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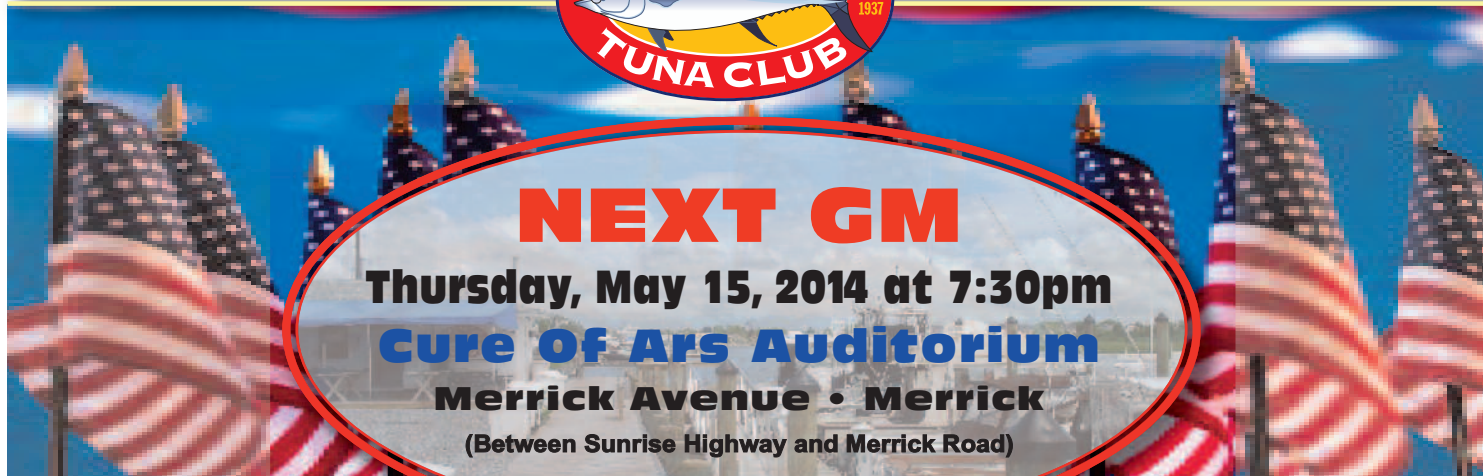
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**NEXT GM**  
**Thursday, May 15, 2014 at 7:30pm**  
**Cure Of Ars Auditorium**  
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**Paul McCain of River Bay Outfitters from right here in Oceanside. Paul specializes in fly fishing gear and techniques.**

## President's Message .....

The month of May is finally here and it seems to have brought some warmer weather with it!

A big thank you to Harry Weinblatt for putting together another Annual Freeport Tuna Club Cod trip which is scheduled for May 2nd through 4th, tight lines to call the members that are participating in this year's event.

Also coming up this month is the FTC Yard Sale that is scheduled for Saturday, May 17th (raindate Sunday, May 18th). If you are looking to sell some of your fishing, boating and for the first time ever... ..hunting gear, contact Al Casciano about getting a table for this event. By the way, the Captain Anglers crew will be on hand cooking breakfast and lunch for the crowd too!

Our entertainment for our May GM will be Paul McCain of River Bay Outfitters from right here in Oceanside. Paul specializes in fly fishing gear and techniques. Let's get together a great turnout for Paul and a warm FTC welcome.

Our Thursday evening Captain Angler BBQ's will be starting up this month with "opening day" to be

announced soon. Great food, cold drinks and fish tales to be told.

Just a reminder to those that might be interested, The Blue Angels are back this year for the New York Air Show at Jones Beach on May 24th and 25th, it's always a great show.

Have a happy and safe Memorial Day Weekend!

Chris Scarpantonio

President



# FISHING REPORT

## Stripers and Flounder Active to the West

To our west, making the headlines is the flounder and striped bass fishing occurring in Raritan Bay. Making the long run from Jones Inlet is hard to justify for two flounders per person, however, the charter boats are combining flounder and bass fishing. If you head that way and are prepared for both, the odds of putting together a decent catch are pretty good. Most of the bass are taken with clams on the hook and in the chum pot while anchored up but some are trolling Mann's Stretch plugs with good result. As the waters warm, the flounders generally move out from Raritan to the Roamer Shoal / Sandy Hook vicinity with the Coney Island Flats coming to life too. Reports of bluefish along the south Jersey shore mean things are about to break open. Once the bluefish arrive flounder will quickly depart. If you plan on getting in on the west end flounder I wouldn't wait too long, things can change very quickly.

Gerry Amtrano fished Jamaica Bay on a windy Sunday (4/27). With 20 anglers onboard, they managed 6 flounder that averaged 14" fishing the Broad Channel area. Jamaica Bay has come alive with bunker and the bass are right on them. If you make a run along the beach keep your eyes open for bird activity, some exceptional bass jigging opportunities can occur at this time of year, usually out in the 30-50 foot depths.

Fishing effort remains light in the Jones Inlet vicinity. Looking at some reports from the Captain Al it looks like ling are the most viable option with a very light sprinkling of cod and some blackfish (released) mixed in. Cod remain available on the 25-30 fathom wrecks and those well to our east. Ironically, some of the best cod reports on the coast are coming from the Voyager out of Pt Pleasant NJ. Hopefully, that will change soon with the annual FTC Cod trip on the Viking Starship scheduled for this coming weekend (May 2-4). Safe trip, looking forward to a good report from Capt Harry Weinblatt and crew !

I recently jumped on board Nick Nero's Dolce Vita to see if any local striped bass would respond to our clam bellies. We tried one back bay spot and one in Jones Inlet on the outgoing tide. No hits, no runoffs, no errors to report. Saw Kenny Kapner on his Reel Catch II with Woody Anderson. They fished for bass as well, same results. We spoke with Peter DiThomas who plugged the back bays, same results. Pete did hear of some small fish taken in Reynolds Channel. The water is still an unseasonable very cold 48 degrees.

I heard of a fluke caught locally. The May 17th opener is being anxiously awaited by many who look to take advantage of the relaxed regulations with a (hopefully) better keeper ratio in the back bays. Bunker have been reported along the beach in our area. The bass and blues

should not be far behind. The Captree fleet is picking away at flounder in the traditional bay spots. It will be interesting to see if a run of ocean flounder develops as it did last year at the Fire Island Reef.

Reports from Montauk are scarce as well but I'm sure many are itching to get off the dock. Once the season gets underway out there, I'm hopeful that some of our Montauk regulars can provide reports on what's happening. How about it ?

From warm, sunny Florida Don Granger passed along a nice report from Mike Wagner on his boat Islamorada Girl. Mike's girlfriend Karen successfully fought and landed her first sailfish on a trip with a crew of family and friends. Included in the catch were yellowtail, a big cobia, some kingfish and a few bonito. Trolling maybe not so bad, right Capt Mike ?

Even further south, my family and I enjoyed a vacation at Grand Cayman Island. We did not fish but certainly saw lots of them, enjoying snorkeling among 30-50 pound tarpon and large schools of bonefish, right from shore at Eden Rock located off of Georgetown. A trip to Sting Ray City is not to be missed, the picture says it all (yes it's real with stinger intact).



We ask as many members as possible to contribute to these reports so we can all share the experience of your fishing (or better yet catching) adventures.

Please email your reports to [philton@optonline.net](mailto:philton@optonline.net); or text/call me at 516.721.8907.

Don't forget to send pictures and catch detail for consideration by the Bulletin Committee for "Catch of the Month".

Sincerely,  
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1. June 4th – 7th Cape May, NJ 34th Annual South Jersey Shark Tournament
2. June 13th – 14th 28th Annual Star Island Shark Tournament
3. June 14th rain Date June 15th., Hudson Anglers Shark Tournament
4. June 21st, rain date June 22nd, Woodcleft Mako – Thresher Shark Tournament
5. June 28th, Pt Lookout Shark Tournament
6. June 28th, rain date June 29th, Moriches Anglers Shark Tournament
7. August 1st & 2nd – The 22nd Annual Star Island Mako & Thresher Tournament
8. August 17th – 22nd & 23rd Cape May Annual “The Mid-Atlantic” The richest Marlin & Tuna Tournament in the world.

Look to the ftc website for additional tournaments as the information becomes available.

*Good luck to all & be safe!!*

## Recycle Your Shrink-wrap

Hempstead Town Supervisor Kate Murray , Executive Director of the NY Marine Trades Association and FTC past President Chris Squeri, and the conservation group SPLASH, have announced a recycling program for the shrink wrap that covers many recreational boats during the off season. As the spring season starts, many Long Island boaters and marina staff will begin readying vessels for the warmer weather by shedding the plastic shrink wrap that is used to protect boats throughout the winter. The Sanitation Department's facility in Merrick, located at 1600 Merrick Road, will host a container to collect the shrink wrap. Commercial marinas and residential boat owners may deposit the plastic material between 8:00 AM and 3:30 PM Monday through Sunday (except town-observed holidays). Shrink wrap deposited for recycling must be clean, with all lumber, rope, nails and garbage removed from the plastic. All marina operators and recreational boat owners in the Town of Hempstead are

## Good & Welfare

Word is Bob Pandy and Dick Moreo are on the mend and recovering nicely . Hope all are well . Dr. John Weber and his wife Mary and will be celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary on 5/28, Mary and Johns son , John III was inducted into the Calhoun High School Chapter of the National Honor Society.

## Fluke Calcutta

The 2014 Fluke Calcutta will get underway on May 17th. Entry fee is \$10-- winner take all. Fish may be caught from any port during the regular NY fluke season. All fish must be alive and free swimming at the time it is caught with hook and line. We will be collecting at the May GM.

## Property Committee

WE HAVE SLIPS AVAILABLE!! Two new fingers were added to serve vessels with outboards. Anyone interested should contact me or Property Committee Chair John Gerrity.

The final payment deadline for summer leases was April 1st, so please get me you payment ASAP. My contact information is below if you need to discuss any lease issues. The old club house gate has been replaced with a fully functional new gate - another great job by the Property Committee. The FTC Yard Sale is May 17th. It would be great in we could get most of the boats stored for the winter off the property. Also note that shrink wrap cannot go in the FTC dumpster. Please take it home or recycle.

Please feel free to contact me with any property issues.

Alan J Evelyn

Property Manager

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The Cod Derby ended on 5/4. You have until Sunday, 5/18, to get weigh slips in. DON'T FORGET: Cod slips also figure in some annual awards so send them in even if you don't win the derby!

The Winter Flounder Derby ends on 5/18. You have until 6/1 to get slips in to the committee.

The Striped Bass Derby starts on 5/10 and ends on 6/15. The Weakfish Derby starts on Saturday, 5/10 and runs through 6/22.

The Fluke Derby starts on 5/24 and runs through 7/6. Shark and Bluefish start on 5/24 and both run through 7/6.

We hope to have our AT-A-GLANCE cards available at the May GM. These are wallet sized cards that list all of our derbies and their start and end dates. Put one in your wallet and one on your boat and you'll never miss a Derby!

*Good luck on the water! – Bill Morrogh*

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