

Tuna Tower News



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Thursday, August 9th at 8:00 pm
at Property
Hudson Avenue, Freeport

Get our your
 grass skirts
 and coconuts!

Next GM Annual Hawaiian Luau at the Property Prizes For Best Dressed!



President's Message

Jim Rooney

The dog days of summer are here and so is our Third Annual Luau on Thursday, August 9th. So throw on your best Hawaiian shirt or skirt (maybe coconuts) and come down to the property for some great fun and food for all. I am happy to announce that our annual Zac's Bay raft up is scheduled for Sunday, August 19th (overnighters will arrive on the 18th). This has been a popular event in the past and I hope to see this year is as successful as in years past. So pack a lunch and some soda and come down to Zac's Bay and raise "Panda Man" on the club channel (78A) for raft up instructions. On Thursday, August 23rd the Freeport Tuna Club and Noreast.com will be hosting a Tuna Fishing and Canyon Seminar. This seminar will be presented by our own Captain Harry Weinblatt at our property. Harry will be covering many aspects of tuna and Canyon fishing. This is a fund raising event for our club so I ask membership to come and support our club. There is a \$25 fee for this seminar. Our fall rodeo is scheduled for September 28th, 29th and 30th with BBQ to start at 4:00 pm on Sunday the 30th; see web-site for details. The rodeo committee and the Thursday night BBQ committee are looking for volunteers. Please see Bob Pandey or myself for Thursday nights, and Joe Steiner for the rodeo committee. The club also

sent out the tickets for our annual raffles. This was a very successful event for the club last year and with all the great prizes this year it is sure to be just as successful this year. Any questions about the raffle please contact Bob Benzenberg or Dave Massa or myself. This raffle is to benefit our club so please give your support. Janette Klopchin from Cornell University Cooperative Extension Marine Program who addressed the July GM has contacted me and asked if any of our anglers who land Blue Fin tuna or a tagged Fluke please forward your landing report to Janette. See our website under "conservation" for further details (she seems willing to share info on Blue fin movement). That's all for this month. Stay safe and remember that participation is the key to a great club experience.



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AUGUST 2007 DERBY, AWARDS & CONTEST REPORT

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

Our July Derby Winners Are:

Fluke: (3.5 lbs. new wt.).....May 26th ~ July 1st
1st Place: Bob Porter.....6.5 lbs F/V Shark III
2nd Place: Bob Pandy.....6.32 lbs. F/V Fish & Whitetails
3rd Place: Paul Hilton.....6.0 lbs. F/V Emily S

Shark: (125 lbs.).....June 2nd ~ July 15th
1st Place: Fred Ruehman320 Thresher F/V Mikey Likes It
2nd Place: Earl Harris.....270 Thresher F/V Hooker
3rd Place: Kevin Stanak.....254 Thresher F/V Adventurer II

Bluefish: (08 lbs.).....June 2nd ~ July 15th
1st Place: Joe Steiner.....11.50 lbs. F/V Kristen
2nd Place: Bob Bohert.....10.75 lbs. F/V Rocket Fish
3rd Place: Bob Bohert.....10.31 lbs. F/V Rocket Fish

The following Derbies are in progress,
ending or starting this month:

Spring Tuna (20 lbs. new wt.).....July 7th ~ August 12th
Spring Mahi (04 lbs.).....July 7th ~ August 12th
Fall Mahi (04 lbs.).....August 25th ~ Sept. 30th
False Albacore (06 lbs.).....August 25th ~ Sept. 30th
Green Bonito.....August 25th ~ Sept. 30th
Fall Fluke (3.5 lbs.).....August 11th ~ Sept. 9th
Fall Weakfish (05 lbs.).....August 11th ~ Sept. 23rd

Awards & Contests:

We are currently halfway through our derby season, as this summer flies by. It is nice to see so many new members achieving their first FTC Awards. Hopefully they will have more to come. Members are reminded to view our derby site and awards booklet to make sure that all weigh slips comply with the club rules. It is always a disappointment

Mahi Tagging

There is still time to contact Don Hammond of the Dolphin (mahi) tagging program in Charleston, South Carolina to get involved with the program. He is seeking volunteers to tag and release mahi-mahi. According to Don this 2007 year has been great in the number of dolphin in the southern part of the country, but he needs northern canyon taggers for his program. This does not mean that we can't fish for and catch and enjoy this great table fare, but every now and then, tag a few in the name of research. You can see his site at <http://www.dolphintagging.com>. There is a lot of detailed information about the program and about the dolphin fish itself on this website.

Cornell Cooperative Extension

Jeanette Klopchin of the Cornell Cooperative Extension has yet to measure a bft for her program. Seems that the few taken are not known to her or she is not at the right place at the right time. If you return with a good fish, call her cell at 631-603-4613. Her study needs your cooperation. I also found out that she is measuring swords as well. So definitely call her on the way into port.

Saltwater Fish Weight Websites

There are two cool sites. This site has prepared charts ready to print: <http://www.daybreakfishing.com/fishweight.html#yellowfin%20weight>
The other site you can enter the measurements of your fish, and come up with a weight:
<http://www.csghnetwork.com/fishsaltwtcalc.html>

Store Discounts for Club Members

Recently two new shops have opened in our area; Islamorada Outfitters on Freeport Nautical Mile is offering an additional 10-15% discount off its sale prices for FTC members. Fishin Mission, in Lindenhurst, was one of the sponsors of last month's GM, gave out catalogs, and discount cards to members. And, let's not forget Sea Isle, a long time member, and supporter of our Club with donations and raffle prizes.

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Joseph Jahn.....2nd Vice President

Mike SullivanTreasurer

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AUGUST 19TH
ZACHS BAY**

**OFFSHORE SEMINAR
AUGUST 23RD
CAPT. HARRY WEINBLATT**

**FALL RODEO
SEPTEMBER 28/29/30**

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1998 Hydro Sport CC, Mint condition, 175 Ocean Pro Evinrude. New Power-head & Block in 2000, Bimi Top, very low Hrs, many extras Asking \$10,000. Call George H-561-2662 C-860-8743

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Tropic Star Lodge, Panama

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4 Penn 50sw Internationals - great shape - \$375 each
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All reels been serviced last year. Contact Chris: 516-523-3444

For sale:
Two 9/0 Garcia Mitchell Big Game reels (Seldom used) \$150 each
6/0 Finn-Nor reel (seldom used) \$300
Sears (wheeled) 1 HP compressor with paint spraying accessories (never used) \$100
8 inch Craftsman table saw with legs \$50 Call Doc Jarow @486-6408

FLOATING DOCK FOR SALE - Never used, custom made 14' x 29'
CALL SY: 516-632-9770

Wanted 25 hp outboard long shaft with tiller. Call Joe, 516-851-8762
For Sale: 1973 Grady White (19'3") with 1985 Evinrude 140HP on a 1989 Shoreline trailer (elec winch, extra tire and rim) also includes Scitex Loran, VHF radio, Ricjje compass, Ray Jeff color depth finder, anchor with line, plus more \$2200. Call Charlie 516-223-0214
3-Looking for 13" Boston Whaler with or without engine, contact Jeff 516-425-4645

To place an ad in our classified contact Capt. John Jutt 516-546-2312
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