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Tuna Tower News



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CAPT. JOHN J. JUTT, SR., EDITOR

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7PM - 11PM

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President's Message

November is upon us and boats are starting to come on to the property.

We have our annual turkey raffle coming up at the next general meeting, on November 10th. Then the following Thursday we will be having our deep-fried turkey dinner cooked by the cook crew at Captains and Anglers

Everybody should be out fishing! The blackfish and striped bass continue to be plentiful all over Long Island, in all sizes - so get out there before you take your boat out of the water and fish them up!

A reminder that December 11 is the Christmas party — which is a big family event — at the Yacht Club and we're looking for donations for prizes. Please contact Paul, Cathy or Cassidy Cunningham if you would like to help set up for the Christmas party.

Happy Thanksgiving to you all!

Thank you, *Rick*



HONORING ALL WHO SERVED
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get in on our annual turkey raffle!

Property

Hope everyone had a good summer. It's time once again to fill up the yard with boats. Last year was great so I'm hoping for the same cooperation and patience from everyone so we can get the winter storage done with ease.

Same rules as last year. Send me a text or call when you know a week or so before you have your boat hauled and plan on bringing it to the property. If you are on a trailer, your jack **must** be in working order. That means the crank should be working and the wheel or skid plate should be working as well. If it's not in working order please replace it or it may be replaced at our discretion and you will be charged for it.

All trailers should have your name and number on it in case we have to contact you. When your boat is shrink wrapped please put your name and number in the bow area with a black sharpie type marker also.

If it has to be moved you will be called to let you know it has to be moved or if we notice something that needs to be addressed, such as shrink wrap ripped or compromised we can call you. Doing that makes it easier to figure out who's boat it is.

If you need a winter storage application send me an email and I will reply and send it to you. Get them in as soon as you can since it is on a first come first serve basis to reserve your spot.

As a reminder boats are no allowed on property without payment in full and also proof of insurance. Please put a copy of your insurance card with your payment. Thank you in advance for your cooperation and patience.

Tom L

516-316-7669 cell | tom58tom@gmail.com

Business

It looks like it's going to be a full winter storage this year. So if you're still interested in storing your boat on the property, please let us know. Tom Leprine 516 316 7669, Rick Totten 516 779 3347 or Bob Dimino 516 765 1555

Please go to Freeport Tuna Club website <http://www.ftc-fishing.com> and download winter contract. mail to, P.O.Box 5, Freeport NY 11520 or reach one of us and we can meet we have contracts in the clubhouse. We would appreciate your call before bringing your boat to the property so we can better place you in the right location.

There will be two slips available for the upcoming summer season 2023 if anybody is interested please call me.

Have a happy and healthy Thanksgiving! Thank you, any questions please call business manager

Bob Dimino 516 765- 1555

Fishing Committee

The Measure and Release Striped Bass Calcutta is in full swing. We have over 50 participants and many entries. Please remember there are THREE ways to win:

- Entry drawing
- Calcutta monies for longest fish
- Submittal drawing. EVERY submittal goes into a drawing for an awesome Capital Tackle supplied prize. The more fish you submit, the better your chances are so even those 37" fish have a chance to win!

All the info you need is at www.FTCbigfish.com so it's not too late to get in on this event. The Calcutta season ends December 15th.

Tight lines and calm seas,

Bruce C. Forster F/V Oh Yeah

Derbies, Awards & Contests

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

If any members are holding any weigh slips, now is the time to get them to us ASAP please. Club rules dictate that we must have them physically in hand within two weeks of the derby close. Our committee will be reviewing slips soon for the year end awards and would appreciate them all sooner than later.

The following derbies awards will be presented at our November GM:

Sea Bass			
1st Place	Mike Zullo	3.69 lbs	F/V Magic Too
Fluke			
1st Place	MaryEllen Zullo	5.0 lbs	F/V Magic Too
2nd Place	Mike Zullo	4.63 lbs	F/V Magic Too
3rd Place	Steve Valenti	3.63 lbs	F/V Four Bells
Tuna			
1st Place	Marty Dowling	67 lbs (YFT)	F/V Isabella
2nd Place	Steve Bassford	65 lbs (YFT)	F/V No Mercy
3rd Place	Ray Eginton	52 lbs (LFT)	F/V Isabella
Mahi			
1st Place	Bob Pandy	4.19 lbs	F/V Pandaman

The remaining 2022 Derbies are:

SHARK	September 10th - November 20th
BLUEFISH	September 10th - November 20th
COD	September 24th - December 4th
STRIPED BASS	October 1st - November 20th
BLACKFISH	October 15th - November 27th

We hope to see all of you members at our November GM this year. It's our turkey night!. Please come on down to celebrate our club and the upcoming holidays.

Good Luck To All!! Best Fishes!

Ray Geiger

Fishing Report

When it comes to Fall fishing - October 2022 sure delivered as one for the record books. Out in the canyons and tuna grounds the bite was nothing short of epic. What started behind the draggers 60 miles out shifted to the Hudson, chunking and jigging produced solid catches of yellowfin, long fin and bigeye. The bite was solid overnight and even better during the day, the yellowfin were the 60-90 lb class and Bigeyes up to 78" were caught. Chris Lombardo and Steve Bassman were part of a crew that filled the boat with quality yellowfin all on the chunk. The *Hooker* sailed late in the month and put a solid catch together of yellowfin and longfin, filling the box in only a couple hours with an insane bite.

On the inshore front the bass came in early and all that got in on this bite were rewarded with catches of some of the biggest bass we have seen with many personal bests being caught. Fish to over 50" were reported with many between 45-50", plenty of slot fish were also in the mix. Both trolling and live lining bunker produced. Boats that were in on the action included *Oh Yeah*, *Corazon*, *No Mercy*, *Easy Rider*, *Hooker*, *Kingfisher*, *Joint Effort*, *Over the Rail*, and *Bassman* - apologies if I missed anyone.

Cindy Weinblatt caught and safely released striped bass aboard Capt. Harry Weinblatt's *No Competition* Sunday, October 30th. 54 feet of water south of Long Beach on a Green Reliable Bunker Spoon.

On the blackfish end - the season has started out strong with the local bridges producing quality catches of keeper fish. Action on the local wrecks and reefs has been improving as the water cools. There was an annual club organized trip aboard *Brooklyn Girl* out in Orient where Gary Ferber and Bob Dimino took home the pool. Fishing was solid with limits around the boat for all. Thanks to Ken Donowski for organizing the trip.

For anyone fishing the north shore the bass and bluefish bite has also been lights out. Schoolies, slots and overs have been plentiful, with blitzes going off all through the day. Also worth noting that in the north shore bays we have been seeing monster bluefish to 36" tearing up gear.



Thanks to all that are sending in reports, please continue to do so. Wishing everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Please text or email your reports.

Capt. Adam Bollaci

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Striper Diaries EPISODE 44

Is fishing really about catching big fish, or is it about the relationships we make along with way - well maybe a little bit of both. As October was approaching, I spent the last few weeks getting ready for our annual fall run trip to Montauk. Montauk is one of those special places on earth. Some people call it heaven, and I agree. It's where lifetime memories are made. My mom took us to Montauk every fall to

chase the striped bass migration. Those are memories that I will keep forever in my heart. After her passing, my brother and I decided we would keep the family tradition alive. It would not be the same without mom, but we would forge ahead and make new memories as adults. My brother is an avid fisherman, both from the surf and boat. After arriving from California, our plan was to trailer the boat and camper to the Mecca. Spend 15 days in search of big fish, while making priceless memories along with way.

We arrived in Montauk for the October full moon. Only this trip my brother had a surprise - a friend would accompany him. That very special friend was Jonathan Smith, custom plug builder from the Santa Cruz, Northern California area. Not only did Jonathan bring his latest custom plugs, he wanted us to become his "east coast testers" (No pressure). Jonathan spoke at length about his friend and mentor, legendary Mike Fixter known as "Pixie Mike." As the story goes, Jonathan was blessed to learn everything from Mike and was reluctant to take any credit at all. As he displayed each plug, he spoke in great detail about the construction. Each plug is made of Alaskan yellow cedar wood with quality components, including stainless steel wire, Spro swivels, HD stainless Steel rings, and VMC 4X hooks. No small detail is missed. What he explained, is that Alaskan cedar wood is very buoyant, does not take on water like other materials can, and is very durable to hook scrapes. Jonathan is humble, quiet and soft spoken. He is true master at his craft. I was blown away.

Now to put the plugs to the test. The plan was to wake up super early and head to the point and drift the rips. I had to give the 'ole disclaimer about how this could just be another boat ride. Truth is, I was nervous about even finding any fish. We ate dinner early and I went to bed at 7pm! I prayed all night to the fish gods, as I knew the pressure was on. There are times in your life when you just wish the stars would align - - and the tides, winds and weather would cooperate. Well my prayers were answered. As we headed out of the Harbor in the gray light, the wind was dead calm and the water was glass. Pete Cefai was at the helm and we decided to go straight to the rips. As we approached, we saw birds and the water

was glistening and bubbling. Holy crap! It was a sea of striped bass feeding on bait. Jonathan starts yelling - grab my plug and cast! Well I grabbed my 7ft. carbon shield rod, put on his plug, and threw it out as fast as I could. BAM! Fish on! It was lock and load, lights out, all out bonanza. We fished until late afternoon, landing fish on almost every cast while I was yelling out "I got another one" and "whooot whooot" "fish on." It was pure joy. Other boats were coming close and could not believe their eyes. At one point, another boat pulls up while I am fighting a cow and yells out "Battle hair Barbara - you're a bad ass." Let's just say, that is a moment going down in the books.

The following days were a carbon copy and both Jonathan and my brother Lee landed their personal best. It was a trip of a lifetime, making new friendships and memories along with way. Without a doubt, the plugs made all the difference! I am honored to be a part of the East Coast Team. If anyone is interested in finding out more information on these plugs, you can checkout Jonathan Smith's Instagram page at Hokaheyfishing or reach out to me directly.

As my mom always says "it doesn't get better than this!"

Until my next adventure.
Tight lines.

*Capt.
Barbara
Solomon*

F/V Legal Limits



Good & Welfare

We regret to inform the membership of the passing of Kenny Kaplan

Thank you!

Jeff Squeri

516-652-5981

Membership

Membership renewal letters will be sent out soon, please return them promptly or at your earliest convenience. I hope everyone is enjoying the Fall fishing season!!!!

Thank You,

Chris Lombardo

Captains & Anglers

Thursday night bbqs will be winding down as the weather gets colder please keep an eye on Facebook our website and emails for and changes or cancellations.

Thank you,

Jim Rooney

Entertainment

All's quiet here as the Holiday Season gets underway. I hope our members are getting in on the Striper and Black Fish bite. Be safe. I am still looking for members to join the Entertainment committee and as always, I do take requests and recommendations. Call me at (516) 443-4680

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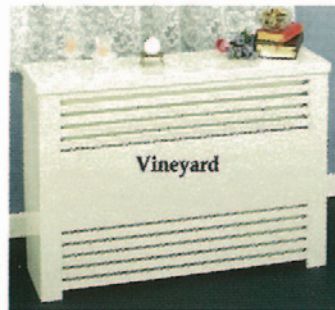
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This year we once again encourage all members to participate and donate a basket to be raffled off. Please include your name on the basket it will be acknowledged at the time of raffle.

If you would like to volunteer or have any questions contact Paul Cunningham.

NOMINATIONS

The nominating committee nominates the following members for the Board of Directors

JIM AZZI
JOHN DAUM
BRUCE FORSTER
SHARON MISSAN
BOB PANDY
JIM ROONEY

*On behalf of the Board of Directors
and the Editorial Staff we'd like to
wish all the general membership
and their families a healthy, safe &
Happy Thanksgiving!*

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