CAPE FEAR BLUE WATER FISHING CLUB

April 2002 Monthly Newsletter

CLUB FISHING LINE: 458-6655, SPONSORED BY ISLAND TACKLE & HARDWARE

CLUB NEWS:

I hope everyone enjoyed the last newsletter.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES

The 2002 membership applications have been mailed out along with the AMOT and IMOT entry forms. Dues will remain at $50. If you have questions please call or e-mail me.

CLUB AGENDA

Here is the proposed club agenda for 2002:

March 16-Blessing of the fleet-Sea Path Marina

March 23-Chili Cook off at Inlet Watch

April 12-Electronics seminar and guest speaker Tim Barefoot of Barefoot Baits-Bradley Creek Marina

May 15-19-Blue Water Open-Bradley Creek Marina

June 21-Bait Rigging seminar at Inlet Watch

Sept. 21-Annual Picnic at Inlet Watch

Jan. 11, 2003-Annual Party-HENRIETTA III

CLUB WEBSITE

The club website is http://localsonly.wilmington.net/~wahoo/

Lots of really good information listed such as artificial reefs, sea surface charts, and buoy reports. We would like to thank William for keeping the site for us.

CHILI COOK OFF

The chili cook off was a great success. We had about 25 people show up. Rich grilled burgers and hot dogs while I ate chili. We had 5 entries and Renate Gray was voted the winner and received a $25 gift certificate to Giorgio's Restaurant. Can't wait till next year.

CAPE FEAR MYLAR WITCH

Since I write the newsletter I figure I am entitled to some free advertising. For those members that don't know, I make a lure called the Cape Fear Mylar Witch. I first started making this lure a few years ago and Neal Dunn was catching so many fish on them he suggested I start selling them. The rest is history. These lures are producing phenomenal catches in the Gulf Stream. Mike Britt on LARGETIME II has used them to place 2nd and 5th place in the Blue Water Open the past 2 years. Ben Smith on the TOOTH DOCTOR has used them to finish in 3rd place in the Blue Water Open, 1st place in the Bald Head Island Fishing Rodeo 3 years ago and 2nd place the past 2 years. Paul Thompson on IMPULSIVE used them to finish 3rd in last years Bald Head tournament. Keith Green used them to win the first half tuna AMOT last year. MUSICMAN used them to produce a new State record blackfin tuna last year. CLASS ACTION has already caught blue marlin and sailfish on them this year and a 97.5 yellow fin last year. I strongly suggest you try them.

FISHING REPORTS

SEAQUEST had 7 yellowfin on March 6 and quit fishing by 11:30 am. SEA-KER and REELAXATION had yellowfin and Bluefin tuna on March 15. SCOTTFREE had 5 yellowfin and 1 large bluefin on 3-23. SEA-KER had 2 large yellowfin and a stud wahoo on 3-29. We still need to hear from club members about their fishing trips so they can be included in our newsletters. Please contact Rich 792-1616, Frank Grant 392-6084, Tom Clawson 794-3165, Drew 392-1207, or myself (793-4298 or e-mail at captainmarc@bellsouth.net) or call the club phone at 458-6655 to leave your reports. **PLEASE** let us know what you are catching and we will be happy to include your reports in our monthly newsletters.

BOAT INSURANCE

Oleander Insurance specializes in marine insurance for recreational boats as well as commercial/charter boats. They have very competitive rates and have been a sponsor for the Blue Water Open for 5 years now. They insure my boat as well. I have contacted many companies for quotes including Boat U.S., Cooper Insurance Agency and **Charter Lakes** and have yet to find anyone with a cheaper rate. Please give Virginia Smith or Bob Loutit a call at 762-2099 for a quote.

CAPE FEAR BLUE WATER OPEN

The 2002 Cape fear Blue Water Open will be held May 15-19 at Bradley Creek Marina.

BILLFISH RELEASE

There is also a billfish release category. There is no entry fee to participate in the billfish release and is open to all club members. Simply call the club line to report your releases. Tex's Tackle provides the billfish awards and they are beautiful awards. A special thanks goes out to Tex Grissom for providing these trophies.

MARKER 90 DISCOUNT

Major White has agreed to give club members a discount of between 10% and 20% depending on what you need. Please contact Major at 270-4741.

LIGHTHOUSE AERIELS

Please check out the website**www.lighthouse-aerials.net** to see beautiful lighthouse pictures. George Mitchell is a native of North Carolina and photographer of 25 years, working with large format equipment and state of the art films, in areas of advertising, aerials and weddings. When visiting the Carolina Coast, he can also do your family/reunion portraits.

Having an appreciation for Coastal N.C., Here for your decorative needs, a sampling of work accumulated over many years, including Cape Hatteras Light at Buxton, N.C., on the Outer Banks, the tallest in the U.S. and guardian to "THE GRAVEYARD OF THE ATLANTIC", photographed before the relocation project, which is now complete.

These are photographic prints, treated with ultra-violet inhibitor, which under normal room lighting will give decades of viewing pleasure in your home, or office. George Mitchell c/o Photographic services P.O. Box 10 Hubert, NC 28539 or call at (910) 326-4425 email available at g@lighthouse-aerials.net

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DISCOUNTS

Dale Hand at Central Auto Parts on Market Street has agreed to give all club members a **Ten Percent (10%)** discount on purchases made there. Central also carries Exide Marine batteries. Just let Dale know that you are a club member. Dale has informed me that several members have been making purchases there already.

BIG GAME FISHING JOURNAL

The big game fishing journal is the official magazine of the club. This allows all of the club members to subscribe at a rate of only $16.95 per year**.** Make checks payable to CFBWFC and send to the club post office box (P.O. Box 15547, zip 28409) and I will send them a club check to ensure you get the discounted rate. This is a great magazine dedicated to the larger saltwater fish such as tuna, dolphin, wahoo and billfish. Please feel free to contact Mike Britt, Jeff Jugan, William, Drew or myself about the content of the magazine. I know you will be pleased. William and Neal Dunn wrote an article a few years ago about the club and wahoo fishing that was published in the journal. I still have copies for anyone that would like one. **I hope many of you will take advantage of this offer.**

The rate they have provided to our club is $8 off the normal subscription price. I have been in contact with them recently and

they are discussing about doing an article about fishing in our area and about the club.

TUNA PERMITS

WE have lots of new members. Just wanted to remind them to be sure to get their tuna permits in order to keep their tuna. www.usatuna.com

Is the website to get your permits.

MARINE FLEA MARKET

For those who seem to fill up the garage or attic with leftover goodies off the boat, you know the problem Members of the Cape Fear Power Squadron are about to fix the problem. Members have donated their excess treasures to a squadron fundraiser. If you are interested in picking up a bargain or two, join them at their Marine Flea Market. They have reserved the Picnic Shelter/Gazebo at Wrightsville Beach Park for the event, which will be held on Saturday April 27 from 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm. See you there.

CLUB LICENSE PLATES

If you do not have a club license plate please see one of the Board Members (Rich, Traci, Tom, Frank, Drew or myself) and they will gladly give you two.

FISHDUDS

If you need a club logo embroidered on a shirt or jacket please contact Traci Roberts at 392-3444. They do great work.

CLUB PHOTO ALBUM

The Board has decided to have an official photo album for the club. Anyone that has pictures that they would like added to the photo album, please get them to Drew, Rich, Tom, Frank, Traci or myself and we will place them in the photo album. The photo album will be available at all club meetings and socials for everyone to view. We hope some of the original members who started the club will have early pictures that can be placed in the photo album. (Hint, hint: William Pope, Neal Dunn and Greg Mickey).

NEW MEMBERS

We would like to welcome our newest members: Berry Bostic, Gene Long, Frank Colonna and Horace Sikes. Our club continues to grow.

ATLANTIC MARINE DISCOUNT

David Floyd of Atlantic Marine has agreed to give club members a 10% discount on parts and accessories including oil. This is for outboards and inboard/outboard motors that are gasoline powered only. David can be reached at 256-9911. Thanks David.

CLASSIFIEDS

George Brenner has the following for sale: 1993 Angler 25' cuddy - 31" transom - twin 150 Force, outboards - rebuilt power heads in 99 & 00 less than 75 hrs on both. - Out-riggers, down-riggers - Garmin 65 GPS, Furuno 31 GPS - Voyager Loran U.S. 1 - Si-Tex C.V. 106 color scope with temperature reading -Built-in bait well - Horizon Eclipse V.H.F.- A.M., F.M. Tape Radio - Trim Tabs - Full Canvas enclosure, Must Sell - Moving. Also 30' dry slip for sale at Inlet Watch Yacht Club. Boat – best offer over $11,500 which will include free dry storage until ?. Boat Slip - $20,000 Please call George at 910-392-2216.

On a final note, I would like to add that anyone interested in helping the club by serving on a committee please let Rich, Drew, Frank, Traci, Tom or myself know.

ABOUT THE CLUB

In closing I would like to reiterate what William has said many times before: **The primary reason the club was founded was to promote the sport we love SAFELY.** Many of our club members have boats less than 30 feet and when you combine that with a 55-mile run to the Gulf Stream, you realize the importance of the club. Most of the Carolina Beach Charter boats as well as several charter boats from Wrightsville Beach are members of the club. They have been very supportive of the club over the years and we are proud to have them in our club. I can personally say that over the years, Captains Freddie Holland, Carl Snow, Ray Rothrock, Don Pierce, Chuck Harrill, and Mike Britt have helped look out for me when the seas turned ugly. It is very comforting to know they are out there when the seas build to 5-8 feet and your boat is only 24 feet. I have heard from several of the smaller boats last year about how the charter captains would check on them on the trip back home when the sea conditions turned nasty. **The club would like to thank all of the charter captains for their help and continued support.**

Good Luck Fishing,

Captain Marc Maus, Treasurer