

Tuna Tower News

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"PARTICIPATION"

NEXT GENERAL MEETING



Thursday, September 9th at 8:00 pm

NEW LOCATION

Curé of Ars School Auditorium
Merrick Ave., Merrick

(South of Sunrise Hwy. between Sunrise Hwy. & Merrick Road)
For more info call 516-546-2312

Special Guest Speaker!

You have to attend to find out...

FALL RODEO

SEPTEMBER 17, 18, 19

Presidents Message

Scott Schafer

To start my September message, I would like to thank a number of club members for participating and showing great effort in supporting our club. I would like to thank George Sinerco for lining up the U.S. Coast Guard Auxillary to come to our club property. They did a coast guard inspection on all that was requested . I would like to thank Jon Garrity and his team for repairing the boardwalk and sink holes on our property. Great job! Also, I would like to thank the Squiri team of Chris and Jeff for giving their off shore trolling lecture at our last general meeting. I heard it was a great success.

I would like to congratulate Dennis Cataldo on his newly appointed position as President of the New York Federal Fishing Alliance. Dennis has informed me that with his new position, it will be very difficult for him to run our booth at the Freeport Recreational Center. I would like to ask for a few volunteers to take over this position. We will also need another person to head up our Conservation Department. If you are interested,

please contact me at the next gm.

I would like to extend a thank you to Harry Weinblatt and Larry Fester for having a sharp eye in spotting a boat that had started to sink at the club property due to a bilge pump failure. They promptly notified the owner and helped pump the boat out to prevent it from sinking all the way. Way to go guys!

A reminder to everyone that the Fall Rodeo will be held on September 17, 18, and 19. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at our next general meeting.

Scott Schaffer



TOURNAMENT REPORT

Al Casciano, Christopher & Chris Bellinzoni

Babylon Invitational

Our club was again well represented this year.

Sil Mazilli's "Camille", Scott & Darrin Schaffer's "50/50", Dave Pinkus', "Canyon Lady", and Anthony DiVito's "Lucille" all flew FTC flags with pride off of their out riggers in this year's Babylon Invitational.

In The Tuna Category Over-night Division

The boat Capt Deadly took both 1st & 2nd place with 192 & 189 pound Big Eyes caught on the same hook-up! Capt Deadly & crew reportedly took home approx \$47/k including the Calcutta! Oh Baby!

3rd Place went to the F/V Snapper with a 95 lb Tuna

In The Over Night Mako Division; The winning Mako came off of the fishing vessel Jay-Mar

In The Mahi Division The winning fish was decked onboard the Blue Diamond at tipped the scale at 17 pounds (Freeport Tuna Club crew on the club boat Lucile hung a 16 pound Mahi.. Close Boys!)

In The Day Tuna Category

1st place went to the vessel Gene-Marie

2nd place prize money went to the boat Jersey Girl

3rd place was hooked-up by the Hooked-up

Day Boat Shark Division

Island Gal took top honors and 1st place, while the Relentless secured 2nd place and the Biimini Kid wrapped up 3rd place.

On The Shoot-Out Front

Mark Your Calendars, it's round two of the "Bragger's Rights" Shoot-Out!

The Matinecock Fishing Club had again accepted our challenge!

The tide is set for our Rodeo weekend. We'll fish against them (and hopefully the Hudson Anglers) for Striped Bass, Bluefish and Porgy. If the Hudson Anglers join the fun we'll throw in False Albacore and Green Bonita to spice things up!

Shoot-out dates: All day Friday September the 17th through all day Sunday the 19th. NOTE: Our Rodeo "hours" are from 6:00 PM Friday until 3 Pm Sunday!

The 3 biggest fish from each species will determine what club gets the "Bragging Rights" for another year. Our awards and BBQ will follow at a Thursday night Captain's meeting, the date to be announced.

Drop your weight slips off at the property Rodeo, post them on our web-site's Fishing Report or call on of our committee members.

CONSERVATION

Please be advised that the last legal day for fluke is Labor Day, 9/6/2004 until next season, whenever that may be and the last legal day for black sea bass will be 9/7/2004. That will be a 14 day closure, re-opening 9/22/2004, closing again 12/31/2004. Also be aware that despite a much shortened season and a size minimum that was increased midway thru the season, preliminary numbers already show we exceeded our 2004 quota. Final, definitive numbers will be posted as soon as available. Please check the coservation page on a regular basis for updates as the occur. My thanks to Howard Berman for taking my prior updates that were posted on the "Fishing Report" page and moving them to the conservation page and for agreeing to post future updates on the conservation page.

Dr. John J. Weber Jr. Conservation Committee

GOOD AND WELFARE

FTC member Jim Hines, son of Billy Hines, one of the Thursday Night BBQ team, is currently serving with the armed forces in IRAQ. Membership Chairman, Ed Faza, spoke with Bill Hines recently and asked if there was anything that club members could do for Jim. He replied that Jim really enjoys "power bars", that he wouldn't mind something to read and that he could also use toiletries. Chris Bellenzoni has committed Staples to ship all donations made by club members. There will be a box at the next GM to collect any donations.



Condolences go out to Chris & Bill Bellinzoni and family on the recent passing of their Dad. May his tides still come and go and may he rest in peace.

Congratulations to Elaine and Jeff Squeri on the arrival of their granddaughter ISABELLA GRACE born on 8/20 weighing in at 6lbs. 15 oz. PS: We haven't forgotten you "uncle Chris" Congratulations!

PROPERTY

Winter contracts will go out to anyone who stored a boat on the property in 2003-04. There are some important changes in the contracts. One involves the need to have a signed contract and to have fully paid before the boat arrives at the property. A 20% surcharge, minimum of 50\$ applies if you overlook, or ignore, this rule. Storage rates remain at \$10 per foot with a \$225 minimum, making storage at the yard one of the areas better bargains. Contact John Gerrity (516-781-8772) or Al Casciano (516-223-6401) for further details.

If you have been dreaming of keeping your boat at the property, but were discouraged by years long "waiting lists", there has never been a better time than now to reserve you spot on the list. Currently, there are just 4 boats on the waiting list, two inside and two outside. A fully refundable deposit of just \$100 will secure your place. Contact Mike Sullivan (516-379-4373).

BULLETIN

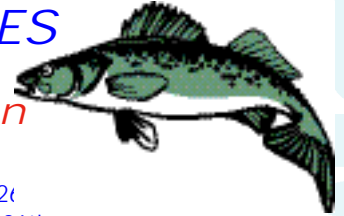
The club has been working on a project to deliver the monthly newsletter by e-mail to our club members. About 70 members have given us their e-mail addresses. Starting in September, they will receive the bulletin by e-mail. Each member will see their e-mail address only; they will not see any other recipient's addresses. This is being done to protect our members' privacy. The members will continue to receive the bulletin through the post office mail service. As part of the annual membership renewal process at the end of the year, all club members will once again be asked if they wish to sign up for e-mail delivery. If you want to sign up earlier send a message to bluejacketii@yahoo.com

SPECIAL THANKS

Special thanks to:

- George Sinerco for lining up the US Coast Aux. to come to our property.
- John Gerrity and his team for repairing the board walks.
- Harry Weinblatt & Larry Festa for preventing a real problem at the property with the sinking boat.
- The Squeri team for giving a really great lecture at the last meeting.

CLUB AWARDS & DERBY DATES



Capt. Lawrence J. Festa F/V Kristen

The Following Derbies are in Progress/Starting This Month:
 Fall Bluefish (08 lbs.).....August 28th ~ September 2
 Fall Tuna (25 lbs. min.).....August 28th ~ September 26th
 False Albacore (06 lbs.).....August 28th ~ September 26th
 Green Bonito (06 lbs.).....August 28th ~ September 26th

The Following Spring Derby s Are Closed & The Winners are:

Spring Tuna Derby (25 lbs.).....July 3rd ~ July 25th
 1st Place: Hal Berman.....55.8 lb Yellowfin Tuna
 2nd Place: Chris Squeri.....55 lb. Yellowfin Tuna
 3rd Place Howard Berman.....54.5 lb. Yellowfin Tuna
 Note: This is one of the closes derbies we have ever had! Every Oz. Counted

Fall Fluke (02 lbs. min).....July 24th ~ August 22nd
 Winners to be announced at the October 2004 meeting

NOTABLE CATCHES

Congratulations to Scott Stone with a beautiful 17.37 Mahi caught on 10 ten pound test during an off shore shark trip.
 Hats of to Jillian Edelman with her whooper 10.5 pound Montauk "Equalizer" Fluke caught on the all new Jim Krug's Persuader III.
 Nice 45.3 pound Montauk Bass for Tom Mikoleki during a trip on passed President Pete Mikoleki's Miss Mac.
 Nice work for the Krug Family in Montauk as Captain Jimmy Krug's Persuader III put wife Kim on a 37 pound striper, followed by Taylor Krug's 34 pounder.
 Excellent Bass for C.J. Sporing as he makes his dad proud with a 38.7 pound Montauk Striper.
 Bruce Abatte bested a beautiful 570 pound Gloucester Bluefin during a trip on a friends boat the "Marlin".

RODEO BBQ AT PROPERTY SUNDAY SEPT. 19TH 4:00 PM

SEPTEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY			
			1	CAPTAIN ANGLERS BBQ	2	3	4		
5	6	Fluke Closes Seabass Closes	7	8	GM CURE OF ARS	9	10	11	
12	13	14	B.O.D.	15	CAPTAIN ANGLERS BBQ	16	Rodeo Starts	17	18
Rodeo BBQ Club Property 4:00 pm	19	20	21	Seabass Re-opens	22	CAPTAIN ANGLERS BBQ	23	24	25
Bluefish/Tuna False Albacore Green Bonito Derby Ends	26	27	28	29	CAPTAIN ANGLERS BBQ	30			

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Capt. John J. Jutt, Sr. 1st Vice President
James Rooney..... 2nd Vice President
Mike Sullivan Treasurer
Jeff Squeri Secretary



FALL ROBEO

FRIDAY, SATURDAY & SUNDAY

SEPTEMBER 17, 18 and 19

AT PROPERTY

6 Species:

SHARK/ PORGIES / BLUEFISH /
STRIPED BASS / TUNA
FALSE ALBACORE

All Club Minimum Weights Are In Effect
Trophys For All Kids. Giveaways and More
Weigh-In Slips at Property
by 3:00 P.M. Sunday
Food at 4:00 P.M.

C'mon down and enjoy

CLASSIFIED:

ANYCLASSIFIED LISTING FOR SALE OR TRADE PLEASE MAIL TO:
FTC CLASSIFIED/CATCH OF THE MONTH CORNER
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- New exciting offshore teasers. Looks like giant squid - lots of smoke. Reasonably priced. See Sy 546-1691
- 1993 23' Steiger craft new decks installed by steiger factory 2003. 1997 150 hp evinrude motor rebuilt 8/03 with 1 year transferable warrantee. full electronics extras everything in perfect condition. \$13,000 firm 868-9524
- Sears fiberglass car top boat "game fisher" lake use only. Would make great duck boat or dinghy. \$250 or best offer paul 379-6087
- 1968-02 28' Donzi sportsman everything new or rebuilt twin 440 chrysler 70 hrs. fresh Imron, arch, Bimini, ac.dc, panel gen available many spare parts! Over \$35,000 invested. New boat here. Best offer over \$25,000. Call Joe (917) 731-4466
- 1984 Tiara Pursuit 27, cabin, stand up head, twin 220 crusaders, GPS, Depth finder, radio, out riggers, \$27,500 Also, 16 ft. heavy fiberglass dingy \$200. Call Michael 516-535-4085, embroidme@optonline.net
- 12' Barneget Duck Boat by Aero Marine. Locking hard cover and spray shield, 15 h.p. Mariner w/ Sting Ray Jr., 3 yr. old trailer \$2,250.00 Call Ron 516-593-6560