

Tuna Tower News

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NEXT GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, February 9th at 8:00 pm

**Cure of Ars Church School Auditorium
Merrick Ave., Merrick**

(South of Sunrise Highway between Sunrise Hwy. & Merrick Road)

♥ ♥ **HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!** ♥ ♥

NEXT GM - MARINE BIOLOGIST FROM THE RIVERHEAD FOUNDATION

***WILL TALK ABOUT RESCUE EFFORTS & REHAB OF MAMMALS AND TURTLES
FROM OUR FISHING AREA.***

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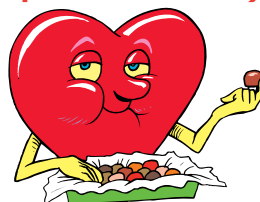
***Bring your family. This will be an entertaining and interesting interactive live
and multimedia presentation.***

President's Message

Jim Rooney

As we leave the holidays behind us, our yearly club business is off and running in a positive direction. First, is the New York Sports Fishing Federation Show at the Freeport Recreation Center which will be on Friday February 10, 11 and closing February 12. Scott Schafer has once again volunteered to coordinate the FTC booth at the show. Scott will be scheduling the times and dates of the volunteers to man the booth at the February 9 GM. If you can help out, please see Scott, all help is appreciated. Next on the club agenda, is the March GM Awards Night. Larry Festa and the awards committee have notified me that all our annual awards will be given out this year. This is a special time for all members and Larry and his committee work very hard to make this club event the best any club could offer. We also have our Annual Club Cod Fishing Trip; Harry

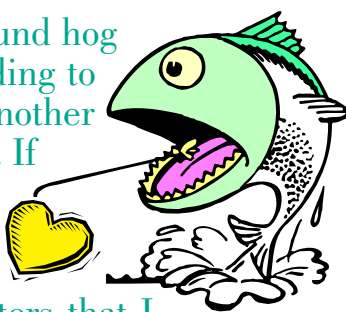
Weinblatt has put together another great trip for the club. Harry has booked a larger boat than last year to accommodate a few more club members, so see Harry to reserve your space early. This is a trip not to be missed. Hank Jenet has Fishing Clinics set up for the upcoming year; starting with our own Paul Hilton on bottom fishing, February 23 at the club house. All these club events are run by club members willing to participate to make this club the best. At the February GM, the committee volunteer board will be displayed. Please, take a moment and consider joining a committee; lend a hand participation is the key to a great club experience.



**James Rooney
President**

FISHING BULLETIN

The other day the ground hog saw his shadow, according to that myth we have another six weeks of winter left. If what we have had is winter so far let it continue. This has been one of the mildest winters that I can remember in a quite sometime.



On the local fishing front the only reports I have gotten have been from Paul Hilton aboard his Emily S and Capt. Jim Krug aboard his Persuader II. Both have reported an excellent catch of quality fish during a recent outing. Paul Hilton was at 17 Fathoms and limited out with half of his catch between 7-9lbs. Capt Jim Krug received a call from Paul and jumped on his numbers when Paul pulled his hooks, Team Persuader then proceeded to catch monster tog as well with Capt. Jim catching four in a row with three of them over the 10 lb. mark, the largest was 10.8 lbs. That is what I call teamwork and camaraderie at its best. Great job guys.

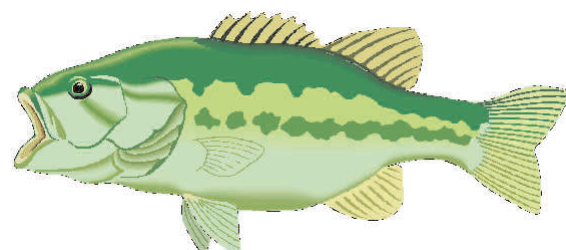
From the east end I have heard that the cod fishing has gotten off to a slow start. However

there are good signs and all are very optimistic about the upcoming spring run.

Now the final word is in for our Annual Offshore Codfish Trip. The dates are set for a departure on the evening of Friday April 21 and returning on Sunday evening April 23. We will be sailing aboard the Viking Starship this year. The fare for this much-awaited event is \$ 235.00 per person. If you are thinking about joining us you should sign up now, as the trip will be limited to 40 anglers. If you have been on board for the last two years then you know what it is all about. I will be collecting payment in full at the upcoming GM so please see me.

Sincerely,

Captain Harry Weinblatt
F/V Blue Marlin



PROPERTY

An inside slip is available at the property.
Anyone interested should contact Mike Sullivan.

MEMBERSHIP

Please join the club in honoring its three new life time members: Ronnie DeLuca, Hank Lunde and Jim Altschul. They are invited to receive their life time membership certificate at the February GM.



GOOD & WELFARE

Congratulations to George Sinerco on the birth of his 3rd grandson, Cole William.

Our condolences to the friends and family of Jiggy Silber who recently passed.

FINANCE

Membership dues were payable as of January 1st. Please take a moment to send in your dues, if you have not already paid.

CLUB AWARDS & DERBY DATES

Capt. Lawrence J. Festa F/V Kristen

FEBRUARY 2006 DERBY, AWARDS & CONTEST REPORT

Awards Chairman: Captain Lawrence J. Festa

Committee Team: Captain Michael Zullo, Mary Ellen Zullo,
Captain Chris Squeri, Joseph Jahn

The following derbies are closed winners will be awarded at the Feb. GM:

COD FISH (10 lbs.).....October 1st ~ December 18th

1ST Place: Captain Joseph Fanora.....11.25 lbs. F/V APHIS

SORRY 1ST PLACE ONLY

Currently there are no derbies in progress. However thanks to our very proactive Website Chairman Bill Morrogh our 2006 Derby Dates are already posted. Derbies will be starting up as follows;

CODFISH

March 25th - May 7th:

FLOUNDER

April 1st - May 14th

BLACKFISH

April 15th - May 21st

Even without derbies in progress our club keeps the prizes coming. Our March GM will be awarding over fifty, that's right over 50 awards and club records.....WOW! Awards night will be one to remember as we set the record with the largest amount of club prizes ever given out.

Our attached insert lists all of our club award winners. Our new club record holders are as follows:

Club Records

Captain John Jutt.....7.0 Seabass
James Counts.....13.52 WreckFish
Jim Krug.....17.75 Monk Fish
Dennis Cataldo.....274.5 Bull Shark
Taylor Krug17.5 Bluefin Tuna
Bobby Krug.....19.0 Bluefun Tuna

In addition to our club awards we will be awarding FTC Club Junior Anglers Medals to all children. In closing our New Year Book list all of our current awards for 2006. We will be Global in award prizes! So as our great club grows so does our clubs recognition to all of our members who compete in the greats family sport in the world.....

FISHING via FTC Style!



Support Our Troops Department: You can help support our brave troops that are far away from home during the holidays. Steer your browser over to the USO (United Service Organizations) web site at www.USO.org.

A nonprofit, congressionally chartered, private organization, the USO relies on our generosity to deliver its special brand of comfort, morale and recreational services to service members and their families. Stop on by and spread some fishing photos, or just enter a supportive message to the troops. We wish our troops a speedy return to their homes, their families, and their fishing poles.

Even better... Would you like to be available to take some troops on leave fishing? If so send by email your email, name and telephone number to USO@thebermans.com howard will put you on his volunteer list to take up to four service men / women out for an inshore or offshore trip. These are people who are given leave while here in the New York City area. Most of the time you will be asked to pick them up and drop them off at the Long Island Rail Road Station as they don't have transportation while on leave.

FREEPORT TUNA CLUB MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO THE CANYON RUNNER, SPORTS CHARTERS

The Ultimate Offshore Tuna & Marlin Seminar" on March 11, at the Huntington Hilton in Melville NY. Learn successful fishing techniques from the crew of the Canyon Runner, and hear the tips and details that can lead to a gang buster offshore fishing day. This information packed 8 hour seminar will feature hours of Q&A, instruction, and hands on break-out sessions with how to chunk, rig ballyhoo, and troll lures more professionally. Receive the Canyon Runners log book, and loran numbers for all of their big catches plus a 200 page handout with all Canyon Runner how-to-articles. You won't want to miss this seminar. Over \$5000 in door prizes. Regular ticket \$95; FTC members \$75 pp for 10 or more members. Bring a check or cash to the GM Feb 16 to reserve and receive this FTC discount. Also receive a free spreader bag with purchase of 3 bars, and a FREE spreader bar with the purchase of 5 bars! Contact Jeff "bigmahi" at the Club, or call 516-425-4645

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