

FREEPORT TUNA CLUB, INC.

# Tuna Tower News



NOVEMBER 2023

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

**NEXT GM**  
**THURSDAY,**  
**NOVEMBER 9**  
**7PM - 11PM**  
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*get in on our annual turkey raffle!*

## President's Message

If you missed our annual Oktoberfest you missed a great night. John Weber, Jim Rooney and the Captains and Anglers' cook crew were at the top of their game again. The food was awesome. Once again Ray Geiger supplied the Wurstiener beer. Thanks to all.

Bob Pandey's 10.93lb. fluke that won the Tuna Club Fluke Shootout also won the Duke of Fluke. Congratulations again Bob!

Our annual turkey raffle will be held on November 9th at our General Meeting, being held at the Freeport Yacht Club. Looking forward to seeing all of you there.

Mark your calendars, the Holiday Party will be held on Sunday, December 10th from 1 to 5pm at the Freeport Yacht Club

It is with much sorrow that I report the passing of Billy Hines' wife JoAnne. Our prayers are with you Billy.

The club is looking for more participation from it's 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*

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# Fishing Report



The fall run has started, the highlight has been the striped bass that have shown up in full force on the bunker schools. Live lining has been a good producer but trolling and casting lures has also been productive. Mixed in have been plenty of threshers and even a few bluefin.

Blackfish opened up on the 15th, good catches have been reported locally from the bridges to the reefs.

Further offshore the Yellowfin and Bluefin bite at the beginning of the month was solid with fish being caught both trolling and chunking. The last round of storms shut the bite down, but they are starting to bite again and will hopefully continue on into November.

New Member Kon on a recent charter on the Patty Ann had a great trip landing 7 nice yellowfin. He was also on a long range



trip out of San Diego where steady action with yellowfin kept everyone busy.

For anyone fishing the north shore bays and sound, there has been an epic fall run taking place. Bass and bluefish have been providing almost non-stop action. Casting lures has been the best producer, nothing better than a top water bite.

Please email or text your reports,

*Capt. Adam Bollaci*

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# Property

So fall is creeping up on us and winter isn't far behind. The yard is starting to fill. I want to stress the importance of you calling or texting me a few days before your boat is coming and then again the day before. The reason is things change daily for the placement of boats. It's also **VERY IMPORTANT** that you put your last name on your trailer if you are on one, or write it clearly on your shrink wrap. Because, if your boat needs to be moved or there is any other issue we feel you should know about, we would call you. Saves a lot of time if we know the name of the boat owner, Instead of us trying to figure out whose it is. And lastly, make sure if you are on a trailer your front jack is in 100% working order. If it isn't you may be charged for a new one if we have to change it to move the boat. It's hard enough to move trailered boats around the yard. Please don't make it any more difficult than it needs to be. Replace it if it's a rusted piece of junk that doesn't work. If we all work together and be patient all should go smoothly. Thank you

*Tom Leprine* 516-316-7669

Time of the year winter storage has begun. Many boats are already stored on the property if you're interested in storing your boat for the 2023/2024 season. Please download the winter contract on the Freeport Tuna Club website and send to the PO Box or you can get in touch with me and I can arrange to go to the property with a contract. There are contracts available in the clubhouse. This is first come until the yard is filled. We still have many available spots. If you have any questions for winter storage or upcoming summer storage, please give me a call anytime.

Thank You,

*Bob Dimino*

Property Manager, 516- 765-1555

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Tom 516.316.7669 or Rick 516 779 3347 for location and placement of boat - please give a few days advance notice.

# Captains and Anglers

Captains and Anglers Committee would like to thank John Weber and the cook crew for a fantastic Oktoberfest!!! Food was great!! We had over 70 members and guests attend. Another huge thank you goes out to Ray Geiger and John Daum, they each generously donated a keg of German beer for Oktoberfest it was delicious, thank you gentlemen.

As always please keep an eye FB, website and email for any Thursday night BBQ changers.

Thank you, *Jim Rooney*

# Good & Welfare



Our condolences go out to Billy Hines on the recent passing of his wife Joanne Sena-Hines on 9-7-23 may she rest in peace.

Congratulations to John Daum upon his son Jack's passing the Bar.

Please call me with any information. All be well

*Jeff Squeri* 516- 652-5981





# Striper Diaries EPISODE 49

STRIPERS, FALSE ALBACORE and MACKS! Since the water temperature cooled down into the mid 60's, the fall run has been on fire. Word is out that giant striped bass in the forty pound class have been feeding on bunker pods off our local beaches. Thus, it was time to gear up and get ready. Light spinning rods with top water plugs and conventional rods with circle hooks are the gear of choice.



Since the bite is nothing shy of epic, I put in a phone call to my brother out west. The telephone conversation started with the usual, "how are you" and ended with "jump on a plane immediately." With that said, my brother Lee took the first red-eye flight from California and the fishing extravaganza began. Over the last three (3) weeks, I have been fishing around the clock. Most days fishing two (2) tides per day. On our journey to follow the striped bass migration, we started in the back bay, progressed to Raritan Bay, then Montauk and back to the Pink Hotel. From surf-casting, to boat fishing, my entire body needs a vacation from my vacation.



Our last trip in particular stands out as one for the record books. We turned the corner from the inlet, and you could see hundreds of boats on the bass grounds. We approached slowly in search of our own bunker pod and saw guys hooked up. Each boat letting out victorious shouts and grabbing their nets. After an hour, we just couldn't catch a fish to save our lives. So I decided to make a move in search of more life. We steamed ahead for several miles, and then all of a sudden saw splashes and birds in the distance. It was a feeding frenzy like no other. Big



splashes and birds diving. I had no idea what it could be, so I grabbed my 7ft Carbon Shield rod and tossed out a jig. Bam! the reel began to scream and I was hooked up! Light line made this a fight I will never forget. When the fish came boat side, I saw shiny blue colors and it took off again! After a few more minutes, we got her in. A beautiful falseie. After a quick picture she was released back in the water and darted off. As quickly as the fish came, they disappeared and it was quiet again. The water was flat calm with not even a ripple. So we decided to head back to the bunker pods in search of stripers. On our way back, we ran into more birds and a giant never ending school of Macks! Bubbling on the surface with splashes and more birds. The fish were on a feeding frenzy and every cast we were hooked up! It was pretty EPIC. Spent the remainder of the day on the bass grounds landing and releasing over a dozen fish the largest was just over 51 inches. The pictures speak for themselves!



Until my next adventure, Tight lines.

*Capt. Barbara Solomon*  
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# Membership

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to each and every one of you for joining us at our annual Oktoberfest celebration. Your presence and enthusiasm made this event a tremendous success, and it was a joy to see our community come together once again.

I want to give a special shoutout to John Weber and all the dedicated individuals who worked tirelessly to ensure that our Oktoberfest was an unforgettable experience. Their hard work and commitment were instrumental in making this event so great, and we are truly grateful for their contributions.

I want to express my gratitude to all the new members who have joined our Freeport Tuna Club in the past few months. Your decision to become a part of our club is a testament to the strength and vitality of our community. We are thrilled to welcome you into our fold and look forward to all the wonderful experiences we will share together.

To our existing members, I encourage you to remain actively engaged in our club's activities and initiatives. It's your continued in-

volvement that keeps the Freeport Tuna Club alive and thriving. Your ideas, your passion, and your participation are what make this club a vibrant and close-knit group. I encourage members to reach out to me with all of your ideas, suggestions and thoughts on how we can further enhance our club and attract more like-minded individuals to join our club, as always your input is invaluable.

As we move forward, let's continue to work together, support one another, and uphold the traditions that make our club so special. Here's to a fantastic year ahead for the Freeport Tuna Club, and I can't wait to see all the incredible memories we'll create together.

Thank you once again for your unwavering support of and commitment to the FTC.

Warm regards,  
*Zachary Introp*



# Entertainment

## Oktoberfest



# Get Your Ticket

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# Derbies, Awards & Contests

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

**Reminder:** If any members are holding any weigh slips, now is the time to get them to us ASAP please. Club rules dictate that we must have them physically in hand within two weeks of the derby close.

Our committee will be reviewing slips soon for the year end awards and would appreciate them all sooner than later.

*The following derbies awards will be presented at our November GM:*

### Sea Bass

1st: Doug Toback 3.39 lbs. F/V Corazon  
2nd: Mike Zullo 3.19 lbs F/V Magic Too

### Fluke

1st: Bob Pandy 10.93 lbs. F/V Pandaman

### Tuna

1st: Ralph Drewes 185.5 lbs (BFT) F/V No Mercy  
2nd: Adam Bollaci 123.2 lbs (BFT) F/V Hooker

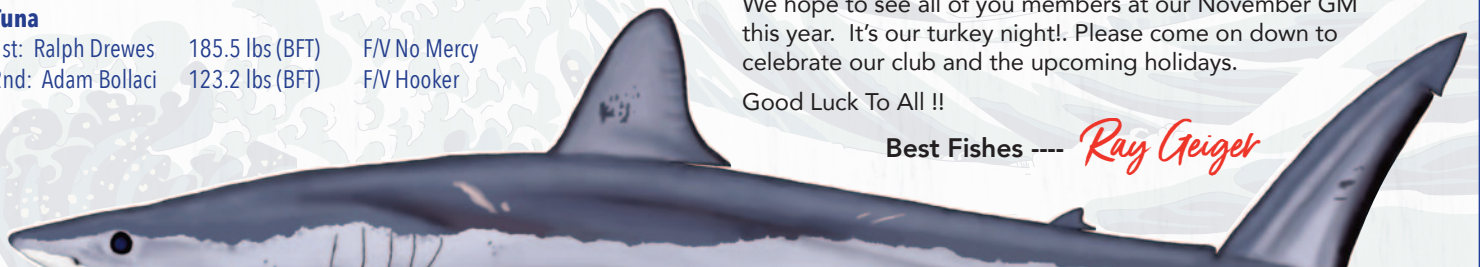
*The remaining 2023 Derbies are:*

**SHARK & BLUEFISH** 9/9- 11/19  
**COD** 9/23 - 12/3  
**STRIPED BASS** 9/30 - 11/19 (Min. Weight is 10 lbs.)  
**BLACKFISH** 10/14-11/26

We hope to see all of you members at our November GM this year. It's our turkey night!. Please come on down to celebrate our club and the upcoming holidays.

Good Luck To All !!

Best Fishes ---- *Ray Geiger*





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Sunday, December 10

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1:00 - 5:00 pm



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This year we once again encourage all members to participate and donate a basket to be raffled off. Please include your name on the basket to be acknowledged at the time of raffle.

If you would like to volunteer or have any questions contact Paul Cunningham.

## NOMINATIONS

The nominating committee nominates the following members for the Board of Directors

**CASSIDY CUNNINGHAM**

**BOB DIMINO**

**ANTHONY ALFIERI**

**BILL GILLESPIE**

**CHARLIE GOLDSTEIN**

**ZACH INTROP**

*On behalf of the Board of Directors and the Editorial Staff we'd like to wish all the General Membership and their Families a Healthy, Safe and Happy Thanksgiving!*

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