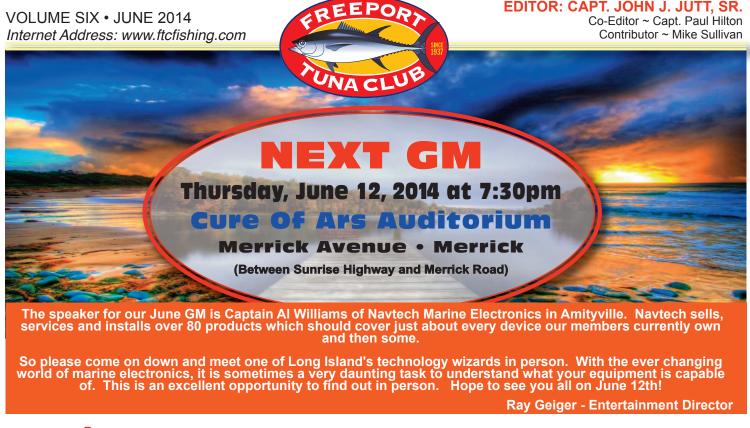
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# Tuna Tower News



# **President's Message**

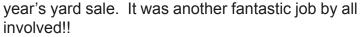
Now that June has arrived, our schedule is really starting to heat up. At our June GM Meeting let us welcome Captain Al Williams of Navtech Marine Electronics. Capt. Al will be able to give us some useful information and answer questions about the constantly changing world of marine electronics.

We have some great fishing going on in our local waters. There are some large Fluke, Stripers and Blues that are around in pretty good numbers..... right now the Striped Bass derby is running through June 15th, Weakfish running through June 22nd with Fluke, Bluefish and Shark run through July 6th while Tuna and Mahi start on June 28th. Good luck, tight lines and don't forget your weigh slips!

Our Captain/Angler crew is in high gear coming up with great menus for the weekly get together at the FTC clubhouse marina. Come on down, have some great food, a few drinks and tell your fellow Freeport Tuna Club members a few fishing "tails". Where else can you get this kind of food and atmosphere for \$15.00... nowhere else. Come on down and enjoy.

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Last, but not least, I would like to thank the Freeport Tuna Club members that ran this



"Sea" you on the water!

Chris Scarpantonio

President





# FISHING REPORT Early Summer Mixed Bag

Fishing is now in full swing. Locally, the month started slow with everyone awaiting the fluke opener on May 17th. Early in May, I made several trips on my Emily S to the inshore pieces playing catch and release with keeper size blackfish and seabass. Not a slaughter, but enough action to keep the rods bent. Capt Jim Krug on his Persuader (west) got in on the action too, reporting some seabass to over 5lbs! We'll have to wait until July 15th for that fishery to open for recreational anglers, in the meantime those with commercial and RSA permits are having mixed results on seabass. Not quite the start many expected so we shall see how the season unfolds.

Fluke have been available in the usual early season bay spots and a bite of nice sized fish has developed outside in the 30-70 foot depths. The fish are on squid, find the squid and the fluke will not be far. Bass and mixed size bluefish have been cooperating along the beach with Paul Cunningham on his Second Chance reporting a nice limit of bass to 21 lbs for his crew. Capt Bill and Theresa Morrogh pointed their Margarita Bill east with Theresa nailing a nice 25 lb striper on a bunker spoon.

From out East, Mike Sullivan and Charlie Goldstein reported a trip with a friend in the Greenport area, with nice fluke to 7 lbs taken. In Montauk, Charlie Sporing reported a limit of 10 fluke up to 6 lbs on his Rambunctious. He joined Capt Jim Krug on the Persuader (east) reporting excellent fluking with Charlie taking an early lead in the Duke of Fluke with a nice 8 pounder. The lead was short lived however, Dr. John Webber has struck again in May with a 9 lb 12 oz doormat landed recently in Reynolds Channel. Looks like game on in the FTC Fluke Calcutta!

The offshore season is underway with bluefin tuna and blue shark reported in the deep. The coveted First Mako Award is up for grabs and the tournament season is nearly upon us.

Nick Nero ran his Dolce Vita S/E with a crew of Pete "Big Eye" Cefai and Rob Rosenberg picking some cod to 7 lbs and nice seabass (released) on various wrecks from 100 to 140 ft of water. Some sharking was attempted with no takers in chilly 55 to 58 deg water with bluefish present. The warmer water was found as they came back to the west.



We need as many members as possible to contribute reports so we can all share in your fishing success. Please email your reports to philton@optonline.net; or text/call me at 516.721.8907. Don't forget to send pictures and catch details for consideration by the Bulletin Committee for "Catch of the Month".

Sincerely, Paul Hilton F/V Emily S

#### Freeport Tuna Club 2014 Annual Offshore Trip May 2-4, 2014

After the harsh winter we had this past year our annual FTC Offshore trip was met with open arms for the anglers who like to participate on this annual outing. Our game plan was to head up north to the bountiful and nutrient rich grounds in the Gulf of Maine known as Stellwagon Bank. This year's trip was aboard the Viking Starship and as in most years a sold out event.

As the date was starting to draw close the lack of reports in that area and an additional closure and restriction in bag limits that NMFS proposed derailed our original plan. The weather forecast was starting to solidify and looked absolutely picture perfect to make an offshore run to the tilefish grounds for day one and the deep water wrecks off of Nantucket on day two. The Viking fleet had several successful tilefish trips under its belt and with the perfect forecast lining up, the dock lines were cast at 6:00PM and the Viking Starship slipped out of Montauk Harbor. Our destination was 142 Miles east of Montauk, Hydrographers Canyon.

Fourteen hours later Capt Steven Forsberg pulled back on the throttles and his search commenced. We were also joined by the Viking Star who had a two day tilefish charter for another group. Capt. Steven put the boat on its first drift of the day. Concurrently on the same grounds was a huge eddy that had fragmented off of the Gulf Stream and spilled 70 degree water all over the area we were in. The combination of the warm water eddy and the blazing sun made it feel like a summer day at the beginning of May on the water, most of us shed the extra layers of clothes that we had on in an effort to stay cool.

The fishing was slow but Capt Steven worked the area real hard and we started to put a catch together, Tilefish, Pollack, Codfish, Barrel fish, Red Hake and some huge silver eels and cow nosed rays made their way onto the deck and into the coolers with the exception of the last two species which were appropriately released. By the end of day one most everyone had a sunburn, sore arms and fish in their coolers, which the mates promptly filleted, bagged and re-iced everyone coolers.

Our plan for day two was thwarted by a sudden change in the weather forecast, the west winds which were scheduled to arrive Sunday night decided to make their appearance much earlier on Sunday. Capt Steven decided to head to Nantucket late Saturday afternoon and get situated on the grounds so we could fish before the winds decided to blow.

After our famed prime rib dinner en-route to Nantucket we arrived to the area where we would spend the evening. Capt Steven anchored the boat over a wreck on a still ocean; most of us opted to get some shut eye for the evening and by the sounds of the snoring in the bunk room it was obvious that many of us were extremely tired.

We awoke to a slightly fresh breeze from the west but not yet what the weather man was calling for. Capt Steven hauled the anchor up and we made several drifts over the wreck, not much life, lets push on the next one. To our surprise no life on that wreck either. It wasn't looking good and Capt Steven was concerned as any visit in the past to the wrecks we had fished always gave up a bounty of codfish. We decided to leave that area and head 15 miles west to fish two famed wrecks – The Republic and the Andrea Doria. While en-route about half way to our destination, Mother Nature decided to flex her muscles and turn the fan up a few notches, it was apparent that the sea state would not make our next two planned stops a reality on this trip and we beat our way back home to Montauk.

When the weather allowed the eligible pool fish were brought the stern of the boat. We had two very lucrative pools \$ 1,200 for the largest tilefish and \$ 800 for the largest other edible species. Both pools were settled and were won Bobby Hindenlang and Mike Kahoud respectively.

All in all another great trip and effort were put forth by Capt Steven and the crew of the Viking Starship. We had great club camaraderie during the entire trip and we all look forward to the next trip in 2015.

Sincerely,

Capt. Harry Weinblatt F/V Blue Marlin



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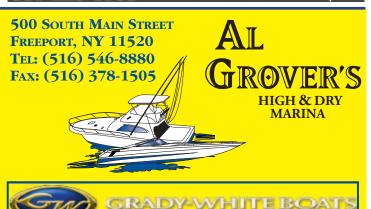
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- 1. 12th Annual Noreast Mako-Thresher Big Dog Shootout visit www.noreast.com for details
- 2. June 4th. 7th. Cape May, NJ 34th Annual South Jersey Shark Tournament
- 3. June 13th. 14th. 28th Annual Star Island Shark Tournament
- 4. June 14th. rain Date June 15th., Hudson Anglers Shark Tournament
- 5. June 14th. rain date June 15th. Babylon Tuna Club Shark Tournament
- 6. June 21st., rain date June 22nd. Woodcleft Mako-Thresher Shark Tournament
- 7. June 28th., Pt Lookout Shark Tournament
- 8. Bayshore Tuna Club Mako Tournament June 28th. 29th.
- 9. June 28th., rain date June 29th. Moriches Anglers Shark Tournament
- 10. August 1st & 2nd. The 22nd. Annual Star Island Mako & Thresher Tournament
- 11. 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!!

## CATCH OF THE MONTH -LARGEMOUTH BASS

From sunny Florida Joe and Joyce Steiner caught a dozen

nice largemouth bass fishing Lake Toho near Kissimmee. The fish were taken on live bait with the big one going 5.3 lbs.

Send in those pictures!

For bragging rights, please email me at philton@optonline.net or text me at

516 721 8907 to be considered for "Catch of the Month" by the bulletin committee.

Include a picture and some catch details. Thanks to all who submitted entries this Month and please keep them coming.

– Paul Hilton / Emily S





#### **Membership**

The club has signed up 12 new members so far in 2014. There are several new members to swear in at this meeting. Steven Bassford from Freeport is being sponsored by John Jutt. Steven owns a 28 Grady named The Bassman. I like the name and as it implies he lists his interests as fishing, as well as playing the guitar and restoring "old stuff" (see me Steven. There are a few members that would like to meet you). Steven fishes from Debs to Shinnecock, inshore and offshore in pursuit of his quarry. When he is not fishing he enjoys less cerebral things, like managing a bank branch.

Danny Dobbs lives in Brooklyn and fishes in Freeport using a time share program. He decided to join the club to become more in tune with the local fishing. Danny is an accomplished artist and photographer as well.

Please join in welcoming Steven and Danny to the Club.

#### Fluke Calcutta

The 2014 Fluke Calcutta is underway. As I write this Dr. John Weber called me to say he had the season's first contender (though he wasn't sharing how big just yet). So far, 58 members have joined. 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. See Mike Sullivan or Charlie Goldstein if you wish to join.

### **Property Committee**

WE STILL HAVE SLIPS AVAILABLE!! Two new fingers were added to serve vessels with outboards. Anyone interested should contact me or any member of the Property Committee. The final payment deadline for summer leases has passed so please get me any outstanding payment ASAP.

SUMMER SLIP TENANTS: Please mark your trailer with your name so in the event we need to contact the owner.

WINTER TENANTS: Please pick your blocks and return them to the storage area.

Please feel free to contact me with any property issues.

Alan J Evelyn Property Manager

Work: 646-312-2208, Cell: 917-750-8710 Email: alan.evelyn@baruch.cuny.edu

Those who stored their boats on the property for the winter are required to stack any cinder blocks that they used, back on the closest pile of blocks, wood blocks and shims are also to be placed back in the containers for them. It is not the properly committees job to clean-up after boat owners. Since there is a list of all those who stored on the property, if the committee cleans up for you a surcharge for clean-up will be added to next years storage fee. If you have not cleaned up your area please do so ASAP. Thank you property committee.

-Bob Sabella



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#### JUNE 2014 DERBY, AWARDS & CONTESTS REPORT

Awards Chairman: Captain Bill Morrogh, Captain Michael Zullo

The first 2 Derbies of the year have ended. There were no weigh slips for Cod. Bill Burk took the Flounder Derby with a nice 2.94lb Flounder. Honorable mention goes out to Joe King who weighed a 2.4 and a 2.0 Flounder from Sheepshead Bay (Debs/Jones/F.I. required for Derbies...)

Don't forget to pick up a couple of our AT-A-GLANCE cards at the June GM. They'll be available at the door. The AT-A-GLANCE cards list the Derby dates for the year. Put one in your wallet and one on your boat and you'll never miss a Derby!

Our local weigh stations should be stocked up with FTC weigh slips. Let us know if you hear of anyone who needs more slips.

Our "Bragging Rights" board down at the property is back in action. It lists the largest fish caught by club members by species. Come on down to a Captain/Anglers BBQ on a Thursday night and check it out.

THE FOLLOWING DERBIES ARE IN PROGRESS OR STARTING THIS MONTH:

 Striped Bass (15 lbs)
 May 10th ~ June 15th

 Weakfish (5 lbs)
 May 10th ~ June 22nd

 Fluke (3.5 lbs)
 May 24th ~ July 6th

 Shark (125 lbs)
 May 24th ~ July 6th

 Bluefish (8 lbs)
 May 24th ~ July 6th

 Tuna (20 lbs)
 June 28th ~ August 10th

 Mahi (4 lbs)
 June 28th ~ August 10th

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#### **Raffle Committee**

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#### Recognition

During my term as President in 2005 I appointed John Gerrity to Property. John has recently stepped down from this position. I would like to take a moment to recognize the years of dedication and devotion John set forth on our Property. On behalf of the Freeport Tuna Club, we thank you for your service!

Captain John J. Jutt Sr. - Editor

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