


Tuna Tower News

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Thursday, Oct. 11th at 8:00 pm
VFW Post 2770
2400 Bedford Avenue, Bellmore, NY
 (between Sunrise Hwy. & Merrick Road)

NEXT GM
Capt. Al Lindroth (party boat Capt. Al)
Pioneer of Bottom Fishing
Don't Miss This One!

President's Message

Jim Rooney

All is here and our offshore season is in full swing. I would like to start off thanking Chris Bellinzoni and Mike Sullivan for their excellent presentations during our Stripe bass seminar, they kept the audience captivated for the whole show. I also have to thank Jeff Yapalater and all of the volunteers for their hard work and professionalism. The efforts of Chris, Mike, Jeff and all the great volunteers made this a very successful event for the club. These three seminars were not only financially successful, for the club, but the positive publicity has been immeasurable. The efforts of all the club members who were involved in these events showed the rest of the fishing community why we are the biggest and best club. Moving on, there is a whole other group of members I have to thank and they are Joe Steiner and the rodeo committee for a great job on our fall rodeo. There was good food, friends and fun for all. I would like to remind all members that our annual raffles will be drawn at the Christmas party so please start to turn them in. This raffle benefits ALL club members and it also

gives you a chance at some great prizes. Any questions about the raffle please contact Dave Massa or Bob Benzenberg and please show support for your club. That's all for this month, stay safe and remember that participation is the key to a great club experience.



Jim Rooney

President



SHARKING NEWS

Sharks are in the news from the proposed shut-down of the commercial fishery to pleas from various groups for reduced fishing pressure on the various species.

The sandbar (brown) shark appears to be in big trouble with dwindling numbers so the recreational fishing public may be prohibited from keeping any in the future. On the website of Oceana, it is calling for an end to commercial shark harvesting as well. See their informative site at <http://www.oceana.org/sharks/home/>

The conservative conservationists outcry over sharking has grown louder with reports of banning local shark tournaments and reporting shunned by some publications citing cruelty to the targeted sharks.

SHOOT-OUT

The final Shoot-Out of the year is on October 19,20,21 against Staten Island for Striped Bass. Last year the Staten Island Club beat the Freeport Tuna Club by 3oz. so lets take back the trophy to where it belongs. good luck to all.

FLUKE CALCUTTA

Joe Fanora's 13lb doormat has taken the 2007 fluke Calcutta. The pot contains a cool \$710. Congratulations Joe.

PROPERTY

At this writing, the Club is waiting upon the Army Corp of Engineers to issue a permit for the bulk-head project. We have no control over when the Army Corp will issue the permit. The process should have been completed by now, but the Corp appears to be backed up with work at this time. If we do not receive the permit soon, the bulkhead project for the winter of 2007-08 is doubtful.

NEW 2008 BLUFIN REGS BEING PROPOSED

NMFS is holding meetings (outside of our area) to comment on the proposed 2008 BFT regs. The quotas for BFT quote as have fallen short for this year, so according to ICAAT rules, rollover tonnage is allowed for 2008. It is proposed that each angler is allowed

- (1) schoolie 27-under 47", (2) 47-inder 73, and one trophy fish per trip per angler.

This comes as no surprise to us Freeport anglers. Only a handful of qualifying BFT were caught last year, and Few have been caught to date in 2007. Current and 2008 regs run the calendar year from Jan through Dec.

Good to know since hardy anglers may take advantage of the inshore runs in December and able to keep what fish they may catch. GET EMAIL NOTICES of HMS regs as they come out; goto:

<http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/hms/newslst/>
Sign-up here for email alerts. Works great.

CURRENT INSHORE SPECIES REGS

Current Inshore Species Regs

Blackfish-14" min; 10 fish per day Oct 1-May 31

Sea Bass-12" min; 25 per day all year

Bluefish-no size limit; 15 per day

Porgy-10.5" min; 25 per day June 1-Oct 31

Weakfish-16" min; 6 per day

OFFSHORE MYSTERY

The 47' Charter boat " Joe Cool" was found adrift somewhere between ports of Miami and Cuba last week after being chartered for Biimini, for \$4,000 paid in \$100 bills. Mysteriously the two charter guys were found with all their belongings, including blow-dart guns, and knives in a life raft 12 miles from the away from the deserted boat. which was drifting 160 miles off course towards Cuba. The owner, his wife, and two crew were nowhere to be found. The charter duo reported an alleged pirate attack, and gave differing stories of the invasion leaving 4 missing and crew missing. Authorities are holding the two in custody pending the continued investigating into this bizarre and sorrowful incident. Morale: Know your charters, and get references whenever possible. Avoid danger.

OCTOBER 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 October Derby Winners Are:

Fall Fluke (3.5 lbs.).....August 11th ~ Sept. 9th

1st Place: Mike Wagner 8.25 lbs. F/V "Mike's Mistress"

2nd Place: Peter McEvoy 7.00 lbs. F/V "Oh REELY"

3rd Place: Joe Fanora 6.50 lbs. F/V "Mike's Mistress"

Fall Weakfish (05 lbs.).....August 11th ~ Sept.23rd

Sorry no winner

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

Fall Mahi (04 lbs.).....August 25th ~ Sept. 30th

False Albacore (06 lbs.).....August 25th ~ Sept. 30th

Green Bonito.....August 25th ~ Sept. 30th

Fall Tuna (20 lbs.).....September 1st ~ October 7th

Fall Shark (125 lbs.).....September 15th ~ October 21st

Fall Bluefish (08 lbs.).....September 1st ~ September 30th

Seabass (2.5 lbs.).....September 22nd ~ October 21st

Awards & Contests:

As we wrap up our season it is always nice to note that some of our club records will be upgraded for our 2008 record book so far we have the following confirmed or in the pipe line!

CONFIRMED: Jacqueline Toback

Smallfry

Striped Bass @ 42.56 lbs.

LOCAL LATE SEASON TOURNAMENTS

Woodcleft Annual Striped Bass Contest

October 1-Dec 2; \$100 per boat

Contact Richie 516-378-8748

Bergen Point Marina Striped Bass Tourney

October 20; Captain's Meeting Oct 19

Contact Tom @631-661-5817

Riverview Striped Bass Tournament

Nov 6, Riverview Restaurant, Oakdale

Capt Meeting Monday Nov 5

Contact Jimmy 631-589-2694

RUTGERS & NOAA WAVE FORECASTS

Rutgers is the most interactive, colorful and fun, offshore wave forecast site:

<http://marine.rutgers.edu/cool/weather/wave/wave.html>

Rutgers COOLROOM ocean data:

<http://marine.rutgers.edu/cool/>

-Also good for large areas is Ocean Prediction Center:

<http://www.opc.ncep.noaa.gov/index.shtml>



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NOMINATIONS

Nominations for Directors will be entertained from the floor at the November meeting. The names of the candidates 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
3255 Wolfson Dr.
Baldwin, NY 11510

CLASSIFIED:

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

1-ATL diesel fuel Bladder- 50 gallon capacity with all necessary hardware, exc condition \$300

2. Four Shimano 50 TLD II- 2 speed 50 pound class graphite reels, spooled with 80 pound Momoi Blue diamond line, exc working condition, professionally maintained. - \$325 each
Contact Chris Gerhart-516-897-6898

4 Penn 50sw Internationals - great shape - \$375 each

4 Penn 80 Internationals - very good shape - \$375 each

All reels been serviced last year. Contact Chris: 516-523-3444

2001 Pursuit 3000 Express. Twin 300 Mercruiser inboards, 300hrs. Hardtop & canvas. Sleeps 4. Electronics, head/shower, fridge, microwave, stove, AC/Heat. Mint Condition. Asking \$99,000. At FTC for viewing. Call Rich H: 631-543-3866 C: 516-641-0740.

Wanted 25 hp outboard long shaft with tiller. Call Joe, 516-851-8762

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
or email to: JJutt@mmpmk.com