



## NEXT GM

**Thursday, April 13, 2017**

**@ 7:30 pm**

**The Freeport Yacht Club**

**533 Guy Lombardo Avenue**

**Freeport, NY**

*Guest Speaker: Marine Biologist Chris "The Fish Guy" Paparo*  
**(see inside for details)**

## President's Message

Hello Everyone,

The March GM was quite an exciting night! I would like to thank Dave Denenberg for inviting down Michael Scotto, from Nassau County Comptroller George Maragos' Office, to present Matt Cardone, John Daum, Sharon Missan, and me with citations. Please remember to show your support to these gentlemen.

Thanks to Ray Geiger for the fine job he did with our Annual Awards Night, with continued support from Bill and Theresa Morrogh (who we all miss very much)... to all of our members who received awards that evening, congratulations on all our your accomplishments!

I have exciting news! The fishing season is finally under way. Freeport Tuna Club member Ken Donowski will be organizing more Club Trips, please see him or me for more details.

For those of you who are interested in fishing over on the North Shore; Greenport, Orient Point area, please see our member, Dale Lewis. He has a very unique opportunity open to all our members that includes sleeping arrangements. You may contact Dale at DaleLewis555@yahoo.com for more information. The Freeport Tuna Club would like to extend their condolences to Dale and his family on the passing of their father.

The Club can now provide its members the opportunity to fish from the Verrazano Bridge out to Montauk, and thanks to Dale,

all over the North Shore.

Attention All Captains! We will be offering cash prizes to the Captains who take our new Members out fishing on their boats. Gene Schenttini will be explaining more details at the April GM. I would like to thank Gene and his committee for the great job they are doing with the membership and for all the new members that came to our Awards Dinner. Looking forward to meeting you and seeing you win awards this season.

I would also like to thank John Camper for speaking about the club and welcoming the the new members along with Bob McVey and our other members. Speaking of members I am very happy to announce that Don Morin has celebrated his 91st Birthday. From all of us at the Freeport Tuna Club: Happy birthday, good health, 91 more years, and keep flipping those hamburgers!

Speaking of hamburgers, hot dogs and great food... Captain Anglers will be starting up this month, we will be making an announcement at this month's a GM and following it up on our website. The highlight of the evening was when Bob Benzenberg



## President's Message *continued*

announced the tremendous success of the Seventh Annual Game Dinner which had a record number of 245 people attend and raised over \$13,700.00 for the Club. Thank you so much Bob Benzenberg, Joe Disalvo, Ray Geiger and your crew for all the hard work and many hours you put into make this event a tremendous success. Thank you, thank you, thank you! Tickets are now on sale for next year's game dinner which promises to be bigger and even more profitable than this year. I expect all of our members to support your club and purchase a ticket to this event. Finally, I know once the weather breaks, those of you who have boats on the property want to get them into the water. Please give Chris Squiri a call at 516-377-7720 or 516-523-3444 with at least

2 weeks advanced notice so he can have you ready. Thanks to Chris and the Property Committee.

Special thanks to John Gerrity and Richie Olejnik for stepping up to sell raffle tickets. Please see me if you are interested in selling tickets or working on the House Committee. I also have great news to report... Woody Anderson is home from the hospital feeling better and smoking half cigars. That's all for now Sea Yah at the GM which will be on Thursday, April 13, 2017 at the Freeport Yacht Club. This month's speaker will be The Fish Guy.

Greatfully Yours,

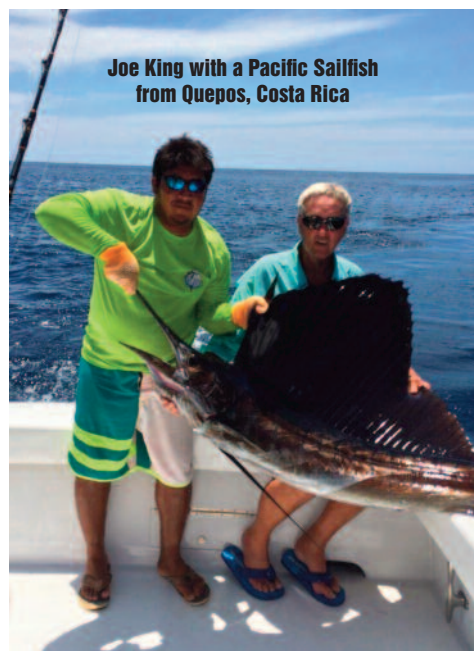
*Kevin Killelea*

## Fishing Report **Spring has Sprung**

While February had us thinking about an early Spring, March certainly brought us back to reality. Once again a lot of WIND and unseasonably cold temps prevailed and prevented just about anyone from getting off the dock. The wrecks have been largely untouched and at least one boat put together a decent catch of west end cod. I'm itching to go, just need the weather and schedule to align. The few trips that were sailed out of Montauk saw disappointing results. Flounder season is open, surprisingly

not a word from Raritan Bay, the North Shore, or the Captree Fleet.

Bryon King passed along a great report and a picture that will make you forget about winter. Bryon's father, Joe King of the F/V Kingfisher took a trip to Quepos, Costa Rica. There he caught Pacific Sailfish, Southern Amberjack, some Mahi, apparently in gorgeous weather and calm seas. Sounds like a great



**Joe King with a Pacific Sailfish from Quepos, Costa Rica**

trip, thanks for sharing that inspiring picture and report.

Many of us fish vicariously and receive news and reports through a variety of fishing web sites.

I want to mention an event that I read about on Capt. Steve Cannizo's Fishing United [www.fishingunited.com](http://www.fishingunited.com).

For those not familiar with Fishing United, the web site is targeted toward the recreational, for hire, and commercial fishermen and has a wealth of information if you take the time and drill down through the various threads. Steve's NY Bight Insider is particularly chock full of good and useful information. What caught my eye was mention of the 100th Birthday celebration of one of the most noted Captains in the region, Capt. Mike Scarpatti from the Ranger Fleet in Sheepshead Bay. Who can forget seeing the "big blue" Ranger V, one of the first

true super-cruisers, literally racing her rival the Tampa out to the grounds. Present at the party were many notable captions and one picture really jumped out at me, three legends in the bottom fishing industry. Left to right are Captain Al Lindroth (Captain Al), Ritchie Kessinger (Starstream), and Captain Paul Forsberg (Viking Fleet) How many wrecks and new drops were found and how many cod have fallen while these great skippers were at the Helm? Thanks for sharing Steve, what a historical event and photo.



**Capt. Al Lindroth, Capt. Ritchie Kessinger, Capt. Paul Forsberg at Capt. Mike Scarpatti's 100th Birthday Party**

With the improved weather many will be prepping their boats for the upcoming season while we await the Striped Bass opener, April 15th. Striped Bass have already been reported up the Hudson River (Tappan Zee area) and in several of the traditional North Shore spots like Little Neck Bay and Oyster Bay. Bunker are already plentiful throughout our area. The bass and blues will not be far behind.

What good is a fishing club fishing report without reports from our members? The internet and social media have taken over but the Tuna Tower News still has it's place. Please drop me a line and share your adventures with our membership.

Please email your reports to [philton@optonline.net](mailto:philton@optonline.net); or text/call me at 516.721.8907

The bulletin committee is working to improve the picture resolution in the printed and online Tuna Tower News. It starts with the quality of your photos. Send at full size when possible.

Sincerely,

*Paul Hilton FV Emily S*

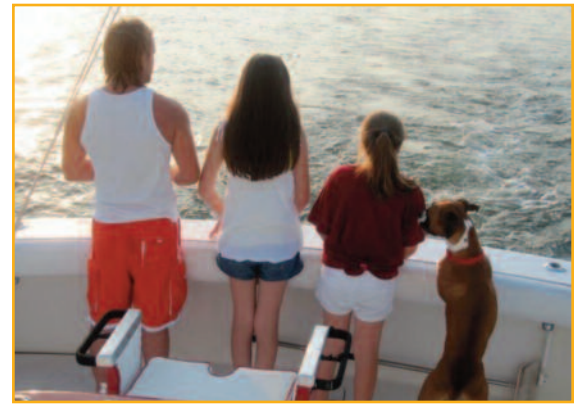


# Good and Welfare..

We are sorry to hear that Capt. John Jutt had to put his boxer Maggie to rest.

This dog has more sea time than most guys we know. Anyone with any good and welfare to report please contact me.

*Jeff Squeri*  
516-652-5981



## Property Manager's Report

Spring is here and the yard is really packed with boats stored for the winter. All captains will need to do some advanced planning when prepping and moving their vessels. Chris Squeri will need about a week's notice if you are moving your vessel off the property or need other yard adjustments to work on you boat. The best way to reach Chris is to text him at 516-377-7720.

### REMEMBER - NO USED SHRINK WRAP IN THE DUMPSTER!

Please be considerate of your fellow member when getting your boat ready for the new season. Let me or another member of the property committee know if you have questions or concerns.

**IMPORTANT!** Club sheds are not to be used to store personal items. The club's air compressor was extensively damaged when someone carelessly retrieved their item from the shed. Please note that club sheds will now be locked.

Again - if all the stars align and checks clear we will have **A FULL MARINA** this year. Thanks to all the members of the Property Committee and others who help get the word out about our great club and marina. The second payment for a summer slip is due the middle of April. There are a few outstanding invoices due so please send in your payment as soon as possible. The 3rd and final payment will be due on or before May 31st.

*Capt. Alan Evelyn*

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# Save the Date Saturday, August 5

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at our marina**

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## This Month's Speaker

Born and raised on Long Island (NY), **CHRIS PAPARO** has been exploring the wilds of the island for over 30 years. As a wildlife photographer, writer and lecturer, he enjoys bringing public awareness to the diverse wildlife that calls the island home. His passion for coastal ecology, fishing and the outdoors led him to obtain a BS in Marine Science from LIU/Southampton and currently manages the new Marine Sciences Center at the Southampton campus of Stony Brook University.

In addition to freelance writing for several fishing and wildlife related publications, Paparo currently writes the monthly Naturalist's Logbook column for the NY/NJ edition of On The Water Magazine. Although his work tends to focus on marine life, everything in the natural world is fair game. Keep up!



## Derby, Awards & Contests Report



*Awards Chairman: Ray Geiger | Committee Team: Bob Benzenberg, Harry Sbaschnig and Bill Morrogh*

I thank everyone that participated in our Annual Awards night GM at the Freeport Yacht Club and congratulations once again to all our 2016 winners. We now have a clean slate and are ready to once again accept your weigh slips.

I am still waiting for the DEC to finalize the regulations and hope to have the Fish-at-a-Glance cards made available ASAP.

We will also be cleaning off our Bragging Rights Board at the club property and hope to see all members come down once the Thursday Captain Anglers BBQ comes online.

- As a reminder:*
- The complete FTC Derby Calendar for 2017 is on our website under the Club Calendar section.
  - The dates/regs are set by the DEC. Any updates/changes will be announced in a timely fashion on our FTC website and The Tuna Tower News.

Best Fishes to all --- *Ray Geiger*

### FISH:

Cod (6 lbs.)  
Flounder (1.5 lbs.)  
Blackfish (3 lbs.)  
Seabass (2.5lbs.)  
Striped Bass (15 lbs.)  
Weakfish (5 lbs.)  
Fluke (3.5 lbs.)  
Shark (125 lbs.)  
Bluefish (8 lbs.)  
Tuna (20 lbs)  
Mahi (4 lbs.)  
False Albacore  
Green Bonito

### SPRING DATES:

March 11th – May 7th  
April 1st – May 14th  
Fall Only  
TBD  
May 6th – June 11th  
May 6th – June 18th  
May 20th – July 4th  
May 20th – July 4th  
May 20th – July 4th  
June 24th – August 6th  
June 24th – August 6th  
Fall Only  
Fall Only

### FALL DATES:

September 30th – December 10th  
Spring Only  
October 14th – November 26th  
TBD  
October 7th – November 26th  
August 13th – September 24th  
August 19th – September 17th  
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