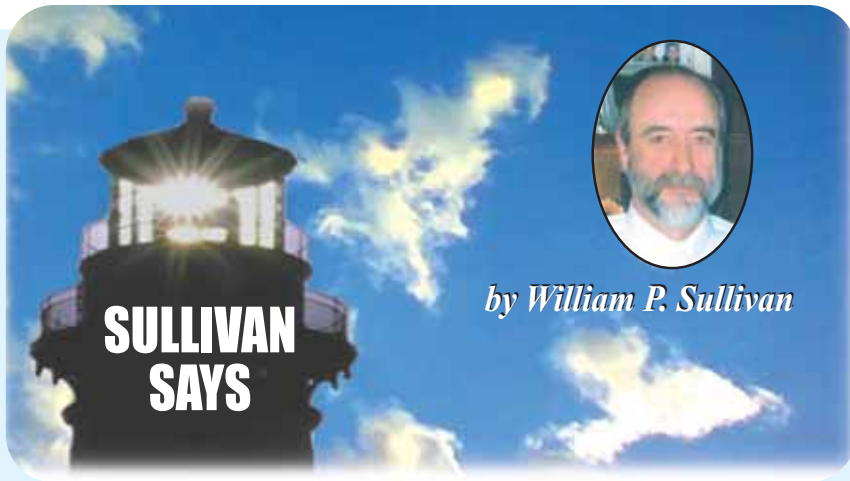


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some of the lures available. At Block Island, keep your ears open for reports of bluefin on diamond jigs. If you hook up on the troll or chunk, someone has to throw a diamond jig and nail any tunas that follow the hooked fish up. This really works well. On a drift with chunks, someone should be working a jig backside for tinker mackerel or squid or bottom fishing with clams for ling or whatever.

Live bait is the best. In the Canyons at night, squid frequently come into the lights, so have rods ready with mackerel trees and squid jigs. With fuel costs as they are, it may be better to reserve spots on a party boat. Several ports will be running overnight - one-and two-day strictly limited offshore trips. Why chance a trip on your own when you can have a pro do the work and a bigger boat to brave the weather? Also,



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they have the fishing down to a science. I spoke with Capt. Arnold "Speedy" Hubert in Captree about his latest boat, the *Super Speedy Express II*. "Speedy" completely refurbished an 80-foot aluminum super-cruiser and hopes to be up and ready for offshore fishing this fall.

Mako and thresher sharks will begin to show in size later in the month and on into October. Watch the online reports and jump on these fish when they show. Same setups as summer, but concentrate on fishing near wrecks more than open bottom and edges. The *Linda* is a good fall mako wreck and pro-

duces fairly consistently.

Watch the weather reports and long-range radar. September is notorious for having trips blown out. Even a storm that doesn't make land-fall can churn up the ocean and make it unfishable. Every day is, possibly, your last chance to fish, so don't waste a good one. One thing to remember - September is traditionally Long Island's best (read worst) shot at having some hurricane damage. Have your storm plan ready to execute at a moment's notice.



A fine catch of longfin tuna, true albacore, on the "Sea Otter," Montauk.

Photo courtesy Capt Joel



The cabin of the new super speedy "Express II"

Also, watch the regulations, especially the ever-changing tuna regs if you are going offshore and, for that matter, if you hang a tuna inshore remember that you need a tuna license and are subject to the regs.



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