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NEXT GM
Thursday, October 9, 2014 at 7:30pm
Cure Of Ars Auditorium
Merrick Avenue • Merrick
(Between Sunrise Highway and Merrick Road)
This Month's Speaker is Chris Ramos of Pelagic Outfitters
See Inside for more details

Have A Safe & Spooktacular Halloween!

President's Message

The Fall season is upon us and so is the offshore fishing season. Our club members have been catching some nice Tuna in the canyons when the weather allows them to get the boats out of their slips. There have also been a few small Mako's caught as well.

On October 2nd our Annual Freeport Tuna Club Oktoberfest will be kicking off again at the clubhouse. Our very own John Weber (Bunker Gear) along with the Captain Angler crew will be preparing all the German delicacies! We will also have a keg of Wurstiener Beer for all to enjoy. Try to make it down to the property and enjoy the evening.

We have a few events coming up in the near future, including our November elections and turkey raffle, which will be held at our November 13th GM at Cure of Ars Church. We also have our Annual FTC Holiday Party coming up quickly on

Sunday, December 7th from 2:00 pm to 7:00 pm at the Church as well. It is always a great time, so bring the family out to share in some Holiday cheer!



Also coming up and I'm happy to announce that the FTC Game Dinner has been scheduled for Saturday, February 28, 2015, details to follow.

Hoping everyone enjoys the Fall runs and Happy Halloween to all.

See you on the water.

~ Chris Scarpantonio
President



FISHING REPORT

Fall Run Unfolds



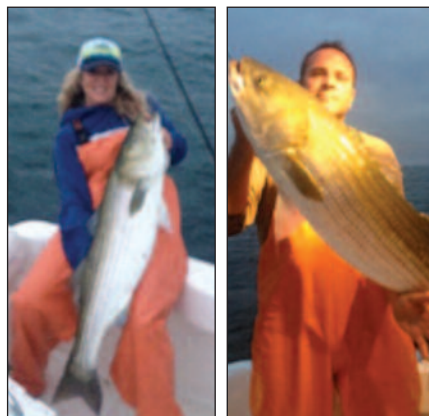
September is usually a month of transition. That transition has begun, though a bit behind schedule with the water (and some of the weather) unseasonably warm. What most would agree was a very productive fluke season came to an end on September 21st. The fluking pattern held until the end, quality fish generally caught on structure. On my Emily S we enjoyed several really good trips, generally not going further than the Hempstead Reef and the Kitchen area for fish up to 7lbs, with lots of 5 and 6 pounders. Didn't get a real big one but that what brings you back next year! The Cholera, Middle Grounds and Angler Banks certainly had their moments too. Past FTC President Jim Rooney did some fishing while vacationing down the Jersey Shore fishing on the Carolyn Ann III out of Barnegat Inlet. He reported lots of shorts, but many 4 to 5 lb keepers. Surf fishing down there was "non-existent".



With nearly everyone fluking on hard bottom, lots of nice seabass comprise the bycatch. Sea bass fishing overall has been good, but not great. Nick Nero took his Dolce Vita on an exploratory trip to wrecks S/E of Jones Inlet. He was rewarded with a nice catch of seabass, porgies, and ling. In what I regard as a poorly publicized announcement, the ASMFC (which regulates federal

waters, beyond 3 mile state waters) shutdown the seabass season until October 18th. Be advised that during this closure it is illegal to possess seabass beyond the three mile limit, regardless of where they were caught. Most chart plotters can display a 3 mile marker, check your location accordingly. This feature is useful for striped bass fishing as well which may not be possessed in federal waters.

Speaking of bass, the fish have reappeared on the bunker schools and Captain Barbara Solomon and Pete Cefai are on them once again. The fish pictured were safely released. One dark evening they could hear thresher tails harassing the bunker pods, nice !

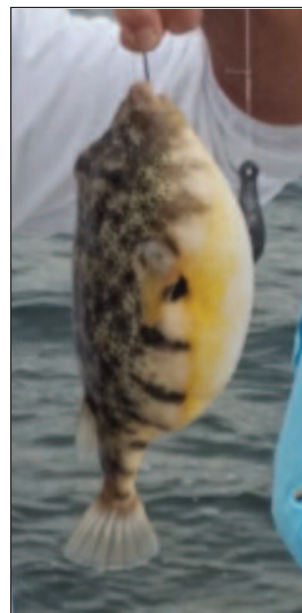


Bunker are practically everywhere east and west, from the beach on out to 80 ft of water. If you pay attention to reports on Nor'East and Baypark you will see that the threshers have once again made an appearance and several have been landed, along with the latest recurrence of bass.

From Captain Mike Sullivan of the Bluejacket II. "Fished Montauk for bass on Saturday morning, with my friend Valerie landing 2 to 30 lb. both on eels. Filled in with a dozen small keeper sea bass in the afternoon. On Sunday, we started out the day searching for albies and then headed east for sea bass. Again kept a dozen small keepers. We switched to bass around 10 am and Valerie again boated a 25 lb. fish on the second drift thanks to a call in from Captain Scott Schafer on the 50/50. Wrapped it up and headed for the dock late morning. Bass are steady but not in great numbers. Albies are all over the place, but most have lock jaw. They are feeding on 2" bay anchovies, so try matching the hatch if you decide to go for them. "Great reports, thanks Capt. Mike.

Offshore, I have no first hand reports. However, a fine chunk bight developed at the Fishtails with a nice mix of quality yellowfin and some bigeye too. Fish were reported day and night. The fall Mako season should be getting underway, I mentioned the inshore thresher fishing coming back to life. Should be a great fall with all the bait around. Bunker inshore, sandeels offshore. Looking forward to some quality reports from our membership.

Late report, Don Granger told me that Charlie Goldstein caught a blowfish with fishing on Don's Splitshot at the McAllister Reef. The catch included the usual warm water mixed bag, along with some banded rudderfish. The fish was not selected as Catch of the Month, sorry Charlie



The Tuna Tower News aka FTC Bulletin is a great way to share your fishing adventures with the club. Thanks to all for contributing your reports! 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

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Catch Of The Month Toback Family Montauk Fluke



Our Catch of the Month goes to the Toback Family. Captain Doug and Family took their Corazon out to Montauk to get in on the hot fishing. The move paid off with some very nice fish and great pictures! Shown above are Diana Toback with a 7lb. + fluke and son DJ with a nice 6 lb. fish. Congrats of 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

Good & Welfare

We wish Sy Karp a speedy recovery he is back in hospital....

On a happier note Kristen Festa is engaged to be married!!!!
Any good and welfare to report contact Jeff Squeri 516-652-5981

Next GM Entertainment

The speaker for our October GM is
Chris Ramos of Pelagic Outfitters
located in Lindenhurst at 51 West Montauk Highway.

Chris is a true fisherman and currently holds
a 50 ton USCG Masters license as well.
His first offshore trip was in 1981 when
he was only nine years old!

To date he has over 250 trips to the ledge
in his logbook, which is amazing.

GM this Thursday and share some time with
Chris and your fellow FTC members.

Ray Geiger ~ Entertainment Director

Fluke Calcutta

Congratulations to Joe Masseria who bested 79 members with his 10lb. 5oz. fish to become the 2014 Duke of Fluke and in the process locking up \$790 in prize money.

Property - Winter Storage

The Freeport Tuna Club is pleased to extend this offer to store your boat at its property for the 2014-2015 winter seasons (11/1/14 to 6/1/15). The lease rates for this season will remain the same as last year @ \$14 a foot with a minimum charge of \$300 for both on land and in water storage. **RESERVE YOUR SPACE EARLY!**

Alan will be at the October GM to accept checks and sign leases!

For more information or to sign a lease agreement, contact Alan Evelyn, FTC Property Manager by phone (cell 917-750-8710) (work 646-312-2208) or by email (alan.evelyn@baruch.cuny.edu).

Conservation

Black Sea Bass are CLOSED in federal waters (outside of three miles) as of September 21, and will remain closed until October 18. It is OK to fish in state waters, but you cannot possess any seabass (regardless of where the fish was caught) in federal waters until after October 18. The Coast Guard has been enforcing this regulation!

Anglers also cannot possess ANY striped bass in federal waters at any time, so be careful about taking a fish close to the beach, and then later in the day wandering over the three mile limit.

Striped Bass:

The public striped bass hearings have just ended with a great deal of discussion regarding reducing the bag limit to one fish at either 28, 32 or 36 inches. There is very little talk of adjusting the length of the season that closes December 15th and opens April 15th. I don't expect any change too soon.

Black Fish:

Tog fishing opens on October 5th and runs until December 15th. The size and bag limits remain the same at 16 inches with four fish.

Sea Bass:

These fish are subject to a federal closure until October 18th. This would be in federal waters also called the EEC. These waters are over three miles from the shore.

~ Dennis M. Cataldo

Conservation Committee Chairman

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October 2014 Derby, Awards & Contest Report

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

Is anyone holding weigh slips for Sea Bass, Tuna, Mahi, False Albacore or Green Bonito? Get them in NOW!

Note that our 2nd Sea Bass derby is only inshore (< 3miles) after 9/21/14 due to Federal regulations. The Sea Bass Derby closes on 10/6/14.

The 2nd Weakfish derby and 2nd Tuna derby closed on 9/28/14

The 2nd Mahi derby, False Albacore and Green Bonito derby closed on 10/5/14.

If you're holding weigh slips that may be eligible for an annual award, NOW is the time to send them in to the committee.

The Winners Of The 1st Sea Bass (Min. Weight 2.5LB)

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| 1st Place: | Dennis Eberhart | 5 lbs F/V Defiant |
| 2nd Place | Mike Zullo | 4.88 lbs F/V Magic Too |
| 3rd Place: | Mike Zullo | 4 lbs F/V Magic Too |

The Winners Of The 2nd Fluke Derby Are: Fluke (Min. Weight 3.5LB)

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| 1st Place: | Dr John Weber | 9.88 lbs F/V Miss Beahavin III |
| 2nd Place: | Karen Hoad | 9.81 lbs F/V Island Girl |
| 3rd Place: | Joe Steiner | 8.88 lbs F/V Reel Catch II |

The Remaining Derbies For 2014

Shark	9/20 - 11/29
Bluefish	9/20 - 11/29
Cod	10/04 - 12/14
Striped Bass	10/11 - 11/30
Blackfish	10/17 - 11/22



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