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President's Message

Dear Members,

Happy Valentines,

I'd like to start by thanking County Legislator and club member Dave Denenberg for swearing in the 2013 board of Directors at our January meeting. I would also like to thank club historians Bob Sabella and Chris Squeri for opening up our January GM with a great presentation about our club's history.

As of this writing the new shed has been installed on the property and the clubhouse contents have been transferred to the shed. Work has begun on rebuilding the interior of the clubhouse!

In years past our general meetings attendance averaged 80 to 100 members each month. In 2012 we averaged 56 members. Every month we loose revenue because we do not have enough attendance from the membership. Ideally the cost of the hall, food and raffles would pay for themselves, but when fewer people attend each month, we are loosing funds that we do not have. We need the GM's to become self sustaining, so please support your club by attending the meetings each month and buying raffle tickets. If you could do that it would be a big help. This month the door prize will be \$100 plus \$25 in raffle tickets and you have to be in attendance to win. The last members names that were drawn were not present. You have to be in it to win it !

On a financial note in 2006 our property taxes were in the \$37,000 range. At that time the property was self sufficient. The taxes have been continually increasing over the years, and in 2012 they were approx. \$52,000 This is a major increase. Between the bulkhead, floating docks and property rebuild that we did in 2009, and our current taxes, our expenses drastically exceed our income. Our Board of Directors are presently looking into our assessments and trying to find ways to address our tax issues.

The month of February brings us to the New York Sportfishing Federation Show and Auction at the Freeport Recreation Center. I spoke to Jim Hutchinson who is the Executive Director of the RFA and he said,

because of Hurricane Sandy, FEMA is occupying the building and the show will be put off until a later date.

Don't forget about our annual awards at our March general meeting. There are 53 Annual Awards handed out each year, maybe you'll be lucky to receive one. You might have to fish harder this year if you didn't. Bill Morrogh has received the last of the weigh slips and is furiously carving out the plaques in stone.

I'd like to thank Ray Geiger for stepping up and becoming a board member. Ray has already volunteered to be the committee chairman for entertainment. I would also like to thank Alan Evelyn for accepting the seat on the board of directors that became available due to my advancement to President. Alan has also volunteered to be a committee chairman for our open and in house fishing clinics. These two dedicated members are a great asset in bringing new and innovative ideas to the FTC.

Congratulations are in order for our two newest lifetime members Jeff Squeri and Richard Wong. It's not very easy to become a lifetime member. You have to be a consistent member for 25 years "that's easy" but you also have to be 65 years old now that's "impressive!" Thank you for your years of dedication to the Freeport Tuna Club.

Valentine's Day is quickly approaching and our General Meeting just happens to be on Feb. 14th, so when you attend the meeting, bring your sweetheart with you for some valentine goodies.

When you fish for love, bait with your heart, not with your brain.

~ Mark Twain

~ President 2013 ~ Bob Pandy



FISHING REPORT

Sandy has come & gone...our days are getting longer and pretty soon we will be back in full swing. On the fishing scene this is what is going on for the FTC anglers:

Off Shore/Inshore Reports:

Currently the offshore wrecks are holding plenty of quality jumbo Seabass & Cod. You need to run deep to hit the mother load. As of the 3rd week in January the target areas for these jumbos are the Virginia Wreck Area and beyond into 180 feet of water. Captain Nick Nero F/V "La Dolce Vita" did a twenty mile trip the weekend of January 12th the 20 mile wrecks with a report of many Dog Fish & a few Cod.

The better inshore wreck action seems to be targeting Blackfish. Board Member Tim Sherman reported a "Lock & Load" Tog trip on the COD Father. The crew fished the northeast end of 17 fathoms with 55 keeper Tog up to 9 lbs. Tim AKA "Hands of Stone" however did not win the pool.

Our following weekend of January 19th left everyone tie to the dock due to very Gale force Southwesterly winds. On land it was a balmy 48-50 degree weekend.

Vacation Front:

Some Anglers like Jim Rooney head south for a vacation & some fishing fun.

In Aruba during mid January Jim reported great offshore:

"We Fished the north side of Aruba on Fri. 18th Jan with Paul Dorta on the F/V Melfna. A 29 Ft. Chris Craft Lines off the dock at 7am Line in the water at 7:20 am First fish landed at 7:50 am. A nice 30 Lbs class Wahoo boated before marauding sharks could steel our catch. fishing was consistent in 6 to 8 ft seas. Paul Dorta Hand lined our last Wahoo at 10:15 in 12 to 14 ft seas and back at the dock by 10:40 for early happy hour. total fish count 2 - 30 lbs Wahoo , 1 -20 lbs. Wahoo, 3 black tuna, 1 Barracuda and 2 unknown to the sharks. Great day fishing in a few hours with a excellent feast of fresh Wahoo on the grill."

Our Future:

Last month I mention that our Shark fishery maybe under attack for recreational angler as view in the press release:

http://www.washingtonpost.com/national/health-science/noaa-to-impose-new-limits-on-shark-fishing/2012/11/16/822fd196-2f3c-11e2-a30e-5ca76e6ec857_story.html

Still on a sharking note here is a great link to view on Great White Shark Tagging:

This web site tracks whites implanted with satellite tracking devices.

(<http://sharks-ocearch.verite.com/>)

Go to this link, zoom in on Long Island, Go to the filters , hit tracking activity select 72 hours, hit update, the shark is named mary lee (you can select from the list)

This greatwhite just came up the coast, pretty close inshore too. Capt Joe of the King Cod reported a lot of whales and bait in this area.

Pretty cool and who knew a white would be here now ??

Well.....I it looks like Cod are next on the radar. I received this press release http://www.nefmc.org/press/press_rel...20Release2.pdf today from the New England Fisheries Management Council regarding the latest cod assessment. Not good news at all for both the Gulf of Maine fishery and the Georges Bank fishery. Those cod fish off of Block Island and Montauk fall under this category. It looks like serious reductions for the next three years. I am sure our areas will be falling right in line.

The bottom line would be a two fish per angler bag limit.

Events:

For those of us still looking at fishing and boating events we have the following coming up this month:

The Atlantic City Boat Show from February 6th ~ 10th
www.acboatshow.com

NY Sportfishing Federation Forum & Auction from February 15th ~ 17th
<http://nysf.org/forum-auction/> **POSTPONED DETAILS TO FOLLOW**

The Atlantic City Outdoor Sportsman Show from March 7th ~ 10th
<http://www.acsportshow.com/>

Nassau Coliseum Boat Show February 8th ~ 10th
<http://www.nyboatshows.com/>

On a final note here is a great link on rough water boat running....WOW!!!
Click here: [Incredible video - fishing boats in rough sea - YouTube](#)

REMEMBER! If you want to shark or tuna fish as in years past you will need your NMFS Permit for 2013:

<http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/permits.htm>
<https://hmspermits.noaa.gov/PermitList.asp>

Montauk Reports:

That about wraps it up this report. If you had a good catch drop the Awards & Contest Committee a line we would to here about it and share it with our membership. E-Mail: captainlarry84@aol.com

~ Tight Lines

Captain Larry/F/V "Kristen"

ANNUAL OFFSHORE COD TRIP MAY 3 - 5, 2013

This is the fourteenth year that the Freeport Tuna Club will be running its spring time fishing extravaganza. We will be sailing aboard the Viking Starship departing from Montauk once again. In past years we have traditionally fished off the coast of Massachusetts at the Stellwagon National Marine Sanctuary for Cod, Pollack, Haddock, Wolfish and other mixed species. Impending regulations could derail fishing in that area. We are planning on heading offshore south of Montauk to some of Capt. Steven Foresberg's secret wrecks which he is saving for our trip. We will be targeting Cod, Hake, Pollack and other species on day one. On day two we will hit some offshore wrecks off the coast of Nantucket, returning to Montauk late Sunday evening. If the weather is not conducive for the offshore trip and the impending regulations are not enacted upon then we will head back up to Stellwagon Bank and enjoy the traditional fishery which has not disappointed us in the past. The fare for this year's trip is \$ 320.00 and will be strictly limited to 35 anglers. I will be collecting payment in full at the upcoming General Meeting which is scheduled for February 14th 2013.

Please see Harry Weinblatt at the GM if you're interested in this year's trip or contact me by telephone 516-351-7223.

Sincerely,

Captain Harry Weinblatt

F/V Blue Marlin

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ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS- THIS IS THE DEAL OF A LIFETIME

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If you or a friend has been thinking of docking at the Freeport Tuna Club now is the time to act. The Club's marina survived Sandy with minimal damage and will be fully operational for the coming fishing season. The marina is one of the most attractive deals in town. Jones Inlet is just 3 miles away. Boat owners can drive their car right to their boat and perform their own work, use one of the local yards catering to the club or use a mechanic of their choice. They can also keep a dock box and a freezer to store bait close by, all behind an automatic locking gate securing a clean fully fenced in and lighted yard. Plus boat owners have the added knowledge that fellow club members are available to share fishing knowledge and to look out for their boat. Ask about specials for new boat owners.

Contact Don Granger (516-826-4213) for details.

CATCH OF THE MONTH

DOLCE VITA BACALA



Below Pete Cefai is shown with the 10 lb. cod he caught while fishing on Nick Nero's 25' Parker the Dolce Vita ("Sweet Life"). Cod fishing was slow that day near the twenty fathom curve but they released some nice blackfish and kept a few of the larger bergalls for the table.

Current NY State regulations for cod have a size limit of 22 inches, open all year, and a 10 fish per angler bag limit. Anglers on Party or Charter boats may retain any number of cod. These same limits also apply in Federal Waters outside of the Gulf of Maine (GOM) Restricted Mesh Area (RMA).

Send in those pictures !

For bragging rights, please email me at philton@optonline.net or text me at (516) 721-8907 to be considered for "Catch of the Month" by the bulletin committee.

Include a picture and some catch details. Thanks to all who submitted entries this Month and please keep them coming.

Wow !

~ Paul Hilton / Emily S.

February 2013 Derby Awards & Contests Report

*Awards Chairman: Captain Bill Morrogh
Committee Team: Captain Larry Festa,
Captian Michael Zullo*

You'll find an insert in this issue listing our 2012 Annual Awards winners. The committee worked long and hard to compile the list of winners and identify the candidates for the discretionary awards. Please look over the winners. If you have a problem or see an error please contact Bill Morrogh at the February GM or call @ (516) 781-4667. I hope that everyone will make an effort to attend the March GM where we will recognize all these deserving anglers!

The committee is currently working on the 2013 Derby dates. We will post them on our website ASAP. We will list the Blackfish dates as TBD until the season is clearly defined.

The committee would like to wish everyone a safe and productive 2013 Derby season. Let's get those weigh slips in on time!

~ Bill Morrogh

MEMBERSHIP

Sponsor a new club member and receive a \$100 credit toward your next year's membership dues. (not to be combined with the Property offer).

Membership renewal is due. If you haven't received a renewal, contact FTC1937@verizon.net. If you haven't renewed, please do so now.

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