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**- Legendary bass pro Capt. Al Lorenzetti will teach us how to catch trophy bass consistently, even when others cannot find the fish!**  
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## President's Message

Dear Members,

It was a great sight to see such a large turnout of our club members and their families at our 6th Annual Hawaiian Luau Event. Special thanks to our House & Captain/Angler Committee's whose combine efforts, with our strong membership turnout made this August GM our largest ever.

In keeping that thought "Largest Ever Events" we also had our largest ever Zack's Bay Flotilla totaling Twenty Two Club Boats..... We thank Bob Pandey, Bob Sabella and their committee for keeping this Special Event a great part of our club.

For September we will be once again having our Fall Rodeo which is all set for Friday September 24th start, with the Rodeo BBQ to follow on Sunday the 26th. Our House Committee will once again be going above and beyond to make this a true culinary delight and family event. We will have prizes for several different species of fish and awards will be given out to all the junior anglers attending. I hope to see all at this end of summer family event.

For our G.M. this month and just in time for our fall bass fishery we will have "The Legendary Bass Pro", Captain Al Lorenzetti who will teach us how to catch trophy bass consistently, even when others cannot find the fish! Don't miss this awesome display of local expertise! Great job once again by our Entertainment Committee. Thank you, Bob Bohlert and Paul Noto for keep us informed and entertained! With our summer winding down I would be remiss if I did not take the time to thank the rest of the teams of people that keep the magic going and fuel our furnace of friendship;

Our Property Committee: Thank you, Chairman John Gerrity, Bob Dimino, Don Granger, Peter Cefai, Bob Sabella & Al Casciano for keeping our property state of the art with pride and craftsmanship.

House Committee: None finer. I thank Chairman Woody Anderson, for keeping his team of "Unsung Heroes" working hard to keep our General Meetings strong. His team continues to grow and it is one of our best committee's for new members to get involved in as they advance into our club. Thank you team: Don Morin, John Weber, Paul Cunningham, Sharon Missan Jerry Amirano, Ray Geiger, Jim Aizzi.

Membership Committee: 200 strong and growing. That is not luck. It is hard work and team efforts which keep our membership strong. Thank you long term members Jeff & Chris Squeri and their team, Nick Nero & Chris Scarpanonio along with our newest volunteer Tim Sherman.

Bulletin Committee: The proof is in the pudding..... As we read it every month.

Chairman John Jutt, his fine Minuteman Staff and the efforts of his team; Paul Hilton & Michael Sullivan are truly amazing, not only in print but in funding the publication.

Our Ships Store.... Paul & Rosemary Schuber. Every month Paul & Rose load their vehicle and present our wears. A tremendous amount of work and team spirit... we thank you.

Awards, Contests & Derbies: WOW! Every month we give the best of the best recognition. This is not guess work. It is a very time consuming job. Tallying weigh slips, informing our members and adding points so all Angler & Captain Achievement's are acknowledged. Thank you Chairman, Bill Morrogh along with Theresa Morrogh and Mike & Mep Zullo.

Fishing Reports & Finance Committee. The two hats of Captain Harry Weinblatt. Fishing report... none finer year after year in print and words, great job. More importantly..... our Finance Committee which helps to fuel our growth and build our future. The team: Michael Sullivan, Bruce Forster, Ralph Drewes, Bill Toohey, and Jim Rooney thanks for caring.

Lastly, in addition to his responsibilities as 2nd V.P. and Conservation Officer I thank Bill Toohey for accepting the Chairman's Position of our up coming Nominating Committee, which is all important in building our clubs future leadership.

My Executive Staff: 1st V.P. John Rooney, 2nd V.P. Bill Toohey, Secretary, Bill Morrogh and Treasures Tim Sherman & Michael Sullivan, who truly are the power to the punch that runs this club, great job.

And finally to You the Members for getting involved in all that our club has to offer, attendance at G.M.s, Thursday night BBQ, yard sales, rodeos, derbies and boating events would be meaningless without our members.... You are the future. Thank you and I hope to see all at our September "Back to School" G.M.

Happy Labor Day,  
Lawrence J. Festa  
President 2010



# FISHING BULLETIN



We are entering the final month of the summer and the doldrums will rapidly be coming to an end. For most of us we look forward to this time of the year when our offshore species start to take note of the changing dates on the calendar. On the offshore scene Capt Chris Gerhart and Capt Adam Bollaci skippered their vessels back to the Bluefin tuna grounds, south west of the Coimbra wreck in 195 feet of water, on a Sunday in mid August and landed on the mother load of tuna. These fish were caught jigging. John Payne reported that a recent trip to the Hudson Canyon yielded a pair of bigeye tuna in the mid one hundred pound class as well as a smattering of smallish yellowfin. Pete DiThomas and Joe Mangiapanello sailed from Manasquan NJ to the Bluefin grounds and reported an insane bite. They landed 25 fish out of 35 hooked keeping their limit and releasing the rest. I skippered the Blue Marlin to the same grounds this past Friday, after three days of east wind, and landed 14 out of 20 that were hooked up with the largest in the 100lb class. Capt Chris Squeri was out on the same day aboard the Lady E and reported the same action. On an interesting note I received a call from Capt John Jutt, he along with his crew made an overnight trip to these grounds and reported a very successful evening of playing catch and release with Bluefin tuna. These fish were landed on bait. Please take note that there is currently an enforcement effort by the various agencies regarding the harvesting of Bluefin Tuna. Bruce Forester was boarded by the DEC five miles offshore, he was in compliance. If you think that it will not happen to you, think again the rewards are not worth the risk.

On the local fishing front, fluke currently remains on the menu. Strong reports are coming in from our dedicated group of sinker bouncers who are working feverishly on landing a double digit fluke in order to clinch their shot of taking the famed Fluke Calcutta. The 80 foot depths and mostly on structure laden bottom haven given up the most recent catches of fluke and seabass. Over the last several days it has been a foot race and most recently Don Granger took the lead with an 8.7 lb. fish only to have that taken away the very next day as he put Bob Sabella onto a 9.0 lb fish. Concurrently out in Montauk, Anthony Testa Jr. landed his personal best, a 9.0 lb fish the very same day as Bob Sabella. With a week to go and a huge storm looming, should make for a very interesting finish to this seasons fishery. Also from Montauk, Capt Jim Krug reported that earlier in the month the bass fishing was on fire evidenced by the 48 lb. fish which graced his fish box on the way home.

Fishing in the back bays continues to come alive and I recently had an invitation to accompany local plugging expert Capt Barbara Solomon and trusted first mate Peter Cefai. After arriving at our location, I took note of the techniques that were being employed. I thought this attention to detail would help and aid in my success that evening. I attached my surface popper and proceeded to make cast after cast while I watched Barbara school me in the art of casting and then catching. Final tally that night was a goose egg for me and one school bass and six bluefish to ten pounds taken by her. I threatened to sell the Blue Marlin and all of my offshore gear, buy a skinny water boat and ultra light spinning tackle in order to be ready for the next challenge.

Sincerely,  
Captain Harry Weinblatt F/V Blue Marlin

## CAPTAIN & ANGLERS

Would like to thank all the members who volunteer for the Luau they did a great job making this year one of our best yet. C & A would also ask all members who utilize the property to place their garbage in the dumpster not the cans at the club house.

Jim Rooney

## CONSERVATION

In mid-August the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council voted to increase the 2011 harvest levels for both fluke and porgies. The Porgy quota was increased from 17.09 million pounds to 24.1 million pounds, and fluke from 25.48 million pounds to 33.95 million pounds.

These quotas apply to both commercial and recreational catches. The impact of these increases on size and bag limits for next year won't be known until the harvest level for this year is calculated by the Marine Recreational Fishing Statistical Survey (MRFSS). However, it seems that there is a glimmer of hope that next year may bring a longer season, smaller size limit, or larger bag limit.

Bill Touhey

## PROPERTIES

It's looks like there will be some movement in the FTC Marina for the year 2011. If you are interested in a slip for 2011 get your name on the waiting list for \$100.00 deposit. Refundable at any-time. Contact Don Granger for details.

## FLUKE CALCUTTA

The 2010 Fluke Calcutta runs through Monday September 6. Currently there is a tie. Bob Sabella and Anthony Testa each have a nine pound fish. If the Calcutta ends this way, this will be the first tie. Ninety people entered in the 2010 Calcutta. I thank each and every one of you for participating and making this another enjoyable contest.

Mike Sullivan

## GOOD AND WELFARE

Congratulations Woody Anderson on his 70th Birthday.

## THE BLACK SEA BASS:

With the fluke season closing after September 6th, sea bass will be getting even more attention from the bottom bouncing crowd. Some facts to know about sea bass:

- Seabass are actually members of the grouper family.
- They are hermaphrodites, most begin their lives as females, then change to males.
- IGFA Record : 10.25 lbs
- FTC Record : 7.0 lbs (J.Jutt, Montauk)
- Current Regulations : Min. Length 12.5", Creel Limit 25, Season May 22 – Oct 11 and Nov 1 – Dec 3

- Paul Hilton / Emily S



# CATCH OF THE MONTH

## Golden Tile Fish

Our catch of the month goes to angler Bob Pettit (left) who caught the 32 lb (dressed) Tilefish being held by Capt Rick Dillworth on the Oil-Burner. This fish would have easily eclipsed the club record of 28 lbs, which has stood since 1971, but was not officially weighed. In any case you get bragging rights for catch of the month Bob. Congrats!



For bragging rights Email me at philton@optonline.net to be recognized for "Catch of the Month". Include a picture and catch details. Thanks to all who submitted entries this month, please keep them coming.

-Paul Hilton / Emily S

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# AWARDS & CONTESTS REPORT

*Awards Chairman: Captain Bill Morrogh*  
*Committee Team: Captain Michael Zullo, MaryEllen Zullo*

LAST YEAR OUR TUNA DERBY WAS DOMINATED BY BIG EYES, THIS YEAR IT'S BLUEFIN!  
 MANY CLUB BOATS HAVE MADE THE TRIP AND GOTTEN IN ON THIS HOT BITE.  
 CHECK OUT THE DERBIES THAT ARE OPEN NOW! GET OUT AND FISH, SEND IN THOSE WEIGH SLIPS!

### OUR SEPTEMBER DERBY WINNERS:

#### Tuna

1st Place: Greg Magnifico	89 lb Bluefin F/V Little Colleen
2nd Place: Mike Zullo	82 lb Bluefin F/V Oceanic
3rd Place: Bob Hindenlang	81 lb Bluefin F/V Reel Games

#### Mahi

1st Place: Larry Festa	12.56 lb F/V Oceanic
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#### DERBIES OPEN/ABOUT TO OPEN:

Weakfish (5 lbs)	August 21st ~ October 3rd
Mahi (4 lbs.)	August 21st ~ October 3rd
False Albacore (6 lbs.)	August 21st ~ October 3rd
Green Bonito (4 lbs.)	August 21st ~ October 3rd
Tuna (20 lbs.)	August 28th ~ October 3rd
Shark (125 lbs)	September 18th ~ November 28th
Bluefish (8 lbs)	September 18th ~ November 28th



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