

Tuna Tower News

Freeport Tuna Club, Inc.

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NEXT GENERAL MEETING



Thursday, Jan. 13th at 8:00 pm

Curé of Ars School Auditorium
Merrick Ave., Merrick

(South of Sunrise Hwy. between Sunrise Hwy. & Merrick Road)

For more info call 516-546-2312

Happy New Year!

NEXT GM - SWEARING IN OF OFFICERS

MAYOR GLACKEN

Sea Isle Sports Center - The Feuring Team

Slow and fast tapes, what's good for bottom, drifting,
trolling & casting. Rod materials, Fiberglass,
graphite and composites. Proper setting of a drag w/a scale.

At strike or full, matching a line w/ rod & reel.

Maintenance of equipment after each trip & much, much, more!



Incoming President's Message

To All Members:

It is with a great deal of enthusiasm that your Officers and Presidents embark upon their term of office. I will render to the fullest extent, every possible effort on behalf of your club.

To follow Past President Scott Schafer, his Officers and their Committees, is in itself a challenge. Our thanks to these ladies and gentlemen for a job well done.

We are fortunate to have every capable Committee members and excellent Chairmen who will serve during the coming year. Strive, as I am sure they will. their burdens will be lightened considerably by the active participation of each and every member of the club in as many activities and functions as possible.

We are, first and foremost, a fishing club. We are one of the oldest and soundest fishing clubs in the entire country. With this in mind we have scheduled a

very active program for the up coming year. I assure you that every consideration will be shown in order to get the greatest number of members fishing. We will be represented in many tournaments and contest, both locally and out of other ports. Display your club emblem proudly, fly your burgees with pride and be determined to score.

At the end of my term in office it would be very gratifying to think I had contributed even in a small way to the efforts of those who have proceeded me in the Freeport Tuna Club. Once again I thank all of you for this opportunity. I wish all a happy and healthy New Year.

As John F. Kennedy once said " Hold fast to the best of the past and move fast to the best of the future".

CAPT. JOHN J. JUTT, SR.
President

FISHING BULLETIN

It is with great pleasure that once again, I will be responsible for our monthly fishing reports. I encourage all members to contact me regarding their outstanding catches and look forward to receiving your reports as we get into the 2005 season. We are already into the New Year and our weather has not settled into a typical wintertime pattern. If that is the case maybe we will get a reprieve and with our sights set on the springtime, the onset of cabin fever should not be that bad.

The New York Boat Show is under way at the Jacob Javits Center and this is an excellent venue to view new products and certainly new additions to our fishing arsenals. Now that the holidays are over it is a good time to unharness our reels from their rods and perform the proper maintenance. By doing this now you will be ready for the start of the season as well as insuring that you have trouble free operation. Changing frayed leaders on favorite lures and organizing tackle by taking an inventory of what we own are other things to do as a cure to the winter time doldrums.

On the local fishing front blackfishing continues at 17 Fathoms with very good catches being report-

ed. This should continue as the typical wintertime snow runoff has not effected this fishery yet. Several cod have been caught as well on these grounds adding an extra bonus to anglers. This is also the time of the year that the giant black seabass can be caught. Typically this involves a trip to the 50-80 mile wrecks that are found in 180-220 feet of water. If you find that a window of weather exists this is an excellent fishery to target as fish range in size from 3-6 lbs.

I will shortly be getting the dates out on our Annual Off Shore Codfish Trip. Stay tuned as last year we experienced fishing as good as it gets.

Happy New Year to All

Sincerely,

Captain Harry Weinblatt
F/V Blue Marlin



CAPTAIN ANGLERS / HOUSE

Happy New Year to all. 2004 was a great year for the captain & anglers. We had good turn outs with lots of laughs and friendship, rain or shine. I would like to thank all the members who supported the captain & anglers 50/50. We were able to raise enough money to purchase two new barbeques for the property. (I'd also like to thank the board of directors for the approval for the purchase.) 2005 will be an even better year. We have some new in house clinics set up and hopefully some of our past presenters will give repeat performances. Anyone interested in giving a clinic, contact Hank Janet, our new clinic chairman. As always there will be alot of good food from the captain & anglers committee. Volunteers are always needed at all of our club events. If you have a recipe to cook or if you would like to monitor or set up an event, join in. Participation is the key to the ultimate club experience. Have a happy and healthy 2005.

Tight Lines, Jim Rooney

GOOD & WELFARE

Our condolences go out to Charlie and Beth Sporing on the recent passing of Beth's father Len Weaver. May he rest in peace.

John Weber is recovering after his surgery.

MEMBERSHIP

Thanks to all members who have returned their renewal forms along with their dues. So far everyone is cooperating in assisting the club with ensuring their membership information is accurate.

Dues are payable January 1. You should have received a renewal form in the mail last month. If you haven't, please contact Ed Faza, Membership Chairman.

PROPERTY

Thirty five boats are presently stored for the winter on the property; three more are expected. Things are quiet at the property. We have switched the dumpster pick up to once a month.

The first payment for summer 2005 slip leases is due January 10th.

IGFA

I want to thank our members for their participation in the IGFA small fry and junior catagories. Our club has twelve world records in these catagories and I am trying to ascertain exactly how many.

Any member with information please contact me, or leave the information with Charlie Sporing.

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Paul Grippo - LI Rep for IGFA

CLUB AWARDS & DERBY DATES

Capt. Lawrence J. Festa F/V Kristen

January 2005 Derby Report

Awards Chairman: Captain Lawrence J. Festa F/V "KRISTEN"

Committee Team:

Captain Chris Bellinzoni F/V "FOUR BELLS,"

Captain Michael Zullo & Mary Ellen Zullo Fishing Team "MAGIC TOO"

Anthony Testa F/V "STEPHANIE"



Winners of the Fall Blackfish Derbies:

Fall Blackfish (03 lbs.).....October 23rd ~ November 21st
1st Place: Frank Savino.....7.68 lbs. F/V Angry Annie
2nd Place: Paul Hilton.....7.12 lbs. F/V Emily S
2nd Place: Paul Hilton.....5.87 lbs. F/V Emily S

The Following Derbies are Closed:

Fall Cod (10 lbs.).....November 20th ~ December 26th

Sorry No Winners

The new dates are official, we have added a new Mahi derby for both spring and fall. The date selected were carefully reviewed by our committee and board of directors with great care.

Official Derby Dates approved 12/15/04

FISH:	SPRING DATES:	FALL DATES:
Cod (10 lbs.)	March 26th ~ May 8th	Oct. 1ST ~ Dec. 18th
Blackfish (03 lbs.)	April 16th ~ MAY 15th	Oct. 22nd ~ Nov. 27th
Flounder (01 lbs. 08 ozs.)	April 2nd ~ May 15th	*****
Seabass (02 lbs.)	April 23rd ~ June 5th	Sept. 24th ~ Oct. 23rd
Striped Bass (15 lbs.)	May 14th ~ June 19th	Oct. 15th ~ Nov. 27th
Weakfish (05 lbs.)	May 21st ~ June 26th	Aug. 27th ~ Sept. 25th
Fluke (02 lbs.)	June 4th ~ July 7th	TO BE ANNOUNCED
Shark (125 lbs.)	June 4th ~ July 10th	Sept. 10th ~ Oct. 16th
Bluefish (8 lbs.)	June 4th ~ July 3rd	Sept. 3rd ~ Oct 2nd
Tuna (25 lbs.)	July 2nd ~ July 31st	Sept. 3rd ~ Oct. 9th
Mahi (04 lbs.)	July 2nd ~ July 31st	Aug. 27th ~ Sept. 25th
False Albacore (06 lbs.)	*****	Aug. 27th ~ Sept. 25th
Green Bonito (04lbs. New wt.)	*****	Aug. 27th ~ Sept. 25th

**ALL PENDING NEW DEC REGULATIONS

IMPORTANT: Last Call for 2004 weight slips is January 15th 2005. No slips will be considered for 2004 Annual Awards after the clubs official closing date..If you think you have a winner kindly contact the awards committee to make sure that your weigh slip is on file.

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2005 Officers

Capt. John J. Jutt, Sr.President
James Rooney.....1st Vice President
Chris Squeri..... 2nd Vice President
Mike Sullivan Treasurer
Chris Bellinzoni Secretary



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FEDERATION SHOW**

**February 18-20
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