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# TUNA TOWER NEWS



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CAPT. JOHN J. JUTT, SR.  
EDITOR

## OKTOBERFEST GM!



THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15 @ 7PM AT THE PROPERTY  
SEE INSIDE FOR MORE DETAILS



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It has been great to see the activity down at the property somewhat close to normal. At the September GM Chris LaPorta from the NYS DEC gave us a great presentation about our local reefs and the upcoming expansion in the works. The following week Doug Tobak presented to a full house his tips and techniques for targeting and catching trophy striped bass. Many thanks to Doug and Chris and also to Bruce Forster for setting this all up.

Our October GM will again be at the property and will be our GM/Oktoberfest the 15th. Thanks in advance to John Weber for once again orchestrating the evening for us all. We have also started planning our November GM stay on the lookout for details.

As we do every November we will be holding our annual elections for the Board of Directors. Anyone interested in running for a seat, please contact or see Jim Rooney for more information.



*Capt. Adam*



# TRICK OR TREAT

# FISHING REPORT



September did not disappoint on the fishing grounds both inshore and offshore. Fluking stayed strong all the way to the close, Sea bass and porgies are still biting well at all the local spots. John Jutt and Jimmy Krug battled a windy day in the back bays and put together a nice catch of blowfish and kingfish. Yes, the blowfish are back and consistent catches have been reported by many.

Fall sharking has kicked off, Bob Bohlert released a nice mako aboard his boat the Joint Effort. Threshers are also still around and while not a club member the boat Caroline P bested a 485 lb mako, now is the time to soak some chum.

Inshore trolling for skippies and bonita has also been very productive, Bob Pandey and Ray Geiger sailed the Pandyman 20 miles and had non stop action with them. Farther off, the yellowfin are still biting on both the chunk and the troll out by the Triple Wrecks. From Captain Ralph Drews, the yellowfin tuna bite East of the Triple wrecks has been nothing short of phenomenal. Crystal clear water loaded with sand eels has been holding yellowfin, false albacore and skipjack in there for over six weeks. Boats initially were catching them on side-tracker bars at first light and popping and jigging them later in the day. By late August it turned into a midday/afternoon chunking bite. The key was to look for flocks of tuna chicks hovering over slicks left behind from tuna feeding on the sand eels, chunk heavy and free float peanut bunker rigged on 40 lb. Fluorocarbon leaders with the chunks.

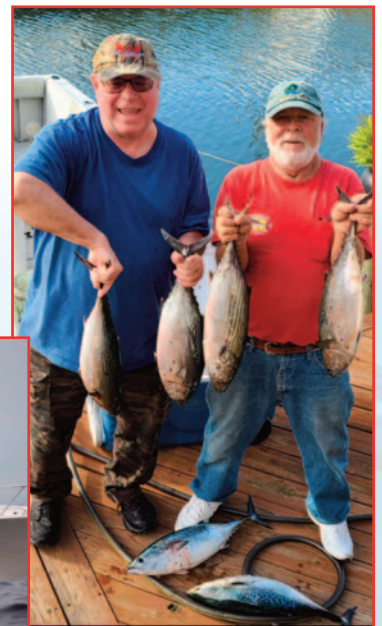
No Mercy made five trips to the area. The first trip five 45-65 lb class yellowfin tuna plus a load of false albies hit the deck on the troll. On Labor Day No Mercy made the 75 Nm run to the grounds and looked for a place to fish amongst the 300 boat fleet. Chunking produced 3 yellowfin between 45 and 79 lbs out of 7 bites and a haul of fat alberts with the boat traffic keeping the fish down. No Mercy followed that up with a mid week trip in which 15 beefy yellowfin were boated in 5 hours.

The last two trips yielded 5 yellowfin out of 7 bites in the 50-80 lb class and the final trip was the exclamation point as a huge Alison crushed a crazy 8 Sterling bar on the inside rigger. After a 60 min battle the 226 lb beauty was deck loaded. That trip also produced 8 other yellowfin caught both chunking and trolling.

Fishing on the PANDAMAN with Ray Geiger trolling feathers off shore around the Yankee Fish On!! Bonito and False Albacore 3 Rods go off at the same time! Lots of Fun.

Following last week's storms and cooler temps reports are the water temperature is now in the mid 60's and the water is not as clear and it appears the bait and tuna have scattered. Jimmy Woods on the Jenny II has also been in on the action with solid catches. Adam Bollaci on the hooker has also been in on the action. All the fish have been reported in the 50-80 lb range, they are feeding on sandeels and squid. The canyons are holding bigeyes and reports of longfin are also starting to come in. Swordfish have also had a solid showing for anyone fishing the deep.

Please be sure to text or email your reports to be featured in the newsletter. [adambollaci@gmail.com](mailto:adambollaci@gmail.com) or 516-322-0030





# STRIPER DIARIES EPISODE 24

BLITZ!!! When October rolls around it's time for our annual fishing trip in Montauk. This year was a slightly different because of Covid, but we were determined to make it happen - safely. After a coronavirus test, which yielded negative results, my brother was clear to fly. We decided on separate hotel rooms, lot of hand sanitizer, face masks and some fishing gear. We also trailered my 23 ft Everglades, so as to avoid any party boats with people. A big thanks to the guys at Montauk Marine Basin, located on West Lake Drive, for accommodating us for the week. This full service marina is a home run.

With the forecast for NE winds, shifting rapidly to SW, we knew we would have plenty of options. The best part of fishing Montauk is being able to escape the winds. On a South wind, the coves at Shagwong Beach, Big Rock, Canarie's, the Cut and Split Rock are all great options. On a north wind, Coconuts Reef, Tumas Beach, Tea House and Caswells are the spots to fish. With that in mind, we headed out of the inlet. We were quickly greeted by splashes and a line of dive bombing birds. The fall run is here, my brother yells out! Grab a deadly dick!! The false albacore were crashing in what looked like a bubbling sea of fish. I grabbed my 7ft rod paired with a Stradic 3000c for some light tackle action. We were casting until our arms were ready to fall off, landing everything from false albacore, striped bass, blue fish and even a giant porgy. What a banner first day!

The next day we decided to fish the notorious rips looking for bigger fish. Time to grab some heavier gear. Before leaving for Montauk, I stopped at Sea Isle and purchased three (3) new 6'4 Diawa jiggging rods, jig weight 50-130g paired with three (3) Tsunami Forged lever drag reels. Thanks to Rob for quickly putting these setups together. As we headed to the "rips" there were splashes and birds everywhere. It was a sea of striped bass. Have I died and gone to fish heaven? Deadly dicks with teaser rigs did the trick. It was 'running and gunning' as they say. As we entered the rips, the water was huge... and I mean big. We jigged on the bottom with A47's trying to entice a big bass. Fishing was tricky as we tried to avoid the waves crashing into the stern. After a few minutes, we decided it was better to be safe. I am not that familiar with the 'rips' and my boat suddenly seemed tiny. We hightailed it around the point, towards the Rat Hole and Driftwood Cove. Since it was a North wind, it was glass. Thank goodness! We grabbed the binoculars to look for birds and all of a sudden were saw giant splashes. A sea of striped bass swimming on the surface. Is this place for real??

The rest of the week was filled with fish, food and family. I highly recommend taking a trip to Montauk for the fall run of false albacore and striped bass, for those anglers who have not. It was a trip of a lifetime. Lets hope those fish swim west towards Jones Inlet!! Until my next adventure. Tight Lines.

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*Capt. Barbara Solomon*  
F/V Legal Limits

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Stay off the walkways as much as possible because they are not in the best of condition. Upgrades are being addressed at this time. Winter storage time is nearing and if you wish to solidify a spot be sure to send a check and a contract to Don Granger @ FTC PO Box 5 Freeport, NY 11520. ( contracts will NOT be sent out, they are downloadable from the website ) Winter storage remains at \$15 per foot and all are reminded if on a trailer be sure name is on the trailer, if on blocks and shrink wrapped be sure name appears on the shrink wrap. Arrangements to have your boat put on the property can be made through Traversers marine. They will once again be handling the placement of boats on the property. Our marina is full for next season with the possibility of one slip available. Just to stay ahead of the curve and to keep all informed next years rate will be \$80 per foot. To offset the increase and save some money will again be offering a 5% discount to those who pay there bill in full when the first payment is due. Keep in mind the percs of storing on the property; you can do all your own work if you choose or you can bring in people to do it for you.

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**Members of leadership and our house committee will be needed to help with audio, hanging and securing sides of the awning, heater and table set up and clean up. The cook crew is very busy and cannot ensure a successful event without help!**

## HELLO FTC MEMBERS

I like to start off to thank all our first responders, medical professionals and essential workers, please stay safe and healthy and I hope to see you all soon at our club. We have to remember that covid is still a risk. A lot of fishing and club activity's were put on hold. But on that note. I like to say we have great events Coming your way in near future. Hope everyone's on the fall bass bite !!! Tight lines -

Semper Fi!

*Robert Cincotta* 2nd VP  
F/V The Flounder Flopper

## ENTERTAINMENT

We had a very successful Striped Bass seminar presented by Doug Toback on 9/22. Doug drew a full house and certainly everyone who attended had many valued takeaways. Thanx so much Doug! Big thanks to Ben Goldsmith and James for entertaining the CA crew back on 9/24. It's great to see some young talent. As always the CA crew and House Committee are on their game supporting events on the property. As of now there are no Entertainment events scheduled. However, we are considering some off-season events at the Club House so stay tuned.

*Bruce C. Forster*  
F/V Oh Reely and F/V Oh Yeah

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If anyone is holding any weigh slips, now is the time to get them to us ASAP. We must have them physically in hand within two weeks of the derby close.

**The following derbies closed:**

- FLUKE (9/13), WEAKFISH (9/20), TUNA(9/20)**
- MAHI (9/27), FALSE ALBACORE (9/27)**
- & GREEN BONITO (9/27)**

These derby awards will be presented at our November GM (at Nawlins next month). Be sure to have it on your calendar, it's a great night at a great venue!

**The remaining 2020 derbies are:**

- |                 |                                   |
|-----------------|-----------------------------------|
| <b>COD</b>      | <b>September 2 – December 3</b>   |
| <b>SEA BASS</b> | <b>September 6 – October 4</b>    |
| <b>SHARK</b>    | <b>September 12 – November 22</b> |
| <b>BLUEFISH</b> | <b>September 12 – November 22</b> |

I wish to thank my committee and all of you members for your efforts this year. The catch may be off, but your spirits are high. See you at our Oktoberfest! Good Luck To All !!

Best Fishes, *Ray Geiger*

# 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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