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President's Message

Dear Members,

Greetings,

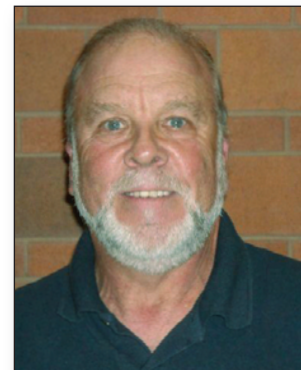
I'm hoping this message finds you and your family in good health and good spirits and looking forward to the 2013 fishing season as much as I am. After 31 years in the club it is now my turn to step up and be your president, just after hurricane Sandy hit us so hard, but not to worry because with all the hard working dedicated members and a dedicated executive board, we not only have a good club we will have a Great Club.

I would like to thank the Executive Board for stepping up and committing their time and expertise for the upcoming year. 1st V.P. Capt. Harry Weinblatt, 2nd V.P. Chris Scarpantonio, Secretary Capt. Bill Morrogh, and Treasurer John Daum and all the other Board Members. Without your care and input our club would not be all that it is.

With hurricane Sandy 2 months behind us and so much destruction and devastation many of us are rebuilding and trying to get our lives back on track. The Property is looking "Real Good" compared to how it was. Thanks to the direction of the Property committee Don Granger and John Garrity it was no problem getting the members to pull together and get the job done. The club is like family and works together in time of need. Peter Cefai showed up with his Bobcat picked up all the debris and leveled the gravel. Kevin Killelea came with his Dump truck and took many truckloads of debris to the town dump. So many committed members I can't thank you all enough for your hard work.

Since the week before Christmas the property now has electric thanks to Don Granger, Woody Anderson and Paul Schuber. The heating system is now working thanks to Rick Totten and Bob Sabella. The electric gate still needs repair and that should be done shortly. We are in the process of purchasing a new shed so that we can put everything from the clubhouse in it. Once that is done we will begin removing the paneling and the ceiling tiles and removing all of the mold. When that is done we will rebuild our clubhouse and Sandy will be a thing of the past.

On a personal note, I have been a member of this Great Club for 31 years. I joined the club in 1981 when I was sponsored by my neighbor Tom Schwender. For almost 15 years I came to the monthly meetings which were then at the Freeport Yacht Club and sat at the same table with Tom's friends whom have since become lifetime friends of my own. I thought it was only about fishing. I never got involved in all the club functions until about 20 years ago. I regret not getting involved earlier as I came to realize it is much more, it's about camaraderie and participating and being part of a group. I am having so much fun! Being part of the Capt. Anglers committee on Thursday nights and being on the Board has made me aware of how much more this club has to offer than just sitting at a table at the General Meeting once a month.



January begins with the New York National Boat Show Jan. 3rd to the 6th at the Javits Center. At our January meeting the new executive board will be sworn in by our county legislator and club member Dave Denenberg. Also Past President Chris Squeri and Bob Sabella will be speaking about our Club History which is a yearly tradition. In February, make some time for the New York Sportfishing Federation show and auction at the Freeport Rec. Center. I'm sure you'll find something there that Santa didn't bring you.

I'm looking forward to sharing a Great fishing season with you filled with Great fishing trips and plenty of Weigh slips.

*A woman who has never seen her husband fishing ..
Doesn't know what a patient man she married..*

~ President 2013 ~ Bob Pandey



FISHING REPORT:

Just as are fall fishery started to really heat up, along came "Sandy". Knocking out our fishery, property & some of our battlegions. But as our 2012 President, Bill Toohey so equivalently stated in his parting message: "We are a community and communities pull together". The FTC is on the rebuild!



OFFSHORE REPORTS:

HUDSON CANYON

Though mid December commercial druggers found the Bluefin Tuna in great numbers along our centennial shelve with the main body settling in on the East Elbow of the Hudson Canyon. With the quota still opened many sport boats & commercial "Rod & Reelers" got in on the insane bite of Bluefin Tuna. The fisher were all from 73" to 84" with weights anywhere from 150 to 600 lbs. The boats with general category permits were allowed three fish per trip! All boat that sailed hooked up and landed fish. The tuna were all chunked using 200 fluorocarbon line long with circle hooks. Most boats could only fish one rod, any more and you had double headers. According to sources the bluefins bite both night & day, which is odd as bluefin are not night feeders.

FALL SHARKING

This fishery was just starting to take-off but you know the rest of that story. The only shark reports were of those in the Hudson Canyon. A few Longfin Makos were hooked up and released. In addition on a Viking Starship Cod trip a few makos & poorbeagles of good size inhaled many of the 20 lb. cod as they came over the rail. Image makos on the Banks in December!

As far as next year goes if the government has its way shark fishing for recreational anglers may be on it was out. The new restriction will limit almost all recreationally caught sharks to have a minimum length of 8' from the snout tip to the tail fork. I thresher of that length come in at 500 lbs. A Mako of 8' at the fork will come in at 350 lbs. If you look at are club records over the last ten years only one shark caught made that new legal limit.

For more information here is a link:

http://www.washingtonpost.com/national/health-science/noaa-to-impose-new-limits-on-shark-fishing/2012/11/16/822fd196-2f3c-11e2-a30e-5ca76eeec857_story.html

Lastly if you want to shark or tuna fish as in years past you will need your NMFS Permit for 2013:

<http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/permits.htm>

<https://hmspermits.noaa.gov/PermitList.asp>

INSHORE REPORTS: BLACKFISHING:

Black fish closed December 8th. The season was pretty good for our winter heroes; Nick Nero & Peter Cafei who reported full limit catches on their drops. Reports of Fish up to 11.5 lbs. on local pieces were reported.

MONTAUK REPORTS:

On the Montauk scene Charlie Spring reported a very fine 4 man blackfish limit with Tog up to 8.5 lbs. on Captain Jimmy Krug's F/V Persuader.

That about wraps it up this report. If you had a good catch drop the Awards & Contest Committee a line we would to here about it and share it with our membership. [E-Mail: captainlarry84@aol.com](mailto:captainlarry84@aol.com).

Tight Lines

Captain Lawrence J. Festa

MEMBERSHIP

Membership renewal letters have been mailed out. If you do not receive one contact the membership committee at ftc1937@verizon.net.

Payment is due January 1, 2013. The dues are the same as 2012-\$225 for regular members and \$250 for family members.

~ Mike Sullivan

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BLACK SEA BASS TO RE-OPEN IN NEW YORK



On October 24th, 2012 the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) announced that the recreational black sea bass fishery would close indefinitely on November 1, 2012. This closure would apply to federal waters (3-200 miles from shore). The early closure was prompted by the release of recreational catch data that indicated the recreational harvest limit for black sea bass had been exceeded. In December, NMFS changed it's stance and voted to allow states the option to allow fishing during January and February, 2013.

New York's elected officials have decided to open the black sea bass fishery to recreational anglers for the months of January and February, 2013.

For anyone looking to beat cabin fever, fishing at this time of year usually involves a trip on a party boat to offshore wrecks in 30 fathoms of water or greater. The upside is that the average size of these offshore sea bass is large, with fish over 5 pounds quite common. Throw in some bonus cod and the coolers can fill up quickly.

The IGFA all tackle record stands at 10 lb. 4oz. caught in 2000 out of Virginia Beach, Va. The New York State record is 9.0 lbs., the FTC record of 7.0 lbs. was caught by Capt. John Jutt in 2005.

~ Paul Hilton / Emily S

GOOD AND WELFARE

Long time member Lou Stalker former owner of Charvin's Fishing Station (Wooleft Fishing) has passed. Our condolences to Mike Sullivan & Family on the passing of his mother-in-law. Dr. John Weber's wife Mary, is scheduled for surgery.

Have a Healthy & Happy New Year

~ Jeff Squeri

PROPERTY

Happy new year from the property committee. I would like to thank all those that helped get the property back in shape after Sandy. Water and electric are back on at the property. Front gate should be operational Electrically in a few weeks.

We will start working on the club house after the first of the year. If you are interested in helping us get the clubhouse back in order please email me at Property@FTC.com with your contact information.



January 2013 DERBY, AWARDS & CONTESTS REPORT

*Awards Chairman: Captain Bill Morrogh
Committee Team: Captain Larry Festa,
Captain Michael Zullo*

**WE HAVE THE FINAL DERBY WINNERS
TO TOP OFF THE 2012 SEASON!
THE AWARDS TO BE HANDED OUT
AT THE JANUARY GM ARE:**

Blackfish

1st	Nick Nero	4.88 Dolce Vita
2nd	Nick Nero	3.69 Dolce Vita
3rd	Nick Nero	3.63 Dolce Vita

Bluefish

1st	D.J. Toback	14.75 Corazon
2nd	Don Morin	14.50 Sea Quest

Shark

1st	Rick Hinners	148 Livin Large
2nd	Joe Steiner	137 Kristen

Striped Bass

1st	Ion Balan	29.80 Sand Pebble
2nd	Yukio Fujii	29.63 Sand Pebble
3rd	Paul Cunningham	25.06 Second Chance

There are also some stragglers waiting to be awarded. Come on down to the Jan GM and pick up your swag! Hank Jenet (Tuna), Doug Toback (Fluke), Nick Nero (Sea Bass), Bruce Forster (Striped Bass), Maryellen Zullo (Sea Bass), Artie Millan (Shark), Sean Libby (Bluefish).

LAST CALL FOR 2012 WEIGH SLIPS! IF YOU HAVE ANY WEIGH SLIPS THAT MIGHT CONTEND FOR AN ANNUAL AWARD, BRING THEM TO THE JANUARY GM ON 1/10/13. ALL SLIPS MUST BE IN THE HANDS OF THE COMMITTEE BY 1/14/2013!

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