

# Tuna Tower News

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## NEXT GENERAL MEETING



Thursday, June 9, 2005

CURE OF ARS CHURCH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

Merrick Ave., Merrick

(South of Sunrise Highway between Sunrise Hwy. & Merrick Road)

## CAPTAIN LARRY FESTA F/V KRISTEN SHARKING

**How to slay the dragon. You've heard from the rest now hear  
from the best. Back by popular demand.  
DON'T MISS THIS ONE!**

### President's Message

Capt. John J. Jutt, Sr.

Well it's June, the time of year that in my book kicks off the year. Derbies are under way, Captain Angler meetings are in full swing, our clinics are lined up and the spring rodeo has been set-up. The property is in tip top shape. Club moral is high and membership is increasing. What could be better? You are a member of the largest, oldest and best fishing club on Long Island! For me as the captain at the helm, I am extremely proud of all you have done. That's a feeling that I am proud to admit to over and over again. All I can say is thanks again for all of your support.

A special thanks to long time member Dan "NAN-SEA" Pollera for bringing our club logo on the property back to life. A job so well done that just one look will reveal the talent that makes Dan a renowned artist. Dan, I take a moment to give you my personal thanks. Our clinics are in full swing the last was given on striped bass by one of our local sharpies Chris "Four Bells" Bellinzoni. Any one who attended picked up some pointers on chumming them up. Thanks Chris!

June always kicks off the Mako season. Local tournaments are being organized so let's get a piece of

the action. But before you do, you might want to attend the next GM Meeting. We have one of the South Shore's finest shark fisherman speaking, our own CAPTAIN LARRY FESTA f/v Kristen. He will be giving a presentation on guess what? You guessed it; How to land the "man in the blue suit". Don't miss this one. Larry will cover tackle, bait rigging and how to "SLAY THE DRAGON". You can only learn from this one. I know I have.

Other reasons to attend the next GM Meeting are that our "At a Glance" cards will be distributed and our house committee has some superb culinary delights in store for us.

One last note before I go fishing, when entering a tournament, always mention your Freeport Tuna Club affiliation. Fly your burgees with great pride, and be determined to score. And most of all, always keep safety in mind. Remember, there is tomorrow to fish .

Captain John J. Jutt



# FISHING BULLETIN

It took until mid May for the action to take hold and let's hope that its all uphill from here. Although we are still being plagued with not so ideal weather, the month of May had a few better days than the months before it. Our club members chomping at the bit to get out certainly took advantage of any inkling of a decent weather report. When they did the reports were decent enough to pay attention to and with that said our 2005 fishing season has finally started.



On the fishing front the waters have warmed up enough to inspire our targeted species to put the feedbag on. First on the menu this past month was the much-awaited fluke. It started with a bang according to past president Scott Schaffer his first trip was so-so but the second one was out of control. By 9:30AM that day they were limited out the biggest was 10.1 lbs. The next day Capt. Jim Krug accompanied by an entourage of club members sailed his Persuader to the promised land and reported phenomenal action with his biggest hitting the deck at 6lbs. Further to the west Mike Sullivan on his Blue Jacket II reported the same action lots of fish but not the big one. His catches have been consistent with fish also reported to 7.0 lbs. Our action out in front of our inlet, by the JI Bouy, started like gang busters with several large ones reported up to 12.0 lbs. Unfortunately they were not caught by any of our club members. The action has been spotty recently and as our weather settles down a bit this action will continue to rebound.

The local striped bass action has started as well. After an excellent presentation on the finer aspects of bass fishing by Chris Bellinzoni at our property, during a

recent Capt/Anglers gathering, his crew led the way by capturing first and second place during the clubs first shoot-out of the year. Impressed by the presentation, new club member Howard Moskowitz, did what any new member should be doing, getting involved with club members. He sailed recently with Chris aboard the Four Bells and caught his first bass of the season. The action on the outside has been excellent as well. The bunker schools are along the beach and the bass are under them. This past weekend Tony Testa Sr. sailed aboard his son's vessel the Stefani Ann and bagged a 35.0 lb bass employing this method. Further to the west the bass have been cooperating as well, schools of fish have been located under birds. Ralph Drewes reported that they had non-stop jigging action recently aboard his Oceanic the fish were reported to be all very decent size, the largest about 25lbs.

The bottom fishing has picked up as well as the sea bass have finally made their appearance. Last weekend Howard Berman sailed his vessel Aphis to the west with past presidents Ron Leonardi and John Hachman and reported sea bass in large numbers, there largest tipped the scale at 4.5 lbs. Local bottom expert Capt. Mike Zullo confirmed the same report about the sea bass, finally season has started.

Lastly our Off-Shore Chariots are ready for some blue water action. The beginning of June is the signal for most intrepid anglers to head out in pursuit of the season's first mako. Although the waters are still on the cool side, the reports from south Jersey indicated that the season has started. It won't be long before the "man in the blue suit" makes his or her appearance in our local waters.

Sincerely,  
Captain Harry Weinblatt F/V Blue Marlin

## SHOOTOUT

June 10, 11 & 12, Friday, Saturday & Sunday: Bluefish & Fluke  
Invited/Participating clubs: Babylon Tuna Club, Hudson Anglers, Atlantic Anglers, Mill River Fishing Club, Smith Point Fishing and Hunting Club, Matinecock

July 1, 2 & 3, Friday, Saturday & Sunday: Fluke & Bluefish  
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## GOOD AND WELFARE

Welcome back to the Fleet. Ryan Sullivan and Christopher Bellinzoni are home for the summer after completing a very successful first year at college. Keep up the good work boys.

## CAPTAIN & ANGLERS

Thursday nights are hitting thier stride, foods been great and participation by new members has helped the cook crew tremendously. Due to the rising prices of food we had to increase the price of Thursday BBQ to \$8.00. This will provide us with the funds needed to keep the quality and amount of food to the expectations our club members are use to. I would like to thank Chris Bellinzoni for the Stipped bass clinic he gave on May 25, it was top notch. While fishing with the crew of the HOT TUNA we used several of Chris' methods which kepted us in the action the whole trip.(thank you agian Chris) Remember to check the website for upcoming clinics.

Tight Lines

Jim Rooney 1st. VP

# CLUB AWARDS & DERBY DATES

Capt. Lawrence J. Festa F/V Kristen

## JUNE 2005 AWARDS & CONTEST REPORT

Awards Chairman: Captain Lawrence J. Festa

Committee Team: Captain Michael Zullo, Mary Ellen Zullo, Captain Chris Bellinzoni, Captain Chris Squeri, Joseph Jahn

The following derbies are in progress or starting this month:

Striped Bass:.....May 14th ~ June 19th  
Weakfish:.....May 21st ~ June 26th  
Fluke:.....June 4th ~ July 7th  
Shark:.....June 4th ~ July 10th  
Bluefish:.....June 4th ~ July 3rd

The following derbies are closed & the winners are:

Cod:

Sorry No Winners

Spring Blackfish:

1st Place: Joseph Fanora.....7.48 lbs. F/V Norma  
2nd Place: Joseph Fanora.....6.50 lbs. F/V Norma  
3rd Place: Robert Porter.....4.80 lbs. F/V Shark III

Spring Flounder:

1st Place: Robert Hindenlang.....2.93 lbs. F/V Tin Man  
2nd Place: Joseph Fanora.....2.62 lbs. F/V Bobcat  
3rd Place: Paul Hilton.....2.43 lbs. F/V Emily S

Spring Seabass:

Winners will be awarded at the July GM

Derby Updates: Congratulations to Captain Hindenlang on his new vessel the Tin Man and nice way to start the season with a 1st Place Derby Winner!

Hats Off to James Counts for the largest Cod of the year to date @ 15 LBS.

Any outstanding catches or updates on fish you might like mentioned, just drop me an E mail @ Captainlarry84@aol.com

Note: If you think you have a winning fish it is your responsibility to check with the awards committee prior to weigh slip deadlines which are always two weeks after each derby closes. You must keep the white weigh master stamped copy for your records and the buff goes to the committee also with weigh master stamp & signature.

## PROPERTY

Thanks for/to Bellinzoni for decorating the club property for the 3rd straight year with all the U.S. flags {about 30} in memory of his father William A Bellinzoni a WW II vet and all US vets who have defended our country. The flags do look great as pictured on the front of the town of Hempstead water activity brochure again this year.

Crew members please remember to park at the West fence and not behind the boats at dockside. These areas are reserved for our boat captains. Ownership has its perks.

## HOUSE

To increase our dessert menu at our monthly GM Meetings, we're asking for one or two members per month to donate any dessert / fruit / cookies / home baked goods.

A once a year donation isn't too much to ask.

Contact Bob Benzenberg 516.679.9200.

### Fluke Calcutta

There is still time to join the Fluke Calcutta. With 70 members already signed up, some lucky member is going to take home \$700. More importantly, they will have their name inscribed on the "Top Gun" of fluke plaque forever immortalizing their achievement. The season is very early; this year it runs through the end of October. So there is still plenty of great fishing ahead. If you think you want to compete the "The Best", see Mike Sullivan at the next GM meeting.

## Freeport Tuna Club, Inc.

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Sport-fishing & Conservation*

### 2005 Officers

Capt. John J. Jutt Sr..... President  
James Rooney.....1st Vice President  
Chris Squeri.....2nd Vice President  
Mike Sullivan ..... Treasurer  
Chris Bellinzoni.....Secretary



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### Fresh Tuna at our Club Property



Above photo of Club Emblem on the Property repainted by Dan "NANSEA" Pollera.

**If you have not yet put your order in for your Stell Wagon Banks T-shirt or Wolfish mount there is still time. See Chris Bellinzoni at the next gm. Orders are being placed at the end of June.**

**The "Wolfpack"**

### CLASSIFIED:

- 1984 Tiara Pursuit 27, cabin, stand up head, twin 220 crusaders, GPS, Depth finder, radio, out riggers, \$20, 000 Also, 16 ft. heavy fiberglass dingy \$200. Call Michael 516-535-4085, [embroidme@optonline.net](mailto:embroidme@optonline.net)
- 12' Barneget Duck Boat by Aero Marine. Locking hard cover and spray shield, 15 h.p. Mariner w/ sting ray jr., 3 yr. old trailer \$2,250.00 Call Ron 516-593-6560
- 1 28x24 4 blade nibril prop. like new condition, reasonably priced 516-632-9770.
- For Sale - 78 chriscraft 23' I/O v8fwc chevy/volvo low hours. Handyman special \$1,000.00 or B/O Chrysler engines or parts call for your needs/3,1 3/8" shafts by 89" \$200.00 1 onan 7.5 gas generator needs work \$600.00 or BO Call Joe 917-731-4466
- WANTED - Mate on offshore & inshore trips - clean boat after trips - prep boat before trips -perform misc tasks during the week Contact: JEFF 516.377.2677
- Dock Space: deep & wide canal, Freeport - off Hudson Canal for boat up to 30' Call Sy 516-632-9770
- FOR SALE: 28ft. Bertram 1976 Flybridge T170 Yanmars Full Enclosure with radar arch. Furuno/Radar/GPS/Fishfinder \$47,000 Call Matt 917-617-2068.