

# Tuna Tower News

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## NEXT GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, October 27th at 8:00 pm



**Cure of Ars Church School Auditorium  
Merrick Ave., Merrick**

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

## NEXT GM

**JENNIFER BOSCH - MARINE SCIENTIST**

**SEA SURFACE TEMPS • SATELLITE OPERATIONS**

**RUTGERS UNIVERSITY**

**COASTAL OCEAN OBSERVATION LAB (COOL ROOM) N.J.**

## President's Message

Capt. John J. Jutt, Sr.

To start I would like to thank my first VP Jim Rooney and his grill team for their help and dedication on our past fall rodeos. Additional thanks to all members who attended. Without you it would have not been such a success.

Fall is a time of year that I personally look forward to. Fishing starts to heat up as the weather cools down. Some of my best fishing memories and catches are made this time of year. There are so many species to target from the deep to the back bays but just keep in mind that this time of year the weather can change rapidly. Remember "Safety First".

Our yearbook is underway and with your help and support I am sure it will be a keepsake item. It will include a complete club roster with space for ads (which is a great way to promote your business). I encourage members to stop by the table which will be set up at the next g/m. Drop off photos that you might want to include in the publication and also consider placing an ad. Ads cost \$75 for a full page and \$45 for a half page. We plan on distributing yearbooks at the holiday party. Again, we need your support.

The next G/M features a marine scientist, Jennifer Bosch, Satellite Operations of Rutgers University. This is where our sea surface temperature information originates from. This should be a very informative presentation that all should attend.

Please have courtesy to our guest speaker during the presentation and hold down the background chatter. Winter Storage contracts were mailed out in late September.

Members will have the opportunity to store their boat for the winter at \$10 a foot with a \$225 minimum. Please contact Mike Sullivan if you wish to take advantage of this member privilege. Before your boat goes to property please make sure payment is made in advance to avoid any confusion.

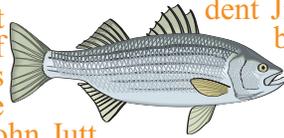
More on club business. A nominating committee has been formed for the upcoming elections. Nominations for directors will be entertained from the floor at the November meeting. To become candidate you must be proposed by a voting member and seconded by ten voting members and presented to our club secretary in writing at least 7 days prior to the November meeting. If you feel that yourself or someone would like to get involved in this area of the club now is your chance.

As usual I thank my Board of Directors and General Members for all your help and support during my administration.



# FISHING BULLETIN

We are now into our fall fishing season and the weather has been on our side. Lets hope that Mother Nature can keep the same in check and allow our club boats the window of weather they need to make the off-shore trek wherever their destinations may be. The action has been picking up on the offshore scene. The action from Hudson to Lindenkohl has been fairly consistent. The action was starting to shift from trolling to chunking as the fish settle in to feed heavily prior to their migration south to their winter hibernating grounds. That changed about two weeks ago when there was an excellent troll bite in the Hudson Canyon. The Mickey Likes It, Aphis and Hooker scored big on the Yellowfin and Longfin. The fish were all decent with the yellows in the 50-70lb range and the longfin in the 40-50 lb range. They also all reported a fair amount of Mahi up to 22lbs were taken from underneath the pots on the east side. The bluefin action looked like it was going to heat up nicely, however not to the expectations of the anglers who participated in last year's fishery. On his first real offshore jaunt on the newly repowered Bunker Dunker, Captain John Jutt showed his crew the way to land bluefin. After a few fishless drifts, John came off of the wheel and within moments hooked up and landed a 100lb bluefin. The Wasabi has also cashed in on this action, during the same rodeo weekend he and his crew made a stop on the way in and landed two bluefins keeping there limit up to 90lbs. as well.



Shark fishing has not started up as of this writing. The areas waters from the twenty-mile wrecks to the Virginia have been infested with schools upon schools of spiny dogfish. History has shown us that this is the time of the year when the fall migration starts. This might have to be pushed out further into the season as the water temps are still above normal. For those of us who are really interested in this fishery this time of year brings in some of the seasons best.

Bluefishing continues to be non-stop. A trip to 17 Fathoms or to the Mud Buoy is all it takes to load up. On a recent trip aboard the Day Tripper, skippered by John Price, we limited out on fish up to 10lbs. and left them biting when we ran out of chum.

Striped Bass action has started to pick up. Paul Hilton aboard the Emily S, accompanied by John Jutt and Joe Jahn made a local trip and were able to cull out a few fish from underneath the marauding blues that were prevalent that night. The bass action from our eastern crew has been very strong as well. Recently past president Jim Krug nailed a 41lber, while employing live bait on a not so nice family outing.

Sincerely,

Captain Harry Weinblatt  
F/V Blue Marlin

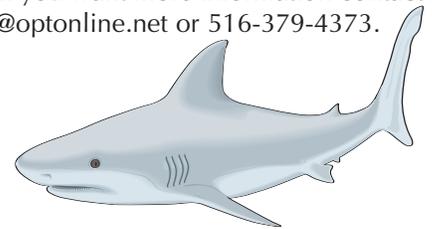
## SHOOT OUT

October 28,29 & 30, Friday, Saturday & Sunday:  
Freeport Tuna Club Vs Staten Island Fishing Club,  
St. Bass-Shoot-out

Just a reminder, safety should always be the first priority and 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! "Note: Only fish weighed in on a Official Club weight slip will count towards the shoot out. Please have all the weight slips in Sundays following the shoot-outs or call John Rooney at 615 721 8207. Thank you from the 2005 shoot-out committee, Joseph Steiner, Chris Squire,Chris Bellinzoni, John Rooney

## PROPERTY

Winter storage contracts were mailed on September 24, 2005. Members may store their boat at the property for \$10 a foot, \$225 minimum. In addition to an outstanding price, members gain the added benefit of maintaining their vessels free from demands dictated to them by a boat yard. In addition their vessel will be stored in a fenced yard with an electric gate with controlled access. If you want more information contact Mike Sullivan at ftc1937@optonline.net or 516-379-4373.



## A Note From Your Secretary...

Nominations for Directors will be entertained from the floor at the November meeting. The name of the candidate must be proposed by a voting member and seconded by ten voting members and presented to the Secretary in writing at least seven days prior to the November meeting. Mail nominations to:

**FTC B.O.D. Nominations c/o Chris Bellinzoni 1100 Elizabeth St., Baldwin NY 11510**

# CLUB AWARDS & DERBY DATES

Capt. Lawrence J. Festa F/V Kriste

The following derbies winners will be announced this months G M:  
Green Bonito (04 lbs.).....August 27th ~ September 25th  
False Albacore (06 lbs.).....August 27th ~ September 25th  
Fall Mahi (04 lbs.).....August 27th September 25th  
Fall Weakfish (05 lbs.).....August 27th September 25th



The following derbies are closed:

Tuna (25 lbs.).....September 3rd ~ October 9th  
Bluefish (08 lbs.)..... September 3rd ~ October 2nd  
Shark (125 lbs.)..... September 10th ~ October 16th  
Fluke (02 lbs.)..... September 3rd ~ October 2nd

The following derbies are in progress or starting this month:

Fall Cod (10 lbs.).....October 1st ~ December 18th  
Blackfish (03 lbs.).....October 22nd ~ November 27th  
Seabass (02 lbs.).....September 24th ~ October 23rd  
Striped Bass (15 lbs.).....October 15th ~ November 27th

## THESE ARE THE MOST CURRENT FISHING REGULATIONS FOR NEW YORK STATE

1. BLACKFISH: 14' size limit 10 bag limit open till 5-31-06
2. PORGIES: 10 1/2 size limit 25 bag limit 60 in bag on head boat open till 10-31
3. SEA BASS; 12' size limit, 25 bag limit open till 11-30-05
4. BLUEFISH: 15 fish open all year only 10 fish may be under 12 inches
5. WEAKFISH: 15 fish open all year only 10 fish may be under 12 inches
6. FLOUNDER: CLOSED TILL NEXT SPRING
7. FLUKE: 17 1/2 size limit 5 fish bag limit open till 10-31
8. SHARK 1 per boat

## ROGUE WAVES

Also worth noting are the rogue waves that have occasionally appeared off our Atlantic Coast. Back in June, two fishermen were returning from a tuna and wahoo tournament in the Bahamas around the time of Hurricane Arlene. NOAA has predicted 4-6 seas so they headed back to Ft Pierce in Florida, 31 miles offshore. Out of nowhere two gigantic waves swamped the 34 foot powerboat within seconds! They just had time to activate the EPIRB and grab lifejackets as water poured into the boat. Another incident occurred when the cruise ship, Norwegian Dawn was hit by 70 foot high waves off the coast of North Carolina knocking out windows and flooding 62 cabins. Possession and activation of an EPIRB is essential when going offshore. A program Called AMVER (Assistance Vessel Rescue System) is sponsored by the Coast Guard, and is a unique computer based , voluntary global ship reporting system. The CG provides locations of ships athat are near vessels in distress and asks them to assist in search and rescue ops. Today, there are near 12,000 ships from over 140 nations participate in AMVER worldwide. Over 128 lives were saved in 2004 alone. Goto this link for more AMVER details on the USCG page. <http://www.uscg.mil/hq/g%2Do/g%2Dopr/amver/index.htm>



## Captain Barry

Long ago, there lived an officer of the Freeport Tuna Club named Captain Barry. He was a manly man's man, who showed no fear when facing his enemies.

One day, while sailing the Seven Seas, his lookout spotted a pirate ship approaching, and the crew became frantic. Captain Barry bellowed, "Bring me my red shirt!" The first mate quickly retrieved the captain's red shirt, and while wearing the brightly colored frock, the Captain led his crew into battle and defeated the pirates.

That evening, all the men sat around on the deck recounting the day's triumph. One of them asked the Captain, "Sir, why did you call for your red shirt before battle?" The captain replied, "If I were to be wounded in the attack, the shirt would not show my blood. Thus, you men would continue to fight, unafraid." All of the men sat and marveled at the courage of such a manly man's man.

As dawn came the next morning, the lookout spotted not one, not two, but TEN pirate ships approaching. The crew stared in worshipful silence at the captain and waited for his usual orders. Captain Barry gazed with steely eyes upon the vast armada arrayed against his ship, and without fear, turned and calmly shouted, "Get me my brown pants!"

*Sometimes it's good to smile...isn't it?*



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Capt. John J. Jutt Sr..... President  
James Rooney.....1st Vice President  
Chris Squeri.....2nd Vice President  
Mike Sullivan ..... Treasurer  
Chris Bellinzoni.....Secretary

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**CONTACT JOHN JUTT**

**516.546.2312 OR**

**BOB BENZENBERG**

**516.679.9200 TO PLACE**

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**CLASSIFIED:**

- 1984 Tiara Pursuit 27, cabin, stand up head, twin 220 crusaders, GPS, Depth finder, radio, out riggers, \$20,000 Also, 16 ft. heavy fiberglass dingy \$200. Call Michael 516-535-4085, embroidme@optonline.net
- 12' Barneget Duck Boat by Aero Marine. Locking hard cover and spray shield, 15 h.p. Mariner w/ sting ray jr., 3 yr. old trailer \$2,250.00 Call Ron 516-593-6560
- 1 28x23<sup>1/4</sup> 3 blade nibril prop. like new condition, reasonably priced 516-632-9770.
- For Sale - 78 chriscraft 23' I/O v8fwc chevy/volvo low hours. Handyman special \$1,000.00 or B/O Chrysler engines or parts call for your needs/3,1 3/8" shafts by 89" \$200.00 1 onan 7.5 gas generator needs work \$600.00 or BO Call Joe 917-731-4466
- WANTED - Mate on offshore & inshore trips - clean boat after trips - prep boat before trips -perform misc tasks during the week Contact: JEFF 516.377.2677
- FOR SALE: 28ft. Bertram 1976 Flybridge T170 Yanmars Full Enclosure with radar arch. Furuno/Radar/GPS/Fishfinder \$47,000 Call Matt 917-617-2068.
- For Sale: Raymarine RL-9 marine radar 7" LCD screen 2kv antenna, spare display, power and antenna cable. Recently serviced and upgraded by Raymarine. Currently installed on my boat, can demonstrate. Best offer, John Weber 516-379-8935 eves.

Please send any pictures that you might want to put in our upcoming yearbook.

**Bob Benzenberg**

**2637 Belmill Road • Bellmore, NY 11710**

**516.679.9200**

**(include names, captions which will apply to photo)**