

Freeport Tuna Club, Inc.

Tuna Tower News

NOVEMBER 2016
www.ftcfishing.com

EDITOR: CAPT. JOHN J. JUTT, SR.
Co-Editor ~ Capt. Paul Hilton
Contributor ~ Mike Sullivan



NEXT GM
Thursday,
November 10, 2016
at 7 pm
Freeport Yacht Club

Get in on our Annual Turkey Raffle!!

President's Message

As they say in horse racing, "we are coming down the home stretch, headed for the finish line." Let's make the president happy with a big finish by having a huge turnout for the November (turkey raffle night) and December (Holiday Party on Saturday 12/10/16 at the church). I know we can draw more than 76 members (current high so far) at both of these meetings. I promise the food will again be great. Back by popular demand we will be serving hot food prepared by Rachel's restaurant. Heroes, salad and sandwiches will be catered by John Moore's deli who brought the excellent fare at last month's meeting. The door fee will remain at \$15 dollars to hopefully cover our costs.

For those who say they need entertainment, I am currently in negotiations with some Pilgrims and Indians who will be doing our turkey raffle. As you all know a club's success depends upon the efforts of its members. Some do lots, some do little, and some do nothing. I bring this up only

because we are in need of a volunteer to sell raffle tickets at our monthly meetings. Woody Anderson has had this job for many years and is now facing a shoulder replacement surgery in the near future. I thank Woody for all his help and advice over the years. Here is a good opportunity for a new member to get involved with very little time and effort. If you are interested, see any board member or the president.



A big thank you to Jeanie and Richie O for making our Oktoberfest a great night despite the horrible weather. The sauerbraten that Jeanie made was excellent and so was the gravy. The rat and mouse unions have filed a complaint as there wasn't a crumb to be found at the end of the night. I'm not quite sure why it stopped but the 50/50 jug will be at the front sign in table. Bring money, win a turkey and support your club, now that's a winning combination.

Trivia question: Where did the first settlers on Long Island land?

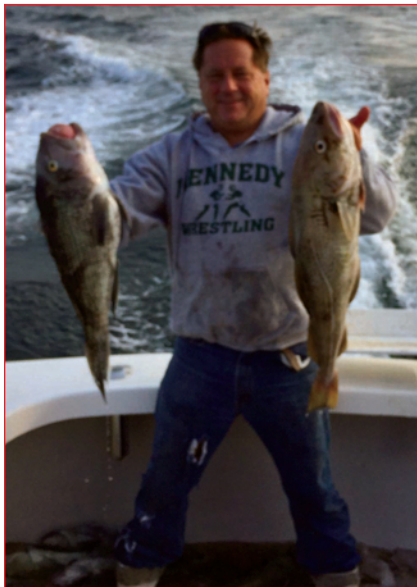
The Head Turkey



Fishing Report

November - Time to Fish Fast

A well known Captain used to say to his crew "fish fast, it's getting late early," a play on the famous Yogi Berra quote. As we enter November, it would seem to apply to the fishing scene right now. As always, October's weather played a huge role in the fishing opportunities available as some pretty stiff winds kept offshore effort to a minimum and have the fish hightailing it out of town. That said, the best overall fishing of the year may be right now (offshore aside).



Jimmy Krug, Persuader II with 2 of his impressive "deck dump"

I called Captain Jim Krug from the *Persuader II* out at Montauk, after he sent me an impressive "deck dump" picture of a recent bottom fishing trip. Captain Jim reported "unbelievable" bottom fishing at Montauk with a seabass and cod mix around Block Island. Even closer to port, he has been hammering blackfish for his crews, fishing some new bottom. On the striped bass front, it seems the larger fish have left Montauk and headed

south/west (as the reports below will testify). He reports that jigging for smaller fish is still viable a sure sign that their run is winding down.



Byron King of the Kingfisher

Bryon King from the *Kingfisher* wrapped up a successful summer season out of Shinnecock and returned to Jones Inlet. He reports from last week, "The fall run started for the *Kingfisher* today. Headed west out of Jones this morning, dropped in at 40' and started to troll to shallower water. Had fish (striped bass) to 42" on the troll and then on live bunker.

Also saw whales feeding on bunker in 20' of water." Thanks for the report Bryon!

With the lackluster offshore season and the windy weather, our Editor, Captain John Jutt, dusted off his wire line outfits, sharpened the hooks on his bunker spoons, and turned his focus on the run of large bass migrating along our local beaches. John made several trips on his *Red Dawn Rising*, and had some very impressive results. On a trip earlier this month, he limited out with bass up to 42lbs, with his dad Ray Jutt, brothers Tommy and Jimmy, Nick Titus and junior mate Dylan DeRosa onboard.



Captain John Jutt with dad Ray on the Red Dawn Rising

More recently John searched west, east, and west again before finally locating some fish. The move paid off as a large cow was fought and landed by brother Mike Jutt. As landed that fish weighed over 46 pounds on a hand scale. Back at the dock she weighed in at 43.8 lbs. Three other nice fish joined her for the ride home.



Captain John, and brother Mike Jutt with their 43.8 lb. Striped Bass

Congratulations to Captain John and crew for setting the bar high. Hard work and effort always pay off.

Besides trolling and live lining along the beach, jigging is coming alive and the inlet still has bass clam chumming and drifting eels at night. The bass have been moving through, don't wait too long to get in on the action.

On the local bottom fishing scene seabass are once again open in all waters. The bag limit has now increased to 10 fish per angler. Seabass fishing at this time of year is pretty close to a sure thing. You just need to find the depth range where the quality fish are living. Fish are available from 70' or so out to at least 20 fathoms. Now is the time to load up.

Blackfishing has been sporadic locally, lots of small fish but a poor keeper ratio. Much better fishing is occurring to the west (Rockaway Reef) and off of NJ. Watch the regulations and be aware that while in NJ waters you must abide by their size and bag possession limits. Earlier in October, on an afternoon trip I found decent fishing on an inshore wreck west of Jones and was able to limit easily. That same day on the McAllister and Atlantic Beach Reef I couldn't by a bite. On another quick trip, with a dreaded roll in the ocean, only shorts were available locally. Local fishing will improve as the waters cool. My next trip I will focus on areas near to Jones Inlet and would expect good results. Last year a tremendous run of large blackfish occurred very late at the Hempstead Reef so you just never know. It will be interesting to see if some cod mix in with the offshore seabass. Local cod fishing are once again in decline, let's hope the trend can reverse.

Offshore reports are few and far between. Some threshers were taken but that seems to have quieted down. Weather has hampered the ability to get offshore. With some stable weather tuna may be available on the chunk but we need some intrepid anglers to take a ride and test the waters.



Bob Pandey with his 10.04lb. Blackfish

News Flash – Annual FTC Blackfish Trip Orient Point

My phone and emailed started buzzing as an excited Bob Pandey gave me the report from the Annual FTC Blackfish Trip on the *Prime Time III* out of Orient Point. Twenty-five Club members enjoyed great weather and conditions running 1.5 hours from Orient Point. Fishing was a little slow, but quality blackfish and seabass were caught. Bob Pandey battled a good one early in the trip which turned out to be the

pool winner weighing a very respectable 10.04 lbs! The fish took a half green crab and hit like a freight train. Congrats Bob!

There's nothing like first hand reports, please consider sharing your fishing tales and pictures with our membership by sending them in. Thanks in advance !

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

The bulletin committee is working to improve the picture resolution in the printed and online Tuna Tower News. It starts with the quality of your photos. Send at full size when possible.

Sincerely, *Paul Hilton FM Emily S*

Save the Date! The FTC Game Dinner is on!!

Date:
Saturday, March 4th 2017

Where:
Cure of Ars Church
Auditorium
Merrick NY

Tickets are now available
on a first come first serve basis.

For tickets, game donations,
and volunteering please contact:

Bob Benzenberg (516) 521-7378

Joe DiSalvo (516) 317-7855

Annual Holiday Party

Saturday, December 10th at 2:00 p.m.

At our General Meeting Location
Cure of Ars Auditorium, Merrick, New York

Great Raffle Prizes... Buffet Diner

Santa will make his yearly appearance

(Please print child's name on gift and \$25.00 Limit)

Looking For Volunteers And Donations
Call Kevin Killelea @ (516) 725-8907



**Please also wrap an empty box to Decorate around Santa's seat
Let's participate in the Annual Holiday Bakeoff as prizes will be awarded
Please attend this Special Club event with your Family....
and gentleman please show this to the ladies.**

Property Manager's Report

WINTER STORAGE:

Winter storage lease agreements have been mailed! If you have not received a lease agreement please contact Alan Evelyn, FTC Property Manager, for a lease agreement.

FTC SYSTEM FOR WINTER STORAGE!

We again have made arrangements with Atlantic Yacht Haven for placement of all boats on the property. You can use any hauler that you choose but they must call Chris or Alan in order to find where your boat with 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 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. This system will allow for better management and increased storage capacity.

WINTER STORAGE RATES FOR THE FTC MARINA!

\$14 per foot for Winter Storage for members

\$17 per foot for Winter Storage for non-members (\$340 minimum)

For questions or concerns please contact me or other members of the property committee.

Capt. Alan Evelyn

Cell: 917-750-8710 | Work: 516-299-2523 | Email: capt.al@fishtaxiny.com

Got Bait?



SHIMANO® **Baitmasters** **PENN**
South Florida

OFFSHORE SPECIALISTS
Get the finest quality of
OFFSHORE & INSHORE BAIT & TACKLE



Spectra Splicing
Jerry Brown Spectra
Power Pro Hollow Ace
Corkland Spectra
Canyon Runner Spreaders



Joe Shute's



GRUNDÉNS
Quality Foulweather Gear

CRUSHED ICE
GAS (89, 93) & DIESEL
ESTABLISHED 1982 - OPEN 7 DAYS
Visit our website for updated fishing reports,
weather links, join our email list, & much more.
www.bayparkfishing.com
info@bayparkfishing.com
facebook.com/BayParkFishing

Bay Park Fishing Station
480a Reina Rd,
(End of Weidner Ave)
Oceanside, NY 11572
516.766.3110



NOVEMBER 2016 DERBY AWARDS & CONTEST REPORT

*Awards Chairman: Ray Geiger
Committee: Bob Benzenberg,
Harry Sbaschnig and Bill Morrrough*

If any members are holding weigh slips 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 do not wait to last minute. You fished hard this year, so I hope you will be recognized.

We physically must have the slip in hand. Myself or a member of our team are usually present at all club functions.

BLACK SEA BASS

1ST PLACE: MIKE ZULLO 5.00LBS F/V MAGIC TOO

2ND PLACE: BILL BURK 4.55LBS F/V NO TIME

3RD PLACE: MIKE ZULLO 4.40LBS F/V MAGIC TOO

All of these derbies will be awarded at the 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.

REMAINING DERBIES FOR 2016

SHARK 9/17-11/27 • BLUEFISH 9/17-11/27

COD 10/1-12/11 • STRIPED BASS 10/8-11/27

BLACKFISH 10/15-11/27

Good luck to all and Get Out and Fish!

Ray Geiger, Chairman



**NOVEMBER GM
TURKEY RAFFLE!
YOU GOTTA BE IN IT
TO WIN IT!**

SOUTH SHORE MARINE SUPPLY

Bait & Tackle

"Your One Stop Source"

4108 Merrick Rd.

Massapequa, NY 11758

516-557-2510

516-557-2512 Fax

Best Prices, Premium Products,

Knowledgeable Staff

We have all your boating & fishing needs

VISIT OUR ONLINE STORE:

SouthShoreMarineSupply.com

MP Minuteman Press of Merrick
The First & Last Step In Printing.



Official Printer for

The Freeport Tuna Club

DISCOUNTS FOR ALL MEMBERS

255 Sunrise Highway, Merrick, N.Y. 11566

Tel 516.546.2312 • Fax 516.623.0870

web: www.mmpmk.com • e-mail: Info@mmpmk.com

BLUE MARLIN BOATS

Used Boats Bought, Sold & Brokered
for current listings log on to

WWW.BLUEMARLINBOATS.NET

4076 Merrick Road, Seaford, NY 11783

Tel: (516) 679-2121 • Fax: (516) 679-2739

500 SOUTH MAIN STREET
FREEPORT, NY 11520

TEL: (516) 546-8880

FAX: (516) 378-1505

AL GROVER'S
HIGH & DRY
MARINA



 GRADY-WHITE BOATS



An Extensive Inventory of Parts & Supplies Makes us Your One Stop Marine Supply Store

- Complete Line of OEM Parts and Lubricants for:
 - Mercuriser
 - Mercury Outboards
 - Yamaha Outboards
 - Johnson/Evinrude Outboards
 - Volvo Penta
- Watersports: Inflatables, Waterskis, Wakeboards
- Full Selection of Interlux and Pettit Paints
- Fishing Accessories
- Expert Advice
- Expanded Electronics Department
- Trailer Accessories
- Complete Safety Department
- Anchors and Lewmar Windlasses

401 South Main St., Freeport, NY 11520
(516)868-0177



SALES OFFICE NEW & PRE-OWNED:

TEL (516) 771-7020

FAX (516) 771-7348

WWW.ALGROVERSMARINE.COM

WWW.SPELLMANSMARINE.COM

BUY • SELL • TRADE

Cohen Greve & Company CPAs

Certified Public Accountants

J. Timothy Sherman, CPA
Managing Partner



TAX AUDITS • ACCOUNTING
BUSINESS ADVISORY
FORENSIC ACCOUNTING

485 Jericho Tpke., Mineola, NY 11501

Tel: 516-877-1900 • Fax: 516-742-0122

tsherman@cohengreve.com

www.cohengreve.com



Long Island's Most Complete Selection of Inshore, Freshwater
and Surf Fishing Equipment • Custom Built Rods

MIKE NICOLETTI & BOB TURTURELLO

3031 Merrick Road, Wantagh, NY 11793

516.785.3223 • Fax: 516.679.6815

www.causewaybaitandtackle.com

JIM PENDRELL

631-750-6260

PenWeld Custom Aluminum Fabrication



Towers, Radar Arches, T-Tops,
Railings, Mobil Welding

132 CLYDE STREET, SUITE #10, W. SAYVILLE, NY 11796



The College Connection

Personalized college planning for students and families.

Let us help make your college dreams a reality!

We will streamline the college search and application process,
relieving stress and anxiety.

Weekly personal contact throughout the procedure to meet all deadlines

**Experienced and Affordable*

Phone: 516-790-1317

email: kcole@optonline.net • www.thecollegeconnectionli.com

CONDON
O'MEARA
MCGINTY &
DONNELLY LLP



An entire firm dedicated to serving Private Clubs.

Currently serving over 325 Private Club clients throughout the United States.

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS | ONE BATTERY PARK PLAZA | NEW YORK, NY 10004 | 212-661-7777

389 South Main St.
Freeport, NY 11520

Tel. 516-377-7720
Fax. 516-223-9155



Summer Dockage • Winter Storage • Short Hauls



**SEA SAFETY
INTERNATIONAL**

Manufacturer and
USCG approved

**Liferaft
Sales and
Inspections**



EPIRB Sales & Service

- Battery Replacement
- Reprogramming

**Personal Flotation Gear
Ditch Bags • Flares**



Liferaft pick-up and delivery (CT, DEL, NJ, NY, PA)

201-330-3225

email: sales@seasafety.com

www.seasafety.com

SEA TOW

FREEPORT BASED

**FREE TOWING FOR MEMBERS
CALL ABOUT DISCOUNTED
FTC MEMBER RATES**

516-623-4183

Freeport Marine Supply

Family Owned and Operated Since 1939



EVERYTHING FOR YOUR BOAT AT DISCOUNT PRICES

Working Electronics Display • Navionics

C-Map & Garmin Electronic Charts • Barr • Osco • Sierra

Mercury & Crusader Engine Parts • Mercury Inflatables & Engines

Steering Systems & Controls • Safety Equipment

Fishing Chairs & Marine Seating • Interlux Marine Paints

Pumps & Props • Anchor Windlasses

NEW shop online at
www.freeportmarine.com



VISIT US AT OUR LOCATION

**47 West Merrick Road
Freeport, NY 11520**

STOP IN FOR A FREE CATALOG!

516.379.2610



PANDAMAN

PAINTING - PAPER HANGING

SPECIALIST

Paper Removal/Sheetrock Work • Tape/Spackle

Decorative Moldings Installed

Neat, Clean, Professional Service

Powerwashing • 30 Years Experience

WE DO IT ALL & MORE!

516.781.4011

BOB PANDY

Pine Street Metals, Inc.

We have you covered!

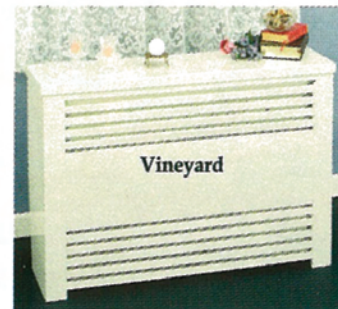
David Massa

352 Pine Street
Brooklyn, Ny 11208

718-277-2404

dmassa7333@aol.com

www.pinestreetmetals.com



PERRY'S AUTO COLLISION

1703 NEWBRIDGE ROAD
NORTH BELLMORE, NY 11710

Service Advisors:
PETE & TOM



516.785.3500

SOUTH SHORE COMPUTER SERVICES

"Technology, Sales and Staff Augmentation Services"

24/7/365

Microsoft
Small Business
Specialist

Ed Faza

516.238.2724

ed@southshorecomputerservices.com



- Custom Hand Tied Rigs
- Onsite Reel Repair
- All Baits
- Inshore/Offshore

434 Rutgers Road
West Babylon, NY 11704

(631) 274-7042

The Complete Tackle Shop

Complete Selection of Tackle
 Complete Line of Custom Rods
 Complete Line of Rod Building Supplies
 Complete Inhouse Repairs
 Complete Selection of Live, Fresh & Frozen Baits
 Completely Helpful and Friendly Staff

Factory Authorized
Penn, Shimano & Ambassador
Warranty Repair Center



ea Isle

Sealsle-Tackle.com

(516) 868-8855
Fax : (516) 546-2983
Sales@Sealsle-Tackle.com

**Advertisers
are needed to help
fund this publication.**

If you or anyone you know who would like to advertise please contact John Jutt at jjutt@mmpmk.com or call 516-546-2312

FUEL • BAIT • TACKLE

WOODCLEFT FISHING STATION



FULL LINE OF FISHING GEAR

447 Woodcleft Avenue | Freeport, NY 11520

516 • 378 • 8748

Richie Rosenkranz
FTC MEMBER



Freeport Tuna Club, Inc.
 Chartered to Promote Sport-fishing & conservation

FTC 2016 Directors

President Bob Sabella	1st Vice President Kevin Killelea
2nd Vice President Matt Cardone	Treasurer John Daum
Secretary Sharon Missan	

Board of Directors

Woody Anderson	Jim Azzi
Adam Bollaci	John Rooney
Paul Cunningham	Gene Schettini
Alan Evelyn	Rick Totten
Capt. John J. Jutt Sr.	

Special Advisors

Ray Geiger	Chris Scarpantonio
Bob Pandy	



NOMINATIONS

The committee nominates the following members for the Freeport Tuna Club Board of Directors

Jim Azzi
John Daum
Kevin Killelea
Bob McVey
Sharon Missan
Jim Rooney

CLASSIFIED

- **Dock Space**, Floating Dock. Good for 23'-24'. Boat off Hudson Canal. Call Sy Karp @ 516-632-9770.
- **Down Rigger Model #600**, \$85.00. **Down Rigger Model #620** \$100.00 (No Ball or Mounting Brackets), **Captain's Winch**, \$100.00. Call Don at 516-567-4385.
- **WANTED** 90 – 115 Horse Outboard, 20" Shaft, 2002 or newer. Call Dave G. (516) 286-8293

Raffles

Thinking of going away? A vacation may be in order! Or maybe you want to surprise your sweetheart next Valentine's Day with a getaway vacation... Here's your chance to do just that. **Our annual raffles are on sale.** Please see Jim Rooney or John Daum at our GMs or at our Thursday Night Captain Angler's. Buy a chance to win a Liberty Travel Vacation Gift Certificate. Hey, you never know... you gotta be in it to win it!

To place an ad in our classified
 Contact Capt. John Jutt (516) 546-2312
 or E-mail to: JJutt@mmpmk.com

