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Happy St. Patrick's Day!

President's Message.....

Dear Members,

Spring Is In The Air

By the time you read this message you have turned your clocks ahead, which will give you an extra hour of daylight to enjoy. I think its time to check out the boat and stock up on some cleaning supplies and elbow grease for the cockpit & cabin. We also look forward to the first day of Spring on March 21st and the opening of the Flounder Season on April 1st. Can't wait to put a Fishing Rod in my hand.

The month of March also brings us to our Annual Awards. Captain Bill Morrogh and his committee team of Captain Larry Festa and Captain Mike Zullo have been working diligently to present our most prestigious annual awards night where members who fished hard during the 2012 season are rewarded for their time and effort to out fish each other. There are 53 Annual awards of which 42 will be handed out. A big turnout always helps. So come on down and applaud your fellow members.

A spot on the Board was Vacated therefore I'd like to welcome Don Morin to the Board of Directors. Don is currently on the house committee and on the Captain Anglers committee. His appointment is well deserved for his total devotion to our club and all of its needs.

Don't forget about this years annual offshore Cod Fishing Trip on May 3rd-5th. This will be 1st Vice President, Harry Weinblatt's 14th year running this trip aboard the Viking Starship out of Montauk. Make sure you see Harry and sign up at the next G.M. I heard it's almost filled.

Last year we had a special raffle with an 8 ft Inflatable Boat powered by a 3 ½ horsepower Tohatsu outboard motor that was won

by our Editor, Captain John J. Jutt. This year we have a 9 ft. Inflatable Boat powered by a 5 horsepower Tohatsu outboard motor. Tickets are \$10.00 each. The boat & motor will be displayed at the yard sale. So see Jim Rooney for your tickets. It's a real nice raffle and a way to support the club.

In the works is our Annual Yard Sale on May 18th, which will be headed up by Bob Benzenberg, along with Al Casciano. This is a great event for members to find everything from fishing rods to tackle to boating gear

or maybe you have stuff you need to sell. Well then get a table and support the club.

The Door Prize at last months G.M. was not given out because the members name that was drawn did not attend. The whole idea of the door prize was to increase attendance. If your DUES are PAID and your name is picked this month, you could be going home with \$125.00 and a voucher good for \$25.00 worth of raffle tickets at any future G.M.

Wishing you all a Happy St. Patrick's Day & A Happy Passover!

~ President 2013 ~ Bob Pandy





Fishing Report

Congratulations to all of our 2012 award winners. Both Captains & anglers worked very hard to achieve these awards and we share in your pride of being in the winner's circle at our next general meeting.

As of this writing we will already be setting our clock ahead in preparation for our 2013 season...so it will not be long before we are in full swing.



On a recent note; the fall mackerel run never happen this winter. Usually when this happens our spring May run for mackerel shows a strong possibity. Mackerel makes one of our best local bait catches. If you plan on chasing the schools this May here is a little tip to keep those baits pristine:

Before leaving to fishing load your boat with 4 boxes of coarse Kosher Salt. Next get the largest cooler available. Place two boxes of salt into the cooler. Add crushed ice & top the cooler off with sea water. Once the brine has been prepared it is ready for your freshly caught mackerel. The key to good brine is to place the mackeral directly into the brine while they are still alive. The fish inhale the solution and they become semi frozen which makes them a prime hook bait come fishing time.

Still on the local front the inshore wrecks are still producing keeper blackfish. Bottom "Hammer" Nick Nero reports some fair catches of Cod & Sea bass on the offshore wrecks.

On the southern front I vacationed for a week in Islamorada Florida. I had the pleasure of fishing with Captain Mike Wagner, Mike Zullo, Joe Fanora & Bobbie Hindenlang on Captain Mike's 34 Duffy. The boat was set up perfectly for the Florida reefs. We started each day in the bay pin fishing for bait. Next off too the reef for some great catches of Yellow tails, Groupers, Little Tunny and even some very interesting Moray Ells. At the dock we filleted our catch for a great fish dinner and Lazy Days Restaurant. A great way to take the edge off of winter and come back north to longer days and breaking weather. Thanks Captain Mike...

That about wraps it up for this report. If you had a good catch drop the Awards & Contest Committee a line we would love to hear about your catch and share it with our membership: **E**—Mail captainlarry84@aol.com.

Sincerely,

Captain Larry Festa

S/A

Property

Attention All Members This Is The Deal Of A Lifetime

The club is looking to fill the marina and it needs your help to do so.

Sponsor a boat owner for a 2013 slip at the property and the club will pay you \$500 CASH! Only stipulation is that it must be a boat owner that has not previously docked at the property. Bring in a new member, and their initiation and membership fees will be waived for the first year. Bring in a club member and you will still earn the \$500.

If you or a friend has been thinking of docking at the Freeport Tuna Club now is the time to act. The Club's marina survived Sandy with minimal damage and will be fully operational for the coming fishing season. The marina is one of the most attractive deals in town. Jones Inlet is just 3 miles away. Boat owners can drive their car right to their boat and perform their own work, use one of the local yards catering to the club or use a mechanic of their choice. They can also keep a dock box and a freezer to store bait close by, all behind an automatic locking gate securing a clean fully fenced in and lighted yard. Plus boat owners have the added knowledge that fellow club members are available to share fishing knowledge and to look out for their boat. Ask about specials for new boat owners.

Contact Don Granger for details at 516-826-4213 or e-mail him at Property@FTCfishing.com.

~ Don Granger

Property Business Manger

Good & Welfare

Dr. John Webber's wife Mary had a successful surgery and is home recuperating. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Membership

Congratulations to new Life Members Richard Wong and Arnold Fleisher!

Sponsor a new club member and receive a \$100 credit toward your next year's membership dues. (not to be combined with the Property offer).

~ Mike Sullivan



Annual Offshore Cod Trip

May 3 - 5, 2013

This is the fourteenth year that the Freeport Tuna Club will be running its spring time fishing extravaganza. We will be sailing aboard the Viking Starship departing from Montauk once again. In past years we have traditionally fished off the coast of Massachusetts at the Stellwagon National Marine Sanctuary for Cod, Pollack, Haddock, Wolfish and other mixed species. Impending regulations could derail fishing in that area. We are planning on heading offshore south of Montauk to some of Capt. Steven Foresberg's secret wrecks which he is saving for our trip. We will be targeting Cod, Hake, Pollack and other species on day one. On day two we will hit some offshore wrecks off the coast of Nantucket. If the weather is not conducive for the offshore trip and the impending regulations are not enacted upon then we will head back up to Stellwagon Bank and enjoy the traditional fishery which has not disappointed us in the past. The boat will be leaving Montauk Friday evening May 3rd at approx 7:00PM and returning back to Montauk Sunday evening May 5th at approx 10:00PM. The fare for this year's trip is \$ 320.00 and will be strictly limited to 35 anglers. I will be collecting payment in full at the upcoming General Meeting which is scheduled for March 14th 2013.

If you are interested or on the fence about going on this trip, please take note that there are a limited number of spots available so sign up now and you will not miss the boat. This is one of the best events that the club runs and if you are into club camaraderie then look no further as you will enjoy plenty of that on this trip.

Please see Harry Weinblatt at the GM if you're interested in this year's trip or contact me by telephone 516-351-7223.

Sincerely,

Captain Harry Weinblatt

F/V Blue Marlin

March 2013 Derby Awards & Contests Report

Awards Chairman: Captain Bill Morrogh Committee Team: Captain Lavry Festa, Captian Michael Zullo

Everyone should mark their calendars and make a special effort to attend the March GM Annual Awards Night! 2012 was a year of ups and downs. There are great catches to recognize and rebuilding still to go. A big turnout always helps so come on down and support the club! We'll also be presenting 2 new club records!

We start off 2013 with Cod and Winter Flounder. These are 2 great derbies to target to pick up a derby or annual award.

THE FOLLOWING DERBIES ARE STARTING THIS MONTH:

March 16th - May 5th Cod (6 lb. min)

Winter Flounder (1.5 lb. min) April 6th - May 12th

The complete Derby calendar for 2013 is available on our website.

Catch of the Month

70 lb. Freshwater Striped Bass

With local fishing slow, we had no entries for catch of the month so we had to look beyond the FTC.

Pictured is James R. Bramlett, who landed this 70 pound striped bass from the Black Warrior River, in Alabama, near the Gorgas Steam Plant Thursday February 28, 2013. The fish was weighed on certified scales, is "only" 45.5 inches long but has an incredible 37.75 inch girth. It is fairly not uncommon for landlocked stripers to exhibit these unusual proportions. The catch topped the previous Alabama state record by 15 pounds, and is a pending IGFA world record for landlocked striped bass, which currently stands at 67 pounds. 8 oz.



The current IGFA record is 81 lbs., 14 oz caught in Westbrook CT. on August 4th, 2011 by Gregory Myerson. The current FTC stands at 61 lb. 12 oz. caught by Vincent Pastors in 1967.

Send in those pictures!

For bragging rights, please email me at philton@optonline.net or text me at 516-721-8907 to be considered for "Catch of the Month" by the bulletin committee.

Please include a picture and some catch details.

- Paul Hilton / Emily S

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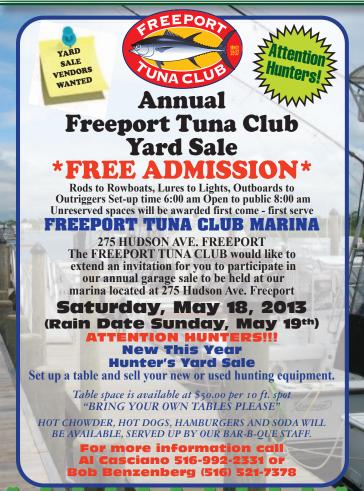
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