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**NEXT GM**  
**THURSDAY,**  
**NOVEMBER 8**  
**@ 7PM**  
**FREEPORT**  
**YACHT CLUB**

*get in on our annual turkey raffle!*

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I would like to start by saying that I hope everybody enjoyed October. Fishing was tough due to adverse wind conditions. Some fish were caught on the days we were able to get out... otherwise, it was a tough October.

I would like to give a big thanks to all the people including membership that contributed to our Oktoberfest. It was a great success thanks to John Weber who cooked some great food. Jim Rooney and his Captains and Anglers A team, and Richie Olejnik and the House Committee. Great job!

November is here and it is turkey month. November 8 is our General Membership meeting featuring our big annual turkey giveaway raffle. So come to the Freeport Yacht Club for some laughs and a good time.

Get your way in slips in - our derbies end November 25.

And I would just like to wish everybody Happy Thanksgiving. A big thanks to our veterans on Veterans' Day.

See you guys down the club.

Thank you, *Matthew Cardone*



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**THANKS**



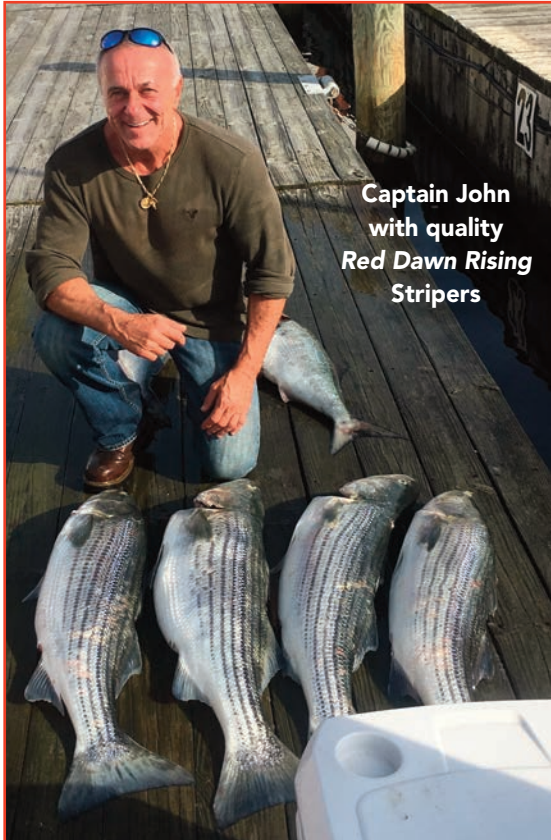


# FALL RUN UNDERWAY



As always, the weather shapes our fishing and angler effort. Like most of 2018, October presented some challenging weather. This past Saturday wave heights exceeded 18' at the 44025 Buoy, rather sporty to say the least, and the resulting heave made our inlet impassible killing the weekend. It feels like it should be early October, but November has snuck up on us. Temps have now fallen below 60 degrees and some great opportunities will still exist, primarily for striped bass and blackfish but maybe offshore too for those who make the effort to get out there.

Early in the month, small bass became more apparent in the back bays and at the bridges. Plugging and clam chumming got it done. As the month progressed, jigging and trolling action has worked it's way west. The night eel bite is on as well. With fishable weather - great trolling and jigging opportunities will present themselves. Go and get you last licks on the stripers!



**Captain John  
with quality  
Red Dawn Rising  
Stripers**

Late report – With a break in the weather Captain John Jutt just returned from a successful trip on his *Red Dawn Rising*. With a crew of brother Tommy, Steve Bassford, and friend Dave they trolled up a limit of quality bass working to the east in 50' of water. They had some slammer blues as well. Now is the time ..

Some of you know my friend Chucky Gifford. Chucky said now is the time to fish his neck of the woods so I jumped aboard his 24' Rampage *Laura Leigh* from College Point, NY. His buddy Joe rounded out our crew. After a short 5 minute run from his club marina, we anchored up off of LGA, at a spot appropriately called the Runway. Fishing over there is another world, with planes, the NYC skyline, Rikers Island and occasional small waterspout dancing across the water, kicked up by airplane backdraft. We got the bass feeding on our chunks and proceeded to catch a dozen nice fish up to 20 pounds during a steady pick. Back at the club for

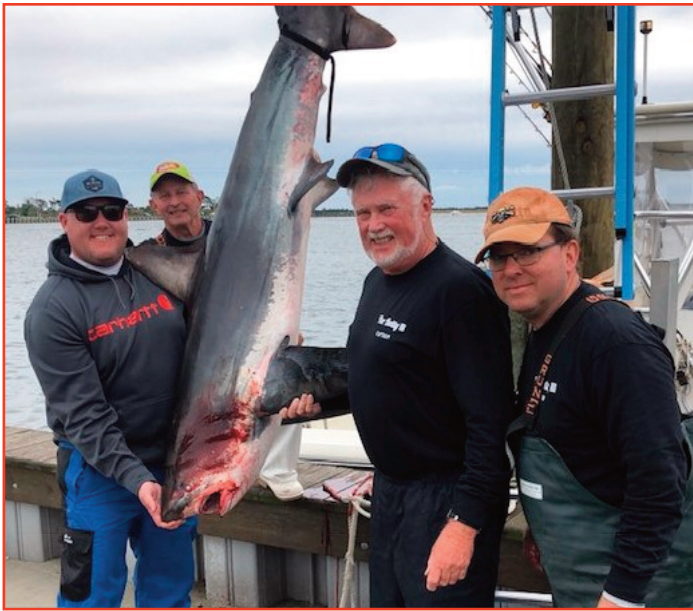


lunch, nice easy day and change of scenery. Thank you Charles.

Seabass have been working their way offshore. Earlier in the month, I took an all star crew of Captain John Jutt, Scotty Philips and Victor out to the twenty fathom wrecks. Action was a bit disappointing with many shorts and just a few smallish keepers. Medium porgies were abundant. Not what we were looking for. Having encountered this scenario before, I knew we had to go a little deeper. After a wiggle off shore it was game on with quality seabass and unlimited large porgies. Small bluefish were abundant as well, we ended up with a nice catch of seabass up to 5 pounds and as many quality porgies as we wanted. As we were wrapping it up, a Captree boat took an affinity for our spot. They started throwing chum, some onboard fished topwater, some fished the bottom. They quickly had porgies flying along with blues, false albacore and bonito. We had skimmed the cream on the large seabass so bid them farewell. Had that boat beat us to that spot, might have been a tough day. The wrecks are under pressure. The seabass and porgies continue to move off with the best fishing out to 150 feet. Anglers are still chasing the bonito and albies from the inlets all the way on out.

Fall blackfish season opened on October 15th, 4 fish per angler greater than 16". The season remains open through December 22nd. That fishing should be kicking into high gear locally. The North Folk has had tremendous fishing with the usual weather related up and downs. It will only get better here as the water cools down. Best fishing will be shallow earlier and deeper as the fall progresses. Crab up ..





Tim Sherman and crew provided the lone offshore report. With Bob Bohlert, John Gerrity and member to be Kevin Carmody onboard, they ran Tim's Betty III to an undisclosed location and landed a nice 170 lb thresher, weighed at Woodcleft. Kevin was on the rod, congrats Captain and crew!

That's a wrap for now. Please share your results with our membership. Please send reports and pictures for inclusion in your club bulletin. Thanks to all who contribute.

Email your reports to [philton@optonline.net](mailto:philton@optonline.net) or text/call me at 516.721.8907

Sincerely,

*Paul Hilton* FV Emily S

## DERBIES, AWARDS & CONTESTS

Awards Chairman: Ray Geiger | Committee Team: Bob Benzenberg, Harry Sbaschnig & Captain Bill Morrogh

If you are holding any weigh slips please get them to us ASAP in order to be eligible for annual awards and the remaining derbies. Also, please be sure to complete **ALL** the fields on you weigh slips. I have noticed that the Line Test field is sometimes blank and I don't want anyone missing out on any awards.

I wish to personally thank Capt. Jim Azzi for taking me to my second derby award ever. Glad I weighed it once again!

**Note:** FTC rules state that the derby weigh slips **MUST** be presented within two (2) weeks of the derby close. Also, please be aware there is a minimum weight requirement for all species.

These weights and all FTC fishing regulations are available at:

<http://ftcfishing.com/FTCFishingRules.htm>

### FLUKE

**1st Place: Pete Groner** 7.69 lbs. F/V Endless Summer II  
**2nd Place: Pete Groner** 6.31 lbs. F/V Splitshot  
**3rd Place: Ray Geiger** 5.44 lbs. F/V Canyon Lady

### MAHI

**1st Place: Frank Cefai** 14.25 lbs. F/V Wasabi  
**2nd Place: Adam Bollaci** 8.50 lbs. F/V Hooker  
**3rd Place: Adam Bollaci** 5.63 lbs. F/V Hooker

### FALSE ALBACORE

**1st Place: Dave Pincus** 12.50 lbs. F/V Rusty Testicle

### GREEN BONITO

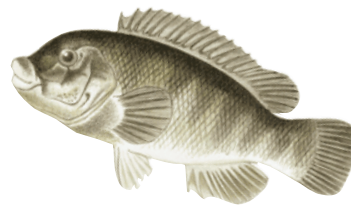
**1st Place: Marty Dowling** 5.78 lbs. F/V Pandaman

### REMAINING DERBIES FOR 2018



**SEABASS**  
**SHARK**  
**BLUEFISH**  
**COD**  
**STRIPED BASS**  
**BLACKFISH**

**September 1st – October 7th**  
**September 15th – November 25th**  
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**September 29th – December 29th**  
**October 6th – November 25th**  
**October 13th – November 25th**



Happy Thanksgiving  
 Best Fishes and  
 Good Luck To All,

*Ray Geiger*

## CHARTER TRIPS

### MISS MONTAUK

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 6am-4pm**

\$110 a man... \$50 deposit required to hold spot. Limited to 35 ppl. Last year's trip was super - lock and load fishing. We had seabass to 5 lbs, blackfish to 12 lbs, codfish to 10 lbs, and porgys in the mix.

*Kenneth Donowski*

kenbase2006@1cloud.com  
 917-231-5699 best after 3pm

# PROPERTY MANAGER'S REPORT



The winter storage season began on November 1st. and will end on May 31st. The leases and invoices have been mailed to all owners that stored with the club last winter and to those that have contacted me. If you are interested in winter storage just text me (see below) your mailing address and the length of your vessel and I will send you a lease. This year the rates are: \$15 per foot for members. Starting this year only FTC club members can store their vessels on the club property. **Remember that FTC policy is "First check received is first served."**

Again this year, we have made arrangements with Atlantic Yacht Haven for placement of all boats on the property. Using professionals will allow the club to maximize the number of vessels stored on the property. You can use any hauler that you choose but they must call Chris Squeri or Alan Bregman at Atlantic Yacht Haven in order to find where your boat should be placed on a property. This includes all boats, even those stored on trailers. **All boats should be identified with the owner's/leaseholder's name on the trailer, shrink-wrap, or other visible location.** Chris and Alan at Atlantic Yacht Haven will be in charge of placements of all boats on FTC property for winter storage. Please call 516-377-7720 or text 516-523-3444 to find where your boat will be located on the property.

Owners interested in having access to their vessels may obtain a "clicker" to open the gate at the FTC Property. A \$40 deposit is required. You will receive your deposit back when the clicker is returned. Text, call, or see me at the November GM if you wish to obtain a clicker.

As noted in previous newsletters, Larry Risi will become the new property manager after my retirement to North Carolina (late December 2018). Larry is doing a great job so the only time you will miss me is at Captains and Anglers when someone needs to serve dessert. If you have questions or concerns about the club property you can see me or Larry at the GM or Captain and Anglers. You can always contact either of us by phone: Alan Evelyn: 917-750-8710 | Larry Risi: 917-517-6018.

*Capt. Alan Evelyn* C: 917-750-8710 | W: 516-299-2523 | alan4ftc@gmail.com

## Annual Holiday Party

Sunday; December 9th at 2 pm

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