Freeport Tuna Club, Inc.

Tuna Tower News



President's Message...

Dear Members,

ALOHA!

It's August, and that means Luau time! Our club is the only fishing club on Long Island that owns its' own waterfront property, and this is the time of year that we make the most of it. Besides the Captain Anglers barbecue every Thursday night and members coming and going from the boats the August General Meeting is traditionally held at the property. We turn our focus about 6,000 miles to the west for this meeting, as our usual GM order of business gives way to a Hawaiian theme, complete with grass skirts and coconut shell brassieres. (OK, so it's usually the guys wearing the skirts and bras, but it's the thought that counts!) With nice summer weather, great food and good company it is really easy to have a good time.

This year we also doubled up on the use of the property by combining our July GM with our Rodeo. Even though persistent east winds held down the fishing efforts our members were still able to get out and put some weigh slips in the box. Sunday brought us perfect weather for the party, and prizes were awarded for shark, bluefish, seabass and fluke. There was even a rare and elusive Mellon shark landed at the property. Its' weight is unknown, because it was devoured by the kids before it could be brought to the scale! (If you weren't there check out the pictures on the website; creatures such as this can only be seen at the Freeport Tuna Club)

As I write this I have just returned with my son from the annual club salmon trip to Lake Ontario. This is the first time I attended this event, and what a great time it was! The weather was great, every boat limited out on fish up to 30 pounds both days we fished, the hotel was

first rate and each night we finished up with a barbecue poolside outside our rooms. This trip illustrates a great truth about our club: the more you participate the more you get out of it. I never went on this trip before because I thought I wouldn't be interested in fresh water fishing. I came home not only with a bunch of fresh fillets but with half a dozen ideas for lures and rigs that I can't wait to try out on our local bass and bluefish. The lesson is simple: participate! Go to the GM's, even if you think there will be nothing new to interest you. You never



know what you may hear or pick up, even from a subject you think you have no interest in. The same thing goes for Captain-Anglers. The more you attend club events and meetings the more opportunity you have to talk to people; the more people you talk to the more you will get out of your club.

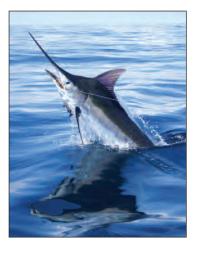
Our next club event is the Flotilla at Zach's Bay on August 19. It's hard to describe how much fun this event is. Boats rafted up by the dozen, food being passed from cockpit to cockpit, kids floating by on tubes and rafts; it has to be experienced to be believed. If you don't have a boat see if you can jump on with someone else; if you have a vessel make every effort to attend. You won't regret it!

I hope to see everybody at the Luau. Hang Loose till then!

~ President 2012 ~ Bill Toohey

August 2012 Fishing Report

Our local canyons are starting to produce. Captain Chris "Wasbie" reported going 7 for 11 on quality Yellowfins on the troll at the tip of the Hudson Canyon early in the month and then backed his trip up with a second canyon day trolling trip going 5 for 9 on 40-50 pound yellowfins. Lures of choice are spreader bars, green machines and rigged ballyhoo. The night bite is still very quiet.



The Babylon Invitational Tuna Tournament was the final weekend of the month. Seventeen boats competed in the overnight canyon division. Captain Chris "Wasabi" & team swept the event taking 1st Place Honors and top Calcutta prizes. Their winning catch: a 76 lb. Wahoo, 59 lb. yellowfin and three biggest yellowfin total weight. A Grand Slam for "Team Wasbie".... Great job once again thank you Captain Chris for bringing the FTC to the scales!

This month was also our August GM/Rodeo, one of the highlights of the event was a 174 Thresher shark taken by Captain Doug Toback F/V"Corzan". Doug fished just outside of our inlet in approximately 70 feet of water. He went 3 for 1 on thresher bites. Find the bunker schools and you will hook up. The thresher was a very nice last minute addition to our gourmet rodeo dinner party. We once again thank our "House Committee" for a very fine job! In addition to Doug's Trophy fish we had two winners in the fluke category; Ray Geiger ~ 4 lb. 10 oz. followed by Dr. John Weber ~ 3 lb. 12 oz. Three winners in the Seabass division;

Bill Morrogh \sim 3lb. 10 oz., Sandy Donin \sim 3lb. 4oz., Theresa Morrogh \sim 2 lb. 10 oz. One Winner in the Bluefish Division; Sy Karp \sim 9.13 lb.

Inshore fishing in MTK has been solid on the fluke and sea bass. On a recent trip on the Stefani Ann achieved a 5 man limit on fluke with Vincent Testa having a 6.5, Anthony Testa Jr having and 7.8 and non club member Brian having an 8.4 lb. pool fish & Sea Bass ranged from 2-6 lbs. Mike Wagner also reported a very successful father daughter trip aboard Captain Jim Krug's Persuader with fluke hitting the scales at 9.2 pounds!

Our derby round up for this month speaks for itself, just great fishing and very close competition. Starting with the Fluke Derby \sim 1st place @ 8.15 lb. angler, Bob Sabella, followed by a 2nd a 7.75 lb. \sim angler, Peter Groner & 3rd Place 7.25 lb. \sim Angler John Kampa. Less than 1 pound difference......that's a good horse race to the finish line. The second horse race was our Bluefish Derby! WOW! 1st place 15.7 lb. \sim angler, Sean Libby, 2nd place 14.06 angler \sim Arnold Fleisher, & 3rd Place 14 lb. angler \sim lon Balan....again less that 1 pound difference.

Our Shark derby the weigh range opens up a bite more, with three excellent trophy fish.

1st place a 545 lb. Woodcleft Tournament winning Thresher by Team Mazza, followed by a respectable 200 lb. Thresher ~ angler Rick Totten, with The "Man in the Blue Suit" @ 183, 1st mako of the year & 3rd Place derby winner angled by New Club Member ~ Artie Millin on the "Kristen". Nine great fish awarded to our members. Congratulations to all the anglers and also to the club Captains who share their fishing platforms and their knowledge with our club members.

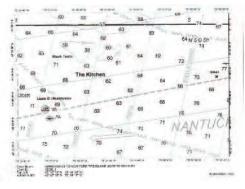
Worth a mention, congratulations to Captain Nick Nero & crew, on the final weekend of July, Captain Nick angled his first keeper make in the 100 pound class category, angler ~ Peter Cefal. For those die hard sharkers you still have time for quality make & threshers along the 20 fathom curve.

If you had a good catch drop the Awards & Contest Committee a line we would to here about it and share it with our membership.

Tight Line ~ Captain Larry ~ F/V Kristen

Hungry For Fish?

You may have heard many referring to fishing the "tanker grounds" during the fluke season. Tanker grounds is a relatively new term, since the tankers haven't been here all that long. Cargo vessels used to stage just north and east of the



NY Pilot Area, framed by the Ambrose Tower, Scotland Light, and the Ambrose Channel Entrance Buoy. Sometime after 911, the Coast Guard has moved the staging area further east, resulting in freighters and tankers anchoring roughly 5 to 6 miles S/W of Jones Inlet. Before these anchored cargo vessels were present, this area was and is still called The Kitchen by many local party boat and charter boat captains. The name, likely derived from the abundance of "food" that can be found in a "Kitchen". The Kitchen comprises an area extending roughly from the Lizzie D / Rumrunner wreck, east to the Steel Wreck, to a little north of the Sharktooth (see the sharktooth shaped hump on the chart), and south to roughly the NB bouy. The area holds a variety of manmade and natural structures that attract bait, along with fluke bluefish, striped bass, and the usual cast of wreck dwellers. Anchored cargo vessels seem to be spreading further and further east. All seems to have a fleet of boats around them, regardless of where they are anchored! When someone says they caught fish by the tankers, beware. If you are hungry for fish, just go to the Kitchen.

~ Paul Hilton / Emily S

Tournament Committee

Chairman: Matt Errett Members: Chris Bellinzoni

Some congratulations are in order starting with Captain Chris Gerhart & crew, F/V WASABI, for capturing 1st Place in the overnight division of the Babylon Tuna Tournament. They managed 7 YFT to 59.10 pounds, and a nice 76 pound Wahoo to ice the cake. Congrats guys!!

1st Place - Calcutta money for the Noreast.com BIG DOG SHOOTOUT went to a non club member, but local Freeport boat, FISHIN ADDICTION with a 305 pound Thresher. Some FTC members did well though with Captain Larry Festa & crew, F/V KRISTEN, taking 3rd. Place in the Mako division with a 183 mako. Captain Sean Libby & crew, F/V AURORA took 4th place in the Mako division with a 177 Mako. In the Thresher division Captain Adam Bollaci, with dad Tony, and crew took 3rd. Place with a 200 pound fish. Congrats guys!!

Some of the more notable offshore tournaments remaining:

1. 20th Annual Star Island Mako-Thresher Tournament

No entry fee, optional \$100 Calcutta only. Compete for "BIG DOG" logo. As of this writing Ada, FV HOOKER is leading in the Calcutta with a 200n Thresher.

2. Mid Atlantic \$500,000 August 19th - 24th - 609-884-2400

3. 39th Annual White Marlin Open

Ocean City, Maryland, August 6th - 10th, 410-289-9229

Please check the ftc website for additional information on tournaments as it becomes available.

Good Luck & Be Safe!!!!!

Fluke Calcutta

Where are all the big fluke hiding? There have been no entries to challenge Charlie Sporing's 9 lb fluke. Well, no worry. Barring a major weather event like last year's hurricane Irene. I have a feeling the best is vet to come. Eighty three members have joined the 2012 Fluke Calcutta. Contact Mike Sullivan to enter. ftc1937@verizon.net.

Remember you have to be in it, to win it.

Good & Welfare

Congratulations' to Dr. John Weber's parents on the celebration of their 53rd wedding anniversary. Contact Jeff Squeri - Home (516) 221-6343 / Cell (516) 652-5981.

~ Jeff

Fluke

Property

All is in order at the property and it is looking good. Please help try to keep the property neat and clean. Remember its your club!



August 2012 DerbyAwards & Contest Report

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

Our first Tuna and Mahi Derbies run through Sunday, August 12th. Get those slips in ASAP!

We make the turn of the Derby season this month with lots of derbies opening up for both inshore and offshore anglers.

Note that our August Derby trophies will be awarded at our "Luau" GM at the property on 8/9.

Our Derby Winners for the August GM are:

1 st Place:	Bob Sabella	8.15 F/V Jennifer Rose
2 nd Place:	Peter Groner	7.75 F/V Endless Summer II
3 rd Place:	John Kampa	7.25 F/V Mary Etta
Bluefish		
1 st Place:	Sean Libby	15.70 F/V Aurora
2 nd Place:	Arnold Fleisherr	14.06 F/V Reel Catch II
3 rd Place:	Ion Balan	14.00 F/V Sand Pebble
Shark		
1 st Place:	David Massa Jr.	545 Thresher F/V Shark Hunter
2 nd Place:	Rick Tottenr	200 Thresher F/V Hooker
3 rd Place:	Artie Millin	183 Mako F/V Kristen

The Following Derbies Are In Progress Or Starting This Month

Weakfish	8/18 - 09/30
Mahi	8/18 - 09/30
False Albacore	8/18 - 09/30
Green Bonito	8/18 - 09/30
Tuna	8/18 - 09/30
Fluke	8/25 - 9/30
Sea Bass	9/1 - 9/30

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Any member looking to participate on any committee please contact the committee chairperson.

Catch of the Month



Jim Meehan with a 76 lb. Wahoo on **Chris Gerharts** WASABI.

> They also won the **Babylon** Invitational **Tournament** on this trip.

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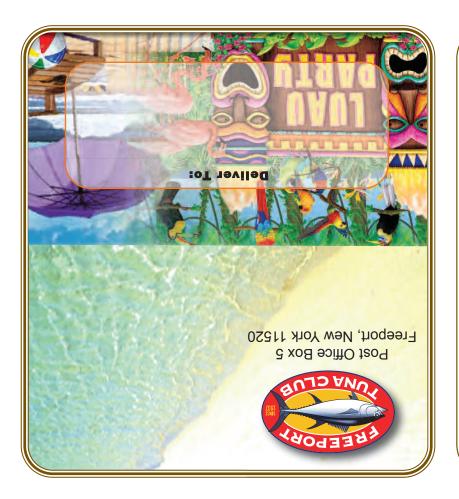
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