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At the January GM we will be swearing in our newly elected Officers and Board for 2010. Chris Squeri will start off the festivities by highlighting some FTC Milestones and Anniversaries, and our resident historian Bob Sabella will talk about our past a reminder of why we are the Best club on Long Island!!! Please come down and join the camaraderie!

President's Message

As your 2010 President, let me express my great appreciation to the General Membership and the Board of Directors for allowing me to lead our great club once again. My first term as President was ten years ago. I was truly honored then and I am once again honored today. In 2000, as President I had a vision of growth and team spirit. I would like to re-enforce that my vision is still as fresh and as passionate as it was in 2000. As a member for twenty-five years I'm truly honored to once again be your commander in chief.

As we start our new year I would like to commend our outgoing President Joseph Jahn and Long Term Secretary, Chris Bellinzoni, for their friendship and loyalty to all of us. Their leadership and wisdom is to be admired and they will truly be a tough act to follow. I would be remiss if I did not thank my wife Tricia for the strong family support in endorsing my decision to once again lead our club.

As I start my term as President, I'm very pleased at the great support that I have already received. We are starting 2010 with a strong and full board of directors and dedicated committee chairman and staffing to lead all of our twenty plus committees. Our executive staff is also one to be admired. Newly appointed 1st V.P. John Rooney, 2nd V.P. Bill Toohey, Secretary Bill Morrogh and second term Treasurer, Tim Sherman. As you can see, we are starting our year with strong leadership on all fronts.

Leadership is where it all starts. I'm urging all members to get involved in our committees' and help the club grow, not only in size but in friendship. Remember also that as General Members you are welcome to attend the FTC Board of

Directors Meetings which are held the 3rd Wednesday of every month. I encourage everyone to come and see how the club conducts business.

During the upcoming year I am looking forward to keeping our new marina state of the art and full. Our Property Committee is pro-active and is always looking for new members in their committees to assist in keeping our marina pristine. For 2010 I am also hoping to rekindle our special events and keep them going. Our game dinner, open clinics, rodeos, fishing trips, shootouts, calcuttas, yard sale, along with Captain Anglers Events are just a few items I am looking forward to along with any new ideas and events to keep our membership growing and strong.

In closing, I again thank outgoing President Joe Jahn and his team for leaving the house in good order. I also want to thank V.P. John Rooney and his Holiday Party Committee for a wonderful year end event. The presence of so many members, both old and new, at our holiday party help to bring our club together as we start the New Year.

Happy Holiday

Captain Lawrence J. Festa

President 2010

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FISHING BULLETIN

It is again with great pleasure that I will be responsible for the monthly fishing reports for the 2010 season. I encourage all members to contact me regarding their outstanding catches at the following e-mail address capharryweinblatt@yahoo.com. We are already into the new year, with scheduled events throughout the next two months, the month of March is just around the corner and so will begin the traditional commencement of our upcoming season in a new decade. So to get your mind off of the onset of cabin fever and help you cope for the next two months, I thought that it would be nice to recap the first half of our 2009 season in this bulletin and wrap up the second half in next months bulletin.

We had a lack luster start to our 2009 season unless you were on a codfish boat, and so started the "cod bite of the century" from the end of January for a solid two months the codfish settled upon a massive school of herring the took up residence in twenty fathoms of water south of Block Island. The results were unbelievable, although the fish were not giants most averaged 4-8lbs. Their were enough 12-15lbs fish that made it easy to settle the pool. Capt Scott Schafer aboard his Montauk based 50/50 made weekly trips when the weather allowed for limit catches. Dennis Cataldo reported a trip aboard a local Montauk Charterboat and a limit with the fish, reportedly a bit larger on that day up to the 20lb class.

The 2009 Winter Season was capped of by the annual trek of our FTC snow birds to their wintertime hibernating spot; Islamorada Florida. This year it was under full FTC attack as Club members Marvin Shapiro, Mike and Mary Ellen Zullo, Chris Bellinzoni, Larry Festa, Joe Fanora, Bobby Hindenlang, Mike Wagner, Bruce Forester and Richie Rosenkranz were present to fish both inshore and offshore. Besides happy hours and the most outrages sunsets at Lorilies Cabana Bar a variety of Snook, Mutton Snapper, Sheepshead, Spanish Mackerel, Cobia, Kingfish and Yellowtails were caught and released on a daily basis.

The month of March came in like a lion accompanied with lots of wind and rain it left like a lamb or as close to one as possible. I took advantage of a mild Saturday in March and hit several offshore wrecks the last stop producing an even dozen cod to 15lbs, a few pollack and quite a few baseball bat sized ling in 195 ft of water south east of Jones Inlet. Club members started to make their vessels ready for the upcoming season as the weather allowed and continued to moderate the later part of the month.

As the month of April came into view so did our local blackfish experts who fished feverishly right up until closing day. Mike Zullo and Bob Hindenlang reported excellent action with fish up to 12lbs. Paul Hilton reported that during a trip to the twenty fathom wrecks many smallish cod and seabass were caught. A stop inshore at the end of the day produced a limit of blackfish

for his cooler.

Our Annual FTC Cod Trip aboard the Viking Starship was another slam this year. The weather was absolutely phenomenal and although one had to work the rail to add fish to their coolers, Capt Steven Forsberg did not disappoint and once again it was FTC club comradery at its finest.

The month of April transitioned into May the fishing effort of our FTC members also started to intensify. Lower fuel prices helped that effort as our members were out and about making reports rather than waiting to hear about them. Our local striped bass action started with vengeance as Joe Mangiapanello was able to christen his new ride "Crazy G" along with club members Brian Dougherty and Tim Sherman. Chris Bellinzoni also skippered his "Kismet Joe" to some local hot spots for arm burning action on clam chummed striped bass. Our local bass fishing remained excellent this spring season due to the coolish weather which helped maintain the bay temperatures at a lower than normal temperature for well into the later spring season.

Seabass action was the best it had been in years and continued with reckless abandon along our local wrecks and reefs. Our fluke fishery opened and although it was non existent in the ocean it was red hot in the bay. Mike Wagner and Don Granger posted reports on some excellent trips they were having with fish up to 7.0 lbs hitting the scales. Out east the fluking was red hot as well, Anthony Testa along with his two boys reported a limit of fluke to 7.0 lbs as well.

Well it was an exciting start for sure. Stay tuned for the rest of the 2009 action which I will wrap up next month.

Sincerely,
Captain Harry Weinblatt
F/V Blue Marlin



Fisherman to March on Washington , DC

Recreational and commercial fishermen, support business owners, families, and community leaders will gather at the steps of our Nation's Capitol on February 24, 2010 from noon to 3 PM to show congress a united front of the impacts caused by the unintended impacts of the Magnuson Stevens Conservation and Management Act as revised effective January, 2007 (RMSA). The overly restrictive management requirements created by the RMSA based on non scientific arbitrary deadlines are forcing anglers off the water, eliminating commercial fishing, preventing consumers from purchasing locally caught fresh seafood, destroying small family businesses, increasing unemployment, and adversely affecting coastal communities. Buses leaving from Long Island are in the works, information will be posted on our web site as it becomes available.

January 2010 DERBY AWARDS & CONTESTS REPORT

Awards Chairman: Captain Bill Morrogh
Committee Team: Captain Michael Zullo, MaryEllen Zullo

These awards conclude the 2009 derby season. We're tallying the annual awards and club records for 2009 now! There are rumors of quality fish and weigh slips to come! If you're holding any weigh slips or copies of tags that are eligible for Annual award consideration please contact Bill Morrogh A.S.A.P.!

We have some great derby winners to top off the 2009 season!

Bob Porter swept the Bluefish derby (our second sweep of the year). Honorable mention for a great catch and sportsmanship goes out to Pete Groner on the Endless Summer II

who boated a 13 lb Blackfish (which beats the club record) with a non-member on the rod.

He also took 1st and 3rd in the Blackfish derby.

John Kampa put 2 winners in the Striped Bass derby.

The fall Shark derby was surprisingly competitive with great fish coming in on a weekly basis. It seems that the quality Shark window is shifting from June to November!

The awards to be handed out at the January GM are:

Blackfish: 1st Peter Groner 11.06 Endless Summer II
2nd Mike Zullo 9.88 Magic Too
3rd Peter Groner 8.69 Endless Summer II

Bluefish: 1st Robert Porter 13.98 Shark III
2nd Robert Porter 12.52 Shark III
3rd Robert Porter 12.28 Shark III

SWEEP!

Striped Bass: 1st John Kampa 33.50 Mary Etta
2nd John Kampa 19.25 Mary Etta
3rd John Gerrity 18.75 Moonchild

Shark: 1st Adam Bollaci 327lb Hooker
2nd Bill Morrogh 247lb Kristen
3rd Robert Jahnes 194lb Final Sealoution

Cod: No Winners

Property Report:

Property Chairman, John Gerrity

It's winter and we have had our first good snow fall. All is good at our property. Our summer dockage contracts have gone out in the mail. Please sign and return them with your deposit by January 10th 2010. If any one would like to be on our slip waiting list, please call Don Granger. Please be careful around the property if there is snow and ice present. Remember less than 90 days till spring.

Good & Welfare:

No news is good news!

If you have anything to report please contact Jeff Squeri at 516-652-5981 or email Jeff at JeffandLadye@hotmail.com.

January Fishing School, and Poveromo National Fishing Seminar

Saltwater Sportsman National Fishing Seminar, February 20th, St. John the Baptist High School Performance Arts Theater, 1170 Montauk Hwy. West Islip. Live-lining for trophy stripers; Chunking tricks for trophy striped bass and tuna;; Striped bass and bluefish on the flats; How and where to catch more and bigger fluke; Secrets for catching big blackfish; How to locate and set up on productive bottom (for blackfish, black sea bass, fluke and spot); Target and jigging for sea bass; How to find and use offshore temperature breaks to your advantage; Kite fishing for sharks and tuna; Advanced methods for bluefin and yellowfin tuna using tournament winning offshore trolling tactics for fishing the canyons! To Register call: 800-448-7360

Bulletin Committee:

John Jutt

I am pleased to report several changes in the bulletin committee for 2010. First, Jeff Yapalater will be moving on to new responsibilities. Since joining the committee Jeff's innovative contributions to the bulletin have been much appreciated. Please join me in thanking Jeff for all his dedicated work and wishing him the best with his new responsibilities. Second I am pleased to announce the addition of new members. Paul Hilton, the new co-editor will be joining the committee, Mike Sullivan is also joining and will be responsible for electronic distribution and receiving revenue for ads. In addition Chris Bellinzoni will also be collecting info and contributing to our newsletter!

Loran C. Shutdown:

On October 28th, 2009 President Obama signed the Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act directing the Coast Guard to discontinue Loran C not earlier than January 4th, 2010 once certain conditions were met. One of the major conditions was for the commandant of the Coast Guard to certify that termination of the Loran C signal "would not adversely impact the safety of maritime navigation". Commandant Thad Allen did just that on November 20th, 2009. In a November 30th "all hands" internal memo, Allen reportedly said plans were underway to execute the shutdown, and expressed his gratitude to all who had manned the system which came online in 1943. Current plans have the decommissioning to begin February 8th, 2010 extending through October 2010. If you have not converted your numbers you may be out of luck.



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