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Mid-Atlantic Regional Coastal Ocean Observing System



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GLIDERS

Chip Haldeman, scientist, glider technician and fisherman will speak on the Ocean Sensing Glider Program and what it is doing for our fishing community. Come see an actual glider at this meeting. We will be enlisting volunteers for the Glider Rescue Team.



ABOUT THE GLIDERS:

Put in place by Rutgers University's Institute of Marine and Coastal Sciences in conjunction with MARCOOS, the Mid-Atlantic Regional Coastal Ocean Observing System, these gliders are used for on both public and military missions to gather data used for research, national security, marine and fishing communities usage.

To see actual results and follow the movements of the gliders goto the following website.
<http://marine.rutgers.edu/cool/auvs/?page=deployments&project=jules>

President's Message

Ed Faza

Everyone who attended our Spring Rodeo got a chance to enjoy our finished property. Special thanks again to John Gerrity and the many volunteers who helped out, without them the project could not have been completed. The big winner of the Spring rodeo was Joann Schroeder of the Just add Water crew. Thanks to the Capt/angler cook crew for their hard work in putting the Rodeo together. Speaking of Capt /anglers, the Thursday night BBQ's have started, for all who were wondering. Thanks to Bob Pandy and his helpers for Painting the club house .It looks fabulous.

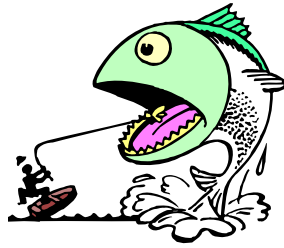
Larry Festa's Shark seminar was a big success. We had over 70 guests from as far as Connecticut in attendance. We plan to have another open GM/seminar in July. This one will be on Tuna fishing, hosted by Capt Harry Weinblatt .He will cover everything you need to know about fishing for this species. Look for announcements of our upcoming clinics at the club house .Hank has some interesting ones planned for this summer.

We have plenty of Derbies, shoot outs and tournaments happening in June. I expect to see everyone out on the water fishing hard, representing the club. Let's remind people that we are the biggest and the best fishing club on Long Island.

Thanks
Ed Faza



FISHING BULLETIN



Captain Harry Weinblatt

The much-anticipated month of June has finally arrived. It is the month that signals the commencement of our offshore fishing season. June is typically the month that our club boats start to ply the offshore waters. I think that this year a lot more diligence will be paid attention to prior to making those offshore trips due to the present fuel prices. Prior to the Memorial Day weekend, we had been plagued with lots of wind and rain, which kept many of our inshore and offshore crews tied to the dock. Although we have seen a slight warming trend in the weather recently, we need a lot more consistency to warm our areas waters up. The next several weeks will tell the tale as to how our late spring and early summer fisheries will fare.

On the offshore scene, Chris Gerhardt skippered his vessel Wasabi accompanied by his trusty crew member Jeff Yapalater, under ideal conditions in early May, to an area south of the Hudson Canyon to check out a filament of warm water which was within striking distance of the boats range. They were rewarded with an 82lb. Bluefin and several golden tilefish, which they caught during a stop on the way home. Congratulations on another great trip and keep up the good work. Perhaps this upcoming weekend several of our blue water chariots will ignore the pain at the pump for a little offshore sharking pleasure the weather will allow the long range trips which are required at this time of the year. Good luck to the vessels, which are on the hunt for the "man in the blue suit".

On the inshore scene our fluke fishery has started with lackluster results at best. From Montauk the "land of fluke" to our local inlets the fishing has been nothing short of very disappointing. Fishing is 180 degrees from what it has been in the past. Lets hope that this is a temporary situation and that at some point in the near future this fishery takes stronger hold. The boats that sailed for the opening day reported fair results with many short fish and a lack of quality, which is usually more typical for this time of the year. The slowness in this fishery has been reported from the western end of the south shore all the way east to Montauk.

Our local striped bass have still not taken a firm hold in our local waters. The water temps are still in the low 50-degree range and this certainly has contributed to the slow action. A few fish have been taken in the local back

bays and recently a few schools of bunker have showed up along the beach. The crew of the Just Add Water took advantage of that and reported four nice bass to 25lbs taken recently. The only consistent action continues to be all the way in the back of Jamaica Bay where fish have been taken on a daily basis.

The local Seabass action has also provided our club members with some steady action, a very welcome change considering that other local species have not yet taken hold. Our local reefs from Fire Island west to the Rock-away's have yielded a fair amount of Seabass. The Tin Man, Emily S and Magic Too all have reported decent catches on all of their outings.

Recent college graduate Christopher Bellinzoni wanted a change in venue and scenery. Accompanied by his dad, Chris, cousin Mike and club member Bob Hindenlang a trip to the Keys was put in motion, destination, Islamorada, FL. During the three days of marathon fishing Tarpon to 160lbs were caught and released, Black Tip Sharks to 80lbs and Goliath Grouper to 35lbs were also taken. Congratulations on a great trip and your proud accomplishments.

Sincerely,

Captain Harry Weinblatt
F/V Blue Marlin



GOOD & WELFARE

CONGRATULATIONS TO - Sean Libby and wife Karen on the birth of their second child James Konrad Libby.

Rick Hanners is a proud father of a new son Christopher. This is the first for this club member.

We wish a speedy recovery to Chris Scarpentonio who will undergoing a procedure in the hospital next week.

Our condolences to Dom Moreo and his family on the recent passing of his mother.

Our condolences also go out to Alan Zaretsky and his family on the recent passing of his mother.

Tom Boque had his kidney removed and is doing well.

CONGRATULATIONS - Ryan Sullivan graduated from St. John's University. Allison Festa graduated from Molloy College with a Nursing Degree, Christopher Bellinzoni graduated from Binghamton University with a degree in finance and will return for a MBA.

RODEO & CAPTIAN ANGLER NIGHT

Well, First let me start by saying last Thursday we had a clean up at the property in preparation for our SPRING RODEO and everything went great.

We cleaned up in the pantry and relined all the shelves, moped the floors, wiped down the counter tops, cleaned out the cabinets. Outside we cleaned up around the clubhouse, put the picnic tables on the New Deck, cleaned out the shed, it was quite a lot of work but the Ranch is looking great. I want to thank the Members responsible for this. Paul Noto, Anthony Scarpantonio, Bill Hines, Joe Jahns, Mike Sullivan, Sharon Missan, Woody Anderson, John Koenig, Pete Cefai, Bob Benzenberg, Paul Schuber, Jim Rooney, Ed Faza, Bob Sabella and myself Thanks again to all that helped.

O.K. are you ready for our FIRST CAPTAIN ANGLERS it will be Thursday June 5th hope everyone can make it see you there-Bob Pandey.

JUNE 2008 DERBY, AWARDS & CONTEST REPORT

Awards Chairman: Captain Bill Morrogh, Committee Team: Captain Michael Zullo, MaryEllen Zullo, Captain Chris Squeri, Joseph Jahn, Captain Lawrence J. Festa

Congratulations to the Spring Rodeo winners! The conditions were tough but we had lots of participation. The kids had fun, the food was great, but OOOH those GNATS!!!!
Striped Bass 1-Joanne Schroeder F/V Just Add Water, 2-Jim Hampton F/V Freedom
Bluefish 1-Joanne Schroeder F/V Just Add Water, 2- Earl Harris F/V Hooker, 3- Adam Bollaci F/V Hooker
Fluke 1- Dave Massa F/V Shark Hunter

Our June Derby Winners are:

BLACKFISH

1st Place: Bob Hindenlang.....9.44 lbs F/V Tin Man
2nd Place: Joe Fanora.....9.25 lbs F/V Tin Man
3rd Place: Mike Zullo.....6.5 lbs F/V Magic Too

COD

1st Place: Paul Hilton.....7.31 lbs F/V Bunker Dunker
2nd Place: John Jutt.....6.19 lbs F/V Bunker Dunker
3rd Place: John Jutt.....6 lbs F/V Bunker Dunker

FLOUNDER

1st Place: Joe Fanora.....2.69 lbs F/V Tin Man
2nd Place: Mike Lobosco.....2.25 lbs F/V Tin Man
3rd Place: Grover Howell.....2.06 lbs F/V Mikey Likes It 2

THE FOLLOWING DERBIES ARE IN PROGRESS OR STARTING THIS MONTH:

Seabass (2.5 lbs.).....April 26th ~ June 1st Closed -
Slips due by 6/15
Striped Bass (15 lbs.).....May 10th ~ June 15th
Closes This Sunday!
Weakfish (5 lbs.).....May 17th ~ June 29th
Fluke (3.5lbs.).....May 24th ~ July 6th
Shark (125lbs.).....May 31st ~ July 6th
Bluefish (8lbs.).....May 31st ~ July 6th

CONSERVATION

Updated BlueFin and Shark Bag Limits
BFT Tuna-The recreational daily bluefin tuna (BFT) retention for limit for HMS Angling and HMS Charter/Headboat vessels (while fishing recreationally) is 1 BFT/vessel/day/trip, measuring 27 to less than 47", and 1 BFT/vessel/day/trip, measuring 47 to less than 73" CFL. This limit effective through December 31, 2008. However, HMS Angling and HMS Charter/Headboats are eligible to retain 1 BFT (73 inches or greater) per vessel per year as a "trophy" fish for the boat. (Not applicable in the Gulf of Mexico)

Shark- The recreational limit on sharks is 1 shark per vessel per trip with a minimum size of 54 inches fork length; plus on Atlantic sharp-nose shark per person per trip (no minimum size); plus 1 bonnethead shark per person per trip (no minimum size). None of these fish may be sold. (please always check updates on the DEC website). Please make sure you have a HMS angling permit. To obtain this permit use website below. (this is required)
<https://hmspermits.noaa.gov/PermitList.asp>

PROPERTY

The new Marina is open. Thanks to the team at Hancock and our own FTC team, the place looks fantastic. Feedback from the members, whether they are boat owners or not, is overwhelmingly positive. Come on down and enjoy a Thursday night BBQ and check the place out. We rented the last open slip for 2008. If you want to get on the waiting list for a slip in 2009, contact Mike Sullivan.

FTC GOES GREEN

The Freeport Tuna Club Bulletin has gone green! Members can now sign up to receive electronic delivery only for their monthly bulletin. Members will now have three choices for receiving the monthly bulletins: 1) USPS, 2) USPS plus e-mail or 3) e-mail only. The choice is yours! If you wish to sign up, just send a note to ftc1937@verizon.net.

FLUKE CALCUTTA

43 members have joined the 2008 fluke Calcutta. There have been no fish weighed in. The Calcutta will be \$10 per member; largest fluke from anywhere takes all. Fish must be free swimming and alive when caught on hook and line. There are no restrictions on inlets. Fish wherever the big one roams. The Calcutta will run as long as the NY fluke season remains open. I will be collecting at the GM.
Mike Sullivan

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Wanted 25 hp outboard long shaft with tiller. Call Joe, 516-851-8762

Looking for 13" Boston Whaler with or without engine, contact Jeff 516-425-4645

AQUASPORT 270XF: 1987 27' (30'-6" oa) express with twin 325 hp fresh marinepower inboards. 10' beam, Arch, electronics, riggers, shore power, swim platform, sleeps 3. huge cockpit, fast and economical \$25,000.00. call bruce @ (516) 443-4680

Boat Slip for Rent. water@electric in Freeport Call Sy Karp 516 632 9770

Wanted - C-MAP NT+ card NA-C302 Cape Cod, LI and Hudson River. Contact Mike Sullivan

Wanted the New York Sportfishing Federation has some auction fishing trips still available. These are for discounted party and charter boat trips. Please call Dennis Cataldo for listing etc. The federation needs club members for its' four inshore fishing tournaments. Visit our website www.nysf.org or call Dennis Cataldo at 516-753-5433 for special discounts.

To place an ad in our classified contact Capt. John Jutt 516-546-2312 or email to: JJutt@mmpmk.com