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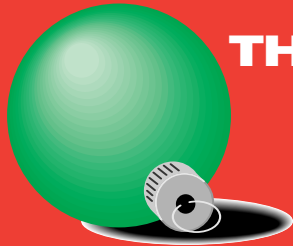
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THURSDAY, DEC. 14TH AT 8:00 PM

**Cure of Ars Church School Auditorium
Merrick Ave., Merrick**

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

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

To all members and their families

May the new year bring health, happiness, prosperity and peace.

President's Message



Holiday Season is here and all of us are busy shopping and finalizing our holiday party plans. But do not forget the FTC Holiday Party on Sunday, December 10th at 1:00pm at the Freeport Recreation Center; there is family fun for all. A quick reminder, the Holiday Party is where our Annual Raffle Prizes will be drawn. So turn those raffles in on time to win some great prizes (please see Dave Massa or Bob Benzenberg of the raffle committee for further information). I would like to thank the general membership for their strong turn out at the November GM at which we had our yearly elections for the Board of Directors. I am happy to say that all incumbents have been reelected to the Board of Directors. I would also like to thank the Board of Directors for reappointing me for a second term as President. It is my honor and pleasure to serve the members of this club to the best of my ability and I will always strive to make this the best fishing club it can be. I

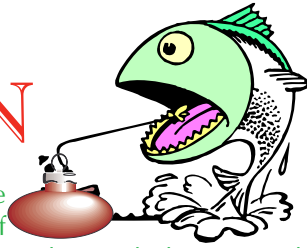
would also like to thank all the members who selflessly gave their time and effort to volunteer this year to make this club run better and smoother. Without these volunteers the club could not function. I truly appreciate all the work these volunteers have done. You are the true heart and soul of the Freeport Tuna Club. The Board of Directors has voted a dues increase of \$15.00 for the year 2007. It is important to remember that the membership dues have not increased in approximately three years; while the price of almost everything has had dramatically increased since then. This decision did not come easy for the board, but in today's economy it is a necessity. In closing, I want to wish everyone a happy, healthy and safe holiday season. Remember that participation is the key to a great club experience.



James Rooney
President

— Jim Rooney

FISHING BULLETIN



We are rapidly approaching the end of the 2006 season. For most of us the season has come to a close, evident with the accumulation of boats now staged at our club property for the winter. Although the boats are coming out of the water our fishery is far from over. Our water temperatures are still in the mid to low 50's, higher than normal for this time of the year. This was due to the mild Fall weather we have had accompanied by many days of a southerly wind flow. If the weather continues to hold out we can expect to see good fishing right up through the start of the new year.

With most of us storing away our offshore tackle for the season in exchange for our lighter inshore rods, some of us did not. On a mild mid November Sunday Capt. Ed Perry sailed his Penguin to an area on the twenty fathom curve accompanied by two other crew members and landed a beauty of a mako, which graced the scales at 306lbs. With the right conditions a drift through this structure ridden area, proved deadly this Fall, as some of this years largest fish were caught in November.

I was one of those who stowed my offshore rods in exchange for double anchors on my bow. Anxious to gun in on the offshore wrecks, I sailed the Blue Marlin along with FTC crew of Capt. Larry Festa, John Price, Warren Kenny and Danny Chambers. We were rewarded with excellent action on seabass, easily keeping our limit, with the largest fish caught by Warren tipping the scales at 6.1 lbs. Further out east Scott Schafer, or now Capt. Scott Schafer sailed his 50/50 to a wreck in 190 ft of water south

of Montauk and reported a bang up job on the seabass with his largest reportedly tipping the scales at 6.9 lbs. This fishery will continue all winter long as the fish stage themselves on the 60-80 miles wrecks.

Our fall blackfish season continues to be productive although the water temps are still on the high side the fish continue to please most who target them. A lot of smaller fish are making up the bulk of the catch. The action is taking place from our local reefs, west to the New Jersey reefs.

Our East End club members have reported an excellent fall fishery to date. Capt Jim Krug, aboard his Persuader and Charlie Sporing aboard his Rambunctious continue to report excellent bass fishing, now that the herring have arrived, and an equally as good blackfish bite with nice quality fish being taken.

Our local striped bass action continues as well. Most recently Chris Bellinzoni sailed his Four Bells accompanied by crew of Christopher and John Gerrity to our local inlet and reported excellent action clam chumming, their largest tipping the scales at 21 lbs. Mike Sullivan recently back from his berth out east has reported excellent striped bass action in our inlet on herring as well.

In closing, I hope that the membership has enjoyed reading my reports this past year. I enjoy serving our club by contributing my time and research to this column. I take an enormous amount of pride doing so for the best fishing club in our area.

Sincerely,

Captain Harry Weinblatt
F/V Blue Marlin

MEMBERSHIP

For 2007 the Board increased membership dues to \$150 for Regular members and \$175 for Family members. Dues are payable as of January 1st.

230 members, an outstanding number. The Chairman would like to thank the membership committee consisting of: Dan Carroll, Nick Nero, Chris Scarpantonio, Pete Cefai and Mike Wengryn.

GOOD & WELFARE

Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Hank Jenet on their recent new deckhand; a baby boy. Martha Pezar is home recovering and doing well.



PROPERTY

The property underwent a major clean up this past month and has not looked as good as it does in years. Over 30 cubic yards of old junk were thrown away! Thanks go to John Gerrity, Chris Bellinzoni, Adam and Tony Bollaci, John Dimino, Paul and Rosemary Schuber, Chris Bellinzoni, Mike Sullivan, Ed Schuh, Chris Squeri, Bob Pandey, Doc Jarow, Matt Errett, Joe Jahn, Jim Rooney and to all else who participated. Everyone can lend a hand by picking up after themselves and their guests.

Permits for bulk heading, dredging and floating docks have been filed for with the DEC and the Army Corp of Engineers.

Happy Chanukah



DECEMBER 2006 DERBY, AWARDS & CONTEST REPORT

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

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

Final Result are:

Fall Shark (125 lbs.)...September 9th ~ October 15th

1ST Place: Robert Dimino.....189 lb.

Thresher Shark F/V "KRISTEN"

2ND Place:.....No Winners

3RD Place:.....No Winners

Fall Seabass (02 lbs.)...September 23rd ~ October 22nd

1ST Place: Woody Anderson..... ..5.18 lbs.

F/V "REEL CATCH"

2ND Place: Robert Dimino.....4.93 lbs.

F/V "NOTSORRY"

3RD Place: Paul Schuber.....4.81 lbs.

F/V "NOTSORRY"

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

Fall Cod (10 lbs.). September 30th ~ December 18th

Fall Black fish (03 lbs.).. October 21st ~ November 26th

Fall Striped Bass (15 lbs.).....October 14th ~ November 26th

Awards & Contest News: Well, as the year comes to a close my committee & I would love to hear about your fishing season. Who knows you may be eligible for an award or mention. So lets here it! What you Guys & Gals Tagged, caught, tournament winnings, acts of sportsman ship, seaman ship, or any other fishing related conduct. In addition any notable catches by our junior anglers. Each will be carefully reviewed by the committee.

Feel free to E-mail CAPTAINLARRY84@AOL.COM. PS. Don't wait for the last minute if you think you have an award winning fish, contact me to make sure I have the weigh slip for your trophy. All slips are due by January 16, 2007.

Good Luck & Seasons Greetings, Your Committee 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 December GM to be recognized for your outstanding achievements in the art of sport fishing. No other club does it better that we do!

DERBIES:

Blackfish & Striped Bass Derbies are closed. The last day for all weigh slips will be this December 10, 2006. You must get them to committee by the deadline. Winners will be announced at the December 14th GM. No slips received after December 10 will be honored.

RAFFLE COMMITTEE REPORT

First Prize - Paul Noto \$2000. Liberty Travel Gift certificate - Seller Bob Bohlert

Second Prize - Mike Guglielmi 32" Audiovox TV Seller, Mike Guglielmi

Third Prize-Tarus/Chris-Dinner Cruise for 4 Seller, Trudy Fiterstein

Make sure at the next gm to purchase your superbowl boxes.



CLUB INTERACTION FOR 2007

It is the end of another year with lots of great experiences, comraderie, and more fishing tales!

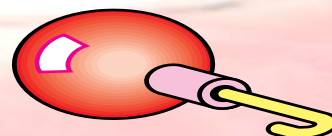
Every member is welcome to email a story, or idea to the Tuna Tower News for publication.

Got a good photo? Email that as well. bigmahi@yahoo.com

We also have a website for fishing reports—why not use it, post, and cheer on those who do!

After all we are a fishing Club, and sharing info, successes, and failures is all part of the game.

Whether it be inshore, or offshore, this is an invitation for all those to participate and welcome each and' everyone's experience. Here's a Goodbye to 2006, and a Toast to more great fishing, club activities, and Good Health for 2007.



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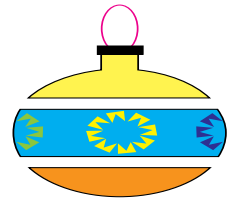
2006 Officers

James Rooney..... President
Chris Squeri.....1st Vice President
Joseph Jahn.....2nd Vice President
Mike Sullivan Treasurer
Chris Bellinzoni.....Secretary



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FOOD DRIVE

We at the Freeport Tuna Club are by and large very fortunate to have the means to do what we love on a regular basis. Remember that many among us struggle to meet even their basic needs.....let's reach out this winter season by bringing a can or box of non perishable food to the December GM for the benefit of the Holy Redeemer Outreach program right here in Freeport, which has just expressed an extreme need for food to feed their over 500 dependents (many small children) this winter season. They turn NOBODY away. They need canned fruits or veggies,pasta, rice, cereal, any and all non-perishable food items. Be creative. Ther Best Club on Long Island can continue to make a difference.

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