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Tuna Tower News



AUGUST 2023

CAPT. JOHN. J. JUTT, SR., EDITOR

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AUGUST GM

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President's Message

It's August and the weather is great. I urge all members to get out there and enjoy your boating with family and friends. Whether you are fishing or soaking up the sun, just remember, safety first. Enjoy your summer.

Thank you for your support and I look forward to seeing you at the next GM, Captains and Anglers or on the water.

Bob Pandy will host our annual raftup on August 19. This is a good time for families and friends to meet each other and enjoy a variety of food and an occasional beer.

Our August GM will be at the property August 10th. Jim Rooney promises a special feast.

Our Annual Freeport Tuna Club Fluke Shootout will be held on August 12, final sign up is Friday night, August 11 from 6 to 9pm.

Let's all wish Ray Geiger a speedy recovery from his recent heart surgery, get well soon brother.

Fish hard, stay safe and remember... participation is key to a great club experience.



Paul Cunningham



Get out and Fish!

Fishing Report



Fluke fishing locally to Freeport improved with consistent catches being reported. Highlights were definitely the fish coming out of Montauk. Scott Novak bested an 11.46lb fluke on his boat *The Naida*. Sea bass are plentiful but you have to work hard to cull a few keepers.

The cobia have shown up again on the bunker schools with some nice catches being reported.

Ken Donowski, Dave Pincus sailed on the Viking Five Star and put together an impressive catch of golden tiles and yellowfin tuna.

The bluefin and yellowfin tuna showed up in the beginning of July, Sean Libby on his *Squid Hunter* had a couple of good fish with his biggest bluefin tipping the scales at 183.4 lbs. The *Hooker* got in on the action with their best being a 52" bluefin.

Chris Bellonzoni sailed his *Four Bells* inshore on 7/24 with Angler



Paul Eliades and bested an 103.7lb black tip shark, it was reported that it made good table fare.

Please send your reports in.

Capt. Adam Bollaci

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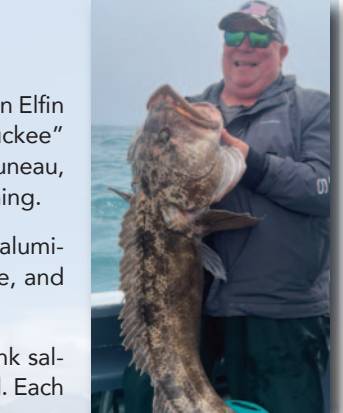
Alaskan Adventure

I arranged a trip that was long in the making to Tanaku Lodge in Elfin Cove, Alaska. Present were Capt. John Jutt, and friends "Chuckee" Gifford and Steve Mellish. We headed first to Seattle, then to Juneau, finally float planing into scenic Elfin Cove for 5 full days of fishing.

Our group of 4 would fish with a Captain and Mate on a 32' aluminum pilot house boat with twin outboard power. Crew, tackle, and boat were all top notch. Our preference was mixed bag.

On the troll, we had limits of king, and a mix of coho and pink salmon. Deep jigging produced daily limits of halibut and ling cod. Each day we deep dropped (900ft+) and caught limits of short-raker rockfish. By-catch included pacific cod, a prized black cod, yellow eye rockfish, black rockfish, quillback, arrow tooth flounder, and petrale sole. The scenery was amazing, many orcas and eagles rounded out the wildlife. The lodge was very accommodating, every concern was addressed. They clean, portion, vacuum bag and flash freeze the catch every day. Our group came home with nearly 300 lbs of assorted prime Alaskan seafood. All in all, a great time and highly recommended. If you have any questions, get in touch with John or me.

Paul Hilton





Striper Diaries EPISODE 48

SUMMER HAZE! As the water temperature heats up and the blue water arrives, we began to turn our focus on the elusive Tuna and Cobia. Reports of tuna crashing the surface in search of a meal have been swirling around. Alongside the tuna and sharks have been the sought after Cobia. Whenever reports of blue fin are around, its time to grab our entire arsenal. This includes giant 50s, the heaviest rods we own and a harpoon. The key to success is preparation and we all know this means prepping the night before.



As we broke the inlet the sun was coming up and the water glistened. The plan was to head towards the blue water. Tracking the most recent temperature and chlorophyll levels is key. TerraFin Satellite Imaging is a paid subscription that is worth every penny. This allows the user to view in depth temperature breaks which is key to finding fish. After our 40 mile journey we started to troll. The water was blue, saragosa weed was plentiful and things looked very promising. We deployed our spread and said a prayer to the fish gods. We had high hopes that a pelagic would be caught. Dolphins were everywhere swimming next to the boat. We knew we had to be in the right spot. After about 3 hours and two (2) turkey sandwiches later, we started to feel defeated. Where were all these fish that everyone kept gloating about? Had they moved on? We kept our focus and moved another few miles to search a new area, but again no luck. So, as we normally do we switched gears. It was time to at least catch something for dinner. I took out my old trusty numbers book which is loaded with secret wrecks and it was time to wreck hop. As we dropped down on each wreck they were loaded with jumbo sea bass and chubb macks. This was very exciting! Within no time, we filled the cooler and had our limits!



As the mid afternoon breeze picked up, we knew it was time to start the long steam back. As soon as we reached cell phone service, we received a text from another FTC member. It was an invite to the tuna grounds. One of the greatest things about being in a club is the camaraderie and friendships made along with way. Pete answered with a quick "yes" and once we arrived back to Jones Inlet it was time to wash the boat and get some rest. A big shout out to Sean Libby F/V Squid Hunter who organized two (2) trips which produced both blue fin and yellow fin. A trip for the memory books!



Until my next adventure, Tight lines!

Capt. Barbara Solomon
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Good & Welfare

Ray Geiger is home recovering from a minor heart procedure. Looks like Ray's going to be ok! He's good for another 100 years.

Jeff Squeri 516- 652-5981

Property

It has come to my attention that occasionally members are having problems with the electrical system in their boats when plugged into the house electricity at the tower on the dock. In most of the cases we're finding that the problem is not with the electricity on the dock it's a problem with the members boat. All the electrical towers have been labeled with a number. If you think there's a problem with the electricity at the dock, please report it to me so that it can be addressed. **DO OPEN UP THE ELECTRICAL TOWER AND ATTEMPT TO FIX IT YOURSELF.** Only authorized members of the club should be addressing the electrical problems at the club. If you're not an electrician, or an authorized club member please **DO NOT PLAY ELECTRICIAN AT THE CLUB.** We don't need anyone getting electrocuted, hurt or causing an electrical problem at the club that can affect other members boats.

Also I have members contacting me about the ice machine problem again. It's getting hit hard again in the early mornings. WE KNOW WHO'S DOING IT. Don't make us put a lock on the ice machine door. You know that you aren't the only one fishing at the club that early so please be considerate of your fellow members and adhere to the one bucket of ice per member rule.

Tom Leprine 516-316-7669

Business

Even though it looks like there are a few slips available in the club... there aren't, a few member have not brought their boats in yet, but are paid in full. We cannot think that we can just take our boats and stick them in these empty slips. We must call the owner or reach out to me, Bob Dimino, Tom or Rick.

I know it's early, but quite a few people asked when they can start bringing in their boats for winter storage. Winter storage starts November 1, but if you need to bring it in a little earlier, just speak to me we can accommodate you.

You can send in your winter storage. The prices are the same as last year. I will be putting the contracts on the website shortly. Last year we maxed out. It's a first come until we fill up.

Thank you, *Bob Dimino*
Business Manager

Annual Flotilla
Saturday, August 19th | Zack's Bay
Any questions? Call Bob Pandey 516-376-3671
Bring fenders and lines to tie up

Derbies, Awards & Contests

Awards Committee: Chairman Ray Geiger, Bill Morrogh & Harry Sbaschnig

Our August GM will be at our property on Thursday, August 10th. Please come on down, enjoy yourselves and congratulate our winners.

The following derby winners will be awarded at our August GM:

WEAKFISH

1st Place: Greg Magnifico 6.5 lbs. F/V Everything Ze

BLUEFISH

1st Place: DJ Toback 11.6 lbs. F/V Lil Corazon

2nd Place: Chris Bellenzoni Jr. 9.8 lbs. F/V Four Bells

FLUKE

1st Place: Don Granger 6.2 lbs. F/V Split Shot

2nd Place: Anthony Alfieri 5.38 lbs, F/V Finesse

SHARK THRESHER

1st Place: DJ Toback 308 lbs. F/V Corazon

The following derbies will be in play this month:

Weakfish	August 5th - September 17th
Tuna	August 5th - September 17th
Fluke	August 12th - September 10th
Mahi	August 13th - September 25th
False Albacore	August 12th - September 24th
Green Bonito	August 12th - September 24th



My contact info and derby updates are available on the Fishing Reports section (members only – so you need to register) of our forum located on the FTC website.

If you are holding any slips, please remember we must have them in hand no later than 14 days after the derby close in order to be eligible for derby awards. Texting or e-mailing does not apply, we must have the physical slip.

Also, please pickup one or two of our "Fish-At-A-Glance" cards. It has the derby dates and minimum weights listed.

All slips that we receive figure into our annual awards, so if possible, get your fish weighed. Please be aware there is a minimum weight requirement for all species. These weights and all FTC fishing regulations are available at on our website at ftcfishing.com.

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