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THURSDAY, FEB. 8TH AT 8:00 PM

**Cure of Ars Church School Auditorium
Merrick Ave., Merrick**

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President's Message

Jim Rooney



Welcome to another great month of the Freeport Tuna Club. February rolls in with a ton of cold weather and cabin fever building. I hope that the upcoming FTC events will keep our members warm and entertained through these cold months. First, are our monthly in-house clinics. I ask that all members keep an eye on the web page for precise times, dates and subjects. Our Clinic Committee head, Hank Jenet, did an excellent job in the 2006 season and I am sure he will do an even better job in the 2007 season. I would like to introduce a few of our new Committee Chairmen: Tim Sherman, heading up the Finance Committee; Paul Hilton, Prize Committee and Joe Steiner, Rodeo Committee. I would like to thank these members, as well as all the other members, who selflessly give their time and hard work to help make this club the best it can be. Any member who wishes to join or help a committee, please contact me, or any committee head; your help is always appreciated. On the fishing front, as he has

done for many years in the past, Harry Weinblatt has put the finishing touches on the Annual Club Cod Trip. Please see Harry's message in this issue of the Tuna Tower for

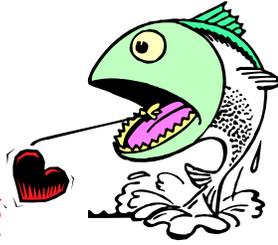


further information on this event. Remember that it is first come first served. This event sells out fast, so sign up early and insure your spot on the boat. It is a great time for everyone (thank you Harry, great job). I would like to remind all members that the March GM is our Annual Awards Night. Come out and support our friends as they receive their awards; this is a night that our club truly shines. Until next month, stay safe and healthy and remember that participation is the key to a great club experience.

Jim Rooney
President



FISHING BULLETIN



In a few days the ground hog will come out and will he see his shadow? If he does then according to that myth we will have another six weeks of winter left. Although it has recently gotten cold, I am sure we all have had enough and those six weeks can't come soon enough. With that said I hope everyone has been keeping busy by either attending the local boat shows and sporting shows or by making their tackle ready for the upcoming season.

On the local fishing front, the lack of snow and the after effects of run off have kept the blackfishing red hot. Most recently Capt. Grover Howell, Capt. Bob Schmidt and Capt. Paul Marcy have posted reports that tell the tale, excellent blackfishing, with fish reported to 10lbs. When the wind has not been a major factor the boats that have been able to sail have been enjoying a very good itog season to date.

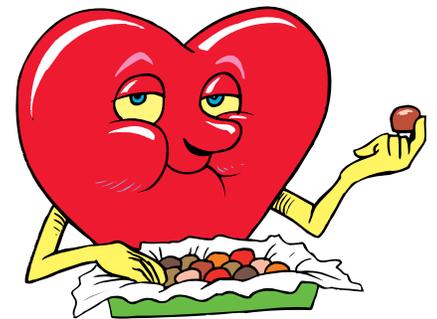
The offshore wrecks continue to produce quality seabass. For the boats that have been sailing to the wrecks in the 30-35 fathoms of water, the fishing could not be better. Recently I stopped in to Sea-Isle and was met by Angela Feuring, she had come back from a recent trip aboard a local head boat and said it was the best seabass trip that she had ever had. Double headers were common throughout the day, that's good fishing. Cod fishing has not taken hold

as of yet but the reports from up north are optimistic. Maybe this year they will head a little further south and west and we can enjoy what was once a very bountiful winter fishery.

Our Annual FTC Offshore Cod Trip is all set and rapidly approaching being sold out. The dates are set for a departure the evening of April 20th and arriving the evening of April 22nd. We will be sailing from Montauk aboard the Viking Starship, with Capt. Steven Foresberg at the helm. The fare for this much awaited event is \$ 235.00. If you have any interest in joining us then please sign up now as the trip will be limited to 40 anglers. If you signed up and have given me a deposit, I will be collecting the balance of any monies that are due at the upcoming February General meeting so please see me.

Sincerely,

Captain Harry Weinblatt
F/V Blue Marlin



MEMBERSHIP

A courtesy table will be available at the next GM for latest renewals.

GOOD & WELFARE

Richard Rosenkranz is recuperating from heart surgery at his home.

Martha Pezer is doing well after her illness, and we wish her husband, Paul success in his treatment for prostate cancer.

John Hackman is recovering from back surgery.

Our condolences to John Scanlon, and family, on his father's passing.

Our condolences go out to the Schwender Family on the recent passing of club member Phil Schwender. May he rest in peace.

Contact Jeff Squeri, 516-221-6343, with any G&W news to share.

OVERDUE RECOGNITION

Overlooked but not forgotten. Our Holy Redeemer Parish Outreach sent fond thanks to the members of the FTC who participated in a holiday food drive. Francisco Cales of the Outreach wrote, "Your generosity helps us continue our work in aiding the many needy families in our Freeport Community." The food drive was organized by the Bob Bohlert family and supported by FTC member Bob Benzenberg, Paul Shuber, Jim Rooney, Mike Sullivan, Ed Faza, Bob Pandey, Paul Noto, Joe Steiner, Phil Schwender, Paul Marcy, Joe Sarrantinio, Tomi Boy Buccheri, Bill Morrogh, Bob Diminio, and Jim Vallone.

JANUARY 2007 DERBY, AWARDS & CONTEST REPORT

Awards Chairman: Captain Lawrence J. Festa
Committee Team: Captain Michael Zullo, Mary Ellen Zullo,
Captain Chris Squeri, Joseph Jahn & ** Bill Morrogh**

Freeport Tuna Club 2007 Derby Dates Weights Proposed 12/24/06

Committee: Captain Lawrence J. Festa, Captain Michael Zullo,
Mary Ellen Zullo, Chris Squeri, Joseph Jahn, Bill Morrogh

Even without derbies in progress our club keeps the prizes coming. At our March GM will be awarding our FTC Annual Awards. Please read our Insert which lists all of our winners for 2006. Awards night will be one to remember as we set the record with a large amount of club prizes and club records.

Our new club record holders for 2006 are as follows:

Club Records

Robert Solberg.....28 lb. Blackfin Tuna
Ryan Sullivan.....IGFA 2 lb. Test
Cynthia Sullivan.....IGFA 2 lb. Test
Joe Steiner.....7.68 Large Mouth Bass
Bob Hindenlang.....12.43 Blackfish

PS. Here are the 2007 FTC Derby Dates:

FISH:

Cod (06 lbs. new wt.)
Blackfish (03 lbs.)
Flounder (01 lbs. 08 ozs.)
Seabass (2.5 lbs. new wt.)
Striped Bass (15 lbs.)
Weakfish (05 lbs.)
Fluke (3.5 lbs. new wt.)
Shark (125 lbs.)
Bluefish (8 lbs.)
Tuna (20 lbs. new wt.)
Mahi (04 lbs.)
False Albacore (06 lbs.)
Green Bonito (04lbs.)

SPRING DATES:

March 24th ~ May 6th
April 7th ~ May 13th
April 7th ~ May 13th
April 28th ~ June 3rd
May 12th ~ June 17th
May 19th ~ June 24th
May 26th ~ July 1st
June 2nd ~ July 15th
June 2nd ~ July 15th
July 7th ~ Aug. 12th
July 7th ~ Aug. 12th

FALL DATES:

Sept. 29th ~ Dec. 9th
Oct. 20th ~ Nov. 25th

Sept. 22nd ~ Oct. 21st
Oct. 13th ~ Nov. 25th
Aug. 25th ~ Sept. 23rd
Aug. 11th ~ Sept. 9th
Sept. 15th ~ Oct. 21st
Sept. 1st ~ Sept. 30th
Sept. 1st ~ Oct. 7th
Aug. 25th ~ Sept. 30th
Aug. 25th ~ Sept. 30th
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Notable Dates in History

- February 6, 1933-The USS Ramapo, en route from San Diego, encountered a wave estimated to be 112 feet high during a seven day storm on the Pacific.
- February 24, 1862-15 fishing vessels, and 120 men from Gloucester, Mass, were lost in as single storm on the Georges Bank off New England.
- February 10, 1722-Infamous and notorious pirate, Bartholomew Roberts- aka Black Bart, died at sea off the coast of Guinea.

Get Dressed!

Representatives of Old Harbor Outfitters(OHO) are coming to the FTC April GM to introduce their line of "innovative apparel and gear built for the fisherman". This is a small firm dedicated to producing what they consider to be the finest outerwear of its kind. OHO recognizes the history and prestige of our Club. The fishing gear represented by the logo of the Shark is unique to the angling world and President of OHO wants the FTC to be the first fishing club to get hands on their exciting new products. As a special outreach to our Club, OHO will be

donating a lot of merchandise for our April GM raffle. You lucky winners will be able to take home one of several items that have a high retail value.Be sure to attend and be a winner!

Thoughts of the Sea

"The Smell of Boats from John Hershey-He picked up the ball of twine and put it to his nose and drew in the smell of boats-caulking smell, rope locker smell, the smells which, savored in the darkest gloom of winter, had the power of evoking faraway sunlit wavetops, a canted mast, splashing bow waves, and a warm summer's breeze on a helmsman's cheek."

From E. B. White, "It is a small wonder that men hold boats in the secret place of their mind almost from the cradle to the grave."

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Chris Squeri.....1st Vice President
Joseph Jahn.....2nd Vice President
Mike SullivanTreasurer
Chris Bellinzi.....Secretary

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