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NEXT GENERAL MEETING

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Thursday, March 10, 2005

CENTRE OF ARS CHURCH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM
Merrick Ave., Merrick

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



HAPPY EASTER



AWARDS NIGHT The "Best of the Best"



PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Capt. John J. Jutt, Sr.

Dear Members,

As March comes around we begin to think that old man winter might be ready to pack his bags and head out of town. But, by the looks of things all we have is hope. I would like to take a moment to thank all the dedicated members for working the booth at the Freeport Rec. Center show. Teamwork is what it is all about. It will help move our club in the right direction for the coming season.

Our March meeting is awards night. It is the night that is a milestone in which all faithful fishermen look forward to every year. Awards night is always a night to remember. I wish to thank Capt. Larry Festa our committee chair in advance for all his effort and dedication in making this night memorable.

For the upcoming 2005 season the committee will be reviewing some of the annual awards. They are going to make them more competitive, conservation minded and achievable in all categories. Throughout the upcoming year submit

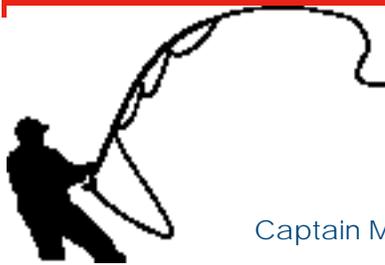
your weigh slips and get involved because you gotta be in it to win it. Our at a glance cards will be available at the next General Meeting and our calendar of events is nearing completion.

This upcoming season looks promising. Clinic dates are set, special events are underway and our annual cod trip was sold out almost instantly. Thanks again to Capt. Harry Weinblatt for his efforts in taking the helm.

Al Casciano informs me that table space has already been reserved for the annual garage sale. The rodeos are scheduled and GM speakers are lined up for the season. We are full steam ahead with our bows pointed in the right direction. I once again ask all members to get involved. Please give time to your club, you will see the difference.

As Francis de Sales once said: BE WHO YOU ARE, AND BE THAT WELL"

Captain John



CLUB AWARDS & DERBY DATES

Capt. 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"
Captain Chris Squeri F/V "LADY E"

The results are official, congratulations to all winners. In addition to our awards and club records listed below are the junior anglers how will be receiving a junior achievement awards:

Sarah Bollaci 16.9 lb. Striped Bass

Steven Woodiwiss 7.7 lb. Fluke

Nicole Hilton 10 lb. Striped Bass

A.J Coleman 31.25 lb. Striped Bass

Anthony Testa Jr. 15 lb. Striped Bass

Troy Gerrity Bluefin Tuna RELEASE

Douglas Toohey Fluke RELEASE

Mathew Edleman Blue Shark RELEASE

Mitchell Coleman 22.5 lb. Striped Bass

Paul Michael Hilton Striped Bass RELEASE

Alfonso Casciano Fluke RELEASE

James Weinblatt 6 lb. Cod

Jason Ortiz 10 lb. Striped Bass

C.J. Spring 38.7 lb. Striped Bass

Leslie Toohey Fluke RELEASE

Michael Calaldo 3.87 Sea Bass

Current Events

I am pleased to announce that past President Chris Squeri and Board Member Joe Jahn has jointed our awards committee.

Currently there are no derbies in progress or starting this month. The 2005 Derby Dates are officially posted on are web site.

ADVERTISE WITH THE FREEPORT TUNA CLUB! *The Best Deal in Town!*

The FTC Bulletin is now offering Ad Space. The cost of the ad is \$225 per unit, a monthly cost of \$18.75 per month. Ad space is being offered to members first. First come first serve.

This is a great way to promote your business and network with other members. Just some ideas: Charter Boat Business, Auto Service, Contracting, Professional Services, whatever you sell advertise with the Freeport Tuna Club. Ad blanks available at next GM. For more information contact your bulletin committee at 516-546-2312.



Fishing Dude Says "It's no fish
ye're buying, It's Men's lives"
Sir Walter Scott, 1816



FISHING BULLETIN

With about three weeks spring, the time can not pass enough. We have gotten ca old man winters grip this ye he has not seemed all that eager to let go. 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 somewhat promising. Over the last several weeks I have been hearing sporadic reports of cod being caught on the 35-45 mile wrecks. This past weekend Captain Al made a trip and the crew of 20 on board was rewarded with about 30 cod up to 10lbs. If that report does not get you excited it should as the last good cod year we had in our areas local waters was 1996. I'll keep my fingers crossed that this a promising sign of things to come and start getting my rods ready for action. The local waters are reportedly in the mid to upper thirties, and with flounder season just around the corner I am quite sure that even the flounders are buried a foot deep in the mud. 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 as is typical for this time of the year. 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. The report from our East End crew is that the cod have put the feed bag on. The action has been hit or miss and if you're on board when it's a good day the fish have been caught offshore and reportedly up to 30lbs.

Our Annual Freeport Tuna Club Codfish Trip, sailing from Montauk aboard the Viking Star is 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, last year we sailed to Stellwagon Bank for two days and had a very memorable trip. The trip will depart Montauk on Friday April 15th at 7:30 PM and return on Sunday April 17th at 10:00PM. The fare is \$ 210.00 per person.

Sincerely,

Captain Harry Weinblatt
F/V Blue Marlin



Captian Anglers

It must be cabin fever!! We had 17 members show up during last thursdays snow storm for our first clinic at the property. An informative session was presented by Mike Seiena formerly of Sea Isle.

A special thanks to Henry Jenet for finding speakers for our club and also to Bob Pandy for his efforts as the head of the captain's committee on Thursday nights. Meetings are planned for the first Thursday of the month until the weather breaks and we begin weekly meetings. The pizza was great and all had a good time.



Property

Reminder, the next and final payment for summer dockage is due on April 1. An invoice will be mailed shortly. If you have not already given your insurance information to Joe Jahns, please do so.

Or, you may send in a copy of your insurance policy with the final payment.

Property Clean Up - Sunday April 10th at 8 am. All invited. Call John Gerrity 967-9522.

Yearbook

Yearbook committee is being formed. Contact John Jutt 516-546-2312 or Scott Schafer 516-781-4200

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2005 Officers

Capt. John J. Jutt Sr..... President

James Rooney.....1st Vice President

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Chris Bellinzoni.....Secretary



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Freeport, New York 11520

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ANNUAL FTC CODFISH TRIP

April 15-17

For those of you
looking to get on a waiting
list Contact

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at 516-623-9860

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Raindate May 15th
Contact Al Casciano
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