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NEXT GM

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 14th, 2008 • 8:00 PM

CURE OF ARS AUDITORIUM

MERRICK AVENUE • MERRICK

(between Sunrise Highway and Merrick Road)

GUEST SPEAKER LOU SIEGEL

Science Coordinator for the South Shore Estuary Reserve Office and an adjunct professor at Dowing College in the Department of Earth and Marine Sciences. You may see Lou kayaking and fishing the Great South Bay when not involved in teaching Shipboard Marine Science working or with young people in cleaning the environment.

TOPIC:

"Ecology of the South Shore Estuary- A look at the fascinating fish and the animals of the South Shore Bays upon which they depend."

President's Message

Ed Faza

It's February? Thanks to Mother Nature for giving us some lovely weather. The bulkhead project is moving along at a phenomenal pace. There are pictures inside for anyone who has not had a chance to drive by and check it out. The Freeport Tuna Club has to extend its gratitude to members Tom Bogue and Bill Toohey for helping the club obtain financing for this project. I would also like to thank member Dave Denenberg for presiding over our swearing in of new board officials.

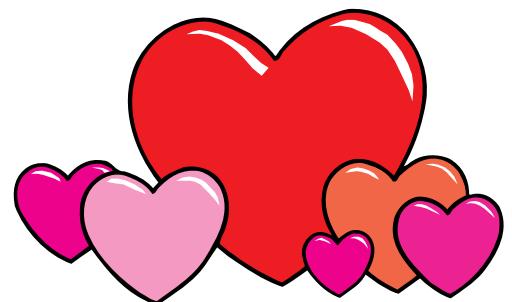
The club Calendar has been updated and should be completed as the dates for special events come in. Meanwhile, don't miss out on the big game dinner on the 21st or the Capt Angler's Striped bass clinic on the 28th. We will have a booth setup at the she Sportfishing Federation show being held in the Freeport Recreation Center on the 15th, 16th, and 17th. Capt Larry and Capt Harry will be speaking, so come down and show your support. The highly anticipated in shore/off shore results will be revealed at our GM on the 14th and the trophies will be handed out to the winners. Capt Harry has started col-

lecting deposits for the annual cod trip in April. All these events should help the rest of winter fly by. It will be flounder season soon.

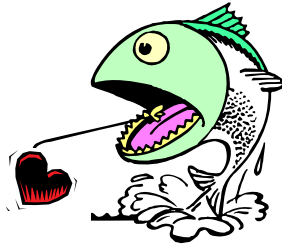
For those of you that forgot, here's your reminder to renew your membership, send in your dues. Anyone who wants to be put on the waiting list for dockages at our new marina, please see Mike Sullivan.



Regards,
Ed



FISHING BULLETIN



Captain Harry Weinblatt
F/V Blue Marlin

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 been experiencing so far to date is considered winter, let it continue. This has been one of the mildest winters that I can remember in the last several years. The favorable weather has also lent a very helping hand to the dock builders who are feverishly working at the club property on our new bulkhead.

On the local fishing front, I am excited to report that, I have been receiving reports from our local cod fishery, that is correct local cod. The last good cod season we have had out of our local inlet according to my log was during the winter of 1996. If you remember correctly and were listening attentively during the October GM, our guest speaker that evening Captain Al Lindroth, predicted that we would have a good cod season this year.

He based that on information he had heard regarding Caplin or Ocean Smelt. The report was that those baitfish stocks were in good health and his prediction was right on the money. There is something to be said about having years of experience and he is a testament to that. The first captain to get in on the action was Paul Hilton aboard his Emily S, accompanied by Don Granger all they needed was a few hours to put a twenty plus fish catch together. Later that week he did a repeat performance accompanied by Bob Hindenlang and Joe Fanora, they kept a total of thirty fish releasing as many. Capt. Jim Krug aboard his Persuader II also got in on the action, fishing inshore pieces he and his crew kept a total of fifteen fish. This past weekend Capt. John Jutt sailed his vessel in glass like conditions, accompanied by Don Granger once again, they boated a respectable nineteen fish. These fish are all school sized, with the largest reported short of the ten pound mark. Blackfish to five and six pounds as well as Mud Hake or Ling have also been caught on the same grounds.

From the east end I have heard that the cod fishing has gotten off to a fairly decent start. There are good signs to date and everyone I have spoken to is 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 11 and returning on Sunday evening April 13. We will be sailing aboard the Viking Starship this year. The fare for this much-awaited event is \$ 275.00 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 any of the last several 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

FEBRUARY 2008 DERBY, AWARDS & CONTEST REPORT

Awards Chairman: Capt. Bill Morrogh
Committee Team: Capt. Michael Zullo, Mary Ellen Zullo,
Capt. Chris Squeri, Joseph Jahn & Capt. Lawrence Festa

The 2008 Derby dates have been set and are available on the club website @ www.ftcfishing.com . Go to the Derbies page to check it out.

If you're curious about past winners of Derbies and Annual Awards it's all on the website. We have Derby history going back to 2002 and annual awards info going back to 2000.

We also have a page on the website for fishing reports. Its password protected, if you need the password see me at any club function.

Special notice: If you're holding a stack of weigh slips with Mike Zullo's old address you'll need to switch over to new weigh slips which will be available soon. We'll keep everyone informed and will restock our official weigh stations.

P.S. Mark your calendars, don't miss the Annual Awards Night at the March GM (3/13/08)!

SPECIAL CLINICS

Bass plugging clinic given by Al Cassiano and Jimmy Counts on Thursday February 28th at the Tree house sports café 1833 Sunrise Hwy Merrick. Clinic starts at 7:30 and a \$15.00 admission (includes BEER, wine and soda) beat cabin fever and come on down.

NY SPORTFISHING FEDERATION SHOW FEB. 15,16, & 17TH AT THE FREEPORT REC CENTER

OUR ANNUAL FUND RAISER RAFFLE
PRIZE IS A CUSTOM CHAOS ROD WITH A SHIMANO
TEKOTA REEL. TICKETS ARE 3 FOR \$5
OR 7 FOR \$10 WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THIS MONTHS
G/M. IF YOU ARE NOT ATTENDING
THE SHOW...DRAWING IS ON SUNDAY
FEB. 18TH AT 3 PM AT THE FTC BOOTH.

COMMITTEE HEADS

HOUSE-WOODY ANDERSON/DON MORIN
NY SPORTSFISHING SHOW
BOB BENZENBERG - BOB PANDY -
DENNIS CATALDO

**2008
NEW YORK SPORTSFISHING FEDERATION
FISHING CONTEST**

REQUIREMENTS:

1. You must be a member. (\$20 at the show)
2. You must be 18 years or older.
3. You must admit \$20 per contest. (At the show)
4. Fish must be caught in New York City or Long Island waters ONLY.
5. Weigh in slips are provided to use with the weigh in at a local tackle shop. Tackle shop employee will sign as weigh in master. The slips will be due with in two weeks of closing date. A call will be made to the angler and weigh in master to confirm to the fishes weigh in.

THERE ARE 4 CONTESTS:

- 1st Contest: May through June – **LARGEST STRIP BASS ONLY**
- 2nd Contest: July through August – **LARGEST FLUKE ONLY**
- 3rd Contest: September through October – **LARGEST BLUEFISH ONLY**
- 4th Contest: October through November – **LARGEST BLACKFISH ONLY**

FIRST PRIZE:

For Contests # 2 & 4: Cabo San Lucas, Mexico – 4 Day stay at hotel, 4 days fishing also includes air fair and ground transportation.

For Contests # 1 & 3: Marathon in the Florida Keys - 4 Day stay at hotel, 4 days fishing also includes air fair and ground transportation.

THERE WILL BE 10 PRIZES FOR EACH CONTEST AND A TROPHY.

- Each contest ends at the end of each month.
- Children under 18 of members are automatically entered in a special children's division for FREE. Children are eligible to win trophies and fishing tackle.

FOR CHILDREN: You simply send in your child's weigh in slips with their name and yours and their date of birth. Special awards night one week before the Super Bowl in 2009. Soon you will be able to sign up online at our web sight but not just yet!

**NOREAST.COM DISCUSSION
BOARDS REEL INFO**

Our seminar sponsor, Noreast has lots of great discussion boards ranging from offshore, surfcasting, to fishjng management and a Shimano Product support Boat. It seems there is a pretty good split among offshore guys when it comes to supporters of Penn or /shimano. Regardless of your feelings, both companies make great gear. If you have Shimano questions, and seek answers to many common inquiries youi may want to check out this site and goto http://www.noreast.com/discussion/TopicList.cfm?forum_ID=41rd This other discussion board has lots of info on "Reel Maintenance and Repairs" on Penns and other brands, goto http://www.noreast.com/discussion/TopicList.cfm?forum_ID=30 While there you'll find lots of other excellent boards and information to keep you busy during the indoor fishing months.

**INSHORE & OFFSHORE
GRAND SLAM CHALLENGE**

We would like to extend a sincere thank you to the following sponsors:

**INSHORE TROPHY
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**OFFSHORE TROPHY
WOODCLEFT FISHING STATION
RICH ROSENKRANZ**

Also J & H tackle, Oakdale, Shark Hunter Dave Massa, West Marine Joe Martin, Chris Squeri assorted tackle, Remington Arms, Sea Mar Tackle Fin Strike, Terrafin soft Ware. Along with our working crew of Dan Carroll, Bill and Theresa Morrogh and Sean Libby.

**AND TO ALL THOSE FTC MEMBERS WHO ENTERED THE CHALLENGE.
Bob Benzenberg and Dave Massa**

GOOD & WELFARE

Mary Berman, Howard's Wife is on her way to a speedy recovery from minor surgery. We wish her well. Our condolences to Don Morin on the passing of his brother on Jan. 18, 2007.

SPECIAL THANKS

Thank You to all the generous members who donated to our troops. I also thank Bill Hines for purchasing, packing and sending 28 boxes of goods to our troops over seas. These items will make their lives a little more comfortable while they protect our country .

Jim Rooney

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**FTC 2ND ANNUAL WILD
GAME DINNER**

**Thursday, February 21st
7:00 pm**

**VFW HALL
2400 Bedford Avenue
Bellmore, NY**

Come join your fellow FTC members that not only fish, but hunt, for a night enjoying wild game at its finest. Limited seating available. \$30.00 per person in advance. \$40.00 at the door, providing we don't exceed the occupancy. Guest speakers from DUCKS UNLIMITED NATIONAL WILD TURKEY FEDERATION NEW YORK BOWHUNTERS. Great Raffle prizes. Big Game Mounts Outfitters information See Bob Benzenberg or Dave Massa for tickets.

CLASSIFIED:

1998 Hydro Sport CC, Mint condition, 175 Ocean Pro Evinrude. New Powerhead & Block in 2000, Bimi Top, very low Hrs, many extras Asking \$10,000. Call George H-561-2662 C-860-8743

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2. Four Shimano 50 TLD II- 2 speed 50 pound class graphite reels, spooled with 80 pound Momoi Blue diamond line, exc working condition, professionally maintained. - \$325 each
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4 Penn 50sw Internationals - great shape - \$375 each
4 Penn 80 Internationals - very good shape - \$375 each
All reels been serviced last year. Contact Chris: 516-523-3444

2001 Pursuit 3000 Express. Twin 300 Mercruiser inboards, 300hrs. Hard-top & canvas. Sleeps 4. Electronics, head/shower, fridge, microwave, stove, AC/Heat. Mint Condition. Asking \$99,000. At FTC for viewing. Call Rich H: 631-543-3866 C: 516-641-0740.

Wanted 25 hp outboard long shaft with tiller. Call Joe, 516-851-8762

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