Freeport Tuna Club, Inc.

Tuna Tower News



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Well, August is here and it is hard to believe, but the summer is already half over and I hope everyone is getting out on the water.

I would like to thank Joe Steiner, the Captain Angler crew and all the volunteers that made our annual rodeo such a great success. Also, thanks to Doug Toohey for stepping up and manning our bounce house for the little kid's safety.

This month's GM will be at the FTC property and will be our annual Luau, so please wear your Hawaiian attire. We are also very happy to announce that the GM will only be \$10.00, so please try to make it down and enjoy your fellow FTC members.

Mark your calendars.....the Annual Freeport Tuna Club Floatilla will be on Saturday and Sunday, August 16 and 17. This has been a lot of fun in the past and it only gets better with each year. Please try to get to Zach's Bay for this event, you won't regret it. See Bob Pandy for details.

Lastly, I would like to bring some attention to something Don Morin put together this year that needs mentioning. Don, along with some other FTC members got some of our Veterans out fishing on their own boats via Wounded Warrior. Let's try to make this an annual event, what better way to say thank you to our Veteran's for their



service than sharing the love of fishing that this club has....well done gentlemen!

Don't forget to purchase your raffle tickets for your FREE vacation voucher! See Jim Rooney.

See you on the water.

Chris Scarpantonio President

FISHING REPORT Summer Pattern Unfolds



Tom Schwender and Bob Sabella with Tom's 8 lb. 6 oz. fluke caught on Bob's OLD SAM Sam

On the inshore scene, the long awaited July 15th seabass opener started with a bang with nice sized fish reported on all the pieces from 40 - 100 ft. I took my Emily S out to some 90 ft. structure looking for fluke. Fluking was impossible since the seabass and ling were all over my offerings. Want ling? try gulp ... More recently, my kids and I enjoyed non-stop action with quality fluke and seabass from 55 ft. structure on out to the Hempstead Reef. Nick Nero took his Dolce Vita to the reef with Sean Libby, the two easily limited with nice fluke

working the hard bottom. The Hempstead Reef has experienced a great run of fish with many boats easily limiting out on fluke with some nice seabass as a bycatch. Joe Mangiapanello had a banner day on his Crazy G working some deeper drops in the 75 to 85 foot range south of Jones Inlet. One memorable day they "had all the three pound fish you wanted", with Joe's father in law landing an 8.25 lb beauty along with a couple of 6.5 lbers. Not to be outfished, Joe regained the upper hand when he decked a whopping 9 lb. 14 oz. fluke. Very nice catch Mr. Crazy G, you had quite the July as we will see!

While fluking in the bay, Dr. John J. Webber Jr. hooked up with a mystery fish that pushed his Ugly Stick to the limit. After a prolonged battle, the fish turned out to be a stingray and was carefully landed, photographed and released aboard his Miss Beahavin III.



Stingray on deck, MISS BEAHAVIN III

Our south shore bass have apparently worked their way east to Montauk. Team CPA (John Daum, Frank Faber, and Tim Sherman), the Irish Giant (Brian Doherty) and Joe Mangiapanello (Crazy G) fished with Capt. Tom on the Grand Slam. Fluking was a slow pick and they switched to bass. Good move, over 40 bass were landed, all in the 20-40 lb class. According to Brian, "Tim proved his fishing

prowess by showing the crew that he could not catch fish on either side of the boat as well as the stern." Don't shoot the messenger ...

Working our way offshore, shark fishing slowed a bit from it's torrid pace, with a typical summer pattern developing into a mix of blue, brown, dusky, hammerhead and smaller makos and threshers, making appearances from just off the



beach out to the 20 fathom curve and throughout the mudhole. Chris Bellinzoni pointed his Four Bells toward the twenty mile wreck area with a crew of Steve Valenti and Al Casciano . They set up and had life in the slick all day consisting of a couple of free jumping makos, mahi-mahi, and tinker mackerel. They tagged and released a couple of female makos, and released a blue. Al Casciano was on the rod for a 115 lb. male mako that took a ride home with them, destined for the grill. Maybe the tinkers were drawn to the chum, everything else to the tinker mackerel? Both tinker and boston mackerel have been abundant, could explain some of the good fishing we've experienced this year.

Bluefin have been active along the 30 fathom curve in the area of the Coimbra. Fish have been taken primarily on the troll with some on jigs. Our Editor, Captain John Jutt ran several trips offshore on his Red Dawn Rising. On a trip to the Coimbra area, Capt. John reported Bluefin on the troll up to 80 Lbs. A separate trip to the Hudson Canyon resulted in a yellowfin, several nice mahi and a white marlin that was brought to the boat and released.

Captain Chris Gerhart of the Wasabi reports a great canyon season so far, lots of YFT up to 90 lbs, a few bigeye, bunch of big mahi, some LFT, tilefish and a 125 lb swordfish. Past trip they had a 220 lb. bigeye, nice LFT and a smaller YFT. Chris said it was, "slow, but we got a good one". Indeed you did. The trip before Capt. Chris reported that they had "30 bites, landed 25, kept 17, all 50-80 lb. YFT, all on the troll in one afternoon", fire up the grill, tuna time Wasabi style!

Thanks to all for contributing your reports! Please email your reports to philton@optonline.net; or text/call me at 516-721-8907.

Don't forget to send pictures and catch details for consideration by the Bulletin Committee for "Catch of the Month".

Sincerely, Paul Hilton F/V Emily S



Capt. John Jutt with Bluefin Tuna, RED DAWN STYLE

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CATCH OF THE MONTH

Bluefin Tuna



Our catch of the month goes to Joe Mangiapanello who landed a 118 lb Bluefin while fishing on the KingFisher which is fishing out of Shinnecock Inlet for summer 2014. Team KingFisher consisted of Joe and Bryon King, Brian Brown, Joe (Crazy G) and Pete DiThomas. According to Joe, "We had our first fish in the box before 7am caught by Brian Brown . A couple of hours later we hooked up, it was one of the finest fights I ever had with a fish and after a couple of runs we had it near the boat and the thing still had life in it, zipping back and forth behind the boat. The crew thought it may be a make but once we had a good visual we knew we had a Bluefin. It took one more dive and then the end game came together. The crew all had their jobs and the fish came into the boat with no issues. A nice fat 118 pound Bluefin, a personal best for me. Congrats to the whole team on our fine catch!!!!!!" Well said, congrats on "Catch of the Month."

Send in those pictures!

For bragging rights, please email me at 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



TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE

Matt Errett

Congratulations to the 4 **BELLS** on taking 1st Place in the Thresher division in the Noreast **BIG DOG SHOOTOUT** A nice 484 pound slob!!! Congrats guys!!!!

- **1. August 17th.** 22nd. 23rd. Cape May Annual "The Mid-Atlantic" The richest Marlin & Tuna Tournament in the world.
- 2. 1st Annual Jones Inlet Invitational Tuna Tournament Captains meeting 9/11, fish any or all of the next 3 days, Fri, Sat, Sun. Contact Mordy Miltz 516 606-1282 for additional information.

Look to the ftc website for additional tournaments as the information becomes available.

Good luck to all & be safe!

FLUKE CALCUTTA

Joe Mangiapanello is once again leading the Fluke Calcutta. My hat is off to him. Joe beat Dr. John Weber's leading fish by 2 oz. with a 9lb. 14 oz. fish that he captured on July 6 sailing out of Jones Inlet aboard his own boat the Crazy G. You may recall that Joe bested Dr. Weber's son John III's 10lb. 8oz. fish last year when he boated an 11lb. 4oz. fluke that would eventually take the 2013 Calcutta. So far, 77 members have joined the 2014 Calcutta. Entry fee is \$10-- winner take all. Fish may be caught from any port during the regular NY fluke season. All fish must be alive and free swimming at the time it is caught with hook and line. See Mike Sullivan or Charlie Goldstein if you wish to join.

PROPERTY

- Summer dockage, April 1st to October 31: \$85 per ft with a minimum of \$ 2150 for boats under 25 ft.
- Winter storage \$14 per foot with a minimum of \$300. Rate is the same for in water storage.
- Freezer fee is \$175
- Late removal of boats from the property will be billed @\$150 per month after June 1st.
- Remote gate openers are available with a deposit of \$40.
- Grandfathered trailers must summer and winter in the marina, They are: Mike Wagner, Don Granger, Joe Polly, Ken Kapner, Bob Schmid.
- Summer trailer storage is discouraged, but if you have a boat in the marina, trailer storage will be \$250 for the summer season
- Our marina is looking good at this point in time. All the dock tower lights are now on and the electric company has been notified about the pole lights that need bulbs.

Please do not drop things off at the marina without first checking with someone on the property committee; Bob Sabella, Allan Evelyn, Don Granger, Charlie Goldstein.

Things that appear without notification will promptly find their way to the dumpster.

Your cooperation is appreciated, Bob Sabella and the property committee..

GOOD & WELFARE

Mike Brennan's brother has passed away our prayers and thoughts go out to his family . Sy Karp is in the hospital recovering from cellulitis . Regards to all Jeff

AUGUST 2014 DERBY, AWARDS & CONTESTS REPORT

Awards Chairman: Captain Bill Morrogh Committee Team: Captain Bill Tooheu, Captain Michael Fullo

Our first Tuna and Mahi Derbies are running through Sunday, August 10th. 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 Thursday, 8/14. We also have Striped Bass and Winter Flounder trophies to award.

It looks like the annual Salmon trip to Lake Ontario was a success. Joe Steiner brought back 2 new club records, a 10lb. Rainbow Trout and a 16lb 12oz. Brown Trout!

OUR LATEST DERBY WINNERS ARE: Fluke

1st Place: Joe Mangiapanello 9.88 F/V Crazy G

John Weber Jr. 9.75 F/V Miss Beahavin III 2nd Place:

3rd Place: Tom Schwender 8.60 F/V Old Sam

Bluefish

1st Place: Joe Mangiapanello 16.21 F/V Crazy G 2nd Place: DJ Toback 15.00 F/V Corazon 3rd Place: 14.75 F/V Crazy G Brian Brown

Shark

1st Place: Steve Valenti 484 Thresher F/V Four Bells 2nd Place: Paul Noto 292 Thresher F/V Rocketfish 3rd Place: Chris Bellinzoni 208 Mako F/V four Bells

THE FOLLOWING DERBIES ARE **RUNNING/OPENING THIS MONTH:**

Weakfish 08/17-09/28 **2nd Mahi** 08/23-10/05 **False Albacore** 08/23-10/05 **Green Bonito** 08/23-10/05 2nd Tuna 08/16-09/28 08/23-09/28 Fluke Seabass 07/15-08/12

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Dear Friends,

What will YOU make possible in 2014? It is a question we can all ask ourselves. I am taking on a challenge with the Children's Tumor Foundation and making it possible to end neurofibromatosis (NF) through research.

NF causes tumors to grow on nerves throughout the body and can lead to blindness, bone abnormalities, cancer, deafness, disfigurement, learning disabilities, and excruciating and disabling pain. NF is under-recognized and under diagnosed yet affects more people than cystic fibrosis, Duchenne muscular dystrophy and Huntington's disease combined. The Children's Tumor Foundation funds critical research to find treatments for NF. In addition to benefitting those who live with neurofibromatosis, this research is shedding new light on several forms of cancer, brain tumors, bone abnormalities and learning disabilities ultimately benefiting the broader community.

I've signed up for IRONMAN Florida NF Endurance Team. I know you might 112 miles and running 26.2 miles is lives and families that live with changing and I am excited about the

I have decided to join the Children's because I am inspired by the story of a old little boy, Timmy, who when he was with Neurofibromatosis (NF1). Timmy's



with the Children's Tumor Foundation's think that swimming 2.4 miles, biking crazy, but making a difference in the neurofibromatosis each day will be life challenge.

Tumor Foundation NF Endurance Team young and very courageous four year a couple of months old was diagnosed story is no different than the many

other stories of children with NF. I have gotten to know Timmy's family and the saying is true – we do live in a very small world. Despite the challenges and everything that Timmy and his family have been through, he continues to be an enthusiastic, sweet and funny little man. Although NF has been overwhelming his family remains hopeful by seeing all good things the Children's Tumor Foundation does and the ongoing new research that is developing.

I am hoping you will support me along this journey and my goal to raise \$ 5,000.00. Whether you want to make a donation to my fundraising page http://ctf.kintera.org/nfeironmanflorida2014/bluemarlin35, mail a donation, or even join me on race day by participating in a cheering station along the race course, I would be truly grateful. By making a donation to my efforts and the Children's Tumor Foundation, you will help fund research and provide information, programs, and services for the millions worldwide who are diagnosed with neurofibromatosis.

Thank you	very	' much f	or your	support.
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Sincerely,

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