

# Tuna Tower News

Freeport Tuna Club, Inc.

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## NEXT GENERAL MEETING



Thursday, April 14, 2005

CURE OF ARS CHURCH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

Merrick Ave., Merrick

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

### Next GM

**HOW TO REACT IN AN EMERGENCY SITUATION! CLUB MEMBER  
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## President's Message

Capt. John J. Jutt, Sr.

The, 2004 Awards were presented out on March 10th. This was an exciting event for all the members who attended the general meeting. Distinguished captains and fishermen received awards. They worked very hard for them, and put in many long hours to achieve the best in their categories. Congratulations to all, keep up the good work. A special thanks to Captain Larry Festa and his committee for another great job in making awards night a memorable one. I have been coming down to the club property and seeing a great deal of activity. Members are getting their boats ready for the season. Others are just hanging around chit chatting. Its nice to see a little warm weather bringing out the best in everyone I am glad to see the property being so active. I am sure this activity will continue to grow throughout the season with the schedule we have planned. Our first property event is our annual garage sale, followed by our spring rodeo, clinics, captain anglers, these events

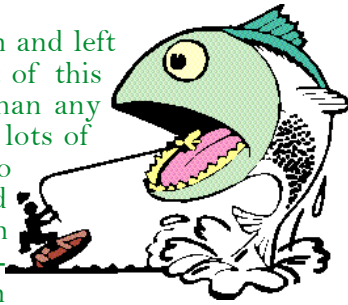
are all for the members to enjoy and get involved . In closing, I would like to remind everyone that we are a fine sportsfishing club and we are not average fishermen by any means. Our standards must be higher than any other club. I'd like to say that we must keep our status as the oldest and best fishing club on Long Island, by continuing with new ideas and educating our members to the fullest extend.

As Henry Ford once said: "Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress, working together is success."



# FISHING BULLETIN

March came in like a lion and left like one as well. The start of this month was no different than any other early spring month, lots of wind and plenty of rain to go along with it. March did have its nice days, which allowed some club members to get their boats in the water. As the month of April wears on the weather should begin to moderate and that should be a signal to our members to get their boats ready for another season. Our local waters are still on the very cool side and that is not a prime ingredient to our spring fishery. Warm sunny days with winds from a more southerly direction will help to jump start our season. I can only hope that by the end of April our springtime fishery will be in full swing as well as the reports for this column that go along with them.



On the local fishing front our flounder season has started with lack luster results for those anglers that have made an effort to put a catch together. Everyday seems to be a little better and before long the numbers will start to come in. Hopefully the price of fuel will not dampen the efforts for those anglers who are willing to make the long run to the west for a cooler full of flounders.

Our resident bottom fisherman are just starting to get their boats in the water for the season, so my anticipated early blackfish report did not materialize for this months column. I did receive third hand information and the results were not too promising as the water temps are still very low.

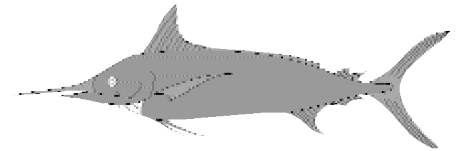
If you prefer more water under your feet, a trip to the twenty-five fathom wrecks as a starting point might put you into some cod action. Although there have been a lot of shorts reported, there is enough action to keep it interesting. The local cod action off of Montauk has slowed up and there are reports that the fishing up north is starting to pick up. If that is the case it is just in time for our Annual Club Cod Trip, which is scheduled to leave on Friday April 15 at 7:30PM and return on Sunday April 17 at 8:30PM. The trip is currently sold out and if you are interested on getting on a waiting list, please let me know.

Lastly, the word on the mackerel is not yet. As the month of April comes to a close the mackerel run should begin. Typically this has coincided with the full moon. This year the full moon is on April 24th. Lets keep our fingers crossed that we get a run of fish and not a fly by as has been the case the last several years.

Sincerely,

Captain Harry Weinblatt

F/V Blue Marlin



## CONSERVATION

The final recommended 2005 Regulatory package has been forwarded to Albany by the DEC for review. The package includes:

**Striped Bass:** 1 fish 28"-40" and a 2nd SB longer than 40" for Private/shorebound anglers.  
**Charter/Party daily bag:** 2 fish greater than 28"  
**Fluke:** 5 fish creel; 17.5" minimum length; season 4/29 - 10/31.  
**Black Sea Bass:** 25 creel; 12" minimum length; Season Jan. 1 - 11/30 (to be changed to 12/31)

**Bluefish:** Total daily creel limit 15; 10 fish not less than 12".  
**Scup:** Recreational creel limit 25 per day; Season: 7/1-10-31 all other open season daily creel limit is 25 per angler. Under final review with participating regional states, ASMFC Board and Technical Comm.

-DENNIS CATALDO

## PROPERTY

All Winter storage please clean-up after yourselves. Water is on. Brick layers wanted - Anyone with brick laying experience, please contact John Gerrity 516-967-9522.

## CAPTAIN & ANGLERS

On Thursday, March 31, we met at the club house for another informative clinic given by Mike Gromit, an ex NYPD auxiliary harbor pilot and US. Coast Guard auxiliary. 25 Members showed up for not just a safety clinic, Mike also explained survival tactics, thought process and reasoning to prevent and escape dangerous situations which we encounter on the water. Hopefully we will have Mike back for a general meeting. I would like to thank Raffy Ortiz and Jim Valone for frying a turkey for us, it was great guy's thanks. Also thanks to Hank Janet and Dave Massa for setting up the clinic, they have more to come all summer. Dr John great job on the pizza thank you. Spring is just about here and it's almost time for our Spring Rodeo. The Rodeo committee is looking for help anyone interested contact me at (516)850-6772 any help is appreciated.

TIGHT LINES

JIM ROONEY, FIRST VP

# CLUB AWARDS & DERBY DATES

Capt. Lawrence J. Festa F/V Kristen

## APPROVED 2005 ANNUAL AWARD CHANGES

On March 16, 2005 the FTC Board of Directors approved the following changes for our 2005 Annual Awards.

### PROPOSAL #1 APPROVED

Special Anglers Awards

Five (5) Club Trophies will be awarded each year; one (1) for the largest Fluke; one (1) for the largest Codfish; one (1) for the largest Weakfish; one (1) for the largest Blackfish; and one for the largest Sea Bass. They will be awarded to the member catching the largest of each species and weighing the fish at any official weigh station within 24 hours after the fish is caught. The fish must be caught on a boat leaving from Debs, Jones and Fire Island Inlets only.

### PROPOSAL #2 APPROVED

The Woodcleft Marine Base, Inc Trophy

The Woodcleft Marine Base Inc. Light Tackle Trophy will be awarded to the member angler catching the greatest weigh fish on 30 pound test sailing from ant L.I. No Blue Sharks caught shall be eligible for this award.

### PROPOSAL # 3 APPROVED

Harry Peters Memorial Trophy(angler)

The Harry Peters Memorial Trophy will be awarded to the angler catching the largest fish out of any L.I. port.

### Proposal #4 APPROVED

Special Captains Awards

Three (3) Club Trophies will be awarded to the Captain each year: one (1) For largest Tuna; one (1) for largest Bluefish, and one (1) for largest Striped Bass. They will be awarded to the boat owner: captain (non-commercial) on whose boat the largest of each species is caught. The boat may leave from Debs, Jones and Fire Island Inlets only. The owner must be aboard when the fish are caught. The largest bluefish and Strip Bass must be weighed with 24 hours of sail; Tuna is exempt from 24 hour rule. All fish must be weighed at an official weigh station.

### PROPOSAL #5 APPROVED

The John J. Miles Trophy

This trophy will be awarded to the member captain who in the opinion of the Prize Committee achieves the outstanding performance of the year sailing from Debs, Jones and Fire Island Inlets only.

The following derbies are in progress or starting this month:

Spring Cod (10 lbs.)March 26th ~May 8th

Blackfish (03 lbs.)April 16th ~ MAY 15th

Flounder (01 lbs. 08 ozs.) April 2nd ~May 15th

Seabass ( 02 lbs.) April 23rd ~June 5th

*captainlarry84@aol.com. I thank all members for completing our survey report. The reports were of great value to the committee's mission to better serve the general membership. Thank you once again for allowing my committee to serve you.*

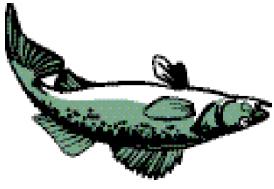
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#### LAST CALL TO ALL MEMBERS

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. Ad blanks available at next GM. For more infor contact your bulletin committee at 516-546-2312

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### 2005 Officers

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## ANNUAL YARD SALE

## AT THE PROPERTY

**Saturday, May 14th**

**Raindate May 15th**

**Contact Al Casciano  
516-523-1339**

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