

# Tuna Tower News

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## President's Message.....

### Hawaiian Luau Time!

On July 19th 20th and 21st we had our Freeport Tuna Club RODEO WEEKEND, combined with an abbreviated General Meeting to take care of some club business. There was a Bouncy for the Kids to enjoy and a DJ for your listening pleasure. The Captain Anglers crew cooked up some of the best dishes around. There were two types of Roast beef, Teriyaki and Bourbon. Pork, Chicken, Jumbaliya, Potatoes, corn on the cob, hot dogs and Hamburgers for everyone to enjoy. All the weigh in slips were at the marina and put in the box by 4 P.M. The winners were for Fluke 1st and 2nd place went to Dr. John Weber, 3rd place went to Jaclyn Jahn. For Sea bass 1st place was a tie and it went to Harry Sbaschnig and Mitch Vidur, 2nd place went to Joe Wade, and all the kids were awarded with Freeport Tuna Club Medals for their catch. There was a bake off and it was won by Mary Ellen Koenig for her Delicious Brownies, and there was a 50/50 raffle that was won by Chris Scarpantonio and he donated it all back to the club Thanks Chris! Dr. John Weber donated to the raffle with 3 gift cards from Starbucks. Congratulations to all the winners.

On July 27th & 28th we had our Annual Salmon Trip to Port Rochester, N.Y. fishing on Lake Ontario. The weather was cool in the 60's with a cloudy overcast. There were 4 boats and 15 members that fished for King Salmon, Lake Trout and Brown Trout. On Saturday & Sunday everyone had their limit. On Sunday the weather did not cooperate. We had a little rain and a lot of wind. The boats that went out to deeper water of 500 to 600 feet had 5 foot waves, you felt like you were offshore out of Jones Inlet hard to believe we were on a Lake. We had a Pool of \$10.00 each for the largest fish each day. On Saturday Kenny Kapner won the Pool with a 33lbs. King Salmon and on Sunday Billy Hines won with a 26lbs King Salmon. Everyone had a Great time.

The AUGUST 8th GENERAL MEETING will be held at the Freeport Tuna Club Marina. It's our HAWAIIAN LUAU! Our Captain Anglers will create some scrumptious dishes with a Hawaiian flair and the Attire will feature a HAWAIIAN THEME. So put on a GRASS SKIRT and a pair of COCONUTS or just an Hawaiian Shirt. Each Attendee will receive a Festival HAWAIIAN LEI. Enjoy the Evening with other members and good company. What a better way to spend a Thursday Evening.

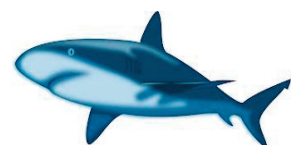
SAVE THE DATE AUGUST 17th & 18th It's our Annual FLOTILLA AT ZACH'S BAY. On Saturday is the overnight flotilla. Members arrive at Zach's Bay about 3 P.M. and tie up together. We bring food to cook for dinner, the sunset and sunrise are relaxing and beautiful. Last year there were about 4 boats for overnights. In the Morning we all get together on Bob Sabella's Trawler F/V SOO-SLO for breakfast in the main Dining Room. and cook up some Bacon eggs, sausage, ham, pancakes, toast, bagels, juice and coffee from the never ending coffee pot. By 10:00 A.M. Sunday morning members boats start calling in to tie up and join the Flotilla. Each boat brings out their lunches and goodies to share with everyone. We walk behind the boats on the swim platforms like side walks and visit each other. There were about 20 boats last year. So come on out and join us for a good time.



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~ President 2013 ~ Bob Pandy



## Fishing Report

### AUGUST FISHING REPORT

**FLUKE!**.....With season is in full swing. There is little to discuss for most... However here is a FLUKE catch that will perk everyone's interest:

Dr. John Weber reports this riveting account of a once in a life time double digit delight:

"On July 13th we made our second trip of the season as maintenance and repair issues delayed things, and my son's last trip before leaving for 5 weeks of camp. We were supposed to fish Thursday, but dismal weather forecasts changed that to Saturday. We hit the water just in time for slack tide, so only movement we had was from the breeze. We were only on our second drift when John's line was hit. The way it ran and the drag it took, I was figuring a bluefish. He got the fish to about 1 foot from the top when I saw it. When seeing the size, I initially thought it was a jumbo skate. I realized it was a doormat, screamed for my son not to pull the fish out of the water, fearing it would spit the hook. I screamed for the net, which seemed like an eternity to arrive, then the fluke swam right into the net. It was caught on a plain 3-0 mustard wide gap. No teasers, squid etc., just a large Sea Isle Killie. I think I am more excited than my son. I am proud of how he fought the fish and successfully landed it."

This fish is currently in the lead for our "Duke of Fluke Calcutta". A very fine fish and one for the books!

In follow up to John Weber's trophy doormat captain Robert Bohler reported the following:

"The following week I was able to work the bays between the M'brook and Wantagh parkways. Three days produced countless fluke including many juveniles' fat 17-18 inchers, and 4 keepers of 23" each. Yesterday (Wed) I shot out to cholera, solo. Gorgeous clean green water, sea turtles, porpoises, and bunker pods. Ocean like a mirror. I was jigging with dual white Berkeley gulp/spearing/fresh bunker strip combos. 4oz was plenty to hold bottom in 85'. Incoming tide saw many short fluke, couple of sea bass, ling, and even a whiting. Soon as the tide turned in midafternoon, BANG a 28" 8-1/2 pound doormat hit my rig Only keeper of the day, although I had a few that were close and I'm sure would have made it into a party boat cooler. "

Lastly the report from Captain Chris Bellinzoni:

"Fluke fishing over the weekend of July 19 - 21 as reported from the crews of the Casa Marina Four Bells doesn't get any better in the bay both inside Jones and Fire Island Inlets. Catches of 5, 8 and 13 lbs all taken on the outgoing tides on Gulp while jigging"

Other than the above success stories on our local fluking still is fairly slow. The ocean bite has not turned on yet & the bays are still producing the better keepers.

#### Seabass:

Our season finally opened July 10th. Captain Mike Zullo reports quality seabass on the wrecks in 70-80 feet of water. During a Saturday wreck trip Captain Mike caught & released an 11.6 lb. Blackfish!



#### Sharking:

The water has really warmed up and the quality Makos are currently few & far between. The warm 75+ green water has attracted many different coastal sharks into our area; Browns, Dusky's, Black-tips, Hammerheads & Tigers have moved in.

Although the Makos have departed for cooler water the Thresher will hang in the green warm water for some time to come.

To re-enforce this on July 13th the Bayshore Tournament went off. The winning fish was a 451 Thresher & the only weighable Mako was 164 lbs. However the fish hit the scales 20 minutes too late.

Tuna Report:

From Captain Chris Wasbie Canyon Report:

The weekend of July 13th~14th was not productive. Chris sailed to the Hudson with only one 50 lb. Yellowfin and two Mahi caught on the troll at dusk. The night was also none productive with only one small Brown Shark for their efforts....plus the night weather blew 25 k from the SW making it a very sporty evening.

In the am the boys when back on the troll and into Babylon Valley. The life was incredible: whales, porpoise & tuna chicks. However no tuna or billfish were to be had.

Captain Chris also reported that boats to the east in the Fish Tails also hacked through the day with no tuna.

#### Inshore Tuna:....Bluefins:

As the weekend of the 13th closed the inshore Bluefin tuna fishery went off the charts. Large schools of small & medium Bluefins move into our area. The Chicken Canyon, Bacardi Wreck, Texas Towers & the Combra Wreck were the hot spots. Water temps ranged from the mid-70s all the way into the 80 degree mark!

Most fish were taken on the troll and some on jigs. Bluefins sporting weighs of 200 lbs. and 76" was not uncommon. Captain Paul Noto battled a 200 + Bluefin for over 1.45 hours with a line failure boat side.



On Friday July 19th with a very poor weekend forecast the following FTC Boats fished the Bluefin bite with the following reports:

Captain Ralph Drewes reported going 27 for 32 hook-ups on quality bluefins up to a dressed weigh of 67 lbs. great action in very sporty weather conditions.

Captain Chris Wasabi reported going 20 for 24 on bluefins up to 75 Lbs. with many 40-50 lbs bluefins that hit everything in the trolling spread.

Captain Harry Weinblatt on the NEW Blue Marlin when 7 for 7 quality bites with bluefins also in the 70 lb. class.

On July 23rd I crewed on Ed Edinders "F/V Nose Tackle" the bite was not as insane as the weekend with only 3 school Bluefin up to 60 lbs. coming tight on spreader bars.

On that same date and very fine report from Captain Paul Noto:

"July 23, 2013- I Hitched a ride on a 36 Yellowfin with a crew of Chris Madonia, Tony Scarp and Nick Pollanco...Coimbra area for Bluefin...Lines in by 5:00 am, very little life, full moon and not much bait on the machine. We trolled up 2 quick 20-30lb school Bluefin that were quickly released... Trolled for a few more hours and had only one short strike... the 3 troll bites were on black and blue spreader bars-- not a touch on bally...switched from jigging to trolling throughout the morning and at 1:00pm Scarp gets crushed on blue and yellow jig... Scarp did a phenomenal job on the rod and fought the fish on light tackle- Avet Raptor and Trevela Rod... fight time 1 hour 25 minutes...After chasing the fish down and many many runs the fish made to the motors, he was gaffed and joined us in the cockpit for the ride home with a very fine 130 lb. Bluefin... Nice fish!"

The following day master editor Captain John Jutt made his 1st Tuna trip. John came tight on 5 school Bluefin keeping one & releasing the others. As the troll continued John had a 6th bite on the center rigger with a Joe shoot Ballyhoo rig. The fish was nonstop. After one hour of rod time then fish showed color and was leadered .With their recreational limit filled, the fish was boat sided and released with and est weight of 100+. A fine job and show for sportsmanship by captain & crew.

#### Wreck Fishing:

**Offshore Wreck:** Just about every wreck in 150' to 180' are still holding quality Cod. Most fish are currently single digit with some in the high teens.

**Out East Montauk:**

At Montauk I fished fluke on July 13th Captain Anthony Testa on his friends 60 Spencer! 40 Knots to the grounds! With easterly conditions we fished the north side again and managed 7 keepers.

On July 14th with light winds & heavy fog Captain Mike Sullivan "F/V Blue Jacket" with Charlie Goldstein & John Price fished the South side. The team netted 5 keepers to 6.5 lbs.

On July 19th Captain Anthony Testa reported a crew limit of seabass to 5 lbs. and keeper fluke up to 6.5 lbs.

**Montauk bass:** Captain Mike Sullivan reports:

"On July 21st seas were calm, air was cooler and there were a few showers rolling around. I decided to concentrate on bass this morning. We worked on getting bait first thing. There was plenty, which is usually not a good sign. Anyway, we decided to do some fluke fishing first at Midway during slack tide while we killed time waiting for the ebb. One hour, twenty five shorts and two keepers later, we were off to great eastern. As we pulled in, we had the area to ourselves, usually not a good sign. Seas in the rip were now 4-8 as the moon ebb pushed against the offshore swell. I was thinking i'd save the crew from the pounding we were taking, if the next drift didn't produce. But it did and we ended with 3 bass to 34.2 lb before the bite died."

That about wraps it up for this report. If you had a good catch drop the Awards & Contest Committee a line we would love to hear about your catch and share it with our membership:

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## Catch of the Month Double Digit Fluke

John J. Webber III caught this very impressive 10 pound, 8 ounce Fluke while fishing just south of the Loop Drawbridge on Long Creek. The fish measured 28" long and 16.5" wide with dark side fillets of 1"+ thick. The fish was caught while fishing with his Dad, Dr. John J. Webber Jr. on their family boat the Miss Beahavin III.



Congrats on the Catch of the Month! Send in those pictures!

For bragging rights, please 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

## Fluke Calcutta

We have a leader...and a dandy one at that! John Weber, III, has submitted a 10lb. 8oz. fluke that he captured at the Loop Bridge on July 12th. Wow, that's the way to open the 2013 Calcutta. 83 members have joined the 2013 Fluke Calcutta. There is \$830 in the pot-- winner take all.. See Mike Sullivan or Charlie Goldstein if you would like to join. Because you never know!

## Membership

Membership is at 189. Remember, sponsor a new club member and receive a \$100 credit toward your next year's membership dues.

## Good & Welfare

Dr. John Weber's parents are celebrating their 54th Wedding Anniversary, Congratulations! Hope all are well

-Jeff

## Open and In-house Clinics

Chair Alan J Evelyn email: [alan.evelyn@baruch.cuny.edu](mailto:alan.evelyn@baruch.cuny.edu) or call 917-750-8710

Committee: John Kampa, Kevin Killelea, and Tim Sherman

In the last few years, our Open Clinics have been a classroom or lecture format. Open clinics were designed as larger events that attempted to make money and attract new members. They are lots of work and therefore not held very often. The committee has decided to move to smaller events, more like a class, and to add fishing to the format. The new plan is to have an event on a week night and then fish the following weekend. Smaller events can be held on the property and hopefully easier to do. Clinic/class attendees and FTC members fishing together will allow potential members to see what we do best - FISHING!

We can do In-house events the same way. Have a short presentation at Captain and Anglers and then fish together the following weekend. Again doing what we do best - FISHING!

So what the committee needs are some volunteers to host a few guys on your boat for a day's fishing (everyone on the boat sharing in the expenses). The clinic topics will be determined by who volunteers for what type of fishing. If you are interested in being a host boat just send me an email, call, or talk to me at Captains and Anglers. Thanks!

## August 2013 Derby Awards & Contests Report

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

Our first Tuna and Mahi Derbies are running through Sunday, August 11th. 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 8/8. We also have Striped Bass and Weakfish to award.

**Our new Derby Winners are:**

### Fluke

1st Place: Don Morin	6.00 F/V Sea Quest
2nd Place: Debbie Gray	5.81 F/V Pipe + Law
3rd Place: Bryon King	5.60 F/V Kingfisher

### Bluefish

1st Place: Joe Mangiapanello	13.00 F/V Crazy G
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### Shark

1st Place: Harry Schroeder	282.8 Mako F/V Reel Satisfaction
2nd Place: Hank Jenet	168.0 Mako F/V Afishscnt
3rd Place: Nick Nero	158.0 Mako F/V Dolce Vita

### THE FOLLOWING DERBIES START THIS MONTH:

Weakfish	8/17-09/29
Mahi	8/17-09/29
False Albacore	8/17-09/29
Green Bonito	8/17-09/29
Tuna	8/17-09/29
Fluke	8/24-9/29
Seabass	9/1-10/6

## TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE

Matt Errett

1. Star Island 21st Annual Mako/Thresher Mania Tournament - August 2nd. - 3rd.

2. Cape May – South jersey 22nd. Annual Mid Atlantic \$500,000 August 18th. – 23rd

3. 40th Anniversary White Marlin Open, Ocean City, Maryland – August 5th. -9th. (410) 289-9229

4. Mike Sullivan's "Duke of Fluke" See Mike for details Visit [www.ftcfishing.com](http://www.ftcfishing.com) for additional updates as they become available.

## Mark your calendar for this Summers great FTC events!

1. **August 8<sup>th</sup> FTC Luau**
2. **FTC Flotilla Saturday & Sunday August 17-18**

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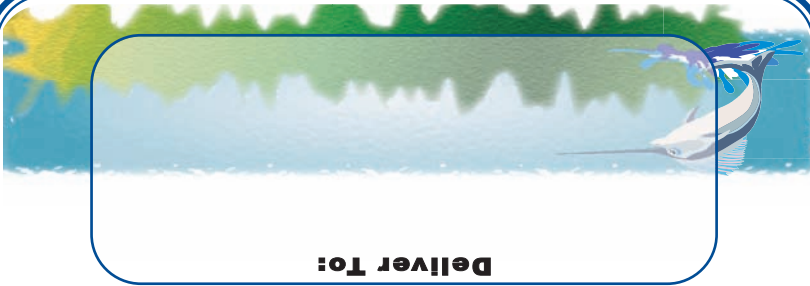
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