

Tuna Tower News

Freeport Tuna Club, Inc.

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NEXT GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, September 14, at 8:00 pm

**Please Note Meeting
At The Property**



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

FALL RODEO FRIDAY, SATURDAY & SUNDAY

SEPTEMBER 22, 23 & 24

Once again, our annual bakeoff

Stay tuned for more details

President's Message

Jim Rooney

Although summer is coming to a close; there is still plenty of good fishing left to the season and plenty of FTC events to participate in. I would like to start off thanking all the members who helped make our second annual luau a great success, especially my wife Toni for all the help with decorations. Thanks also to the house committee and of course the FTC cook crew (you guys are the best). The weather didn't quiet cooperate but fun was had by all under the awning. Our third annual flotilla also went off as a big success, We had three boats that stayed overnight and twelve boats show up Sunday for the main party; plenty of food and fun for all. Our August clinic was top notch. Hank Janet was able to get John Raguso to do a tuna presentation. John Raguso did a great

clinic and stayed around afterward to do some one on one knot tying (great Job Hank). I would like to ask all members to start turning in their raffle tickets. This raffle will help the club in the future and give members a chance at some great prizes. For any information on the raffle contact Dave Massa or Bob Benzenberg. I would also like to remind everyone of our up coming rodeo on September 22, 23 and 24. With the party at the property starting a 4 pm on Sunday September 24. I wish everyone to stay safe, and remember that participation is the key to a great club experience.



Jim Rooney

DERBY NEWS

Our Season is winding down. However, this is the **BIGGEST DERBY MONTH OF THE SEASON!** Ten derbies in all to choose from. Just imagine, every fish you can catch for this month can bring a prize.....all you have to do is weigh your catch! The committee does the rest. So let's get cracking.

Derby results are usually posted on our web site before the deadline closing and followed up with a second Final Results Posting. Please check in with the committee, It is your responsibly to make sure we have your winning slip.

Awards & Contest News:

At our board of directors meeting. Some changes were discussed in the standards for which we can achieve awards. The board has approved a second exemption to the IGFA rules. Under the rules for

Equipment: Section G sub. -1 has been amended as follows:

G. Hooks For Bait Fishing

Sub-1 for live or dead bait fishing no more than two single hooks may be used. EXEMPT (voted 08/16/06 & grandfather to 01/15/06) Multiple hook rigs maybe used.

Example: "Jiggy's Rig"

For the upcoming season your Awards Committee will be reviewing all IGFA rules for changes or exemptions. This review will better serve our club and the way we fish. To date we currently have two exemptions: wire line and multi hook rigs.

Any member having suggestions, your committee would like your input. Kindly address all suggestions to Captainlarry84@aol.com. You will get a response.

Please come to our September GM to be recognized for your outstanding achievements in the art of sport fishing. No other club does it better than we do!

SHOOT OUT

The Babylon Shoot-out was a draw. The next shoot-out will be against the Staten Island club for Striped Bass. The Freeport Tuna club won this event last year so lets keep fishing as hard as we have been this year.

FLUKE CALCUTTA

Last call for weigh slips for the \$930 fluke Calcutta. The season closes on September 12th and so does the Calcutta. Bob Benzenberg leads with an 11 lb. 4 oz. fish. If you have a larger fish, please get the weigh slip to Mike Sullivan.

PROPERTY

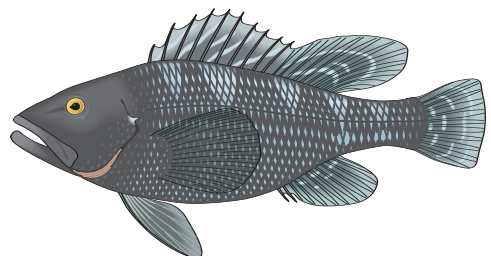
Winter storage contracts will go out this month to everyone who kept their boat there last year. If you want to add your name to the list, contact Mike Sullivan.

Correction: Last month's bulletin announced bulkhead construction was expected to be done in time for the 2007 season. That should have said 2008.

CONSERVATION

MAYDAY MAYDAY-SAVE THE FLUKE-SOS SOS Please visit the website and e-mail your response to your Congressional Leaders and Senators. It is very easy! Go to www.nysf.org or www.unitedboatmennewyork.org. They are going to shut us out of next years fluke season and it get worse from there. I have met with our senators from New York and a few of our Congressman. They have agreed we need to show strength in numbers to push for a change in the law. If you do nothing it is possible that 5 years from now we will be fishing for spiny dogfish with a for sale sign on your boat.

Dennis Cataldo



SEPTEMBER 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 closed and will be awarded at our GM.

Final Result are:

Fluke (02 lbs.).....June 3rd ~ July 9th
1st Place: Bob Benzenberg.....11.25 lbs. F/V Fish-n-Whitetails
2nd Place: Joe Berkland.....8.43 lbs. F/V Spitshot
3rd Place: Don Granger.....8.37 lbs. F/V Spitshot

Tuna (25 lbs.).....July 1st ~ August 5th
1st Place: Robert Rosenberg...56.5 lb. Yellowfin Tuna F/V Findictive
2nd Place: Daniel Carroll.....56 lb. Yellowfin Tuna F/V Findictive
3rd Placed Tie:

Sil Mazzilli.....47 lb. Yellowfin Tuna F/V Camille
Ralph Drewes.....47 lb. Yellowfin Tuna F/V Mikey Likes It

Mahi (04 lbs.).....July 1st ~ August 5th
1st Place: Frank Mazzilli.....26.5 lb. Mahi F/V Camille
2nd Place: Fred Ruehman.....5.7 lb. Mahi F/V Mikey like It
3rd Place.....No winners

The following Derbies are in progress or starting this month:

False Albacore (06 lbs.).....August 26th ~ September 24th
Green Bonito (04 lbs.).....August 26th ~ September 24th
Fall Mahi (04 lbs.).....August 26th ~ September 24th
Fall Weakfish (05 lbs.).....August 26th ~ September 24th
Fall Fluke (02 lbs.).....August 19th ~ September 10th
Fall Bluefish (08 lbs.).....September 2nd ~ October 1st
Fall Tuna (25 lbs.)..... September 2nd ~ October 8th
Fall Shark (125 lbs.)..... September 9th ~ October 15th
Fall Seabass (02 lbs.).....September 23th ~ October 22nd
Fall Cod (10 lbs.).....September 30th ~ December 18th

Fall Tournaments

-October 8, the Shinnecock Anglers Society Fall Mako RoundUp—Contact Lanny at 631-728-1860.

-Burnetts Marina Annual Striped Bass Tournament after Labor Day

Call Greg @ 631-665-9050 the week of Sept 20th for details.

-Babylon Tuna Club's 3rd Annual Striped Bass Contest

Saturday October 22. More details in the October newsletter.

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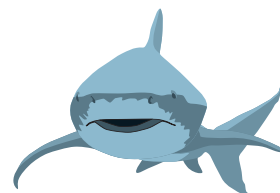
2006 Officers

James Rooney..... President
Chris Squeri.....1st Vice President
Joseph Jahn.....2nd Vice President
Mike Sullivan Treasurer
Chris Bellinzoni.....Secretary



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FALL RODEO

FRIDAY, SATURDAY & SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 22, 23, & 24

AT

PROPERTY



RAIN
OR
SHINE!

Species:

**Fluke, Striped Bass, Tuna, Porgy
Seabass, Bluefish & Shark**

CHILDREN UNDER 12 SEA ROBBINS

First, Second & Third Prizes

All Club Minimum Weights Are In Effect
Giveaways and More For All Kids
Weigh-In Slips at Property by 4:00 P.M. Sunday
Food at 5:00 P.M.

Bake your best dessert for our annual bake off
Prizes to be awarded

CLASSIFIED:

• 1 28x23^{1/4} 3 blade nibril prop. like new condition,
reasonably priced 516-632-9770.

1974 26 ft stamas twin 190 hp mercruisers freshwater cooled
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DOCK SPACE AVAILABLE: 26' to 28' boat, deep water canal, nearby inlet
see Sy 516-632-9770

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.

FISHERMAN WANTED: Alaska - Salmon, Halibut 7/507 to 7/12/07
3 spots open
Panama - Marlin Sails Tuna, Tropic Star Lodge
8/11/07 to 8/16/07 - 3 spots open

FOR INFO CALL DENNIS CATALDO - 516-753-5433

FLOATING DOCK FOR SALE, DOCK SPACE FOR RENT
CONTACT SY KARP: 632-9770.

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