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**NEXT GM**

**Sunday, ~~July 14,~~ 2016**

**AT THE RODEO**

**on the Property**



## President's Message .....

The west comes east this weekend for the annual FTC Rodeo weekend. Fishing starts on Friday morning and runs until Sunday at 4PM. The weekend finishes off with a fantastic buffet by our own Joe Steiner and the cook crew. The awards ceremony will follow with prizes for the kids and the adult winners in each category. The tent will be up, the beer and drinks will be cold so come on down with family for a great time. The bouncy will be up for the kids to enjoy. All you new members come on down to see what its all about. As usual we could use some helping hands on sunday to do some set up and preparation and just as important some help after the event for breakdown and clean-up.



On a different note there are still several members who are in arrears on their dues or late with dock payments. As president, this is disturbing to me that at this point in the season for people to still owe money. All the tax refunds have been mailed so that excuse is gone for not paying your bill. Oh well, you may say what can the club do? To start we can embarrass the hell out of those members by listing their names on the website and/or in the bulletin. This is what many other organizations do and I would hate to have to begin the practice at the FTC. Being a club only goes so far!!! We still have many financial obligations to fulfill and they don't seem to care if we are a club. We must operate as a business, if we have intentions of continuing the long and storied history of the FTC. Our finances must be kept in order.

*Bob Sabella*



# Fishing Report

## June Bounty for FTC Members

June is always one of the best months to fish and this one was memorable for a number of FTC anglers. Starting inshore our fluke season continues to roll along. Fluke are available on both open bottom and structure. I made a few exploratory trips in the ocean and was rewarded with keeper fluke whenever the conditions were decent. Some fish seem to be everywhere, the trick is precisely where on any given day. Some squid boats are working S/W of Jones Inlet which bodes well. Others are fishing the traditional hard bottom spots, including our local reefs, wrecks, Cholera, Middle Grounds, Etc. When conditions are poor outside, don't overlook the bay. Plenty of fluke being taken inside too.

Now that the seabass season is open anglers fishing structure are coming home with nice mixed bags consisting of fluke, seabass and ling. Whoever invented Gulp must have been a ling fisherman, ling literally commit suicide for Gulp. Fluking should continue to improve, and hopefully the good seabass fishing will hold up for a while too. Quite a few trophy bass (40-50lb) have been taken trolling along the south shore, primarily west of Jones Inlet. Amazing bass fishing continues further to the west, trolling and live bait getting it done.

Fluking to the west and east has been hot. Raritan Reach has quietly been given up a lot of fish and Montauk has been on fire. Charlie Goldstein send me a report where he and Mike Sullivan fished Montauk on Mike's "Blue Jacket II," striking out

on a full moon bass trip, but then having a great day tagging and releasing fluke up to 7 lbs. Congrats as well to Anthony Testa for starting off the Fluke Calcutta bar at 8.0, Anthony Jr. raising it with a 10, and Glen Grippo pushing it higher with a 10.5 lb fluke. Those are beauties, hopefully the West Enders will contend as well!

The Discovery Channel has Shark Week but June and July are Shark Months. One of our FTC members has once again been in the presence of an exceptionally large fish, he being the current IGFA All Tackle World Record holder with a 51.25 lb Monkfish. Bob Solberg did it again, crewing on the "Thor III" for the capture of a 730 lb. Mako during the Star Island Tournament. (Sorry Bob, it was either cut off the fishes head, or your head in the picture. The fish won that battle, you still won the war.)



**Robert Solberg with a 730 lb Mako on the THOR III**

Local Shark fishermen have had great success too. The coveted Lawrence Festa Memorial Trophy aka "First Mako" Award was taken by Adam and Tony Bollaci and crew, on their "Hooker" very early in June. Congrats!

Steve Bassford put together a crew of Pete "Bigeye" Cefai, Pete's brother Frank, and their cousin Mark, visiting from Australia. Fishing the Woodcleft Tournament on Steve's Grady the "Bassman" they weighed in a very respectable 258 lb. Thresher. The fish jumped twice during the one hour battle, and hit a live mackerel. Mark is credited with bringing "Aussie Luck" to the team. Very Nice ....



**Steve Bassford, Mark, Frank and Pete Cefai with 258 Thresher on "Bassman"**



**Mike Sullivan with tagged and released 6.5 and 7.0 lb. Fluke on his Blue Jacket II**

Last but not least, from Tim Sherman, in his own words:



*Tim Sherman, Bob Bohlert, Hank Jenet 250 Mako*

“Saturday July 2. The Betty III with crew of Tim, Bob Bohlert and Hank Jenet set out to the Compass Rose area. The forecast was NW 10 -15 steady 3-5's. We set our drift so that we fished from the starboard side. Seas were 3-5 and occasional 7. We used 1 chum can and in less than 2 hours the reel was singing. Bob set the hook and it was off to the races. The Mako jumped 3 times and it looked huge. Bob passed the rod off to Hank. It took 45 minutes for him to land the beast. We rodeoed it 6 times. We got her to the boat 3 times and she boogied away. On the 4th Tim (after 1 miss) gaffs her. She was 7 plus feet long and we guessed she was over 200 pounds. Going back to the dock we faced 3-5 plus head seas no more than 3 secs apart. Our top speed was 9 knots. After 10 minutes we decided to change bearing to Fire Island inlet. The quartering seas allowed us to pick up to 19 knots. When we arrived at 6 miles from FI we turned west and made it home at 23 knots. At Woodcleft she weighed it at 217 pounds (we had to gut her at sea and lost 15 to 20%) We proudly say she weighed in at 250.” A great tale well told. Congrats Guys!

**There's nothing like first hand reports, please consider sharing your fishing tales and pictures with our membership by sending them in. Thanks in advance!**

Please email your reports to [philton@optonline.net](mailto:philton@optonline.net); or text/call me at 516.721.8907. Don't forget to send pictures and catch details for consideration by the Bulletin Committee for "Catch of the Month."

Sincerely,

*Paul Hilton TV Emily S*

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# JULY 2016 DERBY AWARDS & CONTEST REPORT

*Awards Chairman: Ray Geiger*

*Committee: Bill Morrough, Bob Benzenberg, Harry Skaschnig*

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR STRIPED BASS DERBY WINNERS

We will present the STRIPED BASS trophies at our Rodeo BBQ/GM on Sunday, 7/10/16 at the property. Congrats to everyone who participated in this derby!

**1st Place: Ralph Drewes 38.63lbs F/V Oceanic**

**2nd Place: Anthony Bollaci 35.31lbs F/V Hooker**

**3rd Place: Gary Sidoti 32.50lbs F/V Bronco II**

**Shark Alert!** – Bob Bohlert informed us that a nice mako has been brought in on Tim Sherman’s boat, “Betty II.” Hank “RockSteady” Jenet was on the rod. The fish went 217lb. Congrats!

*There were no weakfish slips entered. Hopefully, we’ll see some in the fall derby.*

**It’s TUNA/MAHI time!** Get offshore and hand in those weigh slips. **SEA BASS** season opened early this season on Monday, 6/27/16! Our derby runs from 7/9 – 8/14, so they will be part of our Rodeo once again. **The FLUKE, SHARK and BLUEFISH** derbies ended on Monday July 4th. You’ll need 3.5 LB for FLUKE, 8 LB for BLUEFISH, and a minimum weight of 125 LB for SHARK to place in the derbies.

## THE FOLLOWING DERBIES ARE OPEN OR STARTING THIS MONTH

**TUNA (20 LBS.) June 25th through August 7th**

**MAHI (4 LBS.) June 25th through August 7th**

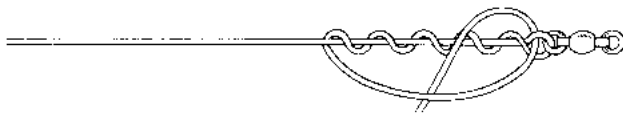
Finally, if you fish the Rodeo, be sure to get your slips in by 4:00pm to qualify.

**Good luck to all! — Bill Morrough**

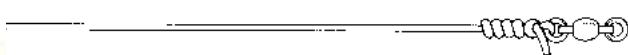
## Know your Knots!

### Improved Clinch Knot

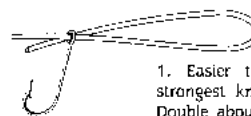
1. An old standby. Pass line through eye of hook, swivel or lure. Double back and make five turns around the standing line. Hold coils in place; thread end of line through first loop above the eye, then through big loop, as shown.



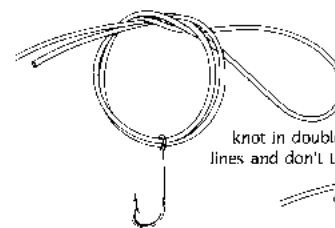
2. Hold tag end and standing line while coils are pulled up. Take care that coils are in spiral, not lapping over each other. Slide tight against eye. Clip tag end.



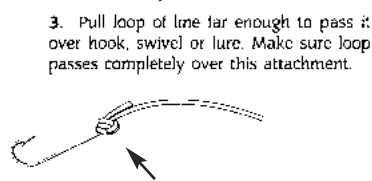
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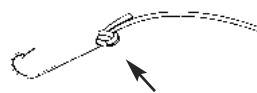
1. Easier to tie right, and consistently the strongest knot: known to hold terminal tackle. Double about 4" of line and pass loop through eye.



2. Let hook hang loose and tie overhand knot in doubled line. Avoid twisting the lines and don't tighten knot.



3. Pull loop of line far enough to pass it over hook, swivel or lure. Make sure loop passes completely over this attachment.



4. Pull both tag end and standing line to tighten. Clip about 1/8".

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