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**NEXT GM**  
**FTC Property**  
**Thursday, August 11, 2011**  
**7:30pm**  
**Be sure to wear your best beads and hats!**

Party!  
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## President's Message

Dear Members,

I hope everyone in the FTC family is enjoying the summer because it sure appears to be in fast forward mode. It just seems like yesterday that we were getting our boats ready for the water. The fishing has also started to turn on this past month, so you need to be out there to catch them. Do not be alarmed when you see a little seventeen center console coming down the canal with three big guys with miner lights on their heads, its only my brother, my son and I doing a little Blue claw hunting.

July's GM was simply unbelievable. I would like to thank John Spillane for a great Presentation on the Perfect Storm for our GM. John went into how it was a beautiful day when he left to when the storms all combined to create the Perfect Storm and all the lifesaving equipment he used. If one thing the whole entire audience took out of it is go get a strobe light and put it on your life vest. It was just amazing what this man went through. I would like to thank our house committee for all the work he did behind the scene for this GM to be put together. I would also like to say thank you to all the many VIP's that also enjoyed Mr. Spillane's experience; Freeport Mayor Andrew Hardwick, Town of Hempstead Clerk Mark Bonilla, The 5<sup>th</sup> District Town Council Member Angie Cullen. The last VIP I would like to thank for stopping by is our own Bill White who was the President of the FTC in 1967 and was a big part of why we have such a beautiful marina. Bill was also the Mayor of Freeport after being the President of the FTC. I would also like to thank all other member who help put on this great GM together, there is just too many to thank but you know who you are? Thank You for your hard work".

This weekend the Second annual salmon run to Lake Ontario is happening with Twenty one member's traveling up to Rochester, New York. I just saw on our web site that Barry Fink had just broken

Bill Hines record for the biggest King Salmon with a forty pounder in Alaska. Congratulations Barry but..... now we are gunning to take back the record and keep it in New York.

This past weekend was a shout-out against the Martinecock Club for the biggest Blue fish. Chris Bellinzoni was kind enough to invite Ed Svec, chairman for the Martinecock Club for shoot-outs and my son and I for a day of Blue fishing. The only thing was that there were no Bluefish to be seen or caught that day just a lot of laughs and great company. Thank you..... Captain Chris. Keep a look out for upcoming shoot-outs on the web site and in the Tuna Tower.



This month's GM will be held down at our beautiful marina and the theme this year will be Mardi Gras. The Captain Anglers crew will be putting together a great menu for the FTC members to enjoy so get ready for some Louisiana flavoring! I urge all members to come on down and enjoy the night you don't want to miss this on.

Bob Pandey has put together our annual Flotilla once again at Zacks Bay on August 28, so come on down again and join the fun.

In closing I would like to thank our General members, Board members and committee heads for their work and their support. This is why the FTC is so successful.

~ President 2011 ~ John Rooney



## CATCH OF THE MONTH

### FTC Kids HIT THE SWEETWATER!

Our "Catch of the Month" goes to John Rooney who caught this beautiful 11lb. Brown Trout while fishing Lake Ontario. This fish is a pending FTC Club Record.



Below, is young runner up Nick Jahn who caught this nice Large mouth Bass while fishing in upstate Cairo, NY.



For bragging rights, you must email me at [philton@optonline.net](mailto:philton@optonline.net) or text me at 516-721-8907 to be considered for "Catch of the Month" by the bulletin committee. Include a picture and some catch details. Thanks to all who submitted entries this Month and please keep them coming.

~ Paul Hilton / Emily S.

## GOOD AND WELFARE

Barry Fink will have foot surgery and will need a 2 month recovery.

Dr. John Weber's dad is undergoing chemo and radiation treatments for throat cancer.

Also John Sr. and wife are celebrating their 52 Wedding Anniversary. Best of Luck and many more.

Anthony Scarpantonio's mother in law has passed away. Our prayers and best wishes to all on the mend and those who left us.

Best regards.

~ Jeff Squeri • 516-652-5981 • 516-221-6343

## PROPERTY

Our season is in full swing, all boats are in the water and every slip in our marina is occupied, making us one of the few marinas in our area that is 100% full. I think that says a lot about our club and what the property has to offer boaters in our area.

Some of our members were disappointed in not getting a slip this year. We are sorry that we could not fulfill everyone's request.

Currently we have either one or two sub leases available for anyone still looking for a slip this year. One slip is in the basin and the other is on the line. Any members interested please contact the property committee for more details.

If you have any plans on obtain a slip at the FTC for 2012. I strongly recommend that you get on our waiting now. Currently the list is expired so any member place a deposit request now will be #1! It does not get any better that that.

As a courtesy to fellow boaters and members if you see bottles or trash on the property lend a hand to keep the Marina clean.

~ Don Granger ~ Property Business Manager

## SHOOTOUTS

Our 4 day event produced a grand total of ZERO of the elusive Bluefish between both the Matinecock and the FTC! The shoot-out Chairmen have agreed to another rubber match, perhaps over our Rodeo weekend. Details to follow. Winners from our two previous events with Matinecock will be announced and recognised at our August general meeting.

*Ya can't catch'm if they ain't there!*

## FISHING BULLETIN

Our summer has transitioned into the month of August and the relatively dry spring and early summer season has helped to catalyze one of the best offshore seasons in many years. Our inshore fishery remains solid and it is being enjoyed by all who are taking advantage of it as well.

Our offshore scene has been heating up for some time now and leading the charge has been Capt. Chris Gerhart aboard his Wasabi. They have been racking up a few noticeable catches lately during their trips to the Hudson Canyon. During a recent trip; club members Peter Cefai and Bobby Hindenlang enjoyed big eye tuna action to 150lbs as well as white and blue marlin action and a nice pile of yellowfin tuna to round out the catch, following that trip up a few days later Capt. Chris, Jimmy Meehan, Bobby Krug and Bobby Hindenlang enjoyed a successful overnigher as Bobby bested a 100lb class swordfish on 30lb class tackle while pitching a bait to a few yellowfin tuna that were circling beneath the boat. One dozen yellowfin tuna also made their way home in the fish hold as well as a smattering of tilefish and mahi.

Our club is made up of many unselfish anglers always looking to provide information towards fellow club members; Paul Notto is certainly deserving of this recognition as he recently called in myself and fellow club member Chris Gerhart during a recent lack luster overnight tuna trip and helped us bail out our trips as we were both able to cash in on some classic yellowfin tuna trolling action between the Dip and the Hudson Canyon in 100 fathoms of water.

Offshore but a little closer to home the Bluefin tuna action continues as well. Although the action has been decent as of lately; around the vicinity of the Atlantic Princess wreck to the Chicken Canyon fish in the 50-80lb class have been caught on both jigs and bait. Also recently a few yellowfin tuna have been making their presence known north of the canyons. From the Bacardi Wreck to the Texas Tower Wreck area both Yellowfin and Bluefin Tuna have surfaced during the right conditions and fish to 80lbs have been caught both trolling and jigging.

On the local fishing front on the menu as of late has been fluke and some really strong reports are coming in from our passionate anglers who are working it and cashing in on it.

From the 70 foot depths out to the 85 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, Widget, Fish and White Tails and Mary Etta amongst many others have reported real quality fluke to 9.5 lbs and seabass to 4.0 lbs. Out east from Montauk, club members Jim Krug and Anthony Testa have reported excellent action on striped bass, fluke and seabass over the last several weeks of fishing.

*Sincerely,*

~ Captain Harry Weinblatt

*F/V Blue Marlin*

# AUGUST 2011 DERBY, AWARDS & CONTESTS REPORT

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

Our first Tuna and Mahi Derbies run through Sunday, August 7th. If you've been following reports you know that the fish are out there! Don't forget to weigh them in. Tuna/Mahi slips must be in by 8/21, Sea Bass slips must be in by 8/7.

SPECIAL REQUEST: To all the members with boats at the property: Our August GM is our "Mardi Gras" at the property, I'm asking everyone to turn on their spreader and underwater lights for the event. It will look great!

## THE AWARDS TO BE HANDED OUT AT THE AUGUST GM ARE:

### Fluke

1st Adam Bollaci	8.18 lbs F/V Hooker
2nd Joe Mangiapanello	7.00 lbs F/V Crazy G
3rd Joe DiSalvo	6.90 lbs F/V Gail Warning

### Bluefish

1st Harry Schroeder	11.44 lbs F/V Just Add Water
2nd Sean Libby	11.25 lbs F/V Aurora
3rd Sean Libby	11.00 lbs F/V Aurorae

### Shark

1st John Kampa	236 Thresher F/V Lucky Joe
2nd Sean Libby	168 Mako F/V Aurora
3rd (Tie) Bill Morrogh	162 Thresher F/V Kristen
3rd (Tie) Rich Olejnik	162 Mako F/V Lorraine VI

## THE FOLLOWING DERBIES START THIS MONTH:

Weakfish.....	8/20-10/2
Mahi.....	8/20-10/2
False Albacore.....	8/20-10/2
Green Bonito.....	8/20-10/2
Tuna.....	8/27-10/2

## FLUKE CALCUTTA

Joe Mangiapanello now leads the 2011 Fluke Calcutta with a 9 lb 7 oz fish. There are 72 members signed up. Entry is just \$10. See Mike Sullivan if you would like to sign up. Because you never know. Mike Sullivan.

## BULLETIN

Want to receive the monthly bulletin even faster? Did you know that you can sign up to receive electronic delivery? And you don't have to be a computer genius to take advantage of this. All you need is a valid e-mail address. If you would like to give it a try, send your request to ftc1937@verizon.net. And don't worry. You will still receive a paper bulletin by mail.

## MEMBERSHIP

Membership is now 203 strong and counting. This month we will swear in new members Steven Valenti and John Szczzch. Steven hails from Plainview and he recently purchased a Grady Whit. He loves to hunt when not occupied with fishing. John is a local Freeport resident and works in the FDNY.

## TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

*Chairman: Matt Errett  
Committee members: Chris Bellinzoni*

Congratulations to **Sean Libby, F/V Aurora**, and his crew for winning the **Northeast BIG DOG SHOOTOUT**. This is Sean's 2<sup>nd</sup> time winning this event.

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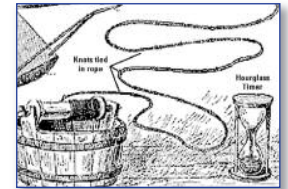
### TYING KNOTS, NAUTICAL MILES, AND LATITUDE - TOGETHER



My GPS indicated a speed of 22 knots recently. I had heard that the term "knot" had something to do with an old way to measure speed with a piece of rope, and knew that 1 knot was equal to 1 nautical mile per hour, but what exactly was a nautical mile? Looking it up today, you can easily find that it is equal to approximately 1852 meters or

6076 ft. (versus 5280 feet for a statute mile). Why did someone come up with this, and what is the significance of the length of one nautical mile ?

The answers lie in history and the concept of latitude and longitude which can be traced back to Eratosthenes in the third century BC. It was he who first proposed a system to determine location using angular measurements. Much later on, when it was determined that the earth rotated on its axis it was established that latitude would represent the angle measured from the equator to an objects position on earth. The latitude at the equator was to be 0 degrees, +90 degrees at the north pole and - 90 at the south. Angles were commonly measured in degrees, which could be broken down into minutes and seconds for finer resolution. (each degree equals 60 minutes, each minute equals 60 seconds).



As the science of mapping or cartography emerged degrees and minutes of latitude were frequently indicated on the side of a chart. Wouldn't it be convenient if this scale could be used to measure distance? It was determined that each degree of latitude would represent 1 nautical mile. So, by taking dividers and measuring the distance between two points on a chart, you could easily determine the distance in nautical miles by placing the dividers against the minutes of latitude scale. (this does not work for longitude which varies greatly, based upon latitude). All very convenient, but in actuality how long was this nautical mile, and how long would it take to sail between two points?

In 1791 it was decreed by the French Academy of Science that a length of measurement called the "meter" was to be equal to 1/10,000,000 (one ten millionth) of the distance from the equator to the north pole. Therefore, one ten millionth of a meter represented 90 degrees of latitude which equaled (90x60) 5,400 minutes of latitude or 5,400 nautical miles. If you do the math, it turns out that 1 nautical mile equals approximately 1,852 meters. Knowing distance was good, but how long would it take to travel that distance? They needed to know how fast they were moving.

To determine speed in nautical miles per hour early navigators used a weighted quarter circle of wood attached to a line called a "chip log". The chip log was thrown in the water and at the same instant a 30 second "hourglass" was up-ended (30 seconds was more convenient than an hour). The line attached to the chip log had a series of knots along its length. As the ship moved away, the weighted board remained nearly stationary as the number of knots paid out in thirty seconds was counted by a crew member. The ships speed in "knots" was now known. To setup the line they knew that 1 knot = 1 nautical mile per hour = 1852 meters per hour = 15.43 meters per 30 seconds. Therefore if you put a knot in the rope every 15.43 meters, one nautical mile per hour "1 knot" would be made for each knot counted in 30 seconds. A strong yank on the line caused a breakaway to trip so the chip log could be retrieved.

These methods served early navigators well but were only close approximations. The earth is not a perfect sphere, time could not be measured accurately, and the chip log did not remain truly stationary in the water. Some navigators used a 28 second hourglass which changed the knot spacing accordingly. The history and evolution of navigation is easily lost while we take for granted the precise navigation instruments we use today. Anyway, that's how knots, nautical miles and degrees of latitude are tied together.....

~ Paul Hilton / Emily S

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