

# Tuna Tower News

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**NEXT GM**  
**THURSDAY, MARCH 11, 2010 • 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

March... in like a lion out like a lamb...let's hope so. March is a very important month for our club as we acknowledge "The Best of The Best" at our FTC Awards Night Meeting. Congratulations to all of our winners in which a total of forty nine awards will be given out. Each of you worked hard in competing with others and some just work hard at helping our club. So, this coming General Meeting we say thank you for a job well done. Awards Chairman, Bill Morrogh, his committee and the Board of Directors worked hard at selecting this years winners, tallying weigh slips for weights and, in some cases for points. This is a process that is ongoing through the year and done with great detail.

The selection of our discretionary awards is always difficult. Each year so many fine members get involved through extraordinary service to our club. FTC Captains sharing their vessels with members so they can compete for awards and our Board of Director's Award to a board member who gives outstanding service to our club. This years winners are held in very high regard and tonight it is our turn to thank you.

Our clubs booth at the Freeport Recreational Show went off with great success thanks to our members who volunteered their time and great people skills in talking to so many prospective candidates. I would like to thank Bob Pandey, Jim Rooney and their Committee Team for once again getting the FTC some great exposure to the fishing community. I was also delighted that Senator Chuck Schumer stopped at our booth for some kind words of support and a Photo Op.

Both Captain Harry's and my seminar went off with great attendance and interest in our club. Many of those who attended came back to our booth for more information on what our club has to offer.

In follow up to the NYSFF Show, and in support of our recreational fishing community, I want to thank the following members who attended the February 24th March on D.C. and represented our club: Bob

Sabella, Billy Hines, and Jerry Amitrano. We thank you for your commitment in supporting what we all love to do and for representing our club.

The annual FTC Game Dinner was a huge success. Dave Massa and Bob Benzenberg put on another sell out event. I thank all of the members that donated everything from Duck, Goose, Elk, Deer, Bear and yes this year even....Alligator!!! All deliciously served.

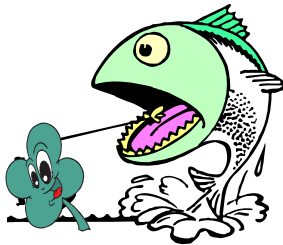
Our club to date is doing very well, both in financial strength as stated by our Treasurer, Tim Sherman, and in camaraderie as displayed from feed back by the general membership. Our financial strength and camaraderie is fueled by our membership and their annual dues. In order to keep the magic going I would ask any members who have not done so, to commit with their 2010 dues pledge. I thank all members for keeping the magic going.

Have a Happy St Patrick's Day

See all at our next GM.  
Captain Larry Festa  
President 2010



# FISHING BULLETIN



The first day of spring is just three weeks away. Last week's foot of snow might keep us wondering how far away those three weeks really are. They say that March comes in like a lion and leaves like a lamb. The current weather trends might be indicative that there is some stock to be taken for believing in "old wives tales". Although spring might be in the air we are not out of the woods just yet, March and even April have a surprise so let hope that old man winter can start to relax his grip on us "reel" soon.

On the local fishing front our cod action remains to be a viable option for those willing to brave the winter elements. I skippered the Blue Marlin twice within the last three weeks to wrecks deeper than twenty fathoms and most of these pieces are holding school sized cod in the 4-6 lb class. Lots of small fish but enough legal sized ones to make the effort worthwhile.

The local cod action off of Montauk continues with reckless abandon. Although there are days when the fish do not bite as well as the day before, there are many more good days than bad ones so it is worth the trip if you haven't tried yet.

Our FTC in Islamorada sent in the following report. "Winter locals" of Mike Wagner, Joey "stach" Fanora, Bob Hindenlang and Mike Zullo have been regularly fishing Mike's Stamas on the patch reefs off of Islamorada and have been picking away at the Yellowtail and occasional Hog Snappers. Sportfishing catch & release on all you want Grouper of several species...Black, Strawberry and Gag as grouper season under a closure moratorium.

Bruce Forster and Chris Bellinzoni fished with Capt Bruce Pollock of Edge Charters five days last week on the patch reefs for yellowtail & grouper with good catches. Every drop offering keeper size grouper. We also fished the back country with arm dreary bites of Spanish mackerel, Lady Fish, and Snappers of various species, Blue runners, plus Black Tip Sharks and Lemon Sharks. The sail fish bite further offshore has also been hot. Last week's Poor Girls Tournament out of Islamorada had 30 boats raise and catch 48 sails. The winning boat had 8. Kings and cobias are also part of the off-shore action. The weather and winds have been very tough down there this year, temps only in the low 60 most days and a relentless wind of 15-20 knots have been the norm.

Lastly, Our Annual FTC Off-Shore Fishing Extravaganza is sold out. If you interested in signing up for this event, I have started a waiting list. Inevitably something comes up and a spot or two have opened up in the past. Please let me know if you wish to have your name added to this list.

Sincerely,

Captain Harry Weinblatt  
F/V Blue Marlin



## TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

Chairman: Matt Errett

Committee members: John Rooney

Information on our local tournament scene is just beginning to trickle in, and the website will be updated in the very near future.

## CLINICS

Clinics will begin on March 25th at 7:30 p.m. at the property. The first speaker will be Mark from Long Island Propeller, the store owner with over 20 years experience. Topics will include propeller installation and removal, inspection of propellers, general knowledge of your propeller specifications, and what to look for including vibrations, torque, fuel efficiency, etc...

**Some additional clinics to come are;**  
**Melting lead to make sinkers**  
**How to tie knots for rigs and ropes**  
**General fiberglass maintenance**  
**Bass Clinic**  
**Anchoring clinic**

P.S. - If anyone has any questions, ideas or suggestions about a clinic they want to hear, please bring it to my attention and we will try and put together a clinic. I can be contacted at [bd26@optonline.net](mailto:bd26@optonline.net) or at (516) 765-1555.

## CAPTAIN & ANGLERS

We are gearing up for our up coming season. Looking forward to our first pizza clinic on March 2, 1900 Hrs at the club house. Any members interested in volunteering for C&A committee please contact Jim Rooney or Bob Pandey.  
*Thank You, Jim Rooney*

## ENTERTAINMENT

The entertainment committee so far has hit the ground running. I thank all of the members who contacted us about our first two months of 2010. Thanks to co-Chair Capt Paul "Rocketfish" Noto who has been tireless!! FTC History Night as well Keith Weinbrecht of Ocean Bay Surveyors received very positive feedback. This month we turn our duties over to Awards & Contests to entertain you with the Best of the FTC. In April we will get the season started with well respected Bass Master John Marino of American Fishing Charters. Our committee is looking to keep the magic going.....but we need your help. All members are encouraged to contact our Entertainment Committee with suggestions, thoughts & ideas. On behalf of my team it is our pleasure to serve you. Chairman - Capt Bob Bohlert [robert.j.bohlert@citi.com](mailto:robert.j.bohlert@citi.com)  
Cell 516 532-4525

## PROPERTY

If you are interested in keeping your boat at the FTC Marina you can get on the wait list with a \$100.00 deposit. The deposit is fully refundable at anytime.

-Contact Don Granger, Property Business Manager

Less than three weeks until spring and most of the snow has melted on our property. I want to thank all those who have sent in their summer contracts and their deposits. With some nicer weather and longer days, many of our winter storage tenants will begin to work on their boats. You must use a drop cloth when bottom painting. Please DO NOT dispose of your shrink wrap in the club dumpster. As always, the property committee would welcome any member to the committee to help keep the FTC property in top shape. If you can offer your time, please contact John Gerrity. On a final note, I would like to welcome Mac Samuel to the marina this summer with his 30 ft. Grady White.  
Property Chairman  
John Gerrity

## MARCH 2010 DERBY

### AWARDS & CONTESTS REPORT

*Awards Chairman: Captain Bill Morrogh  
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Everyone should mark their calendars and make a special effort to attend the March GM Annual Awards Night! It's time to review the 2009 season and recognize the exceptional anglers and catches that made 2009 memorable. We'll be presenting 46 annual awards and 3 new club records! A big turnout always helps so come on down and get in gear for the upcoming season!

#### THE FOLLOWING DERBIES ARE STARTING THIS MONTH:

Cod (6 lbs.).....March 20th ~ May 2nd  
Blackfish (3 lbs.).....March 27th ~ April 30th  
Flounder (1 lbs. 08 ozs.).....April 3rd ~ May 9th

## GOOD&WELFARE

Congratulations to Ryan Sullivan on passing his CPA exam. Congrats to his proud parents Mike & Cynthia.

We wish a speedy recovery to Ken Kapner on his recent Knee Surgery.

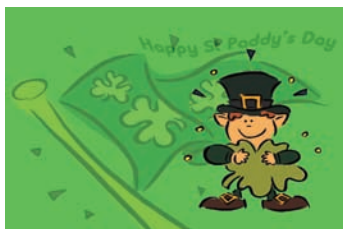
John Weber will be getting a procedure done at Winthrop Hospital, March 4th.

Our Deepest Sympathy to Past President Charlie Spring & Family on the passing of his Dad.

## PUBLIC RELATIONS



Senator Schumer made a surprise visit to the NYSF Fishing Show at the Freeport Recreation Center which was coordinated by the Recreational Fishing Alliance. The Senator stopped by many booths, met visitors and delivered a short speech. In his delivery Schumer verbalized his support for flexibility in the enforcement of the current Mangnuson Stevens Act, and his opposition to the current mandatory NYS saltwater fishing license.



## SHIP STORE SALE

This month With the upcoming COD Trip FTC the members can go in style and stay warm with FTC Hooded Sweat shirts, knitted hats and gear bags.

Hooded Sweat shirts 20% off at \$30.

Knitted Hats \$12

Small Gear Bags discounted to \$15

Large Gear Bags discounted to \$30.

While on the trip with the KOBE Prime Rib Dinner look great with FTC Anniversary golf shirt slashed to \$20. Great quality below our cost.

Not for nothing while on the cod trip Harry W guarantees 10% more fish if you wear FTC gear!

### GET READY FOR YOUR ANNUAL COD TRIP

*For this occasion all in stock sweat shirts 25% off*

*Contact Paul or Rosemary Schuber*

**AVAILABLE AT NEXT GM**

## NY Sport Fishing Federation Show

Friday morning I was wondering how I was going to get all the Picture Boards an T.V. and what ever else we needed into my truck from the Property to take to the Freeport Recreation Show because there was so much snow on the ground, well much to my surprise when I got to the Property at 10:00 A.M. the gate and the Grounds were all plowed of snow. So I'd like to give a big thank you to Pete Cefai for doing such a great job Thanks Pete.

I was met at the Tuna Club by members Paul Noto, Bob Dimino and Ray McDevitt, we filled the truck up with all the stuff and headed to the Freeport Rec. Show, set up the booth, and waited for the show to start. About 2:00 John Koening, Woody Anderson and Jim Rooney showed up to work the Booth. Saturday 8:00 A.M. Members Charlie Goldstein, Rick Totten and Don Morin worked the Booth and at 12:00 noon Sy Karp, Frank Lemonda, Jim Azzi and Tom Schwender took over. Senator Schumer showed up at the show to talk briefly about restrictions on the fishing industry and Salt water Licenses. He then walked around the show and Capt. Larry and I had a Photo taken at the Freeport Tuna Club Booth with Senator Schumer.

Sunday 9:00 A.M. George Sinerco, Sharon Missan and Woody Anderson were at there post. 12:00 Noon Dave Massa, Billy Hines, Bob Benzenberg, and Larry Festa stayed till the show ended at 2:30. We then broke down the Booth, brought the stuff back to the Tuna Club then went back to the show for the Auction. It was a great weekend, a lot of Comradere with the Members, we did get a few names and e- mail addresses for prospective members. Well I just want to again thank every one who made this show possible.

-Thanks Bob Pandey

## MEMBERSHIP

Membership fees are past due for 2010. If you did not receive your renewal, please contact Chris Squeri or email the club at our website.

Anyone who has a friend interested in joining, please have them join us for the March GM as we show them the hardware the club gives out every year!



## Freeport Tuna Club, Inc.

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### FTC 2010 Directors

President ..... Lawrence Festa  
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## CATCH OF THE MONTH

*Was that a Monster Tog last month??? Well Check this one out! This tog is 16lbs. 14 oz. caught on Sunday 2/21/10 off of Ocean City, MD in 100*

*feet of water. Caught by club member Dennis Cataldo. This is pending a new club record. Congratulations Dennis!*

### SAVE THE DATES

**YARD SALE** - May 22, 2010, Rain Day - May 23, 2010  
Contact Al Casciano

**RODEO REPORT** - Spring rodeo is June 11, 12 & 13th  
FALL DATES are Sept. 24, 25 & 26 - contact Jim Rooney

**FISHING TRIPS** with Capt Mike on the Prime Time III  
• First up, Monday May 17th Fluke and Bass trip. 7am lines off. 100.00 a person  
• Next up, Monday November 1st Blackfish. 7am lines off 100.00 a person.  
-CONTACT JOE JAHN



## CLASSIFIED:

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