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NEXT GM
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8
AT 7:30 PM
FREEPORT YACHT CLUB

CHRIS JAMES WAS A PIN HOOKER AND WORKED AT BAIT AND TACKLE STORES OUT EAST FOR MANY YEARS THEN WENT AND OPENED HIS SHOP IN SOUTHOLD AND TIED BUCKTAILS. IF YOU WANT TO LEARN THE ART OF MAKING AND APPLYING THIS METHOD TO YOUR FISHING APPROACH THEN ATTEND THIS MEETING.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I would like to start out saying that January's general membership meeting was a success thanks to our Board of Directors and membership along with two new members Benny V. and A gentleman who likes to be call 205. I appreciate their effort and stepping in for Iron Man Don Morin who had to recharge his batteries that week. I would like to thank the Mayor of Freeport for doing a great job swearing in not only myself, but our Board of Directors; along with Dave Denenberg for the certificates that were issued to the Board of Directors.

I would like to thank the members and friends that that showed up for Woody Anderson's funeral. While speaking with his son he was happy to see the amount of friends from the Freeport Tuna Club that showed up. He said that Woody loved the friends he made in the club. Our prayers go out to his family. Rest in peace Woody.

On a cold note thank God we only had one major snowstorm for January and I heard blackfish were caught. And I know for a fact big Kenny and his fishing team slammed the cod fish. You can see the pictures on the Freeport Tuna Club Facebook website

The next general membership meeting is coming up I would like to see more members come down. We will have a clinic/speaker for fishing techniques and tackle.

Also, if anybody is interested in helping out Bob Benzenberg and Joe DiSalvo for the game dinner, please contact me or either of these two gentlemen and let them know you're available.

Thank you and I will see you down at the next general membership meeting. Members make the club!

Thank you, *Matthew Cardone*



HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

LET'S GET THROUGH FEBRUARY



January brought us a variety of weather, extreme cold, some snow, and thankfully some warm weather that cleared out the ice. With the ice clear, it was time to think about fishing again.

Woodcleft Canal January 10th



Unfortunately, on the west end, while we were hopeful for at least a showing of cod, so far very little has materialized. A few nice fish in December, then extreme weather, and then essentially nothing to be had. Some of the Brooklyn boats did report good mackerel fishing, well to the south. That's about it as of right now.

My boat has been in all winter and it's good to have as many eyes as possible looking out for you. I got a phone call from Bob Benzenberg who was enjoying a cold one with Bob Pandey and Ray Geiger over at Jeremy's Ale House on the Nautical Mile. Apparently, my dock finger was hung on the piling, and causing my boat to list to starboard due to tension on the dock lines. Needless to say I had to drop what I was doing at home and scurry down to Freeport. I was able to release the tension and free the finger after ice chopping, outboard thrust, and dancing a jig on the dock. Thanks guys, on the next rising tide the story may have ended differently. The town cleared the channel shortly thereafter, Mother Nature has since taken care of the rest.

Montauk cod fishing could best be described as "poor" through late December and most of January. That changed quickly when a new pile of fish was found. Both the Montauk and Rhode Island fleet enjoyed good fishing for a few days, with fish up to over 40 lbs reported. A group of Freeport Tuna Club Anglers timed it just right and got in on the action. Ken "Fishing Frenzy" Donowski organized a trip on the Miss Montauk and was joined by Bob "Panda Man" Pandey, Ritch Olijeck, and Julius "205" Styles.

The guys dug in, keeping 50 cod. Bob Pandey copped the pool with a nice 25lb. 7oz. specimen.

You hit it just right, great trip. Ken is always looking for company on his trips out east, you can reach him at 917- 231-5699 if interested.

As of now Flounder opens April 1st, Striped Bass April 15th, and Fluke on May 17th.

Rumors that the DEC will reintroduce a spring blackfish season, April 1st - April 30th, 2 fish at greater than 16" - Stay Warm.

Please share your results with our membership. Especially warm water reports to help get us through the winter! Please send reports and pictures for inclusion in your club bulletin. Thanks to all who contribute, we need more of you to chime in



Bob Pandey with Montauk Cod



Julius, Bob, Rick, and Ken with a pile of Montauk Cod

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

Sincerely, *Paul Hilton* FN Emily S

PROPERTY MANAGER'S REPORT



The summer lease agreements for 2018 have been mailed. Anyone expecting a lease agreement that has not received one should contact me immediately. In order to secure your slip for the 2018 season your deposit and signed lease must be received on or before February 21, 2018. Please let me know if you are not renewing your lease so I can quickly determine which slips will be available. There are members interested in leasing a slip. You will receive two invoices for the balance owed, one due on April 1st and the second payable on May 31st. Before your Vessel can be in the Marina you will need to supply an updated insurance policy to the Property Business Manager. Our goal is to keep the marina full!

There are a few outstanding payments due for winter storage so please send in your payment as soon as possible.

The rate for 2018 remains at \$78 a foot with no minimum. All captains leasing a slip will be charged an additional \$175 if storing a trailer on the property. Trailer storage is only available to individuals leasing a slip. Freezers are \$175. A deposit of \$300 is required with your signed lease.

Capt. Alan Evelyn

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DERBY, AWARDS & CONTESTS REPORT

Awards Chairman: Ray Geiger | Committee Team:

Bob Benzenberg, Harry Sbaschnig & Bill Morrogh

I hope that everyone will make an extra effort to attend the March GM where we will award the winners of last years catches! We currently are still reviewing all awards and will posting a preliminary sheet on our website very soon. Look for the 2018 Derby dates too.

The committee would like to wish everyone a safe and productive 2018 Derby season.

Best Fishes – *Ray Geiger*

GOOD & WELFARE

It is with sad heart that I report the passing of Woody Anderson. Woody was a guy that represented what FTC is all about. A truly nice guy that will be missed by all.

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Volunteers to help set up, serve food, and clean up after the G.M.s over at the Yacht Club. Please see or call Kevin Killelea (516) 725-8907.

We are looking for some volunteers to have a discussion on Circle Hooks vs J Hooks one Thursday Night down at the Property. Please see Tim Sherman or Kevin Killelea if you're interested.

ANNUAL AWARDS 2017 SEASON DRAFT RESULTS

#1 Stephen L. Vanderveer Trophy Bowl: Angler catching the largest Tuna over 100lb sailing out of Jones Inlet.

Steve Bassford (109 lb. Bluefin) "Red Dawn Rising"

#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.

Paul Noto (109.5 lb. Bluefin) "Insufficient Funds"

#4 Bob Trapani Memorial Trophy: Member catching the heaviest fish from any port except Shark.

Dennis Cataldo (350 lb. Blue Marlin) "Cabo San Lucas"

#5 Fred W. Hollander Memorial Trophy: Member catching the heaviest billed fish anywhere.

Dennis Cataldo (350 lb. Blue Marlin) "Cabo San Lucas"

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

Chris Bellinzoni (27.75 lb. Bluefin) "Oh Reely"

#7 Jack R. Bode Ladies Trophy:

Awarded to the lady member catching the largest Tuna.

Not Awarded

#8 Ada Berlin Memorial Trophy: Lady angler catching the largest species of any fish from any L.I. Port.

Joanne Schroeder (37.31 lb. Striped Bass) "Starwatcher"

#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.

Paul Noto (109.8 lb. "Insufficient Funds"

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

Rick Totten (67 lb. Bluefin) "Hooker"

#14 Freeport Marine Trophy: Greatest weight fish per pound line sailing from any L.I. Port. **To Be Announced.**

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

Anthony Bollaci (220 lb. Thresher Shark) "Hooker"

#16 Harry Peters Memorial Trophy: Captains Award for the largest Shark caught out of any L.I. Port.

Adam Bollaci (220 lb. Thresher Shark) "Hooker"

#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.

Adam Bollaci (16.19 lb.) "Hooker"

#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.

Anthony Bollaci (59.75 lb.) "Hooker"

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

Kathy Grippio (9.3 lb. Fluke) "Inky"

#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.

Al Casciano (134 lb.) "Four Bells"

#25 Lawrence Festa Memorial Trophy: (*24 hr.) Captain catching the first Mako of the season from Jones Inlet.

Chris Bellinzoni (134 lb.) "Four Bells"

#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. **Not Awarded**

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

Peter Cefai (9.81 lb.) "Dolce Vita"

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

Joe King 2.3 lb. Flounder 8 lb. test "Shinnecock Canal"

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

#30 Global: To Be Announced

#31 West: To Be Announced

Paul Grippio 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 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.

John Funicello (5.81 lb.) "Blackfin"

#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.

Capt. John Jutt (109 lb. Bluefin) "Red Dawn Rising"

#38 Jack Kennedy Memorial Captains Award: (*24 hr.) Largest Striped Bass.

Adam Bollaci (59.75 lb.) "Hooker"

#39 Jack Kennedy Memorial Captains Award:

(*24 hr.) Largest Bluefish.

Adam Bollaci (16.19 lb.) "Hooker"

Ed Schuh Memorial Angler Awards Jones, Debs, Fire Island:

Cod, Weakfish, Blackfish, Seabass & Fluke.

#40 Cod: John Funicello (20.13 lb.) "Truce"

#41 Weakfish: Not Awarded

#42 Blackfish: Peter Groner (10.94 lb.) "Endless Summer II"

#43 Seabass: Nick Nero (4.38 lb.) "Dolce Vita"

#44 Fluke: John Koenig (10.25 lb.) "No Boat Name"

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

#45 Cod: John Funicello (20.13 lb.) "Truce"

#46 Weakfish: Not Awarded

#47 Blackfish: Peter Groner (10.94 lb.) "Endless Summer II"

#48 Seabass: Dennis Cataldo (5.19 lb.) "Sarah K"

#49 Fluke: Glenn Grippio (10.4 lb.) "Inky"

#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.

Not Awarded

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

#53 Anthony Testa Sr. Memorial Award: Angler largest Fluke Jones Inlet

John Koenig (10.25 lb.) "No Boat Name"

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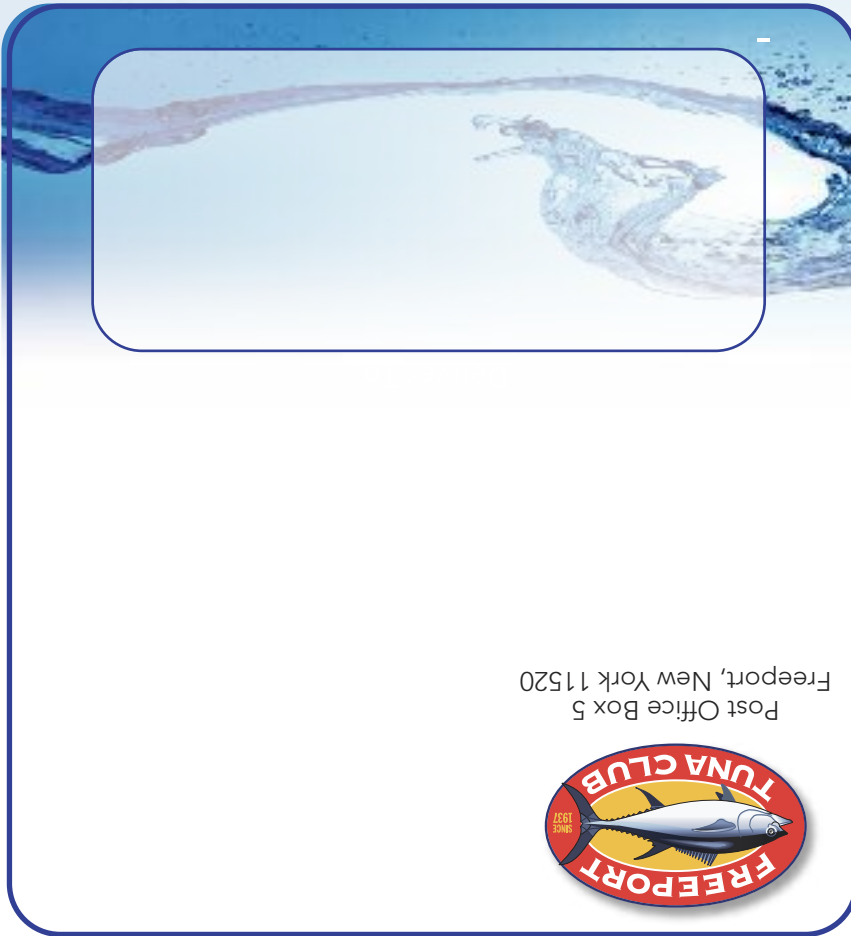
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