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TUNA TOWER NEWS

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NEXT GM
**THURSDAY,
NOVEMBER 14**
@ 7PM
**FREEPORT
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get in on our annual turkey raffle!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Want to start out by thanking John Weber and the entire captains and anglers cook crew for putting together another great Oktoberfest. Thanks also to Ray Geiger for donating the beer for the evening. The weather held out and a good time was had by all that attended. Thanks also to Tom Laprine for getting the Camera system up and fully functioning.

Now that we are in November the sad reality that the season is coming to an end is upon us. For anyone wanting to keep their boat on the property the winter contract is available to print on our website.

This years Holiday party is set and Ken Donowski is well on his way putting together a great afternoon for us all. See the newsletter and website for more details.

I do hope that everyone has been able to get in on the bass bite we have had this fall. Hopefully they will stick around until the season is over.

I look forward to seeing everyone on the 14th at our next GM. It is our annual turkey raffle, so let's all flock down to the yacht club for our last official meeting of the year.



Capt. Adam

give
THANKS



FISH-TOBER



As the fall fishing is upon us striped bass, blackfish and sea bass are in full swing. Bass up to 40lbs. have been caught from Fire Island Inlet to Breezy Point. Blackfish and sea bass remain very strong on the north and south shores with many quality fish being caught.

Hal Joseph with sons Rob and Chris aboard their boat the *Theresa J* had been trolling stripers up to 40lbs. with plenty of action in the mix.

Chris Bellinzi and Bruce Forster had really nice catches in a secret location. Also, club member Margaret had a beauty of a bass on her boat.



Captain John Jutt and his brother Tommy brought aboard some nice bass on Steve Bassford's *The Bassman*.

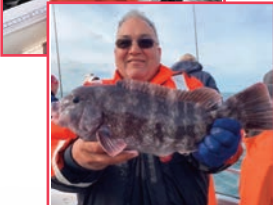
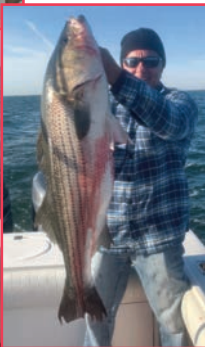
I, myself had a monster slam of short seabass while bottom fishing. Now is the time to get your BASS on!!!!

On the bottom fishing scene, club member Larry Risi and friends on the *Real Mayhem* out of City Island had an enjoyable day with a bunch of keeper blackfish.

Our clubs charter trip on the *Brooklyn Girl* was a also a pretty good trip with a lot of keepers caught, a lot of fun hanging with club

members all day. Pool honors going to Jayson Smith with a impressive 9.6lb. jumbo and Ken Donowski with a 6.7lb. blackfish. Get 'em while the fishing is HOT!

There is a special offshore bottom fishing



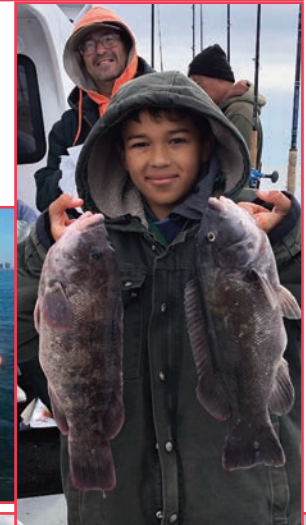
trip on the captain Lou on 11/30-12/1— about 15 club members have already booked this trip. If you are interested in coming with us contact me!

Thank you and have a Happy Thanksgiving

Fish hard,

Ken Donowski

Please send all your reports to me: Text: 1-917-231-5699 or e-mail: Kenbase2006@icloud.com Be sure to include photos



SHOOTOUTS

The Freeport Tuna Club's last Shootout of the year is November 8,9,10 against the Matinecock Rod & Gun Club. The 3 heaviest striped bass from each club will determine the winner. Call or send a picture of your weight slip to my cell number 516 721 8207. Good luck and remember to watch the weather.

John Rooney

I'd like to report the FTC Second Annual Fluke Shootout Tournament is set for July 18th with a rain date of July 19th. We look forward to having an even bigger turn out next year. Let's break over 100 fishermen! Thank you all. Semper Fi,

Robert Cincotta

STRIPER DIARIES | EPISODE 17



With the striped bass fall run in full swing, I have been lucky enough to have had several trips producing fish in the 20 plus pound range. The first wave of fish officially moved in on Sunday October 13. Word spread quickly that the bite outside Fire Island Inlet was "on." Unfortunately,

my truck was packed, as I was headed to Montauk to fish the lighthouse with a few buddies. After reaching Sag Harbor, and making a few phone calls, I decided to turn around. Why chase fish in Montauk, when they were in our backyard. By the time we got home, it was time for bed. The plan - - wake up early and head east. We broke the inlet at first light. It was no secret the bite was hot. We jigged all day, boating well over 20 fish, mostly school size bass with a couple of 15 pounders in the mix. Green and Silver 3.5 oz Colt Sniper jigs



did the trick. They are deadly. Fishing was so good and the weather was a perfect 10. I decided the following day must be a sick day. So on Tuesday, October 15, we ran back to the Fire Island Inlet. Jigged the fish real good. Can't remember the last time I had that much fun.



By the weekend, the fish had started moving west. On Saturday, October 19, we planned to work the inlet between Jones and Fire Island, stopping anytime we saw birds. The fishing was slow - and the dog fish had moved in. What a bummer. We did manage about 15 fish total, largest at 14 lbs.

On Friday October 25, I got a last minute call to go on the *Fish On* with Frank Cefai. We broke Jones Inlet and headed west. This time we would troll

two (2) Tony Maja rods with bunker spoons and two (2) rods with mojo combos. We headed Southwest of Deb's Inlet in about 55 ft of water. Bam! Fish on right away. A nice 25 pounder in the box. We did another pass and Bam! Fish on! Then again, fish on! We landed 7 striped bass that morning and lost a few others. Just the 2 of us, running back and forth to reel in the extra rods. What a blast!

We continued to troll without another bite. I looked over at one of the rods and it was not rocking back and forth. I immediately said, something is wrong. We began to reel in the Tony Maja rod and noticed something terrible. Terminal tackle failure! The two (2) wire rods had somehow tangled. OMG! We had to hand retrieve 150 feet of wire on both rods

and lost the spoons. What a disaster! With our trolling gear out of commission, we decided to turn to plan B. Find bunker and live line. There was plenty of bunker in 25 feet of water, but no takers. We landed only dog fish - who were trashing at the live bunker, so decided to call it quits. Thanks for the trip Frankie and a big thanks to Rob from Sea Isle, who re-spooled both reels that afternoon, so I could fish the following morning.

The next several trips were identical. Big fish on the troll and dog fish on the jig. Nothing to complain out. Also did a trip drifting eels. Had no takers.

Until our next adventure. Tight lines.



Capt. Barbara Solomon
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DERBY, AWARDS & CONTESTS

Awards Chairman: Ray Geiger | Committee Team:
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Although the fishing has been tough, the tough got fishing! On behalf of our committee, we wish to thank and congratulate all the winners/participants once again. A very special shoutout to MaryAnne Bessler and Gabe Gomez with their first ever derby awards. Well done you!

If you are holding any slips, please get them in ASAP. My committee will be out in the woods starting soon until early December, and we wish you and your families a very Happy Thanksgiving.

Our derby awards will be presented during our GM on Thursday, November 14th. Come on down, win your turkey and celebrate our club.

WEAKFISH

1st: Gregg Magnifico | 5.63 lbs | F/V Everything Zen

FLUKE

1st: Gabe Gomez | 7.0 lbs | F/V Evy Ivette
2nd: Ken Donowski | 6.9 lbs | F/V Canyon Lady
3rd: Ken Donowski | 6.3 lbs | F/V Canyon Lady

FALSE ALBACORE

1st: John Kampa | 7.96 lbs | F/V Mary Etta

SEA BASS

1st: Mike Zullo | 2.75 lbs | F/V Magic Too
2nd: Mike Zullo | 2.5 lbs | F/V Magic Too

MAHI

1st: Ken Donowski | 10.6 lbs | F/V Somewhere In Time
2nd: Ken Donowski | 9.9 lbs | F/V Somewhere In Time
3rd: MaryAnne Bessler | 9.1 lbs | F/V Somewhere In Time

THE REMAINING DERBIES FOR 2017

SHARK	9/14 - 11/24
BLUEFISH	9/14 - 11/22
COD	9/28 - 12/8
STRIPED BASS	10/5 - 11/24
BLACKFISH	10/12-11/24

Best Fishes and Good Luck To All!!!

Ray Geiger

ENTERTAINMENT

The Oktoberfest put together by the Thursday crew, John Weber and The Hofbrau (courtesy of Ray Geiger) was a fabulous event. This event is becoming a highlight on our schedule and if you missed it, please put it on your calendar for next year. Nov 14th is our Thanksgiving Turkey Raffle extravaganza. We have Maria from Chasing Tides Bucktails coming down to display her wares so bring a little cash to load up on some special bucktail products. I understand she makes some awesome fish catching products.

I am still looking for a volunteer or two to assist with Entertainment. If you have any interest, please see me at a meeting or drop me a line.

Tight lines,

Bruce C. Forster
FVs Oh Reely and Oh Yeah

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Be sure to check with Travelers or the property committee before placing your boat on the property for winter storage. Your check and signed contract will hold a place for storage this winter. Contracts can be downloaded from the front page of the website. Please take the time to read the contract as there are a few changes that have been made and approved by the BOD. Of note are the dates and amounts of LATE FEES that will be assessed according to the contract.

On another note the south end dock has been raised and looks good. While working on the south end raising the dock I got a good look at the conditions along the fence which are a disgrace. Just to name a couple of items there are two oil changer units sitting on the ground leaking, there are also a couple of large coolers which are falling apart as well as trash all around. If any of this belongs to you, please remove it... if it's still there at the end of November it will be thrown in the dumpster. While I'm on a soapbox, do not place your freezer on the deck next to the ice machine. Placement of freezers can be put behind the building on the north end, all of the outlets are working. Allow me one last rant for this month, be sure your name is placed on your trailer or shrink-wrap as well as your freezer if you have one at the property.

Thanks for your cooperation.

Your Property Committee



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Sunday, December 8th | 2-6pm

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This year we are doing something a little different and encourage all members to participate and donate a basket to be raffled off. Please include your name on the basket it will be acknowledged at the time of raffle. We will be doing the baskets as a Chinese auction so you will be able to pick the basket of your liking.

Also, if you would like to volunteer or have any questions please contact be at 917-231-5699 or kenbase2006@icloud.com

NOMINATIONS

The nominating committee nominates the following members for the Board of Directors

JIM AZZI

JOHN DAUM

BRUCE FORSTER

SHARON MISSAN

BOB PANDY

JIM ROONEY

*On behalf of the Board of Directors
and the Editorial Staff we'd like to
wish all the general membership
and their families a safe and
Happy Thanksgiving!*

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