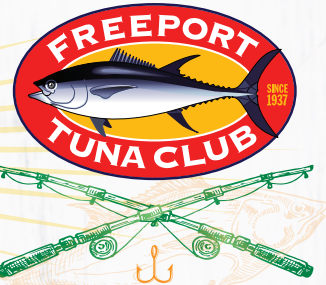


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CAPT. JOHN J. JUTT, Sr. Editor

Oktoberfest²⁰²¹ September 30 at the property



President's Message

August has gone out quickly leaving some memorable times in its wake:

- A storm has passed without incident
- August 26th was the Luau which was a great success! People came down and enjoyed the delicious food and music
- August 29th was the Raft Up, the weather cooperated and the food and fun were plentiful
- Bruce Foster and the Southern Guns came down and treated us to some awesome Southern Rock Music.

September is now upon us, and we are looking forward to our Oktoberfest celebration on September 30th. I hope all will come down and enjoy a night of German celebration. Many thanks to John Weber for taking the time to create a wonderful menu for the celebration and to Ray Geiger for donating the German Bier.

Please Note: We are currently updating our email list. If you have changed your e-mail or have not been receiving e-mails please contact Membership, Gene Schettini so we can get this corrected.

September 9th General Meeting has been cancelled.

September 15th Board Meeting has been changed to September 29th at 8:00PM

Thanks for help.

Rick Totten



WE SHOULD NEVER FORGET

Join us for Oktoberfest²⁰²¹

Break out the lederhosen & bring your beer steins

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30 @ 7PM AT THE PROPERTY

**German Food: Sauerbraten, Kielbasa, Potato Pancakes
Bratwurst, Potato Soup, Pretzels, Spätzle (German noodles),
Hofbräu (German beer), Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Music & Fun!**

**JOHN WEBER HAS GRACIOUSLY STEP UP AGAIN THIS YEAR TO BRING DELICIOUS AUTHENTIC GERMAN CUISINE.
AND RAY GEIGER HAS ONCE AGAIN GENEROSITY DONATED THE FIRST BARREL OF BREW.
LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING ALL OUR MEMBERS AT THIS GREAT FTC EVENT.**

**MEMBERS OF LEADERSHIP AND OUR HOUSE COMMITTEE WILL BE NEEDED TO HELP WITH AUDIO, HANGING AND SECURING SIDES OF THE AWNING,
HEATER AND TABLE SET UP AND CLEAN UP. THE COOK CREW IS VERY BUSY AND CANNOT ENSURE A SUCCESSFUL EVENT WITHOUT HELP!**



Fishing Report

August fluking and sea bass fishing remained strong; all the reefs held fish in good numbers. Congrats to Doug Toback and the rebirth of the Corazon, best of luck with the remaining season.

Let's get right into the good stuff, as it is no longer a secret. Bluefin tuna have been holding south of the Rockaways from 30' to 80' and feeding on the acres of bunker that are everywhere. Live ling has been the bait of choice, it is a waiting game but many club members have taken advantage of the easy run and have caught some nice Bluefin. Frank Cefai along with Pete and their dad caught a nice 172lb. fish 2 weeks ago and followed it up with a nice 190lber on 8/31. Capt. Ralph Drews on the *No Mercy* and crew released 2 fish over 75" and boxed a nice 71" fish. Capt. Harry Weinblatt on his *Blue Marlin* with his son James landed a 66" 180lb fish on August 17th. Capt. Adam on the *Hooker* released a 76" fish.



Please all keep in mind that for boats fishing with the HMS Angling Category Permit eligible fish need to be 73" or less. As of September 1st the commercial season is back open for fish 73" or larger for those holding a Charter Head boat or General Category HMS permits.

Capt. John Jutt has done a couple of away trips to Atlantis with nice catches of bigeye, yellowfin, mahi, swordfish, white marlin and blue marlin. Talk about a Canyon Grand Slam! Way to go! On his last trip he bested a 242lb. bigeye on a stand up 50 after a few hours.

Keep the good reports coming in, fishing will keep getting better as September rolls on.

Please email or text me your catch info to share with our members. Send those reports to Adam Bollaci at adambollaci@gmail.com (email) or 516-322-0030 (text).





Striper Diaries EPISODE 31

TUNA!! The word has gotten out that the inshore fishing in what traditionally is known as the "bass grounds" has been insane. I cannot recall ever loading the boat and targeting giant blue fin tuna so close to shore.

The buzz around town had been a hot giant Tuna bite. Similar to our Cobia trips, the plan was to snag bunker and live line out on a Penn International 50W. If that didn't work, we would switch to trolling Sterling Side Trackers. A quick check of my current Federal Fisheries Permit meant I was ready to go. According to the regulations, any fish over 70 inches was off limits. We loaded the boat with the heaviest rods and reels we owned. We also grabbed several gaffs and a couple of harnesses. We spent the next two weeks, trolling and live lining bunker with no success - - other than sharks. From the Rockaways to Sandy hook, we just weren't having any luck. We knew fish were being caught but I guess it just wasn't our time. We took a break for a few days and when the wind turned east, we decided to go.



We got to the tuna grounds on a snotty east wind, with the boat rocking and rolling. We didn't have high hopes. We set out the spread and within 5 minutes something incredible happened. The line took off like a freight train. This time we knew that it was not a shark. I started the motor and began to chase the fish. Pete was on the reel, as the fish ran and ran and the fight began. I reached for the harness to strap him in, and looked for the tail rope. He reeled and reeled and we chased that fish for what seemed like an eternity. As the fish surfaced and got next to the boat we saw color. It was a giant blue fin tuna!!! The most incredible beast I have ever seen, with bright yellow and blue colors glistening off the water. Oh no - the line is tangled!! I reached over the side to secure a tail rope and missed. I grabbed the gaff and missed and the fish began to take off again - this time running straight to the motor. Within seconds the line caught the prop and the fish was gone.

It was the moment of defeat. Sheer excitement turned into tears. It was my mistake and I knew

that I would never forget this moment. Pete let out a scream and after that it was silence, our chance was over. It would be just a fish story. We put the lines back out, but I knew that we would not get another bite. We drifted all day without another touch and the ride back home was quiet. The devastation was real and I can't remember the last time I was this upset over a lost fish. Stay safe and until my next adventure, Tight Lines.

Capt. Barbara Solomon
F/V Legal Limits

Good and Welfare

It saddens me to share the bad news, Richie Rosenkrantz of Woodcleft Fishing Station has passed on. Everyone in the boating and fishing community knew Richie. He was a unique individual, always with a smile and always on the dock to give advice or help if needed. Richie's passing was peaceful, may his tide still come and go. He will be missed by all who knew and loved him. One will never pass the end of Woodcleft Canal and not remember him. May God bless him and may he fly on eagle's wings. Rest in Peace.

Capt. John J. Jutt | Jeff Squeri

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Entertainment

I hope everyone is having a great summer. We are approaching the finest weather and fishing of the season and I trust everyone will take advantage of that. On September 23rd, we are looking forward to Bill Gillespie and his Pipe Band performing at our Captains and Anglers. Note to the CA crew, Bill advises we need extra beer for that night! On 9/30, John Weber and the CA crew will be hosting Oktoberfest, which is always a great event. At our October 14th meeting we will return to our Master Angler Series. As always, I am seeking assistance with Entertainment. Get involved with your Club! Join a committee. Tight lines and calm seas,

Bruce C. Forster F/V Oh Reely

Nominating Committee

Awards Chairman: Ray Geiger

Committee: Harry Sbaschnig & Bill Morrogh

The committee is looking for members who are interested in helping to lead the club into the future. Any members considering joining the Board of Directors please contact me at jp5820@aol.com.

The committee is also looking for 3 general members to sit on the committee with the Board of Directors.

Thank you, *Jim Rooney*
Nominating Committee Chairman

1st VP Message

I hope everyone had a Happy Labor Day weekend by celebrating the labor that built this Great Land from field to field and desk to desk they built it hand by hand. God Bless America! As summer comes to an end let's get ready for the Bass season.

See you all soon. Tight lines. Semper Fi.

Robert Cincotta
F/V Flounder Flopper

Property Committee

Only members with boats docked at the property may store trailers on the property, those trailers must be in good working order and have the member's name on the trailer.

Winter leases ended May 31st. Members with boats left on the property are being charged \$150 per month storage fees. Please plan to move your boats as quickly as possible. FTC does not allow summer storage on the property without prior approval from the property committee

Special thanks to Bruce Forster and Bob Sabella for installing the roof on the fish cleaning station.

Thank you,
*Your Property
Committee*

2021 Flotilla



Captains & Anglers

Captains & Anglers Committee would like to thank Bruce Forster and his band "Southern Gun" for performing at the 8/26 barbecue. Great music, food and fun for all that attended. This year's Oktoberfest will be held on 9/30 at the club. This is always a great event, mark your calendars and save the date. Keep an eye on our website ftcfishing.com, Facebook and Email for upcoming events and information on weather and schedule changes.

Thank you, *Jim Rooney*

Fluke Calcutta

The NYS fluke season opened on May 4 and runs through September 30, 2021. Charlie Goldstein and Mike Sullivan will once again be running the Fluke Calcutta. For those who are new, here is how it works. Entry is open to all members and their immediate family members - \$10 per person.

Largest fluke caught from anywhere by an entrant during the NYS season takes all. The fish must be caught on hook and line while free swimming. The rules are simple. But you've got to be in it to win it.

Last year Scott Novick won \$670 with an 11.3 lb. fish caught aboard his vessel *Naida*. I know he is planning to beat that this year. So are a lot of you. We will see.

If you want to enter you may do so in one of three ways:

- **Pay Pal** Send \$10 to bluejacketii@verizon.net
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- **Cash** See Mike or Charlie.

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ARTICLE VIII: Nominating Committee

Section 1. The annual election of Directors shall be held at the November meeting of the Corporation. Officers shall be elected by the newly elected Board of Directors prior to the Annual Meeting which shall be held in January of each year and shall be installed at such January meeting.

Section 2. There shall be a Nomination Committee which shall be appointed by the President at the October meeting of the Board of Directors. Such Committee shall consist of six (6) members of whom three (3) shall be members of the Board of Directors and three (3) shall be Regular Members of the Corporation. The Nominating Committee will select the required candidates for the Board of Directors from among the members who have been active in Corporation affairs and who have shown their interest by attending meetings and participating in the various activities of the Corporation. Directors and Officers may be re-elected for any office. The report of the Nominating Committee must be mailed to the members of the Corporation prior to the November meeting.

Section 3. Nominations for Directors will be entertained from the floor at the November meeting. The name of the candidate must be proposed by a voting member and seconded by ten voting members and presented to the Secretary in writing at least seven (7) days prior to the November meeting.

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