



# Tuna Tower News

JANUARY 2023

CAPT. JOHN. J. JUTT, SR., EDITOR

**NEXT GM**

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 12  
7PM @ FREEPORT YACHT CLUB**

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*Since we are a freeport based club  
the swearing in of officers will be officiated  
by Robert T. Kennedy, Mayor of Freeport*



## Incoming President's Message

Happy New Year. It's an honor to be your president. Let me express my deep appreciation to the membership and the Board of Directors for allowing me to lead this great club.

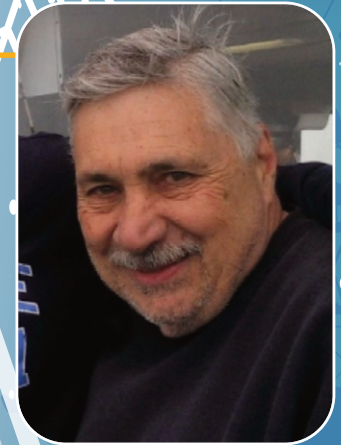
I wish to present my new executive board: Vice president Anthony Alfieri, Second Vice President Chris Lombardo, Secretary Cassidy Cunningham, Treasurer John Daum and welcome to our two new board members: Harry Sbaschnig and Cassidy Cunningham.

I would like to thank Cathy and Cassidy Cunningham, MaryAnne Bessler, Ray Geiger and Zach Introp for making the Christmas party run as smoothly as it did.

On a personal note, I have been a FTC member for about 15 years. When I attended my first Captains & Anglers meeting, I was immediately adopted by Ray Geiger and Harry Sbaschnig. Since then we have fished from Montauk to Panama to Lake Ontario and in between. It was pleasure to pilot the *Second Chance* and look back and see the boys setting up tackle and preparing for a day's fishing. Teamwork, that's the FTC way.

On a sad note, we mourn the passing of Don Morin and Kenny Kapner this past year. Please keep them in our prayers. Also, we are all sorry to hear of the loss of Dave Pincus' *Canyon Lady*. His pride and joy of 38 years. From all of us who have fished on the *Lady* and those who wish they had, you have our sympathy.

Our committees are in need of volunteers to ensure smooth running of our functions. Please contact any board member or committee chair, they can guide you in the right direction and you can be proud of your personal contributions to your Club. Let's make this club the best it can be. Our next GM is January 12 at the Yacht Club. I'm looking forward to meeting new members and old friends. Here's to another great year!



*Paul Cunningham*



# Good & Welfare

Our hearts go out to Dave Pincus on the loss of his Canyon Lady. We boat owners feel like these vessels are like part of the family.



John Jutt's granddaughter, Liliana met Santa for the very first time... where? The Freeport Tuna Club Christmas Party of course!

Happy and healthy New Year everyone!

*Jeff Squeri* 516-652-5981

# Membership

Happy New Year!!! By now everyone should have received their membership renewal letters, please return them as soon as possible. I wish everyone good health and tight lines for the 2023 season!

Thank You, *Chris Lombardo*



Happy New Year! Now that the holidays have past, and we are heading into a new fishing season don't forget to show your club pride. We still have all kinds of club clothing for the upcoming season. See you at the next G.M.

All the best in the new year! *Jim Azzi*  
516-987-4227 or email: blackcloud@yahoo.com

# Property

So here we are in January and the property is almost full for the winter. Unfortunately, I have to sound like a broken record or as I like to call it an endless loop tape. Most members are cooperating by marking their boats with their last name on the bow of the shrink wrap or the trailer or both. However, we still have some holdouts and you know how you are. In the last few weeks due to the big storm and then the frigid cold, a few boats had problems with compromised shrink wrapping and freezing issues. It takes time to figure out whose boat it is so you can be called to address the problem before it gets worse. Not an easy task when the boat is covered. If you don't have your name on your boat please see that it gets done asap. Also, if you are at the club and you see an issue with anyone's boat or any other safety issue, please reach out to me so the situation can be addressed. Thank you everyone for your cooperation.

Thanks, *Tom L*  
516-316-7669 cell | tom58tom@gmail.com

# Business



Summer contracts and application for the upcoming 2023 summer dockage was emailed. You will also be receiving printed copies in the mail. If you didn't receive anything through email, kindly send me your email address and I will correct it on my end. All invoices that you receive for summer dockage 2023 have a 5% discount included. Your invoice must be paid by February 15, 2023 **in full** to get this discount. If not, you will be billed for the difference.

If you're interested in putting your boat in for summer dockage for 2023; please text, email or call me - so if something becomes available I can call you immediately.

Summer and winter contracts are also on our website.

Winter storage for 2022-23 is a good year - a lot of boats came in. Every once in a while please take notice of your boat on the cameras or stop by to see if shrink wrap is coming off (or anything else though the winter months). There still is some room for a couple of boats on trailers, if you're interested let me know.

Thank you all for your support to the club.

Thank you, *Bob Dimino*  
bobdimino@gmail.com | 516 765- 1555

# Derbies, Awards & Contests

Chairman: Ray Geiger | Committee: Bill Morrogh & Harry Sbaschnig

Welcome to our 2023 season and thanks to all of you members who were able to get out and fish. We hope that you continue your efforts and make this year another fantastic one.

Weigh slip submission for annual awards will officially close effective January 14th. If you have any slips to submit, we will be accepting them at our January GM on Thursday, January 12th.

*The following Derby winners will be recognized at our January GM:*

## Cod

|           |                 |          |                    |
|-----------|-----------------|----------|--------------------|
| 1st Place | Gabe Gomez      | 15.33 lb | F/V Cora Marie     |
| 2nd Place | John Kampa      | 17.0 lb  | F/V Mary Etta      |
| 3rd Place | Gregg Magnifico | 15.44 lb | F/V Everything Zen |

## Blackfish

|           |              |         |                |
|-----------|--------------|---------|----------------|
| 1st Place | Jayson Smith | 5.62 lb | F/V Cora Marie |
| 2nd Place | Mike Zullo   | 3.81 lb | F/V Magic Too  |
| 3rd Place | Mike Zullo   | 3.56 lb | F/V Magic Too  |

## Striped Bass

|           |               |          |               |
|-----------|---------------|----------|---------------|
| 1st Place | Philip Saccio | 23.4 lb  | F/V Avery     |
| 2nd Place | Ralph Drewes  | 17.2 lb  | F/V No Mercy  |
| 3rd Place | Paul Eilades  | 16.88 lb | F/V Real Deal |

Best Fishes! *Ray Geiger*



# Entertainment

On Thursday, January 19, we will hold a rig tying seminar at the clubhouse. Festivities will begin at 7pm, \$10 entry includes pizza and beer. We are concentrating on bottom rigs. Bring some terminal tackle, leader, favorite hooks and a cutting device. We are limited to 25 attendees and I will have a sign-up sheet at the January 12th GM. See you there!

Bob Sabella will present, and I am looking for one other presenter - so here is your chance to show off and share some skills!

*Bruce C. Forster f/v Oh Yeah*

# Fishing Committee

Our Stripped Bass Measure & Release Calcutta proved to be quite the success. At our January 12th GM we will present the awards, show off some awesome photos and discuss calcuttas for the upcoming 2023 season. We will be working on providing an electronic scale at the Club to permit electronic entry for weighed fish. This program will be limited to calcutta entries and of course weigh slips from authorized weigh stations will be accepted as well. Stay tuned for additional information.

Tight lines and calm seas,

*Bruce C. Forster f/v Oh Yeah*

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## A SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM

# *the President and his Executive Board*

Have you ever considered the dynamics that take place behind the scenes that run this club of ours?

Have you ever thought about becoming a board member?

All are welcome to come down to a board meeting held at the Property.

Board members generally conduct business the third Wednesday of every month, but are also subject to change. We are currently looking for more participation. Remember, it's **YOU** who make this club! Be involved! Be a part of it! For the betterment of your club. For more information or to confirm the time and date of the Board Meeting contact Paul Cunningham

# Fishing Report

The striped bass fishing remained epic all the way to closing day, hoping that we see the same action when the new season starts in April. The blackfish bite was also solid to close out the year.

Recently on the offshore bottom grounds the Sea Bass bite has been amazing with bycatches of Weakfish and Porgies reported.

For those heading to warmer weather this winter please share your reports so we can get a glimpse of what we are all missing.

Wishing everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year!!!!

Please text or email your reports.

*Capt. Adam Bollaci*

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# Captains & Anglers

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Thank you, *Jim Rooney*

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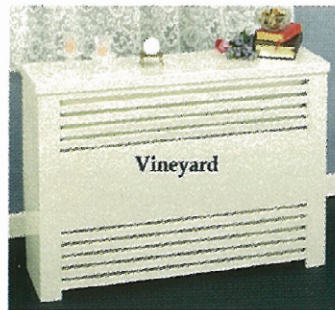
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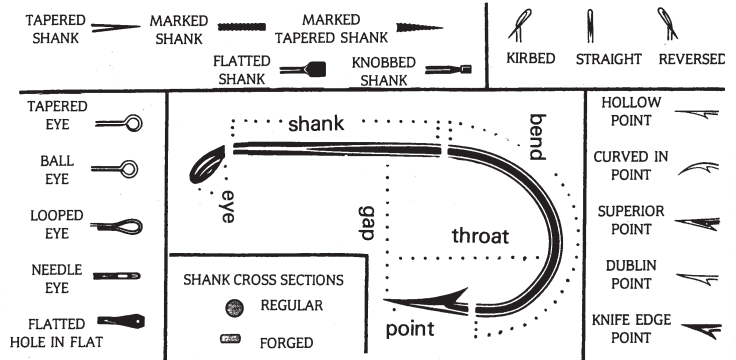
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