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APRIL GM

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I never could have imagined that there would be a need to send a President's message like this. It is with a heavy heart that I must cancel all Freeport Tuna Club activities until further notice. That means no April GM or Board of Directors meeting, as well as Captains & Anglers BBQs. The Board of Directors and I agree, that in order to keep everyone safe we need to take these drastic, but necessary, measures. We will monitor the situation as it unfolds and make decisions about club activities on a monthly basis making sure we adhere to governmental regulations. Please note that normal behind the scenes, operations and financial activities will continue to move forward as usual.

Spring is upon us and that means more activity will be taking place around the property. Please be mindful of the yard and clean up any mess you make as well as following the rule of no shrink wrap in the dumpster. For anyone applying bottom paint we ask that a tarp be used to prevent spills of hazardous materials. Please follow the rules of social distancing should

the situation arise; we want to make sure that every one of our members stays safe.

Many thanks to any member or family members of the club that are health-care providers or first responders. We are all thankful for the extra effort they are putting in to keep all of us safe. Enjoy the time with your family and stay safe.

As always, I am available if anyone has questions or needs assistance. I can be reached via email adambollaci@gmail.com or phone 516-322-0030.

Tight lines,

Capt. Adam Bollaci



*May you and your families
have joyous and blessed holidays*



PROPERTY

Just a few reminders: The water is on. Please no shrink wrap in the dumpster or on the ground next to the dumpster. Clean up after working on your boat, that includes wax rags, paint brushes and all the other garbage left around the property. *Remember... your mother doesn't work here.* If you sand or scrape and paint the bottom be sure to put down a tarp or plastic to contain the debris. The boats are tight together on the property so be courteous to fellow members when moving or working on your boat and be mindful of social distancing protocols. If your boat is on blocks please put them back on one of the pallets once your boat is moved or splashed. It is the boat owners responsibility to clean up under and around their boat. Thank you in advance for your understanding and cooperation.

Your Property Committee



DERBIES, AWARDS & CONTESTS

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

We wish to thank all of our members and guests who attended our Annual Awards night last month. It was outstanding to see us get together and celebrate.

Also, special thanks go to Bob Pandy fresh from the southern climes for his assistance. He really did make the evening run very smoothly once again.

Thanks again to our friends, Bill and Theresa Morrogh, for their guidance and dedication. They truly are the final word and their company is truly missed by all.

As a new season is already upon us, we remind you that the weigh slips you submit are legible, meet the minimum weight requirement and have ALL THE FIELDS completed.

The current NYS DEC marine regulations dated March 3, 2020 are available as a pdf and are located in their website at: https://www.dec.ny.gov/docs/fish_marine_pdf/fishlimitsfish.pdf

Not a bad idea to save a copy to your phone when/if the question of NYS regs comes up in polite conversation. Or channel 68, in between bunker reports.

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

Once we have received the 2020 Fish-at-a-Glance cards, we will make them available to you all.

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

BLACKFISH (3 lb min) March 28th -April 26th

COD (6 lb min) March 7th – May 3rd

FLOUNDER (1.5 lb min) April 4th – May 10th

We will be posting updates and info in our 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. Good luck to all and stay safe!!

Best Fishes and Good Luck to All!

Ray Geiger

FTC 2ND ANNUAL FLUKE TOURNAMENT

I'm pleased to report that the Freeport Tuna Club Fluke Tournament shootout is still on the horizon after we weather this storm of Covid-19. Hope all are staying safe and getting those fluke rigs together, oiling up those rods and reels in quarantine!

Tight lines and let's keep making FTC Great!

Semper Fi

Robert Cincotta
F/V The Flounder Flopper

STRIPER DIARIES

EPISODE 20



With New York's "PAUSE" order in place, I hope everybody is home hunkering down and staying safe. These are unprecedented times for sure.

On the fishing front, the season has kicked off with a bang. For New Jersey residents, who have an open season, reports of keeper bass in Raritan Bay have been widely reported. Mojoes and swim shads have done the trick. As we typically see in late March and early April, fish are also being caught in Little Neck Bay. Locally, the dolphins have arrived off Long Beach and the bunker are back. With most marinas being closed, as "nonessential businesses," launching our boats will be delayed. That may be a good thing, as our health and safety must always come first.

This year New York State has pushed back the deadline for purchasing the 2020 dashboard permits. Typically they were purchased at Jones Beach or Captree State Park, with a deadline of March 31. However, this year permits can be purchased via email or regular mail and I believe the deadline is now April 30. Remember, social distancing is a must when venturing outside. The 4x4 fishing, night sport fishing, and camp hero fishing permits, are a great way to get outside and Cast a line (alone, or with members of your immediate family only). As of today, it appears access to the state beaches is still permissible. Remember, you will need a valid motor vehicle registration, driver's license of the registrant, and to register with the DEC for the free sporting license online. The website is dec.ny.gov and look for "sporting license". Permit applications can be mailed to "permit department - Dashboard permit" PO Box 247, Babylon, NY 11702 or emailed to LongIslandPermits@parks.ny.gov.

Lastly, new size limits for striped bass are in place. For members fishing south of the George Washington Bridge, the slot size is 28 to 35 inches. That means anglers cannot keep a fish less than 28 inches nor greater than 35 inches. The season opens April 1 and ends December 15. For anglers fishing north of the George Washington Bridge, the slot size is 18 to 28 inches. That means anglers cannot keep a fish less than 18 inches nor greater than 28 inches. The season up north opens April 1 and ends November 30. Daily possession limits is one fish per person in both locations.

I hope this message finds everybody well. Remember to stay indoors and stay safe.

Capt. Barbara Solomon

F/V Legal Limits

CAPTAINS & ANGLERS

**Keeping our members health
our #1 priority!**

Hope you're getting by well. Captain and Anglers BBQs will be delayed until it becomes safe for our membership to gather in close proximity.

Looking forward to seeing our members at our first BBQ when it is appropriate for us to gather, until then please stay safe and healthy.

Remember to keep in touch on Facebook and our website ftcfishing.com

Thank you, *Jim Rooney*

GOOD & WELFARE

Antoinette Rooney underwent spinal surgery on March 13th. The procedure was successful and she returned home the next day to recover. Toni says Thank you and is very appreciative of all the warm wishes.

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- There is currently no vaccine to prevent coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19).
- **The best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to this virus.**
- The virus is thought to spread mainly from person-to-person.
 - ✦ Between people who are in close contact with one another (within about 6 feet). Through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs, sneezes or talks.
 - ✦ These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people who are nearby or possibly be inhaled into the lungs.
 - ✦ Some recent studies have suggested that COVID-19 may be spread by people who are not showing symptoms.

Everyone Should:



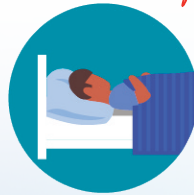
- **CLEAN YOUR HANDS OFTEN**
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds especially after you have been in a public place, or after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
- If soap and water are not readily available, **use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.** Cover all surfaces of your hands and rub them together until they feel dry.
- **Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth** with unwashed hands.

Avoid close contact



- **Avoid close contact** with people who are sick
- **Stay home as much as possible**
- Put **distance between yourself and other people.**
 - ✦ Remember that some people without symptoms may be able to spread virus.
 - ✦ Keeping distance from others is especially important for people who are at higher risk of getting very sick.

Take steps to protect others



- **STAY HOME IF YOU'RE SICK**
- **Stay home** if you are sick, except to get medical care.



- **COVER COUGHS AND SNEEZES**
- **Cover your mouth and nose** with a tissue when you cough or sneeze or use the inside of your elbow.
- Throw **used tissues in the trash.**
- Immediately **wash your hands** with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not readily available, clean your hands with a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.



- **WEAR A FACEMASK IF YOU ARE SICK**
- **If you are sick:** You should wear a facemask when you are around other people (e.g., sharing a room or vehicle) and before you enter a health-care provider's office. If you are not able to wear a facemask (for example, because it causes trouble breathing), then you should do your best to cover your coughs and sneezes, and people who are caring for you should wear a facemask if they enter your room.
- **If you are NOT sick:** You do not need to wear a facemask unless you are caring for someone sick (and they are unable to wear a facemask).



- **CLEAN AND DISINFECT**
- **Clean AND disinfect frequently** touched surfaces daily. This includes tables, doorknobs, light switches, countertops, handles, desks, phones, keyboards, toilets, faucets, and sinks.
- **If surfaces are dirty, clean them:** Use detergent or soap and water prior to disinfection.

TO DISINFECT:

Most common EPA-registered household disinfectants will work. Use disinfectants appropriate for the surface.

Options include:

Diluting your household bleach.

To make a bleach solution:

✦ 5 tablespoons (1/3rd cup) bleach per gallon of water

OR

✦ 4 teaspoons bleach per quart of water

Follow manufacturer's instructions for application and proper ventilation. Check to ensure the product is not past its expiration date. Never mix household bleach with ammonia or any other cleanser. Unexpired household bleach will be effective against coronaviruses when properly diluted.

Alcohol solutions.

Ensure solution has **at least 70% alcohol.**

Other common EPA-registered household disinfectants.

Products with EPA-approved emerging viral pathogens claims are expected to be effective against COVID-19 based on data for harder to kill viruses. Follow the manufacturer's instructions for all cleaning and disinfection products (e.g., concentration, application method and contact time, etc.).

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MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR



As I sit at my desk and gather material for this edition of the April 2020 bulletin - it saddens me to think when the season should be "starting," it's in reality, "a stop" (due to circumstances beyond our control).

I have been a member of this great club all of my adulthood and the editor of this bulletin - which is in fact a tremendous link of communication between the board of directors and our general membership. In thinking back, I am reminded, that the club has gone through hard times before and we've always gotten through it. Circumstances such as this give every one of us the opportunity to appreciate and really value what we have as a club.

My plan and my advice are simple. **STAY POSITIVE, STAY STRONG AND MOST IMPORTANTLY, STAY SAFE.**

This will become beneficial to this club when everything goes back to normal. I predict seeing more volunteers, better attendance and way more involvement and participation.

Sometimes in life, one neglects to value what one has until one no longer has it. I can go on and on about the value that might be given to us through a hard time. A past president and dear friend of mine, Paul Spasoto once said, "It's not whether you get knocked down, it's whether you get back up." and I NEVER forgot it (*if you're looking down on us, believe it or not Paul, I DID listen to you*).

I mentioned "my plan" above... my plan for the tuna club is we will get back up. **As long as we keep the faith, this great club of ours will survive anything. We will come back stronger and better than ever! God bless all of you and your families, this too shall pass...**

Capt. John J. Jutt Sr.

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