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**RECAP OF THE SUMMER
GETTING READY FOR OUR FALL RUN!**

President's Message

Dear Members,

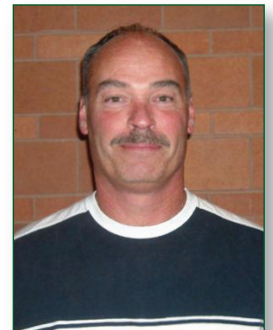
Where did it go?

It's September—where did the summer go? It seems like it was just a couple of weeks ago that we were getting ready for the cod trip, and already it's time to start packing away the beach gear until next year. Even though it goes by fast, we made the most of this summer: we were blessed with great weather for our anniversary cruise in June, the Rodeo in July, and the Lula and flotilla in August. The bunker arrived early and stayed all summer, giving us a shot at some nice bass in the spring and quality sharking close to the beach. How can you beat a year where you can set up a shark drift inshore of the fluke fleet! Add in the hot bottom fishing and good number of quality fluke caught so far—I think this is a summer to remember.

Although summer is on the wane the best fishing of the year still lies ahead of us. All of the bait in our local waters bodes well for the fall bass run; the fall sharking is often the best of the year, and as long as the weather cooperates an offshore trip this time of year can be outstanding. But, just like summer opportunities go by fast—if you have the chance to fish be sure to make it happen.

Thinking back on all that has gone on this year brings something else to mind—the people that make it all happen. Until I became president I did not fully appreciate how much work is done by so many different members. I'm not talking about the officers and

committee chairmen—I am talking about the members who step up to get things done. And it's not just the members of the committees themselves—it's everyone who takes the opportunity to lend a hand. They are the unsung heroes who make all this possible. Just think about it: food appears at meetings and events, tables are set up and put away, the clubhouse is clean and well supplied, the property is neat and orderly—none of these things just happens. Somebody sees a need and steps up to lend a hand, donate supplies or services, run errands, make phone calls or find out information a committee may need. The committees run the club, but it is the members who make it possible for the committees to work. So to all the members who are quietly contributing in manners great and small for the benefit of us all I say Thank You—you are the ones who make this great club possible.



This meeting we are back at the church with our regular program. This means the door prize is back: the pot now stands at \$50, plus \$25 in raffle tickets. A random member will be selected, but you have to be present to win!

“There is no limit to what you can accomplish if you don't care who gets the credit.” Ronald Reagan

~ President 2012 ~ Bill Tohey

Fishing Report

The first week of August our fishing started out excellently.

The Canyon which started to produce last month is progressing. Captain Ralph Drewes, F/V "Oceanic" reported a very fine trip on August 4th. His day trolled produced a 5 ~ 7 Yellowfin catch of 50 ~ 60 lbs., 3 large mahi & a white marlin that ate every Ballyhoo in the spread then the spreaderbars before making good his escape... although not angled Ralph reported that the fishes display of aggression was a great show and trip highlight!



Captain Chris had a midweek canyon trip and report a slow bite in the Hudson, so they moved in Tom's Canyon where they went 1 ~ 3 on trolled Yellowfins, raised about 15 white marlin plus a blue marlin. At night they went 1 ~ 1 on a chunked yellowfin along with two small swordfish and a large golden hammer head.

On Tuesday the 14th I was crew to Captain Paul Noto's F/V "Rocketfish"..... We did a day troll with a spanking 30 + knot ride to & from. Unlike the boat the fish was extremely slow with on one 50+ Yellowfin to show for our efforts. A great day on the water with a wonderful crew and a great showing of whales & porpoises.

The following weekend both Captain's Chris "Wasbie" & Paul "Rocket Fish" revisited the canyon. Captain Paul had 4 quality 60 lb. yellowfins on the troll. Captain Chris had 3 yellow fins up to 100 lbs. 2 longfins and a white marlin release. All the action was still on the day troll, with no night bite to speak of. The Captain's both reported that Ballyhoo must be in your trolling spread along with spreaderbars.

Captain Chris "Wasbie" reported another successful Canyon trip. Captain Chris shared his skills with the a non club boat the F/V "Why Knot" out of Freeport and reported three 50+ class Yellowfin tuna & a load of mahi. All fish were on the day troll with a zero night bite.

On August 30th "Wasbie" again.... to the Hudson on a day troll. Captain Chris reported going 6 ~ 8 on 50 - 60lb. Yellowfin. Reports are also in that the full moon has attracted a night bite and several Big Eyes & quality Yellowfin were both chunked & trolled.

Fluking was on fire the week of August 4th. A trip on the F/V "Kristen" with Captain Larry produced 10 keepers for the boat. Capt Joe Masseria F/V "Miss Lynn" also had a similar catch at the Cholera Banks with fluke up to 8 lbs. On that same day Captain Mike Wagner report a great bite at the Atlantic Beach Reef with 8 keepers.

As the month progressed the following week Captain Chris "Four Bells" reported a nice catch of 8 keeper fluke to 7 lbs. at the AB Reef. Based on the intel from Captain Chris, I sailed the "Kristen" Monday in fair conditions and bested 7 keeper fluke with a four man FTC Crew.

But wait....Is there a new "Duke of Fluke" for our Calcutta? This past Thursday August 16th Vincent Testa bested a 9lb. 3 oz' Fluke edging out the lead fish by 3 ozs! Wow! In addition Vincent nailed a 5 lb. 1 oz. seabass. The Montuak trip on Captain Anthony Testa's F/V "Stephanie Ann" braced an additional 17 keeper fluke & 40 quality seabass. This trip of which I was part of will go down in the books as one of the best ever.

Still more on the fluke action on August 21st a weather perfect day Captain Joe Masseria F/V "Miss Lynn" achieved excellent with a limit of ocean fluke in the deep water. The largest being a 9lb.9 oz. doormat! Which once again shifts our "Duke of Fluke" leader to 1st place.

But wait!!! A man on a mission was out again pounding the Montuak pavement. On August 23rd Vincent Testa braced a 10.1 lb. Fluke. The race for the "Duke of Fluke" will be a horse race to the end.

Also on the 23rd on our local front Captain Kenny Kapner reported a successful 6 keeper fluke trip picking away at our local reefs. The next day Captain Doug Toback reported a good early day bite at the Cholera, before the east wind kick in. Doug had 4 keepers up to 8 lbs.

For those fluke fisherman who want to work the bays, Dr. John Weber reports the following: Fished almost the entire outgoing tide making drifts south of the Loop drawbridge from the northwest corner, along West Adler Island, past the entrance to Reynolds Channel. Picked up 3 very respectable keepers to 22". The keepers and larger shorts seemed to prefer live killie baits, smaller fish went for spearing, sea robin strip combos."

On August 29th I sailed the "Kristen" with club members Joe Steiner & Charlie Goldstein to Cholera. The wind was a sporty north 15K with some

gusts to 20K, but the fish bit well putting 9 nice keeper Fluke in the box. Called in Joe Massera from the AB reef. Joes also managed 8 nice keepers.

On the shark front; Makos, Threshers, hammerheads, browns & blue sharks are still pretty close to shore. If you are planning a trip, fish the inshore waters from 70 to 120 feet. Step down your tackle to 20 & 30 Class as the fish are fairly small, most between 70 & 110 pounds.

FTC Member Jerry Amatrano reports that he has caught his first keeper mako. Jerry fished 10 miles south of Shinicock Inlet. First bite was a large blue shark followed by a 1PM mako bite! The female fish came in at 68". I nice personnel best for Jerry. Jerry graciously thanks our club for all of the tech tips on sharking from the clinics to the writings.

Still on the shark scene the Star Island Shark Tournament produced all winning Makos with the following weights: 148, 147 & 130 lbs. Not bad for late in the season sharking.

Montuak general report still going strong: Captain Anthony Testa reported consistent fluke limit trips with fish up to 10 lbs. Seabass to 5 lbs. & Striped Bass to 45 lbs. on live eels during the day.

Captain Michael Sullivan F/V "Blue Jacket" reports a great week of fishing during his August 20th vacation. Mike & Charlie Goldstein had over twenty strip bass on the night bite with the largest hitting the scales @ 40 lbs! Mike also reported decent quality fluke & seabass every trip. Mike duplicated his success on the 23rd with about 20 nice strippers and another 40 lb. by Charlie Goldstein.

In shore trolling is heating up. Trolling feathers & small jets anywhere from the Cholera south will produce nice False Albacore along with some mahi. If you are looking for a derby award this is a good one to get involved in.

From up North a slammer report from Club Member Steve Rodeos, who fish for giant bluefins the past week & I quote:

I had the pleasure of fishing with Capt. Bradley MacDonald of Tony's Tuna Fishing for 3 days this past weekend. Fished out of Souris, PEI with my wife and sons, ages 5 and 6.5, as well as my 75 year old father and my mother.

Day 1 - Hooked up within 1.5 hours of live-lining mackerel baits. Giant well-over 1,000 pounds hits the kite bait 15 feet from the boat. Fight the fish on stand-up and have it to the boat within 50 minutes. Giant dives before we get a chance to take photos, except for some video of the giant on top for a few brief moments. Mission accomplished, and a real dream come true to release a grander+ bluefin on stand-up.

Day 2 - First bait down rod goes off like a cannon. Decided to fish the 130 bent butts on this trip since the battle on day 1 was a tough one. Got the 700 pounder to the boat in about 40 minutes. Very happy to fight this one from the chair and bring back memories from the 90's when the bluefins were in the New Jersey MudHole and the Legacy was on them.

Day 3 - We set up on a drift and in about 30 minutes we got a bite on the top bait. Giant in the 750 class demolishes the live mackerel and I am back in the chair for day 3. This bluefin fights exclusively on top. Have him to the boat in about 30 minutes. Right at the end of the fight the giant changes direction and gets tail wrapped. What a rush!

3 Giants in 3 days of fishing!!! I cannot say enough positive words about Bradley, Tony, and the entire MacDonald family. I highly recommend this trip to anyone serious about the world's best heavy tackle fishing. Stand-up or the chair - Tony's Tuna Fishing in PEI is rigged to the 9's. Fishing is only a mile or two from the shore and it is rare to be able to involve your family in any type of serious offshore fishing with these conditions.

Labor Day Weekend on a whole was a bit of a bust. High north winds followed by a very strong easterly flow shut down all offshore fish. Leaving us only with some inshore action. On the local Freeport front the fluking was poor at best. On the "F/V Kristen" we managed 3 keepers and 15 quality seabass on Saturday. Captain Mike Zullo "F/V Magic Too" report a two person limit of Seabass to 3.5 lbs. and 3 keeper fluke on a deep water drop.

In Montuak on Saturday Captain Anthony Testa "F/V Stephanie Ann" reported a 3 man limit on quality fluke to 9 lbs.

On our derbies currently cod & fluke are opened along with False Albacore, tuna & Green Bonito. In addition a recent change was made to the Fall Seabass Derby. The new date s will be September 1st ~ September 30th.

That about wraps it up this report. If you had a good catch drop the Awards & Contest Committee a line we would to here about it and share it with our membership.

Tight Line ~ Captain Larry ~ F/V Kristen



Fluke Calcutta

The big fluke have shown up in both their western haunts and in Montauk. Out east, Vincent Testa bested Charlie Sporing's 9lb. fluke by 4 oz. and led the Calcutta for a week. Joe Masseria nudged out Vincent with a 9.6 lb fish caught at the Cholera only to have Vincent come right back with a beautiful 31" - 10.1 lb. fish. Rumor has it that Jack Krug captured a larger fish at Cartwright, but that's all it is at the moment, a rumor. Eighty three members have joined the 2012 Fluke Calcutta. With some great fishing left in the 2012 season, there is still time to catch your dream fish! Contact Mike Sullivan with questions. ftc1937@verizon.net.

Remember you have to be in it, to win it.

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Good & Welfare

Congratulations to the Bellinzoni family on the wedding of Christopher to his bride Kristen Longo. Congrats also to the Sullivan family on the wedding of daughter Michelle to Patrick Leddy. Speedy recovery to Don Granger (back surgery) and Ray Geiger on their surgeries. Also speedy recovery to John Kampa's daughter on her broken arm. Woody Anderson will be getting a hip replacement on Sept. 14. "It must have been when Woody was dancing the Hula". Best wishes to all. Jeff Contact Jeff Squeri - Home (516) 221-6343/Cell (516) 652-5981.

~ Jeff

September 2012 Derby Awards & Contest Report

Awards Chairman: Captain Bill Morrogh

Committee Team: Captain Larry Festa, Captain Michael Zullo

We had no winners in the 1st Tuna and Mahi derbies of the season but don't despair, Round 2 started on August 18th and there are fish to be caught. We've got both inshore and offshore derbies in progress so the only question is what to target!?!

If you've been down to the property lately you've noticed lots of updates on the "Bragging Rights" board which lists the largest fish of the year. If you've got a big fish SEND IN A WEIGH SLIP. No slip, no fish...

There are 9 derbies running right now!

The Following Derbies Are In Progress Or Starting This Month

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| Weakfish | 8/18 - 09/30 |
| Mahi | 8/18 - 09/30 |
| False Albacore | 8/18 - 09/30 |
| Green Bonito | 8/18 - 09/30 |
| Tuna | 8/18 - 09/30 |
| Fluke | 8/25 - 9/30 |
| Sea Bass | 9/1 - 9/30 |
| Shark | 9/15-11/25 |
| Bluefish | 9/15-11/25 |

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President • Bill Toohey • July 10, 2012

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Flotilla

One Aug 18th + 19th we had our 9th annual Floatilla at Zach's bay. On Sat 3 boats, Margaretta Bill, SooSlo, and Pandamann stayed the night. Sunday morning we woke up to the smell of coffee from Bob Sabella's never ending coffee pot. Chris Sarpantonio on the Crusty Crab met us early in the morning for a bacon and eggs breakfast.

By 11 AM FTC members began calling on the club channel. Harry Pour - Miss Que, Anthony Sarpantonio - Island Girl, Billy Hines - Bridget- Helen with Joe Steiner, and John Koenig, Paul Cunningham - Second Chance, Ray Steiger - Jelly Bean, Jimmy Rooney - Joan G, other boats included Salty cat, Twisted Metal, Bustin Chops, I Never named It and Lady L.

Altogether there were 15 boats. Everyone passed around food. You could walk from boat to boat on swim platforms almost like sidewalks. For those who did not attend you missed a real good time. Can't wait for next year!

~ Bob Pandey



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