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welcome 2021!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and Holiday Season and that this message finds you and your families healthy in such uncertain times.

As most of you are aware I will be starting my first term as President of the Freeport Tuna Club. I would like to express my thankfulness and gratitude to Adam for servicing the last 2 years. It has been a wonderful experience working with you.

I would like to thank Bob Sabella for all his hard work and dedication to the Tuna Club Property Committee. Bob will be stepping down and Brendan Kaelin and Tom Leprime will be carrying on this tremendous responsibility.

The property is full. Summer contracts and Member-

ship renewals should be arriving soon.

Any members that are interested in joining a committee there will be information about them and who the Chairs are coming out shortly.

Due to the Pandemic, at this time I cannot say where or when the next General Meeting will be held. As soon as we know you will be notified.

Wishing everyone good health and happiness.

Best regards, *Rick*



happy new year



OUTGOING PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I wanted to thank everyone again for the opportunity to serve as President, it has given me a lifetime of memories in a short time. Wishing Rick Totten all the best as he takes over for 2021.

We have some exciting projects and improvements coming for 2021, stay tuned for more information. A Happy and Healthy New Year to you all.

Capt. Adam



CAPTAINS & ANGLERS

Happy New Year to all our members. Looking forward to seeing everyone at the spring Captain and Anglers BBQs. The committee is looking for volunteers.

Thank you, *Jim Rooney*

FIRST VP MESSAGE

HELLO FTC MEMBERS - Welcome 2021 and Happy New Year I would like to thank the Board of Directors for the nomination as your Vice President. It is a honor, and in my eyes this is one of the greatest fishing clubs on Long Island. I promise you all great things are to come this season. Everyone be safe a healthy, and stay way from Covid-19! Tight lines see you all real soon...
Semper Fi -

Vice President

Robert Cincotta

F/V The Flounder Flopper

GOOD & WELFARE

Our condolences go out to Paul Hilton (F/V Emily S.) and his family on the loss of "Aunt Gloria." She was 96 years old, and until she was 95 she was active, volunteering, attending events and living a very independent life, I think we would all sign a contract for that. May God bless her and lead her.

Any good and welfare to report... please contact

Jeff Squeri 516-652-5981

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

The committee would like to welcome twonew committee members Brendan Kaelin and Tom Leprine.

The committee reports that the tower light on the south end of the property has been repaired (thank you Matt Koper). Tom Leprine had our Internet and security cameras repaired, he also added a sixth camera to the system. Further upgrades to the security system are being implemented (thank you to Frank Cefai for the donation of camera cable). Repairs to the floating docks and dock light towers has been completed. New light fixtures have been installed in the compressor shed and outside bathroom.

Don Granger reports summer leases have been sent out. In order to secure your slip for the 2021 season, a signed lease must be received by the club by February 15, 2021 along with a 1/2 of slip rental fee. You will receive an invoice for the balance owed on April 1st. If you choose to pay youu bill in full on February 15 you will receive 5% discount. You can also download the lease on our website: ftcfishing.com.

At this time Travelers' Marina is no longer organizing our property storage. Before placing a boat or trailer on the property, please contact Jim Rooney (516) 850-6772.

Reminder to boat owners to police up around their boat and dispose of shrink wrap, strapping and wood properly.

Owners with tarps must ensure they are securely fastened to avoid damage.

Your Property Committee





STRIPER DIARIES EPISODE 26

Happy New Year! I hope this message finds everyone well. Now that winter is settling in, and the striped bass fall run is behind us, it is time to switch gears to winter projects. It's also the perfect time to review log books to see when fishing was red hot - - or not - - and to determine

which tackle successfully produced fish. The fall run this past year was very different than most. Besides fishing mostly with my "quarantine circle" we trolled light weight umbrella rigs and shads, rather than wire rods paired with bunker spoons. We also rarely trolled "mojos." This past year, for some strange reason, umbrella rigs were our rig of choice. We also encountered many pods of small fish. Although the occasional 40 pounder was caught, most fish were slot size. The beauty of trolling umbrella rigs is that we were able to deploy light gear. Umbrella rigs allow an angler to present a school of baits on wire arms. Depending on how they are weighed, you can troll an umbrella rig at a variety of depths and in a variety of situations. Wire line or braid can be used, depending on your desired depth and the umbrella rig will mimic a school of bait fish. It worked extremely well this season.

Most of my fall run trips were just that - dragging umbrella and shad rigs with multiple hookups of 28-32 inch bass. There were also several days, in particular on November 4, 2020, where the bunker was as thick as a parking lot. I mean miles and miles with school size stripers swimming on the surface.

Now that those trips are just a memory, I will begin my winter inventory search. I highly recommend this for every angler. With the pandemic in full swing, we should all have plenty of time to do this. Examine your favorite plugs and lures, sharpen hooks, or simply swap out for new hooks. Check trolling gear as leaders get frayed over time. Feathers get damaged and snap swivels may need to be replaced. You would be amazed at how many of your favorite lures require maintenance.

I also check my safety gear and make a list of things which need to be replaced. For example, are your flares outdated? Do you need new life jackets? Did you renew your Sea Tow membership. With all these checklists in place, you will be more prepared for opening day and

it will also make the winter-blues go by faster.

Lastly, I would like to thank the members of the Freeport Tuna Club, and the editors of the Tuna Tower Newsletter 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.

Stay safe and until my next adventure, Tight Lines.

Capt. Barbara Solomon

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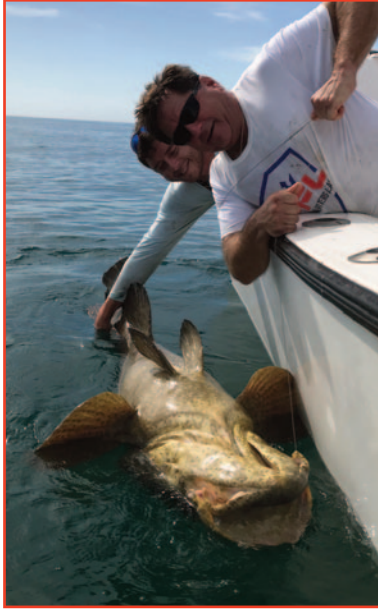
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FISHING REPORT



Someone is fishing!

Longtime FTC Member Jim Krug and his sons Bobby and Jack fishing Key West. It's a great place to fish if you don't like the cold... Send those pictures in to be published!

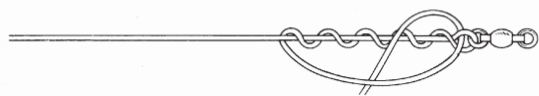
I think it is safe to say that 2020 for most provided us with exceptional fishing both inshore and offshore. Now is the time to start prepping for 2021, please email me your reports to be featured in the Newsletter - adambollaci@gmail.com
Capt. Adam Bollaci




Know your Knots

Palomar Knot

1. An old standby. Pass line through eye of hook, swivel or lure. Double back and make five turns around the standing line. Hold coils in place; thread end of line through first loop above the eye, then through big loop, as shown.



2. Hold tag end and standing line while coils are pulled up. Take care that coils are in spiral, not lapping over each other. Slide tight against eye. Clip tag end.



DERBIES, AWARDS & CONTESTS

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

Welcome to our 2021 season and thanks to all of you members who were able to get out to fish in what was a tough year all around. Well done to you all!

Weigh slip submission for annual awards has officially closed effective January 14th. Stay tuned for updates regarding when/how our Award Night will be. We are considering a virtual event if we are unable to all get together. Production values might be a little off, but I'm sure you all could use a little comic relief around now.

The following winners will be recognized at our Nov. GM:

BLUEFISH

1st Place: John Gerrity 8.44 lb F/V Moonchild

SHARK

1st Place: James Krug 230 lb F/V Reel Time
 2nd Place: John Gerrity 213 lb F/V FourBells
 3rd Place: John Kampa 150 lb F/V Mary Etta

STRIPED BASS

1st Place: Ralph Drewes 17.5 lb F/V No Mercy
 2nd Place: John Kampa 17.0 lb F/V Mary Etta
 3rd Place: Gregg Magnifico 15.44 lb F/V Everything Zen

BLACKFISH

No winners, but an honorable mention goes out to Mike Zullo for submitting a few slips post derby.

Best Fishes, *Ray Geiger*

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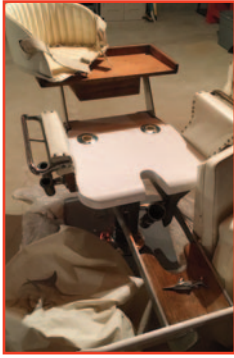
the President and his Executive Board

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 and to confirm the the time and date of the Board Meeting, contact Adam Bollaci - cell 516.322.0030



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