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Tuna Tower News

FEBRUARY 2022

CAPT. JOHN. J. JUTT, SR., EDITOR

NEXT GM

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10

@ 7PM

AT BRACCO'S

319 WOODCLEFT AVENUE, FREEMPORT

*Please attend this meeting to hear
Michael Jacobs' presentation on
"How to get Jones Inlet Safe Again!"*



President's Message

Here it is February... Covid numbers are going down which is a good thing for us all. Hoping everybody is well and looking forward to an early spring (hopefully).

I hope to see everybody at the meeting at Bracco's on February 10. I'd like to let everybody know that we have a very special speaker - Mike Jacobs - who will be talking about Jones Inlet and the problems occurring there. Also, the 2022 board members will be sworn in.

A new start to a new year, and everything is coming together for the upcoming season. Most of our members have been paying their dues pretty early this year, which is a very good thing (and very helpful for both the club's finances and the people in charge of membership to keep track of). Keep up the good work - - bills are getting paid!

I hope everybody has a good Valentine's Day and look forward to see everybody at this month's GM.



Rick



Happy Valentine's Day

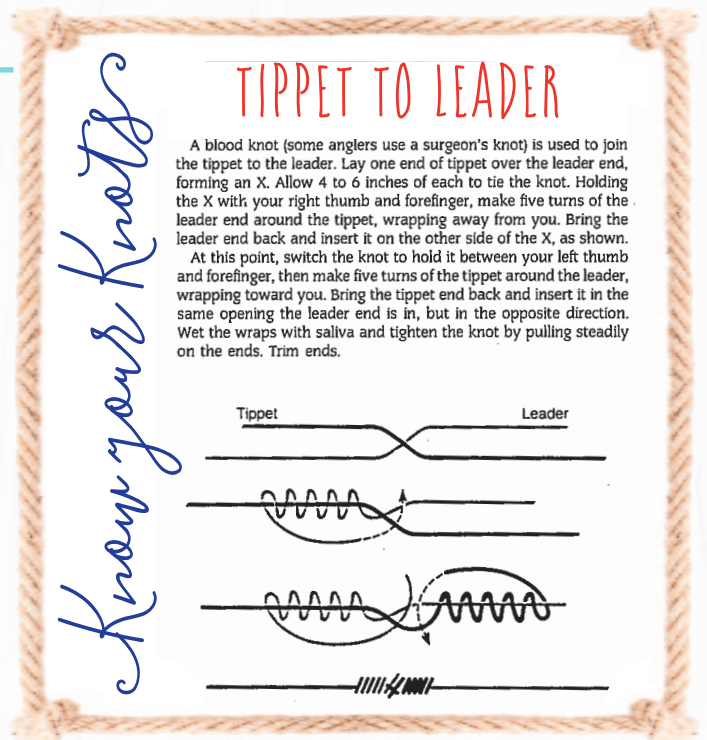
Entertainment

At our February 10 meeting we will hear from Mike Jacobs. Mike has been spearheading an effort to have Jones Inlet dredged. Anyone that made way through Jones Inlet last season, which should be virtually every member, knows conditions deteriorated significantly throughout the season. For sure the conditions will not improve on their own and the winter storms will only increase the shoaling. Come on out and join the conversation. Let's see what we can do as a Club to have our voice heard on this vital issue! Thank you to Bob Benzenberg for arranging the Mike Jacobs event.

I am still looking for volunteers to join the Entertainment Committee. Our Club runs on volunteers and I have been a committee of ONE for 3 years. I would welcome some fresh ideas and assistance. Please contact me to discuss. 516.443.4680 bfoster@stuartberger.com

Tight lines and calm seas,

Bruce C. Forster, F/V Oh Yeah



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.



Striper Diaries EPISODE 36

Winter Blues - now that winter is in full swing, its time to take an inventory on all the gear. I spent the last few weekends tearing apart my garage to get ready for opening day. With a pad and paper in hand, I made a list of every single fishing rod and reel in my garage, including dates of last service. This is probably one of the most important projects any angler can do. This kind of log book is key and can be extremely helpful when trying to determine when reels need new line, and which rods may need repair. It's also a great time to change hooks on your favorite plugs, check dates on safety equipment and figure out what gear needs replacement. With wait times longer than usual and delays on shipping, I suggest getting a head start.

Another favorite past time, is making the rounds at our local fishing flea markets. There are several local events that are worth mentioning, and for those willing to travel the possibilities are even greater. This Saturday, February 5, 2022 is the Raritan Bay Anglers' Flea Market in Iselin, New Jersey from 8:30am to 2pm; Canyon Runner Seminar at the Harrah's Resort in Atlantic City, from 9am to 5pm, cost is \$150. For those that missed our boat show in NYC, you can head to the New Jersey Boat Sale and Expo from February 17 to February 20, 2022. This event is being held at the convention center in Edison. The upcoming shows in March will be posted next month.

Finally, for those wishing to purchase the Four Wheel Drive Beach access pass, permits went on sale last month. Remember, that all sales on online only and you must register first for a free fishing license. The cost is \$80 for NY residents and the permit is valid from April 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022 at Gilgo and Robert Moses. Valid year round at Hither Hills, Montauk Point and Napeague State Parks. Another option is the Camp Hero Access permit which is \$40 for New York residents and is valid from April 1 to December 31, 2022 at Camp Hero. All applications must include the following: (1) a valid motor vehicle registration; (2) driver's license of the motor vehicle registrant; and (3) a NYSDEC recreational salt water marine fishing registry.



Let's hope 2022 is great a fishing season for all our members.

Until my next adventure, Tight Lines.

Capt. Barbara Solomon
F/V Legal Limits

Fishing Report

All quiet on the fishing end. There are plenty of seals around for anyone who still has a boat in.

I think it is safe to say that 2021 for most provided us with memorable fishing both inshore and offshore. Now is the time to start prepping for 2022, please email me your reports and photos to be featured in the Newsletter - adambollaci@gmail.com.

Capt. Adam Bollaci



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Property Committee

PLEASE NOTE that for the most part members have followed the rule that states **"if your boat is in the yard it needs to have a name and a phone number on the bow area of the boat. On the trailer or shrink wrap."**

There are still many members that are not complying with the rules. We had an incident a week ago when some of the boats lost their shrink wrap completely in the wind storm. We cannot alert you of a problem with your boat if we don't know who's boat it is.

Thank you,
Tom Leprine

Membership

The membership committee is working on taking down the previous accounts on social media outlets in order to create new accounts that will be monitored and updated regularly with our member's fishing photos. Our goal is to strengthen the club's presence on social media in order to attract new fisherman for the club!

If you need any further information or would like to volunteer for the membership committee, please contact: Chris Lombardo @ 516.270.0796

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

Thank You,
Chris Lombardo

Captains & Anglers

The committee is looking forward to seeing all our members at this spring's first Captains and Anglers BBQ date to be announced.

As always the committee is looking for volunteers. Anyone interested please contact Bob Pandy 516.781.4011 or Jim Rooney 516.850.6772

Thank you,
Jim Rooney

Derbies, Awards & Contests

Awards Chairman: Ray Geiger
Committee: Bill Morrogh & Harry Sbaschnig

We hope this New Year brings good health, happiness, prosperity and quality fishing to all! As I write this, my house is still under construction (after two floods a year ago), but there looks like some end is in sight at last. I have been informed by my wife that there will be no fishing for me if not!!

We wish to thank all of you who were able to get out and weigh your catches. It was a "light" year, but I hope 2022 will make up for it in spades.

We are working on our Annual Awards and will present our preliminary standings soon. The tentative date for our Awards Night is March 10, so please pencil that one in on your social calendars.

Our Latest Derby Winners Are:

BLACK SEABASS

1ST MaryEllen Zullo 3.0 lbs. F/V Magic Too

BLACKFISH

1ST Bob Greiser 4.2 lbs. F/V Kayella

2ND MaryEllen Zullo 3.0 lbs. F/V Magic Too

BLUEFISH

1ST John Kampa 8.0 lbs. F/V Mary Etta

STRIPED BASS

1ST Ralph Drewes 17.25 lbs. F/V No Mercy

TUNA

1ST Ralph Drewes 249 lbs. F/V No Mercy

Best Fishes,
Ray Geiger

Will look forward to seeing everyone at our next GM.

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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 time and date of the Board Meeting, contact Rick Totten

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