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TUNA TOWER NEWS

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for more details...

NEXT GM
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 @ 6 PM
AT THE PROPERTY

Christopher LaPorta Artificial Reef Coordinator for the NYS DEC
WILL BE PRESENTING AT THE SEPTEMBER GM - SEE INSIDE FOR DETAILS

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings everyone, I hope a happy and safe Labor Day was had by all. We are excited to announce that we will be having a September GM down at the club property on the 17th starting at 6pm. An Evite was sent to everyone with an email on file, if you did not receive kindly text (516-322-0030) or email (freeporttunaclub@gmail.com) me your name and response. We are doing this to plan accordingly for tables and seating. Bruce Forster has set up a great speaker for us all, we look forward to seeing you there.

Thanks to the Captains and Anglers crew for keeping our Thursday BBQs going and to everyone that has been coming down supporting the club. As usual, we have been treated with good food and camaraderie during an otherwise difficult time.

One of the great things about the FTC is that it is run by members, lots of hard work and dedication takes place behind the scenes to keep it all moving forward. The club is always looking to add members to committees and the Board of Directors. If anyone is interested in getting more involved, please let me know.

Lastly, I want to wish all our teachers and students the best of luck as we start the school year.

Tight lines, *Capt. Adam Bollaci*



OUR GM IS BACK!!
DON'T FORGET TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT TODAY!

DERBIES, AWARDS & CONTESTS

Awards Chairman: Ray Geiger | Committee: Bob Benzenberg, Harry Sbaschnig & Bill Morrogh

The summer is behind us now and the cooler days are on their way. Hopefully this seasonal change will bring us some quality fishing along with some quality weigh slips! We are counting on you all, so best of luck.

I managed to get out and fish courtesy of Rich Olejnik and caught my first keeper fluke. Thanks Rich, for the invite, the fish and the quality beverage when dockside.

At our GM this coming September 17 at our property, we will be awarding the following:

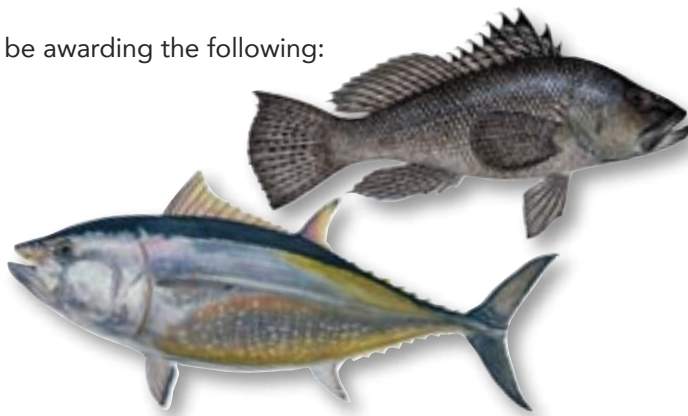
Our Latest Derby Winners Are:

BLACK SEABASS

1st Place: Mike Zullo 4.5 lbs. F/V Magic Too
2nd Place: MaryEllen Zullo 3.25 lbs. F/V Magic Too
3rd Place: Mike Zullo 3.0 lbs. F/V Magic Too

TUNA (BLUEFIN)

Mike Alfieri 108 lbs. Triton Charters



I plan on making the rounds to our approved weigh stations

this weekend to drop off more slips if needed. If you plan on fishing out of our area and need slips, please see one of us.

The following derbies are open this month:

COD	September 2 – December 3	FALSE ALBACORE	August 15 – September 27
TUNA	August 8 – September 20	GREEN BONITO	August 15 – September 27
WEAKFISH	August 8 – September 20	SEA BASS	September 6 – October 4
FLUKE	August 15 – September 13	SHARK	September 12 – November 22
MAHI	August 15 – September 27	BLUEFISH	September 12 – November 22

Please be sure to hand in/mail any weigh slips you are holding. A member of our committee or I are usually present at all club functions. So far, we have but a handful, so the odds are good. Good luck to all !!

Best Fishes, *Ray Geiger*

PROPERTY COMMITTEE



FISHING REPORT

A new roof was installed on the compressor shed by Alfredo who keeps his truck at the property. The insurance inspection was completed last Thursday and we should be good to go. Lots of things happening at the marina, we had several boats sold and it looked like we have some slips open for next season. However, through word of mouth by several members, we've already filled most of the slips with new members who joined the club to get a slip and in most cases winter storage as well. Just a reminder next year's rate will be \$80 per foot for summer dockage. Now, the good news on how to negate that increase and save money to boot. As we did this year if you pay your bill in full by the first payment date you will receive a 5% discount. We are currently looking into solutions for ripping up the walkways in an effort to get them leveled and resurfaced. Stay tuned, our property is our biggest asset and it should be our showpiece.

Your Property Committee

Finally, fishing has heated up on the fluke grounds both local and to the east there was solid action with many nice keepers. The highlights of the fluke bite started when Mike Sullivan marched into the lead of the Duke of Fluke with an impressive 10.42 lb doormat. Unfortunately, his time at the top was not long as Scott Novick took the lead with a 11.3lb fish.

The local reefs and wrecks have all had solid action with sea bass and porgies. Now that we are in September the bag limits have changed make sure you know the limits before sailing - <https://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/7894.html>

Offshore we have had a great bluefin bite that has lasted most of the summer and is still going strong, from the Coimbra to the Bacardi solid catches are still being reported. For the first time in a while there has been a Yellowfin bite inshore of the canyon. These fish have been biting for about a month and have been caught chunking and trolling. Days with less boat traffic have seen better catches so getting out mid-week is the way to go if you can. As for the canyons there have been some big bigeyes being caught but action with the yellowfin has been slow. Tilefish have been plentiful as well as mahi on the pots.

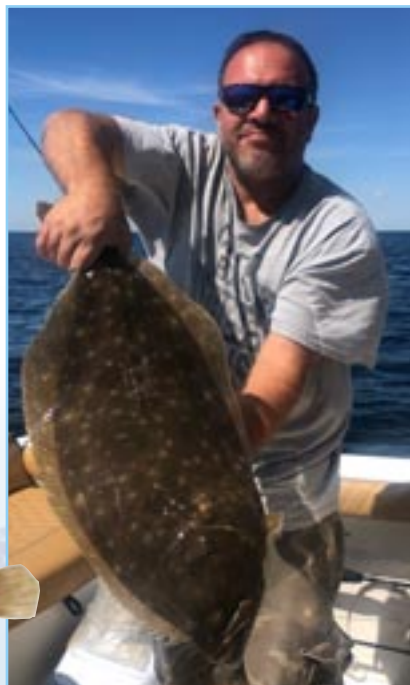


STRIPER DIARIES EPISODE 23

Mixed Bag. This time of year is notorious for catching a wide range of fish. With water temps in the mid 70s and blue water as close as 8-10 miles out, anything is possible. This means preparation the night before includes trolling tackle, light gear, and an array of different bait and jigs. The plan was to stop at the Cholera, take a look and keep heading south. As

we loaded the boat and started the motor, we encountered a minor hiccup. The engine would not go down. Time to take out the tool box. Luckily, a big screwdriver was enough to manually lower the motor, but not having the capability to raise and lower the motor is not ideal. After a delayed start, we headed out of Jones Inlet. The water was beautiful and wind was light. The plan was to target sea bass, since on September 1, the regulations allow seven (7) fish per person at 15 inches. We motored to the Cholera and it was packed with boats, so we decided to head further south. After another 5 miles, we stopped on a ship wreck. Even though I had not fished this wreck in years, the plan was to drift with a 5oz. sinker and bait. The water was crystal clear, and the first drop was loaded with sea bass. Unbelievable! Each drop was better than the next. Within a short time, we loaded the cooler with double headers, and not another boat in site! Those days are rare and hard to come by.

Since the wind shifted to the south, producing a better drift, we decided to switch gears and target fluke. Fluke season ends September 30, so we knew we had to get in on the action. Time to switch rods and rigs. I like to fish for fluke with ultra light spinning gear. My Shimano Stradic 2500 is perfect with a high/low bucktail jig, topped off with spearing and squid. The first few drifts were slow. Maybe this wasn't a good idea. As the tide turned, the fishing heated up. We caught several nice size fluke and some jumbo sea robins, when all of a sudden Pete yells GRAB THE NET! I reached over and saw a giant fluke surface. Luckily I did not fumble the net and reached over to scoop up his fish. It was a gorgeous fatty at 25 inches and 6 pounds! Dinner! We continued to drift and fish with the



sun blazing on our faces. It was one of those lazy days that you didn't want to end. As the sun lowered, we knew it was time to head in. What a banner day, and great way to end the summer.

As September rolls in, the winds will typically turn east/north-east. That means the fall striped bass migration will soon be upon us. Let's hope this year is a good one!

Until my next adventure. Tight Lines.

Capt. Barbara Solomon
F/V Legal Limits

GOOD & WELFARE

Sil Mazzili is progressing nicely walking without assistance. Ken Kapner and Bob Geis are having or had heart procedures. Harry and Joanne Schroeder are recovering from COVID 19. We wish them all speedy recovery.

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HELLO FTC MEMBERS

Hope you all had a Wonderful Labor Day weekend with family and friends. Looking Forward to seeing all the members at the Upcoming Meeting for cocktails and boat tales. Keep those lines tight and catch the big one.

Semper Fi!

Robert Cincotta 2nd VP
F/V The Flounder Flopper

ENTERTAINMENT

Now that society is opening up to some social events we are going to slowly get club activities going again. The Captains and Anglers team have been holding down the fort providing a much needed outlet for our passion and desire to mingle with our fellow anglers. Please continue to observe social distancing requirements and use your own best judgement for all social gatherings. The following events are upcoming:

Thursday 9/17/20; 6:00 pm: Our first meeting in quite some time will be held at the property under the tent and awning. Christopher LaPorta, Artificial Reef Coordinator for the NYS DEC, will return to update us on the recently added reef material and the progress of the permits to expand our reef system including a proposed new deep water off shore reef. His last visit was very informative and Chris is a passionate angler who enjoys speaking with the fishing community.

Tuesday 9/22/20; 7:00 pm: Doug Toback will be giving a Striped Bass Seminar at the Club. Doug is a sharpie and great speaker. This seminar will be tailored to the attendees, from novice to pro, Doug is willing to share his experience and advice on targeting Stripers. We will send an e-vite and will be collecting \$10/head for pizza and beverages.

Thursday 9/24/20; 7:00 pm: Rick Totten has arranged for Ben Goldsmith on Acoustic Guitar and vocals and James Bandini on Acoustic Bass, Upright Bass and vocals to provide some entertainment on the Deck during our Captains and Anglers night. Ben and James are local teens that are up and coming having performed at national festivals and young musician events. Their set includes original music and familiar tunes.

Our Club is very fortunate to own the Marina Property for our use especially in times such as these. Hope to see you there.

Bruce C. Forster
F/V Oh Reely and F/V Oh Yeah
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CAPTAINS & ANGLERS

Captains and Anglers would like to thank Bruce Forster and his band "Southern Gun" for performing at the property. A great time was had by all. We have more live music tentatively (depending on weather) Thursday 9/24, please check web site, Facebook and your email for further details. Captains and Anglers would like thank Joe Pace for a donation of eggplant parmigiana, delicious Joe! A huge thank you goes out to Margaret Mueller for her very generous donation of 2 kegs of Founders IPA (one will be served at the upcoming September GM). Thanks to Mike Brennan and first VP Rick Totten for picking up the kegs. The Captain and Anglers committee appreciates all the members' participation in the Thursday night BBQs and looking forward to see our members throughout the fall.

Thank you, *Jim Rooney*

CAPTAINS & ANGLERS'
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Blackfish (3 lbs.)	March 28 – April 26	October 10– November 22	Bluefish (8 lbs.)	May 16 – July 5	September 12 – November 22
Flounder (1.5 lbs)	April 4 – May 10	*****	Tuna (20 lbs.)	June 20 – August 2	August 8 – September 20
Seabass (2.5 lbs)	June 20 – August 2	September 6 – October 4	Mahi (4 lbs.)	June 20 – August 2	August 15 – September 27
Striped Bass (15 lbs.)	May 2 – June 7	October 3 – November 22	False Albacore (6 lbs.)	*****	August 15 – September 27
Weakfish (5 lbs.)	May 2 – June 14	August 8 – September 20	Green Bonito (4 lbs.)	*****	August 15 – September 27
Fluke (3.5 lbs.)	May 16 – July 5	August 15 – September 13			

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