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October Presentation:

Colors of the Sea

Exploring the Marine Life off the Coast of Long Island

Glenn Rankin - Navy SCUBA diver and avid Long Island diver/videographer. Suzanne Rankin spearfisher, Oceanography teacher, and diving coach.

Don't miss it!!

President's Message

Dear Members,

The cool breezes of fall are now here. Many of us are looking ahead to what we hope will be a great fall run. So far the Bluefin have been cooperating nicely and have been for a while now. Captain Harry has got the details. I would say this fishery is having a banner year compared to years past. It makes me wish I still had my Bertram to chase these fish, but, a new Huntress is in the works.

It's safe to say the fall Bass run will be get underway and none to soon. The second annual Grady White Owner's Tournament will be held once again in Kismet, Fire Island on Oct 10th. This is a very family orientated, no pressure tournament that's a lot of fun. See your Secretary, Chris Bellinzoni for more details. I'm looking forward to the three day weekend to get some fishing in and maybe win some \$\$\$\$ as we all have to pay for the new saltwater fishing license. The saltwater fishing community doe's not put enough money into the state coffers with the tens of millions of dollars in taxes on all the fuel, bait ,tackle, etc, etc that we buy every year, and now we have too pay for a license. I'm sure I'm not the only one to call foul on this one. Anyway, there is another tournament in Kismet at the end of the month. A small 50 boat tourney that's geared more to the sharpie, Details will be posted on our web page.

Still more fishing, The Bass, Blackfish Trip out of Orient Point on Oct 19th is sold out. See me to be on the waiting list. Those of you on the list are staying on the list without notification two weeks prior. See me to arrange some car pooling. I will post on our web page what time Captain Mike wants to leave. See you there.

Another Great job by our Rodeo Committee this past weekend. On behalf of the club, I would like to thank committee head Jim Rooney and all those that helped out. The food of course was awesome as was the company. Congratulations to Harry "Just Add Water" Schroder and his first mate for sweeping the rodeo prizes.

I would like to remind our members that winter storage at our property is by far the best deal in town. Get in touch with John Gerity ASAP if you wish to winter store on our property or in water this year. Space is going fast, so act now.

Best of luck to all of our FTC Hunters this fall heading out for some big game. Set aside some of your harvest for the FTC annual game dinner. Let Dave Massa or Bob Bensenberg know what you are preparing and send in some pic's to our webmaster so we can all see them!! We aint just tuna.

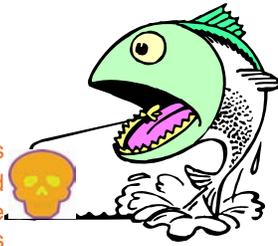
In closing I would like to wish a speedy recovery and a get well soon to past President Sill Mazzilli, The Bolhart family and Mike Wengren's Mom. Our prayers are with you.

Have a Happy Halloween and be safe out there

Till next tide,
Joe Jahn



FISHING BULLETIN



The month of September breezed past us as did many of the fishing days that we had planned for it. Mother Nature does not have any problem showing us who the real boss is. Now with the month of October upon us the opportunity is gradually diminishing for planning an offshore trip. With the days starting to grow shorter, the window of weather necessary to enable a safe transit to and from the grounds has not being on our side recently, leaving many offshore chariots and there diehard crews tied to the dock. Flexibility is the name of the game at this time of the year and an offshore window of weather is no more than 48 hours, due to the volatility of the ever changing NOAA weather forecasts. For those of us who have this option the rewards can be memories of a lifetime.

On the canyon scene, when the weather has allowed, our members have reported some excellent catches of yellowfin tuna with an occasional sprinkling of a swordfish and the ever abundant mahi. The warm water had been concentrated at the south east corner of the Hudson. Our regular canyon commuter Wasabi on a recent overnighter reported a few yellowfin tuna and some big mahi that tipped the scales in the low 20 lb class. On the same Sunday/Monday overnighter the Oceanic reported an excellent catch of yellow fin in the 30lb class, they kept their legal limit and released the rest. The day time trolling has been spotty at best and the better action has been at night on the chunk; concurrently employing jigs when the fish make their appearance on the scope. Taking up the slack of our lack luster canyon bite has been our bluefin tuna fishery. Over the last two months the fish have been concentrated from the western part of the Glory Hole to the southwestern part of the Chicken Canyon. Our member have reported excellent action with the largest fish in the 100 lb class. John Jutt ran his new Red Dawn Rising on a very blustery Saturday and reported three hookups and three fish boated keeping his legal limit and releasing the other. The action has slowed recently in these areas and reportedly made up as our traditional fall fishery has, around the offshore scallopers and draggers. A break in the weather allowed a handful of FTC members to recently untie their boats and venture offshore in search of the fall bluefin. A blown NOAA forecast made for some sporty conditions during the day and for the transit home however while persistently engaged in fishing the fish did cooperate. Paul Noto ran his Rocket Fish accompanied by FTC members and reported nine hookups and two legal fish boated. They called in the Wasabi who was also able to get in on the action. Once on the drift they also had six hookups keeping their legal limit and tagging and releasing the rest. This action was reported in the vicinity of the Bacardi. Further to the east Bruce Forester ran his Oh Reely southwest of the Coimbra wreck and reported one 60lb bluefin and the same sea conditions for his ride home as well.

Closer to shore our fall shark fishery has been overshadowed by the bluefin bite. Within the next few weeks this fishery will kick into gear as these monsters of the deep start making their migration back through our area. The action on these fall trips can be slow, however when the rod goes off get ready for a fish that can test the skills of the most seasoned offshore crews.

On the inshore scene, seabass have taken up the spotlight. Club members Bob Demeno, Paul Schuber teamed up recently for some excellent action on the areas local wrecks in twenty fathoms of water. With the opening of the blackfish season upon us Nick Nero and Peter Cefai along with his dad reported a limit catch of fish to 5lbs.

This fishery will continue to get better as the areas waters continue to cool down. Bluefish continue with reckless abandon and have done so for quite some time. From 17 Fathoms west to the Mud Buoy the action can be non stop. Chumming and bait fishing will get you a limit catch in short order.

Our passionate back bay anglers have also been making their mark. Pete DeThomas reported fifteen school size bass caught recently while casting with light spinning tackle. New club member Barbara Solomon has reported lots of action on her nearly daily evening fishing trips. A mix of bass and bluefish have been reported and a variety of fishing methods have been employed from clam chumming to casting plugs all of which have yielded success. Keep up the good work and keep the reports coming.

Sincerely,

Captain Harry Weinblatt
F/V Blue Marlin

PROPERTY

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

Thank you House Committee/Captain Anglers for closing our summer season with a Rodeo Event to be proud of. Despite the weather, you did a great job bring our members together, which is an art that we thank for.

Our property committee is gearing down for winter storage. Contracts are available to all members looking to land or water store their vessels at the FTC Property.

The cost this year for winter storage only is \$12.00 per foot with a \$275.00 minimum. Our marina can accommodate approximately 35 vessels on land, all of which is first come, first serve bases. In order to guarantee a winter spot you must be paid in full.

Any member requesting winter storage contract, kindly contact me @ captainlarry84@aol.com. I will e mail you out a contract.

Our summer contracts will be coming shortly. Our Marina can hold 31 vessels up to 36 feet. All with floating docks. The cost for 2010 will be \$ 85.00 per foot. We will have slips available for anyone requesting summer dockage. To do so, get on our waiting list. In addition to keep our marina full each season boat slips may require some movement. We thank our current tenants for understanding.

On behalf of the FTC Property Committee it is our pleasure to serve the members and help bring our club together.

Captain Larry Festa
1st V.P.



OCTOBER 2009 DERBY, AWARDS & CONTESTS REPORT

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

We're coming to the grand finale of the 2009 derby season and the action is HOT! The Weakfish, Mahi, False Albacore, Green Bonito and Tuna derbies closed on October 4th and will be awarded at the November GM. You have until 10/18 to get your weigh slips in to me for these derbies. Don't forget that a slip that might not win a derby may count for one of our annual awards. If you weigh it, send in the slip! I've been posting current weights on our website fishing report area if you want to track the progress of the derbies

-Bill Morrogh

DERBIES:

Seabass (2.5 lbs).....	September 19th ~ October 25th
Shark (125 lbs).....	September 19th ~ November 29th
Bluefish (8 lbs).....	September 19th ~ November 29th
Cod (6 lbs).....	October 3rd ~ December 13th
Striped Bass (15 lbs).....	October 10th ~ November 29th
Blackfish (3 lbs).....	October 17th ~ November 22nd

NEXT GM

Colors of the Sea

Exploring the Marine Life off the Coast of Long Island. Glenn Rankin began his career as a Navy SCUBA diver and has been a music teacher and avid Long Island diver/videographer for the past thirty years. Suzanne Rankin earned her Masters degree in Biology and Education and has been a spearfisher, Oceanography teacher, and diving coach. Together, their passion has inspired them to create the award winning video presentation, "Colors of the Sea," which explores the marine life off the coast of Long Island. The FTC is privileged to have secured a private showing by the creators of this fantasitic piece.
Don't miss it!!

GOOD & WELFARE

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We wish John Weber our front man at the gms. A speedy recovery on some recent health issues.

CAPT. & ANGLERS

Capt.& Anglers: A big thank you to Paul Hilton for the donation of his refrigerator; it will be a big help. We also want the members to know we appreciate their support and enthusiasm. We will continue cooking through the end of Oct. depending on the weather. Keep an eye on the web site for detailed info.

- Jim Rooney

FLUKE CALCUTTA

The BIG fish showed up just in time for the final week of the fluke season. Numerous fish over 9 lbs were weighed in the final moments including two over 10 lbs! Don Granger weighed in one weighing 11.2 lbs. making Don the winner of the 2009 Duke of Fluke Calcutta. Congratulations Don. You are \$860 richer.

-Mike Sullivan

YEARBOOK

We plan to distribute the yearbook at the November GM.

-Yearbook Committee

RODEO

Rodeo: I would like to thank the cook crew and the many volunteers who stepped up when I needed a hand for the fall rodeo. This is one of the reasons I believe this the Greatest club. Although the weather didn't cooperate 100% we did get a break long enough to eat, award prizes and share camaraderie. Thank you to all who attended. The Rodeo committee apologizes to our members in which the rodeo date conflicted with their holiday. We will be more careful in the future in planning the dates.

-Jim Rooney

SHOOTOUT

The Freeport Tuna Club vs Babylon Tuna Club Shoot-out for Tuna was close, but Freeport Tuna Club came out on top thanks to Matt Erret's 50 lb Bluefin and Bruce Forester's 40 lb Bluefin. This means that the Trophy stays where it belongs in Our club house. The next shoot-out is against SI Club for Stripers on October 30,31, and Nov 1. Thank you to all that fish the shoot-out and remember to weight all fish caught during the shoot-out even if you think it will not matter, it does.

Thank John Rooney



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