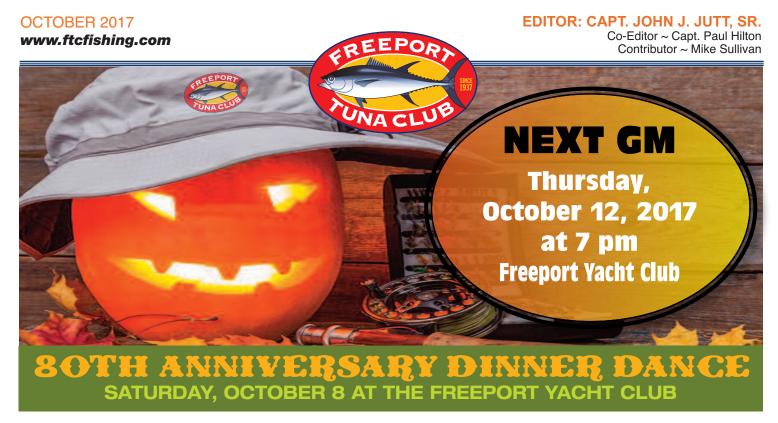
### Freeport Tuna Club, Inc.

# TUNA TOWER NEWS



# President's Message

Hello Everyone,

First let me start by letting you know that our FTC Members Paul and Rosemary Schuber, Bill & Theresa Morrogh, Dave Welsh, Bill Toohey and his family are all safe from Hurricanes Harvey and Irma. Their homes and boats are also safe. I told Bill Morrogh that he should buy his boat *The Margarita Bill* a round of Margaritas for all of the Hurricanes it has survived. Dave Welsh gave me the best piece of advice when dealing with a Hurricane. He said "do what I did, get out of the country." When I called Dave to see if he was okay, he told me "I am doing fine I am no were near the Hurricane. I am vacationing in Ireland." The club would like to wish Dave an enjoyable vacation and a safe trip home.

On September 14, 2017 the club held it's first ever Night at the Races. Thanks to Dave and Christine Massa for the idea and help. The night was a lot of fun and a financial success for the Club. The ladies of the Club: my secretary Sharon, Jeanie, Lisa Cunningham, Danielle, Elaina, Christine, Mrs. Wagner, and my mom. Really enjoyed participating and everyone had a fun time and a lot of laughs The highlight of the evening was when the club presented Don Morin with the first ever FTC Inaugural Jockey of the Year Award. If you missed this one we will be having another one in February. Now that we're in October many of our members children are back in school. I would like to thank second generation Freeport Tuna Club Member John Rooney's son John John for the help that he gave to the club when he was home from college and wish him a winning lacrosse season. I would also like to thank my Vice President, Matt Cardone and his two sons for their help during the summer. The month of September has passed by like a Category 5 Hurricane. I would like to Congratulate the following members on their outstanding Catches. John Funicello on his 5lb 3oz Flounder and his 20lb, 2oz Cod. Glen Grippo caught a very nice 44.5lb Striped Bass.The Club would like to wish our past president, Bob Sabella the best of luck and lots



of great fishing with his new boat The Kevin J. The club would like to thank our new member Ben for the delicious Shish Kebabs and Slovaki that he made for the club. If anyone else would like to bring down any of their homemade dishes please let the Cook Crew know. In addition to Ben's great food I would like to thank John Koeing for supplying the delicious desserts. If you thought August was a busy month for the club wait until you see what October has in store. I think the month of October will be the busiest month ever in club history, Starting on October 7 with our first ever Fall Hunting and Fishing Flea Market, then on Sunday, October 8, our 80th Anniversary Dinner Dance at Rachel's. Please call me at (516) 725-8907 if you would like to attend or need a table for our flea market. On October 12, 2017 over at the Freeport Yacht Club (special thanks to Rick Totten) Captain Anthony from New Jersey will be speaking on Mojo's. On October 19 your president will be giving a seminar on the effects of ethanol fuel. This will be an active discussion so feel free to bring your knowledge to the table so we can all learn how to combat the problems associated with ethanol based fuel. This year in

continuing with our 80th year long Celebration. I have decided to have not one but two Oktoberfests. The first one will be held on October 12 at the Freeport Yacht Club, and the second one will be on October 26 - our traditional Oktoberfest with homemade German food cooked up by master chef extraordinaire John Weber and Jeanie it will be held at the property on October 26 at 7pm. Don't forget to bring your lederhosen and beer steins. In addition to great German food the club will be serving a different German beer every Thursday night in honor of Oktoberfest. Because I feel that one Oktoberfest, one Weinerschnitzal, and one German Beer is not enough. I would like for our Thursday Night Clinics to continue into November so if you have a topic and would like to speak one Thursday night please let me know. Tim Sherman and I would really appreciate it if we could have a discussion on circle hooks versus J hooks. I would like to thank Ray Geiger for his very generous donation of a bluetooth speaker bringing the club up to date with modern technology. Calling all musicians, if you want to come down and jam one night. Bruce Forester and I would appreciate it. Just let us know when you're available.

Special thanks to our new members Mary Anne Bressler and Glenn Joungblood for their help last Thursday night cleaning up after Captain Anglers. Mary Ann also stayed late and cleaned up after the September GM. It's greatly appreciated and we still need more people to help set up, serve food and clean up after our GMs and Captain Anglers please let me know if you would like to help. With our Fall season upon us many of our members will be transitioning from fishing to hunting. Tommy Schwender and Jimmy Azzi are getting their hunting houses and camps ready. Dave Massa will be putting the Shark Hunter away for Winter as he also prepares for the upcoming hunting season. To my good friend Tommy Schwender this Newsletter may take you all Hunting season to read. So don't forget to pack it with you when you go hunting and "be safe." Originally I thought it would be a good idea being that football season has started if some of our members would like to get together and watch the football games down at the property, But since these players do not show

respect for the National Anthem and our great country which so many have fought to protect and many lost their lives doing it I am suspending watching any football games down at the Property. You may however feel free to watch anything else until these players learn to respect our flag, and those who serve and protect it. Just take a look at the plaque over by the flag pole. These brave men never took a disrespectful knee. We are still looking to add a second plaque so if you have a family member, relative or friend you would like to have remembered, please let me know. All of these great events would have never been possible if it was not for our veterans who fought and gave their lives for this country. The Freeport Tuna Club salutes all of the brave men and women, past, present and future... Perhaps when they are finished with their football careers or maybe they could stop playing right now and go serve our country The way our old time baseball players and other athletes did. When I was a kid I remember my father telling me stories about athletes that had to stop playing because they were drafted and when the war was over they returned to play. These NFL Players should go serve on the front lines, I am sure that our armed forces would be glad to have them. Maybe then they would have respect for the the flag and our great country instead of just having a job that rewards them such a ridiculously high salary, which sets a bad example for our youth. They should try visiting and volunteering at a Veterans' Hospital, Shriner's or St. Jude's Children's Hospital; and being grateful for what they have. If theses players do not want to respect the flag of this great country I suggest they go find another country that will allow them play football, pay them the same salaries and allow them to disrespect their flag. In honor of Veterans' Day, on Saturday, November 11, 2017 at 0900 down at the property we will be having a Flag Raising Ceremony followed by breakfast. Please feel free to invite any veterans you know to come down and celebrate this great day with us. God bless all our veterans and their families and thank you very, very much for your service to our country.

Sincerely Yours, **Kevin Killelea** 



Thursday, October 26
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Food, German Beer, Music and Fun! Bring your Lederhosen & Beer Steins. There will be an Oom Pah Band Performing Live.

# Wanted

# THE FREEPORT TUNA CLUE IS LOOKING FOR...

Volunteers to help set up, serve food and clean up after the GMs over at the Yacht Club. Please see or call the President (516) 725-8907.

Volunteers are also needed to Clean Up after Captains and Anglers on Thursday nights. Please see the President.

Volunteers are needed to help power wash and seal the decks and docks down at the marina. Please see Bob Sabella.

We are also looking into installing security cameras down at the marina, if you know anyone that does this please let the President know. Thank you.

Tim Sherman and I are looking for some volunteers to have a discussion on Circle Hooks vs. J Hooks one Thursday night down at the Property. Please see us if your interested.

# **Commence with Fall Fishing**

September was like a bad dream from a fishing standpoint. The parade of hurricanes and tropical storms thankfully missed us but still had a detrimental impact on the ocean. Large swells and dangerous conditions in the inlets kept fishing activity outside to a minimum. Things are finally settling down and can only get better.

Fluke season ended on the 21st. On the west end of Long Island, I would describe the fluke season as Ok but not spectacular. The fish showed some unusual patterns this year. Some of the traditional open bottom spots did not produce well (despite an abundance of bait), this seems to be an emerging trend. There is no doubt about it, to consistently catch keeper sized fish you need to spend your time on and around wrecks, rock, reef, and be prepared to lose some rigs. Such is successful west end fluking in this era. The last days of the season saw boats targeting fish in some interesting areas, including 17 Fathoms. I have long suspected they would appear there, but have never actually tried it. Next year perhaps...

On the last fishable day of the fluke season, I jumped onboard the Red Dawn Rising with our editor Captain John Jutt. The plan



was a combination shark/bottom trip. Also, onboard were Steve John's "Bassman" Bassford, brother Tommy, and nephew Rob. We started off drifting some 110' wrecks for mixed sized fluke, including some nice keepers and a couple of seabass. Fishing a bucktail, gulp and a strip of mackerel, I hooked a fish that initially felt like a nice doormat. On the way up, I had doubts as the fish seemed to be rolling. It turned out to be the largest Silver Eel (an american eel in the silver stage) that any of us have ever seen, except for maybe Joe Mangiapanello, who holds the club record at 7.5 lbs. When I showed him the picture, his

thought was that this one was "similar in length." We did not weigh it so will never know. We moved a little south and went on a shark drift. The sharks were not showing, so we put out a couple of fluke rigs and caught another large keeper on open bottom. A decent mahi was spotted swimming around the boat, couldn't get it to eat. Steve started casting off the bow and started catching chub mackerel and smallish green bonito. The macks and bonito stayed with us for the duration of the drift. Rob stayed with it, at one point he hooked a green bonito on every

cast for a half hour. All that life around the boat and not a touch on the shark baits. Go figure. Overall, a nice trip with an interesting mixed bag to show for our efforts. Thanks Captain John. West end sharking disappointing overall, it is not over yet though.

Last month I mentioned the increase in seabass limit to 8 fish per person. What I neglected to mention was the complete shutdown in federal waters (outside of three miles). The closure in federal waters will hopefully end Oct 31st, and the bag limit will increase to 10 per person. The shutdown of seabass outside of three miles has forced the bottom fishing fleet to focus on porgies, with a bycatch of seabass and triggerfish fishing inshore reefs and wrecks. The demarcation between state and federal waters should be clearly shown on your chart plotter. Be careful, law enforcement officers are sticklers about possession of closed species in federal waters. Porgy fishing around Long Island is still being described as the "best in years."

On October 5th, a momentous event will take place, the opening of the blackfish season! On opening day will find me fishing the north shore with my friend Chuckee Gifford on his boat Laura-Leigh. I'll have my shiny new spinning outfit and blackfish jigs in hand. I plan on trying the jigging thing outside of Jones Inlet too, we'll see how it goes. The porgy boats have been catching and returning some nice blackfish recently. Early season, target blackfish on your shallower drops. Regulations are set at 4 fish per person, 16" minimum size. My crabs are already in the pen patiently awaiting the scissor treatment.

Striped bass have been available, primarily by clam chumming the bridges and inlet areas. The fall run has been eagerly awaited, some nice fish were weighed in by club members last year, primarily live lining and trolling. With the amount of bait around this year we should see some good jigging action too. All the signs are there, weather permitting it should be an interesting fall run. How about some reports and pictures for the bulletin?

Offshore - As mentioned sharking is slow and tuna reports seem non-existent other than the odd BFT and YFT taken behind draggers. The weather has greatly hampered the efforts, hopefully things will settle down and the tuna season can be salvaged.

I hope everybody enjoys the great fall fishing that should lie ahead. Please send reports and pictures for inclusion in your club bulletin. Thanks to all who contribute!

Email your reports to philton@optonline.net; or text/call me at 516.721.8907

Sincerely, Paul Hilton 71V Emily 5

# **Property Manager's Report**

The winter storage season begins on November 1st. The leases and invoices have been mailed and you should have received the mailing prior to the October meeting. I mailed winter leases to all captains that stored with the club last winter and to those that have contacted me. If you have not received a winter lease by October 12th just email or text me your mailing address and the length of your vessel and I will send you a lease. I will also have leases available at the October GM. This year the rates are: \$14 per foot for members and \$18 per foot for non-members. For non-members there is a \$360 minimum fee (20 feet). Remember that FTC policy is "First check received, is first served".

Again this year, we have made arrangements with Atlantic Yacht Haven for placement of all boats on the property. Using professionals will allow the club to maximize the number of vessels stored on the property. You can use any hauler that you choose but they must call Chris Squeri or Alan Bregman at Atlantic Yacht Haven in order to find where your boat should be placed on a property. This includes all trailer boats. Chris and Alan at Atlantic Yacht Haven will be in charge of placements of all boats on FTC property for winter storage. Please call 516-377-7720 or 516-523-3444 to find where your boat will be located on the property.

If you have questions or concerns about the club property you can see me at the GM or Captains and Anglers. You can always contact me either by email or phone.

Capt. Alan Evelyn

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## **DERBY AWARDS** & CONTEST REPORT

Awards Chairman: Ray Geiger

Committee Team: Bob Benzenberg, Harry Sbaschnig and Bill Morrogh

If any members are holding weigh slips for Fluke, Weakfish, Mahi, False Albacore or Green Bonito, Please get them to me ASAP. Note that the FTC rules state that the derby weigh slips MUST be presented within two (2) weeks of the derby close.

Please be sure to hand in/mail any weigh slips you are holding. We physically must have the slip in hand. Myself or a member of our team are usually present at all club functions.

The 2nd Fluke derby closed on 9/17.

The 2nd Weakfish and Tuna derbies closed on 9/24.

The 2nd Mahi, False Albacore

& Green Bonito derbies closed 10/1.

All of these derbies will be awarded at our November GM.

If you are holding weigh slips that may be eligible for an annual award, NOW is the time to send them to the committee! Please do not wait to last minute. You fished hard this year, so I hope you will be recognized.

#### THE REMAINING DERBIES FOR 2016

Sea Bass 9/2 - 10/8 | Shark 9/16 - 11/26 | Bluefish 9/16 - 11/26 Cod 9/30 - 12/10 | Striped Bass 10/7 - 11/26 | Blackfish 10/14 - 11/26

Good Luck To All and Get Out and Fish!! Ray Geiger



## **Nomimating** Committe Report

I have been appointed by President Kevin Killelea to chair the 2017 Nominating Committee. All information is listed in our club regulations listed below or on the FTC website. Any members in good standing looking to Participate please contact me.Remember participation is the key to a great club experince. Thank you

Jim Rooney

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### Good and Welfare

Our best wishes and thougts for a speedy recovery go out to Woody Anderson.

**Geff Squeri** 516-652-5981

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