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President's Message

Hello Everyone,

I would like to thank Robert Kennedy, Mayor of Freeport for coming down and swearing in myself and my officers. I would also like thank Dave Denenberg for inviting Michael Reed from State Senator's John Brooks Office. Special thanks to John Rooney for filling in for Paul Cunningham who is feeling better and we are all looking forward to seeing him at the next GM. Also my good buddy and expert deep sea salvage diver Mr. Charles Goldstein for his help in selling raffle tickets, as well as all the members who attended my first GM as President. We are already into the second month of the new year. With the weather being mild so far, many of our members are still actively fishing. Bob Pandy has gone Cod fishing, Gene Schettini, Kenny Kapner, and Ken Donowski recently came back from a black fish trip down in Ocean City, Maryland. Remember if you have any fishing reports or pictures please contact Paul Hilton.

Now it is time to roll up my sleeves and get to work. To all of you who filled out the Survey that was given out at last month's GM, thank you. If you did not receive one and would like one they will be available at this month's GM. You can also access and fill the survey out online at https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/F5HMC66. Thanks to Theresa and Bill Morrough. This is just another example why our club has been around for 80 years. Our Members constantly step up with new ideas... Speaking of new ideas based on the survey that was handed out at last month's GM. I am very happy to announce that the club will be proceeding full speed ahead with the following New Events for 2017: A Clam Bake at the Property, An 80th Anniversary Diner at the Yacht Club, A Memorial Day and Veterans' Day Breakfast at the Property inviting our Wounded Warriors and their Families (If you are interested in taking our Wounded Warriors Fishing, please let me know), Adding a Second Plague next to the current one, and Finally Club Fishing Trips - Please See Kenny Kapner for more information. Stay tuned for many more upcoming and exciting events. These are just some examples of our great members stepping up with new ideas. So if you have one, or want to run something please

let me know. The Club is always open to your suggestions. Please note these new events along with the existing events will always need Volunteers. Step up and get involved.

Now for some disappointing news... we were unable to get our Winter anglers off the ground we only had 7 people and only one person offered to speak. Since winter is a slow time and we are not fishing I figured it would be a good opportunity to work on



improving our fishing and boating skills. I need members to come down to the club house and speak on a fishing or boating topic that they enjoy, guaranteed you will walk away learning something that you did not know, and it may even improve your fishing skills. So We will be trying it again next Thursday, February 16, 2017 at 7:00 P.M. down at the Property. It will be posted on Facebook and the Club Website.

The New York Boat Show is over and now the fishing shows start the first one is on Sunday, February 5, 2017 at Camelot Hall 585 Broad Hallow Road Route 110 Melville Road. On Saturday and Sunday February 18 & 19, The New York Sport Fishing Federation Show wiil be held at the Freeport Recerational Center. On February 26, 2017 the East Meadow Fishing Flea Market will be held Temple Emanuel, 123 Merrick Ave. East Meadow. The Club will be attending all 3 shows so stop on by and see our new booth which was designed by Gene Schettini, Kenny Kapner and Sharon Missan. That's all for now Sea Yah at the Yacht Club on Thursday, February 9, 2017 Our speaker will be Chris The Fish Guy. Just a reminder there are only a few tickets left for the game show which will be held on Saturday March 4th at the Cure of Ars Auditorium in Merrick.

Fishing Report Winter Doldrums

The last report was sparse, this one will be even more so. It's snowing at the moment but the 2016/2017 winter has been relatively tame so far. Currently, the ocean temperature looks to be around 43/44 degrees which is pretty warm for early February. A few diehards (like myself) do keep the boat in and ready to go. The only non-commercial boat I see regularly sailing from the west end is the Captain Al. Once blackfish shutdown back on December 14th they focused primarily on inshore cod and ling. To date, West End Cod has been sporadic at best, although I remain the optimist. Plenty of bait in and around the NY bight, fingers crossed.

I did manage one trip on my Emily S in January. With a crew of our editor, Capt. John Jutt, deck tech Chuckie Gifford, and friend Bob McCrossen, we set out on a bluebird day with moderate temps and a variable wind from the NW. With perfect conditions we started our hunt for the winter king south of JI on a couple of drops in the 75' range. No cod to be found, but small blackfish kept the rods bent for catch and release action. We started working our way deeper and to the west. Same results no cod, small blackfish, couple of congers and a few dogs. The first drop we did in 100' saw larger blackfish, still not one cod. Saving a special drop for my last, we started off with some blackfish, then a cod, then another, etc. We managed 6 off that drop and we averted the skunk. Not a banner day by any means but we had good action and took home some fillet. From everything I heard, we were the top dogs for cod that day. That same day, I heard of an excellent commercial blackfish trip well South and West from where we were. Too bad they don't extend the season and let us keep a few. Some of the party boats have been targeting and catching mixed size mackerel throughout January. That's seems to have quieted down too.

It's hard to generate a fishing report without reports. Many of you are vacationing and fishing in warmer climates. Please share your reports and photos to help get us through the winter. Thanks in advance !

Please email your reports to philton@optonline.net; or text/call me at 516.721.8907

The bulletin committee is working to improve the picture resolution in the printed and online Tuna Tower News. It starts with the quality of your photos. Send at full size when possible. Happy Holidays to All !

Sincerely, Paul Hilton HV Emily S

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Know your Knots

The Improved Blood Knot is used for tying two pieces of monofilament together of relatively equal diameters.

1. Overlap the ends of your two strands that are to be joined and twist them together about 10 turns.

2. Separate one of the center twists and thrust the two ends through the space as illustrated.

3. Pull knot together and trim off the short ends.

ALBRIGHT KNOT

The Albright Knot is most commonly used for joining monofilament lines of unequal diameters, for creating shock leaders and when a Bimini Twist is tied in the end of the lighter casting line. It is also used for connecting monofilament to wire.

1. Bend a loop in the tag end of the heavier monofilament and hold between thumb and forefinger of left hand. Insert the tag end of the lighter monofilament through loop from the top.

Smpraved Blood Knot

2 Slip tag end of lighter monofilament under your left thumb and pinch it tightly against the heavier strands of the loop. Wrap the first turn of the lighter monofilament over itself and continue wrapping toward the round end of the loop. Take at least 12 turns with the lighter monofilament around all three strands.

3. Insert tag end of the lighter monofilament through end of the loop from the bottom. It must enter and leave the loop on the same side.

4. With the thumb and forefinger of the left hand, slide the coils of the lighter monofilament toward the end of the loop, stop 1/8" from end of loop. Using pliers, pull the tag end of the lighter mono tight to keep the coils from slipping off the loop.

5. With your left hand still holding the heavier mono, pull on the standing part of the lighter mono. Pull the tag end of the lighter mono and the standing part a second time. Pull the standing part of the heavy mono and the standing part of the light mono.

Trim both tag ends.

Annual Awards 2016 Season Draft Results

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

#2 Stephen Radi Sr. Memorial Trophy: Angler catching the largest Bigeye Tuna sailing from Jones Inlet. **Not Awarded**

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

#4 Bob Trapani Memorial Trophy: Member catching the heaviest fish from any port except Shark. **Courtney Ramroop (63 Ib. Yellowfin) "Rusty Testicle"**

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

#6 Jack R. Neidorf Trophy :(*24hr.) First Tuna of the season sailing from and returning to Jones Inlet. Adam Bollaci (46.5 Bluefin) "Hooker"

#7 Jack R. Bode Ladies Trophy: Awarded to the lady member catching the largest Tuna. **Courtney Ramroop (63 lb. Yellowfin) "Rusty Testicle**"

#8 Ada Berlin Memorial Trophy: Lady angler catching the largest species of any fish from any L.I. Port. **Courtney Ramroop (63 Ib. Yellowfin) "Rusty Testicle"**

#9 Henry Von Elm Inc. Trophy: Angler catching the largest Tuna during any IGFA Tournament. **Not awarded**

#10 John J. Miles Trophy: Captain of the Year **To Be Announced.**

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

#12 Philip Ehrhart Memorial Trophy: (*24 hr.) Largest Bluefin caught sailing from Jones, Debs or Fire Island. Adam Bollaci (46.5 lb. Bluefin) "Hooker"

#13 Guy Lombardo Trophy: (*24 hr.) Angler catching the largest Tuna under 100 lbs. sailing from Jones Inlet. **Courtney Ramroop (63 lb. Yellowfin) "Rusty Testicle"**

#14 Freeport Marine Trophy: Greatest weight fish per pound line sailing from any L.I. Port. Harry Schroeder 37.81 lb. Striped Bass "Starwatcher" 15 lb. test

#15 Harry Peters Memorial Trophy: Angler catching the largest fish out of any L.I. Port. Jim Krug (446.16 lb. Thresher Shark) "Sea Lark"

#16 Harry Peters Memorial Trophy: Captains Award for the largest Shark caught out of any L.I. Port. Greg Kohareck (411 Ib. Thresher Shark) "Ambition"

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

#18 George Beitterick Memorial Trophy: (24 hr.) Angler catching the largest Bluefish sailing from Jones Inlet. John Kampa (23.31 lb.) "Mary Etta"

#19 Fred Miranda: Awarded to the person who tags the most Marlin. Not Awarded

#20 Marsden B.Candler Memorial Trophy: Angler largest Striped Bass on any boat sailing from any L.I. Port. **Ralph Drewes (38.63 Ib.) "Oceanic**"

#21 Jack Bode Ladies Memorial Trophy: Lady Angler for the most outstanding catch north of Cape Hatteras. **To be announced**

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

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

#24 Mako Marine Inc, Trophy: Angler catching the heaviest Mako of the season. Hank Jenet (217 Ib. Mako Shark) "The Betty II"

#25 Lawrence Festa Memorial Trophy: (*24 hr.) Captain catching the first Mako of the season from Jones Inlet. Adam Bollaci (180 lb. Mako Shark) "Hooker"

#26 Norb Schlichtig Memorial Trophy: Member - outstanding service. To Be Announced **#27 Tim Kryscuk Memorial Trophy:** Lady Member catching the largest Bluefish of the season. Madison Kampa (13.75 lb.) "Mary Etta"

#28 Joe King Sr. Memorial Trophy: (*24 hr.) Largest Dolphin sailing from Jones, Fire Island or Debs Inlet. **Ralph Drewes (35.06 lb.) "Wasabi**"

#29 John Shiel Spinning Tackle Trophy: Most outstanding catch caught on spinning tackle using 2-12 lb. line. **To be announced**

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

#30 Global: Not Awarded

#31 West: Not Awarded

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#32 Global: Madison Kampa (13.75 lb.) "Mary Etta"

#33 West: Madison Kampa (13.75 lb.) "Mary Etta"

#34 Ed Keneske Jr. Memorial Trophy: Awarded for outstanding service by a board member. **To Be Announced**

#35 Benjamin Mikoleski Memorial: Awarded to the member catching the largest Winter Flounder of the year.**Not Awarded**

#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 (Debs, Jones, Fire Island). Dave Ramroop (63 lb. Yellowfin) "Rusty Testicle"

#38 Jack Kennedy Memorial Captains Award: (*24 hr.) Largest Striped Bass (Debs, Jones, Fire Island).**Ralph Drewes (38.63 lb.) "Oceanic"**

#39 Jack Kennedy Memorial Captains Award: (*24 hr.) Largest Bluefish (Debs, Jones, Fire Island). John Kampa (23.31 lb.) "Mary Etta"

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

#40 Cod: Dave Pincus (18.25 lb.) "Laura Lee"

#41 Weakfish: Not Awarded

#42 Blackfish: Mike Zullo (7.5 lb.) "Magic Too"

#43 Sea Bass: Mike Zullo (5.0 lb.) "Magic Too"

#44 Fluke: Michael Vecchiarelli (7.3 lb.) "Sayonara II"

Jigsy Silber Memorial Global Anglers Award: Cod, Weakfish, Blackfish, Sea Bass & Fluke.

#45 Cod: Dave Pincus (18.25 lb.) "Laura Lee"

#46 Weakfish: Not Awarded

#47 Blackfish: Bob Pandy (10.04 lb.) "Prime Time III"

#48 Sea Bass: Glenn Grippo (5.5 lb.) "Inky"

#49 Fluke: Joe Polley (11.52 lb.) "Miss Montauk II"

#50 Ed Swanson Memorial Angler of the Year: Member obtaining the most points for twelve different species.**To Be Announced**

#51 John V. Festa Memorial Tagging Award: Member who tags the most game fish of the season.**To Be Announced**

#52 Barry Simon Captains Award: Awarded to the member captain, most points achieved for Sea Bass, Codfish & Blackfish sailing from Debs to Fire Island Inlet. **To Be Announced**

#53 Anthony Testa Sr. Memorial Award: Angler - largest Fluke Jones Inlet Michael Vecchiarelli (7.3 lb.) "Sayonara II"

Save the Date! The FTC Game Dinner is on!!

Date: Saturday, March 4th 2017 Where: Cure of Ars Church Auditorium Merrick NY

Tickets are now available on a first come first serve basis.

For tickets, game donations, and volunteering please contact: Bob Benzenberg (516) 521-7378 Joe DiSalvo (516) 317-7855

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This Month's Speaker

Born and raised on Long Island (NY), **Chinks 241440** has been exploring the wilds of the island for over 30 years. As a wildlife photographer, writer and lecturer, he enjoys bringing public awareness to the diverse wildlife that calls the island home. His passion for coastal ecology, fishing and the outdoors led him to obtain a BS in Marine Science from LIU/Southampton and currently manages the new Marine Sciences Center at the Southampton campus of Stony Brook University.

In addition to freelance writing for several fishing and wildlife related publications, Paparo currently writes the monthly Naturalist's Logbook column for the NY/NJ edition of On The Water Magazine. Although his work tends to focus on marine life, everything in the natural world is fair game.

Keep up!



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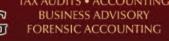
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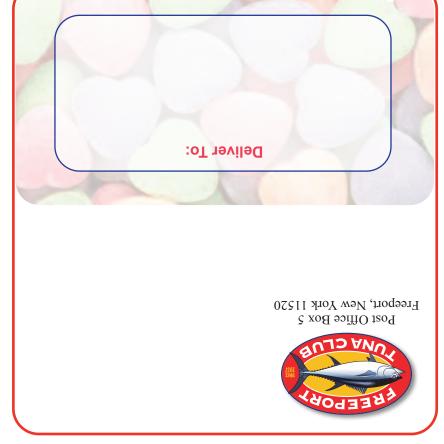
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