a great and safe time.

SAVE THE DATE  
SUNDAY PICNIC 8/15  
ZACH'S BAY FLOATILLA  
EXTRAVAGANZA  
STAY TUNED FOR INFO  
516-679-0425 JIM ROONEY

## CLASSIFIED:

ANYCLASSIFIED LISTING FOR SALE OR TRADE PLEASE MAIL TO:  
FTC CLASSIFIED/CATCH OF THE MONTH CORNER  
C/O JOHN JUTT

2848 WHALENECK DRIVE • MERRICK, NY 11566  
LISTINGS ARE FREE • FOR CLUB MEMBERS ONLY

For Sale

- New exciting offshore teasers. Looks like giant squid - lots of smoke. Reasonably priced. See Sy 546-1691
- 1993 23' Steiger craft new decks installed by steiger factory 2003. 1997 150 hp evinrude motor rebuilt 8/03 with 1 year transferable warrantee. full electronics extras everything in perfect condition. \$13,000 firm 868-9524
- Sears fiberglass car top boat "game fisher" lake use only. Would make great duck boat or dinghy. \$250 or best offer paul 379-6087
- 1968-02 28' Donzi sportsman everything new or rebuilt twin 440 chrysler 70 hrs. fresh Imron, arch, Bimini, ac.dc, panel gen available many spare parts! Over \$35,000 invested. New boat here. Best offer over \$25,000. Call Joe (917) 731-4466
- 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
- 12' Barneget Duck Boat by Aero Marine. Locking hard cover and spray shield, 15 h.p. Mariner w/ Sting Ray Jr., 3 yr. old trailer \$2,250.00 Call Ron 516-593-6560