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President's Message

Happy Valentine's Day to all the ladies.

A special thanks to Freeport Mayor, Robert Kennedy, for being at our GM to administer the oath of office to myself and our executive board.

Thank you to the general membership and the Board of Directors for their support during my first month in office.

The US Army Corps of Engineers recently completed the maintenance dredging of nearly 680,000 cubic yards of sand from the Jones Inlet Channel to a depth of 14 feet. It will be great to once again sail south and not have to run that west bar obstacle course. Spring can't come fast enough.

As we leave the holidays behind us our yearly club business is off and running in a positive direction. At the February GM Bruce Foster has arranged to have the Faust brothers, mates on the offshore F/V Canyon Runner, as guest speakers. I want to remind all members that the March GM is our Annual Awards Night. Come out and support our friends as they receive their awards.





Happy Valentine's Day



Derbies, Awards & Contests

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

In this month's issue, you will find the list of tentative 2022 FTC Annual Award winners. Please review the list and let us know if you have a question or notice any discrepancies.

Contact us directly at: ftcawardsandcontests@gmail.com or 917-862-4321

Our Annual Awards Night is scheduled for March 9th, so please be sure to add it to your social/fishing calendar. It will be quite a night with a total of four, count 'em, four new club records to be awarded. We urge you all to attend and congratulate all members who set the bar last year for fishing excellence.

We ask you again to please make a concerted effort to get all your weigh slips in on time and fill them out legibly/completely! It's extremely important that you fill out all of the fields on the slip. A number of slips were missing the line test, tackle type, captain and/or F/V.

On behalf of our committee, would like to wish everyone a safe and productive 2023 Derby season.

Now as they say, here comes the really good stuff! Based on recommendations received from The Fishing Committee (thanks again Bruce!), we have been given the go ahead by the FTC BOD to institute provisional changes to our derby awards this year. These changes were made in order to increase member derby participation and to "stimulate" your fishing prowess.

For our inshore derbies, there will not be an award for third place this year, but the gift card values awarded for first and second place during the Spring and Fall seasons will be increased to \$100 and \$75 respectively.

In addition, if there is no spring derby winner awarded, the prize will rollover to the winner of the fall derby for that species. That will mean the payout for the fall first and second place winners will receive gift cards valued at \$200 and \$150.

For our offshore derbies, once again there will be no third place derby award given. The prize values will be increase to \$150 and \$100 for first and second place respectively.

Once again, if there is no spring derby winner awarded, the prize will rollover to the winner of the fall derby for that species. That will mean the payout for the fall first and second place winners will receive gift cards valued at \$300 and \$200.

Also, the BOD has increased the minimum weight for Mahi to 10 lbs.

Lastly, we have instituted "Take A Kid Fishing." Prizes valued at \$30 and \$20 will be awarded to children twelve years and younger, who take first or second place only during our Spring & Fall derby seasons.

That's all we have for you right now. We plan on attending our February 9th GM at the Freeport Yacht Club and you should too!!

Best Fishes --- Ray Geiger

Fishing Report

No reports for January. If anyone is heading to warmer weather, please share your catches. Please text or email your reports.

Capt. Adam Bollaci

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Business

Summer contracts and applications for the upcoming 2023 summer dock-

age was emailed, you also should've received

hardcopies in the mail - if you didn't please contact me. All invoices that you received for the summer dockage 2023 have a 5% discount included your invoice and must be paid by February 15, 2023 *in full* to get this discount. If not, you will be billed for the difference. If you're interested in putting your boat in for the 2023 Summer dockage or beyond please text email or call.

I will be reinstating a \$100 deposit waiting list (100% refundable), for summer dockage. Waiting list will be posted. If you have any questions please call.

Thank you,

Bob Dimino

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Membership

Congrats! to the FTC Instagram awards winners Mike Fink, Jimmy Ferchland and Doug Toback! Mike took "Best Striped Bass photo" Jimmy with "Best Fluke Photo" and Doug Toback with "Best Tuna photo." All 3 FTC fisherman received awesome prizes at the January GM for their submissions. I want to thank everyone that got involved, you've all helped me and continue to help me promote this great club! I would also like to welcome Diana Toback to FTC's membership committee.

Thank You, Chris Lombardo

Good & Welfare

Our sincerest condolences go out to our President Paul Cunningham and family on the recent loss of his brother, Richard. May he rest in peace.

Thank you.

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Entertainment

A big thank you to Bob Sabella for presenting an awesome jig and knot tying event at the property. Pizza and a few beers added to the festivity. At our February GM, we will hear from the Faust brothers about offshore and inshore plugging and casting for Tuna and Striped Bass.

Tight lines and calm seas,

Bruce C. Forster

f/v Oh Yeah

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Updated Derby Program

Take a Kid Fishing

Most fish caught in a month Most fish caught in a month Largest

Descriptions

12 & under - total number of any fish caught in a month 12 & under - total number of any fish caught in a month Largest Fish caught any Species

INSHORE DERBIES

Heaviest Fish will be 1st & 2nd Place | All other formats will be 1st Place Only All Derbies Leave and Return from Debs, Jones, Fire Island Any unawarded \$\$ in spring add to Fall Derby.

Fluke

1st Over 5# May Heaviest June Heaviest Top 3

Heaviest Fluke in SPRING Heaviest Fluke in FALL Your Top 3 fishing - can be caught

FTC June Tourney - Top3

Your Top 3 fishing - can be caught over multiple trips No FTC Touney, Calcutta run by Fishing Committee

1st fish of the season that weighs in over 5#.

Sea Bass

Heaviest Spring Heaviest Fall Top 3 Spring Season - Heaviest Seabass Fall Season

Your Top 3 fish-can be caught over multiple trips

Striped Bass

Heaviest Slot Longest Heaviest Slot Longest Heaviest Fish in the Slot

Longest Fish - Fish within .5" are considered a tie

Heaviest Fish in the Slot

Longest Fish - Fish within .5" are considered a tie

Blackfish

Heavist Spring Heaviest Fall Heaviest Fish Heaviest Fish

WeakFish

Heaviest Spring Heaviest Fall Heaviest over 5# Heaviest over 5#

Bluefish

Heaviest Spring Heaviest Fall Heaviest over 8# Heaviest over 8#

Flounder

Heaviest over 1.5#

OFFSHORE DERBIES

Heaviest Fish will be 1st and 2nd Place

All Derbies Leave and Return from Debs. Jones. Fire Island

Thresher Heaviest Spring Fall

Any Non Tuna/Shark

Heaviest

Any species non Shark/Tuna

BlueFin

Heaviest Non Bait Full Season - Heaviest Recreational Heaviest non bait (e.g. popper/jig)

YellowFin

Heaviest Summer Fall

Non Bait

Heaviest non bait (e.g. popper/jig)

Mahi

Heaviest over 10# Heaviest over 14#

False Albicore

Heaviest over 6#

Green Bonito

Heaviest over 4#

Fishing Committee

The updated Derby program with much increased payouts is outlined in this issue (see left). The success of these changes will be monitored and evaluated at the end of the season. We are encouraging all members to submit your weigh slips! The Annual Awards are also being updated and should be approved by the BoD this month.

The Fall Measure & Release Calcutta results were presented by Doug Toback and Chris Lombardo at the January GM (thank guys!). The results are as follows:

- 47 FTC members entered
- 65 qualified submitted fish
- Early Entry prize won by Bob Pandy (Tony Maja Spoon)
- Submittal prize won by Frank Cefai (rod & reel donated by Capitol Tackle)
- All the cash for a 45.47 inch Striped Bass submitted by Andy Hepworth caught on the *Constant Struggle* captained by member Don Neubauer. Nice work boys!

Following the success of our Striped Bass Calcutta, we will be hosting a variety of calcuttas throughout the 2023 fishing season. In addition to Measure and Release we will host weight based calcuttas as well. To encourage more participation, we will be adding a digital scale at the property which can be used by all members. Of course traditional FTC weigh station slips will be eligible as well. Stay tuned for more information on this.

Tight lines and calm seas,

Bruce C. Forster f/v Oh Yeah 516-443-4680



Annual Awards 2022 Season Draft Results

#1 Stephen L. Vanderveer Trophy Bowl Not AwardedAngler catching the largest Tuna over 100lb sailing out of Jones Inlet.

#2 Stephen Radi Sr. Memorial Trophy Not AwardedAngler catching the largest Bigeye Tuna sailing from Jones Inlet.

#3 Walter F. O'Malley Trophy Not AwardedMember catching the heaviest Tuna from any port except Freeport L.I.

#4 Bob Trapani Memorial Trophy

Member catching the heaviest fish from any port except Shark.

Charles McNulty (87 lb. Cobia) Northeastern

#5 Fred W. Hollander Memorial Trophy Not Awarded *Member catching the heaviest billed fish anywhere.*

#6 Jack R. Neidorf Trophy (*24hr.)

First Tuna of the season sailing from and returning to Jones Inlet. TBA

#7 Jack R. Bode Ladies Trophy Not AwardedAwarded to the lady member catching the largest Tuna.

#8 Ada Berlin Memorial Trophy

Lady angler catching the largest species of any fish from any L.I. Port.

Lauren King (23.13 lb. Cobia) Kingfisher

#9 Henry Von Elm Inc. Trophy Not AwardedAngler catching the largest Tuna during any IGFA Tournament.

#10 John J. Miles Trophy Captain of the Year TBA

#11 Mel Elderd Not Awarded Member catching the largest Tuna of the season in the Babylon/FTC Shootout.

#12 Philip Ehrhart Memorial Trophy Not Awarded (*24 hr.) Largest Bluefin caught sailing from Jones, Debs or Fire Island.

#13 Guy Lombardo Trophy (*24 hr.) Angler catching the largest Tuna under 100 lbs. sailing from Jones Inlet. **TBA**

#14 Freeport Marine Trophy *Greatest weight fish per pound line sailing from any L.I. Port.* **Steve Bassford (16.6lb. Bluefish/20lb. test)** *The Wet Bandit*

#15 Harry Peters Memorial TrophyAngler catching the largest fish out of any L.I. Port.

Steve Bassford (335.9 lb. Thresher Shark) Bassman

#16 Harry Peters Memorial Trophy

Captain's Award for the largest Shark caught out of any L.I. Port.

Steve Bassford (335.9 lb. Thresher Shark) Bassman

#17 Harry Berns Memorial Trophy Not AwardedCaptain whose boat tags the most amount of Tuna.

#18 George Beitterick Memorial Trophy (24 hr.)
Angler catching the largest Bluefish sailing from Jones Inlet.
Chris Bellinzoni (9.75 lb.) Kismet Jo

#19 Fred Miranda Not Awarded

Awarded to the person who tags the most Marlin.

#20 Marsden B. Candler Memorial TrophyAngler largest Striped Bass on any boat sailing from any L.I. Port. **Philip Saccio (23.4)** Mrs. Avery

#21 Jack Bode Ladies Memorial TrophyLady Angler for the most outstanding catch north of Cape Hatteras. **Lauren King (23.13 lb. Cobia)**

#22 Harry Schwarze Not Awarded Captains Award for the most Tuna caught during the Babylon /FTC Shootout.

#23 Marine Center, Inc Trophy Not Awarded Captains Award for the boat catching the heaviest billed fish.

#24 Mako Marine Inc, Trophy Not AwardedAngler catching the heaviest Mako of the season.

#25 Lawrence Festa Memorial Trophy Not Awarded (*24 hr.) Captain catching the first Mako of the season from Jones Inlet.

#26 Norb Schlichtig Memorial Trophy Member outstanding service. TBA #27 Tim Kryscuk Memorial Trophy Not Awarded Lady Member catching the largest Bluefish of the season. #28 Joe King Sr. Memorial Trophy (*24 hr.) Largest Dolphin sailing from Jones, Fire Island or Debs Inlet. TBA

#29 John Shiel Spinning Tackle Trophy
Most outstanding catch caught on spinning tackle using 2-12 lb line.
Henry Dam (10.45 lb. Bluefish) Chris Craft 10lb. test

Paul Grippo Memorial Equalizer Trophy Fluke Children's Award for largest Fluke (12 and under).

#30 Global Not Awarded

#31 West Not Awarded

Paul Grippo Memorial Equalizer Trophy Bluefish Children's Award for largest Bluefish (12 and under).

#32 Global Not Awarded

#33 West Not Awarded

#34 Ed Keneske Jr. Memorial TrophyAwarded for outstanding service by a board member. **TBA**

#35 Benjamin Mikoleski Memorial Not Awarded
Awarded to the member catching the largest Winter Flounder of the year.
#36 Bob Neuman Aventura II Memorial Trophy
Largest Winter Flounder caught by a child or grandchild. Not Awarded
#37 Jack Kennedy Memorial Captains Award
Largest Tuna. TBA

#38 Jack Kennedy Memorial Captains Award (*24 hr.)
Largest Striped Bass. Philip Saccio (23.4 lb.) Mrs. Avery

#39 Jack Kennedy Memorial Captains Award (*24 hr.) Largest Bluefish. Henry Dam (10.45 lb.) Chris Craft

Ed Schuh Memorial Angler Awards Jones, Debs, Fire Island Cod, Weakfish, Blackfish, Seabass & Fluke.

#40 Cod Gabe Gomez (15.33 lb.) Cora Marie

#41 Weakfish Greg Magnifico (7.25 lb.) Everything Zen

#42 Blackfish Pete Groner (7.1 lb.) Endless Summer II

#43 Seabass Mike Zullo (3.8 lb.) Magic Too

#44 Fluke Steve Valenti (7.9 lb.) Kismet Jo

Jigsy Silber Memorial Global Anglers Award Cod, Weakfish, Blackfish, Seabass & Fluke.

#45 Cod Gabe Gomez (15.33 lb.) Cora Marie

#46 Weakfish Greg Magnifico (7.25 lb.) Everything Zen

#47 Blackfish Ken Donowski (8.38 lb.) Brooklyn Girl

#48 Seabass James McGarrity (3.98 lb.) King Cod

#49 Fluke Mike Sullivan (13.2 lb.) Inky

#50 Ed Swanson Memorial Angler of the Year *Member obtaining the most points for twelve different species.* **TBA**

#51 John V. Festa Memorial Tagging Award *Member who tags the most game fish of the season.* **Chris Bellinzoni (247 tags)**

#52 Barry Simon Captains Award

Awarded to the member captain, most points achieved for Seabass, Codfish & Blackfish sailing from Debs to Fire Island Inlet. **TBA**

#53 Anthony Testa Sr. Memorial Award Angler, largest Fluke Jones Inlet Steve Valenti (7.9 lb.) Kismet Jo

There are also 4 new club records recorded this year.

COBIA 87.0 lb. Charles McNulty Freeport. NY PERMIT 21.3 lb. Jim Krug Key West FL BLUEFIN TREVALLY 15.7 lb. Bob Pandy Panama ROCK SNAPPER 9.21 lb. Bob Pandy Panama

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