

Tuna Tower News

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"PARTICIPATION"

NEXT GENERAL MEETING

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Thursday, November 11th at 8:00 pm

Curé of Ars School Auditorium
Merrick Ave., Merrick

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

For more info call 516-546-2312

Happy Thanksgiving

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T u r k e y R a f f l e s
&
E l e c t i o n s

The Nomination Committee nominates the following six members for the Board of Directors:

HOWARD BERMAN
PAUL SPASOTO
BOB PANDY
HARRY WEINBLATT
CHRIS SQUERI
JOE JARHNES

ALL OF THE CANDIDATES HAVE BEEN ACTIVE IN CORPORATE AFFAIRS AND HAVE SHOWN INTEREST IN PARTICIPATING IN THE VARIOUS ACTIVITIES OF THE CORPORATION.

Below are the names of the candidates which have been entertained from the floor:

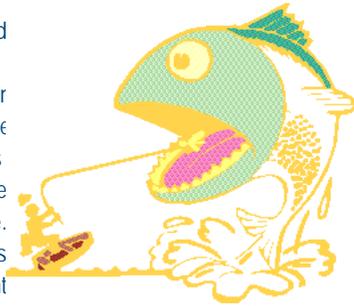
JOHN WEBER
HENRY (HANK) JENET
DAVE MAZZA
JOHN ROONEY
GEORGE SINERC
RAFAEL ORTIZ

PLEASE ATTEND AND CAST YOUR VOTE. YOUR VOTE COUNTS.



FISHING BULLETIN

This past month witnessed start for our inshore species, last year when the same tir showed results on the other e spectrum. Time will tell here as areas water temperatures are still a little on the warm side. Continued falling temperatures both during the day and night should be the catalyst that is needed to jump-start our fall fishery.



Our canyon fishing has just about come to a close for our FTC Fleet. Although the party boats will continue to target this fishing until it's all over, this is the time of the year when the days grow shorter and the weather can turn suddenly to make for a very uncomfortable ride home even if the boat is loaded with fish. We were once again treated to a phenomenal run of fall bluefin tuna. Once the fish moved off from the Bacardi area they settled along the east elbow of the Hudson Canyon with several of their larger brothers and sisters. The results were great if you got in on the action. These fall tackle busters were reported up to 350lbs.

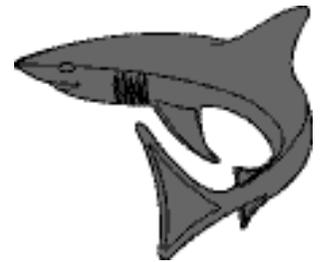
Our once greatly anticipated fall shark fishery was a bust for most who took the time to target the fall run. The reports from our club members stated that it was dogfish city from top to bottom. Keeping bait in the water was short lived before it was ravaged by the relentless schools of dogfish that have taken up residence on our fall

fishing grounds.

Fall black fishing has started out with less than desired results. Scouting trips that were made when the season opened up were reported to be on the slow side with small fish and not many numbers. The good news is that it has changed for the better and showing the way it needs to be done has been Paul Hilton aboard his vessel, Emily S. His most recent post on our club website indicates that it might be time to try again. Our resident bottom fisherman Mike Zullo has also confirmed this during a recent outing. Seabass have started to push their way offshore and the cooler temperatures will continue to spur their migration into the deeper water and ultimately their winter hibernating grounds. We can expect several more weeks of good fishing as these fish transition their way offshore.

Our local striped bass action has rebounded and this time the action has been in our back yard. Most of our members that have targeted bass have reported pretty decent action. Last weekend Capt. Chris Bellinzoni skippered his bass boat "Four Bells" with past presidents Ron Leonardi and John Hachman for a bass trip of a lifetime. The final tally was in excess of fifty bass with the crew keeping their limit. Nice job guys.

Captain Harry Weinblatt
F/V Blue Marlin



PROPERTY

Last call for winter storage at the property. Winter storage is \$10 a foot, \$225 minimum, one of the better buys in town. More than half the available spaces are paid for. If you have an interest and have not yet paid, you should do so prior to placing your boat on the property. There are additional charges for not doing so. Contact Mike Sullivan

If you store a boat or a boat and trailer on the property, please ensure that the boat name, or your name, are on both the boat and trailer. This will facilitate identification by the property committee, for billing purposes and in case they need to reach you.

SHOOT OUT RESULTS

Turkey Time Brag'n!

Shoot-out results from last month are in & our friends from the Matinecock Fishing Club have been invited to join us at our November General Membership meeting for some good natured bragging, awards, fine culinary delights and our annual turkey raffles.

Who's the best?

According to the Shoot-out weigh slips, in Total Weight we are!

However, we can't do all the bragging...this time around we gotta call it a draw!

Here's Why

In the Bluefish division

Tommy Bucherio's 11.5 pounder caught on board his Del La Mar & John Jutt's 9.8 pounder decked on board Jim Krug's Persuader II were out done by Matinecock's 34 pounds of Bluefish brought to scale by their club's largest 3 Blues. Matinecock's Todd Graham decked the weekend's largest slammer pushing the scale to 13.5 pounds.

In the Striped Bass division

Our club fared much better and made up for some "lost" ground with

some fine catches of Striped Bass brought to scale locally.

Mike "Bluejacket" Sullivan's 23 pound 5 oz. Bass took top honors for the weekend. Followed closely by another John Jutt - Persuader fish, this one 22 pounds 12 oz. Combine that fish with yet another Tommy "Del La Mar" Bass, this one tipping the scale at 20 pounds 5 oz. and that was all our club needed to out-do Matinecock Fishing Club's shoot-out Chairman, Ed Svec's 12 _ pound Bass.

So "Take 2" was a draw!

Shoot-out Committee's note: We would like to thank all the anglers in our club & in other participating clubs who supported & participated in our shoot-out series of 6 weekend events over the last 2 seasons. We hope that you enjoyed stepping up to the challenge of fishing for "Bragging Rights" against other clubs. With each of us (Al Casciano, Christopher Bellinzoni & my self) taking on new and different club functions next year, there is a great opportunity for someone to grab the leader and keep this competitive competition afloat.

It's Been "Reel".... FOUR BELLS

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CLUB AWARDS & DERBY DATES

Capt. Lawrence J. Festa F/V Kristen

Winners of the Following Fall Derbies

Fall Bluefish (08 lbs.).....August 28th ~ September 26th
 1st Place: Mary Ellen Zullo.....10.8 lbs. F/V Magic Too
 2nd Place: Paul Hilton.....9.56 lbs. F/V Emily S
 3rd Place: Captain Michael Zullo.....8.5 lbs. F/V Magic Too

Fall Tuna (25 lbs. min.).....August 28th ~ September 26th
 1st Place: Richard Olejnik.....182 lb. Big Eye F/V Canyon Lady
 2nd Place: John Gerrity.....73.5 lb. Bluefin F/V Moon Child
 3rd Place: Chris Squeri.....72.5 lb. Yellowfin F/V Camille

False Albacore (06 lbs.).....August 28th ~ September 26th
 1st Place: Mary Ellen Zullo.....10.6 lbs. F/V magic Too
 2nd Place: Bill Morrogh.....9.5 lbs. F/V Margarita Bill
 3rd Place: Theresa Morrogh.....9.4 lbs. F/V Margarita Bill

Green Bonito (06 lbs.).....August 28th ~ September 26th
No Winners

Fall Weakfish ((05 lbs.).....August 28th ~ September 26th
No Winners

The following derbies are closed, the winners will be awarded at our

December General Meeting:

Fall Flounder (01.5 lbs.).....September 25th ~ October 24th
 Fall Seabass (02 lbs.).....September 25th ~ October 24th
 Fall Shark (125 lbs.).....October 9th ~ November 7th
 The following derbies are in progress or starting this month:
 Fall Striped Bass (15 lbs.).....October 16th ~ November 14th
 Fall Cod (10 lbs.).....November 20th ~ December 26th
 Fall Blackfish (03 lbs.).....October 23th ~ November 21st

Notable Catches

The month was a little light due to weather, however here is this months highlights A nice Blackfish for Joe Fanora @ 9.37 pounds. A beautiful 32 plus striped bass captained by John Jutt on his "Bunker Dunker".

NOVEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 SHARK ENDS	8	9	10	11 VETERAN'S DAY	12	13
14 STRIPED BASS ENDS	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 BLACKFISH ENDS	22	23	24	25 THANKSGIVING	26 	27
28	29	30				

Freeport Tuna Club, Inc.

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2004 Officers

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



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Christmas Party
Freeport Rec. Center
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- 1984 Tiara Pursuit 27, cabin, stand up head, twin 220 crusaders, GPS, Depth finder, radio, out riggers, \$27,500 Also, 16 ft. heavy fiberglass dingy \$200. Call Michael 516-535-4085, embroidme@optonline.net
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