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NEXT GM

Thursday, November 12, 2015 at 7:30pm

Cure Of Ars Auditorium

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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.

President's Message

Dear Members,

Leaves are falling all around and the word is fish are landing in member's coolers! I had the pleasure of attending our club's blackfish trip once again this year and can attest a great time was had by all. Thanks to Paul Cunningham for hooking us all up and making sure our weather conditions were perfect. I haven't "missed" that many fish in a very long time. As a reminder, please be sure to get any weigh slips you have in ASAP and send Paul Hilton a report on your piscatorial prowess.

We had our annual Oktoberfest at the property last month and it was a perfect evening. I wish to personally thank John Weber and our entire Captain & Anglers crew for their outstanding job once again. It was another fall classic indeed! The last C & A will be soon, so come on down and enjoy fishing with friends.

Our GM this month is when we as a club vote for our Board of Directors. I want to personally thank all of our members who have stepped up to run for Board of Director positions and help lead our club. I strongly urge all members to attend this GM and vote. This is your club and you should decide who best represents you. I will to thank Jim Rooney and the entire Nominating Committee for their efforts this year. Well done indeed.

In addition, this GM will feature turkeys and lots of them. Hank Janet was once again kind enough to offer his services to procure some of the tastiest specimens to ever grace our meetings. Don't miss the excitement and make some space in your freezer for this raffle.

Veterans Day will be Wednesday, November 11th. On behalf of our club, my family and myself, I wish to thank every veteran who has served on our behalf. Please make a point to thank a vet this day. They deserve your thanks and it will mean a lot.

Remember that our annual Holiday Party will be on December 6th at the Cure of Ars Auditorium. Please come down and share.

For those of you who will be hunting this season, I wish you all very successful and safe time in the woods this year. This month is really my favorite above all and I hope to see you all soon.

Best Fishes and Holiday Wishes ...

~ Ray Geiger



Fishing Report

Red Hot Fall Fishing

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If you had to pick one month of the year to fish on Long Island October just might be the one. This October did not disappoint. One thing I've noticed this year is that the fall migrations seem to have occurred early, despite warmer than average water temperatures. What does it mean? Maybe the fish know something about the duration and severity of the oncoming winter, or maybe those three weeks of unrelenting east winds got them moving. Who knows for sure, we shall see where it leads. The bass and blues started their south/westerly migration early and appear to have departed Montauk by the third week in October. Unheard of? We'll see if late run of bass on the herring materializes. Bottom fishing is very good out there, the North Fork too.



Heading west, anglers have enjoyed excellent jigging and trolling along the beaches, live-lining too. Amazing amounts of bait available, just look for the humpback whales, lol.

Steve "Bassman" Bassford and Tommy Jutt trolled 4 bass and loads of blues west of Jones Inlet on white spoons recently. Some bass have been "bellied" at the Fire island West Bar and in Jones Inlet. Most recently, large bass are being reported from Raritan and Jamaica Bays. The herds are certainly working their way west.

The blackfish aka Tautog season opened with a surprising bang. Usually, the season opener starts shallow with a pick of small fish mixed with pesky pin seabass and porgies. This year was different, nice sized fish were waiting on literally all the reefs. The Rockaway and Atlantic Beach got the most attention but I made several trips to the Hempstead and generally limited quickly. Currently, the hottest fishing seems to be further west all the way down to the Sandy Hook Reef and the Shrewsbury Rocks. An amazing amount of very large tog have been caught from these areas and white crabs appear to be the hot bait. Whites are usually a "later season bait" so again, things seems to be happening early. Or maybe whites are simply being used more frequently for this time of year, since green crabs are apparently in short supply.

Paul Cunningham called to report the results of the Annual Tog Fiesta aboard the Prime Time III at orient Point, 19 FTC members participated. They spent 1 hour slamming seabass and then moved to the toggin' grounds. Plenty of nice tog came over the rails and a great time was had by all. Paul and Kristen Daum shared the first place pool with impressive togs' in the nine pound class. Sounds like a great trip !

Seabass reopened in federal waters, tremendous fishing is occurring on the offshore wrecks with a nice mix of cod, some pollack, blues, and large scup filling the coolers.

The largest seabass are on the 30 mile and beyond wrecks, but good fishing is still occurring from 100' on out, and a few are still on the local reefs.

Canyon tuna are available when weather permits, chunking is the norm with some swordfish in the mix. I've heard of fish caught in all the usual places. See the Catch of the Month.

Tim Sherman reported on a great sounding trip to Venice Louisiana, Sawgrass Lodge with fellow FTC members John Daum,



Frank Faber and John Daum with Louisiana Reds

Peter McEvoy and Frank Faber. They caught redfish to 20 lbs, seatrout, and limited out on yellowfin tuna to 40 lbs. The reds and trout were caught on spinning gear and the tuna were taken on Terez and Talica type tackle. Tuna fishing occurred by the oil rigs in 5000 feet of water. I hope you were drifting ...



John, Tim, Peter, and Frank with a limit of Venice Louisiana Yellow Fin Tuna

I encourage all FTC members to please bombard me with reports and pictures to share with our membership.

Please email your reports to philton@optonline.net; or text/ call me at 516.721.8907 Don't forget to send pictures and catch details for consideration by the Bulletin Committee for "Catch of the Month."

Sincerely,
Paul Hilton F/V Emily S

Catch of the Month Canyon Tuna onboard "Somewhere In Time"

Bob the "Panda Man" Pandy provided a nice write-up about a recent trip offshore:

"Fished with Capt. Gene Schettini on his 42ft Chris Craft Commander F/V Somewhere in Time with the crew of Capt. Dave Pincus, Paul Cunningham, Marty Dowling, George Davis, Dave Ramroop, and myself. We ran to the Canyon on the S.W. corner of the Elbow. Tried to troll on the way but there were no takers, so we headed for a pot to tie up.



Water temps were 64 degrees and we were looking for a temperature break, and as we approached the pot it went to 70.5 degrees with a depth of 825 ft.

As soon as we started chumming we were into fish. The first few fish were lost after a fight. The next fish were sharks because the hooks had been bitten off.

As it became dark we managed to boat two 80 lb Yellow fin. Thru out the night we had some sharks that looked like Dusky's, we think in the 300 lb. range. They had to have been at least 10 to 12 ft long. Also tail hooked a small swordfish that we released. Come first light the bite was on again and we picked up two more fish, a Yellowfin and a longfin Albacore. The club record for True Abacore is 69 lbs. Our fish sure looked heavier. We weighed it in at Scotty's, but it was only 57lbs. It was a Great trip. Thanks Gene. - Bob Pandy"

**Great trip indeed, congrats on the Cath of the Month!
Send in those pictures (write-ups too)!**

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 pictures 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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Awards Chairman: Captain Bill Morrogh

Committee Team:

Captain Bill Toohey, Captain Michael Zullo

The 2015 Derby season is coming to an end with 5 derbies wrapping up the year. We have Cod, Blackfish, Striped Bass, Shark and Bluefish all running now. There's been a lot of weather windows so get out there and send in some weigh slips. There will be many 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	9/19-11/29
Bluefish	9/19-11/29
Cod	10/03-12/13
Striped Bass	10/10-11/29
Blackfish	10/17-11/29

DERBY AWARDS FOR NOVEMBER:

Sea Bass

1st Place:	Maryellen Zullo	5.25lbs F/V Magic Too
2nd Place:	Mike Zullo	5.0lbs F/V Magic Too
3rd Place:	Bob McVey	4.19lbs F/V Reel Catch II

Fluke

1st Place:	Dr. John Weber	9.94lbs F/V Miss Beahavin III
2nd Place:	Dr. John Weber	8.88lbs F/V Miss Beahavin III
3rd Place:	John Weber III	7.63lbs F/V Miss Beahavin III

Tuna

1st Place:	Dave Pincus	170lb Bigeye F/V Canyon Lady
2nd Place:	Dave Pincus	70.5 Yellowfin F/V Canyon Lady

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1st Place:	Jim Azzi	12.63lbs F/V Second Chance
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False Albacore

1st Place:	Paul Cunningham	8.56lbs F/V Second Chance
2nd Place:	Barbara Solomon	8.31lbs F/V Legal Limits
3rd Place:	Bob Pandy	7.06lbs F/V Second Chance

Now is the time to send in any weigh slips that you've been holding for Annual Awards consideration!

See Bill Morrogh at the November GM if you're interested in working on the Awards and Contests committee.

Shootouts

The Freeport Tuna Club will be fishing against the Staten Island Tuna Club the weekend of November 6, 7 and 8th for Striped Bass. The three heaviest Bass from each club will determine the winner. You can call your weights in to my cell at 516-721-8207.

Winter Storage

The Freeport Tuna Club is now storing boats at its property for the 2015 - 2016 Winter Season (11/1/15 to 6/1/16). The lease rates for this season will remain the same as last year @ \$14. a foot with a minimum charge of \$300. for both on land and in water storage.

LEASES MUST BE PAID PRIOR TO PUTTING YOUR VESSEL ON THE PROPERTY!

PLEASE CONTACT THE PROPERTY COMMITTEE BEFORE PLACING YOUR BOAT ON THE PROPERTY SO YOU CAN BE ASSIGNED A STORAGE LOCATION.

For more information or to sign a lease agreement, contact Alan Evelyn, FTC Property Manager by phone (cell 917-750-8710) (work 646-312-2208) or by email (alan.evelyn@baruch.cuny.edu).

Alan will be at the November GM to accept checks and sign leases.



Save The Date Annual Holiday Party

**Sunday, December 6th
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Property Committee

Alan Evelyn Property Manager

Winter Storage:

Winter storage lease agreements have been mailed! If you have not received a lease agreement please contact Alan Evelyn, FTC Property Manager, for a lease agreement.

New System For Winter Storage!

We have made arrangements with Atlantic Yacht Haven for placement of all boats on the property. You can use any hauler that you choose but they must call Chris or Alan in order to find where your boat with 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 boats on FTC property for winter storage. Please call 516-377-7720 or 516-523-3444 to find where your boat will be located on the property. The new system will allow for better management and increased storage capacity.

New Rates For The FTC Marina!

Rates for 2016:

- \$78 per foot with no minimum for a slip during the summer season
- \$175 for trailer with a summer season slip-no grandfathering of trailers
- \$250 for trailers without a summer season slip (number on property set by property committee)
- \$150 per month for boat storage on land for members during the summer season
- \$14 per foot for Winter Storage for members
- \$17 per foot for Winter Storage for non-members (\$340 minimum)

For questions or concerns please contact me or other members of the property committee. [Alan Evelyn, capt.al@fishtaxiny.com](mailto:Alan.Evelyn,capt.al@fishtaxiny.com) or Cell: 917-750-8710.

Good & Welfare

Deepest sympathy goes out to John Weber (NYFD) on the passing of his dad, member John Weber SR. Our thoughts and prayers go out to John and his family. On a more pleasant note congratulations to Chris and Lisa Bellinzoni on the wedding of their daughter Joey and congrats to Mike and Cynthia Sullivan on the wedding of their son Ryan.

~ Jeff

Membership

This past month new members David Ramroop and Marty Dowling landed a 75 lbs. long fin tuna and a 65lbs. yellow fin tuna respective aboard Gene Schettini's boat Somewhere In Time. David also fought for close to an hour a 350 pound Dusky shark that tested his endurance. All totaled, they came home with a couple of nice size long fin and yellow fin tuna. If you know of any anglers wanting to improve their fishing experiences, have them attend a Captain Anglers or GM meeting as our guest. They can contact Bob McVey at FTC1937@Gmail.com.

The Fishing Connection

Offshore the tuna fishing has heated up. Now is the time for all NEW and existing members to get involved in the inshore and offshore action. FTC Captains have listed their dates and times for fishing trips in search of additional crew members. This is an opportunity for you to get to know other members and share your knowledge of local fishing, both inshore and offshore.



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