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# TUNA TOWER NEWS

MARCH 2021  
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EDITOR:  
CAPT. JOHN J. JUTT, SR.



*Save The Date*

Thursday, April 8, 2021

*at*

Nawlins Seafood Company

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

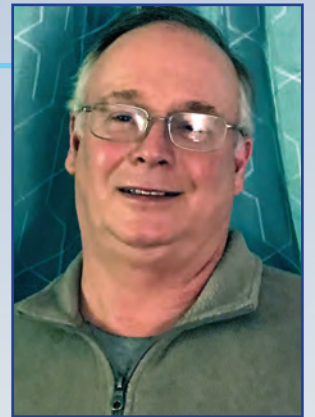
Here it is March, and everyone's gearing up for a new season of fishing.

Boats are being unwrapped, waxed, and whatever repairs need to be done. The work has started on the club property, we are hoping it will be done by the middle of April. We are replacing the walkways and installing new cameras, so please bear with us. Unfortunately, there will be some dumpsters and wood in the way of moving boats around so patience will be key.

The credit card machine is up and running. If you haven't paid for your dock space or your membership dues, you can come down on Thursday nights and we can put it into the credit card machine. Just a reminder there is a surcharge of 3% on top of dues or dockage.

Hope to see you all soon.

Best regards, *Rick*



*Safe, Healthy  
& Happy Holidays*



# FISHING REPORT

## From the North...

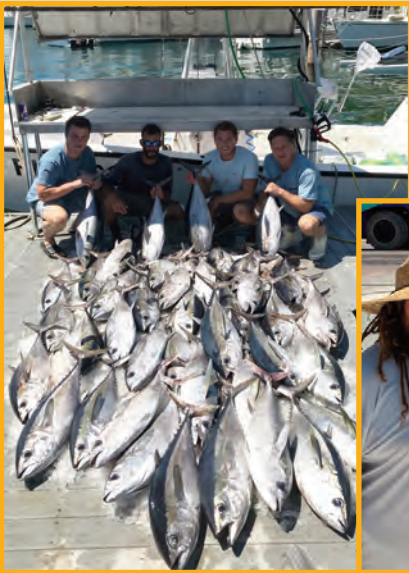
Captain John Jutt with some fine local cod. Caught aboard Paul Hilton's f/v Emily S. They took advantage of some good weather and clear forecast. Hop-ping around to some local pieces, they had a decent catch of cod.

## From the South...

Captain Jim Krug, along with his sons Jack and Bobby, has had 2 recent trips. One totaling over 40 blackfin tuna (up to 30 lbs.) and tons of bonita.

Also on a recent trip, Capt. Jim and his son Jack fished with some celebrities we all know... TJ, Big Tim & Danny from the "Wicked Tuna" f/v Hot Tuna.

**Also**, local party boats out of Captree, Freeport and Point Lookout are doing well with local bottom fishing. If your boat's not yet in the water, you might want to hitch a ride.



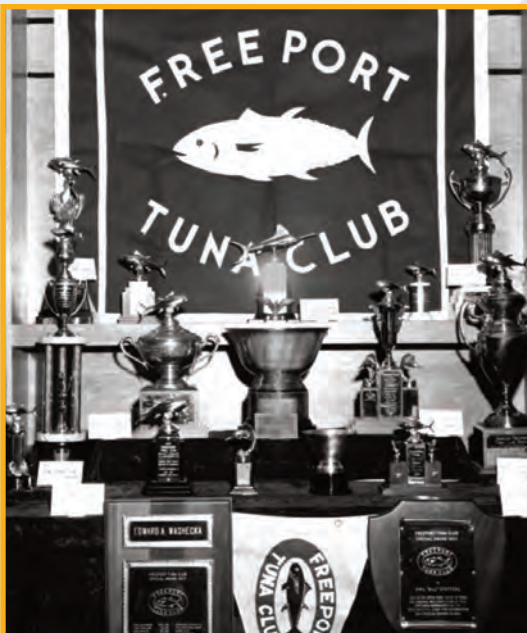
*Capt. John J. Jutt, Sr.*

f/v Red Dawn Rising  
f/v Bunker Dunker



# A BLAST FROM THE PAST

Awards Ceremony Photos from 1953



## CAPTAINS & ANGLERS

The committee is looking forward to warmer weather to begin our Thursday night BBQs. Captains & Anglers committee is looking for volunteers for the upcoming season.

Thank you,  
*Jim Rooney*

## ENTERTAINMENT

I hope all are doing well. Our senior members are getting their shots and soon the snow-birds will return. As the state relaxes restrictions on gatherings we will begin our social calendar. It is still a bit unclear what and how to hold meetings in inclement weather but the BOD is working on how to best gather, safely. We have a few developments:

- The Property Improvement Committee has provided recommendations for property improvements, some of which are in the works. Look for some activity on the property and stay tuned for future announcements. Please keep in mind this club is run by volunteers so please have patience as we roll out these improvements.
- We are looking to start some seminars. Announcements to follow.
- Last year we debuted some live music at some of our Thursday Night CA events. That went really well so we are lining up some "volunteer" live music.

I look forward to our next meeting, whenever that shall be. As always, I am looking for assistance with Entertainment so if you are willing to help, please contact me at (516) 443-4680.

*Bruce C. Forster* F/V Oh Reely

## PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Ongoing improvements behind the the cook area have been made thanks to the hard work of Bob Sabella, Tom Leprine and President Rick Totten. Tom has also added much needed work lights to the cook station.

The committee would like to remind all boat owners renting slips that the second half of summer lease is due April 1st. Please send your checks in or pay by credit card (3% surcharge) at the club house. All members with boats wintering at the property are reminded to follow all the rules listed on the winter lease. Use your shrink wrap as a drop cloth while bottom painting. **NO SHRINK WRAP IS TO BE DISPOSED OF IN THE DUMPSTER OR ON THE PROPERTY!!!** All members must remove their shrink wrap from the property for proper disposal. This is the boat owner's responsibility.

Thank you,

*Your Property  
Committee*

## 1ST VP MESSAGE

It's official! The 2nd Annual Fluke Shootout Tournament is July 10th, 2021. Spread the word to all your friends. Let's get a bigger turn out this year. If you need info please reach out to me (516) 987-4850. Don't forget a portion of this event goes to Hooks for Heroes. Hope all are staying safe and gearing up for warm weather. Tight lines, Semper Fi -

*Robert Cincotta*  
F/V The Flounder Flopper

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## GOOD & WELFARE

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Sil Mazzili and family on the recent passing of Willie (Vito) Mazzili, his brother and my friend. We are happy to report that Bob Pandy's heart surgery was successful and his recovery is going well. Bob was at the last Board Meeting, hard to keep a good man down!

Thank you,

*Jeff Squeri*

# DERBIES, AWARDS & CONTESTS

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

Welcome all to the season of Spring! We finally have some good news for all. If all goes according to plan, we will be having our Annual Awards night at the property on May 13th. We will advise you when we have it locked up, but please put it on your social/fishing calendars.

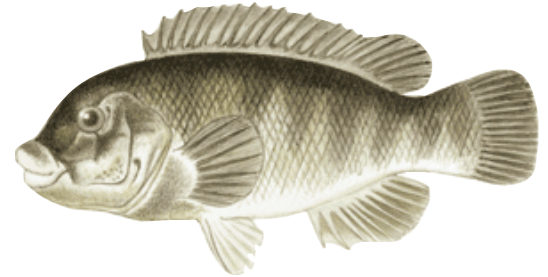
Please note that Bob Benzenberg has decided to step down from the DAC committee. On behalf of our committee, I wish to thank Bob Benzenberg for his sage advice and service. He is truly a gentlemen. Thank you sir!!

As a new season is already upon us, we kindly remind you all that the weigh slips you submit have ALL the fields completed. Quite a few had no line test, dates and even worse were illegible, so please make an extra effort this season once again. The current/accurate NYS DEC marine regulations dated May 8, 2020 are available as a pdf and are located at: [https://www.dec.ny.gov/docs/fish\\_marine\\_pdf/fishlimitsfish.pdf](https://www.dec.ny.gov/docs/fish_marine_pdf/fishlimitsfish.pdf)

FTC current derby dates and the link to our club fishing regulations are located at: <http://ftcfishing.com/derbies.html>

The following derbies are open (or will be soon) and will be awarded at our June GM:

<b>CODFISH</b> (6 lb. min.)	March 6th - May 2nd
<b>BLACKFISH</b> (3 lb min)	March 27th - April 25th
<b>FLOUNDER</b> (1.5 lb min)	April 3rd - May 9th



We will be posting any updates and info in the Fishing Reports section on our website (<http://ftcfishing.com>) as the season moves along. Remember, you must be a registered member of our site in order to view this section.

We hope to see you all soon and Good Luck To All!!!

Best Fishes, *Ray Geiger*

Once we have received the 2021 Fish-at-a-Glance cards, we will make them available. For those of you who wish to plan ahead, here you go.

FISH (Min. Weight)	SPRING DATES	FALL DATES
Cod (6 lbs.)	Mar. 6 - May 2	Sept. 25 - Dec. 5
Blackfish (3 lbs.)	Mar. 27 - Apr. 25	Oct. 9 - Nov. 21
Flounder (1.5 lbs)	Apr. 3 - May 9	*****
Seabass (2.5 lbs)	June 19 - Aug. 1	Sept. 5 - Oct. 3
Striped Bass (15 lbs.)	May 1 - June 6	Oct. 2 - Nov. 21
Weakfish (5 lbs.)	May 1 - June 13	Aug. 7 - Sept. 19
Fluke (3.5 lbs.)	May 15 - July 5	Aug. 14 - Sept. 12
Shark (125 lbs.)	May 15 - July 5	Sept. 11 - Nov. 21
Bluefish (8 lbs.)	May 15 - July 5	Sept. 11 - Nov. 21
Tuna (20 lbs.)	June 19 - Aug. 1	Aug. 7 - Sept. 19
Mahi (4 lbs.)	June 19 - Aug. 1	Aug. 14 - Sept. 26
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