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NEXT GM

THURSDAY MAY 8, 2008 • 8:00 PM

CURE OF ARS AUDITORIUM

MERRICK AVENUE • MERRICK

(between Sunrise Highway and Merrick Road)

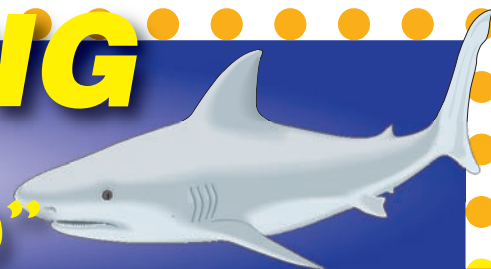


SHARKING

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND

"LARRY THE LEGEND"

Capt. Lawrence J. Festa - One of South Shores Finest



For those of you who have never attended.....

Captain Lawrence J. Festa has been an avid offshore L.I. Fisherman for over thirty-five years. He is a Licensed Coast Guard Captain and a former charter boat Skipper of his F/V KRISTEN.

He is a member of the oldest and largest fishing club on Long Island, the Freeport Tuna Club. He has served as past president, special advisor, and is currently senior staff to their Board of Directors. Captain Larry has given numerous shark seminars at Long Island Sporting Shows, throughout the years. In addition he has done several open shark clinics and he is considered the clubs resident shark expert, thus coined the name "The Legend."

During his fishing career Captain Larry has won and placed in several Long Island Shark Tournaments, including the L.I. Hudson Anglers & Woodcleft Shark Tournament Events.

His knowledge of Long Island water spans from the inshore spots of Jones's Inlet to our canyons.

So come down May 8th for a great evening of information and fun!!!!!! There will be some great raffle prizes, and a BBQ dinner (see inside for more details)

President's Message

Ed Faza

I would like to thank everyone that volunteered to help John Gerrity with the property over the last few weeks. It was a tremendous effort by all, from counting trucks to swinging hammers. As I write this, plumbers are plumbing and electricians are installing power stations on the new docks. The project should be completed very soon and our new "top of the line" marina will be open.

Capt Harry has put together another great cod trip for the club. Members had a good time, caught plenty of fish and enjoyed gourmet meals! Rumors are spreading that Harry might be planning an off shore trip for the club this fall. Joe Jahn has a club fluke/bass trip at Orient Point on May 19th. Seventeen members have already signed up and there are still some openings, see Joe for details. The FTC's inshore/offshore challenge is starting up. Last year's competition was a cliff hanger to the very end. To compete in this year's challenge sign up at the GM. There are plenty of Derbies in progress and there is a striped bass shootout on the weekend of the 16th. Don't forget about the Rodeo on June 1st. It is a great opportunity to bring the

family down so they can see the new marina.

This Month's general meeting features our own Capt Larry Festa discussing the "who, what, where, and when" of shark fishing our local waters. We will have an open GM, so feel free to bring a guest or two. Please be aware that members pay \$5 and guests will be charged \$20 at the door. This is a "must see" in my opinion. Larry has a vast wealth of knowledge on this subject and plenty of impressive catches to prove it.

There is so much to do in the month of May. Just remember "you have to be in it to win it". So come down, sign up, fish and have a good time with your friends at the Freeport Tuna Club. Don't forget to hand in your weight slips!

Thanks,
Ed Faza



JUST IN TIME TO KICK OFF THE 08' SEASON, THE NORTHEAST FISHING SEMINAR SERIES (NFSS), IN COOPERATION WITH THE FREEPORT TUNA CLUB, IS PROUD TO PRESENT A SHARK FISHING SEMINAR.

When: Thursday evening, May 8th, from 7:30pm until 10:30pm, doors open at 7:00pm.

**Where: The auditorium, Cure of Ars Church,
2323 Merrick Ave, Merrick, NY 11566
(on Merrick Ave between Sunrise Hwy & Merrick Rd.)**

Cost: \$20 per person, for non club members, payable at the door that evening, includes dinner.

Free admission for children under 12

**The seminar will be conducted by
Captain Lawrence J. Festa, one of Long Island's "Top Guns"
for shark fishing.**

TOPICS TO INCLUDE BUT NOT LIMITED TO:

*** TACKLE & GEAR * DRAG SETTINGS * KNOTS, LEADERS, ALL TERMINAL TACKLE * GAFFS, GIMBELS, ROPES, ETC. * BAITS, PRESENTATION & RIGGING, WHICH BAIT, WHEN & WHY * CHUMMING & CHUNKING * ELECTRONIC CHUMMING, HOW TO GET THE MOST OUT OF YOUR MAKOMAGNET * TECHNIQUES, DRIFTING, STARTING A DRIFT, POWER DRIFTING * TROLLING FOR SHARKS IN LONG ISLAND * STRATEGIES, WATER TEMPERATURES, UNDERSTANDING THE THERMOCLINE, STRUCTURES, WRECKS, HOOK SETS, BATTLE STATIONS, "THE END GAME" * TAGGING * SPORTSMANSHIP * FULL Q & A**

No matter if you are just starting out, or a "seasoned pro" there is something here for everyone who has an interest in the shark fishing game. Many of you have been to some of the shark fishing seminars Captain Larry has conducted over the years. This seminar will be different from past ones in that this will be the "Full Monty" so to speak, covering all aspects of the game from A - Z.

PROPERTY

The property committee would like to thank the following members who helped construct the walkway and deck frame on the following dates: April 13th, 19th, 20th, 25th and 26th.

Dave Massa • Al Casciano • Jim Rooney • Mike Sullivan
Paul Schuber • Adam Bollaci • Charlie Goldstein • Matty Errett Ken
Kapner • Don Granger • Tony Bollaci • Bob Dimino
Bob Sabella • Rick Totten • Bob Benzenberg • Larry Festa
Harry Weinblatt • Bill Morrogh • Tim Sherman • Joe Jahn
Chris Squeri • Peter Cefai • Jeff Yapalater • Paul Hilton
Rob Rosenberg • Robert Schmid • Chris Bellinzoni • Joe Fanora
Ed Faza • George Sinerco • John Gerrity-Property Chairman

Hancock promises to wrap up their work this week in time for the start of the 2008 fishing season. Many club members have given their time and support to make this project a success. I want to thank them all and in particular John Gerrity and Bruce Forester who assisted me with overseeing the construction phase. And of course I wish to again thank the Working Group Members, Howard Berman, Jim Rooney, Chris Bellinzoni, Jeff Squeri, and Chris Squeri, Tim Sherman, Larry Festa, Ralph Drewes, Al Casciano and Joe Jahn for their assistance and guidance on the project design.

We rented the one open space at the property only to have another open when a club member decided to sell their boat. An inside slip is available, complete with finger. The last one; I promise. This slip can accommodate boats to 25 feet. Contact Mike Sullivan if you are interested.

MAY 2008 DERBY, AWARDS & CONTEST REPORT

Awards Chairman: Captain Bill Morrogh
Committee Team: Captain Michael Zullo, Mary Ellen Zullo,
Captain Chris Squeri, Joseph Jahn & Capt. Lawrence Festa

The season is upon us! The Cod (6lb min) and Flounder (1.5lb min) derbies are wide open. You'll need better than 9lbs. to crack third place in Blackfish (3lb min). Let's get the slips in!

Congratulations to Rob Solberg on his 51.25lb Monkfish caught on the club Cod trip. It's a new club record, beating the old mark by over 30lbs!

See me at the May GM if you need weigh slips.

THE FOLLOWING DERBIES ARE IN PROGRESS OR STARTING THIS MONTH:

Cod (6 lbs.)..... March 22nd ~ May 4th Slips due by 5/18.
Blackfish (3 lbs.).....March 29th ~ April 30th Slips due by 5/14.
Flounder (1 lbs. 08 ozs.).....April 5th ~ May 11th Slips due by 5/25.

Seabass (2.5 lbs.).....April 26th ~ June 1st
Striped Bass (15 lbs.).....May 10th ~ June 15th
Weakfish (5 lbs.).....May 17th ~ June 29th
Fluke (3.5lbs.).....May 24th ~ July 6th
Shark (125lbs.).....May 31st ~ July 6th
Bluefish (8lbs.).....May 31st ~ July 6th

2008 SHOOT OUTS

Committee: John Rooney, Joe Steiner,
Chris Bellinzoni, Sean Libby, Jeff Yopalater

May 16, 17 & 18, Friday , Saturday & Sunday: Striped Bass

Fishing Against The Matinecock Club & Hudson Anglers

June 6, 7, & 8, Friday , Saturday & Sunday:

Fluke And Bluefish - Fishing Against The Hudson Anglers

June 27,28 & 29, Friday , Saturday & Sunday:

Fluke And Bluefish - Fishing Against Matinecock

July 11,12& 13, Friday , Saturday & Sunday: Shark

Fishing Against The Hudson Anglers, Staten Island, Babylon Tuna Clubs

August 22,23,&24, Friday , Saturday & Sunday: Tuna

Fishing Against The Babylon Tuna Club

October 17,18,&19, Friday , Saturday & Sunday Striped

Bass

Fishing Against Staten Island Tuna Club

Just Reminder, Safety Should Always Be The First Priority And Responsibility Of The Captain/Owner. Weather Conditions The Size Of Your Vessel & Crew Should Always Be A Determining Factor As To "Weather" Or Not Your Vessel Leaves The Dock. If There Is Any Doubt, Keep The Dock Lines Tied To The Dock And Start The Blend!

Only The Fish That Are On Official Club Slips And That Are Handed To The Shoot-Out Committee Will Count Toward The Three Heaviest Fish Compared To The Other Clubs Fish That Are Being Fished Against. There Are Club Trophies Involved With The Babylon Tuna Shoot-Out And The Staten Island Striped Bass Shoot-Out.

FLUKE CALCUTTA

Last month, we started the 2008 fluke Calcutta. The Calcutta will be \$10 per member; largest fluke from anywhere takes all. Fish must be free swimming and alive when caught on hook and line. There are no restrictions on inlets. Fish wherever the big one roams. The Calcutta will run as long as the NY fluke season remains open. I will be collecting at the GM. Mike Sullivan

SPRING RODEO

The Rodeo is on Sunday June 1st., fishing starts Fri May 30, Sat. May 31, Sun. June 1st. all slips must be at the property by 4 PM. Sun. Party to follow. Rodeo species are Stripe bass, Fluke, bluefish, sea bass, shark, all club Regs. apply.

CAPTAIN ANGLERS

Capt. & Anglers are gearing up for the start of the 2008 season. We are looking forward to great food, drink, comradery and fun. We will be start Thursday nights as soon as conditions at the property are conducive. So please keep an eye on the web site for up to date information on the starting date. Capt. & Anglers and the rodeo committees are looking for a few volunteers to help out. If you can spare a little time please contact Jim Rooney or Bob Pandy any help is appreciated.

Jim Rooney

Freeport Tuna Club, Inc.
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Sport-fishing & Conservation

2008 Officers

Ed FazaPresident
Joe Jahn 1st Vice President
Bob Benzenberg 2nd Vice President
Mike SullivanTreasurer
Chris Bellinzoni.....Secretary



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Freeport, New York 11520

Deliver To:

YEARBOOK 2008

Ads have been coming in. All members should be part of this yearbook. Please have your ad copy ready.

There will be a booth set up to accept yearbook ads at the next GM.

Full page \$75 members

\$125 non members

Full Page Color \$200

\$250 non members

half page \$50 / \$75 non members

CLASSIFIED:

2. Four Shimano 50 TLD II- 2 speed 50 pound class graphite reels, spooled with 80 pound Momoi Blue diamond line, exc working condition, professionally maintained. - \$325 each
Contact Chris Gerhart-516-897-6898

2001 Pursuit 3000 Express. Twin 300 Mercruiser inboards, 300hrs. Hard-top&canvas. Sleeps 4. Electronics, head/shower, fridge, microwave, stove, AC/Heat. Mint Condition. Asking \$99,000. At FTC for viewing. Call Rich H: 631-543-3866 C: 516-641-0740.

Wanted 25 hp outboard long shaft with tiller. Call Joe, 516-851-8762

Looking for 13" Boston Whaler with or without engine, contact Jeff 516-425-4645

AQUASPORT 270XF: 1987 27' (30'-6" oa) express with twin 325 hp fresh marinepower inboards. 10' beam, Arch, electronics, riggers, shore power, swim platform, sleeps 3. huge cockpit, fast and economical \$25,000.00. call bruce @ (516) 443-4680

Boat Slip for Rent. water@electric in Freeport Call Sy Karp 516 632 9770

Wanted - C-MAP NT+ card NA-C302 Cape Cod, LI and Hudson River. Contact Mike Sullivan

Wanted the New York Sportfishing Federation has some auction fishing trips still available. These are for discounted party and charter boat trips. Please call Dennis Cataldo for listing etc. The federation needs club members for its' four inshore fishing tournaments. Visit our website www.nysf.org or call Dennis Cataldo at 516-753-5433 for special discounts.

To place an ad in our classified contact Capt. John Jutt 516-546-2312 or email to: JJutt@mmpmk.com