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NEXT GM
THURSDAY, JANUARY 9
@ 7PM
FREEPORT YACHT CLUB

At the January GM we will be swearing in our newly elected Officers & Board for 2020

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and Holiday Season and that this message finds you all doing well. I would like to start by thanking the Board of Directors for allowing me to serve a second term as President of the Freeport Tuna Club. It has been a great experience and I am looking forward to what 2020 has to bring. Congratulations to the Bellinzoni family as they have welcomed their second grandson to the family.

For all that made it to the Christmas party we packed the house and a great time was had by all. Thanks again to Ken and Danielle Donowski for coordinating a great event, they set the bar high and we can hardly wait for next December.

The property is full and Bob Sabella and Don Grainger have done a great job setting us up for the long winter months. Stay on the lookout for summer contracts - they will be in the mail soon. Also stay on the lookout for membership renewals - they will also be arriving soon.

I ask all of the members that are interested, please consider joining a committee, there will be more information about them all and who the chairs are at the January GM, see everyone then.



Adam Bollaci

happy new year



DECEMBER IMPROVES!!!



With such unsettling weather for the month of November, December came in with a roar and really improving, went out like a fall breeze... allowing anglers to venture out for a super month of fishing! On Sunday, 12/8 Bob Bohler took his 26 by Regulator *Joint Effort II* to 17 fathoms. Broke through an inch of ice to get to the bay in 27° and hammered the blackfish with 13 keepers to 6.25 lbs. Kevin Carmody was high hook and had biggest tog. Joe Rosimini, Jimmy McInerney and Ron Bohler rounded out an all star crew! Capt. Dave Pincus of the *Canyon Lady* and Capt. Gene Schettini have been fishing for blackfish on local reefs with great success! I myself had a great month getting together with club members and having a great time Capt. Jim Azzi, Henry Dam and I jumped aboard the *King Cod* having an impressive end to the 2019 season. Really looking forward to fishing with everyone this 2020 season good luck and happy holidays! Tight lines!!



Fish hard, *Ken Donowski*



Please send all your reports to me:

Text: 1-917-231-5699 or

e-mail: Kenbase2006@icloud.com

Be sure to include photos

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Not much to report at this time of year. Bubble system has been deployed and is working fine on the automatic thermostat. We have forty plus boats on the property, all are paid in full with the exception of two. Maybe next month we will list them in the bulletin! One last reminder if you use the bathroom be sure to shut the door THE HEAT IS ON.

Your Property Committee

ENTERTAINMENT

January is our installation meeting. I look forward to assisting the new officers in this coming year. Adam and his team did a fabulous job in 2019 and set the bar high for his second term. I hope everyone had a fabulous Holiday and New Year. I hope to see everyone at the upcoming meetings and winter treks to boat and fishing shows and markets.

Tight lines and fair seas,

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GOOD & WELFARE

Sharon Mison is recovering from a broken ankle.
Mary Anne Breslene is recovering from a broken leg.
Christopher Bellinzoni welcomes his second Son Joseph Bellinzoni to the family.
Hoping all had a great Holiday and wishing you a happy and healthy New Year!

Jeff Squeri 516-652-5981

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.



DERBIES, AWARDS & CONTESTS

Awards Chairman: Ray Geiger | Committee: Bob Benzenberg, Harry Sbaschnig & Captain Bill Morrogh

We wish to thank and congratulate each and every one who participated this past year. If you are holding any slips that are eligible for year end awards, please be sure we have them physically in hand no later than January 14th



The Following Derby Winners Will Be Recognized At Our January GM:

BLUEFISH

1st: John Kampa 14.19 lbs. F/V Mary Etta

STRIPED BASS

1st: Harry Schroeder 41.31 lb F/V Just Add Water
2nd: Adam Bollaci 31.56 lb F/V Hooker
3rd: John Kampa 29.75 lb F/V Mary Etta

BLACKFISH

1st: Mike Zullo 3.75 lbs. F/V Magic Too

On behalf of our committee, we wish you all a very Healthy and Happy New Year!!

Best Fishes —

Ray Geiger



STRIPER DIARIES | EPISODE 9

I would like to thank the members of the Freeport Tuna Club, and the editors of the Tuna Tower News, for giving me the opportunity to chronicle my fishing adventures this past year. It has been an honor sharing my knowledge and experiences with all of you.

As winter sets in and the temperatures start to plummet, I try to spend most weekends in my garage doing my annual "tackle check." The first thing is to start with your reels. There are several great reel cleaning and maintenance kits. I prefer Ardent Reel Kleen Cleaning Kit. It has everything you need to get your favorite reel in "like new" condition. It is also a good time to strip old line down to the backing so it will be ready for new line in the spring. Loosen the drag on the reel too. Rod care is equally important. Each winter we wipe down every rod. I use a non-abrasive soap on the cork and a protectant like Bow to Stern on the rods. Check each guide with a cotton Q-tip for abrasions and replace bad guides. This next one is probably the most important--review your log book. Log books provide a wealth of information. Look for patterns, review water temperatures and dial in on which spots consistently produced fish. Things change over time, especially in the back bays, where new shoals have developed since Hurricane Sandy. I can vividly remember fishing in spots behind Sea Dog Creek, that are simply too shallow to navigate now unless on a Moon Tide.

It is also a great time to mark your calendars for the upcoming fishing shows. The first event that I attend is the Tri State Fishing Expo, held on January 4, 2020, at the Hilton Hotel located at 1100 South Avenue, Staten Island, NY. Although it's a road-trip, there are new and used fishing and outdoor equipment at great prices, along with raffles and seminars. The show runs from 8am to 2pm and is a bargain at a \$10.00 admission fee. For our members who love to surf fish, "Striper Day" is held on January 19, 2020. It takes place at the Ward Melville High School, located in East Setauket. This event hails itself as the "largest surf fishing expo" around filled with local vendors, factory representatives, well known authors, guides and local plug builders. It starts at 8:30am and ends at 3:30pm. Don't be late - the first 500 attendees receive a free goody bag from the sponsors! Next stop for me is always the New York National Boat show, held at the Jacob Javits Convention Center. This year the event takes place from January 22-26, 2020. The hours are from 12 noon to 9pm Wednesday, Thursday and Friday; Saturday 10am - 9pm; Sunday 10am-6pm. Don't miss out! Finally, for our fly fisherman, the "Fly fishing Show" in Edison, New Jersey, at the New Jersey Convention Center runs from January 24 - 26, 2020. This event is filled with seminars, classes, demos and special events. Stay tuned for the list of upcoming events for February!

Finally, you can never go wrong with simply jumping on a plane and heading to Islamorada, Florida. That will definitely cure a case of the winter blues. I will be traveling down the week of February 24, 2020; with Pete Cefai, and staying at the Islander Resort. If any club members want to meet for a day of fishing or simply a grab cocktail at Lorelei's Restaurant and Cabana Bar, be sure to give us a call.

Until next year, Tight lines.

Capt. Barbara Solomon

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*We thank all who have
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