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NEXT GM THURSDAY, MARCH 9 AWARDS NIGHT 7PM@FREEPORT YACHT CLUB

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President's Message

Happy Saint Patrick's Day. If you missed the February GM, you missed a great presentation by the Faust brothers on the finer points of offshore tuna fishing. Club members asked a lot of questions and were rewarded with very informative details. March is a very important month for our club as we acknowledge "The Best of the Best" at our FTC Awards Night. Congratulations to all our members who will receive a total of 36 awards. Each of you worked

hard in competing with other members, and some just worked hard at helping the club, so at this coming GM we say thank you for a job well done. Awards Chairman Ray Geiger along with Bill Morrogh and Harry Sbaschnig and the Board worked hard at selecting this year's winners. This is a process that is ongoing throughout the year and done with great detail. The selection of our discretionary awards is

always difficult. Each year so many fine members get involved through extraordinary service to our club. This year's winners are held in very high regard and tonight is our turn to say thank you. Our club's booth at the Freeport Recreation Center Show was a great success thanks to Chris Lombardo and our members who volunteered their time and effort. We had many men and women inter-

ested in what our club is all about. The club is looking for more participation from its members, you get out what you put in. Until next month, stay safe, stay healthy and remember that participation is key to a great club experience.



Happy Saint Patrick's Day



Derbies, Awards & Contests

Chairman: Ray Geiger | Committee: Bill Morrogh & Harry Sbaschnig

We hope to see everyone at the March GM - Annual Awards Night on Thursday, March 9th! This year we will be hosting potential new members, gathered courtesy of Chris Lombardo and his Membership Committee's excellent work at the recent Freeport Sportfishing Show. So, please come down and show them what we're made of!

A big turnout always helps, so come down to the Freeport Yacht Club and support the winners of our 2022 Annual Awards!

We will be recognizing a total of four outstanding new club records:

COBIA	87.0 lb.	Charles McNulty	Freeport, NY
PERMIT	21.3 lb.	Jim Krug	Key West, FL
BLUEFIN TREVALLY	15.7 lb.	Bob Pandy	Panama
ROCK SNAPPER	9.21 lb.	Bob Pandy	Panama

Our 2023 devby season kicks off with Cod and the ever elusive Winter Flounder. Remember the early worm catches the fish!

Cod (6 lb. min) March 4th - April 30th Winter Flounder (1.5 lb. min) April 1st - May 7th

The FTC Fish-at-a-Glance cards will be available soon. Remember to grab two, one for your wallet and one for your helm or tackle bag.

The complete Derby Calendar for 2023 and club Anglers Rules are currently available on our website (ftcfishing.com) thanks to the efforts of Bill and Theresa Morrogh:

www.ftcfishing.com/derbies

www.ftcfishing.com/s/AnglingRulesForTheFreeportTunaClub-yh43.pdf

We ask you again to please make a concerted effort to get all your weigh slips in on time and fill them out legibly/completely! It's extremely important that you fill out all of the fields on the slip. A number of slips were missing the line test, tackle type, captain and/or F/V. A few received last year even lacked a species!!

On behalf of our committee, would like to wish everyone a safe and productive 2023 Derby season.

Best Fishes --- Ray Geiger

Fishing Report

All slow on the local front, there have been some local cod around for those putting in the time.

Report from Mike and MaryEllen Zullo: Plenty of fish, mostly reef stuff. Hit the local head boat a couple of times. Mep and I loaded up on a mixed bag of yellowtail snapper, margates, mangrove and lane snappers; also an unlimited supply of southern porgies (that are much tastier than our porgies). Did a couple of trips on Mike Wagner's Islamorada Girl and he put us on a consistent supply of nice sized yellowtails.

Striped bass season opens April 15th, now is the time to finish getting the gear ready for our spring run.

Capt. Adam Bollaci 516-322-0030 | adambollaci@gmail.com

Property

There are no longer any slips available - if you'd like to dock at the club

- please get on our waiting list. Let's get out and fish... It's going to be a great season!

Bob Dimino 516-765-1555

Membership

The club will have a booth at the Nassau Coliseum boat show this weekend coming up. Membership is looking for volunteers to help man the booth and be a good steward of the FTC. Days and times below, please reach out to Zach Introp to be put on the schedule.

Friday March 10th 12-8 Saturday March 11th 11-8 Sunday March 12th 11-6

Second reminders have been sent out - please send in your dues.

Captain John J. Futt

Captains & Anglers

Looking foward to seeing everyone as the warmer weather approaches. Please keep an eye on our website, Facebook and the Tuna Tower News for announcements about the start of our barbecues.

Thank you, Fim Rooney

Good & Welfare

George Scanlon is recovering from a quadruple bypass in September, after which covid affected his audio nerve, effecting his equilibrium. George is rehabbing well.

Joyce Scanlon was run over by a car breaking one leg and injuring the other leg. Joyce is recovering at home.

Looking forward seeing both of the Scanlons when they recover.

Glenn Youngblood is recovering from a heart procedure. Please keep them all in your hearts and prayers.

Thank you, Feff Squeri 516-652-5981

Entertainment

March GM is our Annual Awards Night hosted by Awards and Derbies. April we will return to our Master Angler Series, presenters to be announced.

Updated Derby Program

Take a Kid Fishing

Most fish caught in a month Most fish caught in a month Largest

12 & under - total number of any fish caught in a month 12 & under - total number of any fish caught in a month Largest Fish caught any Species

INSHORE DERBIES

Heaviest Fish will be 1st & 2nd Place | All other formats will be 1st Place Only All Derbies Leave and Return from Debs, Jones, Fire Island Any unawarded \$\$ in spring add to Fall Derby.

Fluke

1st Over 5# May Heaviest June Heaviest Top 3

FTC June Tourney - Top3

1st fish of the season that weighs in over 5#.

Heaviest Fluke in SPRING Heaviest Fluke in FALL

Spring Season - Heaviest Seabass

Your Top 3 fishing - can be caught over multiple trips No FTC Touney, Calcutta run by Fishing Committee

Sea Bass

Heaviest Spring Heaviest Fall Top 3

Fall Season

Your Top 3 fish - can be caught over multiple trips

Striped Bass

Heaviest Slot Longest **Heaviest Slot** Heaviest Fish in the Slot Longest Fish - Fish within .5" are considered a tie

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Longest **Blackfish**

Heavist Spring Heaviest Fall

Heaviest Fish Heaviest Fish

WeakFish

Heaviest Spring Heaviest Fall

Heaviest over 5# Heaviest over 5#

Bluefish

Heaviest Spring Heaviest Fall

Heaviest over 8# Heaviest over 8#

Flounder

Heaviest over 1.5#

OFFSHORE DERBIES

Heaviest Fish will be 1st and 2nd Place

All Derbies Leave and Return from Debs. Jones. Fire Island

Thresher Heaviest

Spring Fall

Any Non Tuna/Shark

Heaviest

Any species non Shark/Tuna

BlueFin

Heaviest Non Bait

Full Season - Heaviest Recreational Heaviest non bait (e.g. popper/jig)

YellowFin

Heaviest Summer Heaviest

Non Bait Heaviest non bait (e.g. popper/jig)

Mahi

Heaviest over 10# Heaviest over 14#

False Albicore

Heaviest over 6#

Green Bonito

Heaviest over 4#

Fishing At A Glance Cards are coming soon!

FISH SPRING DATES **FALL DATES** Cod (6 lbs.) March 4th - April 30th September 23rd - December 3rd Blackfish (3 lbs.) April 1st - April 30th October 14th - November 26th Flounder (1.5 lbs) April 1st - May 7th Seabass (2.5 lbs) June 23rd - August 7th September 1st - October 1st Striped Bass (15 lbs.) April 29th - June 4th September 30th - November 19th Weakfish (5 lbs.) April 29th - June 11th August 5th - September 17th Fluke (3.5 lbs.) May 13th - July 4th August 12th - September 10th Shark (125 lbs.) May 13th - July 4th September 9th - November 19th Bluefish (8 lbs.) May 13th - July 4th September 9th - November 19th Tuna (20 lbs.) June 18th - July 30th August 5th - September 17th Mahi (10 lbs.) June 17th - July 30th August 12th - September 24th ***** False Albacore (6 lbs.) August 12th - September 24th ****** Green Bonito (4 lbs.) August 12th - September 24th









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Annual Awards 2022 Season FINAL Results

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

#2 Stephen Radi Sr. Memorial Trophy Not AwardedAngler catching the largest Bigeye Tuna sailing from Jones Inlet.

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

#4 Bob Trapani Memorial Trophy

Member catching the heaviest fish from any port except Shark.

Charles McNulty (87 lb. Cobia) Northeastern

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

#6 Jack R. Neidorf Trophy (*24hr.)

First Tuna of the season sailing from and returning to Jones Inlet.

Chris Lombardo (64.2 lb. Yellowfin) Corazon

#7 Jack R. Bode Ladies Trophy Not AwardedAwarded to the lady member catching the largest Tuna.

#8 Ada Berlin Memorial Trophy

Lady angler catching the largest species of any fish from any L.I. Port.

Lauren King (23.13 lb. Cobia) Kingfisher

#9 Henry Von Elm Inc. Trophy Not Awarded

Angler catching the largest Tuna during any IGFA Tournament.

#10 John J. Miles Trophy Captain of the Year Chris Bellinzoni

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

#12 Philip Ehrhart Memorial Trophy Not Awarded (*24 hr.) Largest Bluefin caught sailing from Jones, Debs or Fire Island.

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

Marty Dowling (67 lb. Yellowfin) Isabella

#14 Freeport Marine Trophy Greatest weight fish per pound line sailing from any L.I. Port. **Steve Bassford** (16.6lb. Bluefish/20lb. test) The Wet Bandit

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

Steve Bassford (335.9 lb. Thresher Shark) Bassman

#16 Harry Peters Memorial Trophy

Captain's Award for the largest Shark caught out of any L.I. Port.

Steve Bassford (335.9 lb. Thresher Shark) Bassman

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

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

Chris Bellinzoni (9.75 lb.) Kismet Jo

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

#20 Marsden B. Candler Memorial TrophyAngler largest Striped Bass on any boat sailing from any L.I. Port. **Philip Saccio (23.4)** Mrs. Avery

#21 Jack Bode Ladies Memorial Trophy
Lady Angler for the most outstanding catch north of Cape Hatteras.
Lauren King (23.13 lb. Cobia) Kingfisher

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

#23 Marine Center, Inc Trophy Not AwardedCaptains Award for the boat catching the heaviest billed fish.

#24 Mako Marine Inc, Trophy Not AwardedAngler catching the heaviest Mako of the season.

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

#26 Norb Schlichtig Memorial Trophy
Member outstanding service. Cathy Cunningham

#27 Tim Kryscuk Memorial Trophy Not AwardedLady Member catching the largest Bluefish of the season.

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

Charles McNulty (16.5 lb.) Northeastern

#29 John Shiel Spinning Tackle Trophy

Most outstanding catch caught on spinning tackle using 2-12 lb line.

Henry Dam (10.45 lb. Bluefish) Chris Craft 10lb. test

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. Jim Rooney

#35 Benjamin Mikoleski Memorial Not Awarded

Awarded to the member catching the largest Winter Flounder of the year.

#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. Phil Schaffer (67 lb. Yellowfin) Isabella

#38 Jack Kennedy Memorial Captains Award (*24 hr.) Largest Striped Bass. Ralph Drewes (17.125 lb.) No Mercy

#39 Jack Kennedy Memorial Captains Award (*24 hr.) Largest Bluefish. Henry Dam (10.45 lb.) Chris Craft

Ed Schuh Memorial Angler Awards Jones, Debs,

Fire Island Cod, Weakfish, Blackfish, Seabass & Fluke. #40 Cod Gabe Gomez (15.33 lb.) Cora Marie

#41 Weakfish Greg Magnifico (7.25 lb.) Everything Zen

#42 Blackfish Pete Groner (7.1 lb.) Endless Summer II

#43 Seabass Mike Zullo (3.8 lb.) Magic Too

#44 Fluke Steve Valenti (7.9 lb.) Kismet Jo

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

#45 Cod Gabe Gomez (15.33 lb.) Cora Marie

#46 Weakfish Greg Magnifico (7.25 lb.) Everything Zen

#47 Blackfish Ken Donowski (8.38 lb.) Brooklyn Girl

#48 Seabass James McGarrity (3.98 lb.) King Cod

#49 Fluke Mike Sullivan (13.2 lb.) Inky

#50 Ed Swanson Memorial Angler of the Year

Member obtaining the most points for twelve different species.

Mike Zullo - 16 points

#51 John V. Festa Memorial Tagging Award

Member who tags the most game fish of the season.

Chris Bellinzoni (247 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 - 17 points

#53 Anthony Testa Sr. Memorial Award Angler, largest Fluke Jones Inlet Steve Valenti (7.9 lb.) Kismet Jo

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