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TUNA TOWER NEWS

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NEXT GM

THURSDAY, SEPT 12
7:30 PM

AT THE FREEPORT
YACHT CLUB

The speaker for our September 12th Meeting is **CHRIS LUDWIG**. Chris is very tuned in with our local fisheries and our coastlines. We are looking forward to his presentation and a vibrant conversation about how our fisheries are changing and perhaps where they are headed. See inside for more details.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I cannot believe we are already in September, I hope that everyone had a happy and safe Labor Day. I wish all the kids best of luck for this upcoming school year. The Luau was a great night, many thanks to the cook crew for once again putting together a fantastic meal for all that attended.

This month we will be back at the Yacht Club and Bruce Forster has lined up Chris Ludwig, Chris will be doing a presentation on shore bound sharking. Should be an interesting presentation, we may not want to go swimming after hearing what he has to say.

Please keep a lookout for the new NYS boating laws, Governor Cuomo signed Brianna's Law making it mandatory for powerboat operators to complete a boating course. Please see all of the details on the following pages in the newsletter.

If anyone is interested in joining the board elections will be held in November, please let someone from the executive committee know and they can walk you through the necessary steps.

Let's all hope that the weather holds out and the fall fishing heats up. See everyone September 12th.



Capt. Adam



WE SHOULD NEVER FORGET

PHENOMENAL AUGUST FLUKING



Fluke fishing continues to be strong for Chris Nettuno and son Alex, new members to the Freeport Tuna Club. Alex catching a 7.1 pound fluke out of Montauk on Kenny Kappas' boat the Reel Catch. Followed by Marty Dowling's outstanding fluke of a lifetime, weighing in at 10lb. he is now the leader of the fluke Calcutta. Also multiple limits of seabass being caught.

As for the local fishing report out of Freeport, there are plenty of fluke and seabass being caught at the local reefs and tanker areas.

Capt. Dave Pincus has been doing local trips limiting out on decent quality fluke and seabass.

As for the offshore report there is a lot of life out near the Canyons. Looking ahead there are tons of bluefish and stripers right behind them for the fall run.

Hopefully this will be a year to remember with all the outstanding fish being caught.



Fish hard, *Ken Donowski*

Please send all your reports to me: Text: 1-917-231-5699 or E-mail: Kenbase2006@icloud.com, Be sure to include photos

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

For the first time in many years all invoices are paid and up to date! Once again Travelers will be hauling boats to our property for winter storage. Due to electrical wires across Hudson Avenue, large boats with bridges or towers will not be able to be stored at the property. Check with Chris on this matter. Last year we were able to maximize our space which led to increased funds for the club. This was only due to Chris and his staff in placing boats on the property. ON THAT NOTE UNDERSTAND YOU DON'T PICK WHERE YOUR BOAT WILL BE PLACED FOR STORAGE. PLEASE DON'T COMPLAIN TO THE MEN PLACING BOATS ON THE

PROPERTY. They have a layout plan that we use. If you have a trailer boat that you store with us check first before you bring it to the property, all trailer boats are subject to being moved around to maximize space. If you use a private hauler have him contact Travelers for placement. Don't just bring a boat to the property without notifying anyone. Please keep in mind we are all volunteers working for a common cause the 82 yr. old FTC.



Your Property Committee

GOOD & WELFARE

Congratulations are in order for Robert & Deidre Cincotta who welcomed Robert Richard Cincotta, Jr. into the world on September 10, 2019 - weighing in at 7lbs., 3oz. Mom and baby are both doing well. (there goes the rest of his fishing season!)



Please send me your good and welfare reports for inclusion in the newsletter

Jeff Squeri

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ENTERTAINMENT

At our September meeting we will hear from Chris Ludwig. Chris is an avid angler based here on Long Island and is sponsored by Cabella's and Bass Pro Shop. He loves all kinds of fishing and travels extensively to pursue his craft. His specialty is Surf Casting for sharks! Much of his sharking is done right here on Long Island. He will share his techniques and experiences which are quite interesting. Chris is really tuned in to our shoreline fisheries and has some very interesting insight into the changes we have experienced over the past decade. I recently ran into a pod of Bluefish, BFT and Spinner Sharks near Cholera, WTF? Even if you may not ever try surf casting for sharks, there will be plenty of valuable information for all anglers. Chris is really looking forward to a dialogue with our club.

I would like to thank the club members who have been making recommendations to me for speakers, events and vendors. Please keep them coming, it is super helpful. Please come on out and bring another member or guest. Your attendance helps make our events a success.

Tight lines,

Bruce C. Forster

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STRIPER DIARIES | EPISODE 16

With the Northeast winds, and cooler temperatures, we decided to switch gears and look for the elusive striped bass. This time of year typically produces school sized bass on plugs and bait. First stop at a local bridge proved us right. We fished the outgoing tide and landed two (2) striped bass caught on clam on light tackle set-ups. What a win!



With that in mind we decided to reach out to my brother Lee from California. Time to fly in to look for bass. Early morning and sunset trips are always a blast. Plus, we may even find False albacore this time of year in the inlet. We plugged the bay which produced a few 26 -27 inch range stripers and plenty of cocktail blues and snappers. What a blast!

We also did a few productive fluke and sea bass trips. A pod of big fluke moved to the fishing grounds right next to the "tankers," and small "chicken" mahi are being caught at the Cholera.

Our last trip to the Big Mama was loaded with sea bass. The water color was blue and we had the treat of watching schools of False albacore feeding and chasing bunker pods right next to



the boat. I threw everything I had in my tackle bag, but was unable to hook up. Still a great day! On our back way in, we saw dolphins in the inlet. What a treat!

With colder temperatures approaching we will have to wait and see how this year's fall run takes shape. I can't wait!

Until our next adventure. Tight lines. *Capt. Barbara Solomon* F/V Legal Limits

DERBY, AWARDS & CONTESTS



Awards Chairman: Ray Geiger | Committee Team: Bob Benzenberg, Harry Sbaschnig & Captain Bill Morrogh

Congratulations to this round of Derby winners! Although the fishing in our area has been very slow (to put it kindly), the following awards will be presented at our September GM at the Freeport Yacht Club

TUNA

1ST PLACE: John Kampa | 125 lb Bluefin | F/V Ambition 3

2ND PLACE: Kelly Bollaci | 73.0 lb Bluefin | F/V Hooker

3RD PLACE: Mary Ellen Zullo | 28.0 lb | F/V Magic Too

SEA BASS

1ST PLACE: Mike Zullo | 4.25 lb | F/V Magic Too

2ND PLACE: Mary Ellen Zullo | 3.75 lb | F/V Magic Too

3RD PLACE: Mary Ellen Zullo | 3.0 lb F/V | F/V Magic Too

We have lots of species to target this month (weather permitting that is). Inshore and Offshore Derbies are running so get out there and send in those weigh slips.

Derbies Running/Starting This Month:

WEAKFISH	8/10 - 9/22
MAHI	8/17 - 9/29
FALSE ALBACORE	8/17 - 9/29
GREEN BONITO	8/17 - 9/29
TUNA	8/10- 9/29
FLUKE	8/17 - 9/15
SEA BASS	9/8 - 10/6
SHARK	9/14 - 11/24
BLUEFISH	9/14 - 11/22

Best Fishes and Good Luck To All!! *Ray Geiger*

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