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NEXT GM

THURSDAY, JULY 10 • 8:00 PM

CURE OF ARS AUDITORIUM

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FTC / Northeast Fishing Seminar Series is proud to present

CANYON & TUNA FISHING SEMINAR

HOSTED BY CAPT. HARRY WEINBLATT F/U BLUE MARLIN

This Offshore Fishing Seminar will again be open to the fishing public so invite your friends to this one. This promises to be a well-attended meeting since it coincides with the beginning of our pelagic fishing season (fingers crossed). For those of you who were not able to attend last year's seminar, Capt Harry give an informative and well attended presentation. Using large temp charts, hands-on gear, tuna tactics, and anchoring techniques Capt Harry will tell all. Everyone is bound to come home with a few new ideas on how to be more productive when offshore fishing. The club is fortunate to have a guy that had landed many trophy tuna and willing to share his years of experience with us and potential members. The GM will have lots of great raffle prizes, 50/50 and great food as usual thanks to out House staff. Be sure to show up early and get a good seat. Event begins at 7:30 pm at the Church of Curé of Ars Auditorium.

President's Message

Ed Faza



Amazing July 2008 we are in full swing of our clubs fishing season. Our Thursday Night Crew is at the ready every Thursday night until years end, all boats at the club have been splashed and our state of the art marina and most of CLUB! Is fully unveiled for all members to enjoy, whether you keep you boat there, or just need a place to watch a sunset, enjoy Thursday B/Q or in house clinic. I once again thank all who gave there time to the growth of our club. The fruits of your labor will be part of our clubs history.

This month in follow up to our slammer May 2008 Captain Larry "THE LEGEND" Shark Clinic we will be hosting our second and what we believe will be the most comprehensive offshore clinic of the year on Canyon Fishing. Captain Harry "BLUE MARLIN" will master this grand presentation for all to glean from. His knowledge in all areas of fishing and most of all safety at sea will be cover. From lines off to preserving your catch. So please make this great event. In addition all quest that attend will be invited down to our next Thursday night B/Q.

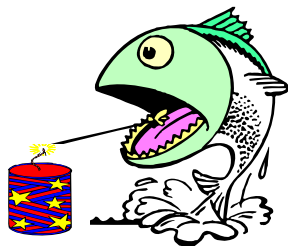
This month we will also being awarding our derby prizes for Striped Bass and Sea Bass, hats off to all the winners, so please come to except your honors. Our Shark derby is in full swing with some very impressive fish already hitting our scales. First blood when to Captain Sean Libby with a 439 Thresher currently in first place. His thresher is strongly being followed up my Bob Bohler's 208 Thresher, which also took our FTC in house Calcutta. In third is Captain Chris Squeri with a very fine 193 mako. In addition well done by Captain John Gerrity with first mako of the year...always a tough one to beat.

Tight lines to all see you at our next GM.

Thanks,

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FISHING BULLETIN



Captain Harry Weinblatt
F/V Blue Marlin

Our 2008 season is in progress and our club members are taking advantage of it. Firstly congratulations to Capt Sean Libby and the crew of the Aurora, drawing first blood this year with a very respectable 480 lb. Thresher Shark. This monster was caught two days before the Hudson Anglers Shark Tournament and absolutely got the juices flowing. The Hudson Anglers Tournament was a success for many of the FTC boats this year. Congratulations to John Gerrity on the Moon Child on the clubs first mako of the season a 165lb specimen taken during the Hudson Tournament. Congratulations are also in order to The Lady E on their respectable 193lb. Mako as well as the Margarita Bill, Bunker Dunker and Aurora (again) on their 150 lb. Makos. A week earlier the crews of the Blue Marlin and Oceanic fished the South Jersey Shark Tournament. These two vessels were flying the FTC flag proudly, however 100lb. class Makos were in abundance and too small for the tournaments 200lb. minimum size requirements.

On the offshore scene, The Annual Woodcleft Shark Tournament went off as planned this past weekend. With the anticipation of last weeks catches the boats fanned the compass rose at the start. Although the fishing was off for most, congratulations are in order to Capt Bob and the crew of the Joint Effort, they weighed in a respectable 208 lb. Thresher Shark. Not quite big enough for the tournament money but big enough to take the FTC Calcutta. Our regular canyon commuter Wasabi and crew continue to ply the shelf waters and on his most recent trip reported a bakers dozen of Bluefin

and Yellowfin fishing a temp break in Mayes Canyon about three weeks ago. There is beautiful water that has been sliding between 500 and 1000 fathoms south of the Hudson Canyon and west towards Toms Canyon should not be too much longer before the first decent reports start coming into our local inlets.

One the inshore scene Mike Wagner aboard his Mikes Mistress has reported fluke action is in progress. With his crews perseverance they have managed good catches of fish fishing through the shorts and around structure laden areas.

The seabass fishing still continues to produce quality action locally, however this action is off from the last two months.

Our striped bass fishery is in full swing, many FTC vessels have reported excellent catches the last two weeks fishing in and around the bunker schools which have taken up residence east of our local inlet. The fish have all been decent size with fish taken up to the mid thirty pound range. Closer to home the crew of the Four Bells has been kept busy in the evenings playing catch and release with many quality bass in the 30" plus range fishing our local back bays.

Sincerely,

Harry Weinblatt
F/V Blue Marlin



CONSERVATION

NEW YORK, NY (June 23, 2008) - Attorney General Andrew M. Cuomo today announced a lawsuit against the federal Department of Commerce for violating federal law with its new limits on recreational catches of summer flounder along the east coast. The suit charges that their regulations will harm New York's anglers and the recreational fishing industry, without benefiting the long-term health of these popular sportfish.

In May 2008, the NMFS adopted state-by-state limits for regulating summer flounder catches for the current season. In violation of the laws governing state-by-state regulations, the new regulations subject New York anglers to the strictest catch limits of any other state, including neighboring states. For example, New Yorkers can keep four fewer fish per day than New Jersey anglers. New Yorkers are also only allowed to keep fluke over 20.5 inches -- two and a half inches longer than those that can be kept by New Jersey anglers -- barring New Yorkers from keeping most of the fish they catch. Furthermore, the NMFS based the new regulations on a one-year survey conducted almost

10 years ago; experts have severely criticized this survey as being scientifically invalid. Finally, there is no evidence that the state-by-state regulations adopted by the NMFS properly conserve the population of fluke, which is the ultimate goal of these regulations.

The suit filed today seeks to invalidate the new federal regulations and to direct the NMFS to adopt the alternative "coast wide" approach for managing recreational east coast catches of summer flounder. The lawsuit was filed in the United State District Court for the Eastern District of New York.

The suit is being handled by Assistant Attorney General Andrew Gershon under the supervision of Special Deputy Attorney General for Environmental Protection Katherine Kennedy.

GOOD & WELFARE

All is well. No news is good news. Anyone wishing to post on Good and Welfare contact Jeff Squeri at 516-652-5981

JULY 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 our Sea Bass and Striped Bass derby winners! The Striped Bass derby in particular was hotly contested with 7 fish within 5lbs of the winner and over 20 entries.

OUR JULY DERBY WINNERS ARE:

SEABASS

1st Place: Robert Porter.....5.13 lbs F/V Shark III
2nd Place: Joe Fanora.....3.75 lbs F/V Norma
3rd Place: Mike Zullo..... 3.31 lbs F/V Magic Too

STRIPED BASS

1st Place: Joanne Schroeder....32.00 lbs F/V Just Add Water
2nd Place: John Kamper..... 31.13 lbs F/V Mary Etta

3rd Place: Peter DiThomas.....29.81 lbs F/V Lena D

THE FOLLOWING DERBIES ARE IN PROGRESS OR STARTING THIS MONTH:

Tuna (20 lbs.).....July 5th ~ August 10th
Mahi (4 lbs.).....July 5th ~ August 10th

Round #2 of our Fluke Derby will run August 2nd ~ September 1st (End of Season).

THE FOLLOWING DERBIES ARE CLOSED OR

PROPERTY

All boat owners were invited by John Gerrity, Property Chairman, to attend a meeting in early June to discuss the newly renovated property and to respond to the boat owner/member questions concerning the use of the property. Feedback on the renovations have been overwhelmingly positive; there were a number of points raised by the owner/members that were addressed. These include decisions to provide a second fish cleaning table near the south end of the property, provisions for unimpeded access to the ramps, the location of rod racks near the top of each ramp, the installation of ladders, the allowance for owner/member installed bumpers and slide rings on the mooring poles and a decision to accommodate boarding steps on the floating docks.

In addition, all members were reminded of their obligation to respect the Club's property and to ensure that they promptly pick up after themselves, properly discard of beverage cans and other waste as well as their pet's waste.

Picking up on the discard of beverage cans, what could be better than returning them for a cash deposit? That is just what Bob Sabella thought when he took the initiative to locate a specially designed recycle bin at the property. In addition to keeping things neat, Bob said that he "...collected over three hundred beverage cans in the first week." Congratulations to Bob on a great idea and an even better execution.

FLUKE CALCUTTA

You have to be in it to win it! Oh and weighing a fish would also help. 53 members have joined the 2008 fluke Calcutta. The Calcutta is wide open at this time. There have been no fish weighed in. The Calcutta is \$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.. Mike Sullivan

TREASURER'S REPORT

At the June Board of Director's meeting, a mid-year report on the financial condition of the club was given by Treasurer Mike Sullivan. Mike reported on the club's actual expenditures for the property improvements vs. the planned expenditures and the impact of these along with the required mortgage payments through the end of the year. Depending upon what actions the Board of Directors takes to meet its previously adopted budget, Mike stated that he "...expects the club to be in a position to prepay a portion of the mortgage by the end of the year." In his report, Mike stated that "... it looks like the Freeport Tuna Club will be here for a long time to come." In addition to the report Mike responded to numerous questions directed to him by the Board of Directors. Tim Sherman, Chairman of the Finance Committee added that he had reviewed Mike's projections and found them reasonable. Anyone wishing to read the Treasurer's report should see Mike Sullivan at the GM Meeting.

BIG DOG SHARK TOURNAMENT

Many of you have participated in Long Island's fastest growing shark tournament, the BIG DOG SHOOTOUT, and have collected cash & prizes placing in the top 3 positions. Congratulations, and thank you for your support. This year's event in shaping up to is the biggest yet. 24 boats have signed up to date and we expect to exceed last year's number of 40 boats. That would bring 1st Place prize money with Calcutta's to around \$10,000. We have 2nd. & 3rd place prizes. Some of the unique features of this tournament include:

1. The Tournament last 2 months, June 1st. - July 31st.
2. Fish as often as you like, whenever you like.
3. Weigh in as many fish as you like.
4. Fish captured while in another tournament are eligible.
5. You don't actually pay the entry fee until August after the tournament is over

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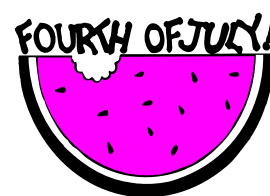
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and safe
4th of July.*

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Assistant Treasurer needed: Are you looking to meet people and get more involved in the business aspects of the Freeport Tuna Club? Do you have accounting/computer/interpersonal/business skills? If so, you could be qualified to be an Assistant Treasurer of the Freeport Tuna Club. All queries should be sent to ftcfishing@verizon.net.

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