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## NOMINATIONS

The following candidates are recommended by the Nominating Committee for election to the Board of Directors:

John Daum
John Rooney
Bob Pandy
Jeff Yapalater
Harry Weinblatt
Tim Sherman

The following nominations have been received from the floor:

Jim Rooney
John Weber

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Dear Members.

Our November General Meeting is the most important meeting of the year. This is when we vote for our "Board of Directors". I want to personally thank all of the incumbencies & members from the floor who have stepped up to run for Board of Director positions and help lead our club. I urge all members to attend this GM and vote. Your votes decide who will lead our club. I ask that when you vote you take into consideration that your candidates represent you and the direction you would like the club to go. I thank the Nominating Committee chaired by 2nd V.P. Bill Toohey for organizing this very important committee. Bill will have all the candidates listed in this month's bulletin. Good luck to all.

Thank you.... Hank Janet for once again supplying the birds for our annual turkey raffle which will take place after the voting and General Meeting.

I believe there is still some room for the greatest deal in town. Winter storage on our property; see our property's financial director Don Granger for more details. In addition to a great winter deal we will have slips available for the 2011 summer seasons.

As usual or should I say expected the Captain Anglers have done a fantastic job this season. The "Oktober Fest"

was a great time and it was good to see so many past members attend. I hope this becomes an annual ritual.

Bob Pandy will be wrapping things up soon and putting away the grills so stay tuned for the upcoming last Captain/Angler BBQ of the year. Once again great job...... "Captain/Angler".

In closing, I thank all members for supporting our club by coming to our monthly meetings. These meetings are important for the growth of the club as we continue to build our future.



I wish everyone a very Happy and Healthy Thanksgiving.

PS, don't forget to come & vote......

Captain Larry Festa President 2010

### FISHING BULLETIN

As the end of the 2010 season looms in front of us the last several weekends have been a blowout for most offshore fishing plans. Some club members braving the brief



weather windows that made themselves available at time have made the leap of faith, but for most of the time we have been faced with flag starched wind conditions which kept the majority of the fleet tied to the dock. Our inshore fishery has started off nicely and should be a welcome reprieve to all club members who look forward to this time of the year.

On the offshore scene I have not received any tuna reports from our members. As of recently there was a very good day bite at the east elbow of the Hudson Canyon. The weather factor has kept most boats tied to the dock. Our traditional fall shark fishery has still not yet developed this season. Last year at this time two beautiful mako's were taken, will one of us come home with the trophy this year?

On the inshore scene striped bass, bluefish and blackfish have been on the menu. Our members continue to report decent catches of all species when the weather has allowed. Now that the black seabass fishery has reopened we will be able to target them until the seasonal closure in December. Paul Marcy and Paul Hilton teamed up recently for an action packed day of fall bay black fishing.

Our "FTC East" reports the mother load of bass and bluefish. Anthony Testa reported that a recent diamond jigging trip in front of the Lighthouse yielded a few bass and an arm weary amount of big blues. Jim Krug reported that blackfishing was red hot and a stop at the seabass grounds on the way home filled the fishbox the rest of the way.

Chris Bellinzoni reported that the Grady-White Owners Tournament was taken by our own John Gerrity with a 23.10 lb. bass aboard his Moon Child and Team Grady skippered by Chris decked the fourth place fish taken by Al Casiano. The following weekend the Kismet Inn hosted the Kismet Invitational of which 44 boats participated. Three FTC boats and nine FTC members participated in this annual Fall Event. The Four Bells landed two of the top ten fish claiming prizes for 5th and 7th place finishes with bass of 21.7 and 19.10 respectively. Club member Gerard Amitrano decked the twelfth place fish while fishing aboard the Moon Child.

Sincerely,

Captain Harry Weinblatt

F/V Blue Marlin

### **PROPERTIES**

Winter storage will be here shortly. Any members looking to winter store there vessels at FTC Marina land or water should contact *Don Granger* for details.

### **GOOD AND WELFARE**

Our Prayers and condolences to Bob and Cora Pandy on the loss of his mom. We wish a speedy recovery to Captain Harry Weinblatt. Harry had some recent minor surgery. We also continue to pray for all those who are ill and healing.

Jeff Squeri.

### REGULATIONS

**Blackfish** opened on October 1st and closes December 20th. It re-opens on January 17th. We are allowed 4 fish at 14 inches.

Cod is open all year limits are 10 fish at 22 inches.

Porgies closed for private boats and shore fisherman on September 26th. Party boat and charter boat clients are allowed 40 porgies until October 11th.

**Sea Bass** closes for all on October 11th. They re-open for all on November 1st. 25 fish at 12 inches.

Striped Bass remain open until December 15th.

Blue fish remain open!

Conservation Chairman Dennis Cataldo



### **ELECTION RULES**

(The Following guidelines were presented by our nominating committee and accepted by the B.O.D. We hope all candidates and general members abide by them.

The Board of Directors has approved the following new rules and procedures regarding candidates for election to the Board of Directors. These rules shall be in effect at the November 2010 General Meeting.

"No Board of Director candidate shall engage in any campaign or electioneering activities, including but not limited to personal requests for support or the posting or distribution of any written or graphic materials anywhere on the property of the facility where the November General Meeting is being held. Nothing in this rule shall operate to prevent electioneering activities at any other time or place. No candidate shall engage in negative campaigning or personally attack any other candidate. No candidate shall engage in campaign activity while performing club duties or acting in an official capacity for the club. No candidate shall make use of club resources, such as mailing lists or contact information, that are not available to all other candidates.

Immediately after the President opens the November General Meeting, the Chairman of the Nominating Committee shall offer each Board of Director candidate the opportunity to address the meeting. Each candidate's remarks shall be strictly limited to a length of two minutes. No ballots shall be accepted from the membership until each candidate has been given an opportunity to speak. The meeting's regular order of business shall resume upon the conclusion of the candidates remarks."

## **CATCH OF THE**

### First **Striped** Bass

Our catch of the month goes to young angler James Hampton with his first ever striped bass. The 10.8 lb. fish was caught on the ves-



sel "Widget" with skipper Jim Meehan on October 30th just in time for October Catch of the Month. Congrats James!

For bragging rights Email me at philton@optonline.net for consideration as "Catch of the Month". Please include a picture and catch details. Thanks to all who submitted entries this month, please keep them coming.

- Paul Hilton / Emily S

### FREEPORT TUNA CLUB Committees President • Lawrence J. Festa • November 1, 2010

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#### **Fishing Related Committees** Awards & Contest Derbies **Shoot-Outs** John Rooney\*

Bill Morrogh\* Michael Zullo Lawrence Festa **Fishing Reports** Harry Weinblatt\*

Mat Errett\*

**Tournaments** John Rooney

### **AWARDS & CONTEST** REDORT

Awards Chairman: Captain Bill Morrogh Committee Team: Bill Morrogh and Mike Zullo

THERE IS STILL TIME TO SCORE A DERBY WIN THIS YEAR! CHECK OUT THE DERBIES THAT ARE OPEN! GET OUT AND FISH, SEND IN THOSE WEIGH SLIPS! IF YOU ARE HOLDING ANY WEIGH SLIPS THAT MAY QUALITY FOR AN ANNUAL AWARD GET THEM IN TO ME IMMEDIATELY.

### **OUR NOVEMBER DERBY WINNERS:**

#### Tuna

1st Place: Maryellen Zullo - 88.5 lb Bluefin - F/V Oceanic 2nd Place: Peter DiThomas - 88 lb Bluefin - F/V Rocket Fish 3rd Place: Earl Harris - 79 lb Bluefin - F/V Hooker

#### Mahi

1st Place: Ralph Drewes - 9.94 lb - F/V Oceanic

#### **False Albacore**

1st Place: John Payne - 11.5 lb - F/V Reel Payne

#### **DERBIES OPEN:**

Shark (125 lbs)	September 18th ~ November 28th
Bluefish (8 lbs)	September 18th ~ November 28th
Cod (6 lbs)	October 2nd ~ December 12th
Striped Bass (15 lbs)	October 9th ~ November 28th
Blackfish (3 lbs)	October 16th ~ November 21st

# Old Bluefish

Large Bluefish have made a resurgence on Long Island this season, likely due to the abundant bunker, shad, and sandeels in our local waters. Fish of over 20 lbs have been reported along the south shore this season. The FTC record could be vulnerable.

Here are some facts to know about Bluefish:



James Hussey in photo

- Bluefish have no relatives, being the only member of the family Pomatomidae, scientific name is Pomatomus saltatrix
- Bluefish have a wide distribution, found in temperate and tropical seas nearly everywhere except the eastern Pacific.
- IGFA Record: 31 lbs 12 oz, 1972 Hatteras NC, James Hussey (see photo)
- FTC Record: 21 lbs, 1977. by Stanley Szczerbaty Freeport, NY (1977)
- Current Regulations: 15 fish, no minimum size, no closed season, no more than 10 fish under 12" (snappers) permitted
- Paul Hilton / Emily S

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#### ENTERTAINMENT

Kudos to Captain John Marino for a job well done at our Oct meeting. We are exploring the possibility of a December speaker. Thanks as always for the ongoing feedback - contact Bob Bohlert 516-532-4525 with ideas or input.

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Chairmen: Matt Errett

Committee Members: John Rooney

### **GRADY WHITE OWNERS TOURNAMENT**

Congratulations to John Gerrity, F/V Moonchild, on capturing 1st Place with a 23.10 pound Stripe Bass. Also fishing the tournament aboard "Team Grady" and capturing 4th Place is Al Casciano. Congrats Al.

#### THE KISMET INVITATIONAL

This tournament saw 3 FTC boats, with 9 members participating. The father/son team of Chris Bellinzoni aboard their "Four Bells took 5th Place with a 21lb 7oz Striper and 7th. Place with a 19lb 10oz fish. FTC member Gerard Amitrano fishing aboard John Gerrity's "Moon Child" took 12th, Place,

#### WOODCLEFT STRIPE BASS TOURNAMENT

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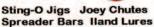
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