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NEXT GM

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7
AT 7 PM

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"Round Robin" Master Rigging Techniques

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GM DATE

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

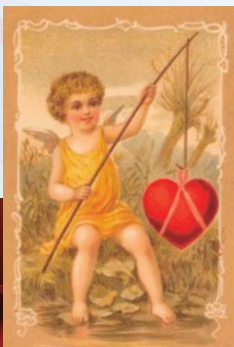
Happy Valentine's Day to all members. To start out, I want to thank and congratulate Ken Donowski on his appointment to 2nd VP. And also to Rob Cincotta on his appointment to the Board of Directors. We all look forward to their addition and what they have to offer the club. To help with cabin fever we are all suffering from in February there are a few fishing shows locally to attend. A couple to mention are the long running New York Sportfishing Federation Show at the Freeport Rec Center on the 16th and 17th. The other one is the AllPro Fishing Expo & Workshops the 17th and 18th which is at the Hilton in Huntington. The Tuna club will have booths at both shows to Promote the club and hook some prospective members.



Our Entertainment for this month's GM put together by Bruce Forster will be the beginning of The FTC Master Angler Series. We will be doing a round robin presentations covering rigging techniques for Shark, Striped Bass and Fluke/Sea Bass. Come on down, bring a friend you may just pick up a tip or trick to help fill the fish boxes this upcoming season.

Once again Committee heads are looking for members to join their teams, anyone interested please let me know.

Tight lines, *Capt. Adam Bollaci*



HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

THE DAYS ARE GETTING LONGER



We are almost through January and the days are starting to get longer. After some very frigid days, the temperatures are once again unseasonably warm with little or none of the white stuff seen or predicted at this time. A quick look at the 44025 Buoy has winds gusting from the south at 33knots, wave heights at 10 feet, with a snappy 6 second period. Good day to sit at computer.

Not much has changed since the last report. With the shutdown of offshore seabass, lack of offshore cod, and some extreme weather even fewer boats have been getting off the dock. Some attempts were made with mackerel but the results I believe were spotty.

I was able to sneak out on a nice Saturday with a well seasoned crew consisting of Captain John Jutt, Chuckee Gifford and Billy Podmore. It was gorgeous but cool, high around 30 deg. We worked depths from 55 to 75', the shallower stuff had less life, but most pieces had a fish or two. We drifted on some pieces and anchored on others, at the end of the day we bent the rods with 13 small cod and played catch and release with assorted blackfish. All fish were caught on clam and crab, only 1 dogfish came onboard and we all enjoyed a nice day on the water. The only other boat on the grounds was the Capt. Al. When we went further west I could just make out the unique silhouette of the

Captain Dave from Sheepshead Bay (formerly the Paramount) from NJ. Only a few boats on the grounds make for pleasant winter fishing. Compared to last year the amount of bait seems to be down.

The Montauk and Rhode Island fleet has been even quieter. When they do get out fishing is slow. That could change in a heartbeat, let's hope some



Jack Krug with a Barracuda

more cod arrive to keep the fleet moving.

I spoke with Captain Jim Krug who is back in NY after spending some quality time fishing with his family in Key West. Fishing

with son's Bobby and Jack, and daughter Taylor, they enjoyed a banner day on Bobby's boat *Slap that Bass*. The catch consisted of Taylor's 13.5 lb. Yellow Jack (apparently a marina record), a couple of sail fish, and barracuda. The pictures do the talking.

That's a wrap for now. Please share your results with our membership. Please send reports and pictures to me for inclusion in your club bulletin. Thanks to all who contribute.

Email your reports to philton@optonline.net or text/call me at 516.721.8907. Have a great 2019.

Sincerely, *Paul Hilton* FN Emily S



Taylor Krug with a Yellow Jack



Captain Jim and Bobby Krug with a Sailfish

FLUKE SHOOTOUT

JULY 20 2019

RAIN DATE JULY 21

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PLAQUES
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COME CHECK OUT THE CLUB - NEW MEMBERS WELCOME
CAPTAIN'S MEETING - JULY 19, 2019 6-10PM
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CAPTAIN & ANGLER'S COMMITTEE
is looking for volunteers for
the upcoming season.

Anyone interested please see Bob Pandy or Jim Rooney

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

At January's Board Meeting the following motion was passed by a unanimous vote. "Eliminate the storage of boats on the property for the summer season (June 1 to November 1). Requests for storage can be made by submitting such need in writing to any of the property committee or board of directors members." Impetus for such action is based upon several factors. The first of which is, our property is looking quite shabby due to weeds etc. The control of weeds is almost impossible when you are trying to spray and weed whack in, under and around boats and trailers. Parking spaces are also diminished. We have received several warnings from the village about the situation and fines will begin to be assessed if the condition continues. This early notification should give all who are affected plenty of time to make arrangements to remove boats and trailers from the property.

While it's always been on the books but rarely pursued... Members whose bills are past due for summer or winter storage will be placed on the "not in good standing" list and as such will not qualify for any club awards until outstanding bills are paid.

Anyone interested in taking over the business aspect of our property committee please contact one of the property committee or board of directors members. What's needed are some very basic accounting skills and computer literacy with spreadsheet software.

Your Property Committee,

Bob Sabella Don Granger Charlie Goldstein

ENTERTAINMENT

Our club is extremely fortunate to have many talented anglers who are also well-spoken, true educators. At our February meeting we will be kicking off our new **FTC Master Angler Series** with "round robin" presentations of rigging techniques for Shark, Striped Bass and Fluke/Sea Bass. Our new President Adam, Four Bells Chris and Capt Harry Weinblatt will be demonstrating "best practices" at work stations for close quarters inspection and hands on presentations.

I am encouraging all members, especially new members, to come on out, bring a guest, and engage your fellow anglers and club members. You may very well pick up a few pointers that will get you on the leader board this season. Take advantage of this opportunity and support our club.

Tight lines and fair seas,

Bruce C. Forster FN OH REELY

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DERBIES, AWARDS & CONTESTS

Awards Chairman: Ray Geiger | Committee: Bob Benzenberg, Harry Sbaschnig & Captain Bill Morrogh

The Awards of March are upon us!! We hope that everyone makes an extra effort to attend our meeting this and **every** month. At our March GM we will be proudly awarding the winners of last year's outstanding catches and hope you all will attend. It will be spectacular. This year catch "spanned the globe" and then some.

We currently are still reviewing all awards and will be posting a preliminary sheet on our website very soon. Also, look for the 2019 Derby dates too.

Our committee would like to wish everyone a safe and productive 2019 fishing season and thanks to all!

Reminder: Please be sure to remember to legibly fill **ALL THE FIELDS** on your weigh slips. It is not only important, it is mandatory.

Best Fishes and Good Luck to all!

Ray Geiger



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What to do with all of your free time?? ROAD TRIP! Now that you have taken an inventory search of which reels, rods, hooks, and safety gear are in need of repair or replacement, a road trip is in order. There are many fishing flea markets held during winter months that offer great deals

on everything from T-shirts, knives and tackle. There are also several offshore and inshore seminars that target certain species of fish and supply a wealth of knowledge. Dialing in during winter months is key. You would be surprised at what tips and tricks you can learn from the pros!

It is also a great time to stop into your favorite tackle shops or explore new ones. Last Saturday I did exactly that. Although I have never gone fly fishing, I decided to walk into a little gem of a shop located in Baldwin, called River Bay Outfitters. What a great place! I was quickly greeted by the owner, Paul McCain, an expert fly fishing guide and instructor. The shop was loaded with containers of bright and colorful hand-tied flies, teasers, fly rods, and many extras. In the center of the shop were several work benches. As it turns out, River Bay Outfitters, holds salt and fresh water seminars on Tuesday and Thursday nights, where anglers are taught how to hand-tie a fly. Now that's kool! In the spring, they also conduct river and lake excursions, where anglers are taught how to fly fish. Sign me up! They even have a club called Long Island Fly-Rodders, which started in 1981, and which holds club meetings the first Tuesday of every month. Paul was a class act, and it was a blast spending time with him. I encourage any member to stop in and check out his selection of colorful teasers. You won't be disappointed! Or you can attend the Fly Fishing Expo, on Saturday March 16, 2019, from 9am-4pm at the Radisson Hotel, 110 Vanderbilt Motor Parkway, Hauppauge, New York. See ya there!

Another event I attend every winter is the NYC Boat Show held at the Jacobs Javits Center. With its 110 year history, the show is recognized as THE place to see the latest and greatest in boating. You name it, you'll see it. From yachts and cruisers to canoes, kayaks, marine electronics and engines! The show is from Wednesday January 23, 2019 - through Sunday January 27, 2019. Don't miss out!

Here are some other great events where I always find incredible deals on tackle: The Melville Fishing Flea Market, February 3, 2019, from 9:00am-3:00 pm at Camelot Hall, 585 Broadhollow Road. Route 110. Admission is only \$5.00 bucks!

The 36th Annual NY Sportfishing Federation Forum held at the Freeport Recreational Center on February 16, 2019 - February 17, 2019. This two (2) day event is absolutely loaded with seminars from some of the top fisherman

around, sharing their tips and secrets. It even includes an Auction, where proceeds go to help numerous charities including TAKIF - Teach a kid to fish. Don't miss out and don't forget to stop by the FTC booth!

Last, the East Meadow Fishing Flea Market, February 24, 2019, from 9:00am - 3:00pm at Temple Bnai Torah, 2900 Jerusalem Avenue, Wantagh. Admission is also only \$5.00 dollars. Hope to see all of you at these great events.

Until next time, Tight lines.

Capt. Barbara Solomon
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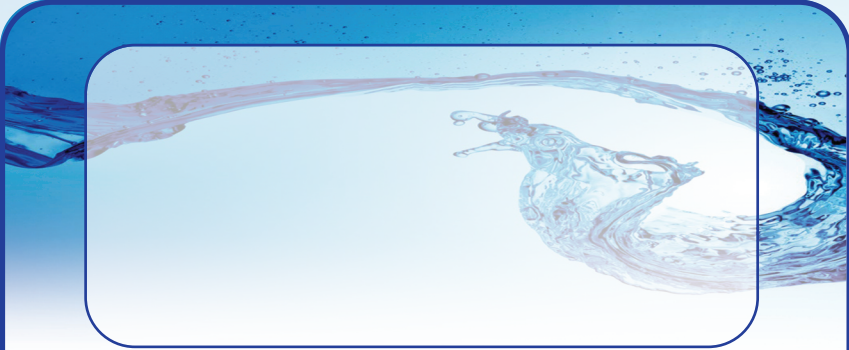
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