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"PARTICIPATION"

NEXT GENERAL MEETING

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Wednesday, March 12, 2003

FREEPORT YACHT CLUB

8 Guy Lombardo Avenue (Just South of Sea Isle Sports Center on left hand side)



AWARDS NIGHT

PLEASE BE ON TIME

7:30 MEETING

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY



PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Scott Schafer

As fishing season inches closer, our club is beginning to take on a whole new face. Our booth at the Freeport Recreation Center was a great success. We had many men and women interested in what our club is all about. All of our volunteers, whom I would like to thank, were very professional in the way they represented our club. If we keep moving forward at our present rate, the Freeport Tuna Club will be making a big name for itself on Long Island and amongst other fishing clubs. I am presently working on putting together a media-marketing event for the Freeport Tuna Club this summer that will give us more positive exposure to the public.

Our general meetings have been nothing less than spectacular. At our March meeting, I am

looking forward to watch Larry Fester hand out our yearly plaques to all of our members with outstanding catches. It will definitely be a fun-filled evening!

We had our first 2003 Thursday night get together at the property and it went very well. We spoke about changes we would like to make such as adding new foods, events, raffles and a new BBQ cooking pit. Once again, I would like to thank every club member for all of his or her support.

Sincerely,

Scott Schafer

FISHING BULLETIN



They say that March comes in like a lion and leaves like a lamb. I believe that we have all had enough of the lion. As the month of March settles in we should start to see a moderation in the weather, hopefully

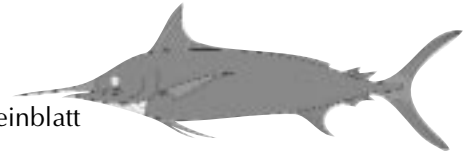
enough to allow us to start working on our boats for the upcoming season. However we don't need to be reminded that March always has a surprise or two.

On the local fishing front the action is non-existent. The local waters are reportedly in the mid to upper thirties. Temperatures this cold put the fish in a dormant like state. I am quite sure that even the flounders are buried a foot deep in the mud. This year the flounder season opens up on March 15. The best bet here would be to find some shallow water that the sun is able to heat up. Stir the bottom and chum hard. The deeper holes are not productive during the early part of the season, as the bottom temperatures are still very cold. My suggestion would be to stay in the shallower water and who knows your efforts might be well rewarded. The cold water temperatures have also effected the blackfish. Recently, a local boat made a few local drops and came back to the dock with the same amount

of bait that they started with. That report won't be the rule as the month continues to wear on it's just a matter of time until those fish will start to feed again. Our local cod fishery is also non-existent, which is from our local inlets, however the cod have put the feed bag on if your fishing from Montauk. The fish that have been caught have been caught offshore and reportedly up to 30lbs.

Our Annual Freeport Tuna Club Codfish Trip, sailing from Montauk is just about sold out. If you're interested in joining us for this two-day event I will be taking names to put on a waiting list. In the past inevitably a spot opens up because of the unexpected. Don't miss the boat on this one, I am sure that if we have the weather to sail, that this one will go in the record books.

The trip this year will depart Montauk on Friday April 25th at 7:30 PM and return on Sunday April 27th at 10:00PM. The fare is \$ 200.00 per person.



Sincerely,
Captain Harry Weinblatt
F/V Blue Marlin

Conservation

Flounder will open 3/15/2003 and run thru 6/30/2003 11" minimum with a bag of 15. Fluke proposal (not official) 17" 7 bag, season to open on or about 5/1/2003 with no closure. There will be a 2 week black sea bass closure 9/01/03 thru 9/15/2003 as well as a total closure 12/01/03 thru 12/31/2003.

House

WE NEED HELP on picking up soda/beer/chips/etc. for general meetings. If you have a little free time on these evenings, your "Participation" will be greatly appreciated! See Joe Glavin.

Good & Welfare

All is well!

Yearbook

Please start gathering thoughts and photos

Membership

159 paid members. 9 applications from Freeport Rec. Show - If you have not paid your dues this is your last issue. So please enjoy it!!

Property

There is a waiting list for slips. If you have not paid - you do not have a slip. No tickey...No shirty!

Special Events

Annual Club Cod Trip- Aboard The Viking Star, Montauk. Departing April 25 / Returning April 27 \$200.00 per person **SOLD OUT** - waiting list only. See Harry Weinblatt

ANNUAL GARAGE SALE: Saturday, May 17th, Raindate, Sunday, May 18th, \$30 per table, Contact: Al Casciano (516) 314-5572 / (516) 223-6401.

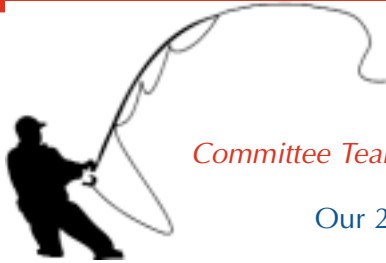
Website News:

Starting sometime this month we will be restricting the Fishing Reports on our club's web site (<http://www.ftcfishing.com>) to club members only. You will be asked to enter a password to access the Fishing Reports.



"THE NANTUCKETER, HE ALONE RESIDES AND RESTS ON THE SEA; HE ALONE IN BIBLE LANGUAGE, GOES DOWN TO IT IN SHIPS; TO AND FRO PLOUGHING IT AS HIS OWN SPECIAL PLANTATION. THERE IS HIS HOME; THERE LIES HIS BUSINESS, WHICH A NOAH'S FLOOD WOULD NOT INTERRUPT, THOUGH IT OVERWHELMED ALL THE MILLIONS IN CHINA".

OBED MACY, QUAKER MERCHANT



CLUB AWARDS & DERBY DATES

Capt. Lawrence J. Festa F/V Kristen

Committee Team: Captain Chris Bellinzoni, Captain Michael Zullo, Mary Ellen Zullo & Anthony Testa

Our 2003 Derby at a Glance wallet size derby card are available.
The cards will be at the next GM for all members.
Also the dates are posted on our Web Site

The Following Derbies are in Progress This Month:
Cod (12 lbs. min.).....February 15th to March 23rd



Attention All Club Members:

Effective 2003 at per the "Board of Directors" the Awards & Contest Committee will only be allows to except Official Freeport Tuna Club Weight Slips. These slips are available at every monthly meeting and must be used to standardize the rules of the clubs awards, contests and derbies. In addition the slips MUST be stamped by an official weight masters at local tackle shops and bait stations only. Fish weight at fish markets and other types of locations that do not cater to the recreational angler will not be accepted. If a weight station is not available do to hour of return you may weight the fish the following day. Exception all fish caught under the 24 hour rule must be weight the same day.

2003 Freeport Tuna Club Tournament & Shoot-out Dates

Committee: Anthony Testa Jr., Glen Oberwiler, Christopher & Chris Bellinzoni

Our Tournament and Shoot-out Committee is pleased to announce this year's line-up. Shoot-out dates are "Work in Progress" at this point, however, the response from other clubs has been very positive. "Very Special Thanks" go to FTC members Doug "Dougout III" Fletcher, Jim "Joan G" Rooney, Sil "The New Fantasy-?" Mazzilli, Jeff "Lady E" & Chris "All American" Squire for their help in contacting participating clubs.

TOURNAMENTS:

June 14th, Saturday:

Hudson Anglers Shark Tournament Rain Date Sunday, June 15th Contact (516) 771- 1442

June 12 through 14, Thursday, Friday & Saturday:

Star Island Shark Tournament, Montauk Point Contact: Star Island Marina (631) 668-5052

June 19th through June 25th, Thursday through Wednesday:

First Annual "I love New York" Shark Tournament, Montauk Point Contact: Gayle Haines 1-888-281-7071

June 28th, Saturday:

Woodcleft Fishing Station Shark Tournament Richie Rosenkranz @ (516) 378-8748

June 28th, Saturday:

Bay Shore Tuna Club Mako Tournament, Bayshore Marina Contact: Archie Rhodes (631) 665-5341

July 12 & 13, Saturday & Sunday:

MBCA Charity Shark Tournament, Star Island Yacht Club, Montauk Point Contact: Montauk Boatmen & Captains Assoc. Bill Ricca (631) 669-1051

July 19th, Saturday:

Chris Larkin Tournament Rain Date Saturday July 26th.

July 25th through 28th, Friday-Monday:

Babylon Tuna Club Invitational, Babylon Village Dock Contact: Dennis Anderson (631) 661-6484

August 2nd, Saturday:

Old Mill Yacht Club Fluke Derby, Old Mill Yacht Club, Howard Beach Contact: (718) 835-0454

August 15th & 16th, Friday & Sunday:

Star Island Mako Mania Tournament, Montauk Point Contact: (631) 668-5052

Proposed Shoot-outs & Dates:

May 16, 17 & 19, Friday, Saturday & Sunday: Flounder & St. Bass

Invited/Participating clubs: Babylon Tuna Club, Hudson Anglers, Atlantic Anglers, Mill River Fishing Club, Manhasset Bay Fishing Club & Matinecock Fishing Club

May 23, 24 & 25, June 6, 7 & 8 Friday, Saturday & Sunday both weekends: St. Bass, Weakfish & Seabass

Invited/Participating clubs: Babylon Tuna Club, Hudson Anglers, Atlantic Anglers, Mill River Fishing Club, Manhasset Bay Fishing Club & Matinecock Fishing Club

June 20, 21 & 22, Friday, Saturday & Sunday: Bluefish & Fluke

Invited/Participating clubs: Babylon Tuna Club, Hudson Anglers, Atlantic Anglers, Mill River Fishing Club, Manhasset Bay Fishing Club & Matinecock Fishing Club

July 11, 12 & 13, Friday, Saturday & Sunday: Fluke & Bluefish

Invited/Participating clubs: Babylon Tuna Club, Hudson Anglers, Atlantic Anglers, Mill River Fishing Club, Manhasset Bay Fishing Club & Matinecock Fishing Club

Thursday or Friday Night August 8th or 9th:

"Bragger's Rights" BBQ and Awards, Freeport Tuna Club

Invited/participating Clubs: Babylon Tuna Club, Hudson Anglers, Atlantic Anglers, Mill River Fishing Club, Manhasset Bay Fishing Club & Matinecock Fishing Club

August 29, 30 & 31, Friday, Saturday & Sunday: Freeport Tuna Club Vs Babylon Tuna Club, Tuna-Shoot-out

October 24, 25 & 26, Friday, Saturday & Sunday: Freeport Tuna Club Vs Staten Island Fishing Club, St. Bass-Shoot-out

Just a reminder, safety should always be the first priority and the responsibility of the Captain/Owner. Weather conditions, the capability of your vessel & crew should always be the determining factor as to "weather" or not your vessel leaves the dock on any given day. If in doubt, keep the dock lines tied to the dock and start the blender!
- "Four Bells"

ALWAYS CHECK YOUR MONTHLY CALENDAR



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2003 Officers

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John Weber 1st Vice President

Capt. John J. Jutt, Sr. ... 2nd Vice President

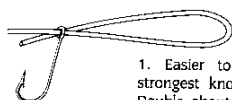
Bill Morrogh Treasurer

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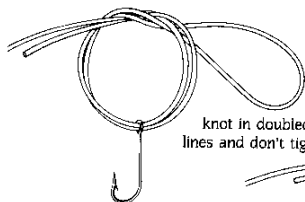
THE "Y-KNOT" CORNER

To all members - any knots or rigging tips
are always welcome.



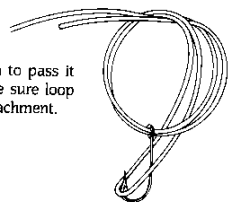
PALOMAR KNOT

1. Easier to tie right, and consistently the strongest knot known to hold terminal tackle. Double about 4" of line and pass loop through eye.



2. Let hook hang loose and tie overhand knot in doubled line. Avoid twisting the lines and don't tighten knot.

3. Pull loop of line far enough to pass it over hook, swivel or lure. Make sure loop passes completely over this attachment.



4. Pull both tag end and standing line to tighten. Clip about 1/8".



Each month we will try to feature a new knot. Practice it - learn it - it will improve your landings.

CLASSIFIED:

ANY CLASSIFIED LISTING FOR SALE OR TRADE PLEASE MAIL TO:

FTC CLASSIFIED/CATCH OF THE MONTH CORNER

C/O JOHN JUTT

2848 WHALENECK DRIVE • MERRICK, NY 11566

LISTINGS ARE FOR FREE • FOR CLUB MEMBERS ONLY

- 1998 Subaru Forester, All Wheel Drive, 43,000 miles. excellent condition, leather, pw, pb, ps, pl, cd, new tires, new front brakes asking \$11,000.00 516-933-1916
- Three (3) 80 lb. class bent butt Rods with 80 T International Reels spooled with 130 lb. test. Mint condition. \$600 ea. Call Capt. Larry F/V Kristen 516-739-3919.
- 1973 19ft. sportcraft caprice cuddy cabin, porta potti, very clean 1986 100 h.p. envinrude, sst prop vhf/ta system full canvas/ 14 rod holder / 70 gal. fuel / outrigger / dual batteries / must be seen a give-away 2000.00 bob 516-781-4011
- GradyWhite 227 Seafarer, 1989, Mint Cond. 5.0 V810 Repowered in 96 Low Hours. New Furuno Color f.f., Loran, UHF, Outriggers, All new canvas. Great range, very economical, loaded \$19500 Neg. (718) 291-6700 (days) (516) 593-0732 (Eve.)
- FOR SALE: 1998 Subaru Forester, All Wheel Drive, 43,000 miles, Excellent Condition, Leather, PW, PB, PS, PL, CD, new tires, new front brakes...Asking \$13,000 (516) 933-1916 John Hachmann
- ICOM Radio model 125 Remote Spotlight 1 spool 1/2" anchor line 1200 feet Assortment of boat fenders Insulated fish bags couple anchors Assortment of GAFFS Docking lines custom cutting board Remote stabilizer for trim pads Anchor Balls Numerous amount of fishing stuff Please call Skip Schaffer (516) 351-0992
- Apelco Model 460 sonar/fishfinder w/ transom mounted transducer. \$150.00 John Weber 516-379-0132
- 23' 72' International 260hp mercv/koden cvs-101/apelco-dl6000/shakespere radio/king flasher joe 771-1442