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NEXT GM
SUNDAY JULY 21ST
RODEO & GM
4 PM AT



PROPERTY
See flyer insert

AUGUST GM
AUGUST 8TH ANNUAL HAWIAN LUAU

President's Message.....

Dear Members,

Summer Time - Rodeo Time

At last Months General Meeting we were entertained by Capt. James Schneider. He runs the party boat the James Joseph on the North Shore out of Huntington. He has fished the north shore his entire life and captaining his party boat for 30 years, harvesting Fluke since the early 70's with his father Bob Schneider. Captain James told us how he targets large fluke on the north shore. He was very informative. I'd like to thank board member Ray Geiger our entertainment chairman for scheduling another great speaker!

I'd like to take this time to talk about our club and the financial situation we are in. In years past our general meetings attendance averaged 80 plus members each month. In 2012 we averaged 56 members. Every month we loose revenue because we do not have enough attendance from the membership. Last months general meetings attendance was poor with only 45 members which was VERY LOW! At our last Board Meeting we had a vote to raise the admission fee at the door. The vote passed and now the admission at the door will be \$12. We must try to make the General meeting become self sustaining so please support your club by attending the meetings each month and buying raffle tickets.

On a financial note which I had addressed in the beginning of my presidency, about our property taxes, in 2006 our taxes were about \$37,000. At that time the property was self sufficient. The taxes have been continually increasing over the years. In 2009 we rebuilt the property. We had Approx. 450 feet of new bulkhead installed, floating docks with water and electric on the floats, walkways ,and new decking for a TOP NOTCH MARINA for the FREEPORT TUNA CLUB TO BE PROUD OF! We did have to finance this with a mortgage on the property. In 2012 the taxes rose to \$52,000. This is a MAJOR Increase and based on prior years we are slated for another increase to \$58,000. Our current taxes and expenses drastically exceed our income. The board of directors along with our attorneys are working on our tax challenges, but we as a club have to HELP anyway we can because otherwise there might not be a club here in the future. So if you "LOVE" this club as much as I do, then we as members of this club have to PARTICIPATE and SUPPORT it!

Last year we had a special raffle for an 8 foot inflatable boat powered by a 3 1/2 Horsepower Tohatsu outboard motor that was won by our editor Capt. John J. Jutt. The boat raffle was in association with South Shore marine Supply and the funds that were raised paid for two boats. This year we have a 9 ft. inflatable boat powered by a 5 horsepower Tahatsu outboard motor, and this boat and motor is ours free and clear, and all the profits go to the Freeport Tuna Club. The tickets are only \$10 each. There are almost 200 members in this great club, so if 100 members each took a book of 10 tickets and sold them to self, family and friends or at their jobs, we could bring in \$10,000 profit for the Tuna

Club!. Now THAT'S WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT! Call me on the phone and leave a message with your name and address and I will personally mail you tickets (516) 781-4011. SUPPORT THE CLUB....SAVE THE FTC...IT'S REAL IMPORTANT!!

I'd like to congratulate Joe Disalvo who had 12th place in the Duke of Fluke and his son Joe Disalvo Jr. who won 2nd place in the Jr. Division good job guys!

On a lighter note the RODEO is coming up! Fish the rodeo on July 19th,20th and 21st.

Be at the property by 4 PM on July 21st. All weigh slips must be in the box by 4PM. Fish that are eligible for prizes include: SHARK...TUNA...STRIPPED BASS...BLUEFISH...SEABASS...and ...FLUKE. There will be a bouncy for the kids to enjoy and a DJ. We will have our Capt. Anglers crew cooking up some of the best dishes around. The July meeting will be combined with the Rodeo. There will be an abbreviated meeting so we can take care of some club business then on with the fun! PLEASE BRING YOUR FAMILY AND ENJOY YOUR CLUB FUNCTIONS!

SAVE THE DATE ! Don't forget about our Thursday Aug 8th General Meeting. It will be held at the Freeport Tuna Club Marina. It's our HAWAIIAN LUAU ! Our Capt Anglers will create some scrumptious dishes with a Hawaiian flair and the attire will feature Hawaiian theme. Grass skirts, coconuts, each attendee will receive a festive Hawaiian Lei Enjoy the evening with other members and good company. What better way to spend a Thurs. eve.

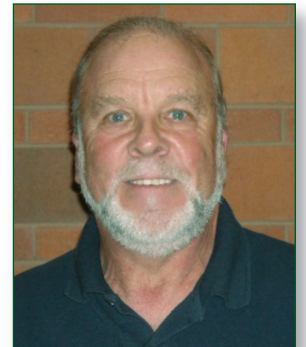
SAVE THE DATE Aug. 17 & 18th is our annual FLOATILLA at ZACH'S BAY.

I'd like to thank Jim Azzi for accepting the seat on the Board of Directors that became available. Jim is a dedicated member and a great asset to the club.

As of this message we have 189 members. At the last GM the attendance prize was won by past president Bill Toohey. He won \$75.00 and \$25.00 towards raffle tickets because he WAS there. So next month's prize is \$25.00 and you have to be there to win it.

Teach a Man to fish and he will clutter your freezer with Bait!

~ President 2013 ~ Bob Pandey



Fishing Report

SHARK!.....The season is in full swing. Talk about starting off with a bang. Our 2013 shark season to date is one of our best ever.

To my amazement with such cool green water the blue sharks, makos & threshers arrived in great numbers. As of mid-June just about every one of our local honey holes have been producing quality makos & threshers. The areas that have been productive were: The Glory Hole, HA, Mudhole, Rock Plies II & III, Mako Hotel, Yankee, 30 fathoms, 20 fathoms. Just about every spot from 120' out to 180' are holding quality fish.

Some very fine fish of note are:

Captain Harry Schroeder, angler 292 Mako; Hudson Anglers #1 winner.

Sean Libby F/V "Aurora" with a 140 Mako caught late during the Hudson Anglers Tournament.

Captain Chris Bellinzoni, christened the new "Four Bells" with a 151 Mako at the Rock Plies.

Captain Dava Massa F/V Shark Hunter" with a Woodcleft 158 Mako.

Captain Harry Weinblatt also christens his new "Blue Marlin" with a 193 Thresher at the Mako Hotel.

Captain Nick Nero, F/V "Dolice Vita" with his personal best 158 Mako also at the Mako Hotel.

Captain's Joe Principato & Hank Jenet F/V "Afishscent" did the double hat trick at the Mudhole with a 168 & 158 Mako.

Captain John Jutt did a maiden voyage trip; post Woodcleft Tournament with a fine catch of two released Makos est 100 lbs. and a keeper 200 (EST) Thresher also at the Mako Hotel.

Captain Dave Pincus, F/V "Canyon Lady" with a 238 Woodcleft Thresher.

The weekend of June 29th ~ 30th, which should have been prime time for sharking was a weather blow-out. Both days flagged small craft advisors which pushed the Bay Shore Shark Tournament back the July 13th. Montauk Marine Basin on the other hand had the tournament. A 377 Mako took 1st place honors on the F/V Joy Sea with a net of 105k!

Despite the forecast double header" Makoman" FTC Captain Joe Principato gave the offshore sharking a look. Joe Sailed to the 20 fathom curves. He reported sporty but very fishable conditions. His trip however only produced a small released Mako. Joe stated that the water was still green and that the water temperature increased to 69 degrees. The increase in temps was due to our very strong south flow of wind. Captain's Joe & Hank did a 2nd trip this past July 7th to the Linda area. Once again warm green water only produced a few dusky sharks.

This pasted July 6th Point Look Out sponsored its 1st shark tournament. The bite was not that good do to the strong s/w flow and waters warming quickly into the 70 degree mark. No FTC Boats made the scales. However the FTC was represented with the following FTC Boats: Captain Mike Lobosco F/V "Mikey Like's It", Sean Libby F/V

"Aurora", Chris Bellinzoni F/V " Four Bells" & Nick Nero F/V " La Dolice Vita" The #1 & #2 fish were both threshers @ 219 & 148 lbs. Reports of Makos were scares with Dusky's & Hammerheads moving into the warm water.

It is my belief that this red hot sharking that we have seen will be coming to a close do to the water green water that has arrived during this past two week s/w flow. However based on the start our spring shark derby will be one for the record books.

On the bassing front here are the reports:

From Captain Paul Noto:

"First 2 weeks of June we did about 5 live bait trips...Bait was around Jones but very spotty and skittish of the boat... We had slow action averaging about 3 fish per trip... most fish were in the 15lb- 29lb range .. One of the trips featured Captain Harry Weinblatt as the " Ringer"... Harry had 3 fish ...the biggest going a couple ounces under 30 lbs!!! Another trip I was joined by Bob Bohlert and Dave Massa.. Bob had the only fish weighing about 15 lbs.- -- we had quite a few opportunities at fish but the bass seemed more interested in "playing" with the bait than eating...

Water in the low to mid 60s and horrible quality... Where are the blue fish?

We are still waiting on some quality bass to arrive... I hope they didn't pass us by migrating towards their summer vacation up North....I have some first-hand reports of Bass off Cape Cod in the 40lb Range.. We will see".

Captain Joe Masseria reports that the west bar on Jones is producing nice strip bass. On a recent trip using bunker chunks as opposed to clam bellies, Joe had strippers up to 30 lbs.

Captain Pete Cefai and Barbara Solomon trailer their center console to breeze point and bunker chunked several quality bass all released by not by choice.

Some Strip bass caught of noting:

Doug Toback	Corazon	33lb 7oz	06/16/13	Jones
JoeMangiapanello	Crazy G	32lb	06/06/13	Jones
Harry Weinblatt	RocketFish	29lb 2oz	06/09/13	Jones
Paul Noto	RocketFish	28lb 14oz	06/06/13	Jones

Offshore Tuna Report:

From Captain Chris Wasbie:

"Inshore BFT seem to be just showing up, and not in any great numbers. We've been networking with guys sharking, and looking for tuna as well. We've gone a few times, including this past Saturday to the GH, CC, AP, Triple Wrecks, Bidevin, and Tower. We found a good break, whales, bait, birds, slicks, sharks, but not tuna.

We had guys looking at the Bacardi, Tower, and even the Hudson. Not much going on with tuna so far.

Couple guys have spotted schoolie size BFT in the compass rose and triple wrecks while sharking, but none of those hooked up. A friend had a 50# and couple midgets by the AP about two weeks ago. I think a couple Jersey Guys may have had a few by the Resor Wreck last weekend, but very slim pickens, so far.

Waiting on some decent water to hit any canyon from Block to the Lindy, but nothing so far."

On July 8th Captain Paul Noto gave did an offshore tuna trolling trip. Paul sailed to the Virginia Wreck area & south then east along the 30 fathom curve. Paul reported very warm 75 degree green water with no life at all. There were a few draggers but no tuna were seen, marked or hooked up.

Fluking Fishing:

Both Captain's Mike Zullo & Jim Krug report very good fluke action in our local back bays. Both captains have managed good catches of keeper fluke along with some quality weakfish. In addition to the back bays Reynolds's Channel and west to the golf course are also holding nice fluke

Captain Joe Masseria, F/V Miss Lynn reports hit and miss action on and around the Hemsptead Reef. Two trips produced 8 keeper fluke up to 7 lbs.

On the annual "Duke of Fluke" Contest three FTC Boats sail. Captain Bob Sabella F/V "Old Sam", Captain Joe Masseria F/V "Miss Lynn" & Captain Joe Desalvo F/V "Gail Force". With the high winds all boats were force to fish in the back bays. The bulk of the keeper fluke scaled at 4 lbs. with the #1 fish coming in at 8 lbs.

Captain Joe & his son Joe Jr. did manage to make the scales. Joe Jr. came in 2nd place with a 3.39 lb. fluke in the junior division & Captain Joe placed 12th with a 4.24 lb. fluke.

On July 4th Captain Bill Morrogh F/V "Margaritabill" tried outside for Fluke to see if fishing had improved. No dice. Doggies at Macalaster, tankers and zip at Hempstead reef.

Don Granger also fished outside to the Trench, Macalaster Banks, the tankers & the coal wreck with no keeper fish.

Other members reported better results inside but boat traffic made that not an option by the afternoon.

Ken kapner and Rick Hiners reported mostly shorts with a few keepers mixed in fishing inside our inlet.

Offshore Wreck fishing:

Captain Ralph Drewes reported a slammer offshore cod trip on a friend's boat, July 6th with Cod to 20 lbs.

Out East Montauk report:

At Montauk I fished fluke both days with Captain Anthony Testa F/V Stefanie Ann. With high winds the south side was not an option so we fished the north side and managed 7 keepers.

Captain Mike Sullivan Reports:

"The Bluejacket II sailed Sunday night to fish the June full moon off the Point.

On board were Charlie Goldstein and me. With the 20-25 knot south west wind, traffic was light; we joined about 8 other boats. Things calmed down at dusk and it turned into a beautiful night. Getting bait was a challenge (we managed only two pieces). My experience has been when bait is difficult to come by, the bite is good. We jigged a couple of keeper bass in the first half hour of the flood. Once the current got going, we deployed the porgies and boated a 25 lb and a 30 lb fish. They jumped on these baits; two bad we only had two. Charlie managed one fish on an eel after dark. Five fish to 30 lb- not what we had hoped for, but an ok bite".

In addition Captain Mike night bass fish July 5th tagging and releasing three quality bass on live bait.

On the late vacation catches; Treasurer John Daum reported a 42 lb. Black Grouper on June 1st during his vacation trip to Islamorada. This fine catch was only 6 lbs. short of our club record which was set in 1955 by George Sarani in Marathon Florida.

That about wraps it up for this report. If you had a good catch drop the Awards & Contest Committee a line we would love to hear about your catch and share it with our membership: E -Mail captainlarry84@aol.com

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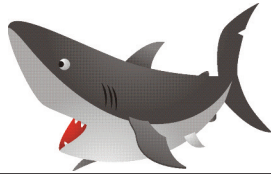
Catch of the Month - Sharks !

Many fine sharks were weighed in as detailed covered in the Fishing Report Section. Congrats to all Captains and Crews who enjoyed success during this tournament season.

The be considered for Catch of the Month by the Bulletin Committee you must submit a picture and catch details to philton@optonline.net or text me at 516 721 8907.

We want all of our club members to take advantage of this popular feature and will make the effort to spread the winners throughout our membership as much as possible.

Send in those pictures and catch details for FTC bragging rights and notoriety !



– Paul Hilton / Emily S

Fluke Calcutta

83 members have joined the 2013 Fluke Calcutta so far. No one has entered a fish yet! Entry fee remains \$10– winner take all. Same rules, you may catch the fish from any port during the regular fluke season. All fish must be alive at the time it is caught with hook and line. See me or Charlie Goldstein if you would like to join. Because you never know!

Membership

Membership is now at 189. This month there are two additional new members to swear in. Stephen DuBon, a Lynbrook resident, along with his wife Jacqueline and daughter Kristen Piteo join as family members. Stephen docks his Baha, Second Chance, in Freeport. When he's not fishing, Stephen also like to golf. John Funicello, a Yonkers resident, is also joining as a family member along with his wife Cenia and three children, Jason, Doulin and Dongis. John keeps his Viking in Freeport and enjoys fishing offshore and the canyons.

The Club was able to help Cathy Barbano find out a little more about her grandfather, Jack Kendall, recently. Cathy had a photo of her grandfather wearing an FTC tee shirt posing with a white marlin at the Atlantic City Marlin Tournament. She contacted us asking if we could tell her anything about the man. We were pleased to confirm Jack's was a member in the early 60's.

Good & Welfare

They say no news is good news, hope all are well and have a great summer. Jeff

Property

We have one slip available, If you know of anybody looking for a slip contact property chairman. We have a deal for you. Hopefully our new floating dock will be in by the printing of the TTN. We could use some help at the property to get it ready for the July GM. Please don't block the gate open! With the gate blocked open the locals have been putting their trash in our bin. like kitchen sinks, tires, etc. Thank you for your cooperation, Property Committee.



July 2013 Derby Awards & Contests Report

Awards Chairman: Captain Bill Morrogh
Committee Team: Captain Larry Festa,
Captian Michael Zullo

Congratulations to our STRIPED BASS and WEAKFISH Derby winners. We will present the STRIPED BASS and WEAKFISH trophies at our Rodeo BBQ/GM on 7/21 at the property.

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!

SEA BASS season finally opens this month. Our derby runs from 7/18 – 8/18. How about bringing a big one in for the Rodeo?

OUR JULY DERBY WINNERS ARE:

STRIPED BASS

1st Place: Joe Mangiapanello	32.00lbs F/V Crazy G
2nd Place: Harry Weinblatt	29.13lbs F/V Rocket Fish
3rd Place: Paul Noto	28.88lbs F/V Rocket Fish

Weakfish

1st Place: Gregg Magnifico	7.25lbs F/V Little Colleen
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THE FOLLOWING DERBIES ARE STARTING THIS MONTH:

Tuna (20 lbs.)	June 29th through August 11th
Mahi (4 lbs.)	June 29th through August 11th

Mark your calendar for this Summers great FTC events!

1. **July 19th, 20th, 21st - FTC Rodeo week ends with BBQ on Sunday, 21st July**
2. **July 27th, 28th - Salmon Trip**
3. **August 8th FTC Luau**
4. **FTC Flotilla Saturday & Sunday August 17-18**

Anyone interested in helping the above committees please contact Jim Rooney at (516) 850-6772 or jp5820@aol.com

Please support the FTC. Boat Raffle (9 FT Advanced Inflatable with a 5 hp. Tohatsu Motor) Tickets \$10 ea.

*Thank you,
Jim Rooney*

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Matt Errett

1. Star Island 21st Annual Mako/Thresher Mania Tournament - August 2nd. - 3rd.
2. Noreast Big Dog Shootout - June 1st. – July 31st. Visit www.noreast.com for details
3. Oak Bluffs 27th. Annual Monster Shark Tournament - July 18th. -20th.
4. Cape May – South jersey 22nd. Annual Mid Atlantic \$500,000 August 18th. – 23rd
5. 40th Anniversary White Marlin Open, Ocean City, Maryland – August 5th. -9th. (410) 289-9229
6. Mike Sullivan's "Duke of Fluke" See Mike for details Visit www.ftcfishing.com for additional updates as they become available.

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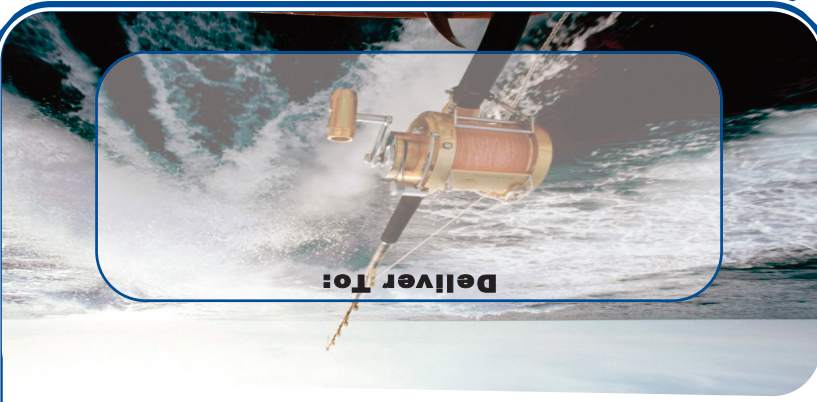
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- Custom Hand Tied Rigs
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**FRIDAY, SATURDAY & SUNDAY
July 19, 20 & 21st**

**AT
PROPERTY**

**BBQ
GM
Sunday
July 21st**

**4:00 PM
SHARP
Sunday
at Property**



Species:

*Striped Bass, Bluefish, Sea bass,
Fluke, Tuna and Shark*

*CHILDREN UNDER 12 SEA ROBBINS
First, Second & Third Prizes*

**All Club Minimum Weights Are In Effect
Giveaways and More For All Kids**

**Weigh-In Slips at Property by 4:00 P.M. Sunday July 21
BBQ at 4:00 P.M.**

**BAKE OFF FIRST AND SECOND PRIZES
WINNERS MUST BE PRESENT TO RECEIVE AWARDS**



C'mon down & enjoy!
It's a great family time at the ranch!



CLASSIFIED:

- Beautiful Canal Front Property, large corner lot, water, electricity, concrete pilings with active permit for 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 1300 square foot home with additional screened balconies. Excellent canal with immediate deep water access from channel to Atlantic or Gulf. Excellent fishing without any fishing pressure. Twenty-two miles from Key West on Cudjoe Key. Greatly reduced to \$168,000 negotiable. Contact Dennis Cataldo 516-884-0707.
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