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"PARTICIPATION"

NEXT GENERAL MEETING



Wednesday, May 14, 2003

FREEPORT YACHT CLUB

8 Guy Lombardo Avenue (Just South of Sea Isle Sports Center on left hand side)

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Scott Schafer

I would like to start my monthly news letter by saying I am very disappointed in 35 of our members. I just can't believe that they let 25 knot winds and 13 ft seas stop them from going on there Cod trip. I thought they were real men!!! Better luck next year. On a serious note our local fisheries have opened early and they seem to be getting off to a good start. Our May meeting will be our first general meeting dedicated to teaching our young anglers the fine art of fishing. Our older anglers will be teaching our future sharpies different methods, baits, and species of fish. I promise our general meeting will be conducted in a speedy manner. I know the children need to get home at an early hour. We don't want any sleepy heads in school. May 17th is the day we will be having our yard sale,

so clean out your closets and see Al Casiavo for your table. Remember your old stuff may be another persons treasure. Towards the end of the month our Thursday night captains meeting will be getting underway and I am looking forward to seeing everybody and tasting the great food. In closing, if you haven't given me your child's name to put on the list for fishing pole at May's meeting don't worry I ordered extra poles to give out.

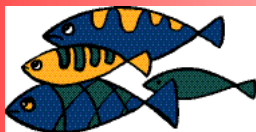
Sincerely,

Scott Schafer

NEXT GENERAL MEETING

May 14th • 8:00

KIDS NIGHT



BRING DOWN ALL THE CHILDREN

FUN • FOOD • RAFFLES • GIVEAWAYS

FISHING BULLETIN



As I had predicted last month, March came in like a lion and left like a lamb. The temperatures during the latter part of the month were enough to spur an interest for most of us, to start working on our boats and get them ready for the

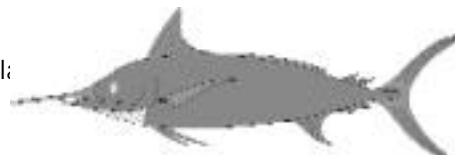
upcoming season. The property has already received the first wave of boat launchings with many more to follow. In general we have been experiencing to date, a relatively cool start to our spring season and our fishing has been following the same pattern. With the local water temperature in the low 40's, this certainly has not been conducive for our local species to begin their normal springtime habits. Warm sunny days with winds from a more southerly direction will help to move our season along. Hopefully by the end of the month our spring season will be more underway and I'll have more reports for this column as well.

On the local fishing scene our start to the flounder season got under way as scheduled. Several boats fishing the back creeks of Baldwin reported spotty catches. The better reports have been coming from way to the west in the Raritan

Bay area. If you are into making the long run to get there your efforts might be well rewarded, as limit catches have been the norm. As our club boats make their way back into the water our seasoned bottom fisherman will be able to give us some intelligence on our local bottom species. I did hear of some action on blackfish but I was not able to confirm it. This weekend a few brave anglers have plans for some local black fishing if the forecasted easterly winds don't dampen their efforts. Local cod fishing remains lackluster with the wrecks around the 25-fathom area giving up a few fish reportedly up to the teens. The cod fishing from the Montauk area remains hit and miss although this area continues to out produce ours.

As the month of April draws to a close the spring mackerel run should begin and as always it has coincided with the full moon. This years surprise is that the full moon is April 16 and May 16 we will see how this plays out for this years run.

Sincerely,
Captain Harry Weinbl
F/V Blue Marlin



Conservation

2003 regulations in effect: fluke 17" 7 bag no closed season Porgies 10" 50 bag no closure scheduled black sea bass 12" 25 bag closures scheduled for September and December. There are currently 50 "redbird" subway cars still available for reefing purposes. Please sign and mail the letter to Gov. Pataki that is included with this months newsletter. ALS tagging kits will be available for those interested in tag and release at the May GM.

House

WE NEED HELP on picking up soda/beer/chips/etc. for general meetings. If you have a little free time on these evenings, your "Participation" will be greatly appreciated! See Joe Glavin.

Membership

199 members. 7 new members: George Carl / James Vallure / Sharon Missan / Anthony Devito / Ray Fuobosilo / Don Gleason / Peter DiThomas / Bob Sieber

Property

Waiting list for inside and outside slips. All payments due by 5/1. Please clean up prior to Garage Sale.

Special Events

Garage Sale- Saturday May 17 **SPACE IS AVAILABLE AT \$30.00 BRING YOUR OWN TABLES SET UP TIME 7:00 A.M.**
CONTACT AL CASCIANO 516 223-6401 516 523-1339

Good & Welfare

Scotts mom is ill please keep her in your prayers. John Webers dad is out of the hospital. Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Pedley on the birth of their daughter.

CLUB AWARDS & DERBY DATES



Awards Chairman: Captain Lawrence J. Festa F/V "KRISTEN"
Committee Team: Captain Chris Bellinzoni, Captain Michael Zullo,
Mary Ellen Zullo & Anthony Testa

The Following Derbies are in Progress/Starting This Month:

- Spring Flounder (01.5 lbs. Min.).....April 5th ~ May 24th
- Spring Seabass (02 lbs. Min.).....May 10th ~ June 8th
- Spring weakfish (05 lbs. Min.).....May 17th ~ June 22nd
- Spring Striped Bass (15 lbs. Min.).....May 10th ~ June 15th
- Spring Shark (125 lbs. Min.).....May 31st ~ July 6th

The Spring Blackfish Derby Is Closed & The Winners Are:

- 1st Place:.....Captain Mike Zullo 6.5 pounds
- 2nd Place:.....Mary Ellen Zullo 3.5 pounds
- 3rd Place:.....Captain Mike Zullo 3.2 pounds

Attention All Club Members:

Effective 2003 as per the "Board of Directors" the Awards & Contest Committee will only be allows to except **Official Freeport Tuna Club Weigh Slips**. All derby weigh slips must be submitted prior to two weeks after the close of the derby. Only fish caught from Debs, Jones and Fire Island inlets are eligible. Good luck to all.

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"ONE MANS GARBAGE IS ANOTHER MANS GOLD"

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\$3.00 AT THE GATE

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WILL BE AVAILABLE

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MAY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4	5	6	GM 7	8	9	10
MOTHERS DAY 11	12	13	Board of Directors Meeting KIDS NIGHT 14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	Captain/ Anglers Barbecue 22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	





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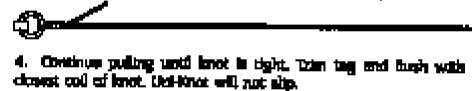
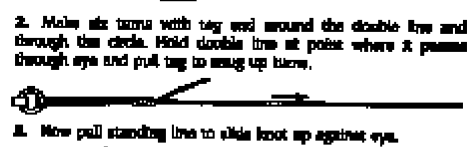
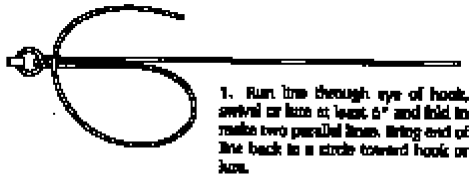


THE "Y-KNOT" CORNER To all members - any knots or rigging tips are always welcome

The Uni-Knot System

One basic knot which can be varied to meet virtually every knot tying need in either fresh or salt water fishing. That was the objective of Vic Danaway, author of numerous books on fishing and editor of "Florida Sportsman" magazine. Here is the system which resulted.

TYING TO TERMINAL TACKLE



Each month we will try to feature a new knot
Practice it - learn it - it will improve your landings

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