

Tuna Tower News

Freeport Tuna Club, Inc.

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NEXT GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, November 10th at 8:00 pm

Cure of Ars Church School Auditorium

Merrick Ave., Merrick

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

TURKEY RAFFLE TIME

75 Birds to be gobbled up!

Next GM

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

President's Message _____ Capt. John J. Jutt, Sr.

As we head into the fall, fishing activity speeds up. For some it's that time of year when we start thinking of wrapping and packing our boats for the winter. As far as I'm concerned the best deal in town is storing your boat at the club property. Please contact Mike Sullivan or Al Casciano if you are interested. Word is that our club trophy is coming back to rest at the FTC. We won the shoot-out with Staten Island Tuna Club. Thanks to all members who fished hard to bring it home. Special congratulations to club member Douglas Toback for three top fish with his best being over 35 lbs. Way to go Doug! On the business side, looks like we have an election. I ask all members to attend our annual turkey night and cast your vote. A special thanks to my nominating committee for paying attention to the details in their

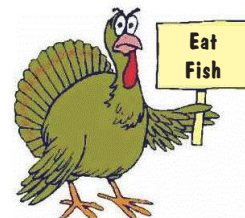
selection. I'm sure all voted in will serve your club to the best of their ability.

Our yearbook is in full swing. Ads are coming in and again a booth will be set up at the next G/M meeting. Thanks to my dedicated yearbook committee for all their efforts so far. Don't be left out of this yearbook. Ad deadline is November 15th.

In closing, on behalf of myself and the board of directors we wish all members and their families a Happy Thanksgiving. And as always, thank you for your support.

Always remember that the future comes one day at a time.

Captain John J. Jutt, Sr.



FISHING BULLETIN

We were treated to a summer and early fall of picture perfect weather. That changed once the month of October rolled around and we paid dearly for it. Not only did we have record rainfall but our club boats stayed tied to the dock for most of the month as well. For the offshore commuter the fall weather was not on their side. Its unfortunate since the fishing looked like it was about to break wide open. This past month witnessed a very nice start for our inshore species, Crisp evening temperatures will continue improve this fishery as our season wears on.



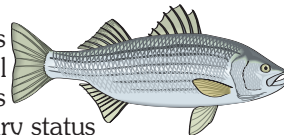
several club members sailed aboard the Sea-Otter Charter boat from Montauk off the coast of Rhode Island. The fishing was excellent with the largest fish at the 10lb. mark. Capt. Jim Krug also reported excellent black fishing closer to his home-port of Montauk. On a recent trip he and several club members put together a limit catch of nice fish.

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 started up again. Chris Bellinzi sailed his vessel one evening last week and reported a fair pick of fish on live bait. Howard Berman reported excellent action to the west behind the clam boats most of the fish in the teen size. Congratulations are in order for Doug Toback. Last weekend during the Shootout he and his crew landed the top three fish to give our club enough points to take finally take back the trophy.

Our canyon fishing has 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.

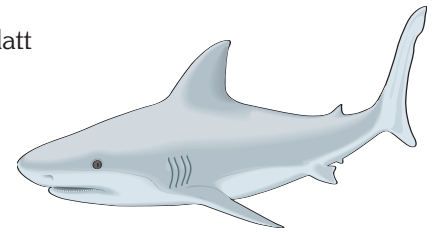
Our once greatly anticipated fall shark fishery was a bust. For most who took the time to target the fall run, one trip with top to bottom dogfish was enough. The Kristen, looking to keep her legendary status sailed an additional trip and managed a 250lb Blue Shark, which kept the crew on its toes until the fish showed itself.



Sincerely,

Captain Harry Weinblatt
F/V Blue Marlin

Fall black fishing has started out with a bang. Our members who have targeted them have reported very consistent catches, however a fair amount of small fish has made up the bulk of the catch. The fishing is better out east where recently



FLUKE CALCUTTA

Scott Schafer leads with a 10 lbs. 1 oz. fish. Anyone with a weigh slip for a larger fish should contact Mike Sullivan immediately.

Ketchikan Alaska - Trip of a Lifetime

Anyone interested in making a trip to Alaska's Waterfall Resort (<http://www.waterfallresort.com/>) to fish for salmon, halibut and ling cod sometime between the second half of June and the first week of July 2006 should contact Mike Sullivan 516-379-4373 for further information.

SHOOT-OUT RESULTS

We win FTC 21.68/24.26/35.36

Staten Island 24.60/26.65/23.45

The trophy comes home!

PROPERTY

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.

HOLIDAY PARTY

Sunday, Dec. 11th

Freeport

Rec Center

CLUB AWARDS & DERBY DATES

Capt. Lawrence J. Festa F/V Kristen

I am proud to announce that the FTC Board will be announcing some wonderful changes in the awards for 2006. As the world goes digital the FTC goes GLOBAL.....That right! We are bigger than US Steel for the year 2006. Our Board has voted and approved five new angler awards for the largest of five species: Blackfish, Seabass, Cod, Fluke & Flounder. The all new Global Award shall read as follows:

Special Awards

Five (5) Club trophies will be awarded each year: One (1) for the largest Fluke; One (1) for the largest Codfish; One for the largest Weakfish; One (1) for the largest Blackfish and One (1) for the largest Sea Bass. These awards will be awarded to the member catching the largest of each species and weighing the fish on a certified scale and recorded on an official Freeport Tuna Club weigh slip. This is a Global Award.

The complete list of changes will be announced prior to the start of our 2006 season, the changes came from the members & the board and all changes show great progress in bring our club together.

The following derbies are closed & the winners are:

Tuna (25 lbs.).....September 3rd ~ October 9th
1st Place Hank Jenet.....96.5 F/V Wasbie
2nd Place Mary Ellen Zullo.....84.5 F/V Mikey Likes It
3rd Place Fred Rheuman.....81.2 F/V Mike Like It.

Shark (125 lbs.)..... September 10th ~ October 16th

1st Place winner only:

Richard Hinners.....178 Mako F/V Livin Large

The following derbies are closed winners to be award at the next GM

Seabass (02 lbs.).....September 24th ~ October 23rd

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

Note: If you think you have a winning fish it is your responsibility to check with the awards committee prior to weigh slip deadlines which are always two weeks after each derby closes. You must keep the white weigh master stamped copy for your records and the buff goes to the committee also with weigh master stamp & signature.

FISHING TIP FOR NOVEMBER

Fishing live bait is a very effective technique for catching big striped bass, bluefish and weakfish. At this time of year however, bluefish and striped bass are very numerous each afternoon between the Roundhouse and the Rockaway's. Just steam West till you see the birds working an area. Tie on AVA 47 Jigs with no tubs on them. Use a three foot 50# leader and have a ball. The fishing is best two hours prior to sunset and you'll most likely hit the bocks after sunset, but you'll always be rewarded with plenty of action. After their fall blackfish trips the APHIS drops in on these fish. Their last trip of October boated and released over fifty bluefish and three striped bass. To catch the bass jig three to seven feet off the bottom. Oh... and remember to sharpen the hooks to a knife point!



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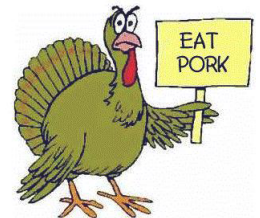
2005 Officers

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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**THERE WILL BE AN
ELECTION**

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

**BILL MORROGH
JAMES ROONEY
JEFF SQUERI
MIKE SULLIVAN
CHRIS BELLINZONI
HANK JENET**

**ENTERTAINED FROM THE FLOOR-
BOB BENZENBERG**

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 28x23¹/₄ 3 blade nibril prop. like new condition, reasonably priced 516-632-9770.
- 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

