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TUNA TOWER NEWS

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Please Note!
CHANGE IN FEBRUARY
GM VENUE

NEXT GM
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13 @ 7 PM
RACHEL'S WATERSIDE GRILL
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Steven Drew from *Sea Risk Solutions* and the *South Shore Wind Farm Project*
WILL BE PRESENTING AT THE FEBRUARY GM - SEE INSIDE FOR DETAILS

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Thanks to everyone who came out to the first GM of the year. Bob Sabella and Chris Squeri as always gave us a great rundown of the club's history. The mild January weather allowed us to start with some property improvements. The fence from the gate north has been replaced. This weather has also kept the local reefs alive with decent catches of cod reported close to shore.

There seems to be quite a bit of turmoil going on with the regulations this year, let's hope common sense prevails over the bad science currently being used. I foresee that we will need to adapt to these changes with how and what we fish for throughout the season.

February kicks off fishing show month and Gene Schettini and crew will be out representing the club and drawing in some new members. Please reach out to him if you can help in anyway.

The club has been built on volunteerism and will always be that way. I urge everyone to get involve with a committee or only for the benefit of the club but to the lasting friendships and camaraderie.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the February GM.

Tight lines and calm seas,

Capt. Adam Bollaci



HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

PROPERTY



The new fence at the property has been completed and looks great. The club was able to take advantage of a tax savings by getting the job done ASAP. Just a reminder to all who lease a slip at the property, in order to take advantage of the 5% discount (which for most boats is \$75 to \$100 dollars) payment in full must be received by Feb. 15, 2020 or postmarked as such. It is important to keep our property looking its best and to that end, beginning this spring we will be having work parties. All are welcome however it is thought that those who keep their boats at the marina would certainly feel an obligation to be sure we look our best. Remember it is owning a clubhouse and marina that sets us apart and above of all the other clubs.

Your Property Committee

ENTERTAINMENT

Steven Drew from Sea Risk Solutions and the South Shore Wind Farm Project will be presenting at our February meeting. Steven visited us last year and there is much to update on the Wind Farm Project which will effect all of us. Bring your questions and concerns as this is an excellent opportunity to make your opinion count.

Tight lines and fair seas,

Bruce C. Forster

F/V Oh Reely

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FISHING REPORT

Nothing to report...
anyone fishing???

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Be sure to include photos



Bryon King and family headed down to Stuart, FL. He and his daughter Lauren ended up landing these 2 nice slot Redfish off the Fort Pierce Inlet.

Ken Donowski

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

2nd Annual FLUKE SHOOTOUT
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Set your alarms! The Second Annual FTC Fluke Shootout Tournament will be held Saturday, July 18th with a rain date of Sunday, July 19. Get those fluke rigs and jigs together over the winter!! Looking for volunteers to help out - so reach out to myself, Kenny Donowski, Bob Pandy or Gene Schettini

Tight lines & let's keep making FTC Great! - Semper Fi

Robert Cincotta

F/V The Flounder Flopper



STRIPER DIARIES

EPISODE 18

Last month I was able to point out some fantastic upcoming fishing shows. There are still plenty of events to attend in February. On February 9, 2020, is the All Pro Fishing Expo and Workshop, at the Huntington Hilton in Melville. It is

jam-packed with vendors and giveaways, including visors, hats, shirts, fishing line, line cutters, softbaits and more! The workshops begin at 8am and cost \$125. General admission is \$15 and doors open at 10am. Workshops this year include: **Reel-excellence** by Marc Cocchiola, **Fluke fishing tips and tricks** by Al Evans Jr., **Striper and Tautog** by our local Capt. Nick Savene, **Sharking 101** by Capt Tony Gatto, **Electronics** by Roger Williams the owner of CMI Electronics, **Tony Maja & the 50lb club** by Tony (Maja) Jr., **Locating fish inshore** by Hawaiian Dan, **Weather/Tides** by our local meteorologist Richard Von Ohlen, **Bucktailig /Jigging** by Stan Gola of S&S Bucktails, **Power Fishing Plugs & Plastics for Big Stripers** by Bernie "Bass" Hoyt, **Near Shore/Mid Shore Tuna Bite** by Kirk Fay, **Tuna Trolling** by Capt Tony Gatto, **Sea Bass** by Raymond Bartlett and **Mahi Mahi** by Kirk Fay - just to name a few!! Don't miss out on this very informative show.

The next big event is being held right here in our backyard. It is the 37th Sportfishing Federation at the Freeport Rec Center (130 E. Merrick Road) on Saturday and Sunday, February 15-16. The hours are 8am-6pm on Saturday and 9am-2:30pm on Sunday. Daily ticket price includes admission into seminars. What a bargain! Seminars by inshore and offshore experts include: **Capt. Tom Mikoleski** of Grand Slam Charters, **Capt. Bob Schmitt** of Sea Rogue Charters, **Capt. John Capuano** of Shinnecock Star, **Capt. Ken Hejducek** of My Joyce and **Capt. Clyde McMurdy** of Get Hooked Charters. The FTC will also have a booth set up and encourages all members to stop by and say hello. See ya there!

Finally, the East Meadow Fishing Flea Market held on February 23, at Temple Bnai Torah (2900 Jerusalem Avenue, Wantagh). Doors are open from 9 am-3 pm and admission is only \$5. This show has been running for the past eleven years and has over 120 vendors. I always load up on hooks, bucktails, jigs, swivels and basic tackle. Don't miss out!

On February 24, I am headed to Islamorada, Florida where I am planning to do some fishing and relaxing. If any club members want to meet for a day of fishing or simply grab a cocktail at Lorelei's Restaurant and Cabana Bar, be sure to give me a call.

Until my next adventure, Tight lines.

Capt. Barbara Solomon
F/V Legal Limits

DERBIES, AWARDS & CONTESTS



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

Our Annual Awards Night will be on Thursday, March 12th. 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.

We currently are still reviewing all awards and will be posting a preliminary sheet on our website very soon. Also, please see the newly posted 2020 Derby dates too.

Our committee would like to wish everyone a safe and productive 2020 fishing season and thanks to all our members who participated last year.

Reminder: Please be sure to remember to **LEGIBLY FILL IN ALL THE FIELDS** on your weigh slips (including line test!). It is not only important, it is mandatory.

Best Fishes and Good Luck to All!

Ray Geiger

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ANNUAL AWARDS 2019 SEASON DRAFT RESULTS

#1 Stephen L. Vanderveer Trophy Bowl: Angler catching the largest Tuna over 100lb sailing out of Jones Inlet.
John Kampa (125 lb. Bluefin) "Ambition 3"

#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.
Sil Mazilli (276 lb. Bluefin) "Tuna.com – Gloucester"

#4 Bob Trapani Memorial Trophy: Member catching the heaviest fish from any port except Shark.
Sil Mazilli (276 lb. Bluefin) "Tuna.com – Gloucester"

#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 (80 lb. Bluefin) "Hooker"

#7 Jack R. Bode Ladies Trophy:
Awarded to the lady member catching the largest Tuna.
Kelly Bollaci (73 lb. Bluefin) "Hooker"

#8 Ada Berlin Memorial Trophy: Lady angler catching the largest species of any fish from any L.I. Port.
Kelly Bollaci (73 lb. Bluefin) "Hooker"

#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.
John Kampa (125 lb. Bluefin) "Ambition 3"

#13 Guy Lombardo Trophy: (*24 hr.) Angler catching the largest Tuna under 100 lbs. sailing from Jones Inlet.
Adam Bollaci (80 lb. Bluefin) "Hooker"

#14 Freeport Marine Trophy: Greatest weight fish per pound line sailing from any L.I. Port. **Harry Schroeder 41.31 lb. Striped Bass 30 lb. test "Just Add Water"**

#15 Harry Peters Memorial Trophy: Angler catching the largest fish out of any L.I. Port.
Chris Bellinzoni (310.5 lb. Thresher Shark) "Four Bells"

#16 Harry Peters Memorial Trophy: Captains Award for the largest Shark caught out of any L.I. Port.
Chris Bellinzoni (310.5 lb. Thresher Shark) "Four Bells"

#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 (14.19 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.
Adam Bollaci (49.69 lb.) "Hooker"

#21 Jack Bode Ladies Memorial Trophy: Lady Angler for the most outstanding catch north of Cape Hatteras.
Barbara Solomon (45.81 lb. Striped Bass) "Legal Limits"

#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. **Not Awarded**

#25 Lawrence Festa Memorial Trophy: (*24 hr.) Captain catching the first Mako of the season from Jones Inlet.
Not Awarded

#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.
Not Awarded

#29 John Shiel Spinning Tackle Trophy: Most outstanding catch caught on spinning tackle using 2-12 lb line.
Dominick Moreo 2.6 lb. Flounder 12 lb. test

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

#30 Global: Alex Nettuno 7.1 lb. "Reel Catch II"

#31 West: Not Awarded

Paul Grippo 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.
Dominick Moreo 2.6 lb. Flounder

#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. **Adam Bollaci (80 lb. Bluefin) "Hooker"**

#38 Jack Kennedy Memorial Captains Award: (*24 hr.) Largest Striped Bass.
Adam Bollaci (49.69 lb.) "Hooker"

#39 Jack Kennedy Memorial Captains Award: (*24 hr.) Largest Bluefish.
John Kampa (14.19 lb.) "Mary Etta"

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

#40 Cod: Ken Donowski (18.69 lb.) "Atlantic Pearl"

#41 Weakfish: Greg Magnifico (5.63 lb.) "Everything Zen"

#42 Blackfish: Gabe Gomez (12.25 lb.) "Evy Ivette"

#43 Seabass: Mike Zullo (4.25 lb.) "Magic Too"

#44 Fluke: Gabe Gomez (7.0 lb.) "Evy Ivette"

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

#45 Cod: Ken Donowski (18.69 lb.) "Atlantic Pearl"

#46 Weakfish: Greg Magnifico (5.63 lbs.) "Everything Zen"

#47 Blackfish: Gabe Gomez (12.25 lb.) "Evy Ivette"

#48 Seabass: Ken Donowski (4.9 lb.) "Machaka"

#49 Fluke: Marty Dowling (10.0 lb.) "Reel Catch II"

#50 Ed Swanson Memorial Angler of the Year: Member obtaining the most points for twelve different species.
Ken Donowski

#51 John V. Festa Memorial Tagging Award: Member who tags the most game fish of the season.
Mike Sullivan (192 tags)

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

#53 Anthony Testa Sr. Memorial Award:
Angler largest Fluke Jones Inlet
Gabe Gomez (7.0 lb.) "Evy Ivette"

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