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## NEXT GM

**THURSDAY MARCH 13, 2008 • 8:00 PM**

**CURE OF ARS AUDITORIUM**

**MERRICK AVENUE • MERRICK**

**(between Sunrise Highway and Merrick Road)**

## ANNUAL AWARDS NIGHT

*"The Best of the Best"*

### President's Message

Ed Faza

I would like to thank everyone who manned the booth at the Federation show last month. It was very successful as was the second Big Game night. Incredible food and fun stories were shared by all. Mike Sullivan gave an outstanding presentation on Striped Bass for our first club clinic of the year, which was held at the Tree House restaurant. The next one will feature Capt Harry speaking on Cod. These clinics are a good way to learn and re-learn fishing techniques. They are also a fun night out. Congratulations to all the inshore/off shore challenge winners; this year's competition will be starting soon. Speaking of winners, don't miss out on our annual awards night. Capt Larry always puts on a good show.

Very special thanks to John Gerrity and his volunteer crew consisting of : Bob Bohlert, Matt Cardone, Peter Cefai, Bob Dimino, , Charlie Goldstein, Don Granger, Billy Hines, Joseph Jahn, David Massa, Bill Morrogh, Nick Nero, Paul Schuber, George Sinerco, Mike Sullivan, John Weber and Harry Weinblatt that worked on the property last Sunday. The progress on

the Bulk Heading project is moving along. They are now halfway to the club house. John will be looking for volunteers soon to start building a new walkway around the perimeter. This is another great way to get involved with the club and make some friends.

I would like to wish John Koenig a quick recovery from his car accident.



# FISHING BULLETIN

Captain Harry Weinblatt



The beginning of March is already behind us. With less than three weeks until spring, our clocks will be set one hour ahead giving us a tease of what we have in store, more hours of daylight. After a taste of mild temperatures throughout our winter season to date and one minor snowstorm, this past winter has been a pleasure as compared to others. As the month of March continues to settle in we should start to see a little moderation in weather, hopefully enough for us to start to work on our boats. March and April always have a surprise for us, so we are not out of the woods yet. The areas waters have not cooled down to prior years levels and with a taste of mild southerly breezes recently, I am optimistic that this will help to jump start our spring fishery.

On the local fishing front, the reports from the local cod fishery are that they continue to be caught, however not in the same numbers that we were experiencing when the run first commenced. Most recently Paul Hilton skippered his Emily S, accompanied by crewmembers John Jutt, Raymond Jutt and Nick Nero, to an area southeast of our inlet in twenty fathoms of water. They picked away at the Cod, Blackfish and Ling and managed to put together a decent catch, which was evidenced by the bags of fillets that the crew walked off the boat with. Largest Cod reported that day was around the 10lb. range.

Our Annual Offshore Codfish Trip is currently open to non-club members. If you are onboard for the trip and would like to bring someone else who is not a member, please see me at the upcoming GM. The dates are set for a departure on the evening of Friday April 11 and returning on Sunday evening April 13. We will be sailing aboard the Viking Starship this year. The fare for this much-awaited event is \$ 275.00 per person. I will be collecting the pool money the evening of departure as done in the past. I have also contacted Kobi, the gentleman who has handled the galley for us the last few years. He will be joining us for this year's trip and will be cooking up a storm as he has in the past.

Sincerely,

Captain Harry Weinblatt  
F/V Blue Marlin



## PROPERTY

Hancock Contracting is rapidly moving along at the property. They expect to wrap up the bulkheading, the dredging and re-grading the yard by the end of the month. By then, the Property Committee should also be well along with framing the walkway. In April, the floating docks, electric, water and bubble systems will be installed. Thank you to all members for their continued patience during this transition to a first class marina.

Seventeen members answered the call and volunteered to help out the Property Committee with its first work detail on the new bulkhead. This work included removing the awning framing and pavers from harms way and general yard maintenance. John Gerrity also reviewed with everyone the design of the next project, the new walkway. The solid turnout made quick work of the task which was wrapped up by 10:30. The Club wishes to thank: Bob Bohler, Matt Cardone, Peter Cefai, Bob Dimino, John Gerrity, Charlie Goldstein, Don Granger, Billy Hines, Joseph Jahn, David Massa, Bill Morrogh, Nick Nero, Paul Schafer, George Sinerco, Mike Sullivan, John Weber and Harry Weinblatt. Looking to get involved? Look on the web site for details of future work dates.

Just one space is open at the property. An inside slip is available, complete with finger. This slip can accommodate boats to 25 feet. Contact Mike Sullivan if you are interested.

## COD FISHING CLINIC

### Cod Fishing Clinic Wednesday April 2

Take a mid-week end-of-winter break and go Cod clinicing!

This is the Club's second winter fishing clinic to be held at the Tree House Sports Bar, 7:30-10:30pm. Capt. Harry Weinblatt presides with all kinds of tips, and techniques for successfull Gadus Morhua fishing. \$15 gets you in with unlimited beer and soda.

Address is 1833 Sunrise Hwy. Contact Hank Jenet for info 516-593-0732

## APRIL GM PREVIEW

Sneak preview for April GM-David Feit, Chief, Ocean Forecast Branch Ocean Prediction Center of the NOAA weather service will have a surprise announcement. We will be the first in the area to be told about some exciting new weather news.

## MARCH 2008 DERBY, AWARDS & CONTEST REPORT

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

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ATTENTION!!!! All members, please come our March GM, We will be awarding our FTC Annual Awards & Club Records for 2007, Captain Larry will MC. Awards night is always an event that shouldn't be missed!

Our new club record holders for 2007 are as follows:

**American Eel** 7 lbs. — Jim Krug— Montauk, NY (2007)  
**Blackfish** 12.43 lbs. (Tie) — Paul Marcy— Freeport, NY (2007)  
**Ling** 6 lbs. — Matthew Edelman — Montauk, NY (2007)  
**Striped Bass (IGFA Small Fry Girls Div.)** 42 lbs. 10 ozs. — Jacqueline Toback — Freeport, NY (2007)  
**Tuna (Allison)** 195 lbs. — Bob Hindenlang— Freeport, NY (2007)  
**Wahoo** 114 lbs. — Bobbie Krug — Montauk, NY (2007)

March heralds the beginning of our 2008 Derby season! The first 3 derbies are:

CODFISH ---- March 22<sup>nd</sup> – May 4<sup>th</sup> ..... 6lb. minimum weight  
BLACKFISH – March 29<sup>th</sup> – April 30<sup>th</sup> ..... 3lb. minimum weight  
FLOUNDER-- April 5<sup>th</sup> – May 11<sup>th</sup> ..... 1lb. 8oz. minimum weight

Let's get out there and fish!

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### GOOD & WELFARE

John Koenig was in a serious car accident. He has back injuries and is presently in rehab.

He is at Burke Rehab Hospital, 785 Mamoroneck Ave., White Plains, NY 410605 Phone: 914-597-2500.

We wish him a speedy recovery.

Ed Schuh is out of the hospital and at home recovering.

We also wish him a speedy recovery.

### MEMBERSHIP

This bulletin is the last call for membership dues. If you haven't yet paid, please send your dues to PO Box 5, or see Danny Carroll at the GM.

### FLUKE MEETING

#### IMPORTANT FLUKE MEETING MARCH 11TH

Folks, On March 11 the Marine Resource Advisory Council (MRAC) will be meeting at 2 PM at the D E C building 205 Belle Meade East Setauket. The 2008 Fluke Regulations are on the agenda. The council should be voting on the regulations at this meeting. Anyone that fishes for Fluke and wants the longest season possible needs to be there. The season we support May 15 - Sept. 1 is not perfect but it is the best we can get. We all must stand together on this so all of the fishing industry on LONG ISLAND has a chance to survive, while we try to change the laws. So I hope you folks will find a few hours, of your time, to fight for your 2008 season. Contact Dennis Kanyuk UNITED BOATMAN OF N.Y.



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### 2008 Officers

Ed Faza .....President  
Joe Jahn ..... 1st Vice President  
Bob Benzenberg .....2nd Vice President  
Mike Sullivan .....Treasurer  
Chris Bellinzi.....Secretary



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## INSHORE-OFFSHORE GRAND SLAM CHALLENGE

We would like to thank all those that participated in the inaugural inshore/off-shore challenge.

The winners are:

**Inshore**  
Paul Hilton  
Bob Pandy  
Bob Bohlert

**Offshore**  
Larry Festa  
Sean Libby  
Rob Rosenberg



## CLASSIFIED:

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2. Four Shimano 50 TLD II- 2 speed 50 pound class graphite reels, spooled with 80 pound Momoi Blue diamond line, exc working condition, professionally maintained. - \$325 each  
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Wanted 25 hp outboard long shaft with tiller. Call Joe, 516-851-8762

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contact Jeff 516-425-4645

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