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NEXT GM

Thursday, November 13, 2014 at 7:30pm
Cure Of Ars Auditorium
Merrick Avenue • Merrick
(Between Sunrise Highway and Merrick Road)

GOBBLE GOBBLE ANNUAL Turkey Raffle!
Please attend the November Meeting
This is the most highly attended meeting of the year
We ask all member to please come out and join us.

President's Message

Welcome to November, for some of our members it means fishing for Stripers, SeaBass and Tog, for others it means getting their boats winterized and wrapped. I hope everyone had a great fishing season. Our November GM will be held at Cure of Ars Church on Thursday, November 13th. We will be holding our annual turkey raffle. There will be 60 turkeys to raffle off, so make some room in your freezers.

Also on hand that evening will be our yearly Board of Directors elections, please come out and vote for your new Board members. I would also like to thank my Board of Directors for a great year with the Freeport Tuna Club. I could not have done it without your help.

The Annual Holiday Party will be at Cure of Ars on Sunday, December 7th from 2:00 to 7:00 pm. This party is fun for the whole family. There will be face painting, balloon figures, a magic show and who knows, maybe a visit from SANTA! Please remember to bring a wrapped toy for each of your children (\$25 or less please) and if you could also bring an empty

box wrapped for decoration. There will be a \$5.00 charge for all adults coming to the party (which helps off-set the cost of the party). If you have some time to help Ray Geiger set up the party, please get in touch with him.

Anyone still holding Annual Raffle tickets please get them to Jim Rooney as this raffle gets picked at the Holiday Party.

Happy Veteran's Day and Thank You to all of our members who have served and the men and women who are serving currently.



Happy Thanksgiving to all Freeport Tuna Club members and their families.

See you on the water.

~ Chris Scarpantonio
President

Fishing Report

An October of Plenty



Chris Bellinzoni, 40+ Four Bells

The air and water cool down and the wind does blow but October is the month when the fish begin to feed heavily in preparation for migration. Stripers and blues work their way south and west, down the coast. Tautog work their way out of the bays and near shore structure, taking up residence on the 40-80 ft. structure and feeding heavily. Seabass work their way offshore, eating everything in sight along the way. The bass and blues are right on schedule, the bottom fish maybe a little late with 60 degree water still present.

Striped bass have been grabbing the headlines throughout Long Island. Along the south shore, the number and size of the bunker pods is unprecedented, and the bass and blues are all over them. Live liners and trollers have had the edge but some fish have responded to jigs as well, and the party boats are getting in on the action too.

Fish up to 50 lbs. have been reported and large bluefish have joined the mix making for exciting mixed bag fishing just off the beach. Captain Barbara Solomon and Pete Cefai have been on the bass, catching and releasing many fish into the 30 lb. class. On another trip, Pete joined Nick Nero on his Dolce Vita and reported bass to 23 lbs. along with large blues just off the Pink Hotel.



Steve Valenti with a 40+, Four Bells

Steve Valenti has been the hot hand while fishing on both boats. That's some great bassing, congrats to the captains and crews. In addition, the Oceanic had a 100 lb. thresher on a bunker spoon, with other threshers reported on spoons further west.

Seabass fishing took a back seat for a while with the closure in federal waters (*beyond 3 miles*). With the unseasonably warm water, fish were still available inshore. Now that the water is cooling off and the deep waters are open, the seabass are moving off and the reports are quite good, with limits on fish being reported from structure in 80' on out. With big bluefish invading the area, I would run too....

Blackfish opened on October 5th and will remain open through December 14th. Current size and bag limit is 4 fish per angler, 16" or greater. As usual, the best early season fishing is found

on the shallowest pieces, including the local bridges and bay structure. Outside, fish are available out to 70 ft., but the best keeper ratio has been found as shallow as you can go. Looking at a chart of our area you will see that most of the shallower reefs and wrecks lie west of Jones Inlet and sure enough that's where the best blackfishing has occurred so far. Exceptions are some very shallow wrecks east of the inlet where good fishing has occurred but the pressure is heavy. My trips of late have been limited to half a day or less fishing right outside Jones Inlet to maximize fishing time. Fishing has been OK, with lots of shorts, some seabass and porgies, and enough keepers to 5 lbs. to make it interesting. It will only get better.

Many boats like to take advantage of an early morning bass bite, then head off for seabass or blackfish to round out the catch. Be advised it is illegal to possess striped bass outside of state waters (*three miles*). The 3 mile line should be clearly visible on your plotter. If you plan on mixing bottom fishing and bass, save the bass for the afternoon.

I have been bugging Captain Jim Krug of the Persuader III for some Montauk reports. Captain Jim and son's Bobby and Jack have a reputation for making life very difficult for the local fish population. Captain Jim reports a "great year at Montauk" and went on the bombard me with pictures of some outstanding catches of large bass, fluke, shark, tuna and blackfish. Bass fishing was red hot with numerous fish in the forty pound class and a 53 lb. specimen landed. While they await the next wave of stripers, he has been blackfishing at Fishers Island, with limit catches to 9 lbs. and reported the fish are in the shallow water. South/east of Block Island, they have enjoyed excellent seabassing with large porgies and some cod in the mix. The large bass have left Montauk, apparently tasking up residence along our south shore.



Captain Jim and Jack Krug with 53 lb. Striper on Persuader III, Montauk, N.Y.

Offshore, Captain Chris Gerhart of the Wasabi reports, "The weather has been horrible for much of October, with tiny windows that close quickly. We have not been out, but friends fished last Thursday into Friday at the Hudson. They had a good mix of fish including a bigeye, sword, 2 longfin, and 2 Mahi. Definitely not on fire but some fish around."
Thanks Captain Chris!

The Tuna Tower News aka FTC Bulletin is a great way to share your fishing adventures with the club. Thanks to all for contributing your reports! Please email your reports to philton@optonline.net or [text/call me at 516.721.8907](tel:516.721.8907).

Don't forget to send pictures and catch details for consideration by the Bulletin Committee for "**Catch of the Month**".

~ Sincerely,

Paul Hilton F/V Emily S



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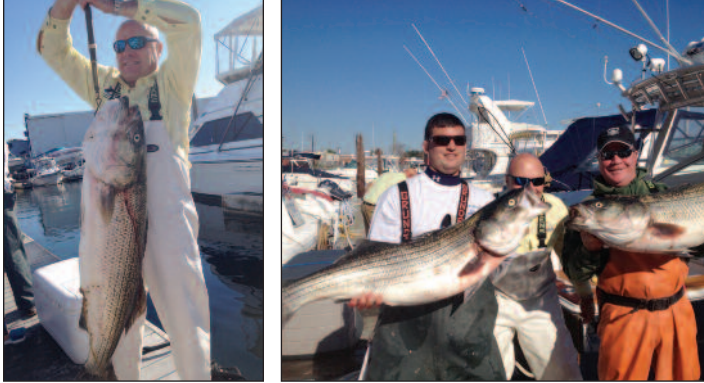
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**Richie Rosenkranz
FTC MEMBER**

Catch of the Month October Bass on the Oceanic



Our Catch of the Month goes to Ralph Drews of the Oceanic along with his crew of Chris Bellinzi and Matt Guinta. They enjoyed an exceptional day live-lining bunker out of Jones Inlet. Pictured are Captain Ralph, Chris, and Matt with bass over 40 pounds from among the many caught that day. ***Congrats of the Catch of the Month !***

Send in those pictures!

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

~ Paul Hilton / Emily S

Good & Welfare

We are saddened to report the passing of Lucille Morin, wife of Don Morin.

We are saddened to report the sudden passing of club member Mitch Vidur. He has left us way too soon.

Don Granger is recovering well from a recent medical issue. Ray McDevitt is at home recovering from shoulder surgery. We expect Jeff Squeri to be home soon after double knee procedures. We were glad to see John Funicello down at the property this past week. John is recovering from a heart issue.

If you have any good and welfare related info pass it on to me. I'm filling in for Jeff Squeri while we await his return to action.

~ Bill Morrogh

Property

It's that time of year when reluctantly we have to haul our boats for the winter. If you are planning to winter at our property, (and we hope you do). Please contact Bob Sabella (516-941-8773) or Don Granger (516-749-4712) before you bring your boat so that we can utilize our yard to the max. Please send payment to Alan, Evelyn or call him for rate info. At this time we are going to shut the water down on November 15, or after the temperature drops to below 32 degrees, which ever comes first. Also please keep the back bathroom door closed since the heat is on. Remember your club is only as good as you make it.

Winter Storage

The Freeport Tuna Club is now storing boats at its property for the 2014 - 2015 winter season (11/1/14 to 6/1/15). The lease rates for this season will remain the same as last year @ \$14. a foot with a minimum charge of \$300. for both on land and in water storage.

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**Alan will be at the November GM
to accept checks and sign leases.**

Happy Thanksgiving



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November 2014 Derby, Awards & Contest Report

*Awards Chairman: Captain Bill Morrogh
Committee Team: Captain Bill Toohey,
Captain Michael Zullo*

We hope to see everyone at our November GM!
The weather has been tough but there have still
been good reports on Stripers and the big Blues
are in also. Get out there and win a Derby!

The Following Derbies Are Open And Running:

Shark	9/20 - 11/29
Bluefish	9/20 - 11/29
Cod	10/04 - 12/14
Striped Bass	10/11 - 11/30
Blackfish	10/17 - 11/22

Derby Awards For November:

Sea Bass

1st Place:	Mike Zullo	4 lbs. F/V Magic Too
2nd Place:	Maryellen Zullo	3.19 lbs. F/V Magic Too
1st Place:	Don Granger	2.94 lbs. F/V Splitshot

Tuna

1st Place:	Paul Noto	183.6 lb. Bigeye F/V Insufficient Funds
2nd Place:	Dave Pincus	87.19 lb. Yellowfin F/V Canyon Lady

Mahi

1st Place:	Gene Schettini	22.13 lbs. F/V Somewhere in Time
2nd Place:	Barbara Solomon	16.06 lbs. F/V 19 Whaler
3rd Place:	Harry Schroeder	13.75 F/V Just Add Water

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