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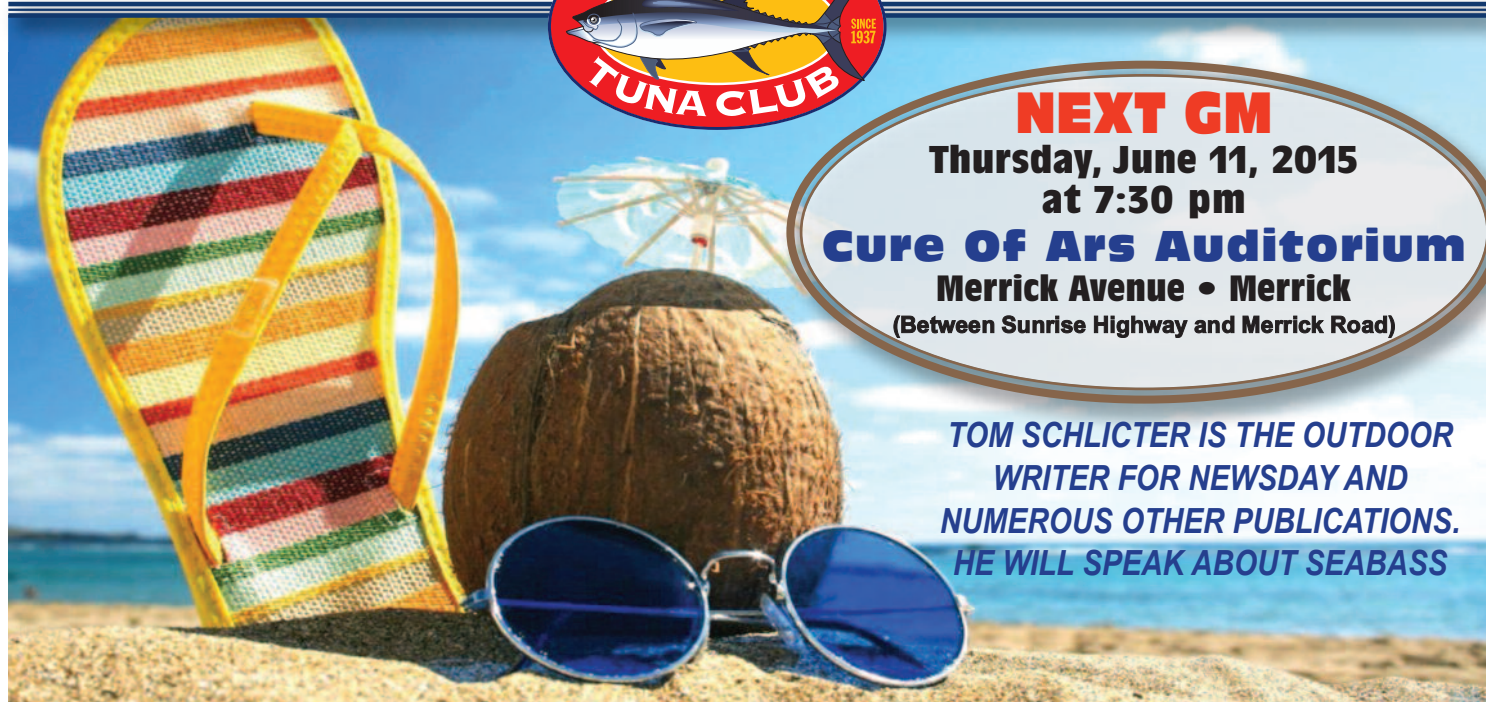
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NEXT GM
Thursday, June 11, 2015
at 7:30 pm
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TOM SCHLICHTER IS THE OUTDOOR WRITER FOR NEWSDAY AND NUMEROUS OTHER PUBLICATIONS. HE WILL SPEAK ABOUT SEABASS

President's Message

Dear Members,

Fishing has really heated up this month with bluefish attacking, fluke opening and the striped bass finally showing up in size and numbers. I know I don't have to remind most of you, but GET OUT AND FISH!! Oh, and make sure you weigh what you catch. If you need weigh slips, they can be had at our monthly General Meetings or our Captain/Anglers meetings at our property. Remember, every fish counts.

I am glad to announce the FTC annual yard was a smooth success once again this past month thanks to Kevin Killelea, his mentor Al Casciano and all the club volunteers that assisted this year. Whether they were cooking, selling, cleaning, courting potential new members, or just running interference they all did an outstanding job and I thank you all for your invaluable assistance on behalf our our club. For those of you who were not there, the fog was relentless from sunrise to almost one o'clock which worked out to our advantage. Some buyers even stuck around several hours unable to get out and wet a line due to the fog.

June is traditionally the start of the shark tournaments season in our area. To all of our club members competing this season,

I wish everyone has a safe and successful trip.

I heard the club raffles for the vacation voucher are available so please see Jim Rooney or ask any of the Board of Directors for assistance.

John Rooney has arranged several shootouts with other clubs in our area and the first one is the weekend of our Rodeo this year June 12-14. The specie of choice is fluke.

Although I have been remiss in my fishing activities of late (work work work), I hope to get on the water this year whenever I can. I hope to see you all soon whether at sea or at our club meetings/activities.

Best Fishes,

Ray Geiger



Fishing Report

Fluke, Bass and Blues Abound



It seems like the long awaited fluke season has been in progress for far longer than two weeks as the summer pattern is already unfolding. Fishing started off in the usual inside haunts, Baldwin Bay, Merrick Bay and throughout Reynold's Channel. The fish have spread out and if you follow the reports you will see that many nice sized fluke were landed around Long Island and it appears the season is off to a great start. I had my daughter Nicole and son Paul out for a very short trip on Memorial Day. Despite boat traffic and a stiff breeze, we put together a nice catch with five keepers, with several over 21", in just about two hours of fishing outside Baldwin Bay and Long Creek. Nicole had the hot hand, using a traditional long leader rig with last year's spearing. The fish responded to bucktails and Gulp too, but the "plain jane" rig did the most damage. Some of the fish spit up baby porgies. Dr. John J. Weber Jr. reported fluking at the mouth of Reynold's Channel with mostly shorts but a keeper or two as well. On one trip a Stargazer was landed. Dr. John also reported fish spitting up baby porgies. Fluking is in full swing throughout the island with Mike Sullivan and Captain Jim Krug reporting excellent catches out at Montauk. Charlie Goldstein has an early lead in the Fluke Calcutta, somebody please keep reminding me to join and get in the game....

Other than fluke, due to our current regulations bottom fishing is pretty much limited to cod and ling which are available from 55 feet of water all the way offshore. Some spectacular cod catches are coming out of New Jersey and cod are being reported by boats targeting sea bass as far south as Delaware.

I believe the regulations for 2015 black sea bass have now been set. The season will open July 15th with an 8 fish bag limit through October 31st. From November 1st through December 31st, the bag limit increases to 10 fish. Minimum size length of 14" applies throughout the open season.

Striped Bass have settled in from the Jersey Shore, inside Jamaica Bay, and east along the south shore beaches. I've heard a lot of reports of large bass taken on bunker spoons but the fish are on the bunker pods too and taking live lined or chunk bait. Some fish have responded to clam-bellies as well in all the usual spots.

It's been a banner year for bluefish along the beaches with fish up to 18 lbs (!) reported, quite large for this time of year. The fish are hitting jigs and being trolled, with bass mixing in at times.

The Shark and Tuna season is upon us, I wish everyone venturing off safe and productive trips and the best of luck during tournament time. **By the way, a recently enacted law mandates the use of non-offset, non-stainless circle hooks while sharking in New York State Waters and during any shark tournament.** Catch of the Month for June will be a shark, I just have a feeling ...

Captain Barbara Solomon, her mom, and brother along with "Big Eye" Pete Cefai reported on an exciting fishing vacation down in Los Cabos. My phone was lit up for several days with reports of Roosters, Amberjack, Crevalle, Snapper, Grouper Parga, Skipjack, Wahoo, Mahi, Triggers, and Tripletail. They saw a Striped Marlin but couldn't hook up. A variety of methods were employed, bottom fishing in 500ft.



Barbara Solomon with Los Cabos Rooster Fish

of water, drifting live bait and on the troll out in the deep. Sounds like the trip of a life time, glad the fishing Gods were smiling.

The 2015 Season is in full swing. I encourage all FTC members to please bombard me with reports and pictures to share with our membership.



Pete Cefai with Los Cabos Grouper

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

Catch of the Month

Montauk Fluke

Mike Sullivan ran his Blue Jacket II to Montauk accompanied by Charlie Goldstein on a Sunday. That next Monday, they went fluking, tallying seven nice keepers up to 7.5 lbs.

Charlie led the way with the big one and is shown with the fish just after it was tagged and prior to release. The fish has an early lead in the FTC Calcutta.



Mike Sullivan with Fluke

Congrats on the "Catch of the Month".

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

– Paul Hilton / Emily S

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*Awards Chairman: Captain Bill Morrogh,
Captain Bill Toohey, Captain Michael Zullo*

Our 2015 Derby season is in full swing! The first 2 Derbies are complete (Cod and Flounder). We'll be handing out these awards at our June GM.

Bill Burk took 1st and 2nd place in the Flounder Derby with 3.15lb. and 3.1lb. flatties. Jim Krug took 3rd place with a 1.63lb. Flounder.

Bob Pandy took 1st place in the Cod Derby with a nice 19.76lb. Cod. Dave Pincus took 2nd place with an 18.5lb. Cod. Mike Zullo took 3rd place with a 6.5lb. Cod.

Congratulations to all the winners!

Our Bragging Rights board at the property is keeping track of the big fish for 2015. Send in your weigh slips!

We have 5 Derbies on right now and 2 starting shortly. Both inshore and offshore species are covered. Get out there and fish! SEND IN THOSE WEIGH SLIPS!! Good luck to all.

THE FOLLOWING DERBIES ARE IN PROGRESS OR STARTING THIS MONTH:

Striped Bass (15 lbs)	May 9th ~ June 14th
Weakfish (5 lbs)	May 9th ~ June 21st
Fluke (3.5 lbs)	May 23rd ~ July 5th
Shark (125 lbs)	May 23rd ~ July 5th
Bluefish (8 lbs)	May 23rd ~ July 5th
Tuna (20 lbs)	June 27th ~ August 9th
Mahi (4 lbs)	June 27th ~ August 9th

– Bill Morrogh

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Paul Schuber

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- 1. Noreast Mako Thresher
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Thresher BIG DOG SHOOTOUT – June 1st – July 31st.
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- 2. 35th Annual South Jersey Shark
Tournament - June 10th - 13th**

- 3. 3rd Annual Point Lookout Shark
Tournament - Saturday, June 13th**

- 4. 29th Annual Star Island Shark
Tournament, June 18th - 20th**

- 5. 43rd Annual Hudson Anglers Shark
Tournament - Saturday June 20th**
Rain date Sunday, June 21st

- 6. 45 Annual Montauk marine Basin Shark
Tournament - June 25th - 27th**

- 7. Woodcleft Fishing Station Shark
Tournament - Saturday, June 27th**
Rain date Sunday, June 28th

- 8. Montauk Marine Basin, Carl Darrenberg
Memorial Shark's Eye All Release
Tournament - July 18th - 19th**

- 9. 24th Annual South Jersey Mid-Atlantic,
August 16th - 21st**

Be safe and good luck to all!!!

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Membership

Current members can now earn \$ 100 off next year's membership fee by signing up a new paying member between now and September 1st. Should you be interested, contact Bob McVey at 516-864-9140 or email him at FTC1937@Gmail.com.

The Fishing Connection

The new Captain Anglers fishing board is now up and in use every Thursday night. FTC Captains have listed their dates and times for fishing trips in search of additional crew members. Now is the time for all NEW and existing members to sign up to go fishing. This is an opportunity for you to get to know other members and share your knowledge of local fishing, both inshore and offshore.

Property

SLIPS ARE AVAILABLE!!! Call or email for more information.

The invoices for the second payment for slips at the club property have been mailed. The winter storage season ended on May 31st. If you are not removing your vessel and wish to continue storing at the club property please let me know. If you have other questions or concerns about the club property you can see meet at the GM or contact me either by email or phone.

FTC Property Manager, Alan Evelyn. E-mail: capt.al@fishtaxiny.com or call Cell: 917-750-8710.

Entertainment

TOM SCHLICHTER WILL BE AT THE GM. He is the outdoor writer for newsday and numerous other publications. He will speak about seabas.



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