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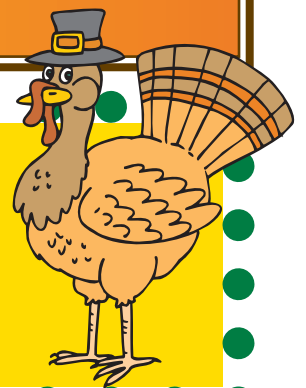
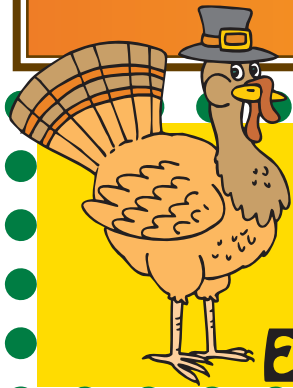
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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13 • 8:00 PM

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NEXT GM

ANNUAL TURKEY RAFFLES

ELECTIONS...CAST YOUR VOTE!

President's Message Ed Faza

The Fall run has started. Schools of bass and blues have been blitzing the south shore beaches. Black fish of noticeable size are being caught. The offshore season is winding down. The Wasabi crew is still hunting tuna. Member Ed Perry tried one more time for a fall mako and was rewarded with a 200+ pounder ! Congratulations Ed and crew. We are waiting for the results of the striped bass shootout VS Staten Island and there are still club derbies in progress.

If you haven't noticed ,this also happens to be election season. Elections for the board of directors will take place at the November general meeting. The nominating committee has met and created this years' ballot. There are 6 board seats open. Anyone else interested in running should have their requirements turned in the Secretary Chris Bellenzoni, 7 days before the general meeting . You have to be present to

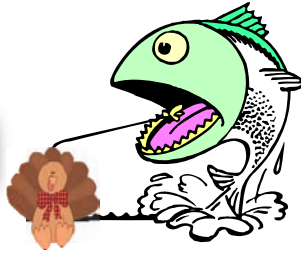
vote.

It is also the start of Holiday season. We will have our annual Turkey raffle at the GM. Thanks to Hank Janet for acquiring these fabulous birds for the club. Our Holiday Party will be held on December 14th at the Freeport Recreation Center .Bob Benzenberg is looking for volunteers to help out with this family event.



FISHING BULLETIN

Captain Harry Weinblatt



As the end of the 2008 season looms in front of us the last three weekends have been blowouts for offshore fishing. Some club members braving the brief weather windows that made themselves available made the leap of faith, but for most of the time we were faced with flag starved wind conditions which kept the majority of the fleet tied to the dock. 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.

An October Halloween canyon trip aboard the Wasabi, reported a smallish swordfish and another mystery fish which did not stick. The return trip home was capped off with towering seas from a thirty knot north east wind. 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 even these trips are being revisited as the lack of fish has not sent customers flocking to the rails of the party boats.

Our fall shark fishery spawned some life this year, after several outstanding mako's brought in to Shinecock Inlet recently, Congratulations to Ed Perry and his crew who braved this past Sunday's towering seas for a shot of his own trophy. Looking for a repeat performance as was done with his last fall monster, lightning was able to strike twice for them. Ed and his crew were able to subdue a 236lb. Fall Mako.

Our fall blackfish season started off the season in a robust way. Our bottom fishing experts the, Magic Too, Tin Man, Double Knucks, Sea Rogue and the Blue Marlin have 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 which typically make up the bulk of the catch, there are enough keepers to make it a worthwhile effort. 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,

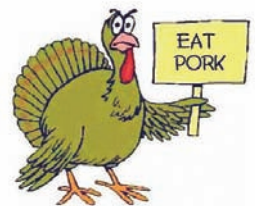
the cooling waters will chase these fish further offshore onto the deeper water wrecks with their ultimate destination being their winter hibernating grounds on the 30-40 fathom wrecks.

Our East End club members have reported an excellent fall fishery to date. Capt Jim Krug, aboard his Persuader has reported the most phenomenal fall blackfishing in thirty years. His recent trips have been arm weary for his crew. Recently a crew of four former FTC Presidents reported a limit with John Jutt earning top honors with his 10.5 lb fish. Anthony Testa has also reported excellent bass fishing and as good a blackfish bite with nice quality fish coming over his rail on his recent trip.

Our local striped bass have been cooperative. The local inlets have produced school sized fish clam chumming. When the bunker have shown themselves they have yielded larger fish along our local beaches.

Sincerely,

Captain Harry Weinblatt
F/V Blue Marlin



The New York Sportfishing Federation Show will go on! It will be held Friday, Saturday and Sunday February 13, 14 and 15. The Federation is looking for a few volunteers who might be interested in helping with the "volunteer work" necessary during those dates. We also would like to hear from anyone who might want to represent the Freeport Tuna Club as a board member of the Federation. Any inquiries should be directed to Dennis Cataldo, Executive Director of the Federation.

NOVEMBER 2008 DERBY, AWARDS & CONTEST REPORT

Awards Chairman: Captain Bill Morrogh
Committee Team: Captain Michael Zullo, MaryEllen Zullo,
Captain Chris Squeri, Joseph Jahn, Captain Lawrence J. Festa

The Seabass derby ended on October 26th. The awards will be handed out at the December GM,
get those weigh slips in NOW!

The 5 derbies open at present (Striped Bass, Bluefish, Shark, Blackfish and Cod) are wide open! Get out and catch-em-up!

OUR NOVEMBER DERBY WINNERS ARE:

TUNA

1st Place: Mike Zullo.....107 lb Bluefin F/V Kristen
2nd Place: Bob Hindenlang.....105 lb Bluefin F/V Reel Time

FALSE ALBACORE

1st Place: Ralph Drewes.....14.4 lbs F/V Oceanic
2nd Place: Joe Steiner.....12 lbs F/V Kristen
3rd Place: Ken Kapner.....11 lbs F/V Kristen

THE FOLLOWING DERBIES ARE IN PROGRESS

Bluefish (8 lbs).....September 20th ~ November 30th
Shark (125 lbs).....September 20th ~ November 30th
Cod (6 lbs).....October 4th ~ December 28th
Striped Bass (15 lbs).....October 11th ~ November 30th
Blackfish (3 lbs).....October 18th ~ November 23rd

TOURNAMENT REPORT

Four Freeport Tuna Club boats along with 12 FTC members represented our club well in the Grady-White Owner's Tournament for Striped Bass and Bluefish out of The Kismet Inn on Fire Island last month. Over 60 anglers volleyed for 1st-3rd place prizes in both the Bass & Bluefish categories. Over \$4,000 in Calcutta money was collected and awarded by John "Moon Child" Gerrity, who ran the Calcutta for the event.

Club boat "The Betty" captained by Tim Sherman brought the 4th & 6th place Bluefish to scale. The fifth place Bluefish was taken on board club member Pete McEvoy's "Permanent Waves"

Troy Gerrity fishing on board his family's "Moon Child" took 5th place honors and FTC Calcutta money & bragging rights with his 17 lb 5 oz Striped Bass.

Over \$5,000 in prizes were awarded in the Grady-White sponsored event. John Gerrity was the winner of a \$500.00 gas card. The event is again scheduled for the first Saturday of October 2009.

-John Rooney & Chris Bellinzoni

PROPERTY

Property Reports & Updates • Property Committee: Chairman John Gerrity, Al Casciano, Financial Director Captain Larry Festa

As we wind down the first year with our new Marina, it is a nice time to once again thank our very strong committee who did a great labor of love. The marina is truly a place to be proud of. It has so much to offer our members, from Thursday BQs for food, drink, friendship, to sharing fish stories and crew ups for the weekend. Not to mention a very short three mile well mark run to Jone's Inlet. Our paved yard offers easy access to the boats with safety and convince to not only fish, but to maintain your vessels. The club parking, plus electric for freezers makes it very easy for all to organize a fish trip without any stops on the morning of departure. So you can see the pros far out weigh the cons on keeping your FTC vessel at your clubs marina.

All members are welcome to keep your boat at our 31 slip marina. I have been their with my vessel since 1984 and I am currently the oldest tenant!

To get a slip just call and get on our waiting list. The list moves very fast so regardless of your list number a dream could become reality over night. Our basin spots are perfect for any and all out-board powered boats. In addition larger outboards and inboards can be place outside our basin in any one of our 10' 12 or 14' beam slips. We do anticipate some of our tenants leaving for the spring of 2009. Our summer contract deposit/first payment is promptly due by January 15, 2009. On that day if any payment in not made, we will be contacting members on our waiting list, as we realize the importance of members getting summer slips for there vessels. Winter dockage is getting full so please do not delay in getting your winter land or in water spot. Contact me for a contract and payment and John Gerrity for placement in our marina. On behalf of your committee we thank you for allowing us to serve you.

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Ed FazaPresident
Joe Jahn 1st Vice President
Bob Benzenberg 2nd Vice President
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Chris Bellinzoni.....Secretary



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ELECTIONS

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

CHRIS BELLINZONI
JOHN JUTT
BILL MORROGH
MIKE SULLIVAN
BILL TOOHEY

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

BOB DIMINO
DR. JOHN WEBER, JR.

CLASSIFIED:

Mercury Opti-Max - New & Still in the factory, 225 HP-2 Stroke, Long or Short Shaft, MSRP \$15,000-\$16,000, Looking for Immediate Sale at \$11,000, Waiting to be Shipped - Contact Dennis Cataldo 516.753.5433 dmclife@aol.com

2001 Pursuit 3000 Express. Twin 300 Mercruiser inboards, 300hrs. Hard-top&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

Boat Slip for Rent. water@electric in Freeport Call Sy Karp 516 632 9770

WANTED: Great shape Penn 750SS or 7500SS. Bigmahi 516-425-4645

We currently have a basin slip available for the spring 2009 season. The slip will accommodate from vessel from 19' and up to 25' with inboard, outboard or I/O power. The slip has full floating docks, water & electric. Any member interested in this slip should contact me. It is being offered as first come first served bases.

We still have room for winter storage so get in on a great deal @ \$10.00 per foot for the winter time.

Woody is looking for help with house and Paul Hilton needs a volunteer to sell raffle tickets.

To place an ad in our classified contact Capt. John Jutt 516-546-2312 or email to: Jjutt@mmpmk.com

