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NEXT GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, September 8th at 7:30 pm

Cure of Ars Church School Auditorium

Merrick Ave., Merrick

(South of Sunrise Highway between Sunrise Hwy. & Merrick Road)

" An Evening with The Man from NOAA "

Michael Wyllie

Meteorologist-in-Charge(MIC) of the National Weather Service(NWS)

Forecast Office in Upton, NY (Brookhaven Lab) OYX

An Informative Presentation with Q&A on Weather that Affects

All of Us out there on the Water.

"NOAA's National Weather Service Forecast Office at Upton, New York providing official forecasts and warnings for New York City, Long Island, the Lower Hudson Valley of New York, Northeastern New Jersey, Southern Connecticut and the surrounding coastal waters."

President's Message

Capt. John J. Jutt, Sr.

It was a great pleasure to see the enthusiasm of the club at our Hawaiian Luau General Meeting. This could not have been so successful without the help and participation of our Thursday night grill team. Special thanks to my first V.P. Jim Rooney, in helping to make this g.m. a great success. Congratulations to Bob Pandey for being awarded best Hawaiian costume. Special thanks to Capt. Harry Weinblatt for his informative seminar on "Chunking Tuna in the Deep" and to all club members who attended this very festive meeting.

Captain Jim Krug f/v Persuader along with two other members, Captain Michael Edelman and Captain Harry Weinblatt on their first place positioning in the Annual Mercury Montauk Grand Slam Tournament. These guys captured top honors in this two day event and were awarded a brand new boat, motor and trailer. Congratulations again - and from what I hear they're still out at Camp Krug deciding on who gets the boat, who gets the motor and who gets the trailer. Way to go guys!

Looking forward to September - the g.m. will have a presentation by Michael Willy. Mr. Willy is a Meteorologist in charge of the National Weather Service Bureau. This is the forecast that we hear over our VHF weather channel. I ask all the members to attend. This should be a very informative presentation.

In closing, as always, I thank my board members, committee heads, and general membership for their continued support. A message to all new members - Contact any committee heads and get involved.

Capt. John J. Jutt, Sr.

Also on this months calendar is our fall rodeo extravaganza. This event is about family, friends and fishing. The dates to mark your calendar are September 16, 17 and 18th. Trophies will be awarded to all the kids. I ask all to participate and attend this event.

"Remember that the happiest people are not those getting more, but those giving more."

Word is in that the East End Kid did it again! My personal congratulations to my friend and our past president,



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- 1984 Tiara Pursuit 27, cabin, stand up head, twin 220 crusaders, GPS, Depth finder, radio, out riggers, \$20, 000 Also, 16 ft. heavy fiberglass dingy \$200. Call Michael 516-535-4085, embroidme@optonline.net
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- WANTED - Mate on offshore & inshore trips - clean boat after trips - prep boat before trips -perform misc tasks during the week Contact: JEFF 516.377.2677
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- For Sale: Raymarine RL-9 marine radar 7" LCD screen 2kv antenna, spare display, power and antenna cable. Recently serviced and upgraded by Raymarine. Currently installed on my boat, can demonstrate. Best offer, John Weber 516-379-8935 eves.



FALL RODEO

FRIDAY, SATURDAY & SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 16, 17 and 18

AT
PROPERTY

7 Species:

FLUKE / BLUEFISH / STRIPED BASS / TUNA /
SEABASS / SHARK

All Club Minimum Weights Are In Effect
Trophys For All Kids. Giveaways and More

Weigh-In Slips at Property by 4:00 P.M. Sunday
BBQ at 5:00 P.M.

BAKE OFF FOR BEST DESSERT
DJ

RIDES FOR THE KIDS
C'mon down and enjoy

IT'S A GREAT FAMILY TIME AT
THE RANCH!! DONT MISS OUT!!

FISHING BULLETIN

Our fishing season is rapidly approaching the best time of the year in our areas waters. We can expect to see over the next several weeks a potpourri of species that we have or will encounter as the fall migration starts. Our weather will start to transform as winds from a more northerly direction signal that our areas water temperatures are on the decline. This is the time of the year when tropical storms or hurricanes can potentially threaten our area as well. Although we do not venture out in this type weather the significance is that the weather can be volatile especially when venturing far offshore. Be mindful of changing conditions and do not be afraid to change your plans or cut your trip short should you be faced with making a weather related decision. This extra vigilance is the most important quality of the responsible boat owner.



The blue water action is starting to pick up on the canyon scene. The action from Block to Toms has been consistent as long as the weather allows anglers to venture out. The action is still a split between trolling to chunking. Some days the troll bite is better other days, nothing on the troll and action only at night. As the season wears on we will see a shift to chunking both day and night. Our club members have reported yellowfin and longfin action both day and night as well as a sprinkling of swordfish, which are becoming a very prevalent species in our areas canyons. The above average water temps this year have also brought on White and Blue Marlin action. Some club members have reported encounters with both species. Congratulations are certainly in order for the crew of the Aphis skippered by Howard Berman. This past weekend

they tallied several yellowfin and longfin and the highlight of the trip was a 120lb swordfish, which was bested by Captain Larry Festa. The fish was caught on a very light 40lb standup rod. On the way home they stopped for some tilefish action and managed two dozen before the winds and seas chased them home.

Shark fishing has not started up yet due to the water temps surrounding our offshore waters still a little on the high side. Hopefully over the next several weeks the action will pick up as the waters start to cool down some. This is the time of the year when the fall migration starts. For those of us who are interested in this fishery this time of year brings in some of the seasons best.

On the inshore scene large fluke are still being caught off of Fire Island and reports from our local inlet say that anglers venturing to Cholera and surrounding areas can be rewarded with quality sized fish as well.

Bluefishing continues to been non-stop. A trip to Cholera, 17 Fathoms or to the Mud Buoy is all it takes to load up.



Striped Bass has been on the slow side as of late. Cooler waters are all that it is going to take for this fishery to pick up again.

Seabass has picked up and a drop on the right spot is all that is need to catch this species. The action has been concentrated around the 60-95 ft drops.

Sincerely,
Captain Harry Weinblatt
F/V Blue Marlin

CAPTAIN ANGLERS

Thanks to Scott Schaffer for the Fluke clinic it was informative as always. The GM at the property was a success with everyone having a ball (especially our president John Jutt and Bob Pandey looking very good in there coconuts). Thanks to the whole cook crew for the great job, the food was excellent.

Jim Rooney, 1st VP

PROPERTY

It is not too early to start thinking about winter storage for your boat. Members may store their boat at the property for \$10 a foot, \$225 minimum. In addition to an outstanding price, members gain the added benefit of maintaining their vessels free from demands dictated to them by a boat yard. In addition their vessel will be stored in a fenced yard with an electric gate with controlled access. If you want more information contact Mike Sullivan at ftc1937@optonline.net or 516-379-4373.

CLUB AWARDS & DERBY DATES



Capt. Lawrence J. Festa F/V Kristen

Awards Chairman: Captain Lawrence J. Festa

Committee Team: Captain Michael Zullo, Mary Ellen Zullo, Captain Chris Bellinzoni, Captain Chris Squeri, Joseph Jahn

The following derbies are in progress or starting this month:

Green Bonito (04 lbs.).....August 27th ~ September 25th
False Albacore (06 lbs.).....August 27th ~ September 25th
Fall Mahi (04 lbs.).....August 27th September 25th
Fall Seabass (02 lbs.).....September 24th ~ October 23rd
Fall Weakfish (05 lbs.).....August 27th ~ September 25th
Fall Shark (125 lbs.).....September 10th ~ October 16th
Fall Bluefish (08 lbs.).....September 3rd ~ October 2nd
Fall Fluke (02 lbs.).....September 3rd ~ October 2nd
Fall Tuna (25 lbs.).....September 3rd ~ October 9th

The following derbies are closed and the winners are:

Tuna (25 lbs.).....July 2nd ~ July 31st
1st Place: Jeffery Wapalater.....48.62 Longfin Albacore Tuna F/V Wasabi
2nd Place: Rafael Ortiz.....40.50 Yellowfin Tuna
3rd Place: Jeff Squeri.....34 Longfin Albacore Tuna F/V Camille

Mahi (04 lbs.).....July 2nd ~ July 31st
1st Place: Robert Rosenberg.....16.75 Mahi F/V Rolling Stone
2nd Place: Chris Gerhart.....16.68 Mahi F/V Mijilijo
3rd Place: Rafael Ortiz.....14.50 Mahi F/V Amanda Rose

Note: If you think you have a winning fish it is your responsibility to check with the awards committee prior to weigh slip deadlines which are always two weeks after each derby closes. You must keep the white weigh master stamped copy for your records and the buff goes to the committee also with weigh master stamp & signature. In closing please be informed our committee works very hard at keeping our contests easy to follow so all can compete. We have all dates and rule posted on our web site. The all new Awards & Contest Booklets 2005 is available plus our derby at a glance cards. Don't be left out, get the rules. No other club gives more awards than the FTC. Any comments or suggestion? Our committee would love to here them. Our changes come from the members. As Chairman our committee reviews your suggestions and recommendations go to our board for approval. No one acts alone; your committee works for you.....the members. Once again on behalf of your committee I thank you for allowing us the honor to serve the best fishing club in the world!

Fluke Calcutta

Mike's Mistress and the Puffin reported taking many respectable fish up to 8.5 lbs on the local reefs and wrecks. The first half of August saw fish up to 11lbs taken in the eastern tournaments off of Shinnecock. But for many of us, the summer catch has left much to be desired.

September usually means another shot at the larger fluke which eluded so many of us this summer. Ambrose should yield a few outsized monsters. Cholera and the deeper drops off the south shore also hold promise, if the dogfish cooperate.

There are 73 members signed up for the Calcutta. Scott Schafer leads with a 10 lbs. 1 oz. fish. Let's give him a run for his money.

MARK YOUR CALENDERS!

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October GM
Jennifer Bosch - Marine Scientist - Satellite Operations
Josh Kohut, Director - Center of Advanced & Sustained Technology. They are both from the Rutgers University Coastal Ocean Observation Lab in New Brunswick, NJ

Sun and Moon Affects on Fishing

For centuries, anglers have looked to the moon for favorable fishing. Methods have developed over the years and the the Solunar Table was developed in 1936 by Alden Knight to account for the effects of the moon and sun over fishing.

The theory here is that are "major" and "minor" periods of activity for fish every day that run like clockwork. According to Knight, the best "major" time to fish is when the moon is directly overhead, or "underfoot", meaning overhead on the opposite side of the world. The "minor" favorable times are periods just before the moon rises, or hours after is sets.

It is generally accepted that the period between the new moon (when the moon is dark) and the full moon is optimal for catching fish. In one study, it was shown that 90% of catches occurred around a new moon!

Certain species are known to feed more actively during a full moon, such as Striped Bass, but other species such as Albacore appear to turn off during this period.

The moon revolves around the earth about every 29 days, and the Earth revolves Around the Sun, the distance-and pull-of the moon becomes greater and lesser during its four phases; full, last quarter, new and first quarter. (See tide table in newsletter for this month's dates)

Goto this link for fishing Solunar Tables
<http://www.in-fisherman.com/reference/solunar/calendars/>

In our real world, however, it certainly has been proven beyond a doubt that the best time for fishing is when we all can get out there!! Catch em up!

