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BAKE OFF

NEXT GM/Rodeo
Starts Sunday, July 22
4pm at the Property
Rodeo: July 20, 21 & 22
BBQ to follow July GM which starts promptly
at 1600 hrs(4pm) at the Club house.

Rodeo starts 0001 hrs Friday, July 20 and all slip must be in the box at the property by 1600 hrs (4pm). All members must be present to win.
 Fluke, Striped Bass, Bluefish, Seabass, Tuna and shark. Children under 12 years old: Sea Robbins.

- There will be a Bake off with prizes, Bouncy, DJ and plenty of fun and food for all the family. anyone who can lend a hand setting up the property on Sunday.

Please contact Jim Rooney (516) 850-6772.

BBQ

President's Message

Dear Members,

Rodeo Time!

It's rodeo time this month! In a change from our recent practice of having two rodeos, spring and fall, this year we are combining both events into one summer rodeo. Fishing begins at 5pm on Friday, July 20 and all weigh slips must be in the box at the property by 4 pm on Sunday, July 22. Kids love fishing in the rodeo, and participating in this event helps foster an interest in fishing that hopefully they carry with them throughout their lives. In addition to the weather issues we sometimes had to deal with during the spring and fall rodeos the dates always fell during the school year. This inevitably resulted in some of our kids having conflicts with school events during the rodeo that prevented them from fishing. The kids are our future; it is to them that we pass on both our love for fishing and the sea and our club itself. If they are involved now they will want to be involved when they are older. So fish as much as you can, and come on down on Sunday whether you have a fish to weigh or not. It's a great time for the whole family.

Another change we have made for this year is to combine the July GM with the rodeo. The GM will be held at the property on Sunday, July 22, starting at 4 pm. It will be an abbreviated meeting so as not to interfere with the barbecue, which begins at 5pm. Most of the normal GM order of business will be waived; after opening the meeting we will go directly to Good and Welfare, then swear in

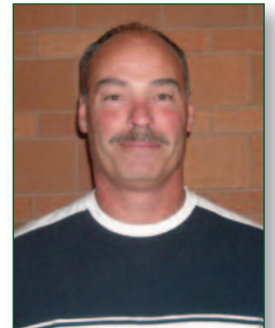
any eligible new members, move to Derby reports and Special Events, then close the meeting and get on with the fun!

The 75th Anniversary Cruise on June 28 was a big success. The weather gods owed us one from our last cruise a few years ago, and they came through big time for us this time around. A warm clear night, a beautiful big boat with plenty of room for everybody, great food and music in the company of good friends—it was a great way to mark our 75th year of operation. I want to give a special thank you to Jim Rooney, who took the lead on this project and did a stellar job of bringing it to pass.

Another event held in June proved, once again, that the best fisherman to be found are found at the Freeport Tuna Club. Dave Massa and crew took first place in the Woodcleft Shark Tournament with a 545lb thresher. Congratulations!

See you all at the rodeo. The weather is here, and so are the fish. Go get em!

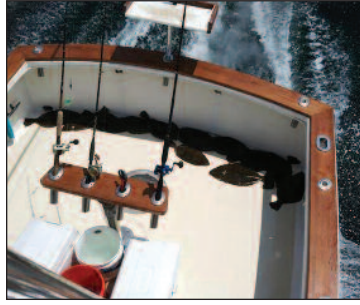
~ President 2012 ~ Bill Toohey



FTC Fishing Report

SHARK.....

What a month we had indeed. Quality makos were achieved by many of our members. The largest & the 1st a 183 lb. on the "F/V Kristen" followed by Captain Adam's "F/V Hooker" with a 200 lb. Thresher. The month continued to develop with Sean Libby's 177 lb. mako caught during the Woodcleft Tournament along with Captain Chris "F/V 4 Bells" and Captain Harry "F/V Just Add Water" with both captains taking 150 lb. class makos.



However if anyone did a great "Hat Trick" on the sharking scene... It was Captain Dave Mazza "F/V Shark Hunter". First trip out of the gate during the Woodcleft Tournament, Captain Dave found and harvested a 545 lb. Thresher Shark weeping 1st place with a 40 lb. lead over the number two fish.....Wow & Wow \$\$\$\$\$. Great job Captain Dave and thanks for putting the FTC club in the winners circle. It just does not get any better than that!

With the water warming up rapidly the shark game will start too slowing down. There will still be some small makos, blues and threshers on the inshore pieces, which will make for great tag & release fishing...plus you never know, a stray keeper size fish may just come along. As of this writing Captain Nick Nero reported an excellent shark trip at the Yankee Wreck Area with two makos, a thresher and four bluesharks all released. Captain Doug Toback also reported a successful shark trip at the Broadcast Wreck which produced a keeper size 150 lb. class mako that made good its escape.

Warm is good in one respect we are currently in the throws of a fairly good bluefin tuna bite. The kill zone seems to start in the "Glory Hole" and the area south we call the "Chicken Canyon". Most of the fish are 40 lb. class bluefins and they are being taken on the troll. Some of the sharper captains have also been jigging them once they find them on the troll. Green machines on the long riggers followed by spreader bars on the short riggers and lastly cedar plugs, jets and Ballyhoo on the infield rods. Bag limit for these fish is one per boat for all recreational anglers & two fish for Charter Head Boat Permit holders. On a very recent trip Captain Chris "Wasbie" reported going 12 for 14 on 43" ~ 47" bluefin east of the Glory Hole and Captain Paul Noto reported a very good tuna jigging bite in the Mako Hotel area. Captain Paul went 5 for 5 on school bluefin. Currently our spring tuna and mahi derbies are wide open..... so weigh that keeper fish!

Canyon reports..... Nothing goods, as of this writing we may have some good water hitting us soon, but it is too early to call.

Plenty of bunker on the beach and out as far as 80 feet of water, however as of late not a lot of bass under them at our local Freeport stomping grounds. We did, however manage to have a very successful Spring Strip Bass Derby. Our 1st Place fish goes to new club member Peter Monteleone with a very fine 37.42 lb. striper trolled on his boat "F/V Polar Bear" which berths at our FTC Marina. It is nice to see a new member enjoying all that our club has to offer. Our 2nd & 3rd place fishes go to old chestnuts; Bruce Forster with a 36.5 lb. striper and Paul Noto with a 35.75 lb. striper. An excellent derby horse race for sure! On the eastern end Captain Anthony Testa reports great size bass in the high 40 lb. class on live porgies

Worth a Captain's mention is Mathew Edelman's 17 lb. Bluefish!.... Mat caught this alligator blue during a strip bass trip on their family boat captained by Michael Edelman.

Seabass..... to die for! The seabass have move off the twenty mile pieces and they are being caught in great numbers on our local reefs and rough inshore bottom. The derby is on and it looks like 2.5 + lbs. will be needed to put you in the running.

With the seabass inshore our twenty mile wrecks are still holding some Cod and ling.

Fluke.....**On Fire!**

Go now. The ocean flukeing has started. I have made several trips and we had keepers up to 7 lbs. on ocean fluke trips. Macalister Grounds, the tankers, the reefs, Buoy 4, Cholera and Middle Grounds are just a few of the local spots holding fish. Every day is different with tide and wind play a good part in the success of your day so be opened minded about where and when to go. Our fluke season should last well into August which will give us plenty of time to enjoy this great fishery. If you want to improve your hook-up rate watch this amazing fluke video:



http://www.noreast.com/discussion/ViewTopic.cfm?topic_ID=182518&page=1

That about wraps it up this report. If you had a good catch drop the Awards & Contest Committee a line we would be here to help and share it with our membership.

Tight Line ~ Captain Larry ~ F/V Kristen

Fluke Calcutta

Eighty three members have joined the 2012 Fluke Calcutta. Charlie Spring's 9 lb. fluke is leading (again)! This contest, which is open to club members only, provides a head-to-head competition to determine who the best fluke fisherman is. There are no limits on where to fish, \$10 entry fee, winner take all format. Fish must be caught on hook and line. Contact Mike Sullivan to enter. ftc1937@verizon.net.

Remember you have to be in it, to win it.

Membership

New members to be sworn in at the July meeting include: 1) Keith Tauber, a salesman from Merrick who pilots his 23 Grady from BWYC 2) Frank Faber, an accountant from N. Massapequa and captain of The Bottom Line 3) William Murphy, a family man from Franklin Square, who will be keeping his boat, Kimsee, at the property and 4) Edward Brennan, Jr. of Huntington Station.

Tournament Committee

Chairman: Matt Errett

Members: Chris Bellinzoni

Congratulations to Dave Massa, F/V SHARK HUNTER, & crew by taking 1st Place in the Woodcleft Shark Tournament with a monster 545 pound Thresher!!!

Some of the more notable tournaments remaining.

1. **Noreast Big Dog Shootout**

No entry fee, optional \$100 Calcutta only. Compete for "BIG DOG" logo. As of this writing Ada, FV HOOKER is leading in the Calcutta with a 200n Thresher.

2. **20th Annual Star Island Mako-Thresher Tournament** August 2nd - 4th

3. **Mid Atlantic \$500,000** August 19th - 24th - 609-884-2400

4. **South Jersey "on the meat" Over-nighter** (new tournament, multiple specis offshore) July 20th - 22nd

5. **26th Annual Oak Bluffs Monster Shark Tournament** July 19th. 21st. for more information visit www.bbgfc.com

Please check the ftc website for additional information on tournaments as it becomes available.

Good Luck & Be Safe!!!!

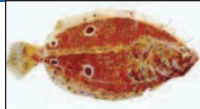
Got Four Spots?

Our quest for larger fluke has taken many anglers out into deeper water from 60 to 100 feet or more. While fishing these deeper grounds, four spotted flounder

may jump on the rigs intended for fluke, and are frequently dismissed by anglers as "shorts" and thrown back.

Four spotted flounder, or simply "four spots" share similar range, migration, and feeding habits as fluke, but rarely venture into water shallower than 50 feet. Also, they should not be confused with the "windowpane flounder", aka sundial, sometimes caught while fluke or flounder fishing in our shallow bays. Four spots grow to about 16 inches, are considered good eating, but yield little meat due to their thin stature.

- Scientific name: Paralichthys oblongus versus fluke Paralichthys dentatus
 - IGFA Record : Open (*if recognized*)
 - FTC Record: Open (*if recognized*)
 - Regulations: None
- ~ Paul Hilton / Emily S



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Catch Of The Month

1st Place Winner Woodcleft Fishing Station/ June 23rd 2012
Capt. Dave Massa-F/V Shark Hunter



Top Left: Billy Wiever • Top Center: David Massa A/K/A Dj (Angler)
 Top Right: Thomas Kiezer • Bottom Right: Chris Scarpantino
 Bottom Center: Captain Dave Massa

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Good & Welfare

Our condolences go out to Dave Solberg on the passing of his Mother. Charlie Goldstein's brother has passed away. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Charlie and Dave. A quick recovery to knee surgery for both Ken Kapner and Pat Festa.

Contact Jeff Squeri - Home (516) 221-6343 / Cell (516) 652-5981.
 ~ Jeff

Property

We have had several thefts in the past few months. We have lost hoses and nets, decks brushes, knife's and pliers. Too minimize theft do not leave any equipment out in the open.

As a reminder the gate is to be closed at all time except during Rodeo's or Capt'n Anglers. Please refrain from blocking the gate open to let in crew. I have found the gate blocked open many time with no cars on the property. Your gear could be next if the gate is left open.

Thank you for cooperation.
 ~ Property Committee

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July 2012 Derby, Awards & Contest Report

Awards Chairman: Captain Bill Morrogh

Committee Team: Captain Larry Festa, Captain Michael Zullo

Our spring STRIPED BASS Derby was a huge success with many trophy fish weighed. Congrats to everyone that participated. We will present the STRIPED BASS trophies at our Rodeo BBQ/GM on 7/22.

Congrats to Captain Larry Festa and the "Kristen" for taking 1st MAKO of the year for the second year in a row with a 183 LB. beauty caught on June 3rd! New member Artie Millin was on the rod.

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!

There's a new club record for SKIPJACK! Both Tony and Adam Bollaci bested the old record set in 1954 by a wide margin. Adam had the bigger fish at 16.81LBS!

Our SEA BASS derby runs through 7/22. How about bringing a big one in for the Rodeo?

The Derby Winners are:

Striped Bass

1st Place:	Peter Monteleone	37.42 lbs. F/V Polar Bear
2nd Place:	Bruce Forster	36.50 lbs. F/V Oh Yeah
3rd Place:	Paul Noto	35.75 lbs. F/V Rocket Fish

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