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The winds of September kept a lot of boats tied to the dock. I heard some fishing stories... most likely just stories. Hopefully, October will bring us some calm seas and fair weather.

Oktoberfest is happening on 25th. If you are interested in bringing a German dish, pastries or beer, please contact Jimmy Rooney, John Weber or myself. All help to make Oktoberfest a fun event is welcome. Please don't forget our Thursday night Captains & Anglers.

The Club Director is looking for more ideas on what would make our GM meetings more interesting for you. If you see Bruce Foster, who is part of entertainment committee, please forward your thoughts to him. If you're interested in joining a committee please feel free to speak to a member of the Board of Directors.

On another note general membership for the club is down, if you have

friends that are looking to join and love to fish or hunt, please have them contact Gene Schettini, he heads the membership committee. Gene is looking for committe members and fresh ideas on recruiting members, please pass your thoughts on to him.

> The house committee (which does all the set up and organization for our

GM, Captains & Anglers, and all other events) is looking for members to participate, please speak to Richie Olenik 516-987-7340.

If anybody's interested in helping Jimmy Azzi with the Tuna Club's ship store. This involves

sales of clothing: shirts, jackets, sweatshirts etc. Please feel free to contact Jimmy at 516-987-4227.

When the fishing season comes to an end and you are looking to store your boat on Freeport Tuna Club property, you need to lock in a spot for winter storage with a deposit. This year members only will be allowed to store their boats on the club's property, please contact Alan Evelyn, property committee chair.

Alan Evelyn has done a great job for the Freeport Tuna Club and will be moving down south to warmer weather. I would just like to thank him for the outstanding job he has done. The Board of Directors will be putting a new member in his place. Information will be emailed out and in the newsletter.

I would just like to thank all those on the Board of Directors who participate in the GM meetings and the coordinators and participants in Captains & Anglers as well as attendees all other events for doing a great job thank you.

See you guys down the club.

Thank you, Matthew Cardone





STORMY SEPTEMBER



I can't believe we are into October with summer becoming a distant memory. August left off with greatly improved west end ocean fluking, loads of seabass and porgies and more and bigger trigger fish than anyone can remember available on all the local structure.

A nice addition to the 2018 season was the availability of green bonito, false albacore, mahi, and Spanish mackerel available near shore. A few cobia are landed every year on Long Island, this year many were landed including some large specimens. A new fishery in the making? Blowfish and kingfish (the bottom kind) have returned in great abundance. You just never know, maybe the winter flounder can come back too?

Angler effort was greatly reduced in September due to the various tropical storms, tropical depressions and the accompanying wind and rain that seemed to be upon us every weekend. Fortunately, the worst of it stayed to our south. The weather and seemingly lack of fish have held the offshore reports to a minimum as well. Other than some super impressive reports from the North Fork and Montauk (to follow below), I received not a single first hand report from any FTC members. In addition, I did something I haven't done in a very long time. I did run or fish a single trip during the month September.

Fluke season has now ended. Seabass fishing remains unbelievable, with the fish working their way offshore. Currently, the seabass regulations (NYDEC) stand at 7 fish per angler, 15" or greater through December 2018. Typically, October is one of the very best months of the year inshore and off. So, what can we look forward to (besides hope-



fully better weather) ?

Blackfish/tautog /tog' season opens on October 15th and run through December 22nd. Four fish per angler, greater than 16". (Note that for the Long Island Sound region, defined as east of the Throgs Neck Bridge, and west of the line from Orient Point, to Watch Hill, RI, the season opens October 11th and runs through December 9th, three fish per angler, greater than 16"). It's getting complicated...

Striped bass are active in the back bays and the mother lode is migrating south and west, heading our way. I would expect another great fall season as the amount of bait available this year has been unbelievable. For those who pursue tuna and shark, I hope the weather and fish cooperate. Maybe the lackluster season can end on a high note.

On to the first hand reports ...

Both occurred earlier in September, both were quite impressive, and both were received from Ken "Fishing Frenzy" Donowski. Ken went fluking on the open boat Miss Montauk. Ken caught his limit of fluke, including two 6 lb. fish, a 7 lb. and an impressive double

digit tipping the scales at 10.28. Wow...

Ken had another report, an FTC trip he organized on the six pack *Jenglo* from Orient Point. They went eeling at night, with Ken leading the way with a 52 lb striped bass. Congrats Ken, those are fish of a life time for many.

That's a wrap for now. Please share your results with our membership. Please send reports and pictures for inclusion in your club bulletin. Thanks to all who contribute.

Email your reports to philton@optonline.net or text/call me at 516.721.8907

Sincerely, Paul Hilton F/V Emily S



PROPERTY MANAGER'S REPORT



The winter storage season begins on November 1st.. The leases and invoices are in the process of being mailed. Winter leases will be mailed to all members that stored with the club last year and to those that have contacted me.

If you need a lease right away, just email or text me your mailing address and the length of your vessel so I can have a lease mailed to you. Leases will be available at the October and November Captain and Anglers. This year the rates is **\$15 per foot – members only. Remember that FTC policy is "First check received is first served".**

Again this year, we have made arrangements with Atlantic Yacht Haven for placement of all boats on the property. Using professionals will allow the club to maximize the number of vessels stored on the property. You can use any hauler that you choose but they must call Chris Squeri or Alan Bregman at Atlantic Yacht Haven in order to find where your boat should be placed on a property. This includes all trailer boats. Chris and Alan at Atlantic Yacht Haven will be in charge of placements of all boats on FTC property for winter storage. Please call 516-377-7720 or **text 516-523-3444** to find where your boat will be located on the property.

I want to thank Larry Risi for stepping up and volunteering to join the property committee. He will be assisting in the mailing of the winter leases. I will be training him on the software the club uses to bill for winter storage and summer slips. Larry has only been in the club a few years so if you store during the winter or lease a summer slip please make yourself known to Larry.

If you have questions or concerns about the club property you can see me at the GM or Captain and Anglers. You can always contact me either by email or phone.

Capt. Alan Evelyn C: 917-750-8710 | W: 516-299-2523 | alan4ftc@gmail.com

DERBIES, AWARDS & CONTESTS

Awards Chairman: Ray Geiger | Committee Team: Bob Benzenberg, Harry Sbaschnig & Captain Bill Morrogh

If you are holding any weigh slips for Fluke, Weakfish, Mahi, False Albacore or Green Bonito or any slips that are eligible for annual awards, please get them to us ASAP.

Note: FTC rules state that the derby weigh slips MUST be presented within two (2) weeks of the derby close. Also, please be aware there is a minimum weight requirement for all species. These weights and all FTC fishing regulations are available at: http://ftcfishing.com/FTCFishingRules.htm

The following derby awards will be awarded at our November GM: Fluke, Weakfish, Tuna, Mahi, False Albacore and Green Bonito

THE REMAINING DERBIES FOR 2018 are:



SHARK BLUEFISH COD STRIPED BASS BLACKFISH

September 15th – November 25th September 15th – November 25th September 29th – December 29th SS October 6th – November 25th October 13th – November 25th



Best Fishes and Good Luck To All, Ray Geiger

GOOD & WELFARE

Good and welfare : Happy to report no report which means everyone is well I hope . Just to clarify good and welfare is not just reporting illness or death , it also means reporting weddings , births and new boats etc.

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CHARTER TRIPS

PRIMETIME 3 - SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28 - FULL DAY

Orient Point blackfish and seabass. This trip will be a lot better than the club's last trip!! Mike assured me on this! \$50 deposit required to hold your spot \$140pp, pool and tip included!

MISS MONTAUK - FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 6am-4pm

\$110 a man... \$50 deposit required to hold spot. Limited to 35 ppl. Last year's trip was super - lock and load fishing. We had seabass to 5 lbs, blackfish to 12 lbs, codfish to 10 lbs, and porgys in the mix.

Kenneth Donowski

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NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

I have been appointed by President Matt Cardone to chair the 2018 Nominating Committee. All information is listed in our club regulations listed below or on the FTC website. Any members in good standing looking to Participate please contact me.Remember participation is the key to a great club experince. Thank you.

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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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