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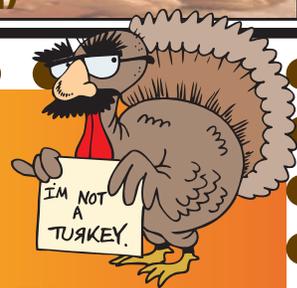
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President's Message

Dear members,

Our November General Meeting is one of our most important meetings of the year. This is when we vote for our Board of Directors. A very important right afforded to us by the great men and women who founded our club 72 years ago. I ask all of you to come out and vote. Your votes decide who will lead our club. I ask that when you vote you take into consideration that your candidates represent you and the direction you would like the club to go. But most importantly your candidates should have the intention someday to become an executive and take the helm of our club. Nominating Committee Chairman Jim Rooney will have all the candidates listed in this month's FTC Bulletin. Good luck to all.

Our resident Butcher Hank Janet will supply many birds for our annual turkey raffle to take place after the voting and General Meeting. Directors that have been elected will also be sworn in. I hope to see you all come down and support the future of your club.

The cold winds of November are starting to blow and for me and many of our members this means three things. In no particular order; Ducks, Bucks and Bass. Our "FTC Sharpies" have been doing well in the usual haunts along with some really good Blackfishing. Captain Harry Weinblatt has the details inside. I can't get up to Pennsylvania to stretch the strings on my bow but I will be there for opening day near the end of the month. Some of the best hunting is available right here in our local bays. November 25th is the opener for Duck Season. As always myself and fellow Black Diamond hunter Chris will be glad to take you along. See me or Chris "Four Bells" at the General Meeting for details.

Remember if you are operating a boat 23 foot in-length or smaller vessel, starting Nov 1st everyone on board must be wearing a PFD. while under way. This goes through until May 1st. I grabbed a couple of the fanny pack inflatable style PFDs. before the big rush to get a comfortable PFD. to wear with a heavy jacket. Good luck finding them now. When the waters get really cold you would be glad to have one on if you fell in the bay in December. Not a bad idea to have an inflatable type on at night when fishing in the canyons also.

I would like to thank the Property Committee and general member Pete Cefai for the great job spreading the new gravel down. It looks great.

I believe there is still some room for the greatest deal in town. Winter storage on

our property, see our property's financial director Captain Larry for more details.

As usual or should I say expected the Captain Anglers has done a fantastic job this season. The "Oktober Fest" was a great time and it was good to see so many past President's attend. I hope this becomes an annual ritual. Bob Pandey will be wrapping things up soon and putting away the grills so stay tuned for the upcoming last C&A BBQ of the year. And again Great Job Fellas,

Way to go both F/V's "Hooker", "Kristen" and their well trained crews. Kristen and crew drew first fall blood as Captain Larry put Bill Murrow on his biggest ever Mako, A 247lb trophy. Bill's glory was short and sweet as Captain Adam bested a very fine 327 Mako a week later! Captain Harry has the play by play inside .

Several members have already harvested some food for the annual game dinner. congratulations to Chris Bellinzoni on his first ever Bull Elk. ..yea baby. .And his first ever Prairie Goat /Pronghorn/Antelope what ever you want to call it. I say nice shot. congratulations to Dave Massa on his first of I=m sure many Long Island Bucks this year.

On behalf of the FTC my sincerest condolences to the Mangiapanello family on the passing of Joe's Mother, Anna.

Once again our prayers are with the Bolhart, Bellinzoni & Mazzilli families. Keep fighting the good fight. Our prayers and thoughts are with all of you.

In closing On Behalf of the FTC I would like to thank long term member and Director Bob Sabella for his years of service as a Director Member of our club. Bob has decided to say when, and not run for the seat he has held for so many years. The board won't be the same without you Bob, we all Thank You.

I wish everyone a very Happy and Healthy Thanksgiving. Be safe, Take care

Till Next Tide,
Joseph Jahn
President



FISHING BULLETIN



As the end of the 2009 season looms in front of us the last several weekends have been a blowout for most offshore fishing plans. Some club members braving the brief weather windows that made themselves available made the leap of faith, but for most of the time we were faced with flag starched wind conditions which kept the majority of the fleet tied to the dock. Our inshore fishery has started off nicely and should be a welcome reprieve to all club members who look forward to this time of the year.

A mid-October canyon trip aboard the Wasabi, reported a smallish yellowfin and an inundation of blue sharks at night along with a nice bull mahi. Prior to the return trip home, Chris made a decision that a few tilefish drifts were in order due to the lack of tuna. That paid off nicely as he and his crew were well rewarded with Dave Pincus nailing a 34lb. tilefish, 14 more mixed size fish were added to the fish box prior to returning home. For most of the FTC Fleet our canyon fishing has come to a close for this season. Party boats will continue to fish well into the month of November, however even these trips are being revisited as the lack of fish has not sent customers flocking to the rails of the party boats.

Our fall shark fishery spawned some life this year, after several outstanding mako's were brought in to Shinecock Inlet recently. Our resident shark expert Capt Larry Festa aboard his Kristen and his crew braved this past Sunday's early morning towering seas for a shot of his own trophy. Looking for the right bite they dropped in along the 20 fathom curve. Club member Bill Morrough was along side the rod when it went off, he quickly set up on the fish and 45 minutes later the fish was dispatched at boatside as the crew all acting in concert ceremoniously placed the flyer into the male fish. Back at the dock by 11:30 AM the fish weighed a very respectable 247 lbs..

Our fall blackfish season started off the season in a robust way. Our bottom fishing experts the, Magic Too, Tin Man, Emily S and the Sea Rogue have reported a nice showing of fish up to 9.0 lbs. Although typical for this time of the year are the multitude of small fish which typically make up the bulk of the catch, there are enough keepers to make it a worthwhile effort. The fishery looks promising and as the local waters continue to cool down, hopefully the quality of the fish should improve.

Our East End club members have reported an excellent fall fishery to date. Capt Jim Krug, aboard his Persuader has reported phenomenal fall blackfishing. His recent trips have been arm weary for his crew. Anthony Testa and Mike Sullivan have also reported decent bass fishing diamond jigging. Ralph Drewes took a busman's holiday recently and jumped aboard a friends charter. Along with a multitude of bass and bluefish a blackfish stop yielded non stop action and his 14.5 lb monster was the largest landed that day.

Our local striped bass have been cooperative. The local inlets have produced school sized fish clam chumming. Chris Bellinzoni aboard his Four Bells reported non stop action during a recent evenings outgoing tide. Capt. Barbara Solomon has been hard at it as well, her almost daily trips have started to begin bearing fruit as she and her crew reported decent bass action clam chumming as well.

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

Our property committee with Bob Dimino, Peter Cafai and John Gerrity did an excellent job at re-doing our property's blue stone yard. Their time and labor is most appreciated in keep our FTC Marina in pristine condition.

We thank John Weber for once again stepping up and keep our Nations Flag proudly flying along with a new state flag which John also donated to our property. Lastly we thank you for giving our worn American and POW/MIA flags a proper and respectful disposal.

Contracts are still 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. We currently have room for approximately ten more 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. Members are also once again reminded:

Shrink wrap or fitted covers only.

No major repairs without the Property Chairman's approval.

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

If any current summer member is not coming back for 2010 we would certainly appreciate and early heads up. It is our commitment to maintain a full marina. 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.

GOOD & WELFARE

Tony Testa's mom had a stroke. We wish her a speedy recovery. Our thoughts are with Bob Bohert's wife who has a surgery coming up. Sil Mazzilli is doing well. It is a slow but steady recovery.

YEARBOOK COMMITTEE

You've waited a long time for this, several years in fact. But now your wait is over! All members may pick up their Yearbook at the November GM Meeting. We believe that you will thoroughly enjoy this one as we all poured our hearts and souls into preparing it for you. We hope you agree.

Your Yearbook Committee, Mike Sullivan, Don Granger, Charlie Goldstein, John Jutt, Karen Libby, Tom Schwender

CAPTAIN ANGLERS

Capt. & Anglers: The committee would like to thank all the members who participated in our Oktoberfest, it was a great time for all. The last C & A meeting of the season will be on 11/19/09 depending on the weather keep an eye on the web-site for more details.

NOVEMBER 2009 DERBY, AWARDS & CONTESTS REPORT

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

We'll be recognizing plenty of derby winners this month. Some derbies, such as Weakfish and Green Bonito haven't had entries in some time. Others like Tuna were so close we needed to go to the tie breaker! Check out the list of open derbies and get out there and fish. You've got to be in it to win it!

Weakfish (5lbs)

John Payne (REEL PAYNE) 5.5lbs .

Mahi (4 lbs.)

Jeff Yapalater (WASABI) 20.31lbs

Chris Gerhart (WASABI) 20.13 lbs

Harry Pour (WASABI) 19.31 lbs

Green Bonito (4 lbs.)

Joe Mangiapanello (CRAZY G) 8.25 lbs

False Albacore (6 lbs.)

Ralph Drewes (OCEANIC) 15 lbs

Tony Bollaci (HOOKER) 12.46 lbs

Bob Hindenlang (BLUE MARLIN) 12.13 lbs

Tuna (20 lbs.)

Jim Meehan (WASABI) 104 lbs

Ralph Drewes (OCEANIC) 104 lbs

Rick Totten (HOOKER) 103 lbs

THE FOLLOWING DERBIES ARE CLOSED (December Award):

Sea Bass (2.5 lbs).....September 19th ~ October 25th

THE FOLLOWING DERBIES ARE IN PROGRESS:

Bluefish (8 lbs).....September 19th ~ November 29th

Shark (125 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 22rd

Conservation

A quick review of our fisheries: Porgies - Closed
 Sea Bass - Closed, Blackfish - open until 12/20
 Striped Bass - Open until 12/15

This is probably the first year I can remember when the only thing open after the Blackfish close on 12/20 will be LING. Oops! I almost left out the mackerel, bluefish and cod if you can find them. Remember to renew your salt water fishing license for January 1st.
 -Dennis Cataldo



FTC ON THE SEA



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ELECTIONS

THE NOMINATION COMMITTEE
 NOMINATES THE FOLLOWING SIX (6)
 MEMBERS FOR THE BOARD OF
 DIRECTORS:

Christopher Bellinzoni
Larry Festa
John Gerrity
Don Granger
Chris Squeri
Paul Schuber

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF THE
 FREEPORT TUNA CLUB HAVE MADE PROPER
 APPLICATION FOR ELECTION
 TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
 AND ENTERTAINED FROM THE FLOOR.

Woody Anderson
John Daum
Dr. John Weber Jr.
Kenneth Kapner

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