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NEXT GM Annual Hawaiian Luau at the Property



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Note:
Meeting
Place
Change.*

Prizes For The Best Dressed

**Our Annual Luau Is On Thursday, August 12
Starting At 7:30 pm
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President's Message

Dear Members,

I hope all our members and their families are enjoying the summer as it is quickly moving by. I also hope that all members can attend our 6th Annual Hawaiian Luau General Meeting which will be held at our property this coming August 12th. Our property has never looked finer. Flags will be flying, tents will be up and all should attend with proper luau attire. I thank our House and Captain/Angler Team for taking the extra step in their commitment to our club in keeping this wonderful mid-summer event going.

In addition to our Luau this month, August is packed with a record breaking amount of fishing derbies; Seabass, Weakfish, Tuna, Mahi, False Albacore, Fluke and Green Bonito. Get your slips to Bill Morrogh to qualify for derby prizes and annual awards.

August also marks Canyon Season and the month for our annual FTC/BTC Tuna Shootout. I would ask all FTC Captains to watch this date and fish this event to help keep the trophy where it belongs.

This month, lets not forget about our annual August 15th Zach's Bay overnight raft up. This is always a fun filled family event, so for more information contact Bob Pandy.

I also want to thank Tim Sherman for his years of service as our Treasurer. Tim addressed the members at our last GM that he is stepping down as Treasurer and will continue his service as a board member and support our committees. We welcome Mike Sullivan AKA "The War Horse" back as interim Treasurer for the balance of this year. Thanks Mike for stepping up.

In closing, I thank all members for supporting our club by coming to our monthly meetings. These meetings are important for the growth of the club as we continue to build our future. All General Members may sponsor friends for a membership. Members are also encouraged to invite friends to our monthly General Meetings and Thursday Night BBQ so they can get a feel for what our club has to offer. Our membership Committee is chaired by Past President Chris Squeri. Chris is always available to answer all questions and welcomes all new members that are sponsored by our membership. See all at the next GM.



Captain Lawrence J. Festa
President 2010



FISHING BULLETIN



We are one month into the second half of our year and I am certain that all will agree that our season to date has been nothing short of spectacular. Our relatively dry spring and early summer season has helped to catalyze one of the best spring / summer offshore seasons in many years. Our in-shore fishery remains solid and it is being enjoyed by all who are participating and taking advantage of it as well.

On the offshore scene Chris Gerhart skippered his Wasabi to the Hudson Canyon area during the July 4th weekend and was able to limit the boat out with 15 yellowfin tuna from 40-70 lbs. Jimmy Hampton skippered his Freedom to the same area and reported six nice yellowfin tuna in the 40-60lb class as well. Bobby Krug reported an extended canyon trip to the Dip area on a friend's boat that sailed out of Montauk. They landed 12 yellowfin from 50-70 lbs, 12 Mahi up to 22 lbs, a few tilefish, a swordfish of 110 lbs and a large 100 lb class white marlin. Nice job Bobby and thanks for the report. Bluefin Tuna reports started to emanate from an area south west of the Coimbra wreck in 195 feet of water. Our hard charging fleet of offshore tuna mavens was quickly on this action and experienced decent trolling and jigging action with fish reported to the 100 lb class. The smaller fish 30-60 lbs were caught trolling while the larger 75- 100lb class fish were taken in the cooler depths on jigs. The vessels Kristen, Oceanic, Huntress, Shark Hunter, Red Dawn Rising, Rocket Fish, Wasabi, Island Girl, Oh Reely and lastly on its first Tuna trip the Widget all reported action in this area.

On the local fishing front the menu of striped bass has changed over to fluke and some really strong reports are coming in from our passionate anglers who are working it and cashing in on it.

From the 50 foot depths out to the 80 foot depths and mostly on structure decent catches of fluke and seabass are being taken on a daily basis when the right conditions are present. Club vessels Bly Sky, Crazy G, The Betty, Split Shot, Kristen, and Offshore Adventurer amongst many others have reported fluke to 7.0 lbs and seabass to 4.0 lbs. out east from Montauk, club member Anthony Testa has reported excellent action on striped bass, fluke and seabass over the last several weeks of fishing.

Lastly fishing in the back bays has come alive recently and our local back bay plugging maniac Capt Barbara Solomon accompanied by first mate Peter Cefai have been racking up some notable catches. Most recently during the full moon on one evening outing six school sized striped bass along with a dozen bluefish were nailed on surface poppers and plugs at a new secret location.

Sincerely,

Captain Harry Weinblatt
F/V Blue Marlin

CAPTAIN & ANGLERS

Captain & Anglers: C & A would like to thank Dr. John Weber and Raffy for their Hot wing night. The wings were great and everyone had a great time. C & A would also like to thank Mike Sullivan for his generous donation of Alaskan salmon, it was excellent. I would like to remind members that supplies stored at the club house are club property and should not be used without proper permission. Thank you Jim Rooney & Bob Pandey

LUAU: Reminder our annual luau is on 8/12/10 starting a 7:30 PM wear your best Hawaiian shirts.

CONSERVATION HOW DEMOCRACY DIES

For over ten years the radical environmentalists have been trying to pass legislation in Congress granting the federal government the ability to limit public access to ocean resources in order to "preserve" these natural resources. This legislation contemplated a new federal bureaucracy with the absolute power to regulate fisheries by any means, including implementing no-fishing zones, without any input from the public or meaningful oversight. Needless to say, such a radical proposal had no support from the public or any maritime interests, and it died in committee every time it was proposed due to a lack of support from other members of congress. Well, our current president is not a man to allow minor details like the will of the people or constitutional constraints to stand in the way of a "good" idea. On July 19 he signed an Executive Order entitled "Stewardship of the Oceans, Our Coasts and the Great Lakes". This order basically cuts the Congress out of the process and establishes the federal bureaucracy the radicals wanted, including the power to regulate all uses of the ocean, including fishing and energy production. It even empowers this new agency to regulate activities on land that might effect the ocean--in short, it gives the federal government basically unlimited authority to control the American citizen's access to and use of ocean resources, and denies that citizen any redress for the consequences of that authority.

Our forefathers rose up against executive authority they judged to be excessive. I wonder what they would have thought of this?

Bill Toohey

ENTERTAINMENT

For the August GM - we will be our own entertainment - see everyone at the Luau! Looking ahead to the Sept 16th GM - Legendary bass pro Capt. Al Lorenzetti will teach us how to catch trophy bass consistently, even when others cannot find the fish! Don't miss this awesome display of local expertise!

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Robert Bohlet

FLUKE CALCUTTA

Big fish (9+ lbs.) are starting to show up in the reports posted for out east. August has traditionally been a very good month for the larger fish both in the east and the west. Tony Testa still leads the 2010 Fluke Calcutta with an 8lb. 6oz. fish caught opening day. There are 90 members signed up at \$10 each. The winning fish will take home all of the money in the pool. The fish must be caught during the regular New York recreational fluke season. If you want to join the Calcutta, there is still time to do so. Just see Mike Sullivan. Because you never know.

CATCH OF THE MONTH STRIPED BASS

Our catch of the month goes to Paul "B.Attitude" Giovanniello, shown here with his personnel best 41.25 lb. bass caught on his boat the Gina Laura on a live bunker in front of the Pink Hotel. For bragging rights Email me at philton@optonline.net to be recognized for "Catch of the Month", include a picture and catch details.

- Paul Hilton



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JULY 2010 DERBY AWARDS & CONTESTS REPORT

Awards Chairman: Captain Bill Morrogh

Committee Team: Captain Michael Zullo, MaryEllen Zullo

AUGUST 2010 DERBY, AWARDS & CONTEST REPORT

Awards Chairman: Captain Bill Morrogh
Committee Team: Captain Michael Zullo, MaryEllen Zullo

Don't forget to weigh your catch! Even if there's not a derby on there are plenty of Annual Awards up for grabs. Our second Fluke derby runs through Tuesday, August 17th. Our first Tuna and Mahi derbies run through Sunday, August 8th.

Correction! The winner of the "First Mako" annual award was incorrectly reported last month. This Captains award requires transit through Jones Inlet. The winner is Sean Libby on the Aurora with a 149lb Mako which hit the scale on 6/19 just before Paul Noto's 170, CLOSE!

OUR DERBY WINNERS FOR THE AUGUST GM ARE:

Seabass

1st Place: Maryellen Zullo	5.75 lbs F/V Magic Too
2nd Place: Don Granger	4.25 lbs F/V Splitshot
3rd Place: Maryellen Zullo	3.75 lbs F/V Magic Too

Bluefish

1st Place: Chris Gerhart	11.06 lbs F/V Wasabi
2nd Place: Tim Sherman	10.75 lbs F/V the Betty
3rd Place: Jim Meehan	9.82 lbs F/V Wasabi

Shark

1st Place: Greg Magnifico	255 lbs F/V Jay Mar
2nd Place: Chris Bellinzoni	252 lbs F/V Team Grady
3rd Place: Anthony Scarpantonio	170 lbs F/V Rocket Fish

THE FOLLO

WING DERBIES

START THIS MONTH:

Seabass	8/7-9/12
Weakfish	8/21-10/3
Mahi	8/21-10/3
False Albaco	8/21-10/3
Green Bonito	8/21-10/3
Tuna	8/28-10/3

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TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

Chairman: Matt Errett

Committee Members: John Rooney

There was 1 fished weighed in for the Noreast Big Dog Shootout. It was a 159 Mako weighed in by a boat out of Moriches, the Moma Mia. Boat Captain, Pablo, wins the entire shooting match.

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