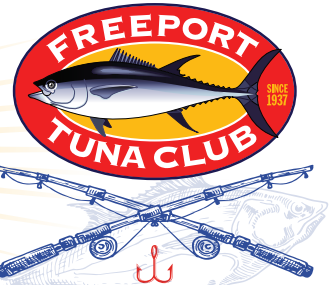


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*Please attend this meeting to hear
Michael Jacobs' presentation on
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President's Message

I would like to wish everybody a happy new year and a safe one also.

Covid is running rampant - that's why January's meeting has been cancelled for this month. Please save the date, Thursday, February 10, for our February meeting.

I would like to share some ideas for things that I'd like us to undertake this year. Like the new awning and getting all of our members back for a great year.

A lot of people took advantage of the early dues payments. Hopefully many more members will take advantage of the early summer dockage rates. If you pay your dockage bill by February 15, you will save 5% off your summer dockage.

The property is full with approximately 50 boats for the winter storage - if you are not already paid up for the winter - please send your payment right away to the attention of Bob Dimino.

We're currently working on arrangements for summer dockage. Please let us know if you're planning to bring your boat back so we can see which slips will be available for new people to dock at the property.

Please contact Bob Dimino and let him know if you'll be docking at the property in 2022. If you will be new to the property this summer. Please contact him with the dimensions of your boat so we can confirm slip availability for your vessel.



Thank you, *Rick*

RECREATIONAL SALTWATER FISHING LIMITS

SPECIES	MINIMUM SIZE (1)	DAILY POSSESSION LIMITS	OPEN SEASONS
WINTER FLOUNDER	12	2	April 1 - May 30
STRIPED BASS: marine waters (South of George Washington Bridge)	18-28 slot size	1	April 1-Nov 30
SCUP (Porgy)	9	30	All Year
SCUP (Porgy) Anglers aboard licensed party/charter boats	9	50	Sept 1 – Oct 31
SUMMER FLOUNDER (Fluke)	19	4	May 4 - Sept 30
BLACK SEA BASS	15	3 7	June 23 – Aug 31 Sept 1 – Dec 31
TAUTOG (Blackfish) Long Island Sound Region)	16	2 3	April 1 - April 30 Oct 11 - Dec 9
TAUTOG (Blackfish) (NY Bight Region)	16	2 4	April 1 - April 30 Oct 15- Dec 22
AMERICAN EEL	9	25 for individuals 50 for Anglers aboard licensed party/charter boats	All year
ATLANTIC COD (4)	21	10	All year
ATLANTIC MENHADEN	No size limit	100	All year
BLUEFISH (including "snappers")	No size limit	3 for individuals 5 for Anglers aboard licensed party/charter boats	All year
COBIA	37	2	All year
TIGER SHARK, BLUE SHARK OR COMMON THRESHER	54 inch fork length	one shark per vessel, per trip	
SHORTFIN MAKO	TAKE OR POSSESSION PROHIBITED 2022-2023		

Regulations were last changed on April 21, 2021, and are subject to change at any time.

ICCAT takes a bite out of mako fishing NO HARVEST RULE FOR 2022-2023

As seen on Fisherman.com | January 2022 | by Jim Hutchinson, Jr.



If your club is currently in the planning stages for a 2022 mako tournament, you can stop right there as there will be no mako harvest allowed along the East Coast for the next two years.

The United States and other countries from around the world tackled management challenges for Atlantic tunas and sharks at the 2021 annual meeting of the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT) that concluded on November 23.

On the plus side, commission members adopted a measure for Western Atlantic bluefin tuna with a total catch limit of 2,726 metric tons resulting in a quota increase of more than 5% for U.S. fishermen. This increased fishing opportunity for bluefin tuna is consistent with scientific advice allowing for a moderate increase in catch while having a high probability of avoiding overfishing and providing for the sustainability of the fishery.

According to NOAA Fisheries, ICCAT will continue working to finalize its management strategy evaluation for bluefin tuna. Those holding an HMS Permit can expect to see a series of stakeholder workshops scheduled sometime in 2022.

The bad news coming out of ICAAT is that a two-year retention ban is being implemented starting in 2022 on North Atlantic shortfin mako shark which ICCAT called "overfished." According to NOAA Fisheries, the ban on mako harvest also contains strong provisions to improve data reporting, and particularly, the catch reporting of live releases and fish discarded dead, by all ICCAT parties.



Striper Diaries EPISODE 35

As the season has come to an end, it's time to reflect on the incredible fishing trips we had in 2021. I want to thank the board of directors and tuna club members for allowing me to chronicle my fishing adventures. It has been a blessing to share my knowledge and my experiences on the water. This past year was extra special because of the inshore Cobia and Bluefin bite in our backyard. By mid July, the Cobia bite was red hot with schools of fish mixed in the bunker pods. Most fish landed were in the 40 plus pound range. By the end of July, small bluefin and mahi moved into the 15-20 mile range, and by August word got out of the giant bluefin bite off the beach. In mid- September the Spanish Mackerel moved into our inlet. Casting epoxy jigs and deadly dicks did the trick. By October it was time to head to Montauk. As usual, the Mecca produced large sea bass, trigger fish, jumbo pogies, striped bass and false albacore.



Lucky for us, the trophy bluefin stayed in our backyard feeding on blue fish and bunker and remained in our area until the end of December. They were so close, we even re-named the Rock-aways "Ambrose Canyon." I can't remember a time when I loaded the boat with mojos and tuna gear, only to steam out 10 minutes from the dock. We were also treated with incredibly warm air temperatures which allowed fishing right through the end of December... and the striped bass remained off our beaches until closing day. I was lucky enough to spot the tuna on December 15, 2021 while striped bass fishing. Tuna chasing bait and crashing next to the boat in only in 50ft of water! That was an incredible site... and we were almost lucky enough to land one (threw the tuna popper, line came tight and them unbuttoned). It doesn't get better than that!!

Let's hope 2022 is great a fishing season for all our members. Happy New Year to everyone. Stay safe and warm!!

Until my next adventure, Tight Lines.

Capt. Barbara Solomon
F/V Legal Limits



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Our sincere condolences go out John Daum and his family on the loss of his mother.

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No exceptions.

I know it's a little early for this... but just want to remind everyone that when it's time to take the shrink wrap off the boats, **DO NOT PUT IN THE DUMPSTER.**

Thanks, *Tom Leprine*

Greetings Everyone and Happy New Year,

Hello, my name is Bob Dimino and I will be taking over Don Graingers position this year. I will be collecting and monitoring all of the payments for summer and winter slips. All of the contracts have been mailed out and everyone should receive theirs shortly. Payment in full by February 15th gives you a 5% discount for the upcoming summer.

Would like to remind everybody that all of the boats on the property should have their insurances up to date.

If anybody has any questions or comments about this please feel free to reach out to me. I look forward to seeing everyone this upcoming season and to have the best of luck fishing.

Sincerely, *Bob Dimino*
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Entertainment

I hope everyone is happy and healthy. It sure has been a strange time and our family has been through the Covid Christmas like so many others.

A big thanks to the House Committee and all that assisted with the Christmas Party. Well done!

At our February 10, 2022 meeting we will have a discussion about the Shoaling in Jones Inlet and efforts to remedy this problem. Our speaker will be Mike Jacobs who has been spearheading this effort on social media. Please come out to hear what's going on and join in the conversation. In the meantime, review your gear, service your rods and reels, attend a seminar (if you can find one) and if you are traveling, be safe and successful.

Remember to post photos and stories to our Facebook page.

My Band, The Southern Guns have been playing around and it's been great to see some of you at the gigs. Check our Facebook page for upcoming gigs. I will be away February and March but the boys will be rocking with my buddy Jim on Bass.

Tight lines,

Bruce C. Forster F/V Oh Reely



Membership

All membership payments were due by December 31, 2021.

If you know someone who would like to join our illustrious club, our membership rates for 2022 are \$275 for a single / \$300 for a family.

If you need any further information or would like to volunteer for the membership committee, please contact Gene Schettini at 516-434-1423 or email CaptGene121@aol.com.

We are looking forward to an even more fulfilling membership year for 2022 - remember this is **YOUR** club!

Thank You,

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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 Rick Totten

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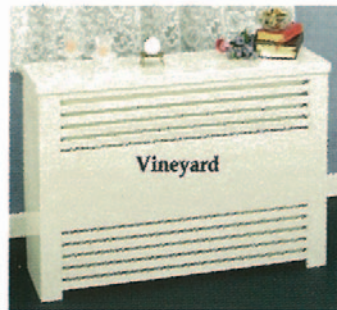
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Stay Safe, *Jim Azzi*

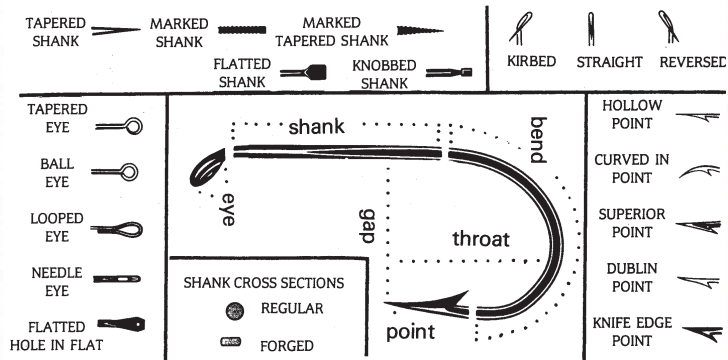
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