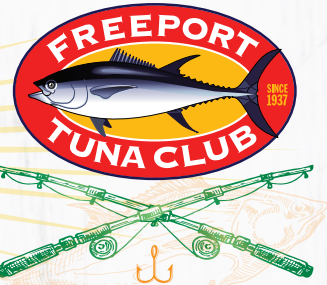


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**NEXT GM**

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14**

**7:30PM AT BRACCO'S**

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## **Master Anglers Series Kickoff**

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will share their local angling expertise.



## President's Message

Here it is October... and everybody's out fishing for Tuna, Stripers, Blackfish and Seabass.

I would like to thank John Weber for a great job on the Oktoberfest and everybody else that helped them to make it such a great event. Hope everybody enjoyed themselves!

We're getting close to taking boats on the property. I just want to remind everybody to keep the area around their boats clean and free of debris. For any boats coming onto the property for the winter storage, you must contact Tom Leprine to find out where your boat will be located.

For this month's GM we will be beginning our Master Angler Series with Captain Adam Bollacci, Chris Lombardo and Bob Sabella lending their expertise. They will each be speaking on the fish they target. So, everyone come on down and enjoy yourselves and maybe even learn something new! This month's GM will be held on Thursday, October 14 at Bracco's Restaurant on Woodcliff Canal. Doors will open at 7 o'clock.

We also will be holding our elections for the 2022 Board of Directors. Anyone interested in running for a seat, please contact Jim Rooney for more information.

Thank you very much,

*Rick Totten*



# TRICK OR TREAT



# Derbies, Awards & Contests

Awards Chairman: Ray Geiger | Committee: Harry Sbaschnig & Bill Morrogh

According to the leaves that are appearing on my lawn, Fall has officially arrived. Thanks to all who helped to make this year's Oktoberfest a memorable one indeed.

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.

Congrats to all who managed to get out to the Rockaway Canyon. I understand it was great fishing and a fuel saver to boot!

A shout out goes to Barbara Solomon who caught a 40.4 lb cobia. Well done!!!

Our Latest Derby Winners Are:

## BLACK SEABASS

<b>1st Place:</b>	MaryEllen Zullo	3.31 lbs.	F/V Magic Too
<b>2nd Place:</b>	Steve Valenti	3.0 lbs.	F/V Reel Deal
<b>3rd Place:</b>	Chris Bellinzi	2.63 lbs.	F/V Reel Deal

The following derbies are closed:

<b>FLUKE</b>	<b>Closed September 12th</b>
<b>WEAKFISH</b>	<b>Closed September 19th</b>
<b>TUNA</b>	<b>Closed September 19th</b>
<b>MAHI</b>	<b>Closed September 26th</b>
<b>FALSE ALBACORE</b>	<b>Closed September 26th</b>
<b>GREEN BONITO</b>	<b>Closed September 26th</b>

These derby awards will be presented at our November GM. Be sure to have it on your calendar, it's a great night if you are not a turkey!

I will be unable to attend this month's GM due to a scheduling conflict, but will be there in November. Good Luck To All!!!

Best Fishes, *Ray Geiger*

# Property Manager Needed

After many years of service Don Grainger is stepping down from his part of managing the property. Thank you for your tireless effort in ensuring that all of the winter and summer contracts were in place and that all the behind the scenes operations were taken care of.

Some of the responsibilities entail the following:

- Sending and receiving Winter and Summer contracts and proof of insurance.
- Accounts receivable and reconciliation. a.k.a. collecting payments.
- Coordinating placement of boats on property for winter storage to maximize space.

The club needs to fill this role of the property management team asap. If anyone is interested please reach out to me 516-322-0030 or Jim Rooney 516-850-6772. Don will be available for training but we need to get a new team member on board before he heads south for the winter.

Thanks in advance,

*Adam Bollaci*



# Fishing Report

September sure did deliver big to get the fall fishing off to a great start.

The Fluke season ended strong with quality fish caught from Jones all the way to Montauk.

The local reefs and wrecks produced good number of sea bass and quite a few triggers in the mix.

Plenty of Schoolie bass and bluefish have been around both in the bays and inlets. Bigger fish are starting to be caught, a good sign of what is to come over the next few weeks. For anyone fishing clams at the bridges and local piers blowfish are being caught in good numbers.

Reports of the fall shark run have been coming in with catches of both makos and threshers. The 20-fathom curve has been holding fish with some reports of fish even closer.

The bluefin bite inshore remained solid all through September, Ralph Drews f/v *No Mercy*, Adam Bollaci f/v *Hooker*, Doug Toback f/v *Corazon* and Steve Bassford f/v *The Bassman* all had catches of quality Bluefin. Live bunker is still the hot bait of choice.

Further offshore the yellowfin bite is starting to come alive, nice catches of fish to 120 lbs. have been coming in. All the action is on bait, jigs and poppers. Bigeye and mahi are also still being caught.

Please Email or Text your reports, [adambollaci@gmail.com](mailto:adambollaci@gmail.com) or 516-322-0030





# Striper Diaries EPISODE 32

Montauk - - whenever I get a chance to fish Montauk, I jump at the opportunity. Fall fishing can produce a mixed bag, and if fishing around the full moon, almost anything can happen. As we loaded the boat on the trailer and hit the road, we said a quick prayer to the fish gods. Montauk can produce big swell, and big fish, and this trip did not disappoint.



Our first day out was an exploratory mission. We figured we would look for birds and chase the bait. Getting the "lay of the land" is extremely important when navigating in unfamiliar territory. As we broke the harbor, we were greeted with bright sunshine and light west winds. The plan was to ride around and cast and blast looking for false albies and striped bass. We motored past Clark's Cove and North Bar, Jones Reef and finally out to the Point. With not much action in the way of birds we decided to drift and jig the bottom. Diamond jigs and bucktails were deployed in the rips - wow that water moves fast. We were drifting at over 2 knots. With a west wind and an outgoing tide we were flying. To my surprise the bottom was loaded with keeper sea bass, porgies and trigger fish. Once the tide slowed down, we even got lucky with some 27 inch striped bass. That's a win-win for sure. With the cooler loaded we headed back to the barn.



Day 2 began much the same. Except the light wind was out of the east. As we headed out of the harbor, we ran into Mike S. a fellow Tuna Club member. I know that Mike is a long time Montauk fisherman, and I had no bones about asking for help. He graciously told us to tag along and even gave us tips and secrets on the way out to the rips. What a difference a day makes. We drifted the rips, learned where to set up on the drift and bingo it was game on! Within minutes we had a double header!! A nice 29 inch striped bass and a cow - all of 42 inches!! We grabbed the net and brought both fish to the deck. A quick picture of the 42 inch bass and then she was safely released. It seemed like every drift produced fish, with sea bass and triggers mixed in flying over the rails. By 5pm we were exhausted and ready to head back to the barn. A big shout out to Mike S., for paying it forward and sharing his knowledge and experience with us!! Stay safe and until my next adventure, Tight Lines.

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## Entertainment

A big thanks to the Captains & Anglers Crew and Herr Weber on a fine Oktoberfest. Our October meeting will feature a return to our Master Angler Series. Past President Adam Bollacci, sharpie Chris Lombardo and "Old Sam" Bob Sabella will be presenting some local angling expertise. Don't miss it! I hope you are all ready for the fall season.

*Bruce C. Forster* F/V Oh Reely

## Nominating Committee

The committee is looking for members who are interested in helping to lead the club into the future. Any members considering joining the Board of Directors please contact me at jp5820@aol.com.

The committee is also looking for 3 general members to sit on the committee with the Board of Directors.

Thank you,

*Jim Rooney*

Nominating Committee Chairman

## Property Committee



For any member that will be storing their boat on the property this winter that will be on a trailer. The jack has to be fully functioning, the committee from time to time needs to move boats for access and also to better maximize space on the yard. Without a working jack this makes the task very difficult.

Thank you for your cooperation.

*Your Property Committee*

## Captains & Anglers

BBOs will be continuing through the fall as weather permits. A huge thank you to John Weber and the Cook Crew for an excellent Oktoberfest. Another big thank you to Ray Geiger and Harry Sbaschnig for their donation of a barrel of Hofbräu Beer. It was an excellent night of food and drink.

Thank you, *Jim Rooney*

## How well do you know saltwater fishing?

Answer these 10 short questions and find out!

- 1) Yellowfin tuna are found in tropical and subtropical waters worldwide, except in...
  - Caribbean Sea
  - Indian Ocean
  - Mediterranean
  - North Atlantic
- 2) The Dorado (a.k.a. mahi mahi | a.k.a. dolphin) grow at an incredible rate of...
  - 4 inches per year
  - 5 inches per month
  - 9 inches per year
  - up to 1 inch per week
- 3) Which of these popular gamefish is called "Ono" in Hawaii?
  - Blue Marlin
  - Yellowfin Tuna
  - Striped Marlin
  - Wahoo
- 4) What state was the world record American Red Snapper caught in?
  - Florida
  - Alabama
  - Louisiana
  - Texas
- 5) Which of these pelagic gamefish is the world's fastest fish?
  - Sailfish
  - Wahoo
  - Bluefin Tuna
  - Blue Marlin
- 6) In Ernest Hemingway's classic "The Old Man and the Sea", Santiago does battle with an enormous...
  - Whale
  - Bull Shark
  - Tuna
  - Blue Marlin
- 7) What saltwater fish is commonly known as "The Silver King"?
  - Wahoo
  - King Mackerel
  - Tarpon
  - Mako Shark
- 8) What country was the world record black marlin caught in?
  - Australia
  - Samoa
  - Panama
  - Peru
- 9) Which of these oceanic gamefish is the least likely to jump when hooked?
  - Dorado/Mahi
  - Black Marlin
  - Bluefin Tuna
  - Mako Shark
- 10) What is the largest grouper species in the world?
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  - Warsaw Grouper
  - Giant (Queensland) Grouper
  - Goliath Grouper



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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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