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TUNA TOWER NEWS

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EDITOR



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Aloha*

THURSDAY, AUGUST 22 @ 7PM ON THE PROPERTY

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I'd like to start out by thanking everyone who helped out with making our first Fluke Shootout a huge success. Not only did we attract a sizable crowd, but we handed out some great prizes and were able to send Hooks for Heroes a nice donation. Rob & Deirdre Cincotta and Ken & Danielle Donowski put together a great event and we are all looking forward to next year as it will just get bigger and better! Thanks also for the tireless efforts of the property committee and the cook crew for getting the property cleaned up and keeping us well fed over the weekend. Great job by all.

As we roll into August, fishing has been solid for the past month both inshore and offshore. The inshore Bluefin fishing has been solid and many members have taken advantage of the solid bite. Inshore sea bass and fluke have been solid with effort needed to put a catch together.

As always anyone interested in helping getting involved with committee work or the Board please let me know - extra hands are always welcome.

Hope to see everyone this Thursday the 22nd at the Luau/GM, if you can help, please call me at 516-322-0030 or Jim Rooney at 516-850-6772, we want to make sure we have enough hands on deck to make this a success.

Capt. Adam



HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY SUMMER

FLUKETASTIC JULY



As the warmer weather kicked in and July began, Fluke were more abundant week by week.

The Freeport Tuna Club had its First Annual Fluke Shootout with very good results. 3rd place: Lee Dascole with a 6.11lb fluke, 2nd place: Anthony Salerno with a 6.87lb fluke, and congrats to Jason Smith - one of our newest members - taking all 3 calculatas with a 12.85, heaviest of the 3 was a 7.37lb and also taken the biggest sea robin. The total winning of \$3,450. Way to go Jason!



Bob Pandy and I did a mega trip out of Hyannis, MA, scoring our limits of large fluke for both days, with Bob scoring a 9.9lb fluke.

Paul Cunningham, Billy Hines, Jim Aziz and his cousin Tim had a great trip to Lake Ontario and were rewarded with limits of king salmon both days.

Kenny Kapna, Gene Schettini, Bob Pandy and Marty Dowling have been fishing Montauk point and scoring 8lb. fluke on each trip as well as their limits of seabass.

Larry Risi, Henry Damm, myself and 3 other friends of mine chartered the "Simple Life" out of Montauk for outstanding fluke and seabass.

Offshore Report

There have been noticeable catches of Tuna at the 30 fathom line and coimbra area. Fish up to 80lbs. have been taking on Joe Shutes and jigs.

Adam Bollaci and Rick Totten had a banner day catching their limits of Tuna in the 60-80 lb class.

Hopefully August will continue to produce quality fish into September.

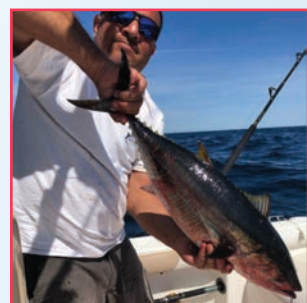
Thank you and enjoy the rest of the summer.

Ken Donowski

Please send all your reports to me at:

Text: 1-917-231-5699 or E-mail: Kenbase2006@icloud.com,

Be sure to include photos



PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Only one member is in arrears with final slip payment. We have three boats on the waiting list for next season and the list seems to be growing. By the time you read this, our camera system will be back in action. Only one boat on the property remains a problem and all concerned are working hard on a solution. When each person only takes one bucket of ice per boat there is plenty for all. Our surveillance of the ice machine shows who the offenders are. Don't be on Candid Camera.

Your Property Committee

DERBY, AWARDS & CONTESTS

Awards Chairman: Ray Geiger

Committee Team:

Bob Benzenberg, Harry Sbaschnig & Captain Bill Morrogh

Our first Tuna, Mahi and Sea Bass Derbies ran until Sunday August 4th. If you have any slips, please get them to us ASAP. We must have the physical slips in hand no later than August 28. We will be at our August GM/Luau and hope to see you all there.

FLUKE

1st Place: Bruce Forster 5.25 lbs. F/V Oh Yeah!

2nd Place: Chris Nettuno 4.75 lbs. F/V Neptune

SHARK - Thresher Country

1st Place: Chris Bellinzoni 310.50 lbs. F/V Four Bells

2nd Place: Chris Nettuno 228 lbs. F/V Shark Hunter

3rd Place: Al Casciano 166 lbs. F/V Four Bells

The Following Fall Derbies Will Be Starting Soon:

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|----------------|------------------------------|
| TUNA | August 10th – September 29th |
| WEAKFISH | August 10th – September 22nd |
| MAHI | August 17th – September 29th |
| FALSE ALBACORE | August 17th – September 29th |
| GREEN BONITO | August 17th – September 29th |
| SEA BASS | September 8th – October 6th |

Aloha and Best Fishes,

Ray Geiger

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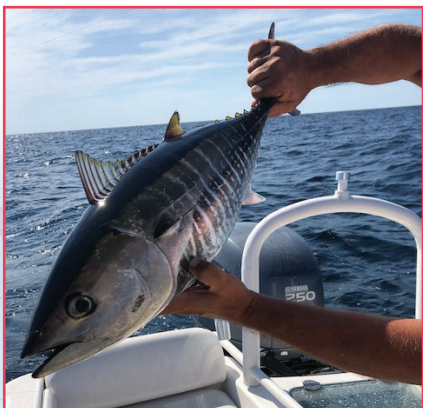
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After diligently researching, I decided Sunday, July 14, 2019, looked perfect. With that in mind, I spent my entire Saturday getting ready. Bait, ice, food, fuel, safety gear, and tackle. For offshore trolling, I rely upon a set of four (4) Penn International 16VSX reels, spooled with 100lb. Jerry Brown Spectra and 125 yard top shot of 80lb. Jinkia Mono. The reels are paired with Sea Isle 6 foot standup composite rods, with Fuji SIC guides and AFTCO reel seats. I also like to have a pair of jigging rods on board. My favorite set-ups are the Penn Torque 30's paired with the Shimano Trevala jigging rods. Finally, a spinning set up is a must. I rely on the Stella 8000 reel with 65 lb spectra and a fluorocarbon top shot mated to a custom Stalker Outfitter rod.

Pete and I headed out of Jones Inlet at first light, as I plugged the numbers of the Virginia into my Garmin 7610. The ride out was a disaster. How is that possible, I kept thinking. The ocean was rough and choppy and I kept thinking how are we going to make it 41 miles. With all the preparation that had taken place, the last thing I wanted to do was stop. At roughly 19 miles, I slowed the boat and decided to make sure it was smart to continue. Truth is, I was having second thoughts. We were running "safety drills" and "what ifs" in our heads. Not good. After a few curse words, I made the decision to turn back. It was rough and I was pissed. We steamed straight to Richie's Fishing Station to refill the 30 gallons of fuel I burned on our 38 mile boat ride. We also motored to Fred Chall Marine Supply and purchased a second ACR "ResQlink" Epirb that I could attach to my body, with additional safety gear. With the boat fully loaded, the plan was to head home, get some sleep, and head back out at first light.

We woke up Monday morning with enthusiasm (Another sick day at work). It was time to catch a Tuna. As the sun peaked



out we approached the JI Buoy. The water was glass. Yipie! Okay, 41 miles to go. We took turns driving while eating egg sandwiches. When we hit the 30 mile mark something strange happened. The ocean turned into a washing machine. All of a sudden

the waves were out of the northeast. It was rough and sloppy. We just couldn't believe our eyes. Without another boat in sight it was eerie, but there was no turning back. Finally, after 10 miles we saw 3 boats in the distance!! We must be getting close! As we approached, I heard 2 guys on the radio. One guy stated that he was from "Sandy Hook" and the other from "Jones." I quickly grabbed the radio and said "hey I am out of Jones. How are we going to get home in these conditions." He responded, "slowly," but then said the weather "should lay down" and that "I was welcome to follow him home if I wanted." Very nice gesture. I have heard of having a "buddy boat" when going offshore, but I never seriously considered it before. It's probably not a bad idea.

Pete worked the deck and within minutes the lines were in the water as the waves crashed over the bow. We trolled 6 rods and every few minutes I would yell "Hold on" as we went up and down over the swell. This was not ideal. Within 5 minutes we heard line peeling off the reel. Fish on! Since it was just us, we scrambled to reel in the other lines and keep the boat in gear. Hmmm maybe bringing an extra person would have been a good idea. The first fish hit on a purple daisy chain, that I typically use trolling for Dorado. It was a 28 inch blue fin! Keeper!

With the spread back out we continued to troll in some very rough conditions. Within minutes the reel began to scream and Pete yells out again "Fish on! "The fish hit a Sterling green spreader bar! Every time we trolled past a bunch of "tuna chicks" we landed a fish. It was incredible. The next fish hit a white wide tracker. All of the fish were in the 27-28 inch range. But that didn't matter. They were blue fin, and we caught them!!

By 1:30pm we decided to head back. It was still very rough and I had actually puked over the rail several times. A rare occurrence. We programmed in Jones Inlet and hit "go." The first 10 miles were sloppy. Then all of a sudden the heavens opened up and the ocean was GLASS. Thank God. Time to lay down on the "bean bag" and take a nap from dehydration. Pete navigated the whole way home.

By the time we broke the Jones Inlet is was 4:30 p.m. and was time to wash the boat and hit the hay.

Until our next adventure. Tight lines.

Capt. Barbara Solomon
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FIRST ANNUAL FLUKE SHOOTOUT

I would like to thank all those who came out in this heat and fished the inaugural fluke shootout tournament of the Freeport Tuna Club!!!



Special thanks to Kenneth Donowski, Weigh Master and Bob Pandy -- this wouldn't have happened without all your help and support!

I'd also like to thank cook crew chief James Rooney and his cook crew members!!! Ray Geiger for the trophies! Deirdre Cincotta and Danielle Donowski for selling all the raffles! Bruce Forster for the entertainment! and many more! You all made this day a huge success! Thank you to FTC board and members for supporting me in my vision. Next year, let's break over 100 entries -- it was huge success. Welcome to all the new club members that Gene signed up at the tournament.

Congratulations to the winners!!! 1st Place Jason Smith and taking all Calcuttas with 7.37 three heaviest fluke at 12.85 and sea robin at 2.13!!!! **2nd Place Anthony Salerno** with a 6.87 fluke!!! **3rd Place Lee Dascole** with a 6.11 fluke !!!



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Semper Fi, *Robert Cincotta*
F/V Flounder Flopper



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