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NEXT GM
THURSDAY, AUGUST 13 • 7:00 PM
AT PROPERTY
PLEASE NOTE MEETING PLACE CHANGE

DJ and Dancing!

5th Annual Hawaiian Luau
Prizes for Best Dressed
AT PROPERTY

President's Message

Dear Members,
I hope you all are enjoying your summer as much as I am. The Fluke fishing has not been all that great but the crabbing at the FTC dock has been outstanding.

The new flag pole looks great and I would like to thank John Gerrity and his committee for turning the flag pole project into a reality. Dr. John Weber has offered to replace the flags yearly at his cost for his lifetime in the club. A very noble offer that on behalf of the club we will gladly accept. Thanks John, an overwhelming effort went into this memorial project by all involved that again shows how great our club is.

The weather did not dampen our first FTC and Friends Dinner Dance on the Bay. The Captain did a great job keeping the boat tucked in Randall Bay most of the night allowing 80 plus people to eat, drink and dance the night away. The food was outstanding and Don & Willie kept the dance floor packed. Two thumbs up for Jim Rooney and Mat Cardone for setting up a most memorable first class evening. I had a great time as did all that hopped on for the ride. I would like to also thank Chris and Lisa Bellinzoni, Lisa custom made some beautiful jewelry for the raffle and Chris donated some boating supplies which made our raffle drawing a big success. In addition a big thanks to Al Grover's High & Dry Mariner and South Shore Marine Supply for their generous donations.

Come on down to our beautiful property and enjoy our annual Hawaiian night. There will be a special raffle thanks to Ralph Drewes. Ralph has donated 4\four of his New York Yankee Box

Seats to the club. Thanks Ralph, other entertainment is in the works to make this a can't miss GM.

With the Canyon season in full swing and the night bite ready to bust open any night now I would like to ask all of our Captains to be prudent with their weather windows. Like I've said before God forgives Mother Nature does not. Also, when crewing up give that new guy some consideration. Catch em up guys.

Many of you may have heard, My 28 Bertram Huntress has been sold. Tuna, Sharks, Bass and Fluke will no longer be her quarry. A gentleman from Minnesota will be splashing her in the fresh waters of Lake Superior. I've had many successful trips on her and I hope her new owner does too. Good by old girl, I would like to thank Mr. 4 Bellz and Al Grover's Marine for putting the deal together.

In closing, congratulations to our Senior Editor, Captain John Jutt on the acquisition of his new 43 Viking Express. May your ride always be dry and your fish holds always full. Good Luck John!!

Till Next Tide,
You're President
Joe Jahn



FISHING BULLETIN



The tuna, mahi, marlin bite has come alive!

Bluefin off New Jersey. Bigeye at the Hudson. Mahi all around canyon. Albies beginning to show, and the Blue Marlin are cruising the 100Sq. YFT from the Notch to the 100 line. It has come alive! Fluke fishing slowed down around our area, some seabass, and bluefish in the bays. Sharking all over the regular haunt but not in the size nor quality we expect.

Our fluking regulars, Bob Benzenberg, Tom Schwender, Bob Sabella, Dom Moreo, Bob Bruins, Joe Fanora, Bruce Forster, Tim Sherman have all been putting their time into a slow but occasional good fish. From South Cholera to Middle Grounds there have been a couple of nice fish. Bob Bruins pulled in a 7.4lb fluke; Doan Granger a 5.4lb sea bass and 5.9lb fluke.

Capt Barb Solomon was fishing on Pete Cefai's "Off the Hook" a couple of weeks ago and her husband, Jeff, live lined an awesome 45.14 lb striped bass. Nice going! It was caught between JI and FI.

Mike Sullivan has been fishing a lot more in Montauk this season and reported nice strippers to 30lbs with eels at night. His daughter, following in her brothers steps, picked a nice striper and is in contention for a world record. Michele fought and won her battle with a 17.1b 8oz striper on 2lb test. Way to go. Mom is probably pleased since she currently holds the record! According to Jim Krug, out East is hot with the best bassing all season. He has had lots of fish and many over the 40lb mark. Like Mike, fishing the rips with eels at night and live bait during the day. Fluking out there is inconsistent with too many shorts one day and quality fish the next. His son Bobby got a nice 96 lb mako . which was released. while fishing with Capt Harry last week.

Sharking has been good to several of our intrepid sharkers. Adam Bollaci and crew had a high hook Mako that dressed in at over 170 lbs which held 1st place in the Northeast tournament but was bumped by another fish a few pounds heavier. Nice try Adam. Sean Libby brought in the first mako of the season with a weight of 154. He says that no other sharks qualified for the derby. Late beginning to the season. He and Freedom had fun with some small hammerheads and makos on another trip. Rob Rosenberg and friends went out recently and had a good day with lots of action from blue to mako to duskie. Great action for them. Congrats to Paul Hilton for flukin up a thresher. Fun?

Bluefin action is hot 50 miles from Freeport. Throw anything at them; trolling lures, jigs, and chunks and they are there. Big mahi was aboard the Marlee's Pearl two weeks ago and they went 6/7 on nice 65lb class fish. This time all on the troll way, way, way back. Jim Hampton and friend hit the same area by the Glory Hole and quickly decked and lost over a dozen nice BFT. The action is great but so are the crowds.

But offshore is where the action has been. The pelagics have appeared with the recent eddy from the east bringing beautiful waters in the 78 degree range and the fish have followed. Guys are finding tuna yellowfin mixed in with nice fat 60lb class fish. Wasabi has been out for the past two weeks working the lower half of the Hudson bringing in lots of tuna, a couple of mahi, and a nice 6 foot blue marlin that was fought by Jeff, leaedered and released by Chris and Hank. Jim did a great job of fighting

and landing his share of beautiful YF during the day trip last weekend.

Ralph Drewes with crew of Mike, Brian, Ralph Sr and Larry did an overnigher last weekend Sun-Mon. The afternoon troll was slow. The evening produced some action but the real fun began early am when 4 bigeye crashed their spread. It was mayhem as 4 big fish carried on with the crew with lots of excitement. After all was said and done two pulled hooks; one broke off but Zullo successfully brought in the 182lb dressed bigeye! Great work guys.

Capt Gene of Somewhere in Time participated in the Babylon Tournament. Unfortunately the boat developed engine trouble as it neared the inlet and they were unable to weigh in their fish. Unfortunate twist in an otherwise decent day on the water.

Way up north off Massachusetts Rick Dillworth has been putting his time on finding the big bluefin. Unfortunately nothing big has happened yet but he will work the area through August. Good luck.

So, for those of you who are waiting to get out, now is the time. The bite has turned on, weather cooperating a bit, and barbecues and friends waiting for those steaks to be grilled.

Jeff"bigmahi"Yapalater.
Capt. Harry is off fishing—good luck!!

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AUGUST 2009 DERBY, AWARDS & CONTESTS REPORT

Awards Chairman: Captain Bill Morrogh
Committee Team: Captain Lawrence J. Festa
Captain Michael Zullo, MaryEllen Zullo

Congratulations to our August derby winners and good luck to all in the Tuna, Mahi and Fluke derbies. We have a lot of derbies opening up in August, keep those weigh slips coming!

Our August Derby Winners are:

Bluefish

1st Place: Joe Mangiapanello.....12.31 lbs F/V Crazy G
2nd Place: John Kampa.....10.44 lbs F/V Mary Etta
3rd Place: Adam Bollaci.....9.5 lbs F/V Hooker

Shark

No winners. Although FTC members tagged many sharks and boated some nice fish, none made the derby cutoff.

Annual Awards

If you're holding weigh slips please get them in to the committee ASAP! You've got to have a weigh slip to win.

THE FOLLOWING DERBIES ARE IN PROGRESS OR STARTING THIS MONTH:

Tuna (20 lbs.).....	July 4th ~ August 9th
Mahi (4 lbs.).....	July 4th ~ August 9th
Fluke (3.5lbs).....	July 3rd ~ August 17th
Weakfish (5lbs).....	August 22nd ~ October 4th
Mahi (4 lbs.).....	August 22nd ~ October 4th
False Albacore (6 lbs.).....	August 22nd ~ October 4th
Green Bonito (4 lbs.).....	August 22nd ~ October 4th
Tuna (20 lbs.).....	August 29th ~ October 4th

Fluke Calcutta

Where are all the big fish? Or should I say where are the keepers? Bob Powell has a commanding lead with his 9 lb. fish captured in Montauk on May 22. The season will run through August 17. There are a total of 86 members in the Calcutta. Good luck to all in the closing days of the 2009 season!

-Mike Sullivan

Yearbook Committee

I must apologize that the Yearbooks will not be ready for the August GM. We have encountered a set back that no one could foresee—a corrupted file. Your Yearbook Committee is taking every step to rectify the problem but we have to delay delivery of the yearbook a bit. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

-Mike Sullivan

PROPERTY

Property Committee: Chairman John Gerrity, Al Casciano, Bob Dimino, Don Granger
Financial Director Captain Larry Festa

The splendor of our property continues to grow. Our FTC Memorial Flagpole has been erected. The structure sits squarely on our property so as soon as our gate opens it is there to greet you. The project will be completed once our bronze memorial plaque, listing our veterans is installed. The unveiling date will be announced. We thank our committee leader John Gerrity for spearheading the project. We also thank John Weber for gathering the bios of our veterans and for the lifetime gift to our club to insure that our nation's flag and the flag of POWs will always be displayed.

I thank all of our members for helping in keeping our property clean and something to be proud of. Most recently the team of Don Granger, Joe Jahn, Bob Dimino, John Gerrity and Bill Morrogh for their recent grounds clean and weed removal project. Keeping our marina clean is a full time job, so to all keep up the good work.

In closing we will have a slip or two most likely available for next year. Anyone interested should contact me and get on our waiting list. On behalf of the FTC Property Committee it is our pleasure to serve the members and help bring our club together.

CONSERVATION

The last day of is 8/17/09. After that fluke may be legally caught in New York only on open and charter boats that have purchased permits through the government's RSA program.

Website

Website Report: Don Granger, Bill Morrogh, Theresa Morrogh, Christopher Bellinzoni (Jr)

The website committee would like to recognize and thank Theresa Morrogh for her continued support of the FTC website. Her efforts have helped to ensure our website provides timely information on all of our derbies, clinics, and special events. Be sure to check the homepage so you don't miss out on the next big announcement!

The Dinner Cruise Committee would like to thank all the members who braved the rain and participated in our first Dinner Cruise. It was a great time for all. I would like to thank John Dorm, John Jutt and especially Matt Cardone for their hard work organizing this event. A big thank you to Lisa Bellinzoni for her generous Jewelry Donation to the Raffle and her help obtaining the band Don and Willy (everyone loved the band). I also want to thank Chris Bellinzoni, Dante Grover and South Shore Marine Supply for their generous donations to the raffle.

Jim Rooney



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Fall Rodeo Sept. 25, 26, 27th

Weigh Slips to be submitted
by 4 pm, Species: Sea Bass, Striped Bass,
Bluefish, Tuna and Shark.
We will have a bake off with prizes for
winners, a DJ & a Bouncy for the kids.

FREEPORT TUNA CLUB
6th Annual Zach's Bay
FLOATILLA
Sunday, August 23rd
Overnighters will meet
Saturday, August 22nd
PLAN TO ATTEND
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781-4011

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