

Tuna Tower News

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"PARTICIPATION"

NEXT GENERAL MEETING



Wednesday, April 9, 2003

FREEPORT YACHT CLUB

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

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE



Scott Schafer

The 2003 awards were given out on March 12th and it was a great event for all members who attended the general meeting. My congratulations to our distinguished Captains, Anglers, and members who received awards. They worked very hard for them and put in many long hours to achieve excellence in their categories. A special thanks to Captain Larry Festa, Christopher Bellinzoni, Mary Ellen Zullo and Captain Mike Zullo for doing a great job in displaying and awarding the trophies.

A job well done to Barry Simon for the excellent

array of plaques and a second thanks to photographer, Christopher Bellinzoni for preserving the moment.

As we get closer to our rodeos, I feel the younger members of the club should get some education from the senior members. So, as an early reminder, our May meeting will be "Kid's Night" where we will teach them how to fish for all the species in our rodeos. I am asking the members to fill out an RSVP card so I have an idea of how many children will be attending. I want to purchase fishing poles and diplomas for each child who participates. I hope this event will be both educational and fun for the kids as well as the members.

To help start the fishing season, our entertainment will come from within the membership. Our speakers will be discussing various aspects of boating maintenance and repairs from bottom paint to tackle.

In closing, our calendar of events is nearing completion. In addition to our club derbies, rodeos, and special events, it will include the opening and closing of all local species. Currently, our Spring Blackfish Derby is in progress and will end on April 27th. This derby will overlap with the Spring Flounder Derby starting on April 5th. The calendar will also be posted on our website. Submit your slips early and get involved. You've got to be in it to win it!

One last thing, please bring videos of fishing trips so we can play them at our general mee

Sincerely,

Scott Schafer



NEXT G/M

COMMISSIONING YOUR BOAT

APRIL 9, 2003

8:00 P.M. SHARP

HARRY WEINBLATT ON FIBER GLASS REPAIRS

JEFF SQUERI ON MAINTENANCE (GAS & DIESEL ENGINES)

RON FEURING ON PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE ON INSHORE & OFF-SHORE TACKLE.



FISHING BULLETIN



As I had predicted last month, March came in like a lion and left like a lamb. The temperatures during the latter part of the month were enough to spur an interest for most of us, to start working on our

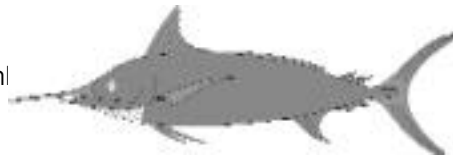
boats and get them ready for the upcoming season. The property has already received the first wave of boat launchings with many more to follow. In general we have been experiencing to date, a relatively cool start to our spring season and our fishing has been following the same pattern. With the local water temperature in the low 40's, this certainly has not been conducive for our local species to begin their normal springtime habits. Warm sunny days with winds from a more southerly direction will help to move our season along. Hopefully by the end of the month our spring season will be more underway and I'll have more reports for this column as well.

On the local fishing scene our start to the flounder season got under way as scheduled. Several boats fishing the back creeks of Baldwin reported spotty catches. The better reports have been coming from way to the west in the Raritan

Bay area. If you are into making the long run to get there your efforts might be well rewarded, as limit catches have been the norm. As our club boats make their way back into the water our seasoned bottom fisherman will be able to give us some intelligence on our local bottom species. I did hear of some action on blackfish but I was not able to confirm it. This weekend a few brave anglers have plans for some local black fishing if the forecasted easterly winds don't dampen their efforts. Local cod fishing remains lackluster with the wrecks around the 25-fathom area giving up a few fish reportedly up to the teens. The cod fishing from the Montauk area remains hit and miss although this area continues to out produce ours.

As the month of April draws to a close the spring mackerel run should begin and as always it has coincided with the full moon. This year's surprise is that the full moon is April 16 and May 16 we will see how this plays out for this year's run.

Sincerely,
Captain Harry Weinl
F/V Blue Marlin



Conservation

Dennis Cataldo & John Weber waiting for state regs to be published. HMFS permit now 22.00 per boat. Striped Bass bag limited still undecided. Fluke 7 fish at 17 inches.

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.

Membership

187 members. 5 new applications on deck. Committee is functioning well. List will be published of old members, so if you know of anyone who had an oversight please remind them.

Property

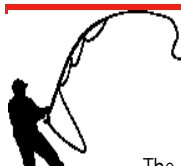
Waiting list for inside and outside slips. Water should be turned on as of 4/1/03 (if old man winter leaves us alone) There will be no special payment plans set up - anyone who had special payment plans in the past, this will no longer be honored. For those of you with freezers on property that are not working, please remove your garbage. If club has to remove it, it will become an additional cost on your dockage. Now that spring is here, those of you with boats on the property and wish to do spring detailing, please clean-up after yourselves (your mother, wife or nanny does not live here) Once again please lock the gate. We had another incident of sticky fingers. The police have been notified and if caught you will be prosecuted and exported to Baghdad. (No Joke - Lock The Gate)

Finance Committee

We had a proposed budget for 2003 reviewed by B.O.D. and accepted.

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 This is the last GM before the trip. Harry will discuss some last minute details. Also May GM is KIDS NIGHT! Stay tuned for more details.



CLUB AWARDS & DERBY DATES

Capt. Lawrence J. Festa F/V Kristen

The Following Derbies are in Progress This Month:

Spring Flounder (01.5 lbs. Min.).....April 5th to May 24th
Spring Blackfish (03 lbs. Min.).....March 22nd to April 27th

The Following Derbies Have Closed:

Cod (12 lbs. min.).....February 15th to March 23rd
Sorry no winners

Attention All Club Members:

Effective 2003 as per the Board of Directors@ the Awards & Contest Committee will only be allowed 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 master 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.

VENDORS WANTED ALIVE

WITH NEW AND USED EQUIPMENT AT DISCOUNTED PRICES

FREEPORT TUNA CLUB ANNUAL YARD SALE



SATURDAY MAY 17 • 9:00 A.M.

FISHING & BOATING EQUIPMENT

GOT ANYTHING IN THE ATTIC, GARAGE, OR ON THE DOCK?

PULL IT OUT - TAG IT AND SELL IT!

“ONE MANS GARBAGE IS ANOTHER MANS GOLD”

FISHING TACKLE, ELECTRONICS, BOATS, MOTORS, FISHING GEAR, ETC.

\$3.00 AT THE GATE

HAMBURGERS/FRANKS/CHOWDER/ BEVERAGES

WILL BE AVAILABLE

SPACE IS AVAILABLE AT \$30.00 • BRING YOUR OWN TABLES
SET UP TIME 7:00 A.M.



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APRIL

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	Flounder Derby Starts 5
6	7	8	GM 9	10	11	12
PALM SUNDAY 13	14	15	Board of Directors Meeting 16	PASSOVER BEGINS 17	GOOD FRIDAY 18	19
HAPPY EASTER 20	21	22	23	Captain/ Anglers Barbecue 24	25	26
Blackfish Derby Ends 27	28	29	30			





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

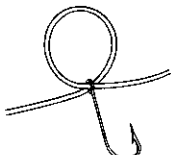
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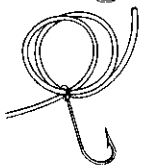


THE "Y-KNOT" CORNER To all members - any knots or rigging tips are always welcome

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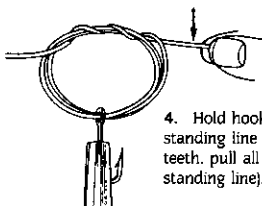
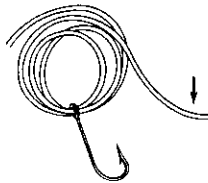


1. A strong knot. Popular with muskie fisherman. Run about five inches of line through eye of hook or lure; bring it around in a circle and run it through again.



2. Make a second circle, parallel with the first and pass end of line through eye a third time.

3. Bend standing part of line around the two circles. Bring tag end around in a third circle and wrap it three times around the three parallel lines.



4. Hold hook, swivel or lure with pliers. Hold standing line with other hand and tag end in teeth. pull all three to tighten (arrows identify standing line).

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

CLASSIFIED:

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