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# TUNA TOWER NEWS

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EDITOR:  
CAPT. JOHN J. JUTT, SR.

*Next GM*

Thursday,  
April 8, 2021

*at*

N'awlins  
Seafood Company

*301 Woodcleft Avenue*

Spring Striped Bass Seminar  
see inside for details

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Here it is April! Everyone's boats are getting in the water. The Club yard is emptying out. Work is getting done!

Our April General Meeting will gather at N'awlins Seafood Company on April 8. Blackfish season opens April 1. Striped bass season opens April 15. Our Members should be getting out there and fishing.

Captains & Anglers Thursday Night Barbecues will be starting soon - join us to get together and share your fishing experiences.

Clinics will be starting up soon and we're all getting ready for a good season.

We are hoping to have our much anticipated Awards Night General Meeting at the Club House in May.

Be safe and stay healthy, *Rick*



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



## 1ST VP MESSAGE

Hello FTC Members - I'm looking forward to having some cocktails and sharing some fishing tales with you all at N'awlins. Let's kick this season off right and have some well-deserved fun. Let's not forget to get those rigs ready for the Fluke Shootout Tournament on July 10th. Always be safe and see you all soon. Tight lines, Semper Fi -

*Robert Cincotta*

F/V The Flounder Flopper



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## ENTERTAINMENT

At our April 8th General Meeting, Doug Toback will provide a Spring Bass overview as we prepare for the upcoming Striper Season. The seminar Doug presented last Fall was a big success and Doug presented a truly deep dive into Striped Bass Fishing. With this presentation Doug will concentrate on the Spring Season. Bring a guest to join the FTC and learn from the experts.

As always, I am looking for assistance with Entertainment so if you are willing to help, please call me at (516) 443-4680.

*Bruce C. Forster* F/V Oh Reely

## GOOD & WELFARE

Please keep in your prayers Ken Reisher on his battle with his recent illness. We wish him well. Also we wish Bob Pandey continued success on his recovery!

Thank you, *Jeff Squeri*

## CAPTAINS & ANGLERS

The committee is looking forward to beginning our Thursday Night Barbecues. Captains & Anglers committee is looking for volunteers for the upcoming season.

Thank you, *Jim Rooney*

## DERBIES, AWARDS & CONTESTS

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



I am glad to report we have been given the go ahead to have our Annual Awards Night on the FTC property on Thursday, May 13th as expected. Please be sure to put this night on your social calendars, since this one will be special. 2020 was a tough one all around, so we hope for another great evening. So, get out of your house and celebrate our club and our members achievements once again! 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.

Best Fishes, *Ray Geiger*





# STRIPER DIARIES EPISODE 28

Ready, Set, Go!!! With opening day around the corner, most of us are getting ready for the spring fishing season. With that in mind, it is important to review some new and old important safety tips. The first is Brianna's law, which require every boat operator to take a safe boating course depending on your birth year. Here is the breakdown: if you were born on or after 1993, a boating safety certificate was required last year; if born on or after 1988, the certificate is required in 2022; if born on or after 1983, the certificate is required in 2023; and if born on or after 1978, the certificate is required in 2024. For all others operators, regardless of age, a certificate will be required by 2025.

On the fishing front, all anglers must enroll in the Recreational Marine Fishing Registry. Anglers fishing for Tuna and Shark must also apply for a Migratory Species permit. Keep in mind that the fishing regulations were last updated May 8, 2020, and are subject to change at any time. That being said, here is the latest...for those early birds, Tautog season for both the Long Island Sound and NY Bight Region opens April 1, 2021 and closes April 30, 2021. The size limit is 16 inches and 2 fish per angler. Hurry up and get in on the action, as the season is short and will not reopen again until October 11th, and 15th respectively. Remember to bundle up as water temperatures remain quite chilly, and a life jacket is required on all pleasure boats less than 21 feet until May 1, 2021.

April 1, 2021 is opening day for Striped Bass north of the George Washington Bridge. The slot size is 18-28 inches and 1 fish per angler. For those of us closer to home, and south of the GW Bridge, opening day is April 15, 2021. The slot size is 28-35 inches and 1 fish per angler. You will find fish in their usual places this time of year. For me, that means a trip (or several) to Raritan Bay. There are several reports of fish already being caught. In fact, Bobby Read of Back Bay Plugs caught and released a 58 pound striped bass this morning from his Hobie Kayak on a green and white plug!! You can find the full report on New Jersey, Delaware Bay edition of the Fisherman Magazine.

I hope to be on the water soon and get in on the action!  
Stay safe and until my next adventure, Tight Lines.

*Capt. Barbara Solomon*  
F/V Legal Limits



## PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Tom Leprine has upgraded the internet at the property, the new sign in is "Hudson275".

The committee would like to remind all members with boats wintering at the property to follow all rules list on the winter lease. Please 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 are reminded to dispose of their shrink wrap properly. Members are also required to stack all their cinder blocks on the palates along the fence line. This is the boat owner's responsibility.

Thank you,

*Your Property Committee*

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# ANNUAL AWARDS 2020 SEASON FINAL RESULTS

**#1 Stephen L. Vanderveer Trophy Bowl:** Angler catching the largest Tuna over 100lb sailing out of Jones Inlet.

**Mike Alfieri (108 lb. Bluefin) "Triton Charters"**

**#2 Stephen Radi Sr. Memorial Trophy:** Angler catching the largest Bigeye Tuna sailing from Jones Inlet. **Not Awarded**

**#3 Walter F. O'Malley Trophy:** Member catching the heaviest Tuna from any port except Freeport L.I.

**Ralph Drewes (734 lb. Bluefin) "No Mercy – Oregon Inlet"**

**#4 Bob Trapani Memorial Trophy:** Member catching the heaviest fish from any port except Shark.

**Ralph Drewes (734 lb. Bluefin) "No Mercy – Oregon Inlet"**

**#5 Fred W. Hollander Memorial Trophy:** Member catching the heaviest billed fish anywhere.

**Robert McVey (250 lb. Blue Marlin) "33 GW Express"**

**#6 Jack R. Neidorf Trophy:** (\*24hr.) First Tuna of the season sailing from and returning to Jones Inlet.

**Ralph Drewes (49.5 lb. Bluefin) "No Mercy"**

**#7 Jack R. Bode Ladies Trophy:** Awarded to the lady member catching the largest Tuna. **Not Awarded**

**#8 Ada Berlin Memorial Trophy:** Lady angler catching the largest species of any fish from any L.I. Port.

**MaryEllen Zullo (5.38 lb. Blackfish) "Magic Too"**

**#9 Henry Von Elm Inc. Trophy:** Angler catching the largest Tuna during any IGFA Tournament. **Not awarded**

**#10 John J. Miles Trophy:** Captain of the Year **Mike Zullo**

**#11 Mel Elderd:** Member catching the largest Tuna of the season in the Babylon/FTC Shootout. **Not Awarded**

**#12 Philip Ehrhart Memorial Trophy:** (\*24 hr.) Largest Bluefin caught sailing from Jones, Debs or Fire Island.

**Mike Alfieri (108 lb. Bluefin) "Triton Charters"**

**#13 Guy Lombardo Trophy:** (\*24 hr.) Angler catching the largest Tuna under 100 lbs. sailing from Jones Inlet.

**Ralph Drewes (79.38 lb. Yellowfin) "No Mercy"**

**#14 Freeport Marine Trophy:** Greatest weight fish per pound line sailing from any L.I. Port.

**Scott Novick 11.3 lb. Fluke 15 lb. test "Naida"**

**#15 Harry Peters Memorial Trophy:** Angler catching the largest fish out of any L.I. Port.

**Jim Krug (230 lb. Thresher Shark) "Reel Time"**

**#16 Harry Peters Memorial Trophy:** Captains Award for the largest Shark caught out of any L.I. Port.

**Bob Bohler (336 lb. Thresher Shark) "Joint Effort"**

**#17 Harry Berns Memorial Trophy:**

Captain whose boat tags the most amount of Tuna.

**Ralph Drewes (5 Tags) "No Mercy"**

**#18 George Beitterick Memorial Trophy:** (24 hr.) Angler catching the largest Bluefish sailing from Jones Inlet.

**John Gerrity (8.44 lb.) "Moonchild"**

**#19 Fred Miranda:** Awarded to the person who tags the most Marlin. **Ralph Drewes (2 tags) "No Mercy"**

**#20 Marsden B.Candler Memorial Trophy:** Angler largest Striped Bass on any boat sailing from any L.I. Port.

**Ralph Drewes (17.5 lb.) "No Mercy"**

**#21 Jack Bode Ladies Memorial Trophy:** Lady Angler for the most outstanding catch north of Cape Hatteras.

**MaryEllen Zullo (5.38 lb. Blackfish) "Magic Too"**

**#22 Harry Schwarze:** Captain's Award for the most Tuna caught during the Babylon/FTC Shootout. **Not Awarded**

**#23 Marine Center, Inc Trophy:** Captains Award for the boat catching the heaviest billed fish.

**Phil Giammarino (250 lb. Blue Marlin)**

**#24 Mako Marine Inc, Trophy:** Angler catching the heaviest Mako of the season. **Not Awarded**

**#25 Lawrence Festa Memorial Trophy:** (\*24 hr.) Captain catching the first Mako of the season from Jones Inlet.

**Not Awarded**

**#26 Norb Schlichtig Memorial Trophy:** Member outstanding service. **John Weber**

**#27 Tim Kryscuk Memorial Trophy:** Lady Member catching the largest Bluefish of the season. **Not Awarded**

**#28 Joe King Sr. Memorial Trophy:** (\*24 hr.) Largest Dolphin sailing from Jones, Fire Island or Debs Inlet. **Not Awarded**

**#29 John Shiel Spinning Tackle Trophy:** Most outstanding catch caught on spinning tackle using 2-12 lb line.

**Not Awarded**

**Paul Grippo Memorial Equalizer Trophy Fluke:** Children's Award for largest Fluke (12 and under).

**#30 Global: Not Awarded**

**#31 West: Not Awarded**

**Paul Grippo Memorial Equalizer Trophy Bluefish:** Children's Award for largest Bluefish (12 and under).

**#32 Global: Hudson Squeri (5.6 lb.) "Shannon 2"**

**#33 West: Hudson Squeri (5.6 lb.) "Shannon 2"**

**#34 Ed Keneske Jr. Memorial Trophy:** Awarded for outstanding service by a board member. **John Rooney**

**#35 Benjamin Mikoleski Memorial:**

Awarded to the member catching the largest Winter Flounder of the year. **Not Awarded**

**#36 Bob Neuman Aventura II" Memorial Trophy:**

Largest Winter Flounder caught by a child or grandchild. **Not Awarded**

**#37 Jack Kennedy Memorial Captain's Award:**

Largest Tuna. **Ralph Drewes (226 lb. Yellowfin) "No Mercy"**

**#38 Jack Kennedy Memorial Captain's Award:** (\*24 hr.)

Largest Striped Bass. **Ralph Drewes (17.5 lb.) "No Mercy"**

**#39 Jack Kennedy Memorial Captains Award:** (\*24 hr.)

Largest Bluefish. **John Gerrity (8.44 lb.) "Moonchild"**

**Ed Schuh Memorial Angler Awards Jones, Debs, Fire**

**Island: Cod, Weakfish, Blackfish, Seabass & Fluke.**

**#40 Cod: Mike Zullo (7.25 lb.) "Magic Too"**

**#41 Weakfish: Greg Magnifico (5.25 lb.) "Everything Zen"**

**#42 Blackfish: Mike Zullo (6.5 lb.) "Magic Too"**

**#43 Seabass: Mike Zullo (4.5 lb.) "Magic Too"**

**#44 Fluke: Joseph Mazza (7.5 lb.) "Little Bear II"**

**Jiggy Silber Memorial Global Anglers Award:**

Cod, Weakfish, Blackfish, Seabass & Fluke.

**#45 Cod: Mike Zullo (7.25 lb.) "Magic Too"**

**#46 Weakfish: Greg Magnifico (5.25 lbs.) "Everything Zen"**

**#47 Blackfish: Jayson Smith (14.8 lb.) "Boyhound Charters"**

**#48 Seabass: Mike Zullo (4.5 lb.) "Magic Too"**

**#49 Fluke: Scott Novick (11.3 lb.) "Naida"**

**#50 Ed Swanson Memorial Angler of the Year:**

Member obtaining the most points for twelve different species. **Mike Zullo**

**#51 John V. Festa Memorial Tagging Award:**

Member who tags the most game fish of the season.

**Mike Sullivan (100 tags)**

**#52 Barry Simon Captain's Award:**

Awarded to the member captain, most points achieved for Seabass, Codfish & Blackfish sailing from Debs to

Fire Island Inlet. **Mike Zullo**

**#53 Anthony Testa Sr. Memorial Award:**

Angler largest Fluke Jones Inlet

**Joseph Mazza (7.5 lb.) "Little Bear II"**

*Congratulations to all our awardees*



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