

TUNA TOWER NEWS

JUNE 2021

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CAPT. JOHN J. JUTT, SR.



NEXT GM

THURSDAY, JUNE 10

7:30PM AT THE PROPERTY

Guest Speaker, Daniel Pollera, 45 year member of FTC.
His artwork illustrates the salty lifestyle Dan has lived,
don't miss this one, people like Danny only come once in a lifetime!

see inside for more details

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Here it is June. Boats are in the water, people are fishing, and the property is getting cleaned up and emptied out of boats so there is more parking available to members.

We are need of volunteers to help out at the club.

First, we need of volunteers on Saturday, June 26 at 9:00 am to help clean the yard of garbage and stack cinder blocks.

Second, we need volunteers to help operate the new security cameras from the South to the Club-house.

Anyone who is interested in helping out please give me or Tom Laprine (for the security cameras) a call.

I appreciate any help you can give.

I am hoping everyone had a happy and joyful Memorial Day. And to all you dads, a happy Father's Day. Looking forward to some more nice weather so we can fish and have some fun.

Rick



Happy Father's Day

FLUKE CALCUTTA

The NYS fluke season opens on May 4 and runs through September 30, 2021. Charlie Goldstein and Mike Sullivan will once again be running the Fluke Calcutta. For those who are new, here is how it works. Entry is open to all members and their immediate family members -- \$10 per person.

Largest fluke caught from anywhere by an entrant during the NYS season takes all. The fish must be caught on hook and line while free swimming. The rules are simple. But you've got to be in it to win it.

Last year Scott Novick won \$670 with an 11.3 lb. fish caught aboard his vessel *Naida*. I know he is planning to beat that this year. So are a lot of you. We will see.

If you want to enter you may do so in one of three ways:

- Pay Pal Send \$10 to bluejacketii@verizon.net
- Check Send \$10 to Mike Sullivan
19 Loines Avenue, Merrick, NY 11566
- Cash See Mike or Charlie.

Thank you, *Mike Sullivan*

1ST VP MESSAGE

Hope everyone enjoyed the month of May and getting ready for summer time fishing. Memorial Day just passed so let's take a moment to remember all the brave men and women who gave the ultimate sacrifice during combat defending this Great Country America, so we can enjoy all the things we love to do. The FTC Fluke Tournament is coming up fast July 10th... tell your friends and don't forget to sign up. Always be safe and see you all soon. Tight lines. Semper Fi-

Robert Cincotta

F/V The Flounder Flopper



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FISHING REPORT

Local fishing has been steadily heating up, plenty of fluke around in the bays with a fair amount of keepers in the mix. Rick Totten and Bill Gillespie found some keeper Fluke and some cocktail blues the other day. Rick has found a new secret bait to use, call him (516-779-3347) for more details.

Plenty of schoolie bass around taking lures and clams. The bigger bass are finally heading east.

On the offshore front the tilefish bite has remained solid with fish up to 50 lbs. being caught. Bluefin have also been caught and the reports keep getting better. Keep in mind that if you are targeting tilefish you need to have a recreational federal permit, it is free so do not leave without it. Here is the link www.greateratlantic.fisheries.noaa.gov. The bluefin regulations are 2 fish 27"-47" and 1 fish 47"-72".

Sharking is also starting up with reports of makos and threshers already coming in. Let's see who will get the coveted first mako of the year.

Tightlines, *Capt. Adam*

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MEMORIAL DAY 2021





STRIPER DIARIES EPISODE 30

Not just another fish story!!! We all get the occasional request to take friends and neighbors, who are non-fisherman, on a fishing adventure. With that comes lots of fishing tangles, baiting hooks and sometimes sea sickness. But it also comes with huge smiles to last a lifetime. With that in mind, I agreed to take two friends on back to back fishing trips. The plan was to head out super early to the cod grounds, in hopes of great bottom fishing. If that was a bust, then steam off to Raritan Bay for striped bass.



We broke East Rockaway (Deb's) Inlet at first light with the water flat and calm. The plan was to head south and fish some deep water wrecks. We plugged in the way point and off we went. Water temps were still cold and only in the mid 50's. We arrived at the cod grounds and I started tying rigs, I explained what a "bird's nest" was... Lol. Reminding my neighbor to please keep his thumb on the spool. We dropped our high/low rigs to the bottom. Bam! Each time landing double header sea bass. Darn it, the season is closed, so those fish were safely released. We motored around looking for several more wrecks, but each piece was loaded with sea bass. Although it was fun, I wanted to be able to put a catch on the dinner table. Thinking it's time to switch gears and make the run to Raritan Bay.



After an 18 mile run, we arrived at Sandy Hook, New Jersey. Once inside the lower bay, we set up on the troll. The sun was out and it was a beautiful day. For non-boaters, they are happy to just be on a boat! We trolled around in my usual spots - - off Great Kills Harbor and landed several nice stripers to 34 inches!! Phew - the pressure is off! Fish were clean and healthy. Smiles all around! Around 2:30 pm we decided to pick up the lines. As we were blasting home, I noticed what looked like splashing in the distance. I yelled out LOOK as I thought it might be Blue Fin Tuna - so we took a hard right and headed south. In the distance we witnessed something incredible. The largest flock of dive bombing birds and piles and piles of striped bass. It was an all out feeding frenzy!! I grabbed a spinning rod, clipped on a pencil popper and told my neighbor to cast it out!!! First cast and the line goes tight! Oh my goodness, he has landed a fish and it's a striped bass! We landed fish after fish on top water plugs and stayed until 6:30 pm without another boat in sight. It was pure magic.

For seasoned fisherman, observing a striped bass feeding frenzy is not new. But for people who fish once a year, it is an event of a lifetime and something they will never forget. They say that a picture is worth a thousand words. Boy is that true.

Stay safe and until my next adventure, Tight Lines.

Capt. Barbara Solomon

F/V Legal Limits



CAPTAINS & ANGLERS

Thursday night barbecues are up and running! Please keep an eye on the website, email and Facebook for weather cancellations. Looking forward to seeing everyone at the property.

Thank you, *Jim Rooney*

HOUSE COMMITTEE

I would like to introduce myself as the new head of the house committee.

I am looking to expand everyone's experience to have a great General Meeting.

I would also like to invite and welcome new members to get involved and participate.

I'm in need of volunteers and there's no better way to get to know and meet other members than by being involved.

Mary Anne Bessler

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PROPERTY COMMITTEE



Property improvements are in progress. The boardwalk is completed and the fish cleaning station and camera improvements are on-going. Members with boats still on the property are encouraged to launch as soon as possible. Summer land storage fees begin June first. Only mem-



bers with boats docked at the property may store trailers on the property, those trailers must be in good working order and have the members name on the trailer. Thank you.

Winter leases end May 31st. Members with boats left on the property will be charged \$150 per month storage fees. Please plan to move your boats as quickly as possible. FTC does not allow summer storage on the property without prior approval from the property committee.

Any questions please contact Jim Rooney.

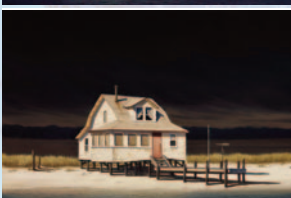
Thank you,

Your Property Committee

**Photos Tom Leprine and Bill Gellespi
in the bucket truck installing new cameras**



ENTERTAINMENT

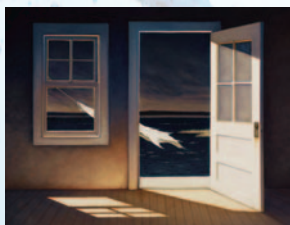


Our speaker for June is Artist, Bay man, and long time FTC member



Daniel Pollera. Dan is a Baldwin native and 45 year member of FTC. His artwork illustrates our local waters and the places we fish and live a salty lifestyle. Dan has been fishing the local in-shore scene his entire life. How often have you stopped on the water to absorb the gift of our local scenery? Dan has put some of those images on canvas and his artwork is offered in the finest galleries. Dan will be discussing how he sees our waterways through an artist's eye, how our bays have changed and his favorite fishing tips.

As always, I am looking for assistance with Entertainment; so if you are willing to help, please call me at (516) 443-4680.



Bruce C. Forster F/V Oh Reely

DERBIES, AWARDS & CONTESTS

**Awards Chairman: Ray Geiger
Committee: Harry Sbaschnig & Bill Morrogh**

We wish to thank you all for attending our Annual Awards Night at our property on May 13th. Last year was a tough one on many levels and it was great to see you all out celebrating our award winners. For the first time ever, we leveraged technology, had remote members (The Morroghs of Florida) "sit-in" and hope to do so again for future meetings. Thanks again to Bill and Theresa for all the work from afar! Your presence was a bright spot indeed.

Also, I wish to thank all members and their families that can down to our property for our Memorial Day prayer service. It is very important to remember the sacrifice these brave men and women gave for us all.

We ask you again to please make a concerted effort to get your weigh slips in on time and fill them out legibly/completely! It is very important that you fill out all the fields.

The following derby awards will be presented at our June GM on Thursday, June 10. Please come down to this meeting to support the club and congratulate the winners on their well deserved efforts.

Spring Cod

1st Place:	Mike Zullo	9.0 lbs.	F/V Magic Too
2nd Place:	Mike Zullo	7.25 lbs.	F/V Magic Too
3rd Place:	Mike Zullo	6.25 lbs.	F/V Magic Too

Flounder

1st Place:	Joe King	2.0 lbs.	Lil-King
2nd Place:	Joe King	1.50 lbs.	Lil-King

Spring Blackfish:

1st Place:	Peter Groner	5.25 lbs.	F/V Endless Summer II
2nd Place:	Peter Groner	4.85 lbs.	F/V Endless Summer II
3rd Place:	Jim Krug	4.60 lbs.	F/V Max

We should receive the 2021 Fish-at-a-Glance cards and they will be available at our June GM and our Thursday Captains & Anglers BBQs. These cards list all 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.

As a reminder, all eligible slips we receive figure in our annual awards. So, even if you don't win a derby, get your fish weighed throughout the seasons and give us a fully completed slip. Remember: If we don't have a completed slip in hand, the fish did not exist. Also, ALL submitted fish must meet minimum weights to be eligible for submission.

My contact info and derby updates are available on the Fishing Reports section (members only – so you need to register) of our forum located on the FTC website. I hope to see you at the GM!

Best Fishes, *Ray Geiger*

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GOOD & WELFARE

Our sympathies go out to Jimmy Counts on the loss of his sister, Carol.

Congratulations to my grandson, 3rd generation FTC member, Hudson Squeri on winning the **Paul Grippo Memorial Equalizer Trophy.** Way to go Hudson!

Thank you, *Jeff Squeri*



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Thanks, *Jim Azzi*

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