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THURSDAY, JANUARY 8 • 8:00 PM

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JANUARY ENTERTAINMENT

FTC History, Recognition of Past Presidents and Membership Anniversaries.

SWEARING IN OF OFFICERS

Incoming President's Message

Happy New Year Everyone, I wish you all health,

happiness and lots of great fishing for the new year.

I would like to thank Ed Faza for doing a great job at the helm this past year. I'd like to welcome Captain Larry, John Rooney and Tim Sherman to the executive board and also Thank Chris Bellinzoni for returning as secretary. Congrats to our re-elected board members and new board members Bill Toohy and Bob Dimino. Most of all I want to thank my family, the membership and the board of directors for allowing me to take the helm of the Freeport Tuna Club for 2009. It's a great honor and I will do my best to be sure we all have a fun filled and prosperous year.

Last month's holiday party was a big success. On behalf of the club I would like to thank Bob Benzenberg and all his helpers for putting on a fun filled event. As many of you may not know Bob Holub has been Santa Claus at the FTC holiday party now for 35 years!! Thanks for handing out the presents Santa.

The winter doldrums are here for those of us not done fishing or hunting yet and for those of us that like to ski and snowmobile their season is under way. Our resident snow-

birds in the keys are catching them up I'm sure so.... how bout some reports!! With the New York Boat Show over there, are still some things to do. The Long Island Show is coming up along with the Sportsman's Show, both at the coliseum. There's a show at the Freeport Recreational Center next month and another show at Suny Farmingdale to keep us busy,

Throw in a FTC clinic and next thing you know it's time for Capt Harry's Cod Trip. January's meeting will be a special one for the club. We will be having a Presidential Night. Chris Squeri is working with some of our senior members of the club to put together a working history of the FTC honoring our past presidents. All past Presidents that are able to attend come on down and be recognized. This will be a "reel" fun night so come on down.

Till next tide.

Joseph Jahn
President



UPCOMING EVENTS (MARKED YOUR CALENDER)

Fire Island Lighthouse Tour

January 15th 9-10:30 a.m.

Expend some energy and maybe work off some holiday poundage while taking a walking tour at this unique historical structure. Learn all about the FI Lighthouse by following a lighthouse keeper on his rounds. Explore the lighthouse on this top-to-bottom tour.

Park at the Robert Moses State Park, Field 5 and walk to the lighthouse. \$15 entry. 516-661-4876

Sport fishing, Hunting & Outdoor Expo

January 16-18

Nassau Coliseum, www.coliseumexpo.com
Saturday 10am-7pm, Sunday 930-530pm

LI Recreational Fishing Expo

January 30-February 1st

Farmingdale State University-Roosevelt Hall
Seminar schedule and kids fishing clinics
For more info call 516-647-8492

NY Sportfishing Federation Forum & Auction

February 13-15-Auction Sunday 2:30pm

Freeport Recreation Center
For more Info call 516-753-5433

52nd Annual LI Boat Show

February 7-8, 14-16

Sat 11am-8pm; Sunday 11am-6pm. Monday 11am-6pm
Nassau Veterans Memorial Coliseum

OUR CLUB

Heading the executive committee for 2009 are Joe Johns, President, Larry Festa, 1st VP, John Rooney, 2nd VP, Tim Sherman, Treasurer, and Chris Bellinzoni, Secretary. The Board's mission is to lead the Club in a direction to bring camaraderie, fun and enjoyment to the membership. Should you be interested in attending one of the Board meetings, they are held every third Wednesday of the month, 8pm at the Clubhouse. If you have a have a question, or suggestion you would like to offer, or simply see how our governance functions on your behalf, this is the time to do it. Our general meetings will continue on the second Thursday of the month with a \$10 at the door for food, drink, mingling and speaker. We are at work organizing the events for 2009, which will include our rodeos, shoot-outs, Thursday night barbeques, and other family events. Enjoy the Club, where you can take a brief respite from the responsibilities and chores of day-to-day life, We encourage participation in all our events by the members and welcome your involvement on our committees. Just volunteer.

PROPERTY

Property Reports & Updates January 2009
Property Committee: Chairman John Gerrity, Al Casciano,
Bob Dimino, Financial Director Captain Larry Festa

Let me first, thank all of the members, I am delighted that the board has endorsed me for the 1st Vice President of our club for 2009. I promise to my best to promote harmony and club growth so that our families can enjoy the fruits of our labors as time moves on.

Our property committee for 2009 will be looking for new blood to keep our state of the art marina a "Ten". Any members interested in get involved with our club property upkeep and growth kindly contact our chairman John Gerrity.

For next year will be looking to hit the ground running with our garage sale and other club property events so keep the dates opened.

All members are welcome to keep their boat at our 31 slip marina. To get a slip, just call and get on our waiting list. The list moves very fast so regardless of your list number a dream could become reality over night. Our basin spots are perfect for any and all outboard and inboard powered boats. In addition larger outboards and inboards can be place outside our basin in any one of our 10' 12' or 14' beam slips. My mission is to maintain a full and happy marina for 2009 so get on the list for a slice of heaven.

On behalf of your Property Committee we wish you and your families and Very Happy and Healthy New Year.

Captain Lawrence J. Festa
Property Financial Director

MEMBERSHIP

Membership dues will be collected at the January GM. Please see Chris Squeri, Chris Scarpantonio or Jeff Squeri. Thank you!

If you have anyone who is interested in joining, have them see one of us.



JANUARY 2009 DERBY, AWARDS & CONTEST REPORT

Awards Chairman: Captain Bill Morrogh
Committee Team: Captain Michael Zullo, MaryEllen Zullo,
Captain Chris Squeri, Joseph Jahn, Captain Lawrence J. Festa

We have some great derby winners to top off the 2008 season! Honorable mention for a great catch and sportsmanship goes out to Ed Perry on the Penguin who bested a 236lb Mako Shark with a non-member on the rod.

The awards to be handed out at the January GM are:

Blackfish

1st Bob Schmitt 8.8lb Sea Rogue
2nd Bob Schmitt 7.8lb Sea Rogue
3rd Grover Howell 7.6lb Sea Rogue

Bluefish

1st Yukio Fujii 14.9lb Sand Pebble
2nd Sharon Missan 12.7lb Mary Etta
3rd Joe Steiner 11.8lb Joan M

Striped Bass

1st Paul Noto 27.35lb Rocket Fish
2nd Robert Porter 20.62lb Shark III
3rd Chris Bellinzoni 16.1lb Four Bells

Cod

1st Bob Pandy 12.62lb Sea Hawk

Shark

1st Richard Hinnners 248lb Livin Large

These awards conclude the 2008 derby season.
If you're holding any weigh slips or copies of tags that are eligible for Annual award consideration please contact Bill Morrogh A.S.A.P.!

Salt of the Earth Speakers

The FTC was graced with two local scallop captains, Captains Ed and Carl at our last general meeting. With humor, insight and pride these two men captivated the member audience with stories of the life of a scallop fisherman. Berthed at the Point Lookout commercial facility, they scour the ocean from 30-65 miles out all year for scallops. Dependent on the weather and cost of fuel to make a living, the latter has made it possible to turn a profit the last few months. Of course the weather can make the difference between a so-so year and a great year. When wind and seas exceed 25knts and 4 feet they sit at the dock. This year they have found a good vein of scallops off our shores and you will see them if you are working for inshore tuna about 25 miles out. In fact they are more than happy to share some scallop guts with those of us that work the scallopers area next season. They are generally in the prime BFT migration area. Although it would seem that they have a regular opportunity for this fishery it illegal for them to fish for tuna while holding a scallop permit. Oh well, it just leaves more fur us. We thank them for their time to share their stories with us, and hope they will join us for Thursday night barbeques.

The Reports of the Death of Loran C have been Greatly Exaggerated!

Not long ago the nails were being driven into the Loran coffin. Now Loran has been resurrected and even upgraded to enhanced e-Loran, an independent land based system. While

the satellite based GPS has extreme targeted locating ability, it suffers from a serious shortcoming. It can be jammed by solar flares, which occur at the most in opportune time, and can shut down all navigation. E-Loran is being supported by the US government to be a reliable, dependable alternative and backup in case of the high frequency based GPS failure. Loran can provide stable, unjammable signals throughout the continental United States (CONUS), from ground level to above jet altitudes. It does not suffer from the line-of-sight limitations of VOR, DME or GPS. Loran's 100-KHz very low frequency signals do not require line of sight and can follow terrain contours and circumvent high-rise buildings. Loran is not so precise as GPS, but its one-third mile accuracy is better over a much larger area than any of the ground-based alternatives. And Loran's accuracy is improving; with demonstrated accuracy down to 10 to 15 meters (33 to 49 feet), which is about as good as GPS. Currently the Coast Guard maintains 19 e-Loran stations.

So for those of you who love the Loran lines for simplified fishing locations and simple love of tradition, you will not have to worry of its demise. Now you don't have to sacrifice good old-fashioned simplicity for state-of-the-art navigation technology. In fact there is new equipment soon to be on the market that will marry these two technologies.

**HAPPY
NEW YEAR**

Freeport Tuna Club, Inc.
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2009 Officers

Joe Jahn..... President
Captain Larry Festa 1st Vice President
John Rooney..... 2nd Vice President
Tim Sherman Treasurer
Chris Bellinzoni..... Secretary



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a committee

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Looking for 13" Boston Whaler with or without engine,
Contact Jeff 516-425-4645

Boat Slip for Rent. water@electric in Freeport Call Sy Karp 516 632 9770

WANTED: Great shape Penn 750SS or 7500SS. Bigmahi 516-425-4645

We currently have a basin slip available for the spring 2009 season. The slip will accommodate from vessel from 19' and up to 25' with inboard, outboard or I/O power. The slip has full floating docks, water & electric. Any member interested in this slip should contact me. It is being offered as first come first served bases.

We still have room for winter storage so get in on a great deal @ \$10.00 per foot for the winter time.

Woody is looking for help with house and Paul Hilton needs a volunteer to sell raffle tickets.

To place an ad in our classified contact Capt. John Jutt 516-546-2312 or email to: JJutt@mmpmk.com

Happy New Year!