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Thursday, January 13, 2011
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**Come on down for some club history
and find out what makes this club
what it is today.**

President's Message.....

Dear Members,

I would like to wish everyone a Happy and Health New Year. I thank the Members and the Board of Directors for giving me the opportunity and honor to lead our club in the upcoming year and into the future. This club is one of the greatest fishing clubs in the world and my family and I are very proud to be a part of it.

I know it will be challenging to lead this club but I will do my best to keep it on course. I commend our past president, Captain Larry Festa, for leaving our club in good order, with a strong Board of Directors, high membership & financial strength..... Thank you Captain Larry for being the President for a second time and doing a spectacular job once again. I have learned a great deal from the way you have led the club over the past year. A thank you also goes to our past Treasurer, Michael Sullivan for stepping up and taking the financial responsibility of our club and handling it as a professional.

I also must thank my family for their support and love, my wife Elena, my daughter Marianna, and my son who everyone knows, John.

As I start my presidency I would like to announce my Executive Staff, William Toohey 1st Vice President, Bob Pandy 2nd Vice President, Bill Morrogh Recording Secretary, and John Daum Treasurer. Thank you to all the committee heads and members for stepping up and volunteering their time to make the Freeport Tuna Club what it is today. This Club has no paid members only volunteers, so if you're not on a committee maybe it's time that you put your name on a committee. You get back what you put into the club.

A thank you goes out to 1st Vice President, Bill Toohey his family and our great House Committee under the leadership of Woody Anderson for putting together a fantastic Holiday Party. When Santa and his sled landed at the F T C Holiday party it was for the 45th time. As always Santa brought

smiles to the children of the Freeport Tuna Club. Thank you Bob Holub may you do it for another 45 years. Also congratulations to my son John for winning the bake off with his strawberry cheesecake.

There are a lot of people who do special things for the club and they go unnoticed. There are also people who do thankless jobs over and over again and don't say anything or look for anything. At this time I would say thank you to all of you for doing those tasks and not saying anything or look for any recognition. This is why the Freeport Tuna Club is one of the greatest fishing clubs in the world.

Our January GM entertainment is starting to become a yearly tradition. Once again Chris Squeri along with our entertainment committee, Bob Bolhert and Paul Noto are putting together history of the Freeport Tuna Club. There is another piece of history that is happening on that day. After I am sworn in as President, my brother Jim and I will be the first brothers to have been Presidents of the Freeport Tuna Club. I thank you JP being re-elected to our Board of Directors, bringing me into this club and giving me the inspiration to become a Board Member and this years President.

As Theodore Roosevelt stated: "Speak softly and carry a big stick; you will go far".

~ John Rooney
President 2011



YOUR PROPELLER..... WHERE THE RUBBER MEETS THE ROAD PART I



In today economy and with all that is going in our industry ever bit of time and money we spend is very precious. The place where both time and money come together is where the rubber meets the road.....your propeller! No more of an importance is your propeller. It must be dead on for good performance and also for the longevity of the rest of your machinery. If not properly balanced, item such as cutlass bearings and transmission seal along with shaft ailment can suffer. If a propeller is too large it can overload your engine, which can cause premature wear and excessive fuel consumption. To small and fuel will be burned without good performance. These are just some of the little land mines that can develop with a propeller that is not up to par.

In the first of this series and to better understand propellers lets look at the components and terminology used in propellers:

Diameter: This is the overall width size of the propeller or as stated the diameter. The diameter is measure from one outer tip to the other and directly through the center. On all propellers the diameter and pitch is always stamped either between the blades on the hub or on the face of the hub. The first number is always the diameter. Therefore a 24 X 22 stamped propeller means that the diameter is 24 inches. Even we as layman can measure the diameter. Diameter of the propeller plays a big roll in overall performance. On most vessels when wheeled correctly they have the maximum diameter allowable to get the largest blade surface. Large blade surface is important in order for the propeller to catch enough water and allow the pitch (twist) of the propeller to do it job and push the vessel forward. When purchasing a propeller you only pay for diameter, as the larger the diameter the greater the amount of material which equals cost.

Pitch: Pitch is what pushes you forward. In a perfect world with zero slippage for each inch of pitch and every RPM your vessel's shaft turns the boat should move forward 1". So a 1 shaft RPM with 22" pitch and 100% efficiency in theory you move forward 22 inches. But as we all know there are many variables which get in the way and reduce this number. Things such as keels, struts propeller pockets and just a few that lower our 100% efficiency number. Pitch is the second number on the stamp of a propeller; so on the same 24 X 22 propeller, the second number of 22" indicates 22" of pitch or twist in the blade. Unlikely diameter pitch cannot be measured by a simple ruler, as pitch is the gradual swipe or twist of the blade. On a flat plan and inch of pitch would be about 1/8" of rise at the outer edge. The rise of pitch however changes through the blade because the blade must end at the root of the hub of the propeller.

Pitch must be measured by a propeller shop. The wheel is place on a jig and a dial indicator is dropped down the blade to measure the pitch. Pitch is usually what we need to adjust when reconing or resizing to gain or lose load on the blades.

On many of the newer boats due to high horsepower and diameter clearance problems pitch may exceed diameter by as mush as 12" or more. So a 24" X 36" propeller is not uncommon on some of our high performance Sportfishing Boats to swing. Propellers such as these are not commonly seen on keeled bottom or displacement bottoms, as these types of hull bottoms could very provide enough water flow to feel propellers with such massive pitch.

Cupping: Cupping is the gently bending of the trailing edge of the propeller blade. In a way cupping is in simple terms a way to add a little pitch to the very edge of the blade. Cupping is used to help hold the water on the face of the blades so that pitch and diameter can do there job better and push the vessel forward. Cupping is measured in numbers starting with #1 to smallest and then going to # 9 the largest. Cupping does not always help a propeller; in fact it can have a reverse effect if not needed. If the blades of a propeller hold water well without cavitation or slip-page cupping will only then slow down the propeller and cause unwanted load on the propeller blade.

Cupping in addition is always done at the propeller shop as it is not casted into the wheel it is done manually in a blacksmith method. In closing once a propeller is properly sized with diameter and pitch cupping may be added for just a little fine tuning.

I hope you enjoyed part one of this series, as next month we will continue in our quest for knowledge so the "Rubber Meets the Road"

~ Captain Lawrence J. Festa

CAPTAIN ANGLERS

Captain Anglers crew would like to wish all the Members a Healthy and Happy New Year for 2011. I am also Excited to be 2nd Vice President for 2011. I Know this will be a Great Year with John Rooney as President Bill Toohey as 1st Vice President John Daum as Treasurer and

Capt. Bill Morrogh Secretary and all the Board Members. You couldn't ask for a better Crew

~ Bob Pandy

CONSERVATION

It's unfortunate, but most of our fisheries are now closed.

STRIPED BASS closed on December 15th and will reopen on April 15th.

BLACKFISH closed on December 20th and will reopen on January 17th.

PORGIES are closed until June.

SEA BASS will be closed as of December 31st indefinitely!

There might be some change here, but right now it looks bleak! Cod and Ling remain the thing! At best you get what you're fighting for and sometimes much less!

Happy New Year!

Dennis Cataldo
Chairman of Conservation Committee

The EPA has denied the environmentalists' petition to have lead sinkers banned, finding no basis for their claim that the lead in sinkers is poisoning the ocean. So our sinkers are safe, at least for now.

Also, although no decisions have been made yet, it looks like next year we might have a longer fluke season and a smaller minimum size.

Happy Holidays to you and your family.

Bill

GOOD AND WELFARE

Good & Welfare Congratulations and best wishes to incoming President John Rooney and his officers. The FTC and I wish all members a happy and healthy New Year. Contact phone # 516-221-6343 /516-652-5981.

DECEMBER CATCH OF THE MONTH - COD

For our December catch of the month, we nominated co-editor Paul Hilton, who caught this fine 39 lb. 4 oz. specimen on the Hampton Lady out of Shinnecock. The fish was caught on a wreck in 190' of water, S/E of the inlet.



To be considered for Catch of the Month Email Paul at philton@optonline.net . Please include a picture and catch details. Thanks to all who submitted entries this month, please keep them coming.

~ Capt John J. Jutt, Sr.

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Frostfish



If cod are the winter king, Silver Hake or Whiting were once the queens, a primary target of the winter fleet sailing from Long Island's South Shore Ports, especially Sheepshead Bay. The whiting population has been greatly decimated, the result of overfishing by foreign fleets of the past, and local fleets more recently. Many tuna fisherman have witnessed first hand the waste in this fishery, following the dragger fleets in search of tuna in the fall. In recent years, some whiting have been caught at 17 Fathoms and the Fisherman Buoy area, providing hope that an inshore comeback could be in the making.

Back in the heyday, large whiting over approximately 2 lbs. were referred to as "baseball bats" in deference to their long thin stature. In the



early winter months, whiting were targeted primarily in the area of the old Ambrose Tower, with the fish moving deeper into the Mudhole as the water chilled down. I remember some days where whiting would

actually pounce on umbrella rig tubes trolled on the Tin Can Grounds, while targeting school bass very late in the fall season. Springtime also found the whiting chasing bait and frequently found under roving schools of mackerel. Going further back in time, whiting or "frostfish" as they were sometimes called, were available by simply walking the beach on a cold winter's night, picking up fish that washed up on the sand, having chased their prey too far up into the shallows. The Coney Island Steeple Chase Pier was once a favorite hotspot of shorebound fisherman.

Whiting are aggressive game fish, responding readily to a mackerel rigs worked slowly off the bottom. Sweetening the hooks with small strip baits of mackerel or whiting belly put many nice fish in the box. Drifting was preferred when conditions permitted, but they could be caught at anchor as well. On the anchor, the favorite rig was a two or three hook "christmas tree" type rig, with hook size in the 2/0 to 4/0 range on a short leader or dropper loop. Skimmer clam or small strip baits would adorn the hooks, ling (red hake) and the occasional cod made for a tasty by-catch. Whiting themselves are excellent table fare and relished by aficionados of smoked fish.

- Distribution of roughly Newfoundland to South Carolina, most abundant from Nova Scotia to New Jersey.
- IGFA Record : 4 lbs 8 oz, Maine, 1995.
- FTC record : Vacant
- Current Regulations : Open season, no limit

~ Paul Hilton / Emily S.

PROPERTIES

The 2011 FTC Summer Leases have been mailed, If you did not get your lease please contact me at Property@FTCFishing.com As a reminder for refundable \$100.00 you can get on the waiting list for a slip.

I would like to thank everybody for their cooperation in getting the boats on land for winter storage. Happy New Year.

~ Don Granger
Property Business Manger

MEMBERSHIP

Membership dues notices were sent out in early December. Please check over application and make corrections if needed. Don't forget to pay your dues!!!

~ Chris Squeri

JANUARY 2011 WEBSITE REPORT

We have a new and improved fishing reports section and discussion boards on our site! See Bill Morrogh at the January GM If you haven't checked it out yet or if you need some help in getting started.

JANUARY 2011 DERBY, AWARDS & CONTESTS REPORT

*Awards Chairman: Captain Bill Morrogh
Committee Team: Captain Larry Festa,
Captain Michael Zullo*

WE HAVE THE FINAL DERBY WINNERS TO TOP OFF THE 2010 SEASON!

THE AWARDS TO BE HANDED OUT AT THE JANUARY GM ARE:

Blackfish

1st Bob Hindenlang	11.44 Bingo
2nd Bob Hindenlang	10.44 Tin Man
3rd Peter Groner	8.63 Endless Summer II

Bluefish

1st Robert Porter	14.50 Shark III
2nd Maryellen Zullo	14.00 Magic Too
3rd John Payne	13.75 Reel Payne

Striped Bass

1st Chris Scarpantonio	27.44 Emma Jo
2nd Ralph Drewes	26.81 Oceanic
3rd Gary Consorte	26.13 Hook-Her

Cod

1st Bob Hindenlang	9.31 Tin Man
2nd Gene Schettini	6.6 Reel Catch

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Happy New Year

The editorial staff of the Tuna Tower News wishes the entire FTC membership
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