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## NEXT GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, May 11th at 8:00 pm

**Cure of Ars Church School Auditorium**

**Merrick Ave., Merrick**

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

### GUEST SPEAKERS FROM LI OFFSHORE WIND PARK to talk to FTC

Technical and project personnel from LIPA and FPLE will discuss plans and the future of Wind Power for Long Island. Good? Bad? You decide.

Simulated View from Jones Beach

## President's Message

— Jim Rooney

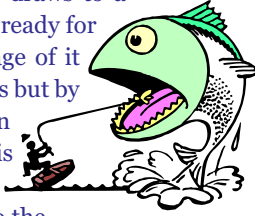
The fishing season is here with a bang for the Freeport Tuna Club. Our April GM was a huge success. We had a packed house to see Tred Barta, and as promised he was as colorful, exciting and informative as his television shows. Tred went on to explain his fishing techniques and how they work in our environment. He also explained how our environment and techniques have changed over the years. Tred is a true professional and steward of our seas. Our club is very lucky to have him as a guest and we look forward to having him return in the future. On the subject of our GM, I would like to thank Jeff Yapalater for getting Tred Barta as a guest and putting together a great over all presentation. April also saw our annual cod trip take off with a packed boat, bad weather, winds from the east and great comradeship. Good job Harry, you put a great trip together no matter what the weather conditions are. On Thursday, April 27 Chris Bellinzi presented a striped bass clinic to a packed house at the property. Chris delivered a top notch clinic filled with tons of information to help all of us land a cow. May 20th brings us to our annual garage sale. If

you're looking to sell some of that fishing gear you haven't used in years, contact Al Cassiano about getting a table for this event and make some money on gear you no longer use. At our May GM, we will be hosting LIPA and the Jones Wind Farms, on the topic of off shore windmill projects. Also, at the GM, stop by the newly stocked FTC ships store and see Paul & Rosemary Schuber for new FTC custom Jackets, Denim shirts, sweat shirts and all other apparel, in all sizes. Thursday May 4th. Brings the start of Captain & Anglers meetings. We will be looking for some volunteers to come down early to the property and give a hand to straighten out the property for the start of the season. Remember that participation is the key to a great club experience.



# FISHING BULLETIN

I am sure we will all agree that as April draws to a close, we are all either in the mode of getting ready for the upcoming season or have taken advantage of it already. Some of us are further ahead of others but by the close of this month, all of us should be on the same level playing field. Our property is buzzing with activities as club members hurry to get their boats off land and back into the environment they belong in. As the month of May wears on we can expect to see a continued strengthening in all of our springtime fisheries and a continued moderation in our weather. Since we were not burdened with a cold winter it has not taken long for the areas water temps to come alive as the sun continues to shine. We have also heard that a large core eddy of Gulf Stream water has broken off and is spinning inshore. The far eastern canyons have had a taste of tuna action already and with that said barring any major changes in our offshore waters our offshore season could be thirty days ahead of last year. Wouldn't that be nice for a change?



On the local fishing front several of our club boats have made the trek to the west in search of the spring flounder and have reported very good catches. The Tin Man, Magic Too, The Four Bells and Mickey Likes It, have taken limit catches of fish up to 2 lbs.

Captain Larry Festa skippered the Kristen to the west in search of the mighty blackfish. He and his crew of Bob Hindenlang and Joe Fanora reported phenomenal fishing with the largest fish reported at 7lbs.

After an information packed striped bass seminar at the clubhouse last week, Chris Bellinzoni, skippered his Four Bells to catch the magical part of the tide that evening.

Accompanied by crew of Al Casiano and new club member Jeff Yapalater, they boated a few fish just to show Jeff how local bass fishing is done the FTC way. The action did not stop there. This past weekend Chris invited more club members to share in on the same action and reported even stronger fishing with the largest at 12lbs. Also on Sunday Dave Masa and crew cashed in on the same bass action. He and his crew reported bending the rod quite a few times. Its obvious that Dave took excellent notes and was able to translate that into a

good catch for his crew.

The report from out east is that the cod fishing might have slowed up a little but the black fishing was "on fire" according to Capt Jim Krug. He and his crew ran the Persuader to a spot off of Block Island in very rough conditions. Jim reported that from the very moment that the crabs hit the bottom the blackfish were growling at them. They limited out in short order, with the pool fish of 9.0lbs going to Capt. John Jutt. With plenty of time left in the day they proceeded to another drop and caught cod to 12.0lbs and snowshoe flounders up to 3.0lbs.

The word on the mackerel is not this year, there gone. The report last week was that several boats had some shots of fish southeast of Fire Island and the reports were very scattered at best. Since the Bass and Bluefish have already made a presence on our local waters, the Mackerel decided not to stick around.

Our Annual Offshore Codfish Trip was great for friendship and camaraderie but not for catching this year. We departed Montauk, our first destination 150 miles to the southern part of the Gulf of Maine. Six wrecks later and only a dozen fish it was time to move on. We proceeded north to Georges Bank and made several stops along the way. By the afternoon with lackluster results onboard and a deteriorating window of weather we decided to head back inshore to spend the night and salvage any remaining part of the trip. On Sunday morning we awoke to a fresh east wind blowing at 25 knots. We all manned our rail spots. Jay Broder took the first place, cod only pool, with a 20lb. fish that netted him \$ 615.00 and Sean Libby captured the other pool with a Pollack of 10lbs. That fish netted him \$ 410.00. We fished until it became apparent that this years trip was not like the ones in the past and we all decided that it was time to head for home. Thank you to all club members who participated in this annual event.

Sincerely,

Captain Harry Weinblatt  
F/V Blue Marlin

## CONSERVATION

The Fluke Regs were finally released as I previously stated. They are 4 fish at 18" with the season opening on May 6th and closing on Sept. 12th. The Porgies become legal on June 1st with a 25 fish limit at 10 1/2 inches. They close on October 31st. Remember the Blackfish season closes on May 31st and reopens on October 1st.

Conservation Chairman  
Dennis M. Cataldo

## FLUKE CALCUTTA

About 58 members have signed up for the fluke Calcutta. \$10 entry fee, biggest fish takes all. There are no limits on where you can fish, and no limit on how long you can fish. The Calcutta runs all season. You just have to be a member, catch the biggest fluke and be in it to win it. The winner will receive the entire pool and have their name engraved for all to see on the coveted FTC Duke of Fluke plaque! To sign up, see Mike Sullivan or send him your check.

## GOOD & WELFARE

"The Club wishes a full and speedy recovery to John Kennedy who is recovering from an illness over the winter."

Best Wishes to Jim Hampton on the purchase of his new vessel. Best of luck to Capt. Harry Weinblatt on the repowering of the Blue Marlin.

## BULLETIN DELIVERY

The club provides an e-mail delivery service for the monthly bulletin. This is in addition to the US Postal mail delivery you already receive. If you want to sign up, send a message to [ftcmail@optonline.net](mailto:ftcmail@optonline.net). You should note that the Club is concerned with your privacy. Your e-mail address is kept confidential; as a matter of policy your e-mail will not be shared with other recipients.

# CLUB AWARDS & DERBY DATES

Capt. Lawrence J. Festa F/V Kristen

## APRIL 2006 DERBY, AWARDS & CONTEST REPORT

Awards Chairman: Captain Lawrence J. Festa  
 Committee Team: Captain Michael Zullo, Mary Ellen Zullo,  
 Captain Chris Squeri, Joseph Jahn

The following Derbies are in progress or starting this month:

- Cod (10 lbs.)..... March 25th ~ May 7th
- Blackfish (03 lbs.).....April 15th ~ MAY 21st  
(Pending DEC Regs)
- Flounder (01 lbs. 08 ozs.).....April 1st ~ May 14th  
(Pending DEC Regs.)
- Seabass ( 02 lbs.).....April 22rd ~ June 4th
- Striped Bass (15 lbs.).....May 13th ~ June 18th
- Weakfish (05 lbs.).....May 20th ~ June 25th

Derby News: To date our Cod Derby has no weighable fish. Blackfish, Flounder & Seabass are all active with weighable fish for all prizes, so keep the weigh slips coming.



## May 2006-Freeport Tuna Club High Tides, Sunrise and Set, Moon Phases

| Sunday   | Monday  | Tuesday   | Wednesday   | Thursday  | Friday   | Saturday  |
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|   | <b>1</b><br>Hi AM 11:07<br>Lo 4:51 PM<br>Twi N: 4:49am<br>Sun Rise: 5:55am<br>Sun Set: 7:51pm                 | <b>2</b><br>Hi 12:00 AM<br>Lo 5:38 PM<br>Twi N: 4:47am<br>Sun Rise: 5:53am<br>Sun Set: 7:52pm<br>le | <b>3</b><br>Hi 12:10 AM<br>Lo 6:32 PM<br>Twi N: 4:46am<br>Sun Rise: 5:52am<br>Sun Set: 7:53pm                             | <b>4</b><br>Hi 1:04 AM<br>Lo 7:37 PM<br>Twi N: 4:44am<br>Sun Rise: 5:51am<br>Sun Set: 7:54pm<br>Capt Anglers      | <b>5</b><br>Hi 1:56AM<br>Lo 8:46 PM<br>Twi N: 4:43am<br>Sun Rise: 5:50am<br>Sun Set: 7:55pm<br>First Qtr:12:14am                 | <b>6</b><br>Hi 2:49 AM<br>Lo 9:47 PM<br>Twi N: 4:41am<br>Sun Rise: 5:48am<br>Sun Set: 7:56pm<br>Fluke Opens-18"                         |
| <b>7</b><br>Hi 3:43am AM<br>Lo 10:39 PM<br>Twi N: 4:40am<br>Sun Rise: 5:47am<br>Sun Set: 7:57pm<br>VOLUNTEER FOR AN FTC COMMITTEE! | <b>8</b><br>Hi 4:36 AM<br>Lo 11:26 AM<br>Twi N: 4:38am<br>Sun Rise: 5:46am<br>Sun Set: 7:58pm                 | <b>9</b><br>Hi 5:27 AM<br>Lo 11:42 AM<br>Twi N: 4:37am<br>Sun Rise: 5:45am<br>Sun Set: 7:59pm       | <b>10</b><br>Hi 6:14 AM<br>Lo 12:12 AM<br>Twi N: 4:36am<br>Sun Rise: 5:44am<br>Sun Set: 8:00pm<br>MAKE A FRIEND A MEMBER! | <b>11</b><br>Hi 6:56 AM<br>Lo 12:56 AM<br>Twi N: 4:34am<br>Sun Rise: 5:43am<br>Sun Set: 8:01pm<br>General Meeting | <b>12</b><br>Hi 7:35 AM<br>Lo 1:40 AM<br>Twi N: 4:33am<br>Sun Rise: 5:42am<br>Sun Set: 8:02pm                                    | <b>13</b><br>Hi 8:14 AM<br>Lo 2:23 AM<br>Twi N: 4:32am<br>Sun Rise: 5:41am<br>Sun Set: 8:03pm<br>Full Moon: 1:52am<br>Stripe Bass Derby |
| <b>14</b><br>Hi 8:53 AM<br>Lo 2:57 PM<br>Twi N: 4:30am<br>Sun Rise: 5:40am<br>Sun Set: 8:04pm<br>NOAA Weather 631-924-0517         | <b>15</b><br>Hi 9:36 AM<br>Lo 3:38 PM<br>Twi N: 4:29am<br>Sun Rise: 5:39am<br>Sun Set: 8:05pm                 | <b>16</b><br>Hi 10:25 AM<br>Lo 4:21PM<br>Twi N: 4:28am<br>Sun Rise: 5:38am<br>Sun Set: 8:06pm       | <b>17</b><br>11:21 AM<br>Lo 5:09 PM<br>Twi N: 4:27am<br>Sun Rise: 5:37am<br>Sun Set: 8:07pm<br>PARTICIPATE IN OUR DERBIES | <b>18</b><br>Hi 12:21 PM<br>Lo 6:06PM<br>Twi N: 4:25am<br>Sun Rise: 5:36am<br>Sun Set: 8:08pm<br>Capt Anglers     | <b>19</b><br>Hi 12:36AM<br>Lo 7:18 PM<br>Twi N: 4:24am<br>Sun Rise: 5:35am<br>Sun Set: 8:09pm<br>Shoot Out Begin Matinecock Club | <b>20</b><br>Hi 1:35AM<br>Lo 8:36 PM<br>Twi N: 4:23am<br>Sun Rise: 5:34am<br>Sun Set: 8:10pm<br>Last Qtr: 4:21am<br>Garage Sale         |
| <b>21</b><br>Hi 2:35 AM<br>Lo 9:12 AM<br>Twi N: 4:22am<br>Sun Rise: 5:33am<br>Sun Set: 8:11pm<br>SUPPORT OUT ADVERTISERS           | <b>22</b><br>Hi 4:17 PM<br>Lo 10:07 AM<br>Twi N: 4:21am<br>Sun Rise: 5:33am<br>Sun Set: 8:12pm                | <b>23</b><br>Hi 4:37 AM<br>Lo 12:58 AM<br>Twi N: 4:20am<br>Sun Rise: 5:32am<br>Sun Set: 8:13pm      | <b>24</b><br>Hi 5:37 AM<br>Lo 11:47 AM<br>Twi N: 4:19am<br>Sun Rise: 5:31am<br>Sun Set: 8:13pm<br>ATTEND THE NEXT GM!     | <b>25</b><br>Hi 6:33 AM<br>Lo 12:36 AM<br>Twi N: 4:18am<br>Sun Rise: 5:30am<br>Sun Set: 8:14pm<br>Capt Anglers    | <b>26</b><br>Hi 7:25 AM<br>Lo 1:24 PM<br>Twi N: 4:17am<br>Sun Rise: 5:30am<br>Sun Set: 8:15pm                                    | <b>27</b><br>Hi 8:14 AM<br>Lo 2:20 PM<br>Twi N: 4:16am<br>Sun Rise: 5:29am<br>Sun Set: 8:16pm<br>NewMoon:12:26am                        |
| <b>28</b><br>Hi 9:03 AM<br>Lo 3:08 PM<br>Twi N: 4:15am<br>Sun Rise: 5:29am<br>Sun Set: 8:17pm<br>BEGIN 2006 PHOTO ALBUM            | <b>29</b><br>Hi 9:53 AM<br>Lo 4:54 AM<br>Twi N: 4:15am<br>Sun Rise: 5:28am<br>Sun Set: 8:18pm<br>Memorial Day | <b>30</b><br>Hi 10:45 AM<br>Lo 4:29 PM<br>Twi N: 4:14am<br>Sun Rise: 5:27am<br>Sun Set: 8:18pm      | <b>31</b><br>Hi 11:38 AM<br>Lo 5:13 PM<br>Twi N: 4:13am<br>Sun Rise: 5:27am<br>Sun Set: 8:19pm                            | May 11-Gen Meeting<br>May 17-Board Meeting<br>May 20-Yard Sale-8 am   | June General Meeting-Texas Towers Recognition  |    |

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FOR SALE: FLOATING DOCK, never used, 14' x 3" by 2' x 9" \$450, contact Sy: 632-9770

FOR SALE 1985 11" Boston Whaler Tender with 20 hp Evinrude and trailer. Very good condition, motor runs well. In storage for 8 years. \$1800. Contact Charlie at 516-655-1255.

**For Sale:**

2001 Tiara 2900, Open Twin Crusaders 454, 235 Hours, FWC AC (3 weeks old), Aquos Flatscreen TV, DVD/CD player, Electric Head, Microwave, Electric Stove, Remote Spotlight, Windlass system, Radar Arch, Northstar GPS/Plotter, Furuno Radar, Furuno Fishfinder Digital Depth  
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Captain Anglers clinic - Chris Bellinzoni on Striped Bass