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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9TH AT 8:00 PM

Cure of Ars Church School Auditorium

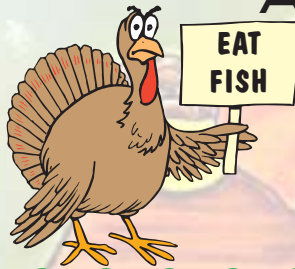
Merrick Ave., Merrick

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

NEXT GM

ANNUAL TURKEY RAFFLES

75 BIRDS TO BE GOBBLED UP!



ELECTIONS

CAST YOUR VOTE!

President's Message

Jim Rooney

Welcome to November, this is a very busy month for all of us. I would like to start my message by reminding all members that our November GM will be held at the "Cure of Ars" church on Merrick Ave in Merrick at 8:00 PM on Thursday, November 9th 2006. At our November GM we will be holding our annual Turkey Raffles; so make room in those freezers for a turkey or two. We will also be conducting our yearly Board of Directors Elections. As it was explained in the October Tuna Tower, there will be 6 names submitted by the nominating committee. These names will appear first on the ballot and then any names with petitions from the floor will be listed next. While on the subject of the Board of Directors, I would like to thank the current Board of Directors for their tireless effort and compassion that made this club the best it can be. As anyone who has attended a BOD meeting can attest to, we all do not see eye to eye all the time but it is the cooperative and constructive nature of this current BOD that allows them to work together to make this a better club for all members. There was to be another proposition on the voting ballot at the November General Meeting as to a change of venue for our general meetings. Due to reasons

beyond our control, this issue is being tabled until the BOD can re-examine new information and can bring the most informative and fiscally responsible scenario to the General Membership. The Annual Holiday Party at the Freeport Recreation Center will start at 1:00 pm on Sunday, December 10th. There will be Raffles, a Bake Off with prizes, and plenty of food for the whole family, so come down; there will be fun for all. Please, remember to bring a wrapped marked gift for each child you bring (keep gifts to \$20.00). The club will be looking for volunteers for this event. Please contact second VP Joe Jahn or myself to lend a hand. For all members still holding yearly raffle tickets, please turn them in, the drawing is at the holiday party and there are some great prizes to be won. This raffle will help the club financially in the future and also give our members a good shot at winning some great prizes. In closing, I would ask all our members to stay safe and healthy and remember that participation is the key to a great club experience.



Jim Rooney
President



FISHING BULLETIN



As the end of the 2006 season looms in front of us one can only think "If we only had the weather" I know this has been my frustration and many more club members reporting the same scenario. For most of us the last six to eight weekends have been blowouts for offshore fishing. Some club members braving the brief weather windows that made themselves available, but for most of the time we were faced with flag starched wind conditions during our commutes either to or from the offshore waters. Its unfortunate since the fish were staged on the grounds and the only thing we required was the ability to get out. Our inshore fishery has started off nicely and should be a welcome reprieve to all club members who look forward to this time of the year.

A mid October canyon trip aboard the offshore sled, Mikey Likes It, reported a twenty plus fish day on the troll with long fin and yellowfin tuna lining the inside of his fish box. For most of the FTC Fleet our canyon fishing has come to a close for this season. Party boats will continue to fish well into the month of November, however shorter days and unpredictable weather can make an excellent trip a white knuckled ride home in the towering seas typical for this time of the year.

Our fall shark fishery spawned some life this year, our resident shark veteran Larry Festa sailed his

Kristen to the offshore grounds during a break in the weather in mid October and club member Bob Demeno nailed his first Thresher, a rather nice 189lb. specimen. Several other FTC boats made their appearances on the shark grounds and reported action as well.

Our fall blackfish season started off the season in a robust way. Our bottom fishing experts the, Magic Too, Tin Man and the Emily S reported a nice showing of fish up to 7.5 lbs. Although typical for this time of the year are the multitude of small fish the make up the bulk of the catch. The fishery looks promising and as the local waters continue to cool down, hopefully the quality of the fish should improve.

Our Seabass have started the migration offshore, the cooling waters will chase these fish further offshore onto the deeper water wrecks with their ultimate destination being their winter hibernating grounds on the 30-40 fathom wrecks.

Our East End club members have reported an excellent fall fishery to date. Capt Jim Krug, aboard his Persuader has reported excellent bass fishing with many fish in the thirty pound range and an equally as good blackfish bite with nice quality fish coming over his washboards.

Our local striped bass had been good prior to this past weekends storm force winds, The Joint Effort and our past presidents Bunker Dunker reported quality bass action on the bunker schools with fish reported in the mid twenties. Our local inlet has produced school sized fish clam chumming for those who prefer a more tranquil day fishing anchored up.

GOOD & WELFARE



Congratulations to Ryan Sullivan, Accounting Major, St. Joseph's University.

Ryan was recently recognized by SAP America's Scholarship Program as an outstanding undergraduate student pursuing a degree in business. He was awarded a \$10,000 scholarship.

Martha Pezar is recovering from stroke. She is in an assisted care facility. Our best wishes and prayers go out to Martha.

Former member, Board Member and yard sale chairman, Skip Schaffer has passed away. Our prayers and best wishes go out to his family.

Winter is coming and you may be undecided about where to store your boat. Last year's winter storage bills still got you down? Local yards are raising the cost of winter storage to new record highs! But not at your Club! The price is \$10/foot, \$225 minimum. The club has a limited amount of space available for winter storage. Spaces are reserved on a first come first serve basis. Where else can you find secure storage for so little? Plus you have the freedom of doing your own yard work. If you are interested, contact Mike Sullivan.

SHOOT-OUTS

Staten Island Tuna Club / Freeport Tuna Club
Striped Bass Shoot Out
Staten Island Wins
Trophy goes back west.

Details on weights to be announced at next g/m.

*On behalf of the President
and the Board of Directors*

*We wish all members and their families
a happy and safe Thanksgiving Holiday.*

NOVEMBER 2006 DERBY, AWARDS & CONTEST REPORT

Awards Chairman: Captain Lawrence J. Festa
Committee Team: Captain Michael Zullo, Mary Ellen Zullo,
Captain Chris Squeri, Joseph Jah

The following derbies are closed and will be awarded at our GM.

Final Result are:

Fall Tuna (25 lbs.).....September 2nd ~ October 8th
1ST Place: Gregg Magnifico.....65.31 lb. Yellowfin Tuna F/V Jay Mar
2ND Place: Mary Ellen Zullo.....64 lb. Yellowfin Tuna F/V Oceanic
3RD Place: Bill Morrogh.....56 lb. Yellowfin Tuna F/V Margarita Bill

Fall Mahi (04 lbs.).....August 26th ~ September 24th
1ST Place: Sean Libby.....9.81 lb. F/V Findicive
2ND Place: Jeff Yapalater.....8.72 lb. F/V Hooked Up
3RD Place Sean Libby.....8.62 lb. F/V Findicive

Fall Bluefish (08 lbs.).....September 2nd ~ October 1st
1ST Place: Mary Ellen Zullo.....11.4 lb. F/V Magic Too
2ND Place: Michael Zullo.....11.3 lb. F/V Magic Too
3RD Place: Steven Woodiwiss.....10.1 lb.F/V Grass Clippins

False Albacore (06 lbs.).....August 26th ~ September 24th
SORRY NO WINNERS
Green Bonito (04 lbs.).....August 26th ~ September 24th
SORRY NO WINNERS

Fall Weakfish (05 lbs.).....August 26th ~ September 24th
SORRY NO WINNERS

The following derbies are closed, winners will be awarded at our December GM:

Fall Shark (125 lbs.)..... September 9th ~ October 15th
Fall Seabass (02 lbs.)..... September 23rd ~ October 22nd

The following Derbies are in progress this month:

Fall Cod (10 lbs.).....September 30th ~ December 18th
Fall Black fish (03 lbs.).....October 21st ~ November 26th
Fall Striped Bass (15 lbs.).....October 14th t ~ November 26th

Awards, Contests & Derby News: As we start to wind down our season, here is a little preview at some of our largest of each species, based on weigh slips submitted:

Bluefish: Doug Toback~12.2

Blackfish: James Krug`10.3

Codfish: Jay Broder~23.5

Flounder: Christopher Bellinzoni~3.18

Fluke: Bob Benzenberg~11.25

Yellowfin Tuna: Greg Magnifico~65.3

Shark (Mako): Patrick Quinn ~ 312

Shark (Thresher): Adam Bollaci~364

Mahi: Frank Mazzilli~ 26.5

Weakfish: Paul Schuber~9.56

Striped Bass: Mike Sullivan~38.52

Seabass: Woody Anderson~5.18

Any member, with suggestions, recommendations, or comments can submit them to me in writing. All will be reviewed and bought to our board. Captainlarry84@aol.com or see me at the GM.

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

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

ELECTIONS

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

AL CASIANO
ED FAZA
LARRY FESTA
JOHN GERRITY
DAVE MASSA
BOB SABELLA

ENTERTAINED FROM THE FLOOR

JEFF SQUERI
JEFF YAPALATER

EIGHT CANDIDATES
SIX SEATS

To all members
November G/M is an
Election meeting.
We urge all members to
attend and cast your vote.
Remember your vote
counts!



Freeport Tuna Club, Inc.
Chartered to Promote
Sport-fishing & Conservation

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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Deliver To:



Save The Date
Sunday,
December 10th
Annual
Holiday Party
Freeport Rec Center

Stay Tuned
for more details

CLASSIFIED:

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

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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

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