



## NEXT GM

**Thurs, January 12  
at 7:30 pm**

### Freeport Yacht Club

*Bob Sabella & Chris Squeri will start  
off the festivities by highlighting  
some FTC Milestones and  
Anniversaries!*

# HAPPY NEW YEAR!

# 2017

*At the January GM we will be swearing in our newly elected Officers and Board for 2017.*

## Incoming President's Message

Hello everyone I hope you all enjoyed your Holidays and I would like to wish you and your families a Happy New Year, Good Health, and Great Fishing during this upcoming year. I would like to thank our past President Bob Sabella for the terrific job he did as President and for all the work he has done for the club over the years. It has been a privilege and a great learning experience to serve as his Vice President.

Another person I would like to thank for introducing me into this Great Club is John Kamper. If you would have told me 4 years ago when I came to my first Captain Anglers' and met Sharon, Jimmy and Don that I would become president on the Eightieth Anniversary of the Club the same year that Donald Trump would become President of the United States I would have said are you kidding me. For those of you who I have not yet met My name is Kevin I learned how to fish from my Dad when a friend of his took us fishing on his 21 foot Winner that he kept in Port of Egypt Marina located in Southold. That was when we used killies, fiddler crabs and blood worms to catch fluke and flounder. My Dad would also take me fishing when we were on vacation down in Florida I remember going fishing for bonita and seeing barracuda. That was back in the day when you could bring fishing rods on the airplanes and the airline would even supply free boxes to put the fishing rods in and you could bring as much luggage as you wanted without being charged extra. From the day I stepped off my Father's friend's boat every night at the dinner table I would beg my father to buy a boat and his response was always the same when you get old enough go out and get a job save your money then

you can buy that boat. At least I listened to one thing he told me So at 10 years old I started delivering newspapers with my older brother getting up at 5 A.M. Then at 18 I bought my first boat an 18-foot Sportcraft. Then a few years later after I saw an Offshore Powerboat Race in Point Pleasant New Jersey I got hooked on Boat Racing. So then I began racing out in the Great Lakes Michigan, Wisconsin, and Lake Erie. Thanks to my Mom who would get up early and drive me to the airport and pick me up Sunday night after the race. Then I bought my first race boat a 21-foot Checkmate and began racing in Chicago, New Jersey, Maryland and Florida. I was fortunate to have my Mom, Grandmother, and Dog travel with me to the races. The good looking guy in front of me in the picture is Captain Tom who I just rescued from the Town of Hempstead Animal Shelter in Wantagh. I named him after my brother and my good friend Tommy Schweinder because he bares a close resemblance just kidding Tommy. Now it is time to get down to Business Our first GM of the year will take place on Thursday, January 12, 2017 at the Yacht Club. I am looking forward to meeting more of our members, learning from them and working with them.



Sincerely yours, *Kevin Killelea*

# Message from the outgoing President

Out with the old, in with the new! January's meeting is always an interesting one. Beginning with the installation of our new officers: President, Kevin Killilea; 1st Vice President, Matt Cardone; 2nd Vice President, (pending), Secretary Sharon Missan and Treasurer John Daum. This month's meeting has come to be known as the FTC history meeting presented by Chris Squeri and yours truly. History tells us if you don't know where you've been, you can't know where you are, or where you are going. So come on down to the yacht club and get all the answers. As usual there will be catered hot food from Rachel's in Freeport and heroes from John Moore's deli and, of course, beer and soda on tap.



Lets start Kevin off with record attendance for his first meeting at the helm. For all you lifetime members still enjoying life, come on down and be recognized for your many years of membership and service to the club. Membership renewals have been mailed and you won't want to miss being a part of this special year which marks our 80th anniversary. A special anniversary patch is being designed and will be distributed to all current members of 2017 as well as lifetime members. A year long celebration is being planned with special events throughout the year. My thanks to all those who helped me make this past year a great success for the club, with a full marina and packed winter storage at the property. Just a snippit of history I can remember as property chairman my fist time around there was no winter storage at the property! silly us.

Soon to be ex president, *Old Sam*

## Good & Welfare

As many of you already know we lost longtime member Sy Karp last month . Prayers and thoughts go out to the Karp family . Wishing all a healthy New Year

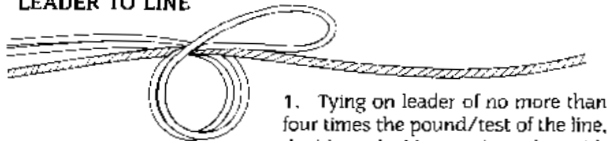
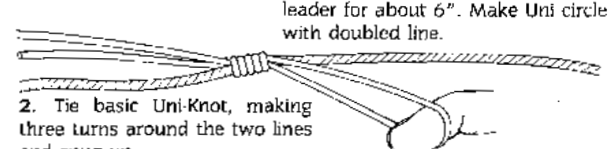
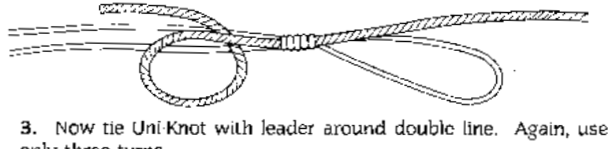
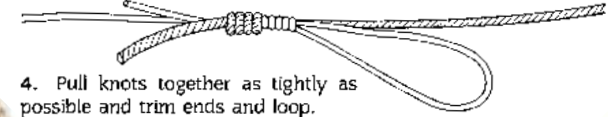
*Jeff*

### The Uni-Knot System

One basic knot which can be varied to meet virtually every knot tying need in either fresh or salt water fishing. That was the objective of Vic Dunaway, author of numerous books on fishing and editor of "Florida Sportsman" magazine. Here is the system which resulted.

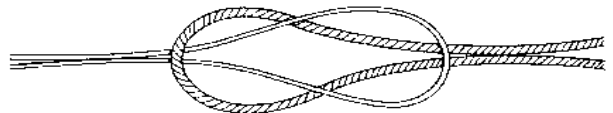
#### Leader to Line

##### LEADER TO LINE

- 
1. Tying on leader of no more than four times the pound/test of the line, double end of line and overlap with leader for about 6". Make Uni circle with doubled line.
  2. Tie basic Uni-Knot, making three turns around the two lines and snug up.
  3. Now tie Uni-Knot with leader around double line. Again, use only three turns.
  4. Pull knots together as tightly as possible and trim ends and loop.

### Know your Knots

#### Shock Leader to Line



1. When leader is five times or more the pound/test of line, double ends of both leader and line back about 6". Slip loop of line through loop of leader far enough to permit tying Uni-Knot around both strands of leader.

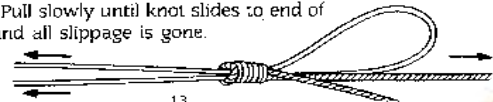


2. With doubled line, tie Uni-Knot around the two stands of leader. Use only four turns.



3. Put finger through loop of line and grasp both tag end and standing line to pull knot snug around loop of leader.

4. With one hand pull standing leader (not both strands) With other hand pull both strands of line (see arrows). Pull slowly until knot slides to end of leader loop and all slippage is gone.





# Fishing Report

## Out with the Old Season, In with the New!

The 2016 and the "Holiday" season have officially ended. This report is the hardest to write since there are few first hand reports submitted. While winter sets in up here on Long Island many will vacation in exotic locales, usually where good fishing exists. Your reports and photos will help us all get through the winter months so please share with your fellow FTC members by submitting to me via email, text, or phone. Contact information is below. Thanks to everyone who contributed in 2016 and a safe, healthy and happy New Year to all! 2016 wrapped up and 2017 began as follows:

Our New York blackfish or tautog season closed on December 15th. It was an interesting season from several perspectives. First off, water than normal water temps seem to delay the start. During the west end early season, many complained of keeper sized fish hard to come by and the overall number seemed down. The best fishing was occurring well west and south by the Shrewsbury rocks. As the waters cooled the action spread and the bite picked up in the traditional west end. Making headlines this fall were several real trophies. I personally received reports and pictures of 14, 15, 16 and even 20+ pounds (not by club members). Fish of this size were virtually unheard of years ago in Long island waters. Some attribute the presence of these fish to the vast artificial reef system that exists along the NJ coast. Some feel this reef system is providing a migration "highway" for the southern tog' (which generally grow faster and larger, due to a longer growing season ) into our west end waters. Whatever the reason, these outsized blackfish are more readily available than in the past. Next year, target them to the west, with heavier tackle and white crabs and send photos for publication in this bulletin!

My own toggging efforts the past couple of years have been mostly limited to short trips fishing the local wrecks and reefs outside of JI. This season, from my perspective, the best blackfish trips occurred just as the season was closing. In December, I had several trips with multiple limits caught. Some of the average sizes were good, with several fish around 8 lbs along with a mix of shorts up to nice chunky 4 and 5 pound fish.

Areas to the west and 17 fathoms came alive just as the recreational season was brought to a close. Traditionally, the best fishing I have seen usually occurs right around New Year's

in deep water areas like 17 Fathoms. Due to the early closure this is a distant memory for recreational fishermen. In my opinion, blackfish do require careful management but a season extension might be in order.

One of the highlights of the 2016 season was the tremendous offshore seabass fishing that occurred right up until the closing on January 1, 2017. Boats from New Jersey to Montauk targeted these fish on the deep wrecks and the numbers and size available were staggering. Giant porgies and a few cod rounded out the coolers. That fishery has now ended for the winter, with the seabass closing as of New Year's Day. That will put tremendous pressure on the cod grounds. Local cod fishing has begun, with the Capt Al reporting some decent fish. On a recent trip we had our first 2016/2017 "winter cod," fishing locally along with numerous short togs' (released). A lot of herring and mackerel are around, hopefully the cod will follow and we'll get a few productive trips in.

The last few years, bluefin tuna have been successfully targeted in the Hudson during late December and January. This year, an interesting report was brought to my attention "after the fact." It seems a small group of mostly west end boats were quietly targeting bluefin tuna in the Mud Hole West. Areas like Monster Ledge, Oil Wreck, Little Italy, held mixed sized fish from school sized up to 300 lbs for a couple of weeks during middle December. Fish were caught on both bait and jigs. Supposedly lots of bait in that area during that time. This was about the best tuna action I heard of during all of 2016.

**There's nothing like first hand reports, please consider sharing your fishing tales and pictures with our membership by sending them in. Thanks in advance!**

Please email your reports to philton@optonline.net; or text/call me at 516.721.8907

The bulletin committee is working to improve the picture resolution in the printed and online Tuna Tower News. It starts with the quality of your photos. Send at full size when possible.  
**Happy Holidays to All!**

Sincerely, *Paul Hilton FM Emily S*



## The Freeport Tuna Club



*wishes to thank all the  
contributing Members and Businesses  
for their very generous time and donations  
and for making our annual Christmas Party a success.*

# Save the Date! The FTC Game Dinner is on!!

**Date:**  
Saturday, March 4th 2017

**Where:**  
Cure of Ars Church Auditorium  
Merrick NY

Tickets are now available  
on a first come first serve basis.

For tickets, game donations,  
and volunteering please contact:

Bob Benzenberg (516) 521-7378

Joe DiSalvo (516) 317-7855

## Property Business Manager's Report

Happy New Year! There are a few outstanding payments due for winter storage so please send in your payment as soon as possible. The summer lease agreements for 2017 will be mailed shortly. The rate for 2017 remains at **\$78 a foot with no minimum. All owners leasing a slip will be charged an additional \$175 if storing a trailer on the property.** Freezers are \$175. **A deposit of \$300 is required with your signed lease.** In order to secure your slip for the 2016 season your deposit and signed lease must be **received on or before February 15, 2017.** You will receive two invoices for the balance owed, one due on **April 1st** and the second payable on **May 31st.** Before your Vessel can be in the Marina you will need to supply an updated insurance policy to the Property Business Manager. Please let me know if you are not renewing your lease so I can quickly determine which slips will be available. Any member interested in a slip should contact me as soon as possible. Our goal is to keep the marina full!

My cell number, email address, and work phone number are below:

*Capt. Alan Evelyn*

Cell: 917-750-8710 | Work: 516-299-2523

Email: [capt.al@fishtaxiny.com](mailto:capt.al@fishtaxiny.com)

# Got Bait?



**SHIMANO®** **Baitmasters** **PENN**  
South Florida

**OFFSHORE SPECIALISTS**  
Get the finest quality of  
**OFFSHORE & INSHORE BAIT & TACKLE**

**JISERBA** **Spectra Splicing** **GET YOUR FISH ON!** **Joe Shute's**  
Jerry Shute's Splicing Power Pro Mollusks Ace Carbon Hooks Coryse Runner Spreaders

**DAIWA** **GRUNDÉNS**  
Quality Fishes for Gear

**CRUSHED ICE**  
**GAS (89, 93) & DIESEL**  
ESTABLISHED 1982 - OPEN 7 DAYS  
You can service for updated fishing permits, member tags, join our email list & much more!  
[www.bayparkfishing.com](http://www.bayparkfishing.com)  
[info@bayparkfishing.com](mailto:info@bayparkfishing.com)  
[facebook.com/BayParkFishing](https://www.facebook.com/BayParkFishing)

**Bay Park Fishing Station**  
480a Reina Rd.  
(End of Weidner Ave)  
OceanSide, NY 11572  
**516.766.3110**



# ADVERTISING:

**Advertisers  
are needed to help  
fund this publication.**

**If you or anyone you know who  
would like to advertise  
please contact John Jutt at  
[jjutt@mmpmk.com](mailto:jjutt@mmpmk.com) or  
call 516-546-2312**



# SOUTH SHORE MARINE SUPPLY

## Bait & Tackle

"Your One Stop Source"

4108 Merrick Rd.

Massapequa, NY 11758

516-557-2510

516-557-2512 Fax

Best Prices, Premium Products,

Knowledgeable Staff

We have all your boating & fishing needs

VISIT OUR ONLINE STORE:

[SouthShoreMarineSupply.com](http://SouthShoreMarineSupply.com)

**MP** Minuteman  
Press<sup>®</sup> of Merrick  
The First & Last Step In Printing.



Official Printer for

The Freeport Tuna Club

DISCOUNTS FOR ALL MEMBERS

255 Sunrise Highway, Merrick, N.Y. 11566

Tel 516.546.2312 • Fax 516.623.0870

web: [www.mmpmk.com](http://www.mmpmk.com) • e-mail: [Info@mmpmk.com](mailto:Info@mmpmk.com)

# BLUE MARLIN BOATS

Used Boats Bought, Sold & Brokered  
for current listings log on to

[WWW.BLUEMARLINBOATS.NET](http://WWW.BLUEMARLINBOATS.NET)

4076 Merrick Road, Seaford, NY 11783

Tel: (516) 679-2121 • Fax: (516) 679-2739

500 SOUTH MAIN STREET  
FREEPORT, NY 11520

TEL: (516) 546-8880

FAX: (516) 378-1505

AL  
GROVER'S  
HIGH & DRY  
MARINA



 GRADY-WHITE BOATS



An Extensive Inventory of Parts & Supplies Makes us Your One Stop Marine Supply Store

- Complete Line of OEM Parts and Lubricants for:
  - Mercury
  - Mercury Outboards
  - Yamaha Outboards
  - Zohnoh / Evinrude Outboards
  - Wave Pavia
- Waterports: Inflatables, Waterskis, Wakeboards
- Full Selection of Solaris and Pettit Paints
- Fishing Accessories
- Expert Advice
- Expanded Electronic Department
- Trolling Accessories
- Anchors and Lower Windlasses
- Complete Safety Department

401 South Main St., Freeport, NY 11520  
(516)868-0177



SALES OFFICE NEW & PRE-OWNED:

TEL (516) 771-7020

FAX (516) 771-7348

[WWW.ALGROVERSMARINE.COM](http://WWW.ALGROVERSMARINE.COM)

[WWW.SPELLMANSMARINE.COM](http://WWW.SPELLMANSMARINE.COM)

**BUY • SELL • TRADE**

Cohen Greve & Company CPAs  
Certified Public Accountants

J. Timothy Sherman, CPA  
Managing Partner



TAX AUDITS • ACCOUNTING  
BUSINESS ADVISORY  
FORENSIC ACCOUNTING

495 Jericho Tpke., Mineola, NY 11501

Tel: 516-877-1900 • Fax: 516-742-0122

[jsherman@cohengreve.com](mailto:jsherman@cohengreve.com)

[www.cohengreve.com](http://www.cohengreve.com)



Long Island's Most Complete Selection of Inshore, Freshwater  
and Surf Fishing Equipment • Custom Built Rods

MIKE NICOLETTI & BOB TURTURELLO

3031 Merrick Road, Wantagh, NY 11793

516.785.3223 • Fax: 516.679.6815

[www.causewaybaitandtackle.com](http://www.causewaybaitandtackle.com)

JIM PENDRELL

631-750-6260

### PenWeld Custom Aluminum Fabrication



Towers, Radar Arches, T-Tops,  
Railings, Mobil Welding

132 CLYDE STREET, SUITE #10, W. SAYVILLE, NY 11796



## The College Connection

*Personalized college planning for students and families.*

**Let us help make your college dreams a reality!**

We will streamline the college search and application process,  
relieving stress and anxiety.

*\*Weekly personal contact throughout the procedure to meet all deadlines\**

*\*Experienced and Affordable\**

**Phone: 516-790-1317**

**email: [kcoln@optonline.net](mailto:kcoln@optonline.net) • [www.thecollegeconnectionllc.com](http://www.thecollegeconnectionllc.com)**

CONDON  
O'MEARA  
McGINTY &  
DONNELLY LLP



**An entire firm dedicated to serving Private Clubs.**

*Currently serving over 325 Private Club Clients throughout the United States.*

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS | ONE BETTERTOWN PARK PLAZA | NEW YORK, NY 10004 | 212-461-2771

389 South Main St.  
Freeport, NY 11520

Tel. 516-377-7720  
Fax. 516-223-9155



Summer Dockage • Winter Storage • Short Hauls



SEA SAFETY  
INTERNATIONAL

Manufacture and  
USCG approved  
**Liferaft**  
Sales and  
Inspections



EPIRB Sales & Service

- Battery Replacement
- Reprogramming

Personal Flotation Gear  
Ditch Bags • Flares



Liferaft pick-up and delivery (CT, DEL, NJ, NY, PA)

**201-330-3225**

email: [sales@seasafety.com](mailto:sales@seasafety.com)

[www.seasafety.com](http://www.seasafety.com)

# SEA TOW

FREEPORT BASED

FREE TOWING FOR MEMBERS  
CALL ABOUT DISCOUNTED  
FTC MEMBER RATES

**516-623-4183**

# Freeport Marine Supply

Family Owned and Operated Since 1939



## EVERYTHING FOR YOUR BOAT AT DISCOUNT PRICES

Working Electronics Display • Navionics

C-Map & Garmin Electronic Charts • Barr • Osco • Sierra

Mercury & Crusader Engine Parts • Mercury Inflatables & Engines

Steering Systems & Controls • Safety Equipment

Fishing Chairs & Marine Seating • Interlux Marine Paints

Pumps & Props • Anchor Windlasses

**NEW** shop online at  
[www.freeportmarine.com](http://www.freeportmarine.com)



VISIT US AT OUR LOCATION

47 West Merrick Road  
Freeport, NY 11520

STOP IN FOR A **FREE** CATALOG!

**516.379.2610**





# PANDAMAN

PAINTING - PAPER HANGING

SPECIALIST

Paper Removal/Sheetrock Work • Tape/Spackle

Decorative Moldings Installed

Neat, Clean, Professional Service

Powerwashing • 30 Years Experience

WE DO IT ALL & MORE!

## 516.781.4011

**BOB PANDY**

Pine Street Metals, Inc.  
We have you covered!

David Massa

352 Pine Street  
Brooklyn, Ny 11208

718-277-2404

dmassa7333@aol.com

www.pinestreetmetals.com



## PERRY'S AUTO COLLISION

1703 NEWBRIDGE ROAD  
NORTH BELLMORE, NY 11710

Service Advisors:  
**PETE & TOM**

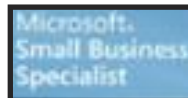


## 516.785.3500

## SOUTH SHORE COMPUTER SERVICES

"Technology, Sales and Staff Augmentation Services"

### 24/7/365



Ed Faza

516.238.2724

ed@southshorecomputerservices.com



- Custom Hand Tied Rigs
- Onsite Reel Repair
  - All Baits
- Inshore/Offshore

434 Rutgers Road  
West Babylon, NY 11704

**(631) 274-7042**

## The Complete Tackle Shop

- Complete Selection of Tackle
- Complete Line of Custom Rods
- Complete Line of Rod Building Supplies
- Complete Inhouse Repairs
- Complete Selection of Live, Fresh & Frozen Baits
- Completely Helpful and Friendly Staff

Factory Authorized  
Penn, Shimano & Ambassador  
Warranty Repair Center



Sealsle-Tackle.com

(516) 868-8855  
Fax : (516) 546-2983  
Sales@Sealsle-Tackle.com

**Advertisers  
are needed to help  
fund this publication.**

If you or anyone you know who would like to advertise please contact John Jutt at [jjutt@mmpmk.com](mailto:jjutt@mmpmk.com) or call 516-546-2312

**FUEL • BAIT • TACKLE**

## WOODCLEFT FISHING STATION



FULL LINE OF FISHING GEAR

447 Woodcleft Avenue | Freeport, NY 11520

516 • 378 • 8748

Richie Rosenkranz  
**FTC MEMBER**

Deliver To:

Post Office Box 5  
Freeport, New York 11520

**Freeport Tuna Club, Inc.**  
Chartered to Promote Sport-fishing & conservation  
FTC 2017 Directors

President	Kevin Killelea
Vice President	Matt Cardone
Treasurer	John Daum
Secretary	Sharon Missan

**Board of Directors**

Woody Anderson	Don Morin
Jim Azzi	Jim Rooney
Adam Bollaci	John Rooney
Paul Cunningham	Gene Schettini
Alan Evelyn	Rick Totten
Capt. John J. Jutt Sr.	

**Special Advisors**

Bob Sabella	Bob Pandy
Ray Geiger	

**Happy New Year**

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

**A Happy New Year**

*We thank all who have contributed your time, expertise and input.*

*This Year we look forward to more participation by you, the members, in continuing to make this publication the best in the fishing club community.*

**CLASSIFIED**

- Down Rigger Model #600, \$85.00. Down Rigger Model#620 \$100.00 (No Ball or Mounting Brackets), Captain's Winch, \$100.00. Call Don at 516-567-4385.
- **WANTED** 90 - 115 Horse Outboard, 20" Shaft, 2002 or newer. Call Dave G. (516) 286-8293
- Snow Blower - 26" Yard Man Snow Blower: 9 HP, Track, Electric Start, Extra Parts \$425.00. Charlie Goldstein 516-778-3147

To place an ad in our classified  
Contact Capt. John Jutt

Phone: (516) 546-2312  
E-mail: JJutt@mmpmk.com