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Tuna Tower News

APRIL 2023

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

NEXT GM
WEDNESDAY,
APRIL 19
7PM @
FREEPORT YACHT CLUB
533 GUY LOMBARDO AVENUE
FREEPORT, NY 11520

PLEASE NOTE
CHANGE OF GM DATE DUE
TO THE UPCOMING HOLIDAYS

President's Message

If you missed the March GM Awards Night you missed a great presentation by Ray Geiger and his committee. Congratulations to all the winners, you are the best. Special congratulations to Jim Rooney, Board Member of the Year and Cathy Cunningham, Club Member of the Year. You both worked hard, and the entire club appreciates your dedication.

Welcome to our new guests who came to our March GM. I hope you will join our club, make new friends and enjoy all the benefits this club has to offer.

Special thanks to new member Tom Rice and crew from Island Wide Power Washing for power washing our club house decks and tables. Great job!

Spring is here and fishing season is underway, it's only a matter of time before our property is a beehive of activity. As always, please **NO** shrink wrap in the dumpster.

Our annual yard sale will be on May 13 (rain date May 14).

Please come down and support our club. The FTC needs volunteers. So maybe it's time for you to step up and volunteer for one of these events. Until next month, stay safe and healthy and remember that participation is key to a great club experience.

Thank you, *Paul Cunningham*



A Blessed Easter AND A Joyous Passover to all

Derbies, Awards & Contests

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. It was a great evening, made even better with your presence!

I would like to personally send a special thanks down to Bill and Theresa Morrogh and to my friend Harry Sbaschnig. 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 empty fields or were illegible. So please, make an extra effort this season. You might just win an award for your efforts!!

The current/accurate NYS DEC marine regulations dated June 21, 2022. They are located at:
www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/7894.html

Presently, the pdf version on the DEC website is out of date. When the regs and pdf are updated, I will let you know ASAP. I always download a copy to my phone in the odd chance I can assist some lost soul on channel 68 looking for the length of sea bass. It also comes in real handy when amusing your friends and family. Like they say when you enter the stadium, you gotta know the players in order to keep a scorecard.

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

Once we have received the 2023 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 & Anglers night starting (hopefully) this month.

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

BLACKFISH (3 lb min) April 1st - April 30th

COD (6 lb min) March 4th - April 30th

FLOUNDER (1.5 lb min) April 1st - May 7th

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

Remember, the approved provisional derby award changes are in effect. For our inshore derbies, there will not be an award for third place this year, but the gift card values awarded for first and second place during the Spring and Fall seasons will be increased to \$100 and \$75 respectively. Better sharpen your hooks now!

I hope to see you all at our next GM on April 19th. Spring is in the air, and word is there are fishes in the ocean just waiting for you to join them!

Best Fishes ----

Ray Geiger



Property

There are no longer any slips available for the summer 2023 season. If you like to get a dock space at the Freeport Tuna Club, please get on the our waiting list \$100 deposit call me - your deposit will be applied if you get a slip or total refundable at anytime.

All boats should be off the property by June 1. After June 1, they will be \$175 charge per month. Thank you all members for your support for winter and summer dockage. Have a great, healthy, happy summer.

Thank You, *Bob Dimino* Property Manager
516- 765-1555

So, mother nature blessed us with a good winter. Hopefully she has some more good nature left in her bag for the Spring. The dock water will be on, on or around April 1 depending on how cold the nights will be. I already have a few boats chomping at the bit to get out, but unfortunately some of those boats are in the very south end. When you have an idea of approximately when you'd like to get out of the yard, send me a text or give me a call so I can make a list and try to accommodate you as best as possible. Of course, as always, I ask for your patience and your cooperation to help ease the task of trying to get everyone out of the yard in a timely fashion. And last, but not least, **NO SHRINK WRAP IN THE DUMPSTER**. Thank you.

Tom L 516-316-7669

Fishing Report

Cod, Cod and Cod

As reported, Paul Hilton and Capt. John Jutt on Paul's F/V *Emily S.* made a trip on February 12. Paul took John to school that day - he had him 3 to nothing. They went to the the east, as they sometimes say, east is least.

Their next trip was on March 12th and this time the went to the West - which seems to be the best. They finished up with 14 keeper cod, and according to Capt. John, he caught up with him. As the day went on, weather conditions turned, there was no fileting in the cockpit, it got a little rough. Fileting was done at the dock to close a good day.

March 29, they made a trip, this time on board was Capt. Jim Krug, Paul Hilton and Capt. John Jutt. Again they went to the West, they ended up with 17 keeper cod, and some bycatch of tautog, conga eels... unfortunately, dog fish showed up on the grounds.



Much to their surprise, they had one bycatch that hasn't been seen on our ground in over 20 years, a silver ocean eel... good eats, however, they released that fish to grow that population that we haven't seen in some time.



For those of you who have your boats in the water, grab yourself some clams, use the high-low rig and make sure you can position yourself over a piece of bottom. It's worth the trip to shake off the winter blues.

I'm looking for help for the

fluke tournament - if you are able to do so, please contact me.

Capt. Adam Bollaci

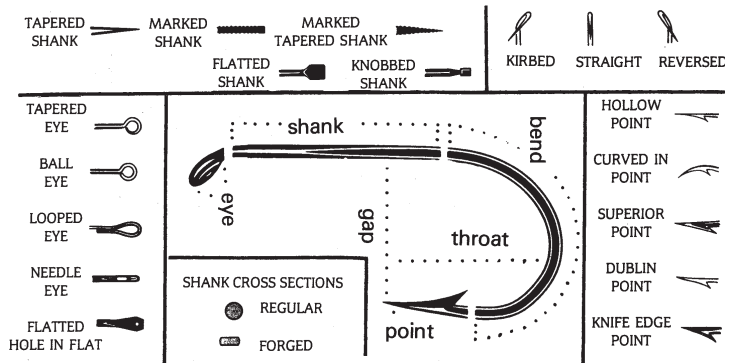
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Today's sophisticated sportsman knows that there's a lot more to catching fish than just tying any type hook to the line. Hooks just may be the most important part of your arsenal, and if you skimp in this area, your results may suffer accordingly.

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Entertainment

At our April meeting we will return to the Master Angler Series. **Mike Sullivan, Dave Pincus and Jim Krug** will be presenting. I am always seeking more presenters and content, so please contact me at (516) 443-4680 if you would like to be present in the future. Happy Spring, Easter and Passover to all our members. Cheers,

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Captains & Anglers

Captains & Anglers committee will be gearing up for our Thursday night barbecues as our weather gets warmer. Please keep an eye on the Tuna Tower News, website and Facebook for start dates.

Thank you,

Jim Rooney

Change of Dates

As we discussed at the last board meeting, the April GM falls on Passover.

Due to the coinciding holiday, the April GM has been moved to Wednesday, April 19, 2023, same time at the Yacht club.

The April Board meeting will then be moved to Wednesday, April 26, 2023.

Please update your calendars!

Thank you,

Cassidy Cunningham

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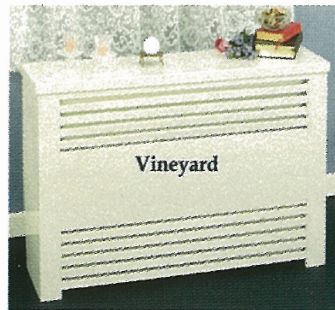
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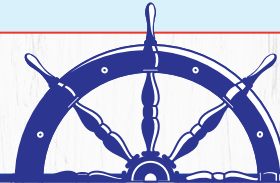
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