

# Tuna Tower News

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**Thursday, Nov. 8th 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!!!

(See inside for details)

## President's Message

Jim Rooney

November is here and so is our fall weather. With the weather cooling off our fall fishery should start picking up. As all of you know the FTC held 3 seminars this summer, which were very successful. I have thanked many of the volunteers and presenters, but in my haste I have overlooked one member who without his efforts these seminars would not have been as successful, he is Matt Erret. Matt's contacts with Noreast.com and magazine were crucial to the success of our seminars, On behalf of our membership and the BOD we thank you for all your efforts. I would also like to remind our membership that our annual raffle is going to be drawn at the holiday party on December 9th, so please make an effort to support the club and get a chance at winning some great prizes. Any questions about our annual raffle please contact Dave Massa or Bob Benzenberg. I have to thank Paul Hilton for his excellent black fish clinic at the property on Oct.25th. Paul's knowledge and expertise is unsurpassed and there was something new learned by all who attended. I have to thank Dave Massa and all the other members who contributed to our Capt. And Angler venison night in October; the food was excellent. Our property improvement project is in a critical stage for ground breaking this year. The negotiations with the contractors are coming to a close. But we still have a permit issue to

overcome. I hope to be reporting further on this project very soon. On October 19th, 20th and 21st we had our last shoot-out of the year, and boy it was a good one for FTC. We fished a head to head shoot-out with Staten Island who beat us by ounces last year. Not this year, the trophy comes back to Freeport with very impressive results. Charlie Sporing led the weigh in with a 36 lbs. and a 30 lbs followed by Anthony Testa Jr. 27 lbs for a total weight of 93 lbs. Great job guys. According to my brother John Rooney this was the most heavily fished shoot-out of his two-year tenure as shoot-out chairman. Thank you to all the members who fished very hard to help bring this trophy back to FTC. Your pride and enthusiasm is indicative of the reason we are the biggest and best club. I am also very appreciative of all the members who braved the rain and attended the October GM to listen to Capt. Al Lorenzen. To listen to a legend of his experience in our sport was an honor and a privilege. That is all for this month. Remember that participation is the key to a great club experience.



Jim Rooney  
President

# FISHING BULLETIN

The end of our 2007 Fishing Season is looming in the not to distant future. I am sure we all will agree that it has been an excellent year. The fishing has been excellent and the weather as well. Although we have enjoyed above average temperature for this time of the year, the weather slowly has started to cool down and so have the areas water temperatures. This decrease in water temperatures is always the necessary ingredient to jump-start our fall fishing season.

Our canyon fishing has just about come to a close for our FTC fleet. Many of our boats are looking to sail one more trip before hanging up the offshore equipment. With a little lady luck and the same for the weather window, perhaps this might happen. When planning an extended trip be mindful, that this is the time of the year when the days grow shorter and the weather can turn suddenly to make for a white knuckled ride home even if the fish boxes are full. Keep in mind that discretion is always the better part of valor. Our Fall Bluefin fishery has started, but the action has been closer to home. Reports of fish in the 100lb class have been reported around the areas of our Mud Hole. Recently the Mikey Likes It made an exploratory trip to this area and although they did not have any action they did confirm that a few boats on the same grounds caught some fish.

Our fall shark fishery has started. During a recent blustery Sunday, Ralph Drewes skippered his vessel Oceanic to an area south east of our inlet and set up in 30 fathoms of water. His crew was treated to a quartet of blue sharks up to 200lbs., which were all tagged and released. If we remember last year there were some monster Makos that were caught well into the month of November, one by club member Ed Pery that tipped the scales at 300lbs. If you are interested in catching one of these fall monsters, I suggest that you keep your offshore tackle ready and when the weather allows make the trip. These fish traditionally migrate along the twenty-fathom curve at this time of the year.

On the inshore scene, striped bass fishing has really turned on. On a recent trip aboard the Blue Marlin we had 50 striped bass keeping our limit and releasing the rest. The Oceanic was also on the same grounds the same day and reported that the fishing was excellent for them as well, with a limit taken and the rest of the catch released. This action has been to the west in the area of the commercial clam grounds.

Congratulations to Charlie Sporing and Anthony Testa. Their catches during the recent Striped Bass Shootout between the FTC and Staten Island, enabled us to reclaim the trophy, which will be housed in our clubhouse.

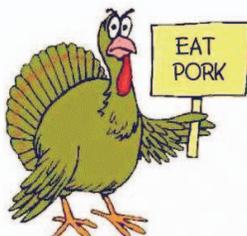
Blackfishing has started but we have a ways to go before the action really gets good. The action to date has been fair with a lot of small fish being caught. As the waters continue to cool down this fishery will only get stronger and the action will be more consistent.

Seabass continue to be caught and these fish are now starting to move offshore before they head off to their wintering grounds in 30-40 fathoms of water.

Stay safe and keep the reports coming.

Sincerely,

Captain Harry Weinblatt  
F/V Blue Marlin



## ELECTIONS

The Nomination Committee nominates the following six (6) members for the Board of Directors:

**Joseph Jahn**  
**Bob Pandy**  
**John Rooney**  
**Tim Sherman**  
**Chris Squeri**  
**Harry Weinblatt**

The following members of the Freeport Tuna Club, have made proper application for election to the Board of Directors, and entertained from the floor:

**Jeffrey Yapalater**

## FTC WINS BIG AGAINST SITC

The Freeport Tuna club wins the shoot-out against Staten Island Tuna Club in a landslide. Thanks to Charlie Sporing with a 36.8,30, and Anthony Testa Jr 27 lbs Striped bass for a total of 93.8 pounds to Staten Islands Tuna Clubs 0 no fish caught at legal size with boats that did fish the shoot-out, Freeport Tuna club wins. There are other club members who called in weights they are Mike Sullivan with an 18.38, and a 14.22, Charlie Goldstein 26.72, Bob Porter with a 24.12, and a 19.4, Sean Libby with a 19.8 and a 16.4, Charlie Sporing also had a 26.8, Anthony Testa Jr also had an 18 pounder. The Freeport Tuna club showed how it is done. The were more fish that hit the scales then any other shoot-out that has been fished since I took over the shoot-outs. Thank you to everyone who fished the shoot-out.

## PROPERTY

Over the last month, the Club has worked diligently to secure the necessary Army Corp permit and while the permit has not yet been obtained, the Board is hopeful that it will in time to complete the bulkhead project this winter. In fact, we are counting on it. Accordingly, storage of boats on the property has been restricted to eleven boat owners who also moor their boats at the property for the summer. The Board met on October 30 to review the final recommendations of the Working Group and voted to hire Hancock Construction as is contractor. The Finance Committee is lining up the required funding. We all hope that by March 31, 2008 your property will be transformed into a first class marina ready to serve you for years to come.

# 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

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

## Final Result are:

Fall Tuna (25 lbs.)..... September 1st ~ October 7th  
1ST Place: Bobbie Hindenlang... 195lb. Allison, Yellowfin F/V Reel Games  
2nd Place: Lawrence Festa.....159 lb. Big Eye Tuna F/V Oceanic  
3rd Place: Frank Mazzilli.....126 lb. Big Eye Tuna F/V Lady E  
Fall Mahi (04 lbs.).....August 25th ~ September 30th  
1ST Place: Sean Libby.....16.18 lb. Mahi F/V Freedom  
2ND Place: Paul Noto.....12.75 lb. Mahi F/V Lady E  
3rd Place: Chris Squeri.....7.5 lb. Mahi F/V Lady E

Fall Bluefish (08 lbs.).....September 2nd ~ October 1st  
1ST Place: Don Morin.....14.00 lb. Bluefish F/V Sea Quest  
2ND Place: Robert Porter.....12.94 lb. Bluefish F/V Shark III Too  
3RD Place: Mary Ellen Zullo.....11.2 lb. Bluefish F/V Magic Too  
False Albacore (06 lbs.).....August 25th ~ September 30th  
1st Place: Charlie Goldstein.....12.56 lbs. F/V Kristen  
2nd Place: Lawrence J. Festa.....10.31 Lbs. F/V Oceanic  
3rd Place: Robert Porter.....8.5 lbs. F/V Shark III  
Green Bonito (04 lbs.).....August 25th ~ September 30th

**SORRY NO WINNERS**

Fall Weakfish (05 lbs.).....August 25th ~ September 23rd  
**SORRY NO WINNERS**

Fall Shark (125 lbs.)..... September 15th ~ October 21st  
**SORRY NO WINNERS**

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

Fall Seabass (02 lbs.).....September 22<sup>nd</sup> ~ October 21<sup>st</sup>

The following Derbies are in progress this month:

Fall Cod (10 lbs.).....September 29<sup>th</sup> ~ December 9<sup>th</sup>  
Fall Black fish (03 lbs.).....October 21<sup>st</sup> ~ November 25<sup>th</sup>  
Fall Striped Bass (15 lbs.).....October 14<sup>th</sup> ~ November 25<sup>th</sup>

**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:** Don Morin 14 lbs.

**Blackfish:** Joe Fanora 10.2 lbs.

**Codfish:** Scott Schafer 31.1 lbs.

**Flounder:** Bobbie Krug 3.37 lbs.

**Fluke:** Joe Fanora 13.00 lbs

**Tuna (Yellowfin):** Bobbie Hindenlang 195

**Shark (Mako):** Fred Reuhman 178 lbs.

**Shark (Thresher):** Fred Ruehman 320 lbs.

**Mahi:** Sean Libby 16.18 lbs.

**Weakfish:** Opened

**Striped Bass:** Paul Grippo 45.5 lbs.

**Seabass:** Mary Ellen Zullo 6.0 lbs

**Tuna (Big Eye):** Sean Libby 237 lbs.

**Billfish (Sword):** Paul Noto 95 lbs.

Any member, with suggestions, recommendations, or comments can submit them to me or Bill Morrogh in writing. All will be reviewed and bought to our board. [Captainlarry84@aol.com](mailto:Captainlarry84@aol.com) or see me or Bill 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

**\*\*Note: No weigh slips will be accepted after thirty (30) day of Catch!!!!**

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Joseph Jahn.....2nd Vice President

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Chris Bellinzoni.....Secretary



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## ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY

Sunday  
December 9th  
Freeport Rec Center

more details  
to follow

### CLASSIFIED:

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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

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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.

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