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# Tuna Tower News

APRIL 2022

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

**NEXT GM**

**THURSDAY, APRIL 14**

**DOORS OPEN @ 7PM**

**FOOD SERVED AT 7:30**

**MEETING STARTS @ 8PM**

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## President's Message

April weather is starting out really good! People are working on their boats and getting them ready to splash. Remember that Blackfish Season started April 1 and Striped Bass season will start April 15.

So far members are keeping up with the property, everybody is contributing to keeping it clean. Keep up the good work!

16 of our club members (including myself) had a very successful and fun Panama trip with lots of pictures and lots of laughs!

We're ready to start fishing season at the club and resume Captains & Anglers meetings. I would like to remind everybody that when the GM starts to quiet down and be considerate of other members who'd like to hear. That way we can get the meeting run as efficiently as possible, afterwards everybody can sit and talk with one other.

Remember that shrink wrap does not go in the dumpster, please take it home with you Let Tom Leprine know when you're taking a boat out of the yard so we can move boats to make yours accessible.

Thank you, *Rick*



A Blessed Easter AND A Joyous Passover to all

# Derbies, Awards & Contests

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

We wish to thank all of our members and guests who attended our Annual Awards night last month. You all did your club proud by attending and showing why we are the premier fishing club, both on the water and on land. Honored at our meeting was Ronnie Furing and his family. We all thank you sir and wish you the best of luck in your future Pennsylvania agricultural endeavours. You will be missed.

Also, Joe and Joyce Steiner was present virtually and had a great time seeing/hearing us from their new house in SC. I promise to work the interactive production values for future meetings.

I feel it is my duty to inform our members that the disrespect shown during our meetings will not be tolerated. Bracco's is a smaller venue and does not lend itself to idle cross chatter. If you are not interested in listening or wish to converse to each other, I beg you to maintain decorum and please exit the meeting. There is absolutely no reason **ANY** speaker should be subjected to this inconsideration throughout our meetings.

I would like to personally send a special thanks down to Bill and Theresa Morrogh. Without their assistance, our awards night would not have been the success it was.

As a new season is already upon us, we remind you that the weigh slips you submit have **all the fields completed**. Quite a few that were submitted last season had no line test and even worse were illegible, so please make an extra effort this season.

The current/accurate NYS DEC marine regulations dated April 21, 2021 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). It's a good idea to download this pdf file to your mobile device, especially if you find yourself offshore without service. It also comes in real handy when settling a bet between friends.

Current derby dates and the link to our club fishing regulations will be located at: <https://www.ftcfishing.com/derbies>

Once we have received the 2022 Fish-At-A-Glance cards, we will make them available. We will have the FTC Bragging Board wiped and awaiting your catches by the next Captains and Anglers night starting (hopefully) this month.

*The following derbies are open and will be awarded at our June GM:*

**BLACKFISH (3 lb min) April 2nd - May 1st**

**COD (6 lb min) March 5th - May 1st**

**FLOUNDER (1.5 lb min) April 2nd - May 8th**

We will be posting updates and info in our Fishing Reports forum 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.

Best Fishes! *Ray Geiger*

# Good & Welfare

Our sincere condolences to the family of long time Freeport Tuna Club Member and sportsman, Bob Pettit

*Jeff Squeri*

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**GET INVOLVED!**

**Our committees are looking for volunteers for the upcoming season.**

**Interested?**

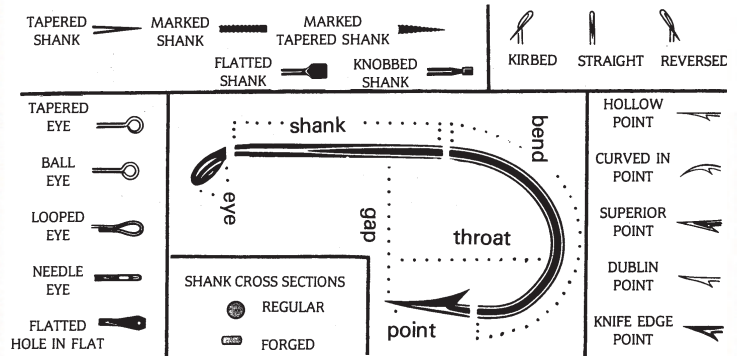
Please see President Rick Totten or stop down to a board meeting at the property the 3rd Wednesday of every month.

# KNOW YOUR HOOKS

Today's sophisticated sportsman knows that there's a lot more to catching fish than just tying any type hook to the line. Hooks just may be the most important part of your arsenal, and if you skimp in this area, your results may suffer accordingly.

That's why it's important to find the hooks that work best for you, and stick with them. Hook size is determined by its pattern, and is given in terms of the gap widths in the hook. The two important dimensions of the hook are its gap and throat, as illustrated by the Mustad-Viking hook below.

Note the width of the gap, clearance between point and shank and the depth of its throat. These generous dimensions make for a bigger bite, deeper penetration and better holding power.



# Entertainment

As the weather begins to improve, surely we all will be thinking about getting out on the water and starting our fishing season. With that in mind, we will have another issue of our Master Angler's Series at our April 14th meeting. We will focus on rigging, Inshore and offshore techniques. If you want to be a presenter at a future Master Angler event, please contact me. In May, we expect to have a speaker focused on Tuna fishing. Stay tuned for details.

Recently I was appointed chairman of a new committee, The Fishing Committee. This new committee is reviewing all aspects of our club's operations, programs and facilities to make recommendations intended to increase fishing participation and membership. For instance, our committee recently provided recommendations to update our annual award categories and awards. Should you have any questions, concerns or recommendations, please contact me.

If you have an interest in participating in either of my committees, please contact me.

Wishing you all tight lines and calm seas,

*Bruce C. Forster*, F/V Oh Yeah



# Master Angler Series

Our FTC Master Angler Series returns for April meeting.

At our April meeting we will host another edition of our Master Angler Series. We are fortunate to have some real sharpies among our members and everyone should take the opportunity to "learn from the masters."

## Chris Bellinzi

Chris will be talking about sharking and in particular, Threshers. Get ready for tournament season and pick up some pointers from a pro.

## Bob "Old Sam" Sabella

Bob is an expert at light tackle fluking and he will be showing how to tie and employ the "Giggys Rig".

## Capt. Harry Weinblatt and James Weinblatt

Father and son "team W" will be talking about targeting near and offshore Tuna with rigged live and dead baits. We had quite the BFT bite last year and now is the time to get ready should these giants return to our water's this year.

# Fishing Report



April 15th marks the striped bass opening day, remember slot fish 28"-35". No reports yet from our local waters, however for those wanting to make the run down to Raritan the bite has been very good.

*Capt. Adam Bollaci*

## COMING SOON

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**RAIN DATE: SUNDAY, MAY 22**

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Gene Schettini 516.434.1423

Chris Lombardo 516.270.0796

Anthony Alfieri 516.417.4733

## Property Committee

So after all this crazy weather, spring may finally be upon us.

I have been working on all the replacing all the bad GFI outlets on all the light posts on the docks. After replacing many of them it seems like they're all working.

In the next few weeks I will be numbering the light posts so if there is a problem with any of them you can text me if there is a problem with it and tell me what number post it is.

The new fish cleaning station will be outfitted with some led lights and a motion sensor so you won't need to turn the lights on when cleaning your fish, they will turn on when it's dark as long as there is motion at the station.

Give me a text or a call when you know you are a week or less away from getting your boat out of the yard so I can make your boat accessible. Please **DO NOT MOVE** any boat that is not yours without prior authorization from the property committee. And last but not least **NO SHRINK WRAP IN THE DUMPSTER.**

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*

## Captains & Anglers

We are looking forward to warmer weather to start our Thursday night barbecues. Please keep an eye on the website and Facebook for further information on Captain and Anglers Meetings.

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

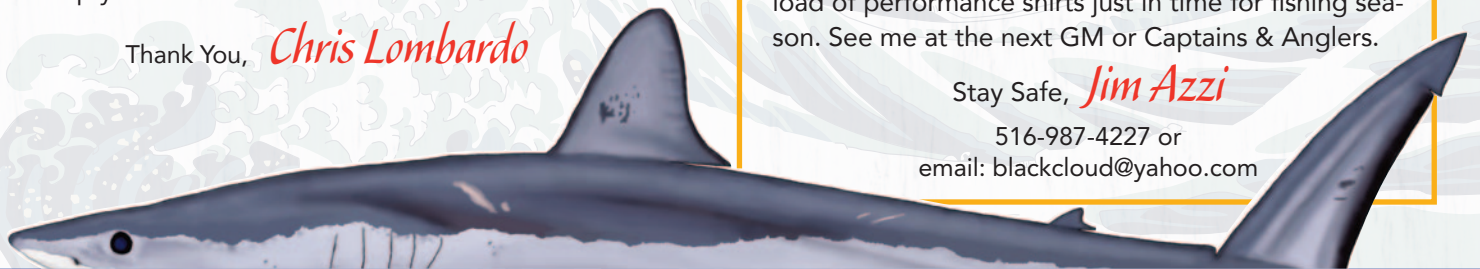
Thank you, *Jim Rooney*



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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