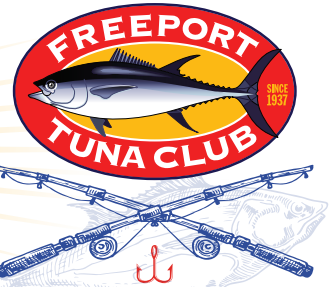


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A photograph of several fishing reels on a boat, with a cartoon turkey holding a sign that says 'EAT FISH!' overlaid on the right side.

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get in on our annual turkey raffle!

President's Message

Here it is November... Striped bass are in season. Blackfish and Seabass open. Everybody's out trying to get the last days in before it gets cold and they have to haul their boats.

I want to thank Captain Adam Bollaci, Bob Pandy and Chris Lombardo for their superb Master Angler Seminars presented to everybody at the October meeting.

I also want to thank everybody bringing their boats in for talking to Tom Leprine about where to put them and for keeping the yard clean.

We're having a general meeting on November 11 at Bracco's which will feature the annual Turkey raffle. I hope to see everybody down there to enjoy!

I Hope everyone has a good Thanksgiving and a Happy Hanukkah. There will be a holiday party on December 11 at Bracco's - further details to follow at the November meeting.

Just a reminder... if you're having problems with your email or hardcopy sent to you to please let us know so we can correct it

Thank you very much, *Rick Totten*



give thanks
HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Fishing Report

Wind and more wind seemed to be the story for October. The black fish season kicked off and there has been some great fishing already.

Chris Lombardo had fish to 8 lbs out in Montauk on the Bloodline. The FTC trip out in Orient had solid fishing with limits all around the boat.

The striped bass have been around and are being caught all along the south shore. Trolling spoons and mojos has been producing some big fish. Ralph Drews on his F/V No Mercy had them to 52.5". Chris Lombardo on his F/V Over the Rail has also been on the stripers locally both inside and outside with some big ones trolling mojos on Halloween.

The Canyons have had some great chunking when you can get out with quality yellowfin and long fin caught. Swords have also been in the mix and some mahi as well.

Please text or email me your reports.
516-322-0030 | Adambollaci@gmail.com

Capt. Adam Bollaci

Out of town update...

Just wanted to send you guys a picture of my biggest Red Drum 45" over 40 lbs in 3' of water Neuse River North Carolina.

I look forward to Tuna Towers News every month and I miss **THE** Freeport Tuna Club.

One of these days I'll make it to a meeting when I am up in New York, always busy when I am up there.

Thanks *Gerry Amitrano*



Property Manager Needed

After many years of service Don Grainger is stepping down from his part of managing the property. Thank you for your tireless effort in ensuring that all of the winter and summer contracts were in place and that all the behind the scenes operations were taken care of.

Some responsibilities entail the following:

- Sending and receiving Winter and Summer contracts and proof of insurance.
- Accounts receivable and reconciliation. a.k.a. collecting payments.
- Coordinating placement of boats on property for winter storage to maximize space.

The club needs to fill this role of the property management team asap. If anyone is interested please reach out to me 516-322-0030 or Jim Rooney 516-850-6772. Don will be available for training but we need to get a new team member on board before he heads south for the winter.

Thanks in advance,
Adam Bollaci

Good and Welfare

Today I report the end of an era and the closing of the iconic Sea Isle. Opened in 1962 by Ron Feuring, Sr., the store was **THE** place to purchase tackle and bait for our greatest passion - **FISHING**. We wish him well and will miss him, his advice and and guidance, and what has most certainly been a landmark in Freeport.

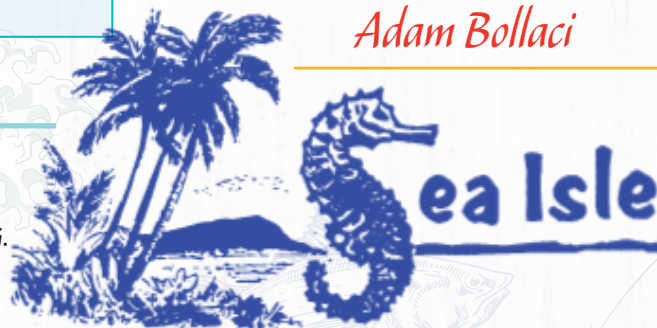
Ron is a gentleman's gentleman. A dedicated member who has truly made his mark on the Freeport Tuna Club. He is a past President and the oldest tenured member.

Ron is a founding member of the prestigious USATT Tournament. He was also deeply involved in the development of our Hempstead Fishing Reef, built with the debris of the Robert Moses Causeway Bridge in the mid 1960s (which many of us - if not all - still fish today).

Ron was always a presence in this club and always supported it, from running a fishing clinic to always buying raffle tickets to win prizes that he had a store full of.

Thank you for all you have done... **a job well done!** Good luck on your retirement. God Bless you and may you have much happiness in your golden years.

Jeff Squeri 516-652-5981





Striper Diaries EPISODE 33

FALL RUN.... October can produce fish from the skinny water of the back bays, to bridges and marshes. This year proved to be no different. With light tackle in hand, we set out to work the local drains on the outgoing tide. When fishing in skinny water, it helps to have a flats boat - luckily the 16ft duck boat serves that purpose.

It was a typical fall day with bright sunshine and beautiful temps. The southwest winds kept most of October warm which kept the bait in the bay. As a result, the marshes continued to hold fish. I like to target bass with extra light gear and custom plugs. Some of my favorite lures are built by legendary west coast builders Mike Fixter and Orlando Campos. I am fortunate that my brother, who is an avid surf fisherman, is privy to all the latest and greatest inventions. I swear by these lures. They can produce fish on the toughest days, and when the fishing is red hot these lures are on fire.



We pulled up to our favorite local spot and began to work the marsh. My rule of thumb is that after 7 or 8 casts without a hit, move on. This style of fishing means you cover a lot of ground and don't waste time in areas that aren't holding fish. After a few casts we found the fish in only 4 feet of water. Bam! Just like that it was game on. Nice striped bass up to 26 inches on custom plugs. It doesn't get better than that. The next few trips produced much the same. Small to medium sized fish, just under the slot limit. With the bait finally moving out of the bay, it was time to head to the ocean in search of larger fish. Reports in the ocean have been slow and steady. Bigger fish, over 40 inches are being caught on the troll. Mojos and bunker spoons do the trick. In the next few weeks, I am hoping the jig bite becomes red hot. Only time will tell. Until my next adventure. Tight lines.

Capt. Barbara Solomon F/V Legal Limits

Captains & Anglers

BBOs will be continuing through the fall as weather permits. Please keep an eye on the weather and website, Facebook and e-mail for the Captains & Anglers schedule.

Thank you, *Jim Rooney*

Directories

The new 2021-2022 directories are now available! Please come see me at the November (turkey raffle) meeting for your copy. One per member please.

Thank you, *Bob Sabella*



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Happy Thanksgiving, *Jim Azzi*

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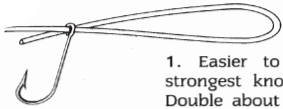
For any member that will be storing their boat on the property this winter that will be on a trailer. The jack has to be fully functioning, the committee from time to time needs to move boats for access and also to better maximize space on the yard. Without a working jack this makes the task very difficult.

Thank you for your cooperation.

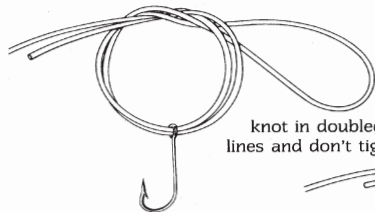
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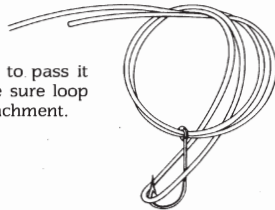


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3. Pull loop of line far enough to pass it over hook, swivel or lure. Make sure loop passes completely over this attachment.



4. Pull both tag end and standing line to tighten. Clip about 1/8".



Entertainment

Big thanks to Chris Lombardo, Adam Bollaci and Bob "I Brakem" Pandy for a terrific job presenting our Master Angler Series in October at Bracco's.

The highlight was Bob's demonstration of how flexible (or not!) his rod is, or should I say was. After snapping his sea bass rod at the 4th eye, he certainly had everyone's attention!

Chris did a masterful job of explaining his bass techniques with soft baits. Some great tips were provided.

Adam's table had a very lively discussion on Mojo deployment. We are fortunate to have Master Anglers that are willing to share with the club.

Our next speaker or event will not be until 2022 as November is Turkey Mania and December will be our Christmas party.

Have a safe and healthy Thanksgiving!

Bruce C. Forster F/V Oh Reely

Membership

Applications/Renewals for membership will be going out no later than the third week of November. All payments are due by December 31, 2021.

We have to raise our membership rates for 2022 by \$15 to \$275 for a single/\$300 for a family. **But the board has decided that if you get your payment (postmarked) by the December 31 deadline, we will honor the 2021 rates of \$260 for a single and \$285 for a family.**

When you receive your renewal in the mail, **please carefully check and update your membership information** (name, address, phone, vessel, and especially e-mail) so you can be kept up-to-date and informed of club events.

If you need any further information or would like to volunteer for the membership committee, please contact Gene Schettini at 516-434-1423 or email CaptGene121@aol.com.

We are looking forward to an even more fulfilling membership year for 2022 - remember this is YOUR club!

Thank You, *Gene Schettini*



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