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President's Message

August is upon us and the fishing is starting to break wide open. Let's get out there and fish!

The Fluke Shootout was a big success, Thank you to Rob and Adam for doing all the hard work on it. 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. It was 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. Great job by all.

Congratulations to Rob and Dierdre Cincotta and your new baby daughter.

I would also like to thank, Bruce Forster and the Southern Guns for the excellent music at the Captains and Anglers Barbecue in July. Such a great time was had by all.

August is full of fun things happening. We will have the Annual Luau on Thursday, August 12th and the Raft Up on Sunday, August 22nd at Zac's Bay.

Looking forward to seeing everyone down at the Club.

Regards,

Rick Totten





Fishing Report

July certainly did not disappoint on both the inshore and offshore grounds. I would like to congratulate Mike Zullo with his 1st place 6.4 lb fluke to take the largest Fluke of the 2nd annual FTC Fluke Shootout. Inshore had a steady pick of Fluke and Sea Bass. You had to put some time in, but decent catches were put together. All the local reefs and Cholera were producing. The bunker schools have been holding sharks and a fair amount of cobia, finding the right pod was crucial but worth the search. Club members fishing out in Montauk have been rewarded with quite a few double-digit fluke. Capt. John Jutt fishing out at local reefs, with a couple of his keeper Fluke aboard Paul Hilton's F/V Emily S.



Offshore found a steady pick of yellowfin and bluefin on many of the inshore grounds. The Resor and Atlantic Princess depending on the day were very productive, both jigging and trolling. The eastern canyons were on fire to those with the range or docked out east. Capt. John Jutt and Nick Titus with Capt. "Offshore" Harry aboard the Sea Deuce, left out of Shinnecock and did a two-day, one-night trip; on Saturday producing 14 yel-

lowfin up to 75 lbs., they had 4 big eye come up - two came tight - with zero results pulling 2 hooks. As the day went on they continued to catch yellowfin, 6 mahi, they set up on a chunk drift through the night and were awarded with a swordfish at 4 in the morning, they got back on the troll Sunday at first light to produce 1 white marlin, 1 big eye (211 lbs.), they bridled a skipjack tuna, set up on one of the big guns and battled and officially released one blue marlin (estimated at 450+ lbs.) an epic trip!

The Hudson did have some yellowfin at the beginning of the month but more recently has come to life. Reports of bigeye, yellowfin, mahi and wahoo have all been coming in. And of course, the tilefish have been plentiful for those targeting them.

Please email or text me your catch info to share with our members. Send those reports to Adam Bollaci at adambollaci@gmail.com (email) or 516-322-0030 (text).





1st VP Message

Like to announce that we had over 140 entries in the second annual Fluke Shootout Tournament. Raising \$1500 for Hooks For Heroes. Thank you all for the support and help that made this day happen. Can't thank you all enough who helped out.

Congratulations to the winners!

1st Place Mike Zullo 6.40lb. fluke 2nd Place Drew Fedoryk 5.90lb. fluke 3rd Place Clair McKintyre 4.93lb. fluke

Congratulations Bob Greiser with 2.26lb. sea robin that was released safe back into the water!!

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Marie's Hair Palace, Tinman Lures, and Last Mango Boatworks for the kind and generous contributions!

Hope everyone having a Great Fishing Season!



Robert Cincotta

F/V The Flounder Flopper





Striper Diaries EPISODE 31

COBIA!! The word has gotten out that the inshore fishing in what traditionally is known as the "bass grounds" has been insane. I cannot recall ever loading the boat and targeting Cobia. I was fortunate enough to land one!

The buzz around town had been a hot Cobia bite - not even sure what that meant when we broke the inlet. The plan

was to snag bunker for bait and pray to the fish gods. A quick check of the regulations reveal we are allowed 2 fish at a minimum size of 37 inches. Cobia is a species of carangiform marine fish, the only representative of the genus Rachycentron and the family Rachycentridae. Other common names include: black kingfish, black salmon, ling, lemonfish, crabeater, prodigal son and black bonito. They make seasonal migrations and spend their winters in the Gulf of Mexico, only to travel as far north as Massachusetts for the summer. This year we were graced with their presence right outside Deb's Inlet.

We worked the bunker pods as if we were fishing for striped bass. Snagging bunker and re-hooking on non-stainless circle hooks on medium to heavy spinning gear. Without much hope of landing a Cobia, we worked pod after pod. Sharks seemed to be everywhere... and I mean everywhere. We must have hooked and fought over 10 monsters.. ranging from Sandbar (Brown) sharks, to a bull shark. We also witnessed mother nature at its finest a feeding frenzy of black tip sharks. Let me tell you, the



fight on a spinning rod is unbelievable. Then the impossible happened. The line starting peeling and I grabbed the rod. Wasn't sure what was on the other end. Then the fight began. This thing took off like a freight train. Must been have been fighting it for 30 minutes on my Shimano Terez spinning rod. All of sudden it surfaced. It looked like a cross between a cat fish and a shark. Grab the gaff!!! First shot to the head missed! OMG. Second shot to the head it bounces off. Third shot to the belly and we swung the fish into the boat!! What the heck is it?? It was a very large COBIA... and it was time to head in to Bay Park Fishing Station for an official weight. It tipped the scales at over 40 pounds. What a day!!

A few days later we decided to target sea bass. We approached Jones Inlet at dawn and motored about 20 miles south. This time of year, I never leave the dock without an array of rods and tackle, as you never know what you may run into. We began our drift and the wrecks were loaded with keeper size bass and ling. Score! All of a sudden I noticed splashes and action!!! I yell to

reel the lines in and grab our trolling gear!! We deployed Sterling Side trackers and began to troll. Withing minutes we landed 2 Mahi Mahi!!! Several minutes later, the rod began to scream and then nothing. I knew at that moment is was going to be a long day. We continued on the troll and all of a sudden, the line

starts to peel!! And then another!! We slowed the boat and began to reel and reel and reel and then I see color!! OMG it's a blue fin tuna!!!!! We landed 2 and lost 2. They were safely released, as they were just shy of 27 inches. But it didn't matter. They were blue fin and we caught them. What a surprise from the fish gods. It was truly incredible.

Stay safe and until my next adventure, Tight Lines.

Capt. Barbara Solomon

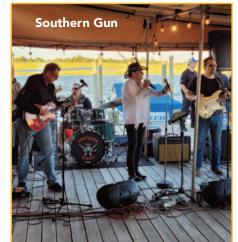
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Entertainment

I am looking to provide more live music at our Thursday C&A events. For September, we will return to our Master Anglers series at the property. I would like to concentrate on the upcoming fall bite, Tuna, Shark and Striped Bass. If you want to present, please contact me. Lastly, I am still looking for committee help with entertainment. If you have an hour or two a month to spare and have some good ideas for entertainment, I could use your help! This is a great way to help your club and get involved. Please send your suggestions to: bforster@stuartberger.com

Bruce C. Forster. F/V Oh Reely



Captains & Anglers

Captains & Anglers Committee would like to thank Bruce Forster and his band "Southern Gun" for a great evening of music Thursday the 22nd. Please keep an eye on our website, Facebook and emails for more upcoming Thursday night events.

Thank you, Jim Rooney

Derbies, Awards & Contests

Awards Chairman: Ray Geiger | Committee: Harry Sbaschnig & Bill Morrogh

Since the fishing around Long Island has been tougher than shoe leather so far this year, this month's Derby winners are certainly to be congratulated for their efforts.

When you come down to the club, you will see that our Bragging Board has been updated. Some fine work here once again by our members, some of which did some real traveling to make their mark.

Speaking of traveling, yours truly and my wife Michele, are currently in the Los Angeles area visiting our older son and family friends. Word is I may even get in an overnight trip for some offshore action down the coast if I play my cards right.

That being said, I will miss our August GM/Luau on Thursday, August 12th. However, the following derby awards will be presented to our winners. Please come on down, enjoy yourselves and congratulate our winners. And of course, please limbo responsibly.

Weakfish

1st Place:Greg Magnifico9.0 lbs.F/V Everything Zen2nd Place:Greg Magnifico7.25 lbs.F/V Everything Zen

Bluefish

1st Place: Chris Bellenzoni 8.69 lbs. Real Deal

The following derbies will be in play this month:

Weakfish & Tuna August 7th - September 19th Fluke August 14th - September 12th

Mahi, False Albacore & Green Bonito August 14th - September 26th

My contact info and derby updates are available on the Fishing Reports section (members only – so you need to register) of our forum located on the FTC website.

Best Fishes, Ray Geiger

Fluke Calcutta

The NYS fluke season opened on May 4 and runs through September 30, 2021. Charlie Goldstein and Mike Sullivan will once again be running the Fluke Calcutta. For those who are new, here is how it works. Entry is open to all members and their immediate family members - \$10 per person.

Largest fluke caught from anywhere by an entrant during the NYS season takes all. The fish must be caught on hook and line while free swimming. The rules are simple. But you've got to be in it to win it.

Last year Scott Novick won \$670 with an 11.3 lb. fish caught aboard his vessel *Naida*. I know he is planning to beat that this year. So are a lot of you. We will see.

If you want to enter you may do so in one of three ways:

- Pay Pal Send \$10 to bluejacketii@verizon.net
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• Cash See Mike or Charlie.

Thank you, Mike Sullivan

Property Committee

Members with boats still on the property are encouraged to launch as soon as possible. Summer land storage fees began June first. Only members with boats docked at the property may store trailers on the property, those trailers must be in good working order and have the member's name on the trailer. Thank you.

Winter leases ended May 31st. Members with boats left on the property are being charged \$150 per month storage fees. Please plan to move your boats as quickly as possible. FTC does not allow summer storage on the property without prior approval from

the property committee.

Bob Sabella keeping "UP" on things Thank you,

Your Property Committee



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