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TUNA TOWER NEWS

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THURSDAY,
MAY 9
7:30 PM

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MASTER ANGLER SERIES

We will be working on back bay Bassin' with "Striper Stories" Barbara Solomon, tide and anchoring techniques for Sea Bass from sharpie Mike Zullo and a Fluke presentation by Ken Donowski.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I want to start out by thanking Rick Totten in advance for taking the helm at May's GM, I will be traveling to West Virginia to attend my daughter Sarah Bollaci's graduation from WVU. We are all so proud of her and all that she has accomplished in four years.

Well, May is here and the fishing has been heating faster than the weather. The striped bass have been red hot over in Raritan for anyone making the run, locally there has been plenty of schoolie sized fish around. At this month's GM Bruce Forster has ready our second installment of the FTC Master Anglers' Series. Thanks in advance to Ken Donowski, Barbara Solomon and Mike Zullo for sharing their local knowledge. Rumor has it Mike will be handing out some prized sea bass numbers!!!

Captains and Anglers' BBQs have started, and the property is gearing up for the summer season. Please stay tuned once we get more boats off the property Bob Sabella will call to order a yard clean up and volunteers will be needed. Just a reminder please do not put shrink wrap in the dumpster.

Rob Cincotta and his team will start with the big push to promote the FTC Fluke Shootout scheduled for July. We are looking forward to a successful tournament not only to promote the club but also give back to the community by donating to Hooks for Heroes. Please reach out to Rob if you are interested in helping in any way.

I would like to thank all the veterans of the club as Memorial Day approaches, thank you for the sacrifice you have made for your family and our Country. God Bless America.

Tight lines, *Capt. Adam Bollaci*



FLUKE CALCUTTA

The club will once again hold its annual Fluke Calcutta, this is the 14th year, which runs the entire NYS season. The fish may be caught anywhere, including out of state, during the NY fluke season. Rules are simple. All fish must be free swimming at the time of capture and they must be caught on a hook. No speared fish, no dragnetted fish, no store bought fish. Use as many hooks as you wish. And you must pay your entry fee before catching the fish. All club members are eligible.

Non-members are not.

Contact Charlie Goldstein or Mike Sullivan to enter.

DERBIES, AWARDS & CONTESTS

Awards Chairman: Ray Geiger
Committee: Bob Benzenberg,
Harry Sbaschnig & Bill Morrogh

• 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 in 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 following derbies are open and will be awarded at our June GM:

BLACKFISH (3 lb min)	March 30th – April 28th
COD (6 lb min)	March 9th – May 5th
FLOUNDER (1.5 lb min)	April 6th – May 12th



FLUKE SHOOTOUT JULY 20 2019

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STRIPED BASS (15 lb min)	May 4th – June 9th
WEAKFISH (5 lb min)	May 4th – June 16th
FLUKE (3.5 lb min)	May 18th – July 4th
SHARK (125 lb min)	May 18th – July 4th
BLUEFISH (8 lb min)	May 18th – July 4th

We will be posting updates and info in the Fishing Reports section on our website as the season progresses. Remember, you must be a registered member of our site in order to view this section.

Best Fishes! *Ray Geiger*

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

By the time you read this June 1st will only be a couple of weeks away, and all boats must be off the property by that date. Sounds like a broken record, but, the "I didn't know" excuse won't work. We will have the boat removed at the owner's expense. The ice machine is up and running and just a reminder it's one bucket per boat. The second machine donated by Joe Johns will be connected soon. The awning is up, thanks to all who helped. As the weather improves there will be considerable activity at the club. With boats being prepped for launch etc. **IT IS THE BOAT OWNERS RESPONSIBILITY TO CLEAN UP THE CRIBBING, CINDER BLOCKS, PAINT CANS, ROLLERS, TAPE AND SRINK WRAP FOR THEIR BOAT!!!** As we work to get our books in order, if you are in arrears with payments, don't fall into the "not in good standing" category by owing the club past due money. Yes, we are a club, but when it comes to the marina we are a business and as such must run as a business.

Bob Sabella Don Granger Charlie Goldstein

Your Property Committee

GOOD & WELFARE

No news is good news! Any good and welfare to report... please contact

Jeff Squeri 516-652-5981

SHOOT-OUTS

Another shootout season is upon us. We will be fishing against the Martinecock Rod and Gun club once again. The rules are the same, the three heaviest fish combined weight from each club will determine the winner. Our first shootout will be on June 7,8 and 9th for striped bass. Then on June 21,22 and 23 the target will be Fluke. On July 5,6 and 7th back to fluke. Our final shootout will be on November 8,9 and 10th for striped bass. Good luck and tight lines to all during the 2019 shootout season.

CAPTAINS & ANGLERS

We are officially open for the season!!! The committee would like to thank the members who turned out in questionable weather to volunteer to install the awning and set up the patio area, your participation is greatly appreciated. Looking forward to seeing all our members this season. Come down and check our FTC leader board, see how your fish stands up to the BIG BOARD! We encourage members to take advantage of the Captain and Anglers board (Captain and Anglers looking to fish together). Please keep an eye on the FTC Web page, Facebook page and Emails for any C&A weather cancelations.Tight lines

C and A Committee

RECREATIONAL SALTWATER FISHING LIMITS

SPECIES	MINIMUM SIZE (1)	DAILY POSSESSION LIMITS	OPEN SEASONS
WINTER FLOUNDER	12	2	April 1 - May 30
STRIPED BASS: marine waters (South of George Washington Bridge)	28	1	April 15 - Dec 15
SCUP (Porgy)	9	30	May 1 - Dec 31
SCUP (Porgy) (2) Anglers aboard licensed party/charter boats	9 9 9	30 45 30	May 1 - Aug 31 Sept 1 - Oct 31 Nov 1 - Dec 31
SUMMER FLOUNDER (Fluke) (3)	19	4	May 4 - Sept 30
BLACK SEA BASS	15	3 7	June 23 - Aug 31 Sept 1 - Dec 31
TAUTOG (Blackfish) Long Island Sound Region)	16	2 3	April 1 - April 30 Oct 11 - Dec 9
TAUTOG (Blackfish) (NY Bight Region)	16	2 4	April 1 - April 30 Oct 15- Dec 22
AMERICAN EEL	9	25 for individuals 50 for Anglers aboard licensed party/charter boats	All year
ATLANTIC COD (4)	22	10	All year
ATLANTIC MENHADEN	No size limit	100	All year
BLUEFISH (including "snappers")	No size limit for first 10 fish, 12" TL for the next 5	15 - No more than 10 of which shall be less than 12" TL	All year
COBIA	37	2	All year

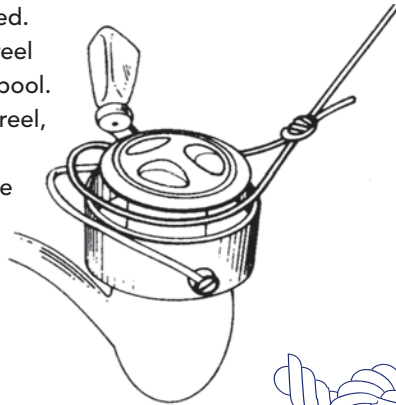
Effective June 20th, 2018

Know Your Knots

Snelling a Hook

Line to Reel Spool

1. Tie loop in end of line with Uni-knot; only three turns needed. With bail of spinning reel open, slip loop over spool. (With revolving spool reel, line must be passed around reel hub before tying the Uniknot.)



2. Pull on line to tighten loop.

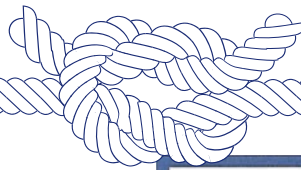
1. Thread line through hook eye about 6". Hold line against hook shank and form Uni-Knot circle.



2. Make 5 or 6 turns through loop and around line and shank as desired. Close knot by pulling on tag end of line.



3. Tighten by pulling standing line in one direction and hook in the other.



ENTERTAINMENT

APRIL We had quite the meeting with Equinor in April. The proposed Wind Farm Project scope is huge and will definitely affect the fishing although no one can say for sure if it will be positive or negative (or both!). As soon as I get some answers to our questions from their representative Steve, I will pass it along.

MAY at print time USCG aux will have been to the property on 5/2 for complimentary safe boat inspections. If you are still interested in an inspection, contact me and we will set up another date in June. May 9 is installment 2 for our Master Angler Series. Mike Zullo will speak about tides, current, and anchoring over your (definitely not his!) fav bottom pieces. He is the Master for sure. Barbara Solomon will be discussing backwater pitching soft and hard baits for striped Bass, very cool especially if you read her stories in our newsletter. Lastly, Ken Donowski will be discussing Fluke fishing. Kenny won the Fluke Calcutta and numerous awards last year and he doesn't own a boat! Most of his catches are on charter and party boats so pay attention!!

In **JUNE**, Bill Korbel, Senior Weatherman for News 12 will be speaking at our meeting.

Come down to the meetings and Captain and Anglers. Support your club, learn and share a tidbit or two. Contact me with any suggestion or comments or volunteer on my committee. Catch you later!

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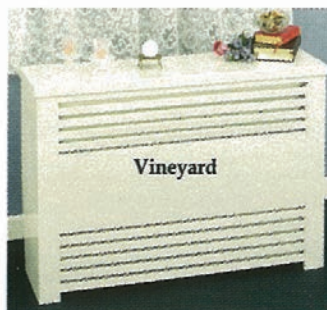
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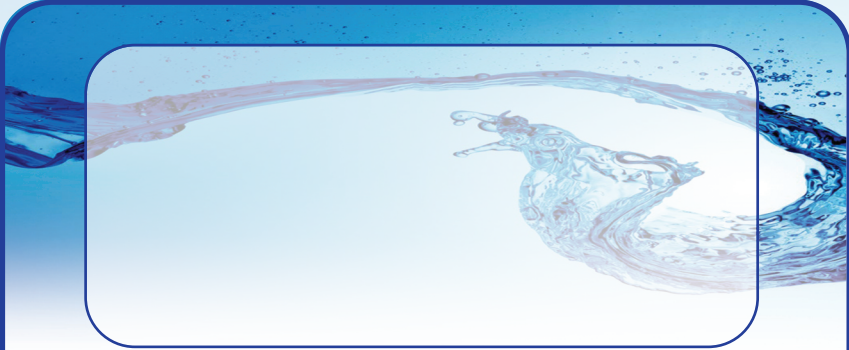
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Fishing Reports!

As previously announced, Paul Hilton, F/V Emily S. will be walking away from his keyboard to spend more time fishing. On behalf of myself and the Board of Directors, we thank Paul for his 5+ years of dedicated service to our great club in writing the fishing report. Thanks again Paul, your writing will be missed!

Our new contributor to our monthly bulletin, will be Ken Donowski. Ken is on the Board of Directors and is a very active member of our great club.

If you have anything to report of recent fishing trips, and would like it posted in the bulletin, please send that along with any photos you may want to add. **You can email Ken your reports at kenbase2006@icloud.com and please text him after you have sent your reports to verify receipt - he can be texted at 917-231-5699.**

Thanking all in advance for sharing your reports with our fellow members.

Capt John J. Jutt, Sr.

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