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NEXT GM

Thursday, November 14, 2013 at 7:30pm
Cure Of Ars Auditorium
Merrick Avenue • Merrick
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GOBBLE GOBBLE ANNUAL Turkey Raffle!

Please attend the November Meeting
This is the most highly attended meeting of the year
We ask all member to please come out and join us.
This will be the last GM of the year.

President's Message.....

Dear Members,

THANKSGIVING

At last month's General meeting we were entertained by Rich Johnson. Rich is the creator, host, and producer of "The Fishing Line" radio show on WGBB 1240 AM radio. He also hosts "The Fishing Line" television show on cable and satellite. He has put on many seminars and lectures. We enjoyed having him speak at our meeting. Rich is moving to Myrtle Beach S. Carolina where it is a little warmer, but he will continue to do his radio show.

As of this writing we are starting the month of November and our General Meeting on the 14th we will be having our annual TURKEY RAFFLE so please make sure you attend.

Also the Striped Bass season has taken off to a great start. The South Shore of Long Island is piled thick with sand eels. All you need to do is find the bait, drop your diamond jig to the bottom and then you've got-em! There are also large Bluefish in the mix. I fished 2 weeks ago on Paul Cunningham's boat Second Chance and we did very well. Also last week I fished on Dave Pincus's Canyon Lady east of Fire Island and the Bass were plentyful. After filleting the fish their bellies were full of sand eels. The Blackfish trip set up by Paul Cunningham on the Prime Time Charters out of Orient Point was a great success. They had 12 members participating and they did very well limiting out.

On October 17th we celebrated our OKTOBERFEST at the property. Everyone who attended had a great time. The food was scrumptious with bratwurst, sauerbraten, potato pancakes, spetzels, and apple pie. We washed it all down with a keg of Wurstiener beer. I want to thank John Weber (Bunker Gear) for taking the time and preparing all the authentic German style foods. I also want to thank John Kampa. He won the 50/50 and gave it all back to the Captain Anglers which helped to fund this great event. Thanks John.

As you know the Football season is upon us and I had mentioned in

last month's message that we would start a football pool and that 10 percent of the money's collected would go to the club. Freeport Tuna Club member Mitch Vidur has graciously volunteered to head up the football pool. He has a board set up with 3 pools for \$5.00 boxes, \$10.00 boxes, and \$20.00 boxes. So see Mitch at the next General Meeting.



Don't forget about our Boat raffle. Tickets are only \$10.00 each. But 10 tickets for \$100.00. This is a fund raiser for the club. If you win it and you don't need it you could sell it for a good profit. It's a 9ft inflatable boat with a 5 horse powered Tohatsu outboard motor. Time is running out. The winning ticket will be picked at the December 1st Holiday Party. So see Jim Rooney for tickets.

This years Holiday Party will be on Sunday December 1st. It will also be combined with our December General Meeting. Our 2nd VP. Chris Scarpantonio has been shopping for all the gifts for the raffle and he is doing a super job. So make sure you attend your Holiday Party.

As of this message we have 192 members. At the last GM the attendance prize was won by Arnold Fleisher and he gave it back to the club. The 50/50 was won by our Treasurer John Daum and he gave it back to the club. I want to thank these members for their support to the club.

Give a man a fish feed him for a day- Teach a man to fish- you get rid of him for a weekend!

~ President 2013 ~ Bob Pandey



FISHING REPORT

OFFSHORE REPORTS

As our offshore season is coming to an end,
here is a Canyon re-cap report
by Captain Chris F/V Wasabi:

2013 - Year in Review

"The 2013 offshore season produced mixed results for the crew of Wasabi. To some extent, I was pre-occupied with a lot of non-fishing work as I rebuilt, renovated and refinanced 9 apartment buildings damaged by Sandy. We still got to get out when the fishing was good. We fished hard and had a number of good trips, but overall the fishing was slower, with very few Yellowfin in our local Canyons, and not as many BFT as in past years. The nice surprise was the repeat of a solid BIGEYE and longfin bite, and swords at night being a good bet in September and October.

Our season typically begins in early May along the 30 fathom line where we intercept Bluefin on the move. This year we needed to make our way out to the 100 fathom line on May 10th to find the season's first tuna, a pair of 50# class Bluefin Tuna on the edge of a temp break in Middle Toms Canyon, 105 NM from Jones. Bluefin Tuna fishing did not really heat up in late May and early June in the NY bite as it usually does, as the big story up here was Sharks. However, a big body of BFT found their way into the Coimbra area in late June. They moved back and forth from the Coimbra and out to the east from late June through September. Timing their move into the area correctly resulted in great fishing at times with 2 dozen bites possible. We had several good Coimbra BFT trips in June, July, and August. The Northern Canyons (Toms to the Tails) saw slow fishing with zero Yellowfin on the troll or chunk. The big story for August and September in the Hudson was the abundance of BIGEYE and Longfin tuna. We had several trips with multiple Bigeye catches, with fish ranging from 150 to 200 pounds, and double digit Longfin catches with fish between 40 and 60 pounds. A glimmer of hope of a Yellowfin chunk bite was short lived in late September over a few week period as good catches of 60-80 pound Yellowfin were made by a few boats, but missed by many. When the weather cooperated in October, Longfin continued to make a big showing in the Hudson along with some good swordfish catches mixed in. For many, the season is already over. I'm still holding out hope that we will finish the season on a good note with a shot of Giant Bluefin in late November and Early December.

So what happened with the YFT this year and last? Southern Canyons, like from the Lindy on south to the Washington saw incredible catches of Yellowfin and BIGEYE Tuna all season. Those areas benefited from a very active pattern of interaction with the Gulfstream that brought numerous eddies, loaded with fish, right onto the edge. The Northern Canyons saw very little, if any, Gulfstream interaction and eddy development. The result, very few Yellowfin.. The Longfin and BIGEYE that are more tolerant of lower water temps dont seem to need the gulfstream water as much as the Yellowfin do, and therefore tend to just follow the bait along the edge."

Our final canyon report for this season came in from Captain Adam Bollaci:

On the weekend of October 5th Captain Adam did an FTC Member trip with Bill Morrogh, Earl & Tony Bolliac. The crew sailed to the 100 Square of the Hudson Canyon in slick calm conditions. Their trip bested 11~ Longfin, 2~Yellowfin, a 24 lbs. Mahi & a 15 lbs. Tilefish. A great trip considering that many boats had zeros & the water temperature had dropped from the mid 60's to the high 50 degree range.

Also from the Hudson Canyon that weekend Dock Master Richie Woodcleft reported that he weigh in a 294 Big Eye Tuna from the F/V Cliff Hanger. Richie reports this Big Eye to be the largest of the year weigh in!

Inshore Action:

On the inshore trolling bite, On October 3rd- Captain Peter Cefai reported an excellent trolling bite of Green Bonita, False Albacore, & Mahi up to 16 lbs.!

On October 6th Captain John Jutt did a shark trip to the old HA area. John report only on Blue shark and aWhopping 21 lbs. Mahi! Which made the day with a great air show.

Captain Kenny Kapner along with club members Woody Anderson, Joe Pace & Joe Steiner put together a very fine bottom catch at the G&D Wreck. With 20 quality Seabass and plate size Porgies.

Striped Bass Report:

WOW.....! Insane local Jones Beach Bite!

On the week of October 14th Captain Paul Noto F/V Rocket Fish gave this slammer report:

"By far the start of the best fall in ALOT of years. I'm sure a lot of the club guys are in on this bite so this report may be old news but here goes...Last 2 trips to the east were epic!!! We have been using jigs and artificials...The crew consisted of Tony Scarp and " Causeway Chris"-- one trip yielded over 20 fish ranging from 10- low 20LBS-- all on light tackle... AWESOME!!!

Saturday lines in by 7ish-- 2 man crew of Pete DiThomas & me--we found them in deeper water hot and heavy...We Boated over 12 bass ranging from 20 to 29 lb... Bluefish showed a little later in the morning and we weighed one at just under 17lbs... I had 2 monster bass bites. I'm guessing the fish had to be in the high 40lb range if not better,,, these beasts were strong!!! Both times the fish BENT hooks and came undone after 10 minute tug of wars...#@\$#@%--- oh well-- just another fish story and some busted hooks to mail back."

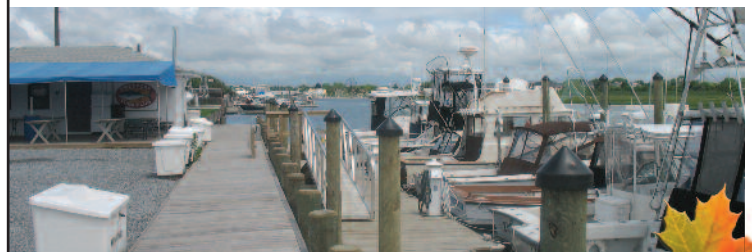
Captain Ralph Drewes report the following:

"October 19th we fished off the Point of Woods with an excellent catch all on jigs consisting of 15 bass up to 40 lbs., with 6 over 30 lbs., 18 Weakfish, & 12 giant Bluefish.

On November 2nd with the jigging bite off we headed down to Debs Inlet & wire trolled. The action was pretty constant all day with keeper bass ranging from 33" to 40". Total fish boated was 3 with 9 released."

Captain Alan Evelyn F/V Water Taxi reports the following:

"New FTC member Bill Birk fished with me on September 19th. While myself and others aboard were content to cast at marauding bluefish on the surface, Bill kept his diamond jig close to the bottom and focused on bass. Bill was rewarded with the first bass of the day taken off Tobay Beach. In addition to Bill's bass, the Fish Taxi crew scored another 20 pound bass, many large bluefish, and more than a dozen weakfish."



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Out East Montauk Report:

Report from Captain Anthony Testa:

"On October 6th I fished with club members Larry Festa, Mike Sullivan and Ralph Drewes for a full day of bottom fishing. Lines off at 6am and off to the point looking to pick up where we left off last week with the bass. Fish were in the same spot but only smaller. Easy fishing with non-stop action on bass and blues. Once we caught what we needed it was time to head off shore.

We fished some offshore pieces for Seabass, had plenty of action but most were shorts and plenty of porgies. Then we headed off to Block Island for some cod. We had some dog fish and managed to put 5 codfish on ice.

On our return we hit the point again for a little more jigging but things were quiet probably from the hundreds of boats that fished the area all day".

Every wonder why the call Montauk the MECA? Well here is a trip for the books.

Image this..... Oct 6th lines off at 6 am, round the point and jig your limit of striped bass....next a quick run offshore for a little sharking and wham! A nice keeper Mako. But hey! The day is still young so let's hit a wreck or two for a nice catch of keeper Cod & back to the dock before 5 pm. Well that is the way Captain Jimmy & Bobby Krug run their fishing adventures..... **WOW!**

On October 19th Captain Testa did a solo trip off the point. The bassing was slow with heavy Bluefish action. Anthony switched over to Seabass & put together a limited trip of jumbos. The high light of the trip was that he hooked into 2 100 lb. Bluefins, however they both made good there escape.

Report from Captain Charlie Spring:

"On October 26th I fished Saturday with some friends and my son CJ. We took a long ride to the East leaving at 3am arriving at first light. On the first stop it was none stop Seabass action, throwing back 3lbs fish for the first two hours plus keeping 35-40 quality fish and some plate size Porgies. Then we moved around finding 15 cod to 25lbs plus and filling out our limit of Seabass. The dogfish were there I personally had 10 all day not terrible. Some of the best Seabass fishing I have seen in a while. Tight lines and calm seas all day."

North Shore Report:

Captain Andy Herr reports:

"Black fish are here. keepers are in the range of 3 to 6 pounds with a 10 pound already hit the deck this season. We have the permit to fish in Conn. waters and that where he have been hanging our hat a past couple of weeks and doing well. When we hit the spots we put down a double rig one with a green crab and the other with clam. This way we are pulling up blackfish, sea bass and porgies. That system is working pretty well for us with rods constantly bent over with something.

The bluefish and stripers are around just like the south shore got to get through the bluefish before the stripers will take the bunker chunks. Jigs are working as well but not as good as the bunker chunks"

Captain Joe Steiner reports:

Joe along with John Daum, Kristen Daum trip Organizer Paul Cunningham & several other club members' fished Orient Point on the F/V Prime Time. The team angled 40 Blackfish & 10 sea bass with the pool going to Kristen Daum's 7 lbs. Blackfish.

A short re-cap of some very fine FTC fish:

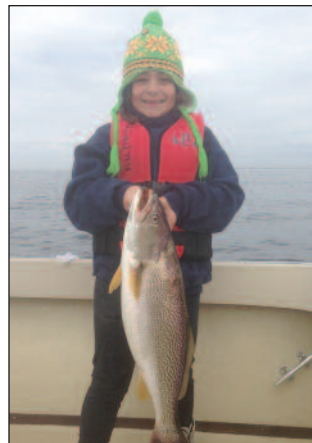
- Bill Morrogh ~ 15 lbs. Tile F/V Hooker
- Adam Bollaci ~ 24 lbs. Mahi Hudson Canyon Tile F/V Hooker
- Adam Bollaci ~ 57 lbs. Yellowfin Spinning Tackle F/V Hooker
- Ralph Drewes~ 40 lbs. Striped Bass Jones Beach F/V Oceanic
- Miranda Toback ~ 10 lbs. 15 oz Weakfish F/V Corazon
- Kristen Daum ~ 7 lbs. Pool Winning Blackfish F/V Prime Time
- Capt. John Jutt ~ 21 lbs. Mahi F/V Red Dawn Rising

That about wraps it up for this report. If you had a good catch drop the Awards & Contest Committee a line we would love to hear about your catch and share it with our membership: E-Mail captainlarry84@aol.com.



~ Sincerely,
Captain Larry Festa - S/A

Catch of the Month Squeteague (aka Weakfish)



Not many remember the Indian name for weakfish, squeteague, and people had started to forget about the fish themselves due to their lack of abundance. Well, the epic striped bass jig fishing occurring along our south shore has seen a mix of mostly small weakfish mixed in with the large bass, gorging on the sand eel explosion. Not all the weaks are small however ...

Captain Doug Toback convinced his wife, Diana to "pull his crew" from school and go jigging. Leaving in the dark Capt. Doug, son DJ (7), Miranda (9) and Jacqueline (15) pointed the Corazon east toward the fishing grounds where they ended up with a limit of striped bass and weakfish. The fish of the day, and Catch of the Month was caught by Miranda who landed this very impressive 10 lb. 15 oz. weakfish.

Congrats on the Catch of the Month!
Send in those pictures!

For bragging rights, please email me at philton@optonline.net or text me at 516 721 8907 to be considered for "Catch of the Month" by the bulletin committee.

Include a picture 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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GOT TO BE IN IT TO WIN!!!!!!

MEMBERSHIP

There are 192 members in the club.

New members joining now will have their dues applied to 2014 membership. The Membership Committee wishes to remind all members that if they sponsor a new club member they will receive a \$100 credit toward next year's membership dues.

November 2013 DERBY, AWARDS & CONTEST REPORT

*Awards Chairman: Captain Bill Morrogh
Committee Team: Captain Larry Festa,
Captian Michael Zullo*

The 2013 Derby season is coming to an end with 5 derbies wrapping up the year. We have a lot of awards to present at the November GM and a BIG turnout would be nice. Support the club and maybe win a turkey!

THE FOLLOWING DERBIES ARE OPEN AND RUNNING:

Shark	9/14-11/24
Bluefish	9/14-11/24
Cod	9/28-12/08
Striped Bass	10/05-11/24
Blackfish	10/19-12/01

DERBY AWARDS FOR NOVEMBER:

Sea Bass

1st Place:	Mitch Vidur	3.69lbs F/V Reel Nice
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Fluke

1st Place:	Paul Hilton	11.50lbs F/V Emily S
2nd Place:	John Weber Jr.	10.75lbs F/V Miss Behavin III
3rd Place:	Mitch Vidur	7.44lbs F/V Defiant

Tuna

1st Place:	Joe Principato	81.02lb Yellowfin F/V Canyon Lady
2nd Place:	Peter DiThomas	75.00lb Bluefin F/V Reel Attitude
3rd Place:	Adam Bollaci	55.88lb Yellowfin F/V Hooker

Mahi

1st Place:	Peter DiThomas	15.30lbs F/V Reel Attitude
2nd Place:	Anthony Bollaci	9.19lbs F/V Hooker

False Albacore

1st Place:	Bob Pandey	7.00lbs F/V Canyon Lady
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NOMINATIONS

"The following candidates are recommended by the Nominating Committee for election to the Board of Directors:

Jim Azzi

John Daum

Kevin Killelea

Bob Pandy

Jim Rooney

Chris Scarpantonio

Happy Holidays

Annual Holiday Party

Sunday, December 1st at 1:00 p.m.

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