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NOMINATIONS

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

Chris Bellinzoni
John Jutt
Bob Dimino
Bill Morrogh
Bill Toohey
Mike Sullivan

The following nomination have been received from the floor:

Dr. John Weber, Jr.

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NEXT GM

Thursday, November 10, 2011 at 8pm
Cure Of Ars Auditorium
Merrick Avenue • Merrick
(Between Sunrise Highway and Merrick Road)

Annual Board of Directors elections
and our Turkey Raffle!
ELECTION NIGHT
Cast Your Vote! It's your club have some say.
Turkeys....Turkeys....Turkeys....

President's Message

Dear Members,

Happy Thanksgiving to all our members and their families. November's 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 General Meeting and cast their vote. Your votes decide who will lead our club and help decide our club's future.

Past President Jim Rooney is chairman of our nominating committee and will be listing the incumbencies and members running from the floor for the board of director positions in this months Newsletter. I hope all members of the FTC come to this meeting and cast their vote, and maybe walk out with a Turkey at the end of the night!

Speaking of Turkeys.....Thank You, Hank Janet for once again supplying us with the gobblers to be raffled off at the November GM. Organizing and bring all of these turkeys to our meeting is a true labor of love and we all appreciate your commitment and fine service to the FTC.

Last month's GM was one of our best ever. Retired Lt. Col Dave Ruvola was our guest speaker and shared his side of the "Perfect Storm" sea rescue. It doesn't matter how many times you have heard the story, you still can't believe what these men went through on that horrific day. I would like to thank the members of our committees who help put this GM on the Map, as one of our all time best! House Chairman Woody Anderson & his team; Ray Geiger, Don Morin, Jerry Amitrano Paul Cunningham, & Jerry Azzi. John Weber & Paul Noto for arranging our speaker and helping with their presentation. Paul and Rosemary Schuber, for once again displaying our wears with great pride. To all the other members who help that I missed, thank you for your work on the GM.

Heading our shoot-outs committee, Captain Chris Bellinzoni informed me that the FTC smoked the Matinecock Club with this past weekend

shoot-out. The FTC took all three categories of Striped Bass, Bluefish, and Blackfish. Chris has also set up the annual shoot-out against Staten Island Tuna Club. In the past this shoot-out has come down to ounces, Staten Island currently has the Trophy that goes along with this shoot-out, so let's get it back!

The Captain Anglers had their annual "Octoberfest" at the property last Thursday. What a night it was from the food to the drink and the music.... great job gentlemen. The Captain Anglers will be closing down shop for the winter but be on the lookout for the Thursday night clinics spearheaded by Chairman Bob Dimino.

The FTC has one of the best rates in the area for winter storage so if you are looking for a place to store your vessel see Don Granger. While you're talking to Don and you need a slip for the summer he will be able to answer any question you have. Also don't forget that the FTC is trying to bring back the game dinner, so all you hunters out there see Bob Benzenberg or Dave Massa for any information. The dinner needs donations from our hunters.

There is one day that is ours. There is one day when all we Americans who are not self-made go back to the old home to eat saleratus biscuits and marvel how much nearer to the porch the old pump looks than it used to. Thanksgiving Day is the one day that is purely American.
~O. Henry

God Bless America.

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

~ President 2011 ~ John H. Rooney



HOLIDAY PARTY

Please make plans to attend this years holiday party on December 11th 1-6pm, at it's NEW location: The Cure of Ars Auditorium in Merrick.

We were lucky to book the talented **ANDREA** Face Painter Check her out at FUN4UFACES.com and a new Magician. We're busy purchasing GREAT Raffle prizes and again will have our yummy bake off...please participate. Santa will make his yearly appearance so please write your child's name in big letters as Santa is aging and keep it under \$20. We need a great scene for him so please wrap a large empty box to stack around his chair. Anyone know a choral group that would make a short appearance?

Any ideas or suggestions please contact Bob at 781-4011 or Cora.coravette@optonline.net and bring your holiday spirit!

SHOOTOUTS 2011

Chris Four Bells Bellinzoni

Our season series of Shoot-Out competitions came down to a rubber match weekend with our good friends in the Matinecock Rod and Gun Club.

One weekend, winner take all! Three days of competition, 3 species: Striped Bass, Bluefish and Blackfish. The 3 biggest of each species would lay claim to bragging rights for another year. Participation, participation, participation! That was the key to our club's complete domination of the Event. Twenty different club anglers from 9 different club boats brought fish to scale.

At the end of the weekend, it only took one boat, Just Add Water, captained by Harry Schroeder to sweep 2 of 3 categories, Bass and Bluefish! Harry and his crew decked Bass of 28, 27 and 25 lbs. and bested blues of 14, 13 and 12 lbs. to sweep both categories.

No anchor or green crabs on board, Harry?

In the Blackfish competition, Don Granger and Jim Krug lifted Blackfish over the rail of 6 and 4 lbs. on Jimmy's Persuader, while Bob Porter put a 3 pounder in the box out on The End as well. Honorable Mention and congratulations to club boats and captains of the Corazon, Margaritabill, Sea Mist, Rocket Fish, Huntress, Oh Reely and Four Bells for putting competitive anglers of "DJ" Toback, Bob Bohart, Al Casciano, Bob Porter, Joe Steiner, Pete McAvooy and Christopher Bellinzoni on the fish.

Final Score: **FTC Bluefish: 39 lbs., Matinecock "0"lbs.**
FTC Striped Bass: 80 lbs., Matinecock 17 lbs.
FTC Blackfish: 13 lbs. 7 ounces, Matinecock 11 lbs. 5 ounces.

We win and can brag for another year. Special thanks to our gracious friends at the Matinecock Rod and Gun Club and their shootout leader, Ed Svec, a true sportman, gentleman and friend of our Freeport Tuna Club.

A MESSAGE THE EDITOR

We are an active club; in fact we're the largest fishing club in terms of the size of our general membership. The general membership best has their say in how our club operates when they vote in our annual elections for the Board of Directors. The members of the Board work for you; the general membership. It is among your fellow members that many of you have found great friendships, superb camaraderie, and experienced some of the best fishing excursions you have ever had. Needless to say, your membership is important to this club, and it's important to your fellow members...your friends.

Active membership also involves casting your vote for candidates to the club's Board of Directors. You will have that opportunity at November's meeting. While you may not have caught as many fish this season as you would have liked, you may just win the annual turkey raffle at the November meeting too. So we ask you all, every member, to make sure to come out and vote at the club's next election on November 10, 2011. Let your voice be heard by casting your ballot.

Regards,

~ Capt. John J. Jutt, Sr.

CAPTAIN & ANGLERS

C & A would like to thank John Weber (Bunker Gear) for Running this years Oktoberfest. He spent days preparing authentic food for the event. He even made sure we had the proper music. All his efforts paid off big time, The food was great, the beer and Yager were flowing and another excellent club event was enjoyed by all who attended. C & A would also thank the Massa's for their donation. Captain and Anglers will continue for a few more weeks depending on the weather. See ya on Thursday night.

~ Jim Rooney

TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

Chairman: **Matt Errett**

Committee members: **Chris Bellinzoni**

This years Kismet Stripe Bass & Bluefish Tournament saw 3 club boats sail claiming 3 of the top 10 positions

John Jahn entered with is F/V Huntress teamed with FTC member Bob Bolhert. They took 8th. Place in the Stripe Bass division.

Bruce Forster entered his Oh Reely crewed with FTC members John Payne, and Pete McEvoy. They took 9th. Place in the Stripe Bass division and also had a Bluefish in the top 10.

Chris Bellinzoni entered his 4 Bells crewed with FTC members Little Bell, and Al Casciano. Al's brother also joined them and together they took 10th Place in the Stripe Bass division.

Hats off to all for another great showing!!!!

The Annual Woodcleft Stripe Bass Tournament was not held this year due to lack of participation. Hopefully this is not a continuing sign of the times, and we see it again next year.

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

Good and Welfare Jeff Squeri 516-221-6343 / cell 516-652-5981

Our prayers and best wishes go out to Camille Mazzilli, Sil's wife as she fights her battle with cancer.

Best wishes to all.

~ Jeff

WINTER STORAGE

The Freeport Tuna Club is pleased to extend this offer to store your boat at its property for the 2011 - 2012 winter seasons. The Rates for this season will remain the same as last year @ \$14 a foot minimum \$275 with season extended to June first. At the present time we have several open slips on the line. Get your name on the waiting list, at the present time there are no active members on the list Contact Don Granger @ 516-749-4712 or property@FTC.com

BULLETIN

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CATCH OF THE MONTH

FLORIDA MIXED BAG

Our "Catch of the Month" goes to these lucky FTC Members who enjoyed a great trip out of Islamorada, Fla.

Capt. Barbara Solomon, Pete Cefai, Bob Hindenlang and Jeannie caught a mixed bag of almaco jacks, black fin tuna, mangrove snapper, mahi, trigger fish, wahoo, and more.

The local weather has dampened local angler effort of late but the best inshore fishing is hopefully still ahead.

For bragging rights, please email me at philton@optonline.net or text me at 516 721 8907 to be considered for "Catch of the Month" by the bulletin committee.

Include a picture and some catch details. Thanks to all who submitted entries this Month and please keep them coming.

~ Paul Hilton / Emily S.



PROPER WINTER STORAGE

I hope all FTC Members enjoyed their boating season this year, as it rapidly comes to a close. In order to hit the ground running next year the proper storage of your vessel during the winter lay-up is key. Here are some tips that over the years are of importance:

- 1. During haul out** it is always best to power wash your bottom while the growth is still wet from the salt water. The ease of removal will assist in maintaining the anti fouling quality on the bottom paint.
- 2. While it is still wet**, washing the hull with an "On-Off" Hull cleaner. This will remove all water stains, brown scum, old wax and other impurities, which will make the spring waxing job go much smoother.
- 3. Always remove your propeller** during the winter lay up. Propellers left on could get damaged. A slight bend in a wheel; that you cannot see could lead to a short haul and additional expenses. In addition the propeller should ALWAYS be sent out to a reliable propeller shop to be checked for items such as stress cracks, electrolysis, balance & trueness. Your propeller is the most important part of your boat's propulsion system and should be a priority. Also when the propeller is off it gives you an opportunity to carefully inspect the shafting under the propeller for any signs of stress cracking. This also holds true with outboard motors. Lastly with the wheel removed you should conduct a very careful inspection for any fishing line which may have gotten caught up in the cutlass bearing or splined shaft. Modern braided lines and mono-line can really wreak havoc on bearings & seals.
- 4. Shrink wrapping** is another option for the winter. If you elect to do so make sure that all antennas, loading coils and radar antennas are not put under heavy load with the pull of the shrink wrap which can easily crack a GPS coil or warp an open array radar antenna. Refrain from using blue tarps and other covers than fit loosely, high winter winds can cause these course tarps to rub on the gelcoat finishes and do more damage than no cover. In addition when lower antennas for the season the tip of the antenna should always be higher than the base. This can prevent water from settling in the antenna tip and causing damage.
- 5. Store your boats with full fuel.** On land condensation in fuel tanks can occur which could also lead to spring launch problems. This is true for both gas & diesel.
- 6. Batteries should be removed** and stored indoors & not on garage floors. The batteries should be topped off with distilled water for their winter lay-up and trickle charged. Batteries that are not easily removable and stay on the boat should also be topped off with distilled water, fully charge them and lastly disconnect the negative lead on the battery to prevent any possible draining via the ground.
- If your vessel is **bonded** always check the bonding system with a continuity meter. Each piece of under water metal is checked for continuity back to the bonding zinc plate.
- 8. Use only pink non-tox for your winterization.** Engine antifreeze mixing is not the way to go. Pink non-tox is designed not to effect seals & impellers during lay up. It is also a good idea to pour a gallon or so in your bilge and pump some out via your bilge pumps to protect them.
- Make sure you leave some **destine** inside the boat to prevent moisture and mold during the lay-up.
- 10. Lastly**, if you are doing to do your own bottom work & maintenance, such as painting & scraping make sure that you protect our environment. Tarp the ground under your vessel and dispose of all used motor oils & coolant properly. Most service stations are required by law to assist you in the proper disposal of these environmentally harmful fluids.

I hope you find these ten tips helpful during your winter lay-up.

~ Captain Larry
F/V Kristen

NOVEMBER 2011 DERBY, AWARDS & CONTEST REPORT

Awards Chairman: Captain Bill Morrogh

Committee Team: Captain Larry Festa, Captain Michael Zullo

This is it for 2011. We have 5 derbies running that cover both the inshore and offshore scenes. There are no slips yet for shark, cod or blackfish. striped bass slips are in the 16-20lb. range and are beatable if you put in some time. Our bluefish derby has been amazing! You have to go back to the 2002 derby to find a fish that beats the current 3rd place fish which is 15.44lbs. There's a first place tie for bluefish at 18lb. which is 3lb short of the club record set in 1977!

THE FOLLOWING DERBIES ARE RUNNING:

Shark	9/17-11/27
Bluefish	9/17-11/27
Cod	10/01-12/11
Striped Bass	10/08-11/27
Blackfish	10/15-11/20

DERBY AWARDS FOR THE NOVEMBER GM:

Sea Bass

1st Place: Charles Goldstein	5.38 lbs F/V Splitshot
2nd Place: Mike Zullo	4.63 lbs F/V Magic Too
3rd Place: Maryellen Zullo	4.13 lbs F/V Magic Too

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