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RECAP OF THE SUMMER
GETTING READY FOR OUR FALL
RUN!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

September is here and summer is winding down, but the canyon bite is on....and it's on in a big way. The buzz is about a lot of good sized tuna, including Yellow fin, Long fin, Big Eye and also some Swords, a Marlin and a ton of large Mahi. So if you can get in on a trip, it's time to get your big game on! Tight lines to all.

A few weeks ago, we had our annual FTC Floatilla; once again it was a huge success. There were a reported 22 boats for this year's event. We had more food and drink being passed from boat to boat than we knew what to do with! A big thanks to Bob Pandy for keeping the Floatilla a great event.

Another thank you has to go to the Captain Angler cooking crew and all the volunteers for a tasty menu at the August Luau. We had a great showing of members and their families as well as a few of the guys from the Mattinecock Gun and Rod Club who came down to celebrate the shootout we had with them (which came out as a tie).

September's GM will be back at Cure of Ars School on Thursday, September 11th. Although 13 years seems like a long time that has past, the memories of that day are still vivid in our thoughts and for those that were lost on the day.....Never Forget!

See you on the water.

Chris Scarpantonio
President



FISHING REPORT

Summer Pattern Holding



Barbara Solomon, her mom, and a nice Mahi

August is generally our hottest month from a temperature perspective, not so much as far as inshore fishing. This year we enjoyed moderate temps and low humidity, quite comfortable. With the cooler temps I thought maybe the fluke will depart for the deep early (and maybe we are in for another long cold winter). With that in mind, and hearing of some lackluster catches at Cholera and other deep hard bottom I tried an area that has been good to me around this time of year,

wrecks in 90-110 feet of water. Not a fluke to be had out in the deep, so maybe they will hang around inshore for a while. Nice fish are still available from the Hempstead Reef out to the Tankers / Kitchen area and Cholera, Middle Grounds, Etc. Captain Joe Masseria has been hammering them all season and reported a 10 lb 5oz fluke taken at the AB Reef aboard his *Miss Lynn*. More recently the *Miss Lynn* won the Woodcleft Fishing Station fluke tourney with a 8 lb 13 oz, specimen, congrats to Captain Joe on some very fine flatties.

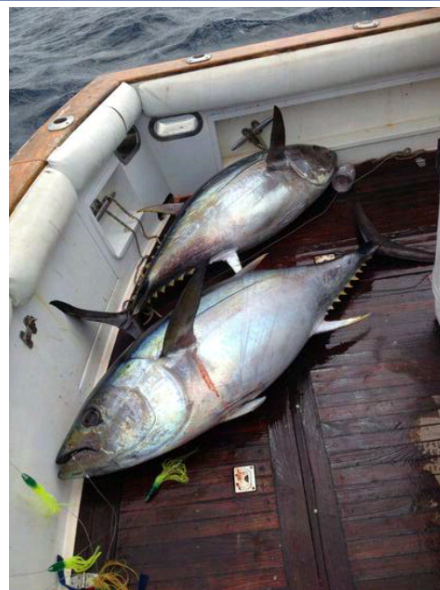
Seabass fishing has been fair but not great generally, unless you get hit the right spot at the right time. The usual warm water bottom mix includes porgies, triggers, etc. As I write this it's 90 plus and very humid, with warm weather in the forecast so maybe things remain status quo for a while, before the fall exodus begins.

Warm clean water made an appearance pretty close to our south shore. Captain Barbara Solomon picked a nice day and ran her Whaler to the 3 Sister's area with her Mom and Pete Cefai onboard. They had some seabass but managed to put a nice catch together in that area featuring mahi and green bonito. Green bonito have been abundant this year, many have been reported to the west from the Mud Buoy and south through the Mudhole.

I have received no reports from actual sharking expeditions, but remain aware of a good mix of blue, brown, hammerhead and smaller threshers and makos available from just off the beach (literally, like the News 12 Report) on out to the usual haunts. Large bluefish are being chummed from the Mud Buoy south along the edges of the Mudhole making for great rod bending action. Bonito and false albacore are in the mix.

Moving further offshore, Captain Chris Gerhart of the *Wasabi* reports that the weather has screwed them up over the past

several weeks, but they were able to get out a couple times. They fished the Babylon invitational the first week in August and didn't place in the single fish category, but did win the "heaviest three stringer" with three yellowfin tuna with totaling 186#. They had six other yellowfin between 54 and 62#, a 35# wahoo, and chunked up and landed an 80", 200# mako on a swordfish rig. A week or so later the *Wasabi* had a



Bigeyes on Deck of the Canyon Lady

quick daytrip charter, taking a father and son duo out to the Hudson where we they had four bigeye crush the spread just 45 minutes into the troll. One spooled a 30, another shook himself free, and the charter landed the other two, a 150#, and 180# bigeye. Putting the boat back into gear, their only bait in the water got hammered by a 60# yft. By 7:23am, and less than 2 hours from the start of fishing, they had 400# of tuna in the boat, and the charter wanted to come home. Sounds like more great offshore action on the *Wasabi*.

Dave Pincus of the *Canyon Lady* had a canyon trip to remember on a Thursday / Friday overnighter. As he put it, "we hammered them" ! According to his first mate "Hit some yellow and longfin within minutes after we got our spread out! Trolled into the night and then set up for night bite. Started chunking, Within a few minutes had tons of squid and bait fish.... Live lined the bait and bammm.... Poles went off.... Had nice 60-80 lb yellows all night. Also had a visit from a 6ft hammerhead. Then, an hour later a 200lb mako grabbed our bait.... Once he felt tension he jumped and broke off.... Started an early morning troll, had fish consistent all morning....we landed a huge yellow around noon, was about to head home and decided to follow a pod of whales.... Four poles go off and start screaming.... We got 3 out of the 4 big eyes on the boat....

Biggest being over 200lbs... Going out again next week! Great crew and trip". Rounding out the crew was club member Ed Perry along with some other friends. Great trip, congrats!

The Tuna Tower News aka FTC Bulletin is a great way to share your fishing adventures with the club. Thanks to all for contributing your reports ! Please email your reports to philton@optonline.net ; or text/call me at 516.721.8907

Don't forget to send pictures and catch details for consideration by the Bulletin Committee for "Catch of the Month".

Sincerely, Paul Hilton *F/V Emily S*

CATCH OF THE MONTH

Double Digit Fluke



Our Catch of the Month goes to Captain Joe Masseria of the Miss Lynn. Capt Joe catches more than his share of fish, but outdid himself when he landed a 10 lb 5 oz. specimen caught at the Atlantic Beach Reef. The fish hit a high low rig with spearing and fluke belly for bait and was weighed in at Woodcleft Fishing Station.

Joining him were fishing buddies and past co-workers from the NYSE. The Miss Lynn also won the Woodcleft Fluke Tourney with an 8 lb 13 oz fish. Congrats on those beauties and the Catch of the Month !

Send in those pictures!

For bragging rights, please 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 them coming.

— Paul Hilton / Emily S

TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE

Matt Errett

1. 1st Annual Jones Inlet Invitational Tuna Tournament-

Captains meeting 9/11, fish any or all of the next 3 days, Fri, Sat, Sun. Contact Mordy Miltz at 516-606-1282 for additional information.

Look to the ftc website for additional tournament information as the information becomes available.

Good luck to all & be safe!

Membership

There are several new members to be sworn in. Fred Ippolito from Massapequa is being sponsored by Ralph Drewes. Ryan Yost from Lindenhurst often fishes with Fred when not on his own boat is also being sponsored by Ralph Drewes. I am also pleased to say that we have John Weber Sr., father of member John Weber Jr. (FDNY John) to swear in this month. If I missed anybody please send me an email (ftc1937@verizon.net) or see me before the meeting. Mike S.

FLUKE CALCUTTA

There has been another change in leadership in the 2014 Fluke Calcutta. Joe Masseria nudged out Joe Mangiapanello's 9lb. 14 oz. with his own 10 lb. 5oz. fish captured aboard his boat Miss Lynn. You may recall that Crazy G bested Dr. Weber's 9lb. 12 oz fish caught earlier in the year. All of these fish were captured sailing from Freeport! (where are the east enders? Busy catching bass?). So far, 78 members have joined the 2014 Calcutta. Entry fee is \$10-- winner take all. Fish may be caught from any port during the regular NY fluke season which ends on September 21, 2014. All fish must be alive and free swimming at the time it is caught with hook and line.

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The property committee and Board are looking into cameras and other means to protect our marina from future thefts. The new banners to advertise summer and winter storage are up on the east side of the clubhouse, they can easily be seen from the far side of the canal. We will be taking storage requests on a first come first served basis.

Property Committee

Goods & Welfare

Good & Welfare : Harry Scheroder is recovering well and feeling better at home since his surgery. John Funicello is in the hospital recovering from a heart attack and bypass surgery . We wish him well and send him our best wishes. Jeff

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SEPTEMBER 2014 DERBY, AWARDS & CONTESTS REPORT

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

We're holding Derby awards for Gregg Magnifico (Striped Bass), Tom Schwender (Fluke) and Dr. John Weber (Fluke). Hope to see you at the GM.

Congratulations to our Mahi and Tuna Derby winners!

(To be awarded at the September GM).

Tuna

1st Place: Jeff Romanek 148lb Bigeye F/V Tigerbarb
2nd Place: Anthony Bollaci 69.5lb Bluefin F/V Hooker

Mahi

1st Place: Joe Wade 15.5lb F/V Deviant
2nd Place: Murphy 10.63lb F/V Sea Mist
3rd Place: Barbara Solomon 10.5lb F/V 19 Whaler

This is the time when our local action begins to heat up.

THE FOLLOWING DERBIES ARE RUNNING/OPENING THIS MONTH:

Weakfish	8/17 - 9/28
Mahi	8/23 - 10/5
False Albacore	8/23 - 10/5
Green Bonito	8/23 - 10/5
Tuna	8/16 - 9/28
Fluke	8/23 - 9/28
Sea Bass	9/1 - 10/06
Shark	9/20 - 11/29
Bluefish	9/20 - 11/29

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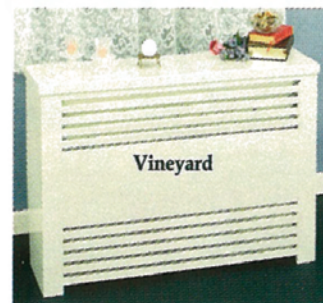
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