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President's Message

How am I doing? As I am already approaching the halfway mark of my presidency, I hope my approval ratings are better than Biden's. If you missed our May GM you missed Bob Sabella and Chris Squeri with our club's annual history lesson. There was a shoutout to all our lifetime members. We have come a long way since 1937.

Captains and anglers BBQ has started up and the property is gearing up for the summer season. Adam Bollaci will start the big push to promote the 4th annual FTC Fluke Shoot-out to be held July 15. Keep the date open. This is an important event and Adam welcomes all the assistance we can give him. Please step up and help make this another huge success.

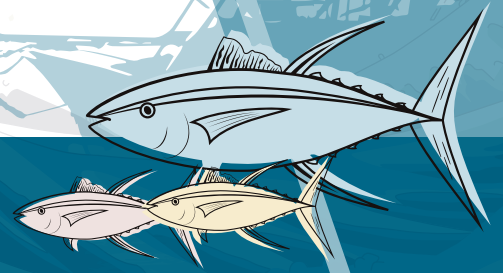
Special thanks dept: To Gene Shettini for running our annual yard sale and signing up some new members. To Bob Sabella and his crew for putting up our clubhouse awning and erecting our cook area overhead. To Bob Pandey for painting our clubhouse tables. To Anthony Alferi for taking the helm at the May BOD meeting. To Jim Rooney for looking out for our interests in relation to the proposed Wind Farm. To Ray Geiger who visited all our local Weigh stations where he inspected scales and dropped off weigh slips. Thanks to all our members behind the scene who make our club work. You are all appreciated. Until next month stay safe and catch em up.

Thank you,

Paul Cunningham



Happy Father's Day



Derbies, Awards & Contests

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



Congrats to everyone who managed to get their boats wet "early" this spring. We received some great slips and fish tales to go along with them. Once again, it was an exciting battle of mere ounces to the finish.

Please be aware there is a minimum weight requirement for all species. These weights and all FTC fishing regulations are available at: <https://www.ftcfishing.com/s/AnglingRulesForTheFreeportTunaClub-yh43.pdf>

The latest DEC marine fishing regulations are located at: https://www.dec.ny.gov/docs/fish_marine_pdf/fishlimits-fish.pdf

It is a good idea to open the DEC regs on you mobile phone and then download them locally to your device. This way if you are in a poor service area, you will be able to access them. If you need assistance doing so, I will channel my former IT guy persona and gladly give you a hand when you see me.

Reminder: We have received the 2023 "Fish-at-a-Glance" cards (thanks to the Morroghs and John Jutt) and they will be available at our June GM and our Thursday Captains & Anglers BBQs for your viewing pleasure. These cards list all the derby species, dates and minimum weights for the year. Don't leave the property without two: one for your wallet and one for your fishing vessel.

The following derby winners will be awarded at our June GM:

COD

1st Place: Peter Groner 6.53 lbs F/V Endless Summer II
2nd Place: Mike Zullo 6.20 lbs F/V Magic Too

FLOUNDER

1st Place: Steve Bassford 2.56 lbs F/V Manhattan Transfer

Note: No second place awarded, so that means the award will be "rolled over" to next year according to our newest provisional rules this year.

BLACKFISH

1st Place: Peter Groner 5.60 lbs F/V Endless Summer II
2nd Place: Mike Zullo 5.56 lbs F/V Magic Too

The following derbies are currently open, or will be closing soon:

STRIPED BASS (15 lb min) April 29th - June 4th

WEAKFISH (5 lb min) April 29th - June 11th

FLUKE (3.5 lb min) May 13th - July 4th

SHARK (125 lb min) May 13th - July 4th

BLUEFISH (8 lb min) May 13th - July 4th

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 eligible fully completed slips that we receive figure in our annual awards, so if possible, please get your fish weighed as long as it meets our minimum weight requirements. The list of our certified weigh stations appears on our website (ftcfishing.com) and below. Thanks to Rick Totten for accompanying me once again on our annual pilgrimage to check all sites for slips and certified scales.

Weigh Station	Location
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Bay Park	Oceanside
Causeway B&T	Wantagh
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We will be posting updates and info in the Fishing Reports forum section on our website (ftcfishing.com) as the season progresses. Remember, you must be a registered member of our forums in order to view this section. Good Luck To All!!!

Best Fishes ----

Ray Geiger

Captains & Anglers

The committee would like to thank all the members who have attended the barbecues.

Captains & Anglers is happy to announce upcoming live music at the club. June 15th "Trach 9 Duo" 7:30 pm and on July 27th the return of the "Southern Gun Band" 7:30 pm. A huge thank you to Bruce Forster for his efforts in arranging our entertainment. Please be reminded to keep an eye on the website, Facebook and emails for upcoming events and or weather cancellations.

Thank you, *Jim Rooney*



Striper Diaries EPISODE 47

CHASIN TAIL! What is our obsession with fishing? Is it the thrill of the hunt, or the sound of the reel screaming, or is it just the excitement of playing hooky from work. Maybe all of the above. As a child we spent every weekend fishing with my dad and Jack Silber a/k/a Jigsy. In those days everything was a keeper. I remember fishing in Reynolds Channel for fluke with the sun beaming down on my face enjoying the warm spring air. As an adult, I enjoy the simplicity of fishing and disconnecting from the world, and I am lucky to have a partner, who enjoys it as much as I do.



With opening day of fluke, we decided to switch gears and grab our light Centaur jigging rods. Light tackle is the way to go for back bay fluke. Tipped with spearing and squid is a home run. Luckily, the regulations this season stayed the same with an 18.5 inch size limit and 4 fish a person. With an incoming tide and a light southwest breeze, we set up on some local drifts. Fluke fishing can be very productive with the right drift and today was our lucky day. We picked away at some nice meaty fish and then bam, the reel began to peel. I knew this had to be a keeper. Grab the net I yelled - as you never want to take a fluke out of the water - - and bam it was game on. A nice 20 inch fish for the dinner table.



As the winds were light, we decided to take a peak outside and run the beach in search of the elusive striped bass. The ocean was flat and loaded with bunker splashing on the surface. Happy bunker swim quietly, but scared bunker jump and crash. We knew a large predator was in the vicinity and all of a sudden we witnessed a thresher shark circling and feeding. Wow, what a sight!



We continued to 'run and gun' in search of bunker and birds until we reached the mother land, a/k/a Sandy Hook. Some people call me crazy for running so far, but I truly enjoy it. The plan was stop along the way, toss out giant plugs, and try and catch anything that would bite. Boy did we get lucky. From blue fish, to striped bass and even some keeper sea bass, which we released. It was an all around day for the record books. As the daylight was dwindling, we high tailed it home, and approached the inlet just in time.

Until my next adventure,
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Capt. Barbara Solomon
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I'm sorry to say that unfortunately some members have reported to me that their AC cords have disappeared, garden hoses, and sometimes even the nozzles for the garden hose have all gone missing. I hate to say that they were stolen but I'm sure they were borrowed and not returned. If you need to borrow a hose or electric cord from someone you should at least put it back where you found it or if you know whose it is, simply call that person or dropped him or her a line and say "hey, I'd like to borrow this and I'll return it when I'm done with it." It's unacceptable that this is happening. In one case I did find something that was missing just thrown up against the fence and I had to return it to the person. Unacceptable.

On another sad note, earlier, I had stated that moving the cinderblocks back to the pile is the boat owners responsibility, but yet people are still leaving them all over the yard. One day me and Billy Hines spent over an hour, picking up all the cinderblocks and putting them back up against the fence. Thank you to Billy Hines for helping me do that. Whoever left them there should thank him personally for going the extra mile since he did their job. Those blocks are heavy as you all know. This is unacceptable and I'm not sure why it's still happening. Shame on you.

Sorry for all the negativity but this has to be mentioned. For security purposes the front gate must be kept closed at all times. There are so many nights that I can see with our cameras that the gate is open all night. This is simply because of laziness by some of our members. I know who you are since I can see who is putting the safety cones in front of the gate so it stays open. I understand in certain circumstances, especially when boats are moving in and out of the yard that it may be necessary to keep the gate open. Simply remove the safety cone when you're done so the gate can close again. I've seen people wandering around on our property in the middle of the night that don't belong there. I don't want to have to drive down there in the middle of the night to remove the safety cone to close the gate. When you leave the property make sure the gate closes. The gate is there for a reason. To protect everyone's personal property. Please don't make me call you out for doing this. Again sorry for all the negativity but these things can't be ignored.

On a good note, the yard is looking good. Most of the boats are out of the yard with the exception of a few, but I understand they're only there because they're having problems with their boats. Hopefully they can all get in the water soon, because I'm sure they'd rather be in the water than on the property. Have a good summer and be safe.



Tom Leprine 516-316-7669

Fishing Report

The striper fishing only got better during May with fish to 50lbs being caught. Trolling, lures and live bait all produced equally as well. Fluke in the bay are being caught for those putting in the time. The bluefin showed up and a few luck anglers caught some as big as 500+ lbs. Threshers have also been along the beach and harassing the bass trollers.

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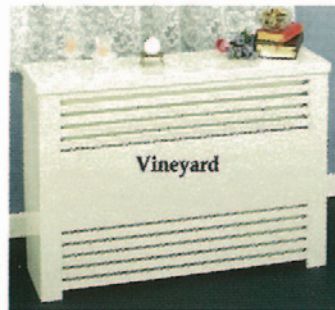
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