

# Tuna Tower News

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## NEXT GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, June 8th at 8:00 pm

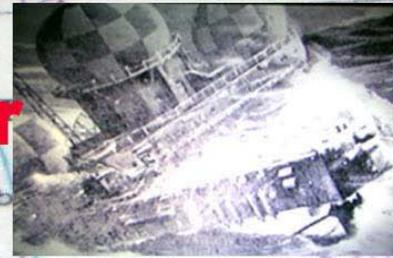
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Merrick Ave., Merrick

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

## Life and Death On a Texas Tower

Guest Speaker  
Jerry Sinanian-Airman 1st Class  
4604 Suppt Squad, Texas Tower 3



## President's Message

Jim Rooney

It has been a great start to the spring for the Freeport Tuna Club; starting with the annual garage sale. Al Casciano and all the members who volunteered (from selling raffles, collecting money, cooking and selling food) did an excellent job. This event was a definite success for the club, thank you all. Another great win for the Freeport Tuna Club in our Shoot Out with Hudson Anglers and Matinacock. Paul Hilton's 23.12 lbs, Mike Sullivan's 19 3/4 lbs. and Mike Murray's 17 3/4 lbs. were our three heaviest fish which tipped the scales for a big win for FTC; good job guys and good job by the many other members weighing in fish for this event. To Keep the FTC Pride going, I hope we have as good a showing for the next shoot out on June 9,10,11 for Fluke and Bluefish against Hudson Anglers. Let's show them who is the biggest and best. Speaking of Striped Bass, I have to mention our own Chris Bellinzoni. Chris gave a great clinic on Bass, then took a few members out right after the clinic and slammed the Bass and hasn't stopped slamming the fish yet. Chris showed us how in his clinic and is leading the way in his fishing. Good job, Chris, keep it up. A big congratulation goes out to Pete Cefai and Capt. Bob Rosenberg. Pete landed a 290lbs. Mako on Capt. Bob's "

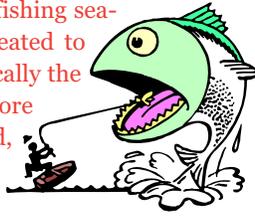
Findictive", nice job guys. Congratulations also goes out to Capt. Larry Festa on his recent publications in the Big Game magazine and the Fisherman, good job as always; you're the consummate professional. Turning to some new club business, the club has decided to run a Raffle to raise money for up coming property repairs. We are asking all members to participate in selling their raffles, this will help defer future expenses and give members and their friends a chance at some great prizes. There are also incentive prizes for selling more tickets, see Bob Benzenberg or Dave Massa (Raffle Committee) for Raffles, for further information or if you wish to help the committee. I like to thank the property committee and all the volunteers which held a property clean up on May 18th . I would especially like to thank Theresa and Bill Morrogh for their efforts in keeping the property in good shape, thank you both very much. In closing, I wish everyone a safe and successful fishing season and remember that participation is the key to a great club experience.



James Rooney  
President

# FISHING BULLETIN

The much-anticipated month of June has finally arrived. It is the month that signals the start of our offshore fishing season, although this year some of us were treated to some early May offshore action, June is typically the month that our club boats ply the offshore waters. Prior to the Memorial Day weekend, we had been plagued with lots of east wind, which kept our offshore crews tied to the dock. The opposite has been the case for our inshore crews, as they have been kept very busy catching striped bass in our areas local waters.



With a window of very conducive weather last weekend, club boat Findictive, skippered by new club member Rob Rosenberg accompanied by the FTC crew of Peter Cefai and Danny Carroll ran to a spot near the Hudson Canyon for a shot at the season's first mako. Shortly after arriving and setting up in the dark, they were treated to a blistering runoff. With all hands on deck each member assumed their roles and after an hour there trophy was along side the boat ready to be dispatched. A quick shot with the flyer and a tail rope and the first mako of the 2006 season was tied up and a quite respectable one at that, back at the scale the fish weighed 290lbs. As the evening continued they caught and released a fair number of blue sharks and released another mako of over 200lbs. The next morning they trolled a pair of small bluefin, which were released. New blood draws first blood in 2006. Congratulations guys on an outstanding trip and what a way to crank up our offshore season. Another new member, tuna maven, Chris Gerhardt skippered his vessel Wasabi, under ideal conditions this past weekend to a spot near Wilmington Canyon. They were treated to a potpourri of tuna. Final tally for the trip was 3 YFT up to 30lbs. and 8 BFT, all released up to 50lbs. Another great trip Chris, keep up the good work.

If reports like that keep coming in then this column might take up two pages in season this year.

Closer to home the crew of the Four Bells continues to do a "job" on the

## PROPERTY

If you have visited the property lately, you may have noticed that the bulkhead is showing its age. The bulkhead was completed in 1968, almost 40 years ago. Bulkheads are expected to last about 25 years. Over the years, the Club made repairs to extend its useful life; tie rods in the 1980's and plastic sheeting in 2000. Even so, the bulkhead is clearly approaching the end of its useful life. In order to plan its replacement in an orderly manner, the Board has hired an engineering firm, Savik and Murray, to prepare plans and to begin the permit process. The Club expects to file for the required permits this winter and to begin work on the bulkhead in the winter of 2007-08. Mike Sullivan has volunteered to Chair a Working Group of six that will oversee the project. Other members include Chris Bellinzoni, Howard Berman, John Gerrity, Jim Rooney and Jeff Squeri.

local striped bass population. I had the pleasure of joining the boats regular crew of Chris, Christopher, Al Casiano and his brother Charlie for some much-anticipated action. I was not let down. From the moment the bellies hit the water it was very steady action until the tide ebbed. Final tally for this trip was approx. 50 bass, the largest a very respectable 25lbs. We had excellent quality fish on this trip and a different strategy was employed after an exchange of information with club member, Paul Hilton. Paul is also leading the way this year with his most recently caught bass of 34lbs., he reports that the bunker are on the beach to the west and barring major boat traffic a mix of both bass and bluefish can be had.

Our fluke fishery has started with lackluster results at best. From Montauk the "land of fluke" to our local inlets the fishing has been nothing short of very disappointing. Fishing is 180 degrees from what it has been the last six seasons. Lets hope that this is a temporary situation and that at some point in the near future this fishery takes stronger hold.

The local Seabass action has also provided our club members with some steady action, most recently club members Paul Schuber and Bob Demeno teamed up to land a five gallon bucket of quality Seabass on the areas local reefs.

Sincerely,

Captain Harry Weinblatt  
F/V Blue Marlin

## FLUKE CALCUTTA

There are 87 members signed up for the fluke Calcutta. So far, no one has weighed in a fish. The fluke fishing has gotten off to a very slow start, which is uncharacteristic for this fishery. Reports from Montauk to Debs are of shorts with few keepers to show for the effort. Larger fish just haven't been there in any numbers. But do not despair. There is a long season ahead. Anyone interested in joining the Calcutta, see Mike Sullivan. Entry fee is \$10. Winner takes all.

## GOOD & WELFARE

Gene Schettini is home recovering from a recent knee replacement and is doing well. Special Congrats to Christopher Bellinzoni on his recent achievement of making the Dean's list at Binghamton, University.

## CONSERVATION

Porgies open June 1st. size - 10 1/2 inches, 25 ft. limit. Blackfish closed June 1st, Flounder closed May 31st, remember you need a permit for the highly migratory species including all tuna, false albacore, bonita and sharks.

Dennis Cataldo - Conservation Chairman

# UP-COMING TOURNEY & SHOOT-OUT DATES TOURNAMENT DATES:

June 8th - 11th

## South Jersey Shark Tournament

June 17th, Saturday (Rain Date Sunday June 18th)

## Hudson Anglers Shark Tournament

Contact: (516) 771-1442

June 16th - 17th, Friday & Saturday

## Star Island Shark Tournament, Montauk Point

Contact: Star Island Marina (631) 668-5052

Captain's meeting on Thursday June 16th

June 24th, Saturday (Rain Date Sunday June 25th)

## Woodcleft Fishing Station Shark Tournament

Contact: Richie Rosenkranz (516) 378-8748

June 24th, Saturday

## Bayshore Tuna Club Mako Tournament

Contact: Paul Logan (516) 779-6924

Proposed Shoot-Out Dates:  
May 19th - 21st, Friday - Sunday  
Striped Bass  
Invited/Participating Clubs: Hudson Anglers, Mattinecock Fishing Club.  
June 9th - 11th, Friday - Sunday  
Fluke and Bluefish  
Freeport Tuna Club vs. Hudson Anglers  
June 30th, July 1st & 2nd, Friday - Sunday  
Fluke and Bluefish  
Freeport Tuna Club vs. Mattinecock Fishing Club.

### Reminder:

Safety should always be the first priority and is the responsibility of the Captain/Owner. Weather conditions, the capability of your vessel & crew should always be the determining factor as to "weather" or not your vessel leaves the dock on any given day. If in doubt, keep the dock lines tied to the dock and start the blender!



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

### Phases



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <b>Man in the Blue Suit come looking for You!</b>	<b>2006 Tuna Regs in Effect June 1</b> (2) BFT 47- <73" Special-(1) 27- <47" 8/25-9/14 per trip	(3) YFT per trip, min 27" No bag limit on Bigeye, or Albacore (1) Trophy BFT per year >73	<b>Other Pelagic Regs: (1) Shark, min 54", one/trip, Swordfish, min 47", max 3 per boat/trip</b>	<b>1</b> <b>High 11:43am</b> Twi N: 4:13am Sunrise: 5:26am Sunset: 8:20pm <b>2006 Tuna Regs in Effect</b> Attend the GM!	<b>2</b> <b>High: 1:00 am</b> Twi N: 4:12am Sunrise: 5:26am Sunset: 8:21pm Twi N: 9:35pm <b>FTC Spring RODEO begins</b>	 <b>3 1<sup>st</sup> Qtr Moon</b> <b>High: 1:19am</b> Sunrise: 5:26am Sunset: 8:21pm First Qtr: 6:06pm <b>Shark, Bluefish Fluke Derby Begins Jump In!</b>
<b>4</b> <b>High: 2:06am</b> Twi N: 4:11am Sunrise: 5:25am Sunset: 8:22pm <b>RODEO BBQ</b> <b>Cbass Derby ends</b>	<b>5</b> <b>High: 2:55am</b> Twi N: 4:10am Sunrise: 5:25am Sunset: 8:23pm Twi N: 9:38pm	<b>6</b> <b>High: 3:47am</b> Twi N: 4:10am Sunrise: 5:25am Sunset: 8:23pm Twi N: 9:38pm visit <a href="http://www.ftcfishing.com">www.ftcfishing.com</a>	<b>7</b> <b>High: 4:43am</b> Twi N: 4:09am Sunrise: 5:24am Sunset: 8:24pm Twi N: 9:39pm	<b>8</b> <b>High: 5:36am</b> Twi N: 4:09am Sunrise: 5:24am Sunset: 8:25pm <b>General Meeting "Texas Tower"</b>	<b>9</b> <b>High 6:26am</b> Twi N: 4:09am Sunrise: 5:24am Sunset: 8:25pm <b>So Jersey Shark Tourney June 8-11th</b>	<b>10</b> <b>High 7:12am</b> Twi N: 4:08am Sunrise: 5:24am Sunset: 8:26pm Twi N: 9:41pm <b>Hudson Anglers Shoot-Out Day 2</b>
 <b>11 Full Moon</b> <b>High 7:56am</b> Twi N: 4:08am Sunrise: 5:24am Sunset: 8:26pm <b>Hudson Anglers Shoot-Out End</b>	<b>12</b> <b>High 8:41am</b> Twi N: 4:08am Sunrise: 5:23am Sunset: 8:27pm Twi N: 9:43pm <b>Support our Advertisers</b>	<b>13</b> <b>High 9:28am</b> Twi N: 4:08am Sunrise: 5:23am Sunset: 8:27pm Twi N: 9:43pm <b>Join an FTC Committee!</b>	<b>14</b> <b>High 10:19am</b> Twi N: 4:07am Sunrise: 5:23am Sunset: 8:28pm Twi N: 9:44pm <b>Flag Day</b>	<b>15</b> <b>High 11:15am</b> Twi N: 4:07am Sunrise: 5:23am Sunset: 8:28pm Twi N: 9:44pm <b>Captain Anglers BBQ on Property</b>	<b>16</b> <b>High 11:05am</b> Twi N: 4:07am Sunrise: 5:23am Sunset: 8:29pm Twi N: 9:45pm <b>Star Island Shark Tourney June 16-17</b>	<b>17</b> <b>High 11:55am</b> Twi N: 4:07am Sunrise: 5:23am Sunset: 8:29pm Twi N: 9:45pm <b>Hudson Anglers Shark Tourney</b>
 <b>18 Last Qtr</b> <b>High 1:21am</b> Sunrise: 5:24am Sunset: 8:29pm <b>Striped Bass Derby ends</b> <b>Fathers Day</b>	<b>19</b> <b>High 2:18am</b> Twi N: 4:07am Sunrise: 5:24am Sunset: 8:30pm Twi N: 9:46pm <b>Raffles Anyone?</b>	<b>20</b> <b>High 3:17am</b> Twi N: 4:08am Sunrise: 5:24am Sunset: 8:30pm Twi N: 9:46pm	<b>21</b> <b>High 4:19am</b> Twi N: 4:08am Sunrise: 5:24am Sunset: 8:30pm <b>SUMMER Begins 8:26am Board Meeting</b>	<b>22</b> <b>High 5:21am</b> Twi N: 4:08am Sunrise: 5:24am Sunset: 8:30pm Twi N: 9:47pm <b>BBQ on Property</b>	<b>23</b> <b>High 6:20am</b> Twi N: 4:08am Sunrise: 5:24am Sunset: 8:31pm Twi N: 9:47pm	<b>24</b> <b>High 7:13am</b> Twi N: 4:09am Sunrise: 5:25am Sunset: 8:31pm <b>WoodCleft Shark, Bayshore Mako Tournaments</b>
 <b>25 New Moon</b> <b>High 8:02am</b> Sunrise: 5:25am Sunset: 8:31pm <b>Weakfish Derby Ends</b>	<b>26</b> <b>High 8:49am</b> Twi N: 4:09am Sunrise: 5:25am Sunset: 8:31pm Twi N: 9:47pm <b>Start Taking Photos!</b>	<b>27</b> <b>High 9:36am</b> Twi N: 4:10am Sunrise: 5:26am Sunset: 8:31pm Twi N: 9:47pm Did You say "Raffles"?	<b>28</b> <b>High 10:24am</b> Twi N: 4:10am Sunrise: 5:26am Sunset: 8:31pm Twi N: 9:47pm <b>Make a Friend a Member</b>	<b>29</b> <b>High 11:12am</b> Twi N: 4:11am Sunrise: 5:27am Sunset: 8:31pm Twi N: 9:47pm Captain Anglers BBQ on Property	<b>30</b> <b>High 11:59am</b> Twi N: 4:11am Sunrise: 5:27am Sunset: 8:31pm <b>FTC/Mattinecock Shoot-Out Fluke &amp; Bluefish Begins Ends Sunday July 2nd</b>	 <b>Invite a Member Fishin!</b>

## Freeport Tuna Club, Inc.

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### 2006 Officers

James Rooney..... President

Chris Squeri.....1st Vice President

Joseph Jahn.....2nd Vice President

Mike Sullivan ..... Treasurer

Chris Bellinzoni.....Secretary



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## Seabass Recipes from Howard's Galley

### Baked Sea Bass with Potatoes

Preheat the oven to 400 degrees. Coat the bottom of a casserole or baking dish with oil, then layer it with potato slices, overlapping them to cover the bottom completely. Arrange the fish on top of the potatoes, and arrange the tomato halves, cut side up, alongside the fish. Brush the tops of the fish and tomatoes plus any exposed potato slices, lightly with oil. Mix the garlic, parsley, green onions, rosemary, and thyme together well, then sprinkle over the fish. Lightly drizzle lemon juice over the garlic mixture, then salt and pepper to taste. Bake for 25 to 30 minutes, or until the fish and potatoes are done.

### Barbecued Sea Bass

Rinse fillets in cold water; pat dry and sprinkle with salt, pepper, and paprika. Set aside. Place 2 slices bacon on a large piece of heavy-duty aluminum foil; place a bass fillet lengthwise on each bacon slice. Sprinkle 1/2 teaspoon lemon juice over each fillet. Fold foil edges over, and wrap securely. Repeat procedure with remaining ingredients to make 3 additional packets.

Grill packets over hot coals 10 minutes. Turn packets, and grill an additional 10 minutes or until fish flakes easily when tested with a fork. 4 servings.

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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, Asking \$110,000-Contact Jim Hampton 516-378-8464  
Wanted: Vendors for the FTC Garage Sale-Contact Al Casciano- 516-523-1339

For Sale: Full canvas winter cover, good condition, available. Originally made for 27' Searay, used last 3 winters on my 25' ChrisCraft Catalina Express. Photos available of canvas being used on my vessel, and canvas itself is available for inspection. Best offer John Weber 516-379-8935 evenings.