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# Tuna Tower News

MAY 2022

CAPT. JOHN. J. JUTT, SR., EDITOR

**NEXT GM**

**THURSDAY, MAY 12**

**DOORS OPEN @ 7PM**

**FOOD SERVED AT 7:30**

**MEETING STARTS @ 8PM**

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## President's Message

May is upon us and people are getting their boats in the water. The yard is slowly clearing out.

We're having the yard sale in three weeks (Saturday, May 21) - if you're interested in getting a table, do it today! See the back cover of this issue for contact information and discounted rates for club members!

Bass and fluke are starting up - get out there and catch something! Looks like it's a great year of fishing shaping up.

Captains and Anglers Thursday night barbecues will be starting soon and this month we are going back to having our meetings at the Freeport Yacht Club, starting on Thursday the 13th. With our guest speaker talking about tuna, I'm hoping that everybody comes down to the general meeting and enjoys his advice on tuna fishing and the atmosphere of camaraderie.

Thank you, *Rick*



**Remember those who served. All gave some, some gave all.**

# Derbies, Awards & Contests

Awards Chairman: Ray Geiger | Committee: Bill Morrogh & Harry Sbaschnig

If you are holding any slips, please remember we must have them in hand no later than 14 days after the derby close in order to be eligible for derby awards. All slips that we receive figure into our annual awards, so if possible, get your fish weighed.

Please be aware there is a minimum weight requirement for all species. These weights and all FTC fishing regulations are available at: <http://ftcfishing.com/FTCFishingRules.htm>

The NYC DEC has finally updated their regulations and they are available at: [https://www.dec.ny.gov/docs/fish\\_marine\\_pdf/fishlimitsfish.pdf](https://www.dec.ny.gov/docs/fish_marine_pdf/fishlimitsfish.pdf)

*The following derbies are open and will be awarded at our June GM:*

**BLACKFISH (3 lb min) April 2nd – May 1st**

**COD (6 lb min) March 5th – May 1st**

**FLOUNDER (1.5 lb min) April 2nd – May 8th**

*The following derbies are now open:*

**STRIPED BASS (15 lb min) April 30th – June 5th**

**WEAKFISH (5 lb min) April 30th – June 12th**

**FLUKE (3.5 lb min) May 14th – July 4th**

**SHARK (125 lb min) May 14th – July 4th**

**BLUEFISH (8 lb min) May 14th – July 4th**

We will be posting updates and info in our Fishing Reports forum section on our website (<http://ftc-fishing.com>) as the season moves along. Remember, you must be a registered member of our site in order to view this section.

Best Fishes! *Ray Geiger*

# Membership

We are looking forward to the FTC flea market on May 21st, Gene locked in 30 Vendors for the event. It should be a great turnout so come down and take advantage of some good deals on fishing tackle and boat items!



Fishing season is here, So remember to send in your fish photos for the Instagram page!

If you need any further information or would like to volunteer for the membership committee, please contact: Chris Lombardo @ 516.270.0796

We are looking forward to an even more fulfilling membership year for 2022 - remember this is **YOUR** club!

Thank You,

*Chris Lombardo*

# Slip Available

As of now we have one slip open for the summer 2022 season.

All other slips are all paid in full except two that have to pay their second half.

If your planning to keep your trailer on the property please let me know (courtesy to summer dockage rentals only) Additional fee is \$175 for the summer.

Freezers are \$200 per season. Please put your name on the freezer, if you'd like I can do that for you - just give me a call!

After June 1, for boats staying on property grounds there will be an additional \$150 per month fee.

If you have any questions you can call me at 516-765-1555.

Thank you for your support!

Thanks, *Bob Dimino*

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# Entertainment

A huge thanks to Chris Bellinzi, father son team Capt. Harry Weinblatt and James Weinblatt, and Bob "Old Sam" Sabella for providing a stellar presentation of our Master Angler Series at our April meeting. I am constantly amazed by the depth of knowledge presented by our own members. Please thank them when you can. The different techniques and smallest details can be the difference between a good day and a slammer day. I hope everyone picked up a few nuggets, I certainly did!



On May 12, we will hear from renowned Captain John McMurray, owner and captain of the One More Cast fleet. Capt. McMurray has perfected inshore and offshore big game fishing in our local waters. He is a former Coasty, a conservationist, author, active in fisheries management and an outspoken promoter of our favorite past-time, Fishing! Come on out, bring a guest and learn from the best in the business. Thank you to Doug Toback for making this event possible.

Wishing you all tight lines and calm seas,

*Bruce C. Forster*

F/V Oh Yeah

# Fishing Committee

The committee members are working on a variety of issues but most pressing is providing recommendations to re-vamp our Derbies. Our goal is to make it easier and more rewarding to participate in Club competitive fishing. We are also focused on enhancing the social aspect of our club. To that end, President Rick has been seeking out additional live music for some of our CA evenings. Stay tuned for more updates on our progress.

Tight lines and calm seas,

*Bruce C. Forster*, F/V Oh Yeah

# Captains & Anglers

We are looking forward to the start our Thursday night barbecues. Please keep an eye on the website and Facebook for further information on Captain and Anglers Meetings.

As always the committee is looking for volunteers. Anyone intrested please contact Bob Pandy 516.781.4011 or Jim Rooney 516.850.6772

Thank you,

*Jim Rooney*

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## Striper Diaries

### EPISODE 37

WINDY...I cannot remember a spring this windy or cold in a long time. In fact, my boat is still on my trailer and its May 10!!! Typically, by now I would have driven up to Piermont Pier to cast blood worms into the Hudson River;

taken a trip hiking into the woods off Little Neck Bay casting paddle tails with jig heads; then hiked by foot into Jamaica Bay at dawn tossing bucktails and finally a voyage to Raritan Bay for striped bass. The word has gotten out that the New Jersey Raritan Bay bite has been very hot for weeks. Unfortunately, most people out of Jones Inlet have had limited weather windows to make the run. Fish in Raritan Bay are biting on the usual suspects - - mojos and flutter spoons with tons of slot fish being caught. Congrats to the few club members who made the trip and were rewarded with quality fish. With the price of fuel, let's hope those fish swim east and decide to feed and stay in our local waters.

The buzz around town is still last year's hot tuna bite. A big thanks to Harry and James Weinblatt for sharing their knowledge of tuna fishing at last month's meeting. They were kind enough to bring their gear and give detailed demonstrations on how to properly rig the line and even gave a lesson on harpooning. If we pray hard enough to the fish gods, those tuna may show up again in our backyards.

On the fluke front, changes were made to the regulations for the 2022 season. It may be small, but it helps. The season opened May 1, 2022 and closes October 9, 2022! That is a longer season than we have had in the past. Anglers can possess 4 fish with a minimum size of 18.5 inches. New Jersey had changes as well. The New Jersey season opened May 2, 2022 and closes September 27, 2022. Anglers can possess two fish @ 17-17.99 inches (less than 18) and one fish @ 18 inches or over. Sound confusing? It is! Catchem up!

Finally, I want to say a big thanks to Tom Leprine, his son Mike and to Rick Totten. The great thing about our club is the way we all help each other - whether it's fishing questions, or how to tie a rig or boat maintenance. I was blessed to have their help over these past few weeks with numerous boat repairs. Thanks guys! I really appreciate your knowledge and wisdom!! Stay safe.

Until my next adventure, Tight Lines.

*Capt. Barbara Solomon,*  
F/V Legal Limits

## Fishing Report

With the start of the bass season on April 15th there has been plenty of action down to the west in Raritan and off Sandy Hook. Fish have been responsive to those trolling and tossing lures. On the local front the bass are around in the back bays in good numbers and are readily taking soft plastics and other stick baits retrieved slowly.

Blackfish is now closed, fishing was slow but decent catches were put together with a nice mix of cod all on the local pieces.

For anyone making the trip the canyon has had a solid tilefish bite, with good numbers of school bluefin hitting tile rigs on the way up and down.

Fluke opened May 1st with 4 fish at 18½", fish are in the mud and lethargic but a few nice catches have been reported.

*Capt. Adam Bollaci*



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## THE THIRD ANNUAL FLUKE SHOOTOUT

### JULY 16, 2022

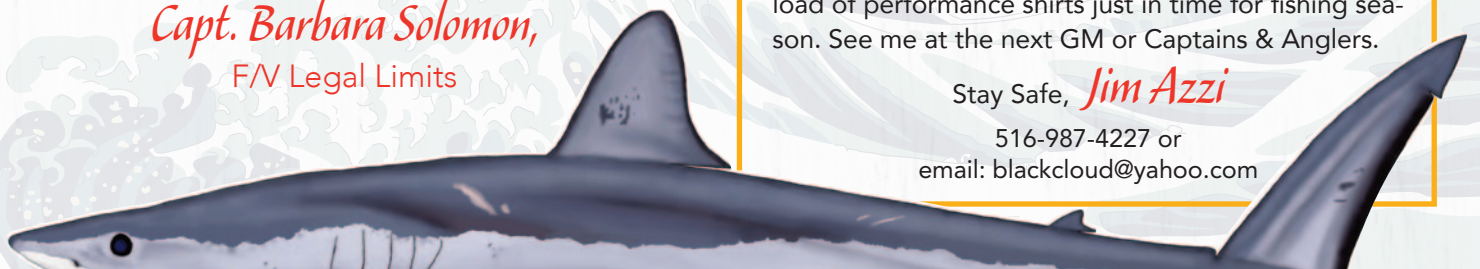
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