

Tuna Tower News



OCTOBER 2022

CAPT. JOHN. J. JUTT, SR., EDITOR

Catch em up!



THIS MONTH'S COVER PHOTO SUBMITTED BY BARBARA SOLOMON
GET YOUR PIX IN! NEXT MONTH'S COVER COULD BE YOURS!!!



President's Message

Here it is October! The Oktoberfest was a great success thanks to John Weber and his cook crew.

Everybody's starting to get their boats ready to bass fish, seabass or black fish; or get them ready to be taken out for the hunters to get ready for hunting season.

Please check with Tom Leprine or Bob Dimino on contracts and where they want the boats if you're putting them on the property, please try to keep the property clean and looking good, and respect our neighbors around us.

Hope to see everybody down at the Captains & Anglers for this month. There is no GM as we had the meeting at the Oktoberfest.

The next meeting will be in November and there will be the turkey raffle, so hope to see everybody there.

I hope everybody has a good month fishing and staying healthy, also would like to say I hope our club members and their properties down in Florida are all safe and sound.

Thank you, *Rick*



HAPPY HALLOWEEN!



Fishing Report

Inshore fishing remained steady, local reefs were producing good catches of sea bass and porgies. Fluke action was solid both in the ocean and in the bays. Chris Lombardo had a good month with big bass and weakfish being caught by our local bridges.

For those getting out during the weather windows the yellowfin bite has been epic, all big fish. Chunking, jigging, popping all caught fish. The canyon life was good for those that ventured out, notably the bigeye bite that was taking place in our eastern canyons. Locally in the Hudson good catches of Mahi, yellowfin and tilefish were reported. Let's hope this strong wind from the remains of Ian do not push the fish out.

Blackfish season opens October 15th to December 22nd with 4 fish at 16".

Please text or email your reports.

Capt. Adam Bollaci

516-322-0030 | adambollaci@gmail.com

Good & Welfare

George Scanlon is recovering from triple bypass surgery. Joe Pace is also recovering from triple bypass surgery. Maryanne Bessler is recovering from her broken wrists.

Thank you! *Jeff Squeri* 516-652-5981

Business

October 1st winter storage begins. Anybody that wants to have their boats on the premises for the winter storage this season 2022-2023 please call

Tom Leprine 516.316.7669

Rick Totten (516)779-3347

Bob Dimino (516)765-1555

We would appreciate your call before you bring your boat to the property so we can better place you in the right location. Please go to Freeport Tuna Club <https://www.ftc-fishing.com> and download the winter contact, or call we can meet at the club we have contacts there also.

Happy Halloween!

Thank you, any questions please call business manager

Bob Dimino

516 765- 1555

Property

Hope everyone had a good summer. It's time once again to fill up the yard with boats. Last year was great so I'm hoping for the same cooperation and patience from everyone so we can get the winter storage done with ease.

Same rules as last year. Send me a text or call when you know a week or so before you have your boat hauled and plan on bringing it to the property. If you are on a trailer your jack must be in working order. That means the crank should be working and the wheel or skid plate should be working as well. If it's not in working order please replace it or it may be replaced at our discretion and you will be charged for it.

All trailers should have your name and number on it in case we have to contact you. When your boat is shrink wrapped please put your name and number in the bow area with a black sharpie type marker also.

If it has to be moved you will be called to let you know it has to be moved or if we notice something that needs to be addressed, such as shrink wrap ripped or compromised we can call you. Doing that makes it easier to figure out who's boat it is.

If you need a winter storage application send me an email and I will reply and send it to you. Get them in as soon as you can since it is on a first come first serve basis to reserve your spot.

As a reminder boats are no allowed on property without payment in full and also proof of insurance. Please put a copy of your insurance card with your payment. Thank you in advance for your cooperation and patience.

Tom L

516-316-7669 cell | tom58tom@gmail.com

Entertainment

Oktoberfest, Turkeyfest and Santafest are teed up for the balance of the year. My committee doesn't handle these events but I encourage all members to participate. Once the CA events are through for the year, we will consider some clinics at the Clubhouse. I am still looking (for 3 years and counting) for members to join the Entertainment committee and as always, I do take requests and recommendations. Call me at (516) 443-4680

Wishing you all tight lines and calm seas,

Bruce C. Forster F/V Oh Yeah



Oktoberfest

September 29 2022

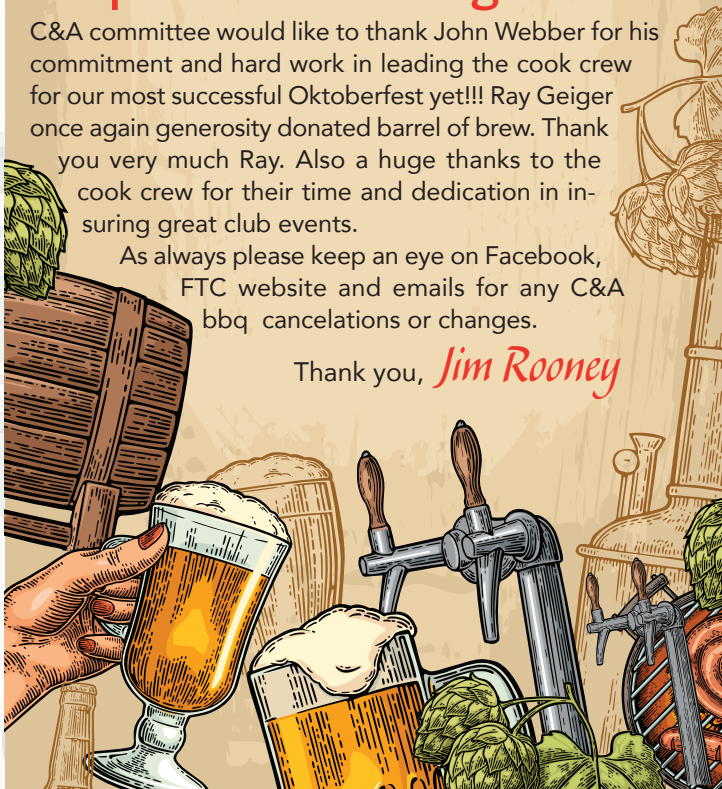


Captains & Anglers

C&A committee would like to thank John Webber for his commitment and hard work in leading the cook crew for our most successful Oktoberfest yet!!! Ray Geiger once again generosity donated barrel of brew. Thank you very much Ray. Also a huge thanks to the cook crew for their time and dedication in insuring great club events.

As always please keep an eye on Facebook, FTC website and emails for any C&A bbq cancelations or changes.

Thank you, *Jim Rooney*



Fishing Committee

We have established a new website www.FTCBigFish.com to manage the Striped Bass Calcutta. You can find all the rules and info there. We will post photos and updates as the Calcutta gets going starting 10.15.22. If you aren't in it, you should be! We expect to run Calcuttas throughout the season. If you haven't caught up on this opportunity, please visit the new site for the details. This is a Measure and Release event with electronic entry. Calcutta email: StripedBass@FTCBigFish.com

Tight lines and calm seas,

Bruce C. Forster F/V Oh Yeah

Membership

A big "Welcome Aboard!" to our newest member **Frank Berberich** who joined the club during our outstanding Okoberfest celebration.

We are very excited about the Fall fishing season! Make sure to submit those photos for the IG awards. We are currently shopping for the prizes that will be awarded during the December GM! Catch em up!!!!

Thank You, *Chris Lombardo*

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Striper Diaries

EPISODE 43

FALL RUN. We all know what happens in the fall. We spend days and weeks waiting for the striped bass to move into our local waters. But before the migration happens, we take one last trip into the deep in search of tuna. We all know there have been blue fin tuna caught locally off Rockaway, but landing those fish seemed tougher this year. Congratulations to Pete and Frank Cefai. They got lucky enough to land and safely release an 85 incher. Epic catch for sure. Rumors of yellow fin tuna in the 20 mile range seemed promising. The plan was to head south and search for the fleet. As we loaded the boat, we were greeted with a east breeze. We all know that east is the least. But today, we were going. There was no stopping us. As we steamed passed the Jones Inlet jetty, the east sweep hit us broadside. I should have known that making this trip was not the greatest idea. But with thoughts big tuna jumping out of the water, we forged ahead.



That 20 mile run at 12 knots was brutal. As we saw the fleet we began to yell with excitement. We made it! The plan was to catch a tuna and hightail it out of there. We set up our jigging rods and jigged and jigged. We had great marks on the screen. Over the rails came 16 inch porgies, shiny Bonito, Chub Mackerel and surprisingly blue fish. What the heck is going on. We moved up on the drift, but the waves were relentless. Crashing over the bow and sides. The east wind would not stop. It seemed to be getting worse. The waves were brutal and we slid back and forth on the deck just to keep our footing. All of a sudden the boat next to us yells out fish on! I could see he was using a light spinning rod and the fight began. Just 2 guys on a small boat bat-

tling the fish with waves breaking over the bow. After some time, there were screams of joy and a beautiful yellow fin tuna came flying over the rail. I was truly happy for them, but after another hour decided to pack it in. The ride home was wet. We were miserable.

The next morning we decided to switch gears and stay local. Back bay plugging is my favorite thing to do. I was lucky enough to have some custom plugs flown in from California and today was the day to try them out. Fishing the drains in our local bays can produce keeper striped bass. You just need to be persistent, fish the appropriate tides and winds. Lucky for us, the bite turned on. We landed several nice size bass. Perfect way to end the week-end with family.



Until my next adventure.

Tight lines.

Capt. Barbara Solomon

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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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