

FREEPORT TUNA CLUB, INC.

# Tuna Tower News



SEPTEMBER 2023

CAPT. JOHN. J. JUTT, SR., EDITOR

**NEXT GM**

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14**

**@ 7PM**

**FREEPORT YACHT CLUB**

**533 GUY LOMBARDO AVE, FREEPORT**

featuring  
**Rob Weltner**  
from  
**Operation Splash**

*Keeping our waterways  
clean and free of pollution  
for future generations*

*see more information on page 3*

## President's Message

I hope everyone is into fish. If you missed the last GM aka Mardi Gras, you missed a great night. Jim Rooney did not disappoint. The creole dinner catered by Big Daddy's was superb. A great time was had by all. On August 19 we had our annual flotilla at Zach's Bay. Bob Pandy aboard the Pandaman was first to arrive to secure the pole. Good job Bob. There was plenty of good food and drink, an assortment of floatation devices: from paddle boards to innertubes to an outboard motor powered inflatable and everything in between. Our Fourth annual Fluke Shoot-out was on August 12. Bob Pandy's 10.93lb. fluke was the heaviest in the tournament. Congrats Bob. A portion of the proceeds was donated to Long Beach Waterfront Warriors. The Shootout was a huge success and showcased our club to the local fishing community. There was a plethora of raffle prizes donated by local merchants, thanks to all. A special thank you to the tournament sponsors, Ancient Mariner Reels, Zona, Minuteman Press Merrick, Goydas Capital, and South Shore Marine Supply, your support is greatly appreciated.

Our Annual OktoberFest will be held at the property on October 5. Once again John Webber will be chef. It is an affair not to be missed. We will have Wurstiener beer on tap compliments of Ray Geiger and the usual potato pancakes, brat-wurst, sauerbraten, spetzels and more. I cannot say this enough, the club is looking for more participation from its members, you get out what you put in. Until next month, stay safe, stay healthy and remember that participation is key to a great club experience.



*Paul Cunningham*



**WE WILL NEVER FORGET**

# Fishing Report



Congratulation to Bob Pandy who took top honors at the FTC Fluke Shootout with a 10.96 lb Doormat.

The tuna bite stayed strong through August. The yellowfin showed upon the inshore grounds, "Squid Hunter", "No Mercy, and "Hooker" all had nice catches of 40-60 lbs yellows. "Hooker" did pull a nice 123 lb yellow out. The giant bluefin have also been hooked locally, they have been jumbos and busting up a lot of gear.



Fluke and sea bass were steady at all the reefs. Bluefish have also showed up in good numbers in the bay. Our fall fishing is shaping up to be real good, hopefully the tropics don't make others plans for us all.



Thanks to all that send in reports!

Catch em up, *Capt. Adam Bollaci*

SAVE THE DATE  
**Oktoberfest**<sup>2023</sup>  
OCTOBER 5  
AT 7 O'CLOCK  
AT THE PROPERTY

## BREAK OUT THE LEDERHOSEN & BRING YOUR BEER STEINS

**German Food: Sauerbraten, Kielbasa, Potato Pancakes, Bratwurst, Potato Soup, Pretzels, Spätzle (German noodles), Hofbräu (German beer), Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Music & Fun!**

**JOHN WEBER HAS GRACIOUSLY STEPPED UP AGAIN THIS YEAR TO BRING DELICIOUS AUTHENTIC GERMAN CUISINE.**

**LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING ALL OUR MEMBERS AT THIS GREAT FREEPORT TUNA CLUB EVENT.**

**MEMBERS OF LEADERSHIP AND OUR HOUSE COMMITTEE WILL BE NEEDED TO HELP WITH AUDIO, HANGING AND SECURING SIDES OF THE AWNING, HEATER AND TABLE SET UP AND CLEAN UP. THE COOK CREW IS VERY BUSY AND CANNOT ENSURE A SUCCESSFUL EVENT WITHOUT HELP!**

# Nominating Committee

Any members interested in leading the club's future or members interested in working on the Committee contact me.

Thank you, *Jim Rooney*

Nominating Committee Chairman  
jp5820@aol.com

# Entertainment

Our September 14th General Membership Meeting at the Freeport Yacht Club will feature Rob Weltner from Operation Splash as our guest speaker.

Rob will talk about our bays and oceans and several other topics

*Anthony Alfieri*



## LEADING THE WAY FOR CLEAN WATERS, BEACHES & BAYS

Stop Polluting Littering And Save Harbors

VOLUNTEER BASED • NON-PROFIT



CLEAN-UPS



EDUCATION



ADVOCACY



OVER 3 MILLION POUNDS OF TRASH REMOVED (OVER 3 DECADES)



EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS: ELEMENTARY TO ADULT



SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT OVERSIGHT PROMOTE ENVIRONMENTAL LEGISLATION

Contact us at: [OperationSPLASH.org](http://OperationSPLASH.org)

516-378-4770 @OperationSPLASH

# ARTICLE VIII: Nominating Committee

Section 1. The annual election of Directors shall be held at the November meeting of the Corporation. Officers shall be elected by the newly elected Board of Directors prior to the Annual Meeting which shall be held in January of each year and shall be installed at such January meeting.

Section 2. There shall be a Nomination Committee which shall be appointed by the President at the October meeting of the Board of Directors. Such Committee shall consist of six (6) members of whom three (3) shall be members of the Board of Directors and three (3) shall be Regular Members of the Corporation. The Nominating Committee will select the required candidates for the Board of Directors from among the members who have been active in Corporation affairs and who have shown their interest by attending meetings and participating in the various activities of the Corporation. Directors and Officers may be re-elected for any office. The report of the Nominating Committee must be mailed to the members of the Corporation prior to the November meeting.

Section 3. Nominations for Directors will be entertained from the floor at the November meeting. The name of the candidate must be proposed by a voting member and seconded by ten voting members and presented to the Secretary in writing at least seven (7) days prior to the November meeting.

MAIL NOMINATIONS TO:  
FTC B.O.D. NOMINATIONS  
C/O CASSIDY CUNNINGHAM  
135 SUNSET AVENUE | FARMINGDALE, NY 11735

## GOT BAIT + TACKLE?



WE ARE YOUR OFFSHORE SPECIALIST

Splicing/Spooling  
Bay Park Fishing Station  
480a Reina Road  
(end of Weidner Ave)  
Oceanside NY 11572  
516.766.3110  
Longitude: 40.6240 N  
Latitude: 73.6608 W

Custom Lures  
Spreader Bars  
CRUSHED ICE  
GAS 89  
DIESEL DOCK

[bayparkfishing.com](http://bayparkfishing.com)  
[shopbayparkfishing.com](http://shopbayparkfishing.com)  
[facebook.com/bayparkfishingstation](http://facebook.com/bayparkfishingstation)



## A SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM

# *the President and his Executive Board*

Have you ever considered the dynamics that take place behind the scenes that run this club of ours?

Have you ever thought about becoming a board member?

All are welcome to come down to a board meeting held at the Property.

Board members generally conduct business the third Wednesday of every month, but are also subject to change. We are currently looking for more participation. Remember, it's **YOU** who make this club! Be involved! Be a part of it! For the betterment of your club. For more information and to confirm the time and date of the Board Meeting, contact Paul Cunningham.

## Captain and Anglers

A huge thank you to the members who participated in the Half-way to Mardi gras celebration, Great cajun food (big thank you to Big Daddy's restaurant), fun and camaraderie. Please mark your calendars for our next event Oktoberfest!!!! October 5th at the Clubhouse. As always please keep an eye on the website, Facebook and email for weather related changes.

Thank you, *Jim Rooney*

## Good & Welfare

Our condolences go out to Dennis Eberhart on the recent passing of his wife Isabel on 08-24-23 may she rest in peace

Please call me with any information. All be well

*Jeff Squeri* 516- 652-5981

## A Note From the Board of Directors & The Editor

With acknowledgement of Bruce Forster's service to the board and involvement in this great club. His efforts exemplify member participation and going that extra mile as a Board member. Your presence on the board will be missed - Bruce, don't go too far, we still need you!

## Derbies, Awards & Contests

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

Our September GM will be at Freeport Yacht Club on Thursday, September 14th. Please come on down and enjoy yourselves.

*The following derbies will be in play this month:*

<b>Weakfish</b>	<b>August 5th - September 17th</b>
<b>Tuna</b>	<b>August 5th - September 17th</b>
<b>Mahi</b>	<b>August 13th - September 25th</b>
<b>False Albacore</b>	<b>August 12th - September 24th</b>
<b>Green Bonito</b>	<b>August 12th - September 24th</b>

My contact info and derby updates are available on the Fishing Reports section (members only – so you need to register) of our forum located on the FTC website.

If you are holding any slips, please remember we must have them in hand no later than 14 days after the derby close in order to be eligible for

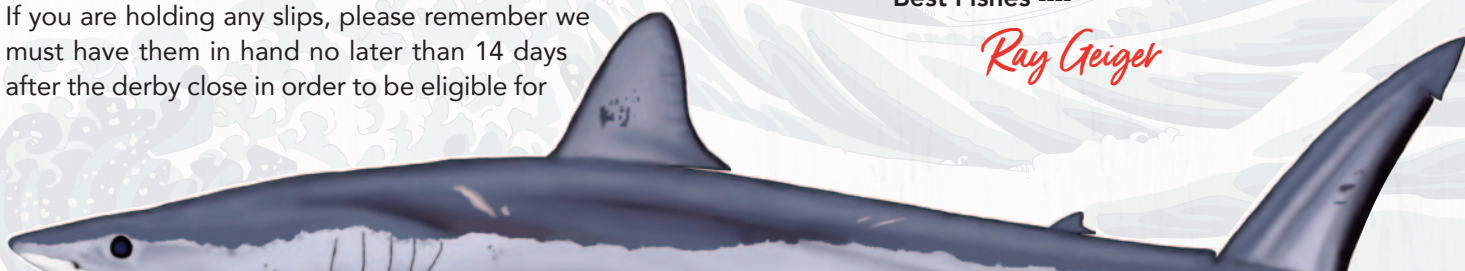
derby awards. Texting or e-mailing does not apply, we must have the physical slip.

Also, please pickup one or two of our "Fish-At-A-Glance" cards. It has the derby dates and minimum weights listed.

All slips that we receive figure into our annual awards, so if possible, get your fish weighed. Please be aware there is a minimum weight requirement for all species. These weights and all FTC fishing regulations are available at on our website at [ftcfishing.com](http://ftcfishing.com).

Best Fishes ----

*Ray Geiger*



Your  
One Stop  
Source

# BAIT & TACKLE SOUTH SHORE MARINE SUPPLY

516.557.2510



SouthShoreMarineSupply.com

Best Prices ⚓ Premium Products ⚓ Knowledgeable Staff  
**We have all your boating & fishing needs**

4108 MERRICK ROAD | MASSAPEQUA, NEW YORK 11758

# MP Minuteman Press® of Merrick

WE DESIGN, PRINT & PROMOTE...YOU!

Official Printer for

**The Freeport Tuna Club**  
**DISCOUNTS FOR ALL MEMBERS**

255 Sunrise Highway, Merrick, NY 11566

Tel 516.546.2312 • Fax 516.623.0870  
web: www.mmpmk.com • e-mail: Info@mmpmk.com



# BLUE MARLIN BOATS

Used Boats Bought, Sold & Brokered  
for current listings log on to

WWW.BLUEMARLINBOATS.NET

4076 Merrick Road, Seaford, NY 11783

Tel: (516) 679-2121 • Fax: (516) 679-2739

# FRED CHALL MARINE

MAKE US YOUR



OPEN 7 DAYS  
A WEEK

Knowledgeable  
staff

**SUPPLY STORE**

OEM PARTS AND LUBRICANTS FOR:  
• MERCURISER  
• MERCURY OUTBOARDS  
• YAMAHA OUTBOARDS  
• JOHNSON/EVINRUDE OUTBOARDS  
• VOLVO PENTA

ELECTRONICS DEALER FOR:  
• SIMRAD  
• LOWRANCE  
• GARMIN  
• ICOM  
• STANDARD HORIZON  
• MINN KOTA TROLLING MOTORS  
• WORKING DISPLAYS

• BAIT AND TACKLE  
• WATERSPORT TOYS  
• INTERLUX PAINT  
• TRAILER PARTS  
• LEWMAR WINDLASS AND ANCHORS  
• ORION SAFETY EQUIPMENT

401 South Main St. Freeport, NY 11520 (516) 868-0177

# ISLANDWIDE PRESSURE WASHING

*"The Exterior Cleaning Specialist"*



(516) 409-9510  
**FREE ESTIMATES**

*Serving Long Island for over 20 years*

RESIDENTIAL / COMMERCIAL

LICENSED / INSURED



Long Island's Most Complete Selection of Inshore, Freshwater  
and Surf Fishing Equipment • Custom Built Rods

MIKE NICOLETTI & BOB TURTURELLO

3031 Merrick Road, Wantagh, NY 11793

516.785.3223 • Fax: 516.679.6815

[www.causewaybaitandtackle.com](http://www.causewaybaitandtackle.com)

Main Office (516) 546-8880  
Boat Sales (516) 771-7020  
[www.AIGroversMarine.com](http://www.AIGroversMarine.com)

*Experience Matters*

500 S. Main Street  
Freeport, NY 11520

# All Grovers

HIGH & DRY MARINA

Serving the Boating Community Since 1950



MERCURY

VOLVO  
PENTA

YANMAR



HAROLD A. BOLLACI, PC.

AN ELDER LAW ESTATE PLANNING FIRM

HAROLD A. BOLLACI

393 OLD COUNTRY ROAD. SUITE 203  
CARLE PLACE, NEW YORK 11514  
TEL (516) 538-9700 | FAX (646) 867-0560  
HAROLD@BOLLACILAW.COM

SEA TOW®

FREEPORT BASED

FREE TOWING FOR MEMBERS

CALL ABOUT DISCOUNTED

FTC MEMBER RATES

516-623-4183

CONDON  
O'MEARA  
MCGINTY &  
DONNELLY LLP



An entire firm dedicated to serving Private Clubs.

Currently serving over 325 Private Club clients throughout the United States.

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS | ONE BATTERY PARK PLAZA | NEW YORK, NY 10004 | 212-661-7777

389 South Main St.  
Freeport, NY 11520

Tel. 516-377-7720  
Fax. 516-377-7723



Summer Dockage • Winter Storage • Short Hauls



SEA SAFETY  
INTERNATIONAL

Manufacturer and  
USCG approved

Liferaft  
Sales and  
Inspections



Liferaft pick-up and delivery (CT, DEL, NJ, NY, PA)

201-330-3225

email: sales@seasafety.com

www.seasafety.com

EPIRB Sales & Service

- Battery Replacement
- Reprogramming

Personal Flotation Gear  
Ditch Bags • Flares

DUNWELL COLLISION



FTC  
SUPPORTER

AUTO BODY & REFINISHING SPECIALISTS

16 St Johns Pl  
Freeport NY 11520

Jim Arkins

Phone: 516-867-0554  
Fax: 516-867-0571

MENTION THIS AD FOR A 5% DISCOUNT  
ON ANY SERVICE OVER \$1000 (MEMBERS ONLY)

PICTURE IT...



YOUR AD HERE!

ADVERTISERS  
NEEDED

to help fund this publication

If you or anyone you know who would like  
to advertise please contact John Jutt  
at jjutt@mmpmk.com or call 516-546-2312

Propeller Sales and Service

# Johnson Propeller, Inc.

SERVING THE BOATING COMMUNITY  
SINCE 1946

DIRECT DISTRIBUTORS FOR MICHIGAN WHEEL CORP.

**Propellers and Marine Fittings**

10 South End Place  
Freeport, N.Y. 11520  
Phone (516) 379-3311  
Fax (516) 379-2238

JR Johnson  
President

Tom Scibek



Tinman Lures

Phone: 610-304-1236

E-mail:

Tomscibekfishing@comcast.net

Instagram: tinmanlures

Ebay store: stores.ebay.com/  
TINMANLURES

Floating Fluke Jigs

## PANDAMAN

PAINTING - PAPER HANGING

**SPECIALIST**

*Paper Removal/Sheetrock Work • Tape/Spackle*

*Decorative Moldings Installed*

*Neat, Clean, Professional Service*

*Powerwashing • 30 Years Experience*

*WE DO IT ALL & MORE!*

# 516.781.4011

**BOB PANDY**



81 Jericho Turnpike  
Mineola, NY 11501

www.stuartberger.com e-mail: sales@stuartberger.com

**BUILDING SOLUTION SPECIALISTS**

**BRUCE FORSTER**

We have over 50 years experience with  
General Construction and are Authorized Butler Builders

We can help you with your next project in the NY area

**EXPERIENCE - SERVICE - VALUE**

**516.887.8953 - 212.925.7405**



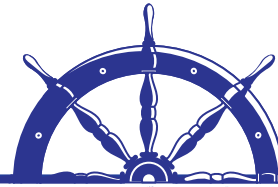
**Pine Street Metals, Inc.**  
We have you covered!

*David Massa*

352 Pine Street  
Brooklyn, Ny 11208

718-277-2404

dmassa7333@aol.com  
www.pinestreetmetals.com



## SHIPSTORE

*Don't forget to show your club pride*

We still have all kinds of club clothing for the upcoming  
season. See you at the next G.M.

*Jim Azzi*

516-987-4227 | email: blackcloud@yahoo.com



434 Rutgers Road  
West Babylon, NY 11704

**(631) 274-7042**

- Custom Hand Tied Rigs
- Onsite Reel Repair
  - All Baits
- Inshore/Offshore



**IT'S FISHING SEASON  
SEND IN YOUR PICTURES!**

*Capt. Adam Bollaci*

516-322-0030 | adambollaci@gmail.com

# CLASSIFIEDS



**FOR SALE:** 55' Ocean Yacht Sport Fish. Fully equipped w/ 8V92 Detroit 165K. Call Bobby 516-233-5125



**FOR SALE:**  
1990 Blackfin.  
1995 Cummins  
BTA 370  
Diamond  
Series.

New Canvas, New Dekit flooring, new after coolers, all new: electrical wiring, dash and overhead box, port raw water pump, and more! Call Hal 516-776-1950

**GET INVOLVED!**  
*Our committees are looking for volunteers!*  
**Interested?** Please see President Paul Cunningham or stop down to a board meeting at the property the 3rd Wednesday of every month.

## FREEPORT TUNA CLUB, INC.

*Chartered to Promote  
Sport-fishing & Conservation*

### FTC 2023 DIRECTORS

President	Paul Cunningham
Vice President	Anthony Alfieri
Treasurer	John Daum
Secretary	Cassidy Cunningham

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Jim Azzi	Sharon Missan
Bob Dimino	Bob Pandey
Ray Geiger	Jim Rooney
Bill Gillespie	Harry Sbaschnig
Capt. John J. Jutt, Sr.	Gene Schettini
Tom Leprine	

### SPECIAL ADVISOR

Rick Totten  
Adam Bollaci



Post Office Box 5  
Freeport, New York 11520

Deliver To:

