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Captain Harry Weinblatt "F/V Blue Marlin"
Harry will end our
season with an overview
of his prospectus of our winter bottom fishing season.

President's Message

Dear Members,

I hope everyone had a happy and healthy Thanksgiving. Most of the boats in our marina are now on the hard either on our property or of course someplace else. I understand there still maybe some room left and if you are in need of winter storage we have the best deal in town. Contact John Gerrity for placement of your vessel and Captain Larry Festa for the cost before you bring your boat down. The property committee has done a great job lining up all the boats and making use of every inch of our property.

Some of you may know that after several months of negotiations I have finally acquired the 32 Topaz Sport fisherman that I have had my eye on. I hope her proven hull will treat my family and crew well. I am looking forward to this upcoming year, spending hot summer nights on her with my family in comfort and hopefully fill the holds when I'm with crew. No name for her as of yet. She is presently on the hard at our property and will berth there this summer. I can remember well when I was a teen watching all the boats leave for the Topaz Shootout in Kismet. I would say to myself, I hope someday to own one of those...Someday is here.

As this is my last President's Message I would like to thank all our members, committee teams, directors and executive directors that have supported me throughout my tenure as President. Many thanks to all of you.

I've had several personal goals that I have accomplished not only as President but during my four years as an executive of the Freeport Tuna Club. My time at the helm

has been very rewarding and fulfilling for me and I would again like to thank you all for the opportunity to serve as your President. Most of all I would like to thank my family for their sacrifices and support they have given and made for me so I can serve you.

I would like to congratulate our new board members Woody Anderson and Paul Schuber and thank Christopher Bellinzoni and Bob Sabella for there service. I would also like to thank Chris Bellinzoni for his support and work as Secretary as Chris is now stepping down after a long term.

At January's meeting I will step aside from the helm knowing the FTC is in great hands with Captain Larry Festa navigating our ship. My best wishes and congratulations to Mr. Festa.

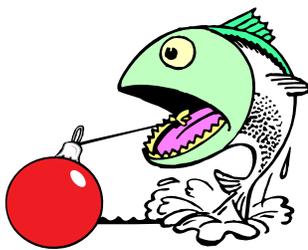
In closing I would like you all to know that I will only be stepping aside and not back and look forward to still being involved with our club.

I hope you all have a healthy and happy holiday season.

Till next tide,
Joseph Jahn
President



FISHING BULLETIN



We are rapidly approaching the end of the 2009 season. For many FTC members the season has already come to a close, evident with the boats currently staged at our club property for the winter storage season. Although the boats are coming out of the water our fishery is far from over. Our water temperatures are still in the low 50's, slightly higher than normal for this time of the year. For the anglers who enjoy a little nip in the air it's time to bait your hooks and get in on the action. Barring any major weather changes, if the current pattern continues to hold out we can expect to see good fishing right up through the start of the New Year.

Our offshore season is a wrap for 2009, however not mentioned in the previous bulletin was "Team Hookers" 327 lb. Fall Mako. Congratulations on a magnificent fish. This trophy was caught in early November along the twenty fathom curve and is certainly a very nice ending for this veteran's crew season.

On the inshore scene our fall blackfish season continues to be productive and the feed bag is on. The action is taking place from our local reefs, west to the New Jersey reefs and as far south as 17 Fathoms.

The latter of which has started to produce some better quality fish. Our local bottom fishing experts have been able to easily catch their limits with the largest fish reported in the 10lb. class.

Our East End club members have reported an excellent fall fishery to date. Now that the herring have arrived, Anthony Testa accompanied by his two boys made a Thanksgiving Day morning trip. They filled their live well and headed off to the Point. Two quick fish and then the endangered dogfish made their appearance and it was over for the bass fishing that day.

Our local striped bass and bluefish action continues as well. Find the clouds of birds, gannets and terns diving and most likely the bass and blues will be underneath them. This traditional fall fishery has been taking place both east and west of our local inlet on a daily basis. Two weeks ago during a balmy Saturday FTC vessel's Mary Etta and Nikki Ann sailed 17 miles east of our local inlet and were able to cash in on excellent jigging action keeping their limit of striped bass to 25lbs. along with slammer sized bluefish which helped make for arm weary crews.

In closing once again, I hope that the membership has enjoyed reading my reports this past year. This is my tenth year writing the monthly fishing report. 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



PROPERTY

Property Committee: Chairman John Gerrity, Al Casciano, Bob Dimino, Don Granger
Financial Director Captain Larry Festa

Our property committee once again did an excellent job at organizing and blocking approximately 37 FTC vessels for their winter stay. Their time and labor is most appreciated along with their great attention to detail at our FTC Marina.

We still have room for some later comers, trailers only at this time. Kindly contact our committee chair or his team for placement. All contacted information needed can be found in our all new 2009 FTC Yearbook.

Summer contracts will be mailed out promptly on January 1, 2010. First payment of commitment will be due by January 10, 2010. If payment is not received we will promptly go to our waiting list which currently is full. Our mission is to maintain a full and active marina, which this year should not be a problem.

As stated earlier in keeping our marina full, boats may have to be moved from last years slips. We will do our best to keep any movement down to a minimum, however we ask that you all be understanding should there be movement. In order to assist your committee we would ask if any current summer member is not coming back for 2010 an early heads up would be most helpful.

A final winter storage reminder:
Shrink wrap or fitted covers only.
No major repairs without the Property Chairman's approval.

For 2010 boating season we welcome this years President, Captain Joe Jahn best of luck with his beautiful recently purchased 32 Topaz sport fisherman. The vessel will be a handsome upgrade to our marina.

On behalf of the FTC Property Committee we wish all of you a happy and health Holiday Season and New Year. In closing it is our pleasure to serve the members and help bring our club together.

Captain Larry Festa
1st V.P.

**The water at our marina has been turned off. Any members with freezers still running should clean them out and shut them down for the winter. Contents can be bagged and placed in our dumpster.



NOVEMBER 2009 DERBY, AWARDS & CONTESTS REPORT

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

The Cod derby is the last derby of 2009. Get out and catch-em-up if you can (6lb minimum)!

The Shark, Bluefish and Striped Bass derbies closed on November 29th. All weigh slips must be in to the committee by December 13th. We'll be awarding these trophies in January. Don't forget to send in any weigh slips that you've been holding. You may have an annual award winner and not know it!

Our December Derby Winners are:

Seabass

1st Place: Joe Mangiapanello.....4.31 lbs F/V Blue Marlin

2nd Place: Nick Nero.....4.25 lbs F/V Dolce Vita

3rd Place: Mike Zullo.....3.58 lbs F/V Magic Too

THE FOLLOWING DERBIES ARE IN PROGRESS

Cod (6 lbs).....October 3th ~ December 13th

SHOOT-OUT

The Shoot-Out committee would like to thank all the members of the Freeport Tuna Club for once again a winning year. Let's keep it going for next year's shoot-outs and go undefeated and don't forget to weight all the fish" legal size that are caught". Happy Holidays to all and remember the Holiday Party is on December 13, 2009 at 1 PM at the Freeport Recreational Center, bring a gift under 25 dollars for Santa to give to your child.

-John Rooney

CONSERVATION

If everyone at the December meeting would sign a petition against the salt-water license we could forward it all to Senator Skelos. He has proposed a bill to repeal the license supported by Senator Schumer. Remember the closing dates:

December 15 – Stripers

December 20 – Blackfish

Seabass remain closed outside of 3 miles

Recently authorities have boarded vessels checking their plotters to see where all these boats were tracking. This use of our electronics could be used as evidence for those who spent the day offshore and are stopped at the inlet. It makes it difficult to say "I only caught the fish at the Stone Barge"!

Happy Holidays!

Dennis Cataldo

2009 YEARBOOK UPDATE

FROM THE SALES STAFF

Thank you once again for your ads, supporting the club and.... all the very positive comments about how great the book looks. Don't forget to check out the "Supporters" section, and when you use our Advertisers services, be sure to tell them you saw their ad in the FTC Yearbook!

If you didn't pick up your book yet, find us at the next GM for your copy.

-Tom Schwender and Charlie Goldstein

ENTERTAINMENT

This year to close out our season we have are very own Captain Harry Weinblatt "F/V Blue Marlin". Captain Harry will end our season with an overview of his prospectus of our winter bottom fishing season. Captain Harry will also show you "Hand-on" the art of getting on a good piece....of Bottom...of course. The art of anchoring is the hallmark of being a great bottom fisherman, and Captain Harry has certainly earned that. In closing Harry will also touch on bottom tackle and the art of feeling the bite. So when it comes to feeling the bite if your nick name is "Hands of Stone", you may want to pay extra attention to his closing tips.

MEMBERSHIP

Renewals will go out shortly. If you have any questions or comments, please let us know!

Thanks, Chris Squeri

UPCOMING EVENTS TO WARM UP THE COMING COLD

Compiled by "Bigmahi"

Antique Historical Arms Show

Long Island Antique Arms Society

Date: December 12 - 13, 2009, Freeport Recreation Center

Time: 9:00am - 4:00pm Sat; 2:00pm Sun Adults \$6

New Year's Eve Party Cruise with Nautical Cruise Lines

December 31, 2009, 8:30pm - 1:00am, \$98 pp

FMI-Call 516-623-5712

LI Fishing School-Begins Jan 10th. Multi-week lessons by top LI Captains and anglers for pelagic species found in our offshore waters. Classes held at Seaborn Marina, 87 Ocean Avenue, Bayshore. FMI-contact Fishin Mission 631-225-5700

NY Boat Show-January 20-24th. Javits Convention Center.

Adults \$12, kids under 15, free. FMI-www.nyboatshow.com.

NY Sportsmen's Outdoor Show-January 29-31st.Nassau Coliseum.

FMI-www.nysportsmensshow.com. A new show with both hunting, fishing manufacturers, and top pro fishing seminars.

Long Island Recreational Fishing Expo February 5,6,7

Queens College. Contact Willie Young FMI 516-647-8492

NY Sportfishing Federation Show-Feb 12-14th.

Freeport Recreation Center.

Exhibits, seminars and legendary auction. FMI-email forum@nysf.org

Geminids Meteor Showers-Coming to a sky near you! Best viewing of this Amazing celestial meteor show is Dec. 13-14th. Geminids can average about 120 meteors per hour. Viewing should be good as the moon is near to new.

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Joe Jahn..... President
 Captain Larry Festa 1st Vice President
 John Rooney..... 2nd Vice President
 Tim Sherman Treasurer
 Chris Bellinzoni..... Secretary



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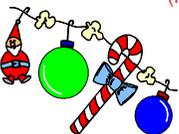
To All
 Freeport Tuna Club Members
 and their Families



You Are Cordially Invited To Attend
 The Freeport Tuna Club's
Annual Christmas Party
 on Sunday, the Thirteenth of December
 at 1:00 in the afternoon

Freeport Recreational Center
 Freeport, New York

Loads of fun for the kids!! Raffles • Buffet Dinner
 Santa and his helpers will give a gift to each child
 (Parents or guardians please keep children's
 gifts near a \$25.00 limit)
 and much more!!!



**DUE TO OVERWHELMING RESPONSE, THE BAKE OFF IS
 ON AGAIN! PLEASE BRING IN YOUR FAMOUS HOLIDAY DESSERT
 FOR JUDGING AND THEN ENJOYING.**

•1980 35ft. Bruno Stillman, A True Down East Boat, 20 knot cruise, 440 HP, Yanmar Diesel 547 hrs., 5kw, northern lights Generator, 130 hrs., This boat is completely Repowered, new tanks, shaft, 1100 L Furuno Sounder, 952 Northstar GPS, 800 Northstar Loran, New boat in MUST SELL CALL OR EMAIL FOR DETAILS. Email: Cod1126@optonline.net, 516-351-6250



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