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**JULY 2011 DERBY,
AWARDS & CONTESTS REPORT**

*Awards Chairman: Captain Bill Morrogh
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Captain Michael Zullo*

Our spring STRIPED BASS Derby was a huge success with many trophy fish weighed. Congrats to everyone who participated.

The WEAKFISH derby ended on June 26th. The SHARK, BLUEFISH and FLUKE derbies run through July 4th. The SEABASS Derby runs through July 24th. Send in those weigh slips now!

Congrats to Captain Larry Festa and the "Kristen" for taking 1st MAKO of the year with a 217 Lb. beauty caught on June 16th! This is always a highly contested annual award.

It's TUNA/MAHI time! Point those boats south and hand in those weigh slips. You never know what you'll get in the deep!

**OUR JULY DERBY WINNERS ARE:
STRIPED BASS**

1st Place: Paul Noto • 46.8 lbs. F/V Rocket Fish
2nd Place: Paul Schuber • 43.69 lbs. F/V Sea Mist
3rd Place: Barbara Solomon • 37.5 lbs. F/V 19 Whaler

THE FOLLOWING DERBIES ARE STARTING THIS MONTH:

Tuna (20 lbs.) July 2nd through August 7th
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Sunday, August 28th

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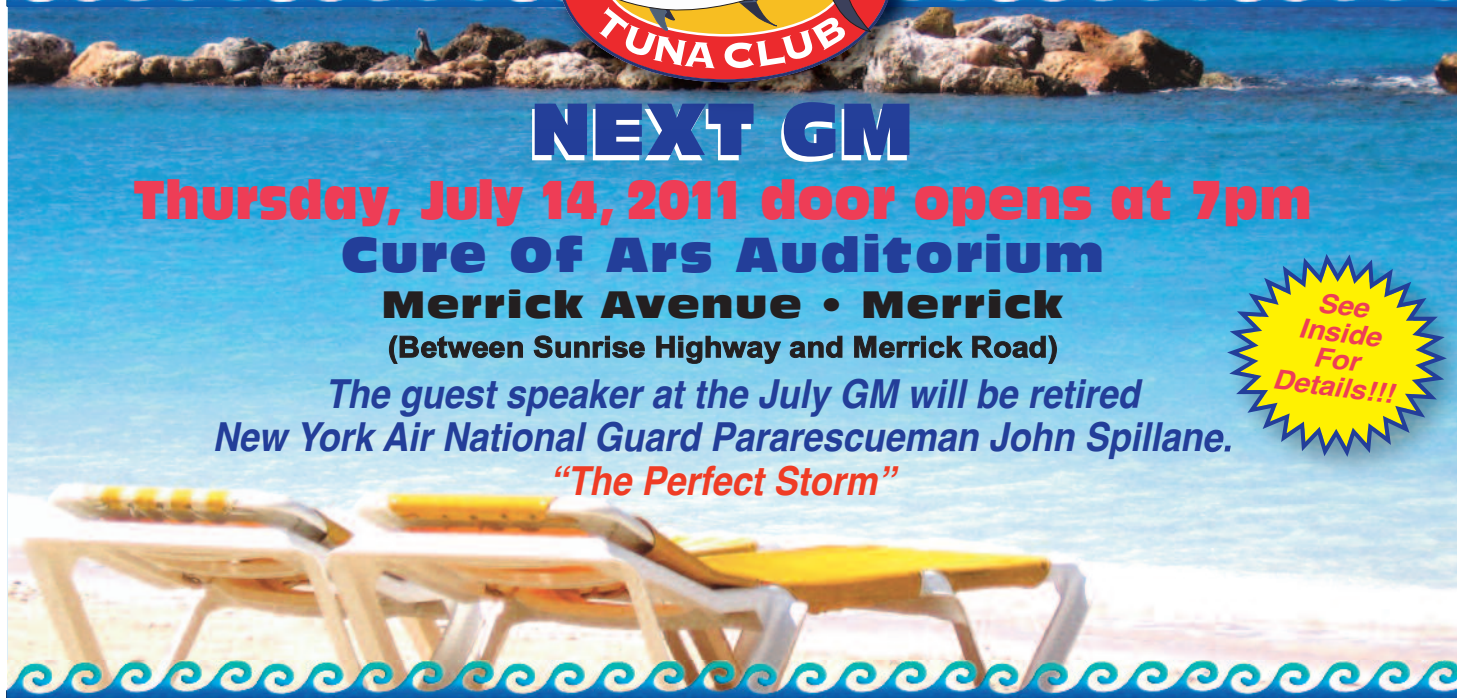
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NEXT GM

Thursday, July 14, 2011 door opens at 7pm

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*The guest speaker at the July GM will be retired
New York Air National Guard Pararescueman John Spillane.*

"The Perfect Storm"



President's Message

Dear Members,

We hope that all members had a happy and safe Fourth of July. I cannot believe that the year is half way completed. It seemed just like yesterday all of us were looking forward to getting our vessels sea worthy and putting on our shorts to dunk a pole or two. The weather is has been cooperating, the members have been fishing this only means that summer is here, so let's go out and fish.

Before I continue this months speaker at our July GM will be retired New York Air National Guard Pararescueman John Spillane. John spent 21 years with the 106th Air Rescue Group. John will be speaking on his training, duties and responsibilities as a pararescueman, with special attention to his involvement and participation in the event we all know as the "Perfect Storm". Please make every effort to attend, and feel free to bring a friend for what will be a riveting presentation.

Like the past months this June was jammed packed with activities. The Spring Rodeo was big successes. The reason is easy; The Captain Angler crew did it again, led by the Rodeo Chairman Jim Rooney. There is a lot of work and time put into this event by the members of the captain anglers. Like the U.S Marines they arrive early and are the last ones to leave. There are too many to thank individually so thank you to all the members of the Captain Anglers Committee for their hard work and to the FTC members and their families who attended the Rodeo Event we thank you.

This weekend was also a Shootout weekend put together by Chris Bellinzoni against the Matinecock. The FTC sweep the triple play shoot-out with fish from Joe DeSalvo @ 6 lbs. 9 oz. Fluke, Harry Schroeder @ 11 lbs. 7 oz. Bluefish and Paul Schuber @ 43 lbs. 11 oz. Striped Bass, way to go boys! I would also like to thank Dave Deneberg for attending and showing support to the FTC on Rodeo weekend.

Well he's back, just as we thought he was out we dragged him back in. "The Legend" Captain Larry Festa struck again with the "First Mako of the Year"! If I didn't see it myself I wouldn't believe it but Larry put on a dancing clinic on the deck of the Kristen that made everyone that was watching smile ear to ear. This again proves to me why I love this club.



Continuing with Sharks, the Hudson Anglers had their Annual Shark tournament where Sean Libby F/V Aurora, Joe Krusch F/V Lucky Joe, seventh place winner and Captain Harry Weinblatt F/V Blue Marlin brought sharks to the scale to weight. I would also say thank you to everyone who wore the FTC shirts while fishing this tournament to represent the FTC.

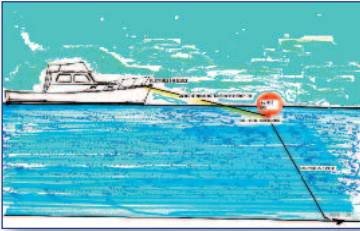
Still on the tournament events a nice show of FTC presence by Captain Bruce Forster F/V O'Reely who placed 3rd in the Bayshore Shark Event.

In Closing I personally wish everyone of FTC family to have a happy and safe summer season. God Bless America.

*And I'm proud to be an American,
where at least I know I'm free.
And I won't forget the men who died,
who gave that right to me.*

~ Lee Greenwood ~

~ President 2011 ~ John Rooney



DEEP WATER CANYON ANCHORING PART TWO

~ By Captain Lawrence J. Festa

This month we are pick up where we left off starting with our gear:

Chain: This is a very key element in your ground tackle. Extra chain makes up for the use of the Standard Anchor as opposed to the High Tensile, and should the winds pick up it really helps to hold the hook in place. I use approximately 20 - 25 feet of 3/8" chain. The chain is attached to the anchor via a Seadog Anchor Swivel, which keeps the line free of line haggles during the anchor lift, making it easier to handle and stow away. The bottom line is regardless of your anchor selection, extra chain will go a long way in safety and hassle-free anchoring.

Anchor Drop Back Line: The anchor drop back line, or pick line, is made of 1/2" polypropylene and is very key. This line should be approximately 100 ~ 150 feet long with a bullet buoy on the end. The buoy keeps the anchor ball from riding up the anchor drop line. The anchor drop back line with the bullet buoy will keep your boat away from the anchor line. This is important when night fishing because should a fish make a starched run to the bow you have a shot at turning him before he gets into the anchor line. The anchor drop back line is shackled to the anchor line with the bullet buoy on the end. The bullet buoy once again will keep your anchor ball from sliding up the anchor drop back line.

Quick Release: A quick release Pelican Hook is an essential part of your set up. Should it become necessary to get underway quickly in the event of an emergency, a quick pull of the trigger line releases you from your anchor drop back line, freeing up for any quick maneuver that might become necessary.

Anchor Balls: I like using at least two anchor lifting balls, both with a very short length of line rigged with a quality fireman's stainless steel snap and an anchor ring which will allow the ring to slide easily during the lift. The ball size can vary from A-2 to A-3 depending on the weight of your gear.

Glow Sticks: The glow stick is a very handy item to use when night anchoring. I attach the glow stick to the tag end of the anchor pick line. In the event you need to drop off your anchor in the middle of the night, the glow stick will make it easy to find the pick up end.

Storage Container: This [is the] last item is needed to secure your anchor gear neatly. A 50 gallon size container hold 1800 feet of 3/8" line or 1200 feet of 1/2" line, plus the anchor pick line and chain, with room to spare. Options in this area can vary based on individual vessel needs.

Deployment Procedures: With all equipment accounted for, the next step is proper deployment of the anchor so that it can be done only once before dark with a positive set. The downside of this is that you need to give up some of your twilight troll, which can be the most productive time. The second option is to deploy your anchor gear mid day and return to it at night, hoping that you have picked a good spot for the night bite. If you do this, don't forget to mark your location on your GPS so that you can find your anchor pick-up line when you return.

Once you decide on your spot to anchor make sure that you are downwind of any possible commercial gear, as you will need a lot of room getting set up. When anchoring on the edges of the canyons, the lobster pots usually mark the rough clay bottom, and the unmark areas, such as the Westside of the Hudson Canyon, mark the softer muddy bottom. Both offer good grapple for your hook with the, Westside bottom making it a lot easier due to little or no commercial gear and a softer set.

After you have your spot for anchoring prepare to deploy your anchor. You are anchoring in deep water, so it is imperative that you take your time paying out line until the anchor is on the bottom. With such long lengths of chain, if you deploy line

too quickly, the chain may get in front of the anchor causing it to foul, which will require a reset. This will put you adrift in the dark. As you slowly lower your anchor, the captain should be stemming the boat to keep the anchor line as close to 90 degrees as possible until the anchor is on the bottom.

Once on the bottom it is a good idea to let the vessel slowly drift away from the anchor set without any power while continuing to pay out the requisite amount of line. This will help prevent the line from floating which could make the anchor slip. As the boat drifts away clip the anchor lifting ball just before the anchor pick up line attachment. If the anchor is in good, your bow will be into the wind or current and the poly ball will be tight to the bullet buoy stopper. With all secure, my final step is to press my save bottom on the GPS and attach my glow stick to the tag end of the painter line, should I need to deploy quickly.

In the morning, unfortunately some prime time must once again be given up to retrieve your ground tackle. Before you start your anchor pull take a compass fix on your heading. Remember you will be pulling 1800 feet so it is important that you stay on that heading until the anchor is up. If not the anchor may foul or bend during the lift. It is always easy to tell if you went off course as the anchor ball will submerge, which may require some maneuvering to break free. Hopefully you are on your heading and the lift is good. Once the first ball is approximately 600 feet down the line it is a good idea to launch your second lifting ball. The balls should not touch until the anchor is all the way up and hanging in the anchor ring. If the balls touch before the lift is completed, then you most likely will have a snag, which will require you to retrieve the line until you are straight up and down over the hook to break it free.

There is no doubt that this is additional work. Regardless of what technique you decide to use you should always make sure that you carry enough ground tackle gear to safely anchor your vessel in the area you are fishing.

~ Captain Larry Festa

FV Kristen

GOOD AND WELFARE

Speed recovery wishes to Matt "Fins and Tonic" Cardone who is recovering from a recent bout of Phantasia.

Best of luck to long time member and past President Ronnie "Sea Isle" Fuering that he's back up at the helm after a recent illness.

Congratulations to Lisa and Chris "Four Bells" on the engagement of their son and club member Christopher Bellinzoni to Kristen Longo of White Plains.

A Summer 2012 (not Shark season) wedding is in the planning.

Our prayers + Best wishes to Dave Pincus as he battles back problems. Best wishes and good health to the rest of the membership.

Alicia Cataldo graduated New York University with Honors in June. She has accepted a scholarship to Drexel Law School starting in September.

~ Jeff Squeri • 516-652-5981 • 516-221-6343

PROPERTY

Our season is in full swing, all boats are in the water and every slip in our marina is occupied, making us one of the few marinas in our area that is 100% full. I think that says a lot about our club and what the property has to offer boaters in our area.

Some of our members were disappointed in not getting a slip this year. We are sorry that we could not fulfill everyone's request.

Currently we have either one or two sub leases available for anyone still looking for a slip this year. One slip is in the basin and the other is on the line. Any members interested please contact the property committee for more details.

If you have any plans on obtain a slip at the FTC for 2012 I strongly recommend that you get on our waiting now. Currently the list is expired so any member place a deposit request now will be #1! It does not get any better than that. Gentlemen, All slips are paid in full.

~ Don Granger ~ Property Business Manager

CATCH OF THE MONTH SOUTH SHORE COW BASS!

Our "Catch of the Month" goes to yet another Paul. Paul Schuber caught this very impressive 43 lb. 11 oz. striped bass while fishing on his boat the "Sea Mist".

The fish was caught off Long Beach on June 4th.

For bragging rights, you must 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.



FISHING BULLETIN

Although the month of July is on our doorstep; it feels like the season just got started not too long ago. We are now about to enter the second half of our 2011 fishing year and our season to date can be categorized as pretty decent in terms of species that we are able to catch.

On the offshore scene we had another first for the season; Congratulations go to Capt. Larry Festa who skipped his vessel Kristen on June 16th and captured the season's first mako, a 217 lb specimen. During this year's Hudson Anglers Tournament; the FTC had two boats that placed in the top ten, unfortunately out of the money Bill Crush skipped his vessel Lucky Joe accompanied by John Campa to capture a 236 Thresher Shark which earned them a 7th place finish. I skipped the Blue Marlin along with club members Eugene, Pierce, Tim Sherman, Joe Mangiapanello and John Daum we placed in eighth with a 221 lb Blue Shark. The following weekend Bruce Forester skipped his vessel Oh Reely and landed a 161 mako which earned him a 3rd place finish and a spot on the podium during this year's Bay Shore Mako Tournament. The bluefin tuna action also continues, Ralph Drewes aboard his Oceanic opted out of this year's Hudson Anglers Shark Tournament in quest of the tuna action that Chris Gerhart aboard his Wasabi has been cashing in on for the last month and a half. Ralph and his crew were not disappointed as they landed 15 bluefin keeping their legal limit and safely releasing the rest.

On the local fishing front striped bass is still on the menu and the bite still continues. Most recently Doug Toback Jr. fishing with his dad aboard the family Corazon nailed a bass which weighed in at 41 lbs. on a bunker chunk drifted out in front of our inlet. Chris Bellinzoni and Joe Mangiapanello reported that they are still whacking away at the bass in the back bays and decent action can be found during the right tides.

Our sea bass and fluke fishery are in play currently and club members have reported lots of shorts pertaining to fluke action and decent seabass action when the right conditions present themselves.

Well that's it for this month's report, please e-mail me your reports so I may include them in the next month's Tuna Tower news Letter capthar-ryweinblatt@yahoo.com.

Sincerely,

~ Captain Harry Weinblatt
F/V Blue Marlin

ENTERTAINMENT NEW YORK AIR NATIONAL GUARD MASTER SERGEANT JOHN SPILLANE

"Battered by a howling gale, the HH-60 Pave Hawk helicopter shuddered and shimmied while it skimmed over a swirling sea that boiled like a witch's cauldron. Inside the chopper, pararescueman Tech. Sgt. John "Mickey" Spillane stared at the bubbling broth and thought, I'm sure glad I'm up here and not down there.

Little did he know...."

That is how Tech. Sgt. Pat McKenna, described John Spillane's thoughts just moments before he would be forced to leap from his aircraft into what is now known as The Perfect Storm. Meet retired New York Air National Guard Master Sergeant John Spillane at the Freeport Tuna Club's General Membership meeting where he will speak on his training, duties and experiences as a pararescueman (more commonly known as a "PJ"), with special attention to his involvement in the event we all know as the "Perfect Storm" in October, 1991. John is a riveting speaker. Along with his remarks and presentation, he will take questions, and may sign, if requested, your personal copies of "The Perfect Storm".

BRAGGER'S RIGHTS SHOOT-OUT #1

On the competitive fishing front, our club started off the 2011 season right where we left off our 2010 season - willing to fish with and against any other Long Island fishing club for any saltwater species anywhere and anytime!

Out of the 25+ clubs I contacted all across the Island, only our good friends within the Matinecock Fishing Club accepted our challenge with open spools and baits. (I can only guess the more 'local' clubs are tired of getting their "Bass" kicked" by the FTC!) Without hesitation, Matinecock's Shoot-out Chairman Ed Svec again this year accepted our challenge and together we set a course for a "Triple Play" weekend to coincide with our rodeo weekend, formatting an event pitting our two club's skills against each other for the biggest of 3 species: Striped Bass, Bluefish and Fluke. Our Club results were favorable as we took round one of this season's Shoot-out series with a total weight of 61 lbs 8 oz vs Matinecock's 41 lbs. 04 oz. Congratulations to Paul "Sea Mist" Schuber for decking the event's largest fish, (and our rodeo's largest fish) a trophy line-sider hitting the scale at an impressive 43 lbs 11 oz. Consider this, at 43 lbs 11 oz, the rest of us could have stayed tied to the dock and Paul, along with his crew, one rod and one bunker spoon would have brought the FTC bragging rights in this Shoot-out by himself! In our Blu fish category, and no stranger to tackle-busting Blues.

Harry "Just Add Water" Schroeder tilted the scale with a respectable 11 lb. 7 oz. Bluefish, taking that category for our FTC. Rounding out the winner's circle was a relatively new name & member, Skipper Joe "GailWarning" Disalvo who netted an early season best Fluke of 6 lbs. 9 oz. to anchor win number one for our club.

ROUND TWO: ONE WEEK LATER

What a difference a week can make! The following weekend's tides saw us once again pitted against our formidable opponents, The Matinecock Fishing Club. This time a straight forward format, the three (3) largest Striped Bass from each club. If only we could have kept Matinecock's Tom Collery tied to the dock for the 3 day event! Tom put Bass of 37, 32 and 29 lbs on the deck of his boat for the weekend. While our club's Paul "Rocketfish" Notto, Bobby "Joint Effort" Bohlerl and yours truly, fishing my "Kismet Jo," brought forward fish of 31, 26 and 14 lbs... Not even Paulie "Rocketfish's" personal best, a 46 lb. 8. oz. C-O-W taken the day before this shoot-out would have bailed us out. Congratulations to Paul on this trophy Striped Bass of a lifetime! Matinecock takes round two, call it 98 lbs. to 71 lbs. Our Shoot-Out series is now tied at 1 all!

Up Next: SCORE FOUR! FTC vs Matinecock Fishing Club. Four days and four nights of Blue fishing competition. Fish all day Friday, July 22nd through all day Monday July 25th!

The total combined weight of each Club's four (4) biggest Bluefish takes the tie breaker.

In closing, I'm very humbled to submit to you as our Club's 2010 Captain Of The Year, that Tournament, Invitational, Shoot-out and competitive fishing presents and offers a very different dynamic to our sport of fishing - not only in our strategies and selection of crew, but specifically all the attention that obviously gets focused and centered around "Going to scale" - "THAT DAY". Keeping in mind it doesn't have to be your BIGGEST EVER of the targeted game. It "just" has to be the biggest "THAT DAY." In 2010 my crew and I were blessed to have several of "Those days" in my log at the end of the year. We ain't just Tuna and there ain't nothing like "THAT DAY" Catch'm Up.

TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

Chairman: Matt Errett • Committee members: Chris Bellinzoni

As usual, the FTC was well represented at most of the major offshore tournaments. With a number of them behind us now, some FTC members have been right in there. Seems to be the year of the Mako with lot's of club boats reporting multiple Mako days!!!

In the Freeport Hudson Anglers, FTC Member Joe Crush fishing aboard his "LUCKY JOE" took 7th Place with a 236 Thresher.

In the Bayshore Shark Tournament, FTC Bruce Forster, F/V O'REELY put member Johnny Payne on a nice 161 Mako to capture 3rd. Place Had the fish been another 11 pounds they would have captured 2nd. Place and \$26,000.

In the Noreast Big Dog Shootout, FTC Member Sean Libby, F/V Auora, is leading the shootout with a 168 Mako which was captured during the Hudson Anglers Tournament. Sean had 12 Mako's that day. Repeat, 12.

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FLUKE CALCUTTA

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MEMBERSHIP

Membership is now 202 strong and counting. This month we will swear in new member Robert Danza. Robert lives in Bellmore with his wife Anita and their two children, Thomas and Andrew. When Robert is not fishing or Scuba diving, he enjoys snowboarding.

BULLETIN

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