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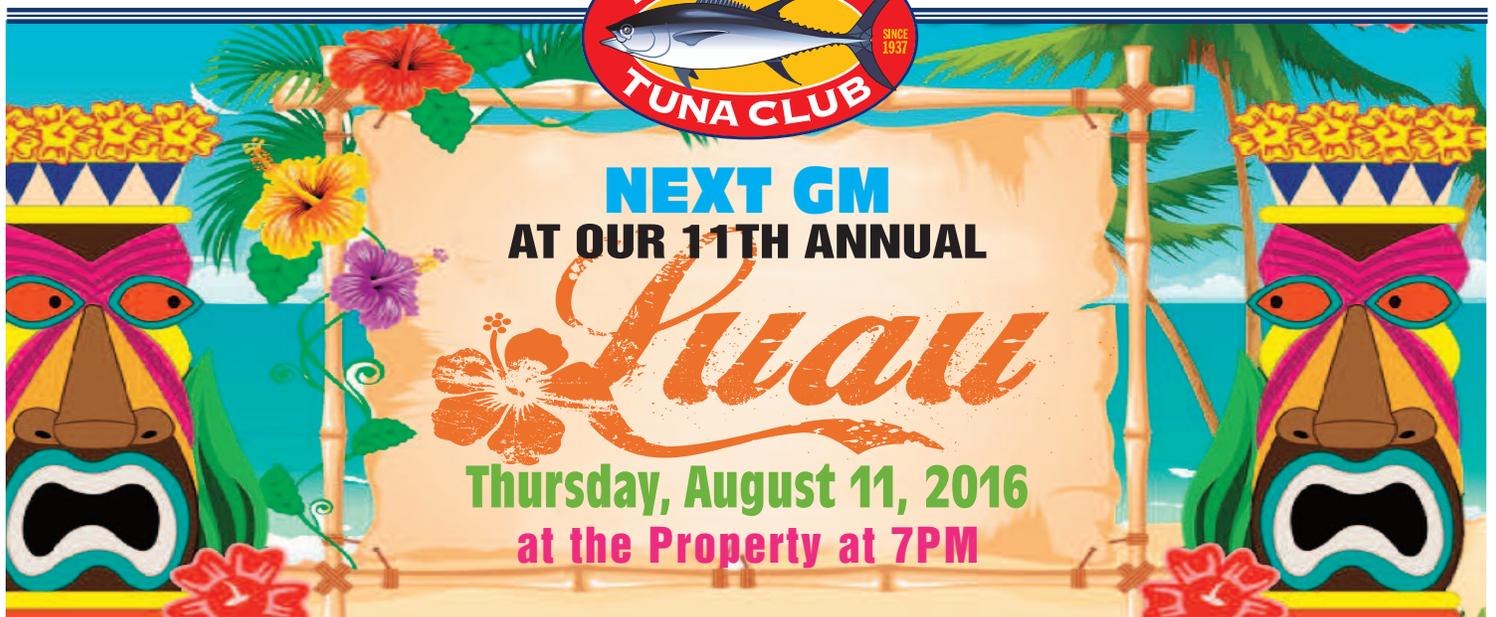
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## President's Message

Congratulations to new member Gregory Koharek who captained his 43' Ocean to a 1st place win in the Woodcleft Shark Tournament, with an impressive 478 lb. thresher shark. Our inshore fishing has slowed but Shinnecock and Montauk have heated up. I'll leave the details to Paul Hilton who does a great job with his fishing reports section of the bulletin. This month we have our annual Hawaiian Luau meeting at the property with a brief GM on that night. I hope this early notification will enable many members, especially new members, to mark their calendars and enjoy an evening of good food, good friends, and fun. Bob Pandey says he has his coconuts and grass skirt ready to go. Hawaiian Dress makes the night a lot more fun so get those print shirts and sarongs out of the closet and come on down.

We have a fabulous website for the club and in my opinion it is very underutilized. I would love to see more posts and information placed on the site to help keep all informed. For the new members if you're not aware of how to log on, just ask any one of our members and they will be glad to help. I will make point at the GM of informing the membership how to sign in and log on.

It's nice to see many new members at our Thursday night Captain Anglers' gatherings, OK it's nice to see you long-standing members as well, it would be nice to see even

more of you. A big thank you goes out to Sharon Missan who has assumed the position of Secretary on our Board of Directors. Thanks as well to Ray Geiger who has taken over Awards, Contests and Derbies which is at times a daunting task... however, with help from Bill Morrogh via e-mail and electronic wizardry, Ray will do a fabulous job. Please fill out your weigh slips legibly so Ray doesn't have to guess or refer to the hieroglyphics tables to decipher the information. The leader board is filling up with some nice fish, get out there and get on the board for some bragging rights.

Don't forget to mark the calendar for August 21, which is our Annual Flotilla in Zach's bay. Looks like we'll have several boats for the overnight division this year. Big boats, little boats, kayaks, canoes even floating logs are welcome. As Tim Sherman commented on the way out to the grounds on a recent trip, "it's great to be alive."

Until the next one bites! *Old Sam*



# Fishing Report

## Hot July Brings Sharks and Tuna

July's weather could be characterized as hot and humid. The fishing had its hot moments too, with some very impressive sharks landed by FTC captains and anglers.



*Greg Koharek (left), Brian Dunne (angler) and Danny Foy with Woodcleft Tournament winning 411 lb. Thresher on "Ambition"*

Not reported last month, but certainly worthy of congratulations is the Woodcleft Tournament winning 411 lb. thresher landed on new member Greg Koharek's boat "Ambition" by angler Brian Dunne. Congrats to the Captain and crew for bringing home the gold.

Sharking was generally good, with threshers and nice makos landed from all the usual haunts. Bluefin Tuna have been available, with mixed sized fish from shorts all the way up to triple digit specimens available along the 30 to 40

fathoms curves, from the Chicken Canyon/Triple Wreck area east to the Coimbra area and beyond. Most fish I've heard about were taken on the troll, with Joe Chutes and Ballyhoo taking the larger specimens. Fish have been jigged and more recently taken on the chunk as well.



*Captain Jim Krug with his 446 lb. Birthday Present Thresher on the "Sea Lark"*

Out in Montauk, the fishing Gods smiled on Captain Jim Krug's birthday. Jim took a busman's holiday, fishing with Captain Harold Clark on the "Sea Lark" at Montauk and landed this 446 lb thresher in only 27 minutes on a 50 SW. When I commented on the speedy fight Jim simply said, "why waste time?" Great catch, and what a nice birthday present ...



*Captain John and crew with 178 lb. Mako on the "Red Dawn Rising"*

Our esteemed Tuna Tower News Editor Captain John Jutt ran his beautiful Red Dawn Rising offshore on several trips with good results. Shown to the right is member Steve Bassford, Brian, Capt. John, Nick, brother Jimmy, brother Tommy, "Irish Mike", and little Jimmy with a 178 lb mako taken after spotting makos feeding on top during a tuna trolling expedition in the triple wreck area. One Bluefin was captured as well.

I joined Capt. John on another trip, this time working east to the Coimbra area. First stop was in a dragger fleet N/E of the wreck, plenty of life in the area we went 6 for 7 on small Bluefin, mostly on spreader bars but hitting the Joe Chute Bally's too. We heard of some larger fish taken south of the wreck and worked our way there. The center rigger/shotgun line went off and Tommy Jutt bested a nice "over fish," 48 inches approx. 60lb. class Bluefin, Joe Chute/Bally etc. Good eats ...



*Nick Nero and "Dolce Vita" 15 lb. Mahi*

Nick Nero ran his Dolce Vita east to the Coimbra area where he, Pete Cefai and Danny Carrol had a small keeper Bluefin on the troll. The action slowed and they headed to some 20 fathom curves closer to home to do some sharking. They ended up 2 for 3 on Makos, had a large blues shark, and a 36" 15 lb. Mahi. The lost mako ran toward the bow jumped, and fouled the line in the pulpit. Nice trip, get that big Mako next time!

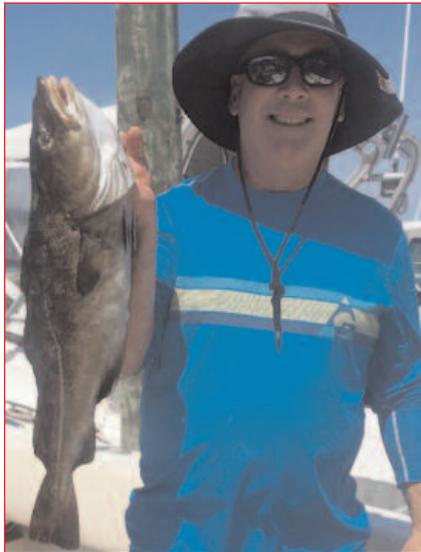


**Captain Barbara Solomon**  
with "Legal Limits" Mahi

From Captain Barbara Solomon on her boat Legal Limits, "Jumped on my boat Thursday and decided to take a ride out to the Coimbra with Pete Cefai to see first hand if those fish reports were true. First 12 miles was pea soup. Good thing I got the radar this year... As soon as we found the Bluewater we set up on the troll... Saw tons of small bluefin tuna busting all over the surface along with sea turtles and mackerel... Threw top water poppers at the bluefin but couldn't get them to bite... Ended up going 2 for 3 on Mahi

and lost a wahoo as it must have bit through the leader. Called it a day around 1pm as the wind started picking up and we knew we had a 60 mile run back." nice trip and great reporting!

Finally, on the inshore scene, fluke have been decent in all the usual areas. Good drifting conditions are essential for a good catch. When conditions are favorable, I've heard of good catches on both hard and open bottom. Seabass are in the mix too, keepers a little harder to find but certainly still available. I made one fluke trip to the Middle Grounds which started off good and quickly died with the drift after only one keeper and numerous shorts. Conditions matter, wait it out if you can, they generally improve at some point in the day. Don Granger gave me reports from a couple of trips on his Splitshot. On one trip to Cholera he and new member Mike Mulqueen were both surprised when a 26" cod hit the Mike's fluke rig. Fluking was slow that day. More recently, Don told me about a trip where he and his crew managed 8 keepers up to 5 lbs in the Tankers area.



There's nothing like first hand reports, please consider sharing your fishing tales and pictures with our membership by sending them in. Thanks in advance!

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*

# AUGUST 2016 DERBY AWARDS & CONTEST REPORT

*Awards Committee: Ray Geiger, Bob Benzenberg, Harry Skaschnig and Captain Bill Morrrough*

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR DERBY WINNERS!

### Fluke

- 1st Place: Michael Vecchiarelli 7.30lbs F/V Sayonara II
- 2nd Place: Charles Goldstein 6.50lbs F/V Splitshot
- 2nd Place: Ken Reisher 6.50lbs F/V Hitoitammi

### Shark

- 1st Place: Hank Jenet 217lbs F/V The Betty II
- 2nd Place: Adam Bollaci 180lbs F/V Hooker
- 3rd Place: Anthony Bollaci 143 F/V Hooker

### Bluefish

- 1st Place: Chris Bellinzoni 11.50lbs F/V Four Bells
- 2nd Place: Adam Bollaci 10.69lbs F/V Hooker
- 3rd Place: Rick Totten 9.25lbs F/V Hooker

**Please note that our August Derby trophies will be awarded at our "Luau" GM at the property on Thursday August 11th.**

**We hope to see everyone at the event, wearing their best "Island" gear and ready to limbo!**

## THE FOLLOWING DERBIES ARE CLOSED OR CLOSING IN AUGUST

**SEA BASS Closing August 14th**

**TUNA Closing August 7th**

**MAHI Closing August 7th**

### Reminder to all--

Please get your slips in to me if you are holding them ASAP.

**Good luck to all!** *Ray Geiger, Chairman*

# Property Manager's Report

I would like to welcome a new member to our marina. Bill Gillispe now has his 25ft Shamrock docked with us. Please introduce yourself and make him feel welcome.

Other marina news is that Matt Cardone has traded his Dusky center console for a Grady White walk-around cutty. Also Kevin Killeleal has purchase another checkmate boat and is storing it on the property.

There are a few invoices outstanding so please get them taken care of as soon as possible. The winter storage season begins on November 1st.

If you have questions or concerns about the club property you can see me at the GM or Captain and Anglers. You can always contact me either by email or phone.

*Capt. Alan Evelyn*

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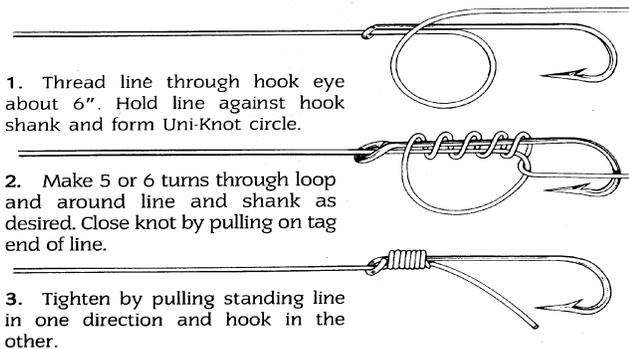
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## Know your Knots!

### Snelling a Hook



1. Thread line through hook eye about 6". Hold line against hook shank and form Uni-Knot circle.

2. Make 5 or 6 turns through loop and around line and shank as desired. Close knot by pulling on tag end of line.

3. Tighten by pulling standing line in one direction and hook in the other.



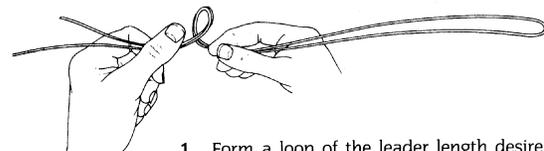
### LINE TO REEL SPOOL

1. Tie loop in end of line with Uni-Knot; only three turns needed. With bail of spinning reel open, slip loop over spool. (With revolving spool reel, line must be passed around reel hub before tying the Uni-Knot.)

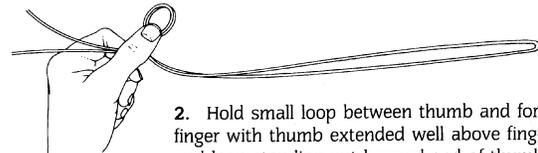
2. Pull on line to tighten loop.

### Spider Hitch

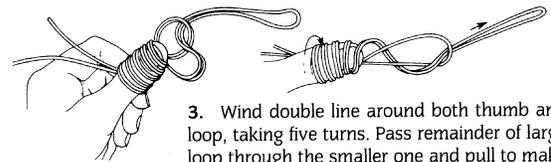
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2. Hold small loop between thumb and forefinger with thumb extended well above finger and loop standing out beyond end of thumb.



3. Wind double line around both thumb and loop, taking five turns. Pass remainder of large loop through the smaller one and pull to make five turns unwind off the thumb.



4. Pull turns around the base of the loop up tight and snip off tag end.

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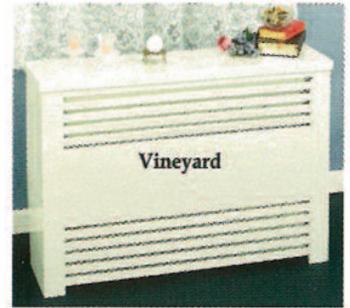
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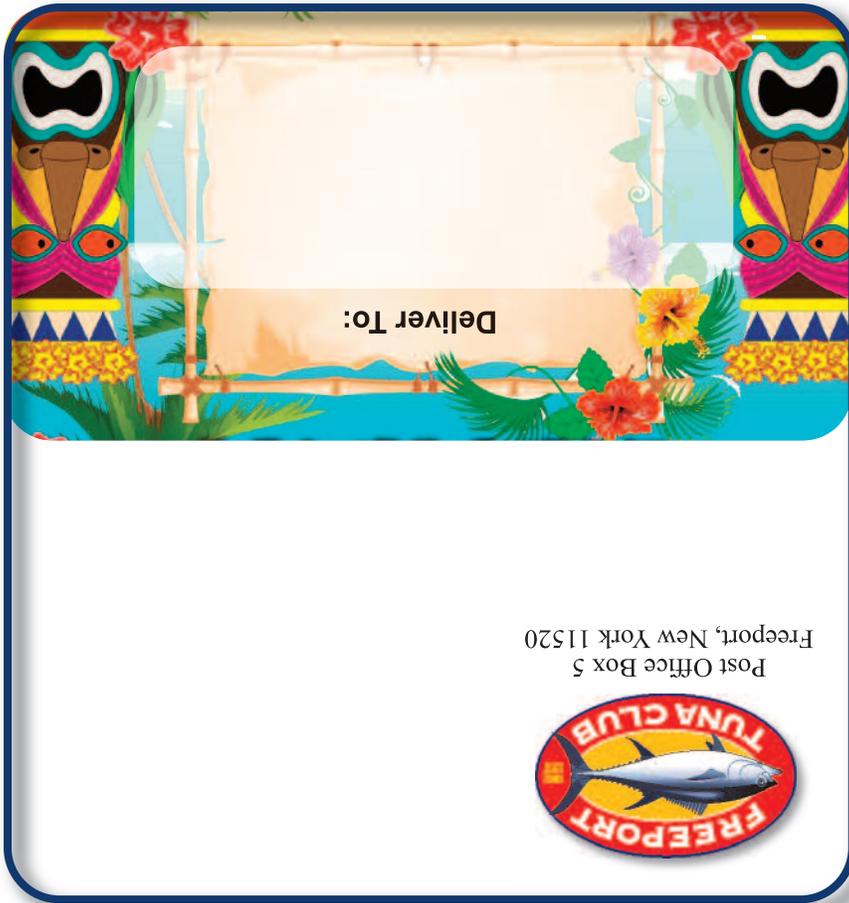
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