



Tuna Tower News

MARCH 2022

CAPT. JOHN. J. JUTT, SR., EDITOR

NEXT GM

THURSDAY, MARCH 10
AWARDS NIGHT

DOORS OPEN @ 7PM
FOOD SERVED AT 7:30

MEETING STARTS @ 8PM

AT BRACCO'S
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President's Message

March means warmer weather coming... fishing season starting... people working on their boats: waxing them, cleaning them up, getting them ready for summer!

Please keep the area around your boats clean and safe. Remember shrink wrap does not go in dumpster! Take it home and dispose of it or bring it to the town dump where they will dispose of it.

Annual awards will be presented at the next GM on March 10. Hope to see everybody at Bracco's. I would like to thank Mike Jacobs for a very informative presentation about the Jones Inlet problem and the windmills.

Everybody stay safe and catch them up this year - get our boats in early so there's a longer fishing season for us. Remember to get your weigh slips in on all legal size fish, so you can get in on the derbys and annual awards.

We are in very good shape with summer dockage. We have a full marina and membership is doing very well also. Keep it up guys! You are the oldest and largest club on Long Island - let's keep it that way.

Thank you, *Rick*



Happy Saint Patrick's Day

Annual Awards 2021 Season Final Results

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

Ralph Drewes (542 lb. Bluefin) "No Mercy"

#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.

Greg Magnifico (49.5 lb. Yellowfin) "Everything Zen – Fire Island Inlet"

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

Ralph Drewes (542 lb. Bluefin) "No Mercy"

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

Joe King (Sailfish) Sea Hunt – Jensen Beach FL.;

Mike Sullivan (White Marlin) Constance – Montauk, N.Y.

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

Ralph Drewes (249 lb. Bluefin) "No Mercy"

#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.

Barbara Solomon (40.4 lb. Cobia) Legal Limits"

#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 **Ralph Drewes**

#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.

Ralph Drewes (542 lb. Bluefin) "No Mercy"

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

Not Awarded

#14 Freeport Marine Trophy: Greatest weight fish per pound line sailing from any L.I. Port. **Not Awarded**

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

Ralph Drewes (542 lb. Bluefin) No Mercy

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

Chris Squeri (258 lb. Thresher Shark) "Hudson"

#17 Harry Berns Memorial Trophy: Captain whose boat tags the most amount of Tuna. **Ralph Drewes (2 tags)**

#18 George Beitterick Memorial Trophy: (24 hr.) Angler catching the largest Bluefish sailing from Jones Inlet.

Chris Bellinzoni (8.69lb.) "Reel Deal"

#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 (17.25) "No Mercy"

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

Barbara Solomon (40.4 lb. Cobia)

#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. **Tom Leprine**

#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.

Mike Sullivan 16.3 lb. Striped Bass 10 lb. test "Bluejacket II"

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

#30 Global: Not Awarded

#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. **Sharon Missan**

#35 Benjamin Mikoleski Memorial:

Awarded to the member catching the largest

Winter Flounder of the year. **Joe King (2.0 lb.) "Lil-King"**

#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. **Ralph Drewes (542 lb. Bluefin) "No Mercy"**

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

Largest Striped Bass. **Ralph Drewes (17.25 lb.) "No Mercy"**

#39 Jack Kennedy Memorial Captains Award:

(*24 hr.) Largest Bluefish. **Steve Valenti (8.69 lb.) "Reel Deal"**

Ed Schuh Memorial Angler Awards Jones, Debs, Fire

Island: Cod, Weakfish, Blackfish, Seabass & Fluke.

#40 Cod: Mike Zullo (9.0 lb.) "Magic Too"

#41 Weakfish: Greg Magnifico (6.6 lb.) "Everything Zen"

#42 Blackfish: Pete Groner (5.25 lb.) "Endless Summer II"

#43 Seabass: MaryEllen Zullo (3.3 lb.) "Magic Too"

#44 Fluke: Mike Zullo (6.4 lb.) "Magic Too"

Jiggy Silber Memorial Global Anglers Award:

Cod, Weakfish, Blackfish, Seabass & Fluke.

#45 Cod: Ken Donowski (12.55 lb.) "Bounty Hunter"

#46 Weakfish: Greg Magnifico (6.6 lbs.) "Everything Zen"

#47 Blackfish: Henry Dam (7.78 lb.) "Brooklyn Girl"

#48 Seabass: David Reisner (4.1 lb.) "Mancha"

#49 Fluke: Ken Donowski (10.24 lb.) "Simple Life"

#50 Ed Swanson Memorial Angler of the Year:

Member obtaining the most points for twelve different species. **Ralph Drewes**

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

Chris Bellinzoni (198 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

Mike Zullo (6.4 lb.) "Magic Too"

Good and Welfare

Our sincere condolences to the family of Dominick Amendolaro upon his passing.

John Poppke is scheduled to have a procedure and we wish him the best. Please keep him in your prayers.

Gene Schettini's wife is recovering from a recent procedure and we wish her speedy recovery.

And on a happy note:

Our editor Capt. John J. Jutt, is a first-time proud grandfather. His son Johnny Jr. and daughter-in-law Pam welcomed a 9lb. 10oz., 21 inch baby girl Liliana on February 15th. Congratulations John and family!

We also congratulate the Bellenzoni Family upon the addition of a 7 lb., 2 oz., 19 inch baby girl, Gwen, on February 24th to proud parents Joey and Nicholas.

Jutt and Bellenzoni will be sure to hand in their weigh slips.

Jeff Squeri 516-652-5981

Fishing Report

Cod have been caught for those venturing off to the wrecks, still plenty of seals in the bays for anyone looking to do a nature cruise.

I will be hosting a hollow core line splicing clinic down at the club, be on the lookout for an email confirming date and time.

Capt. Adam Bollaci



Entertainment

I hope all our members are gearing up for the upcoming season. Mike Jacobs provided some compelling info regarding the progress, or lack thereof, dredging Jones Inlet. I hope this issue gets resolved before the season gets going. On March 10 we will have our annual awards night so please come on out and support our Club. See you in April.

I am still looking for volunteers to join the Entertainment Committee. Our Club runs on volunteers and I have been a committee of ONE for 3 years. I would welcome some fresh ideas and assistance. Please contact me to discuss. 516.443.4680 bforster@stuartberger.com

Tight lines and calm seas,

Bruce C. Forster, F/V Oh Yeah

GET INVOLVED!

Our committees are looking for volunteers for the upcoming season.

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REMEMBER NO SHRINK WRAP IN DUMPSTER thank you all for your cooperation in advance.

Thank you, *Tom Leprine*

Membership



We now have an official Instagram page (@ftcfishing) for the club up and running with over 300 followers. We'll be featuring our members and their catches on this page, advertising club events, and giving out prizes for best photos. When the '22 season kicks off, please remember to submit your photos for the page for a shot at winning some new fishing gear! Photos can be submitted to me via email or text (preferably text).

There are still some members that have not paid their dues for 2022, please submit payment on or before March 30 in order to remain in good standing at FTC.

If you need any further information or would like to volunteer for the membership committee, please contact: Chris Lombardo @ 516.270.0796

We are looking forward to an even more fulfilling membership year for 2022 - remember this is **YOUR** club!

Thank You, *Chris Lombardo*

Take Note...

Ronnie Feuring would like his FTC friends to know that he will be moving to Pennsylvania in about a month with his son, Robert, and daughter-in-law, Angela. Having joined in 1954, Ronnie is the longest serving active member of the Freeport Tuna Club. Ronnie is a past president of the club and founder of the USATT tournament, which I fished with him and several other FTC members. Ron also founded Sea Isle, a successful custom fishing tackle store which his son Robert continued to operate until recently. Ron plans to attend the March meeting and looks forward to seeing his friends and to say goodbye before he moves. Ronnie is a close friend. He will be missed.

Mike Sullivan

Derbies, Awards & Contests

Awards Chairman: Ray Geiger

Committee: Bill Morrogh & Harry Sbaschnig

Our Annual Awards Night/GM will be on Thursday March 10th. We hope that everyone makes an extra effort to attend our meeting this and every month that follows. This month, we will be proudly awarding the winners of last year's outstanding catches. It is the culmination of a very tough season, but one to celebrate. Hope to see all there!!

The 2022 Derby dates will be available on our website soon. <http://ftcfishing.com/derbies.html>

As a reminder, now would be a great time to get your tackle in order. Cod starts March 5th and Blackfish March 26th.

Our committee would like to wish all members and their families a safe and productive 2022 fishing season and thanks to all our members who participated last year.

Reminder: Please be sure to remember to **LEGIBLY FILL 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

Captains & Anglers

The committee is looking forward to a successful 2022 season. BBQ's will start with the warmer weather.

As always the committee is looking for volunteers. Anyone interested please contact Bob Pandey 516.781.4011 or Jim Rooney 516.850.6772

Thank you, *Jim Rooney*



We have plenty of stock, hats, shirts, sweats plus a new load of performance shirts just in time for fishing season. See me at the next GM or Captains & Anglers.

Stay Safe, *Jim Azzi*

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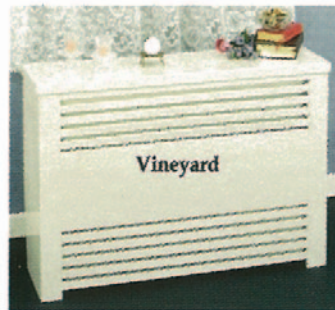
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the President and his Executive Board

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Have you ever thought about becoming a board member?

All are welcome to come down to a board meeting held at the Property.

Board members generally conduct business the third Wednesday of every month, but are also subject to change. We are currently looking for more participation. Remember, it's **YOU** who make this club! Be involved! Be a part of it! For the betterment of your club. For more information and to confirm the the time and date of the Board Meeting, contact Rick Totten

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