

**Featuring ROB WELTNER PRESIDENT, OPERATION SPLASH** A non-profit, all volunteer organization committed to improving the quality of life on Long Island shores.

## President's Message .....

You asked for it, the president hard at work!!!

If 76 people would show up just to see a picture of the president in our bulletin. I would hope that many more than that will attend our June meeting to wish Bill and Theresa Morrogh the best of luck on their upcoming move to Florida. They have both served the club in many capacities for several years. So please come out for this special occasion.

Tim Sherman has done it again, he's arranged For Rob Weltner from SPLASH to speak to us about the condition of our bays. This should prove to be a very informative meeting. Just to keep all informed we are at the church for this meeting because the Yacht Club was not available due to a scheduling conflict. We will return there for our September meeting. As you may know the July and August meetings are held at the property in conjunction with other events.

Our garage sale took place as scheduled and Mother Nature was cooperative with a decent day. Vendor participation was lighter than in past years due to a poor forecast, however, those that were there said sales were excellent. Overall we turned a modest profit.

A big thank you to Chris Bellinzoni, Captain Harry Weinblatt and Captain John Jutt for once again making our Larry Festa shark clinic a huge success. To all of those behind the scenes volunteers too numerous to name, many thanks because without you it doesn't happen.



The club focus at this point is simple: FISH, FISH, FISH, AND MORE FISH!

And now back to the grind!

Old Sam



## **Fishing Report** Bass, Blues and the Offshore Season are Here!

May turned out to be an interesting but largely lackluster month with the exception of stripers and blues. Despite the relatively mild winter, May was cool and windy and water temps are a little cooler than normal for this time. Fluke got off to an early start as reported last month. However, around these parts, fluke fishing has not yet take off. Some shorts and an occasional better fish are available but slow overall, particularly in the ocean. A shortage of squid may be to blame and some have reported better success with "old fashioned" spearing and sandeels rather than bucktails / gulp. I did a very short bay trip yesterday (6/1) with my daughter Nicole onboard, we picked away at shorts and she dropped a 5 lb beauty right at the boat. She was out-fishing me badly with her slow bounce, then I caught on and slowed down the jigging. The fish were lethargic, so maybe the water does need to warm a bit. Fluking will only get better ...

The big story inshore has been the nice run of bass and blues available along the south shore. The action started to the west but has spread its way east, at least to Fire Island and beyond. Most of the impressive reports I've seen involve trolling bunker spoons or Mojo rigs in relatively deep 50 – 55 feet of water. Bryon King reported great bass fishing recently to the west, fish up to 29 lbs. on his specially modified Mojo rigs. Tons of blues too.

Captain Adam and dad Tony Bollaci of the F/V Hooker did a couple of bass trips with good results. The first included a beauty bass of 35.5 lbs. along with many large blues up to 15 lbs, south of



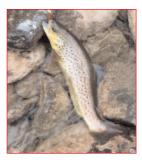
### Tony Bollaci with a 35.5lb F/V Hooker Bass

the Pink Hotel. The next trip had a quick 4 man limit of bass, including fish of 20, 22, 25, 27 pounds, caught during the bottom of outgoing, slack tide, and the beginning of incoming. White spoons did the trick. Very nice .....

While we await a good run of ocean fluke and the seabass opener, large porgies are available on the local structure along with catch and release blackfish. Seabass are in great abundance, and reportedly a nuisance inshore and off. These fish have a high release mortality, why not let us keep a couple? Ling are being caught in deeper water. Cod are available inshore and off, but some knowledgeable skippers fear the good cod fishing we've experienced on the west end the past 10-12 years may be winding down, we shall see.

For those who don't know, and wonder why my own saltwater fishing efforts seem curtailed, it's because three years ago my wife and I purchased a "project" vacation home in Shandaken NY. The good news is that it's in ski and trout country. The bad news is there's still work to be done, but it's very rewarding. Between projects up there, this year I started spin fishing the Esopus Creek catching some nice brown and rainbow trout. Next up is Tenkara. If you don't know what it is Google it ... Might work for shallow water saltwater fishing too...

In summary, things are looking up. Striped bass and blue fishing is good, we have lots of bait around so these fish should remain available until at least mid July. Fluke fishing should pick up and other bottom fishing opportunities will present themselves, especially when seabass open. The offshore



Esopus Creek Shandaken NY Brown Trout

tournament season is upon us, and next month I look forward to reporting some impressive shark and tuna reports. Good Luck to all FTC Anglers!

There's nothing like first hand reports, please consider sharing your fishing tales and pictures with our membership by sending them in. Thanks in advance !

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,



### Awards Chairman: Captain Bill Morrogh Committee: Ray Geiger, Captain Michael Zullo

The first 2 Derbies of the year have ended. There were no weigh slips for Winter Flounder but our perennial bottom fishing duo of Mike and Maryellen Zullo swept the Cod derby!

Don't forget to pick up a couple of our AT-A-GLANCE cards at the June GM or at the Thursday night BBQ's.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 "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.

Our 2015 FTC President, Ray Geiger, will be taking over the Chairman's reigns of the Awards Committee going forward. I'll be staying on to lend a hand. Let's all wish Ray great success in running this very important committee! It's been a pleasure to serve the FTC and this committee for the past few years!

THE FOLLOWING DERBIES ARE IN PROGRESS OR STARTING THIS MONTH: Striped Bass • May 7th - June 12th Weakfish • May 7th - June 19th Fluke, Shark & Bluefish • May 21st - July 4th Tuna & Mahi • June 25th - August 7th

Good luck on the water! - Bill Morrogh

## Catch of the Month Early Season "Kingfisher" Thresher

Congrats to Bryon King who ran his F/V Kingfisher "south of Jones Inlet" with a crew of Leo Ferando and Matt Sohm.

In an area loaded with bait, they successfully fought and landed a nice thresher which weighed in at a very respectable 237 lbs. at Woodcleft Fishing Station. Bryon has

been trying to get Leo and Matt to join the FTC, hopefully this adventure will provide some additional incentive for them. Bryon said they had another larger fish circling the boat as well.



This is one of, if not the first "desirable" shark (mako or thresher) that I am aware of landed on Long Island, congrats are definitely in order. GREAT JOB ! 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



The weekend of June 10, 11 and 12 the Freepot Tuna Club will be fishing against the Matinecock Club. The three heaviest Striped Bass will determine the winner. Call in your weights to my cell 516 721 8207. Stay safe and watch the weather. -- John Rooney

# Below is a listing of **NEW MEMBERS 2016**

The club is about fishing as a team. We know sometimes it is hard to find a boat or crew. Reach out to these new members and have them crew your boat or jump on theirs! Hey, you never know! You might fish with them again!!

#### **STEVE MILLER**

C: 516-426-4636 H: 516-214-4126 can take days off, no boat - will fish inshore & offshore

#### **THOMAS LEPRINE DAD** C: 516-316-7669 H: 516-933-6946

weekends only has 29 well craft at the property looking for crew - will fish inshore & offshore

#### MICHAEL LEPRINE SON

516-316-1696 weekends only has pursuit at the property - will fish inshore or offshore

#### **CHRISTOPHER KING**

516-643-3208 saves vacation days to go fishing - has 18' parker - inshore or offshore

#### RICHARD CANTWELL

631-379-7946 self employed - flexible days off - 30' striker way around - inshore or offshore

MICHAEL PINO C: 516-779-7557 H: 516-795-2199 weekends off - 22' leader will fish inshore & offshore

### JAMES SCHUPBACK

C: 516-779-7557 H: 516-796-5760 34' Egg Harbor - loves to fish - weekends off - will call in sick to go fishing - inshore & offshore

#### **RICHARD BRESSING**

C: 516-382-2187 H: 516-608-0678 retired - 33' Grady White - looking for crew - will fish on other boats - inshore & offshore

#### JAMES BRESSINGHAM

516-650-8980 27' Searay - will take a day off to fish - inshore & offshore

**ROBERT SCHIRMER** 516-395-3035

retired & ready to fish - no boat - inshore & offshore

GREGORY KOHAREK

516-644-9264 retired - ready to go - 43' Ocean 25' Parker - docks behind his house in massapequa inshore & offshore

### JERRY GREENWALD

C: 917-886-0491 H: 718-969-1538 retired and ready - 18' Seascape - keeps boat on the north shore - inshore & offshore

#### KENNETH REISHER

C: 516-384-0991 H: 516-621-4779 retired - 22' Grady White Cuddy - keeps boat on the north shore - inshore & offshore

### MICHAEL MULQUEEN

C: 917-923-3753 H: 516-520-4527 retired and ready - no boat - scuba diver - inshore & offshore

### Property Manager's Report

The 3rd and final payment for the summer slips was due on May 31st. If you have not send in your check, please do! If you did not receive an invoice please contact me immediately. If you have not removed your vessel and wish to continue storing at the club property please let me know. The charge for any vessel left on the property after May 31st is \$5.00 per day or \$150 per month.

If you are storing a trailer on the property for the summer, please be sure that the property committee can identify the owner. The charge for summer trailer storage is \$175 with a slip and \$250 without. Only members may store a trailer on the club property.

If you have other questions or concerns about the club property you can see me at the GM, or at Captains and Anglers. I am always available either by email or phone.

My cell number, email address, and work phone number are below:



Cell: 917-750-8710 | Work: 516-299-2523 | Email: capt.al@fishtaxiny.com





### **This Month's Speaker**

### **ROB WELTNER** PRESIDENT, OPERATION SPLASH

A non-profit, all volunteer organization committed to improving the quality of life on Long Island shores.

Founded in Freeport in 1990, Operation SPLASH is a 2,500 member, grassroots, all-volunteer organization dedicated to improving the quality of the waterways along Long Island's South Shore. Throughout its 22 year history, SPLASH volunteers have removed more than 1,000,000 pounds of trash from local waterways while working on other projects to protect and preserve the fragile South Shore estuaries. Open membership meetings are held at the Freeport Recreation Center on the first Tuesday of every month at 7:30pm. For more information, please call 516-378-4770, visit http://www.operationsplash.org/ or email info@operationsplash.org





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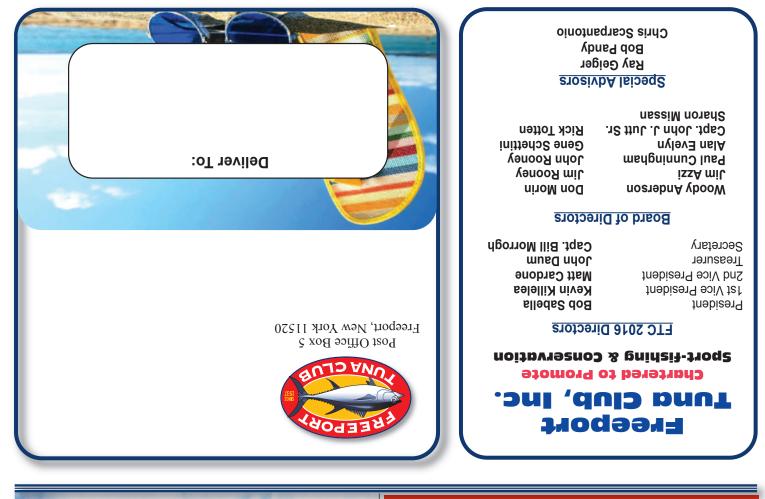
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