

# Tuna Tower News

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## NEXT GM

Thursday, October 8, 2015 at 7:30pm

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## Blackfish!

“Come on down and pick up some tips on the upcoming season.”

## President's Message

Dear Members,

Winter is coming! That's not just a catch phrase from HBO's "Game of Thrones," but a soon to be a cold fact around these parts. As I write this, I just heard that tropical storm Joaquin has been upgraded to hurricane status and as of now, appears to be heading in our general neighborhood. I urge all members to exercise caution, and prepare you and your families for whatever this storm brings us.

I managed a very rare day off to fish this year courtesy of my neighbor Paul DiCosimo on his 52 footer and shared the ride with fellow FTC members Harry Schroeder and Bob Pettit. It has been way too long since I have been able to get offshore and was I ever glad to take the day. It was an exceptionally flat round trip out past the Bacardi that day, one that I will never forget. We trolled up a fair number of false albacore before chunking around for yellowfin tuna. It took a while, but we got a nice 60+ lb. fish on ice before we headed back to port. Thanks again to Paul for making this trip possible.

Now that fluke is over, striped bass, blackfish and black sea bass are still on our menu, so please get your fish weighed, and get your slips to Bill Morrogh ASAP. Good luck to all.

If you are interested in wintering your boat on the property (or at the dock!) please be sure to contact our property committee

members so they can arrange a spot for you.

Paul Cunningham has confirmed that our annual club blackfish trip will be on Monday November 2nd on the Prime Time out of Orient. Spots are limited, so pay Paul at our October GM to ensure a spot at the rail.

Also, this month is the ever popular Oktoberfest evening at the property. This year we will be celebrating on Thursday October 22nd. Great food, good bier and even better times are planned once again. I will try to get down as early as possible to assist in the festivities. Now where did I leave my stein?.....

Our general meeting this month will be held at the church on Thursday, October 8th. If you can, I urge you all to attend the GM. Last month's speaker, Bill Korbel did not disappoint and even said he would gladly return to further our education. I hope to see you all there if possible.

Best Fishes,

Ray Geiger





# Fishing Report

## East Winds Bring End of Summer

The most notable thing to say about this September from a fishing standpoint is that the last two weeks of the month have been basically dominated by unrelenting east winds making for a nasty ocean. As I write this Tropical Storm / Hurricane Joaquin is being tracked. Wherever that storm tracks when we emerge from this weather pattern I would expect fall fishing to be in full swing.

Fluke season ended on the 21st. Most would feel fluking is on the decline, we'll see what next year's regulations bring, cutbacks are anticipated. Seabass regulations are getting complicated. Fishing in federal waters (outside of three miles, clearly marked on most chart plotters) closed on Sept 21st but is expected to re-open October 22nd. State waters remain open, current regulations allow 8 fish, 14 inches or greater until October 31, increasing to 10 fish November 1 through December 31. With the weather and regulations preventing boats from fishing seabass offshore, porgies have been the mainstay off the bottom fishing fleet. Fishing is reported as "good" on mixed sized scup on all the local structure.

The long awaited blackfish/tautog season is nearly upon us and will open on October 5th and run through December 14th, 4 fish per angler, 16 inches or greater. Look for the fish shallow, early on with the local bridges and shallow pieces a good bet.

Gorilla blues have set up on the mountainous structure to the west in the mud buoy area, get some bunker chum and chunks in the water and hold on! Fish to greater than 20 pounds have been reported. A couple of bass have been reported under the bunker pods along the beach.



**Captain Barbara with a nice clam chummed bass**

First hand reports by club members were hard to come by this month, but we have a few, all from members with relatively new boats. Early in the month Capt. Barbara Solomon ran a couple of trips on her newly and appropriately named "Legal Limits" offshore to 140' of water and found false albacore and dolphin cooperative on the troll with fish to 8.5 lbs. She also did an inshore clam chumming trip and landed 6 bass and some blues fishing inside. (picture was cropped a bit to avoid totally burning her spot)

Captain Mike and Maryellen Zullo are sporting a new ride as well, aptly named the "Magic Too." They ran their new Yamaha powered 30' Pursuit to the deeper wrecks south of the inlet where a virtual aquarium awaited. They reported a nice catch of seabass and cod, while small makos and some mahi circled the boat. Mike said that, as usual Mep decked the big one, a 5 lb. plus seabass, while he looked on. Great report and best of luck with the new ride!

Offshore reports are scarce of late. Prior to the east blow, chunking was good at the 100 square with a mix of YFT, LFT, and BET. The Bacardi area has certainly had it's moments too, with mixed sized YFT and BFT available on the chunk day and night.



Some of the party boats were able to sail during the bad weather and reported great chunking action, recalling the heydays of the "Bacardi Party" and "Freight Train Alley" fishing. Let's hope the weather will stabilize and everyone will get a shot at this fishery before the fish depart. Look for fall sharking to get into full swing as well.

I encourage all FTC members to please bombard me with reports and pictures to share with our membership.

Please email your reports to [philton@optonline.net](mailto: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



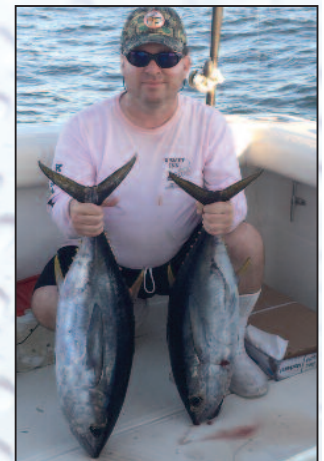
**Captain Mike with a nice double Magic Too style**

## Catch of the Month

### Bacardi Mixed Bag on "The Betty III"

Tim Sherman is another proud owner of a new ride, his 30' diesel powered Pursuit "The Betty III." Tim assembled a crew of John Gerrity, John Daum, and Bob Bohlert and headed to the hot Bacardi area.

Per Tim's report, "We raised a white marlin that surfaced and spit the hook, two makos were curious and snacked on herring chunks. Something with teeth made my reel scream before cutting the line. Then the tunas came on in a boil. Nonstop skip jack, false albi and yellowfin. We hooked 3 yellow, got two in the boat. A great day for us and the ocean was beautiful."



**Bob Bohlert with some Bacardi YFT on The Betty III**

## Congrats on a nice trip! Send in those pictures!

For bragging rights, please email me at [philton@optonline.net](mailto: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



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*Awards Chairman: Captain Bill Morrogh*

*Committee Team:*

*Captain Bill Toohy, Captain Michael Zullo*

Is anyone holding weigh slips for Fluke, Weakfish, Tuna, Mahi, False Albacore or Green Bonito? Get them in NOW! Note that FTC rules state that derby weigh slips must be presented within 2 weeks of the derby close.

**Our 2nd Sea Bass derby (9/5 - 10/12) is only inshore (<3miles) after 9/21 due to Federal regulations.**

*The Fluke derby closed on 9/20.*

*The 2nd Weakfish derby and 2nd Tuna derby closed on 9/27.*

*The 2nd Mahi derby, False Albacore derby and Green Bonito derby closed on 10/4.*

*All of these derbies will be awarded at the November GM.*

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. Don't wait until the last minute.

If you see your name on the website derby page and haven't received your award please come out to the October GM!

## The Remaining Derbies For 2015

<b>Sea Bass</b>	<b>9/05 - 10/12</b>
<b>Shark</b>	<b>9/19 - 11/29</b>
<b>Bluefish</b>	<b>9/19 - 11/29</b>
<b>Cod</b>	<b>10/03 - 12/13</b>
<b>Striped Bass</b>	<b>10/10 - 11/29</b>
<b>Blackfish</b>	<b>10/17 - 11/29</b>



**October 22 6:30pm  
at the FTC property**



## FTC Property Committee October 2015

### New System For Winter Storage!

### New Rates For The FTC Marina!

Winter storage: We have made arrangements with Atlantic Yacht Haven for placement of all boats on the property. You can use any hauler that you choose but they must call Chris or Alan in order to find where your boat should be placed on the property. This includes all trailer boats. Chris and Alan at Atlantic Yacht Haven will be in charge of placements of boats on FTC property for winter storage. Please call 516-377-7720 or 516-523-3444 to find where your boat will be located on the property. The new system will allow for better management and increased storage capacity.

#### New summer slip rates for 2016:

\$78 per foot with no minimum for a slip during the summer season

\$175 for trailer with a summer season slip – no grandfathering of trailers

\$250 for trailers without a summer season slip (number on property set by property committee)

\$150 per month for boat storage on land for members during the summer season

\$14 per foot for Winter Storage for members

\$17 per foot for Winter Storage for non-members (\$340 minimum)

For questions or concerns please contact me or other members of the property committee.

Alan Evelyn  
capt.al@fishtaxiny.com  
Cell: 917-750-8710



## Membership

I would like to welcome the following new members to the Freeport Tuna Club that joined in the third quarter.

- **John Djokic - Fresh Meadows, NY**
- **Ray Cole - Massapequa, NY**
- **Mike Kalish - Freeport, NY**
- **Bob Hanley - Whitestone, NY**
- **Ralph Scopo - Freeport, NY**

Please take the time to introduce yourself and make them feel welcome. If you know of any anglers wanting to improve their fishing experiences, have them attend a Captain Anglers or GM meeting as our guest. They can also contact Bob McVey at [FTC1937@gmail.com](mailto:FTC1937@gmail.com).

## The Fishing Connection

Now's the time to get offshore and peruse some BET and YFT. The Stripe Bass bite will soon be heating up. FTC Captains have listed their dates and times for fishing trips in search of additional crew members. Now is the time for all NEW and existing members to sign up to go fishing. This is an opportunity for you to get to know other members and share your knowledge of local fishing, both inshore and offshore.

## Shootouts

The weekend of October 9th, 10th and the 11th the Freeport Tuna Club has a shootout against Martinecock Rod and Gun, Staten Island Tuna Club and Atlantic Beach Club. The three heaviest Blackfish from each club will determine the winner. Remember to watch the weather and good luck. Call you weights to my cell 516-721-8207.

John Rooney

## Upcoming Events

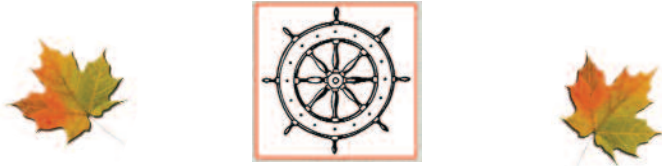
### FTC Blackfish Trip-Monday, 11/2

We're running an FTC Blackfish trip on the PRIME TIME out of ORIENT N.Y. on Monday, 11/2.

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