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**Thursday,
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President's Message

Dear Members,

Fall is approaching and so should some of the best fishing in our area. Already we have the offshore scene in high gear with catches of big eye, yellowfin and even a few billfish to round out the mix. I'm hoping the striped bass will show up soon as I just tied my rigs using circle hooks last weekend. Even our resident fluke population has picked up of late. So, please be sure to weigh your catch and get a slip in!

This truly is my favorite time of the year. As the temperatures start to drop, my pulse starts to quicken. One weekend I'm bass fishing and the next I might be somewhere upstate, walking among the hardwoods. For me, the seasonal change runs directly from fishing to hunting. It is great time to be in the great outdoors.

We had a great time at our August GM/Luau once again at the property. All the elements came together that night. The food, the drink and even the weather were all perfect. Thanks again to all of our members who made this event a great success. I especially like the pineapple palm trees. Not something you get to see in the wild very often.

Due to a family obligation, I was unable to attend the FTC Floatilla, but by all reports once again, a good time was had by all. Thanks to Bob Pandy and all members for keeping this club tradition a success.

This month we have another FTC family that has relocated to southern climes, the Tooheys. Bill is a past president and a very active member of our club since 1987. His presence will be missed. Thank you Bill, for all of your service. On behalf of the club, I wish you and your family the best of luck in your new home/port.



This month's GM speaker should be a great one for all mariners! Tim Sherman has arranged for the chief meteorologist of News 12, Bill Korbel, to address our membership and discuss our weather and how it pertains to you, the fisherman. If you always wanted to know how the weather is really forecasted and what it all means, be sure to come on down this month.

See you on the water or in the woods!

Best Fishes,

Ray Geiger

Fishing Report

Summer and Fish are Moving Right Along



Peanut bunker and snappers are in the canals and the "named" storms have appeared on our weather maps. Labor Day weekend is just ahead and most kids are back in school. Summer is winding down and the fish seem to be on the move.

Early in August, Captain Barbara Solomon did a trip on her new, yet unnamed Everglades where she reported "limits" of seabass, lots of ling, chub mackerel, and many keeper sized blackfish (released) fishing a "twenty mile wreck." Nick Nero had a similar trip with some keeper fluke in the mix too, fishing the Middle Grounds.



**FTC President Ray Geiger
with a 6 Lb. Fluke**

Fluking remains lackluster for most. Nearly all of the reports I have heard revolve around fishing the hard bottom from the Angler Banks, Middle Grounds, and east to Cholera. Limits are possible but you need to work hard. Fluke over 7 lbs. seem few and far between. Our esteemed President, Ray Geiger reported on a Sunday trip to the Cholera with Paul Cunningham and his nephew, the current FTC Duke of Fluke Calcutta leader, Kenny Donowski. They encountered

very tough conditions with little wind and light tides. Eventually, they found a nice pocket of fish near a pot. Kenny ended up with 5 keepers for the day and El Presidente had 2, including a nice 6 lb. pool winner.

My boat went in for some scheduled maintenance (and some unscheduled), so I had not fished for a couple of weeks. With the boat squared away I was able to get in a couple of fluke trips. Scott Novick joined me on a weekday jaunt fishing the Middle Grounds for 7 keepers to about 6 lbs. That following Saturday I went solo and ran off and away from the large fleet gathering at Cholera and vicinity. Fishing the hard stuff in over 100' of water I limited out pretty easily with nice fluke. Ling were thick out there, seabass were conspicuously absent both trips though a couple were taken. Fluke appear to be on the move with this past full moon, time to "make hay" as the saying goes. Porgies are available on all the inshore pieces. Cod seemed to have been thinned out on all but the deepest / most select offshore pieces.

Bluefish have made appearances with blitzes occurring within and just outside Jones Inlet. One day there were reports of 100 lb. class BFT feeding on the blues within sight of the JI. A mix of hammerheads, blues, and brown sharks are available just about everywhere from 60' on out. Summertime makos seem scare this year.

Good canyon reports were hard to come by unless you were one of the boats fortunate enough to run into some BET. Earlier in the month some BET and YFT were reported by those trolling into the night and at first dawn, and on the chunk overnight. Our Editor,

Captain John Jutt ran his Red Dawn Rising to the deep where they were frustrated on the troll having some boats hook up with BET nearby while they looked on. Overnight, they hooked and landed a nice YFT. The next day up on the troll a large Blue Marlin took a liking to, and struck their bird teaser, pulling and eventually parting the running line (not the lure leader). They were able to retrieve their floating bird / lure combo so I guess the marlin swam away none the worse.

More recently, it seems on overnight chunk bite has developed primarily in the Hudson. I've heard several reports of boats striking out on the troll but able to chunk mixed YFT, BET, and some swordfish during the overnight. Nick Nero took his 25' Parker Dolce Vita on a day troll to the deep with venerable crew member Pete Cefai. They worked their way from the Bacardi south to the Elbow, across the deep and back towards the Tip. The only highlight off the trip was a large unseen denizen of the deep that struck and quickly spooled a 50W on full strike before they could give chase....

I encourage all FTC members to please bombard me with reports and pictures to share with our membership.

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

Capt. Joe/Miss Lynn Tournament Winning Fluke

Captain Joe Masseria likes catching big fluke and the big fluke apparently like him too! First up was Hudson Anglers Fluke Frenzy where Capt. Joe and the Miss Lynn won the tournament with the largest fish and took the calcutta too. Not content, they then fished the Combs Duke of Fluke Tournament and took first place for the largest fish overall and the second place calcutta for the three heaviest combined. Quite an achievement, literally beating out hundreds of anglers. Congrats on 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 pictures 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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September 2015 Derby Awards & Contests Report

Awards Chairman: Captain Bill Morrogh

Committee Team:

Captain Bill Toohey, Captain Michael Zullo

LATE AWARDS:

We're holding Derby awards for Jim Krug, Chris Macropolous, Joe Mangiapanello, John Weber III, John Funicello, Hank Jenet and Charles Goldstein! Hope to see you guys at the September GM so we can present these awards.

Congratulations to our first round offshore Derby winners! (To be awarded at the September GM).

Tuna

1st Place: Peter DiThomas 109lb Bluefin F/V Rocket Fish

2nd Place: Paul Noto 94.5lb Bluefin F/V Rocket Fish

3rd Place: Adam Bollaci 54.5lb Yellowfin F/V Hooker

Mahi

1st Place: Paul Noto 15lb F/V Rocket Fish

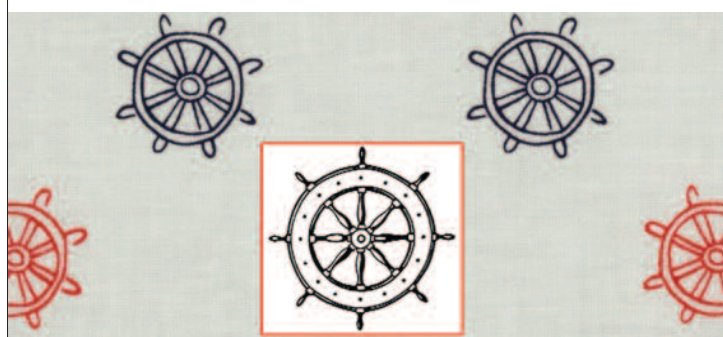
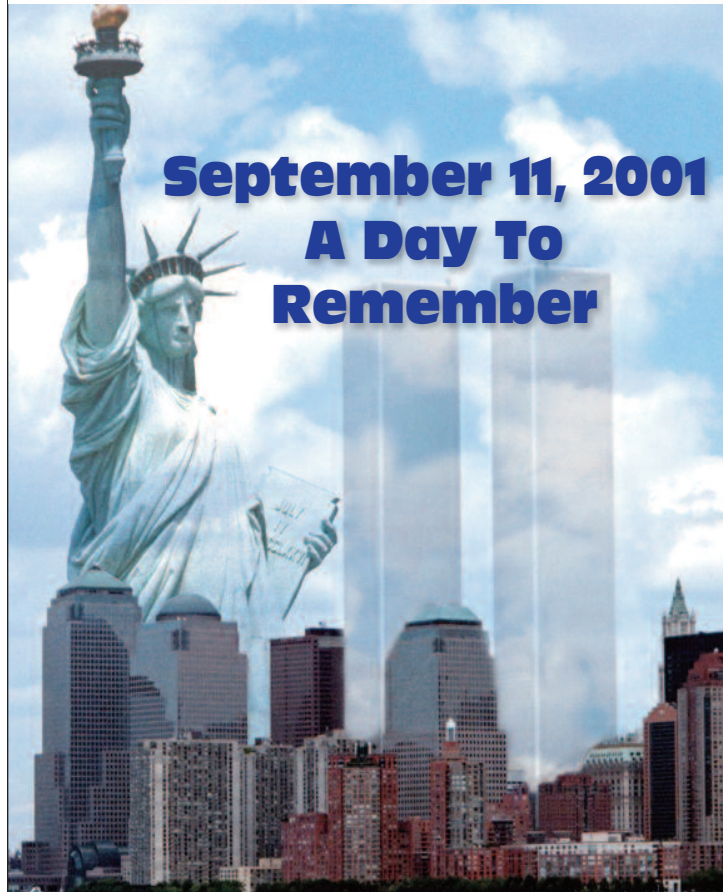
We have lots of Derbies to target this month. Inshore and Offshore Derbies are running so get out there and send in those weigh slips.

Derbies Running/Starting This Month

Weakfish	8/15 - 9/27
Mahi	8/22 - 10/4
False Albacore	8/22 -10/4
Green Bonito	8/22 - 10/4
Tuna	8/15 - 9/27
Fluke	8/22 - 9/20
Sea Bass	9/5 - 10/12
Shark	9/19 - 11/29
Bluefish	9/19 - 11/29

The Fishing Connection

The new Captain Anglers fishing board is now up and in use every Thursday night. FTC Captains have listed their dates and times for fishing trips in search of additional crew members. Now is the time for all NEW and existing members to sign up to go fishing. This is an opportunity for you to get to know other members and share your knowledge of local fishing, both inshore and offshore.



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Membership

New membership has its rewards. This past month, new member Marty Dowling fishing on Gene Schettini's boat "Somewhere in Time" landed a 150 lb. Swordfish. If you know of any angler wanting to improve their fishing experiences, have them attend a Captain Anglers meeting as our guest. They can also contact Bob McVey at FTC1937@Gmail.com.

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Property

I would like to welcome some new members to our marina. Mike Kalish and his wife Jessica now have their boat at the club. Also new to the marina are Tom Leprine and his son Mike. Both Tom and Mike each have a boat at the property. Please introduce yourself and make them feel welcome.

Other good news is that Joseph Antoci's boat has returned to the marina! Welcome back!

To help out members in need of boat related service or repairs, the club is assembling a list of vendors that help you keep your boat running. So please send me your list of haulers, mechanics, detailers, electrical installers, shrink wrappers, or whoever you use to maintain your vessel. The club is especially interested in service providers that would service boats in the marina.

There are a few invoices outstanding so please get them taken care of as soon as possible. The winter storage season begins on November 1st.

If you have questions or concerns about the club property you can see me at the GM or Captain and Anglers.

FTC Property Manager - Alan Evelyncapt.al@fishtaxiny.com.
Cell: 917-750-8710

Good & Welfare

Hoping all are well as I haven't received any reports, must be everyone is out fishing. 516-652-5981

~ Jeff

Upcoming Events

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