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NEXT GM

Thursday, September 8, 2011 at 7:30pm

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"The Calm Before The Storm"

Shana Miller, Director of the Tag-A-Giant (TAG) Foundation, will provide an overview of this preeminent bluefin research program led by Stanford University Professor Dr. Barbara Block.

~ Don't Miss This Informative Discussion ~

See
Inside
For
Details!

President's Message

Dear Members,

Hurricane Irene has come and gone..... and all members of the FTC family have survived. This is the only things that matters when our local area gets hit with dangerous weather. There were a few members that did receive property damage but nothing that can't be fixed. My condolence goes out to them but the FTC family is here to help. If any member needs help please do not hesitate to ask for help, so we can put a team together and do what we do best "get the job done".

As for the property, a few boats had damage to their rub rails. A two of the ramps had damage but nothing that we can't fix. A few members had their freezers and dock boxes moved around the yard with little damage. I would like to thank our property committee for getting the property ready for the hurricane. Our Property Committee was on full alert. All FTC Marina boat owners received a storm E-mail with recommendations as to what should be done and our property team additionally was hands on to secure vessel who's owner were out of town. A thank you goes out to everyone that was at the property Thursday night for getting the awnings down and saving it before the hurricane hit.

Our annual GM for August went on without a hitch. The

Captain Anglers crew along with the house committee, once again out did themselves. The food and drink was over the top! I would like to thank the Matinecock Club for coming down and enjoying our GM, Mardi Gras with our members. Chris Bellinzoni will be putting together another shoot-out against them in the future.

Speaking of shoot-outs the FTC was on the losing end of our annual shoot-out against the Smith Point Club for King Salmon. Both clubs made the trip to Lake Ontario to fish. The results were 90 lbs. for FTC and 91 lbs. for Smith Point, one pound difference we can't get any closer.

In closing I would like to thank Mother Nature that no member was serious hurt during this past hurricane and don't forget if you need help ask and we will be there.

~ President 2011 ~ John H. Rooney



FISHING BULLETIN

As we transition into the month of September, the so called summer doldrums hopefully will rapidly be coming to an end. As we are looking forward to our fishing year advancing on the calendar; our inshore and offshore species are starting to take note as well. Tropical Storm Irene hit with a vengeance recently and we were very fortunate to have dodged a bullet that certainly could have inflicted a lot of damage to our property and the vessels which are berthed there as well. Most of us heeded the warnings and made alternative plans as the forecasted path of the storm was really to close for comfort, but at the end we are all grateful that only minimal damage was reported.



What a difference a year makes last year we were boasting that the bluefin tuna fishing was absolutely phenomenal. This year we are saying, where are the fish. The only reports which I have heard recently have been from before the storm, The Wasabi, Oceanic and Red Dawn Rising made overnight trips to the Hudson Canyon only to report a few yellowfin tuna up to the fifty pound range and a smattering of tilefish up to 10 lbs. Hopefully the storm stirred up some life offshore and with a favorable forecast planned for the weekend, I am certain the our FTC canyon jockeys will be blasting offshore gunning for action.

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. The Blue Sky, Crazy G, Kristen, and the dynamic duo of Don Granger and Mike Wagner have been cashing in on this action. Also from Montauk, offshore veteran Jeff Squeri made an inshore trip and reported landing his personal best, a fluke of 5.5 lbs, congratulations on your trophy.

Well that is it for this month. I hope that I have additional reports by the September GM. Good luck to all and be safe.

*Sincerely,
Captain Harry Weinblatt F/V Blue Marlin*



ENTERTAINMENT

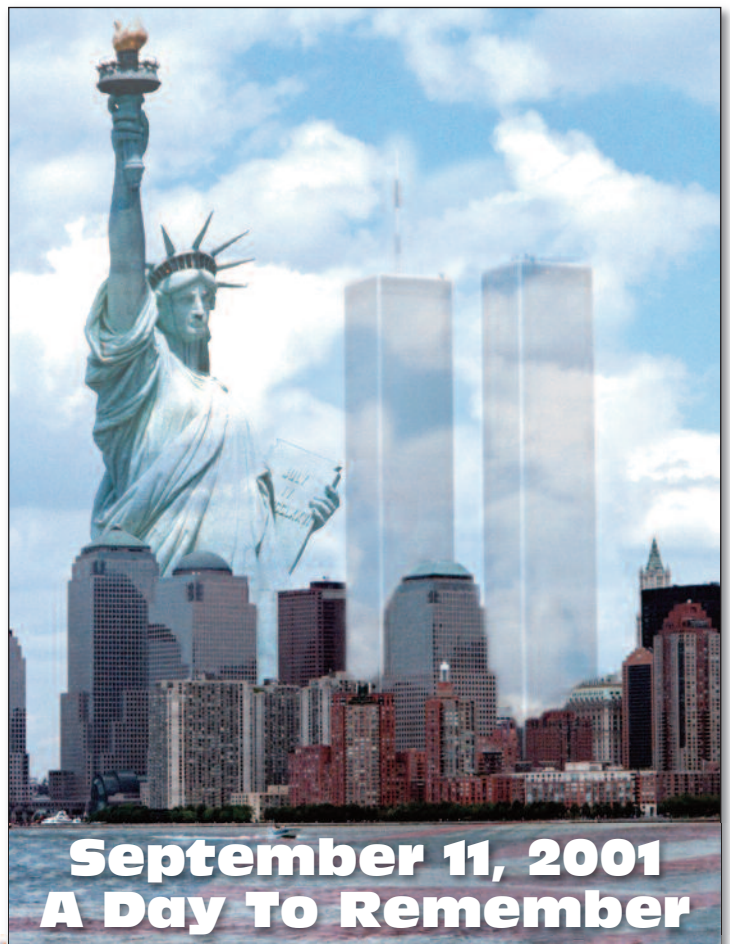
Shana had reached out to us a few months back and we snagged her for Sept. - should be awesome! Thanks to Rocketfish for following up with her this past week.

Bluefin tuna are monumental in size, speed, power, value, and charisma - the ultimate big game fish. Shana Miller, Director of the Tag-A-Giant (TAG) Foundation, will provide an overview of this preeminent bluefin research program led by Stanford University Professor Dr. Barbara Block. TAG has deployed over 1,100 electronic tags on Atlantic bluefin over the last 15 years, allowing us to peer into the elusive life of this ocean predator. Ms. Miller's presentation will include key findings, with a spotlight on tuna migrations, and film of the tagging process. Ms. Miller will also present the implications of TAG studies to bluefin tuna fisheries management, with a special focus on the 2010 Deepwater Horizon oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico, the western bluefin tuna's only known spawning ground! Ms. Miller is a member of NOAA's Highly Migratory Species Advisory Panel and a bluefin tuna technical advisor on the U.S. ICCAT Advisory Committee. She holds a Master's Degree from Stanford.

GOOD AND WELFARE

Jeff Squeri 516-2216343 / c 516-652-5981. Not much to report except Tropical Storm Irene hit south shore hard with big tides. Hope all are well but my son Chris got hit hard in his basement. No one hurt thank God, possessions can be replaced. A big THANKS to all our buddies at FTC, you know who you are.

~ Jeff



SEPTEMBER 2011 DERBY, AWARDS & CONTEST REPORT

Awards Chairman: Captain Bill Morrogh

Committee Team: Captain Michael Zullo, MaryEllen Zullo

**WE'VE TURNED THE CORNER ON THE SEASONAL DERBIES AND ARE IN FULL SWING!
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OUR DERBY WINNERS FOR THE SEPTEMBER GM ARE:

Sea Bass

1st Place: Maryellen Zullo	Paul Sposato
2nd Place: Jim Azzi	4.96 lbs F/V Fish & Whitetails
3rd Place: Paul Sposato	3.50 lbs F/V Adventurer II

Tuna

1st Place: Peter DiThomas	58lb Bluefin F/V SLOGIC II
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THE FOLLOWING DERBIES ARE RUNNING:

Weakfish (5 lbs.)	August 20th ~ October 2nd
Mahi (4 lbs.)	August 20th ~ October 2nd
False Albacore (6 lbs.)	August 20th ~ October 2nd
Green Bonito (4 lbs.)	August 20th ~ October 2nd
Tuna (20 lbs.)	August 27th ~ October 2nd
Fluke	August 27th ~ September 30th
Seabass	September 3rd ~ October 11th
Shark (125 lbs.)	September 17th ~ November 27th
Bluefish (8 lbs.)	September 17th ~ November 27th



CATCH OF THE MONTH KING SALMON

The sweet water continues to give up FTC Club Record fish. Our "Catch of the Month" goes to Barry Fink who caught this 40 lb. King Salmon while fishing in Alaska.

This potential club record would eclipse the current club record caught just last year by Billy Hines.

For bragging rights, you must email me at philton@optonline.net or text me at (516) 721-8907 to be considered for "Catch of the Month" by the bulletin committee.

Include a picture and some catch details. Thanks to all who submitted entries this Month and please keep them coming.

~ Paul Hilton / Emily S.



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