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**Have you ever thought about an emergency on your boat
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**Todd Haiken of Bellmore/Merrick EMS will be presenting
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President's Message

AUTUM LEAVES

Dear Members,

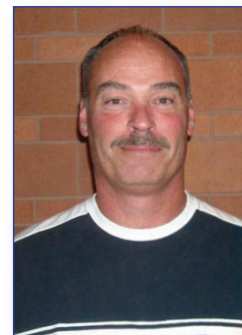
The falling leaves remind us that winter is just around the corner, and the bulk of 2012 is behind us. That's the bad part—the good news is that there is still a lot of good fishing and good times ahead of us before old man winter shuts us down. It looks like we dodged the bullet again this hurricane season, so maybe the weather gods will be kind and let us get out to take advantage of the fall sharking and canyon fishing. Inshore the bottom fishing should continue strong, with blackfish joining the seabass for a few weeks, and maybe even a cod or two as the season winds down. The fall bass season is just getting started—with all the bait we have in the area hopefully they will linger on our doorstep until Christmas. There is still a lot ahead on land too: Captain/Anglers will continue as long as the weather allows, Paul Cunningham is organizing the Orient Point blackfish trip for the end of the month, the inflatable boat & motor raffle will be awarded this month (still time to get tickets—you gotta be in it to win it!), the turkeys are waiting for us in November (no, not the national elections—I mean our turkeys), and the holiday party is set for December 9.

When we have a speaker at a meeting we always try to arrange to have a topic that is interesting, helpful to what the members do, or both. This month we have something special, something that could literally be a lifesaver on the boat or at home. A member of the Bellmore/Merrick EMS squad will be giving a CPR and first aid demonstration—the basic knowledge anyone can use to save a life. Just think about it—you're out on the boat, and a family member or friend suddenly turns blue and collapses. There is no 911 at sea—do you know what to do to save them? After attending this meeting

you will. Or what about something simple, like burying a hook in your hand, or chunking a piece of your finger along with the bait? A little basic first aid knowledge can save the day. At any meeting you attend you have a chance to go home with a raffle prize—after this meeting you will go home with information that will last a lifetime, and maybe help to extend the lifetime of someone close to you.

At the last meeting when we drew the door prize I was surprised when several members remarked that they had not heard about the door prize, even though it has been in the bulletin and active for several months. The door prize was instituted by the Board of Directors in the spring as an incentive to get the members to the general meetings. All paid members are eligible for the prize, which is \$25 in cash and a ticket good for \$25 worth of raffle tickets at any future meeting. One members' name is selected at random at all regular meetings: if that member is present they win. It's that simple! If the member is not present, we sweeten the pot: the cash portion of their prize is added to the next month's drawing. This continues each month until someone wins. The winner last month was not present, so the prize this month is \$75 cash and the \$25 ticket for raffles. Good friends, priceless knowledge, great raffle prizes and a chance to go home with some cash—how can anyone stay home?

~ President 2011 ~ John H. Rooney



FISHING BULLETIN



The first week of September our fishing was a bit of a bust do to heavy wind, a big ground swell and some hurricane fallout during Labor Day Weekend.

As the swells subsided the Hudson Canyon lite up like a Christmas tree with a Big Eye Bite the likes we have not seen in years.

May boats had anywhere from two to six Big Eyes with most in the 200 lb. class and on the troll. Check out the Four banger Big Eye Trolling Bite.... <http://vimeo.com/49282097>.....**WOW!!!! That is why we go!**

The bite however was short lived and by mid September the bit shut down. Most of the boats that sailed the week of September 10th reported "zero"... fish!

Canyon fishing can be very hit & miss, you need fresh Intel before going along with a weather fax that includes water turbidity & temperature breaks.

On an overnight trip this past September 14th & 15th I received the following reports:

Captain Paul F/V "Sea Mist" reported a slow bite with only one yellowfin. However it was a great FTC Crew Trip as they were entertained by a wonderful porpoise & whale show.

Captain Ralph F/V "Oceanic" crewed on the F/V "Reel Games" with a report of 4 quality yellowfins @ 60 lbs. & a 90 lb. sword for the table.

Most boats report no fish, but not the FTC.

The weekend of September 29th showed a small weather window for the canyon. Captain Chris Wasbie went 9 ~ 13 on large trolled yellowfin.

Captain Adam "F/V Hooker" gave this blow by blow of his canyon trip.

Captain Adam quoted:

"Headed out Saturday morning set lines in before tip, trolled west and east walls with no bites. Marked some bait down in the 100 square, seas were calm so we set up for a night drift. Lines set with an array of bait we started our wait, I dropped in a 16 oz hammered jig on a torso 30 jigged for about 30 seconds and I was tight to a fish. Saw the fish twice in the first hour it was a monster tuna. 3 hours in and I had enough and handed the rod off. An hour later harpoon in hand fish was a few cranks from being in reach. Well it took one look at the boat and dumped all the line in less than 30 seconds and the leader popped with the spool showing.

A slow night, with a legal sword came in around 4 AM followed by a 105 lb bigeye. On the troll we had 4 rods go off came tight on some monster longfin followed by 2 more a little later on. There were quite a few other bigeyes taken on both the troll and chunk and many reported good catches of longfin. As always heard many boats came home empty handed."

Captain Nick Nero our new local bottom drop pro hit the deep 20 mile wrecks and reported fine catch of quality seabass up to 4.10 lbs.

After the blow and into the first & second weeks of the month Fluking slowed down. On the local front out of Freeport Captain Don Granger scored only a few fluke with one keeper and a brace of seabass in the deep water near "Ill Sisters".

On September 15th, both Captain's Bill Morrogh & Doug Toback reported a good catch of False Albacore trolling from the Cholera Banks to the Angler Banks.

Our fall fluke derby ends this month along with the fluke season. Our current leading fall derby fish as angled by John Weber III @ 4.5 lbs in Reynolds Channel. For our "Duke of Fluke" you need better that a 10 lb. doormat!

Well fluke is closed.... It is over for another year. Our final weekend produced a few keepers but nothing in the "Duke of Fluke" Category! Winner to be announced soon. Woodcleft Fishing Station Talley up their fluke contest with the two winning fish coming in @ 8.5 & 7.12 lbs.

Our Duke of Fluke Winner should be announced soon so get your slips in ASAP!

On September 16th Captain John Jutt" F/V Red Dawn Rising" venture into the 20 mile wreck area in a quest for an early Mako. On the way out just south of Cholera Captain John reported all the false Albacore you wanted. With fresh bait the team set up two slicks. The first was in the Mudhole area with only bluefish on the baits. John motor back to the Broadcast area for slick #-2. Great clean 72 degree water but no sharks to be had. In addition to the slick John also took a shot a dragging some fluke baits in the deep water looking for that 10 lb. Calcutta winner...but no success.

To the east that same day, Captain Rick Hinners "F/V Livin Large" sailed to the Oregon Wreck and was rewarded with a 145 Thresher Shark...current 1st place shark derby fish.

With the fall run starting, club fishing vessels "Kristen, Blue Marlin and The

Hooker" all sail the following Saturday in what turned out to be pretty sporty weather conditions day. Both Captain Harry & I sailed southeast & Adam sailed to the Mudhole Area looking for those big bluefin that made a very quick appearance. By 10 am the "Kristen" had a 137 Mako boated by angler Joe Steiner for current 2nd place shark derby. Captain Harry reported 5 mako bites for his charter. The largest was a 200 lb. mako that unbutton. By days end Harry took an est 100 lb. Mako for the table. To the west Captain Adam report no action on the chunk at the Mudhole for Tuna with just an 11 lb. mahi for the day.

On the shark scene out east three (3) 200lb. makos came into Montauk on the 15th. In addition on September 29th a fourth 200 lb. mako was boated.

Still on the shark scene to the west six FTC boats sailed on the 29th and 30th out of Freeport covering all of the honey holes to the east on the 20 & 25 fathom curves. Great water@ 70 degrees but not a bite to be had by anyone.

On Monday's Holiday Bob Pandy fished with Paul Cunningham. Bob reported that the false albacore bite was insane. They trolled from the Cholera to the HA Bouy with non stop action and false albacore to 8.5 lbs. To Bob's surprise once at the HA Buoy Area, he could not find the buoy in hopes of some Mahi. Bob was not the only one to be surprise that our famous HA Buoy is gone forever. It was removed by the US Coast Guard and deemed obsolete. Maybe to them it was obsolete but to fisherman like myself it mark a very famous spot in years past as one of the best offshore honey holes. I for one will miss being denied the viewing of this proud and famous buoy on my offshore trips to some of my favorite spots! RIP...HA.

Montauk; the fluke bite was slow for most.... But not for all, as Captain Charley Sporing, on September 13th bested a 10 lb. fluke. As quote by Captain Charley:

**"CLOSE BUT NO CIGAR !
MY FIRST DOUBLE DIGIT FLUKE 10.0 LBS EVEN."**

Nice catch Charley.....

Also in from Montauk Captain Anthony Testa reported a slow fluke bite... but the high light of the day was when a 6' White Shark chased up a hooked seabass that fell prey to the "Might White."

As the week progressed Reports from Montauk the weekend of September 15th were somewhat more encouraging. The high N/W winds on Saturday made for very poor fishing conditions as reported by Captain Mike Sullivan "F/V Blue Jacket". Sunday however the ocean laid down like a mother lap, with Captain Mike putting together a fine catch of Fluke up to 7 1/2 lbs.

On the Montauk Bass scene Captain Harry Weinblatt reported an excellent strip bass bite on live bait with over twenty bass angled in one tide. James Weinblatt was high hook and had his personnel best striper @ 34 lbs. The apple do not fall far from the tree...Captain Harry!

The weekend of September 23rd Captain Mike Sullivan report a good bite on Strip bass to 35 lbs. and a fluke bite of zero.

On our derbies currently cod & fluke are opened along with False Albacore, tuna, shark, bluefish & Green Bonito. A recent change was made to the Fall Seabass Derby. The new dates are be September 1st ~ September 30th.

That about wraps it up this report. If you had a good catch drop the Awards & Contest Committee a line we would to here about it and share it with our membership. [E-Mail: captainlarry84@aol.com](mailto:captainlarry84@aol.com)

Sincerely,

~ Captain Harry Weinblatt

F/V Blue Marlin

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CONSERVATION REPORT

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~ Committee Chairman, Dennis Cataldo

GOOD AND WELFARE

Our prayers and condescendences go out to Joe Manigiapanello and family on the passing of his mother in law. Jim Woods wife Dee has had a spinal stroke on Sept 6. This could be a serious situation as she is paralyzed from the waste down. Our hearts and prayers go out to Jim and Dee. On a personal note on Sept 21, I lost my mom Yolanda to cancer. Mom was 94 years young until her cancer reappeared 4 months ago. God bless you Mom. Hope the rest is well. Jeff Squeri 516-2216343 / c 516-652-5981.

Have a safe and Happy Halloween.

~ Jeff

CATCH OF THE MONTH

Montauk Striped Bass

Our "Catch of the Month" goes to James Weinblatt who bested this fine 34 lb Montauk bass. The fish was caught on live bait while fishing with Capt. Jim Krug on the Persuader III back in September. Rounding out the all FTC father/son crew were Capt. Jim's son Jack, James' dad Capt. Harry Weinblatt, and Michael Edelman with his son Matt.



For bragging rights, please email me atphilton@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 please keep them coming.

~ Paul Hilton / Emily S

OCTOBER 2012 DERBY, AWARDS & CONTEST REPORT

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

SEND IN YOUR SLIPS. If you have weigh slips for Weakfish, Mahi, False Albacore, Green Bonito, Tuna, Fluke or Sea Bass (2nd Derby) you must get them to the committee by 10/14/11. These derbies will be awarded at the November GM.

We're awarding the 1st SEA BASS Derby Prizes at the October GM.

The Derby Winners are:

Sea Bass - Bass (Min weight 2.5LB)

1st Place: Maryellen Zullo • 5.00 lbs F/V Magic Too
2nd Place: Bob Sabella • 4.75 lbs F/V Splitshot
3rd Place: Joe Wade • 3.90 lbs F/V Defiant

The Following Derbies Are Running:

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Cod	September 29 - December 09
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FLUKE CALCUTTA

Jack Krug has won the 2012 Fluke Calcutta with a 10.62 lb. fish captured on August 21 aboard his father's Boat Persuader III on Montauk's south side. Rumor has it that Jack captured the fish at Cartwright. The pool was \$830. Congratulations Jack on an outstanding fish.

MEMBERSHIP

Know someone thinking of joining. Now is an ideal time. If anyone joins the club from now until the end of the year, the dues paid will count toward 2013.

ENTERTAINMENT

This month I had the pleasure of getting this month's entertainment.

Todd Haiken of Bellmore/Merrick EMS will be presenting basic CPR and First Aid at this months GM.

SHOOTOUTS

This month the Freeport Tuna Club will be fishing against the Staten Island Tuna Club for Striped Bass. The Staten Island Club has won this Shoot-out last year, they also have a tournament on this weekend if any member is looking to sign up for it. **The dates are October 26, 27 & 28. Let's take back our trophy from them this year.**

~ John Rooney

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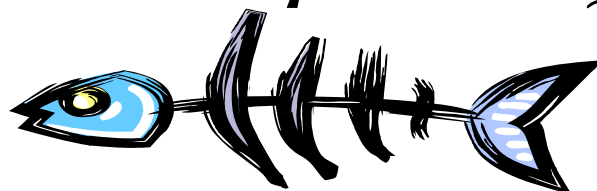
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