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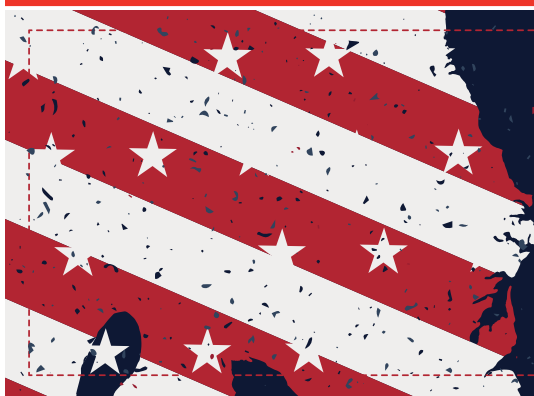
PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings everyone, hard to believe we are already in August. We have had some great Thursday night BBQs, highlighted by Bruce Forster and his band Southern Guns. They put on great shows for us all. Many thanks to the cook crew for keeping things going and keeping some normalcy for us all.

Unfortunately we will not be having our summer Rodeo, but the Zach's Bay Raft up was again a success. Stay tuned for an email with details. If anyone is not receiving club emails please let me know and I will add you to the distribution list.

Fishing both inshore and offshore has been steady with some decent catches for all that have been putty in the time. The tuna have been hit or miss but when you find them it has been good. Sea Bass have been plentiful at the local reefs and Fluke are around but you need to work for them. However the members fishing Montauk have had some impressive catches with fluke in the double digits.

Tight lines, *Capt. Adam*



Happy

LABOR DAY



DERBIES, AWARDS & CONTESTS

Awards Chairman: Ray Geiger | Committee: Bob Benzenberg, Harry Sbaschnig & Captain Bill Morrogh



I know it may seem hard to believe, (especially during these troubled times) but our Fall Derbies begin this month. I hope we all get better weather and fish this time around. I know that keepers are hard to come by and we offer thanks to all that did manage to get their weigh slips to us in time.

On that note, please remember the following:

Our rules state that all eligible weigh slips **must be in our hands** no later than 14 days after the closing date of the derby. The sooner the better if possible. Sadly, I received a few good slips too late this time around, however they are still in the running for a possible annual award.

Please see below the full list of derbies along with minimum weights (Formally Known As Fish-At-A-Glance):

FISH	SPRING DATES	FALL DATES	FISH	SPRING DATES	FALL DATES
Cod (6 lbs.)	March 7 – May 3	September 2 – December 6	Shark (125 lbs.)	May 16 – July 5	September 12 – November 22
Blackfish (3 lbs.)	March 28 – April 26	October 10– November 22	Bluefish (8 lbs.)	May 16 – July 5	September 12 – November 22
Flounder (1.5 lbs)	April 4 – May 10	*****	Tuna (20 lbs.)	June 20 – August 2	August 8 – September 20
Seabass (2.5 lbs)	June 20 – August 2	September 6 – October 4	Mahi (4 lbs.)	June 20 – August 2	August 15 – September 27
Striped Bass (15 lbs.)	May 2 – June 7	October 3 – November 22	False Albacore (6 lbs.)	*****	August 15 – September 27
Weakfish (5 lbs.)	May 2 – June 14	August 8 – September 20	Green Bonito (4 lbs.)	*****	August 15 – September 27
Fluke (3.5 lbs.)	May 16 – July 5	August 15 – September 13			

Tight Lines!



Our Latest Derby Winners Are:

BLACK SEABASS

1st Place: Mike Zullo 4.5 lbs. F/V Magic Too
 2nd Place: MaryEllen Zullo 3.25 lbs. F/V Magic Too
 Mike Zullo 3.0 lbs. F/V Magic Too

TUNA (BLUEFIN)

Mike Alfieri 108 lbs. Southport 26

Best Fishes

Ray Geiger

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Tropical Storm Isaias that roared through was sort of kind to the club property. The only damage was to the awning support poles which popped a couple of fittings and bent things a little out of shape. By the time you read this the repairs should be complete. On a more serious note, looking long range at our slip rentals as of this writing we will have 4 open slips. If anyone knows of someone who might want a slip for next season contact the property committee. Just a reminder, as was posted before; the slip price will increase by \$1 to \$80 per foot for summer of 2021. Winter storage remains at \$15 per foot. Temporary repairs have been made to our walkways to keep them safe. Discussions about solutions to fix and upgrade our walkways are being undertaken at this time. Keep in mind if this is contracted out it could easily cost anywhere from \$60,000 to \$80,000 dollars.

Your Property Committee



GOOD & WELFARE

Sil Mazzilli is recovering from hip replacement. He is doing well and we wish him speedy recovery. Hope all are safe during these crazy times

Jeff Squer

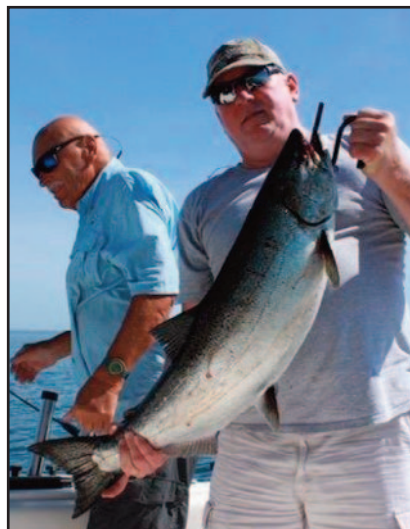
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FISHING ROAD TRIP!!



Once again an FTC crew headed up to Lake Ontario for two days of salmon fishing. Jim Azzi, Rick Totten, Billy Hines, Paul Cunningham, Joe Steiner, Maryanne and George Bessler, Linda Soutwick and Tim Hanley all made the long drive to try their luck. They were greeted with calm weather for Saturday's trip, Sunday the breeze kicked up a bit making for some sporty conditions. Both days limits of King Salmon and Lake Trout came over the rails, steelhead were also part of the catch.

The crew fished with Candy Charters with Capt. Andy Sycut and Chinoch Charters with Capt. Andy Chornobil. Next year's trip is already booked.



HELLO FTC MEMBERS

I would like to thank our President and the Board of Directors for having me step up to Executive Board as 2nd Vice President. Ken Donowski, you will be missed on the board - I have some big shoes to fill, tight lines brother.

Hope everyone is doing well after Tropical Storm Isaias and catching some big fish.

Semper Fi

Robert Cincotta

F/V The Flounder Flopper

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STRIPER DIARIES EPISODE 22

I hope this message finds everyone healthy and well, as we try and adjust to our "new normal." With water temperatures heating up into the mid and upper 70s, it's time to find the "blue water."

The preparation for a successful trip begins the night before. A site that I rely upon heavily, before I leave the dock is called Terrafin Satellite Imaging. It provides sea surface temperatures (SST) and chlorophyll charts for anglers and divers. A quick check reveals blue water approximately 17 miles south of Jones Inlet. Grab some rods, bait and we are off!

On trips like this you never know what you may encounter. From sea bass, false albacore, green bonitos... it's always a crap shoot. The plan was to find the blue water and troll around with light feathers and daisy chains. Plan B, was to stop at several wrecks for some bottom fishing.

It is incredible to see the white wash behind the boat change from brackish, to greenish to blue. On this day particular, Terrafin was right on the money. Once we found the blue water, we set up on the troll. Although we had no specific reports, we knew it was worth a shot. We deployed several small green and yellow feathers and a purple daisy chain. With that, time to wait. We trolled and trolled without a tap. Just when frustration set in, the line starting to scream!! A fish! What could it be? I had no idea,

but I kept reeling. Two minutes later the second rod goes off! Omg, we ran into a school of something. As the fish approached, I saw a shiny iridescent color. We are pleasantly surprised. Green Bonito - We can eat those! Hurry up and swing the fish into the boat, and deploy the lines again. We trolled up several of these beauties and filled the cooler. What a blast!

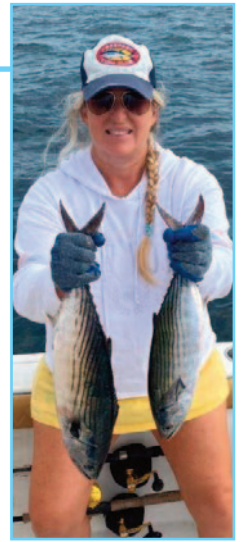
With that we decided to switch gears to bottom fishing. I grab a sandwich and program in some "secret" numbers into my Garmin 7610. Quick ride and we are set up. Bottom fishing was a mixed bag of jumbo sea bass and chub mackerel. What a surprise! The mackerel were fierce and fought like heck. What a day. As we headed back to the dock, I reflected on the day and how fishing was truly therapeutic. It was a much need break.

As September approaches, the wind will turn northeast. With that striper fishing will heat up.

Until my next adventure. Tight Lines.

Capt. Barbara Solomon

F/V Legal Limits



ENTERTAINMENT

I hope everyone is enjoying their summer and getting in on the fishing action. We are fortunate to be able to pursue our passion during these crazy times. Hope to see you all soon.

Bruce C. Forster
F/V Oh Reely and F/V Oh Yeah

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CAPTAINS & ANGLERS

Our Captains & Anglers BBQs committee is looking for extra volunteers to help. Please keep an eye on the FTC Web page, Facebook and email notifications for best up to date information. Looking forward to seeing all our members soon.

Thank you, *Jim Rooney*

SHOOT-OUTS

We are currently in contact with other clubs in reference to upcoming shoot-outs. If you have any suggestions or ideas, please don't hesitate to contact Jim Rooney.

MEMBERSHIP

Our current membership count is 183 - this will definitely climb as the year progresses!

Please note from the clubs by-laws regarding membership. On the first day of the calendar year following the eighteenth birthday of such Junior Member, he or she shall be entitled to Regular Membership. Such Junior Members shall be obligated to pay regular dues to the Corporation but no additional initiation fee shall be charged.



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Board members generally conduct business the third Wednesday of every month, but are also subject to change. We are currently looking for more participation. **Remember, it's YOU who make this club! Be involved! Be a part of it!** For the betterment of your club. For more information and to confirm the the time and date of the Board Meeting, contact Adam Bollaci - cell 516.322.0030

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