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# Tuna Tower News

DECEMBER 2023

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HOLIDAY PARTY!  
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10  
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## President's Message

I can't believe Thanksgiving is behind us and the holiday lights are up. Happy Holidays to all our members and their families. I hope everyone in our club had a wonderful Thanksgiving. Hopefully they were lucky enough to have won one of our raffle turkeys. I want to thank the Board of Directors; Executive staff: First VP Anthony Alfieri, Second VP Bill Gillespie, Treasurer John Daum and, of course, our Secretary Cassidy Cunningham. Along with Committee members and club members who worked hard to ensure all our events ran smoothly. Your hard work and dedication are greatly appreciated.

This being my last president's message I would like to thank the membership for honoring me with the privilege of being president of the best fishing club in the world. At our January GM I will step down to take the role of Special Advisor. First VP Anthony Alfieri will be sworn in as President for 2024. I know the FTC will be in good hands with Anthony and his newly appointed executive staff at the helm.

Our Holiday Party will be held at the Freeport Yacht Club this Sunday. Santa will be there so please provide a wrapped gift for your child. The clowns will be back by popular demand. There will be face painting, magic show, balloon twisting, singing, dancing, kids' music, games and so much more.

Gene Schettini has provided us with a FTC webstore where you can check out the latest FTC apparel [HTTPS://www.4spiritware.com/FTW.HTM](https://www.4spiritware.com/FTW.HTM). In closing, I would like to say that the FTC is what you make it. It's time for every member to start attending our monthly meetings to learn what's going on with the club. We are looking for more participation from our members, you get out what you put in. Until next month stay safe, stay healthy and remember that participation is the key to a great club experience.

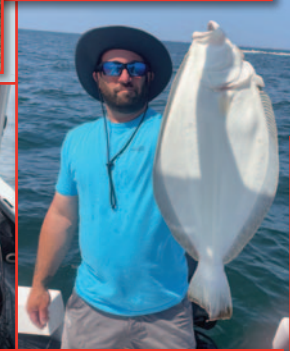
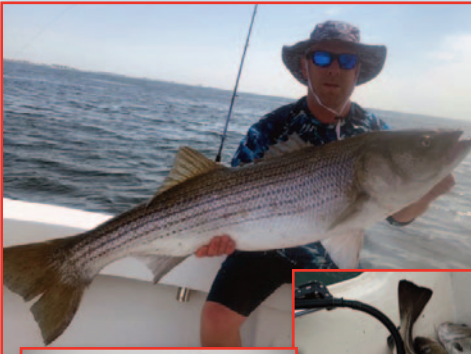
*Paul Cunningham*



# HAPPY HOLIDAYS



# THE YEAR IN PICTURES



# Fishing Report



What a fall run we have had outside our local inlets. The bass bite is still going strong with action now on lures, jigs and trolling. Bob Bohlert's *Joint Effort* recently called me into an insane bite where we had non-stop action on jigs with bass to 42". In the mix was gorilla blues to over 16lbs. The fish have been gorging on sand eels.

The highlight of the fall run has been the bluefin tuna that have been settled in for a few weeks. Some fish under 73" have been caught but most have been the XL size. Doug Tobak on the *Corazon* released a nice 95" fish after a long battle. They should stay around as long as the sand eels and bunker do.

Mike Zullo's ended his season with a good local blackfish bite filling the freezer for the long winter ahead.

John Rooney did an away trip with past president Jim Krug on the *Persuader* on November 10. First target Striped Bass. The crew limited out within an hour wire lining slot fish. Blackfish were next and Captain Krug put them on a piece of real estate that was non-stop fishing for the rest of the day. The crew limited out on blackfish with an average of 7lbs with a few 9lbs mixed in. It was an epic day on the *Persuader*.

Kon while fishing with Salty Dog Chartes had a good day on the stripers.

Thank you to all that send in reports. Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy Holiday season.

Please email or text your reports,

*Capt. Adam Bollaci*

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# Property

If you are storing your boat for the winter storage at the property, be sure to send a copy of the lease, a check and proof of insurance to: Freeport Tuna Club | PO Box 5 | Freeport, New York 11520 or you can call me and arrange to meet, Bob Dimino 516 765-1555

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If anybody's interested in storing your boat for summer dockage there is one slip available. Please call me if interested.

Thank you for your support,

*Bob Dimino* Business Property Manager

# Captains and Anglers

The committee would like to thank all the members who participated in the 2023 FTC Captains & Anglers barbecues.

We look forward to seeing all of our members in the 2024 season. Happy holidays!!

Thank you, *Jim Rooney*

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# Membership

Dear Freeport Tuna Club Members,

I trust this message finds you well, and that your Thanksgiving celebrations were filled with warmth and joy among loved ones. As we step into the merry month of December, I'm excited to share some updates and important announcements from the Membership Committee.

Firstly, a heartfelt thank you to each and every one of you for your ongoing support and dedication to the Freeport Tuna Club. Your involvement is what makes our community vibrant and strong.

I hope you all had the chance to enjoy some delicious Thanksgiving feasts. Now, as we approach the end of the year, it's time to turn our attention to the business side of things. Keep an eye out for your membership renewal letters — they'll be making their way to your mailboxes shortly. The quicker we receive them back, the smoother our renewal process will be. A special acknowledgment goes out to Mike Sullivan and John Jutt for their dedicated efforts in ensuring these letters are promptly sent out.

In the spirit of continuous improvement, the Membership Committee is excited to announce that we are revamping our membership applications. Your input is invaluable, and we want to hear from you. If you ever felt that something was missing or could be enhanced in the previous version, now is the perfect opportunity to share your thoughts. Your insights will play a crucial role in providing new members with

a more enriching introduction to the Freeport Tuna Club.

Furthermore, we are also in the process of updating our new member packets. If you've recently joined the club and haven't received your packet, I sincerely apologize for any oversight. Please reach out, and I'll make it a priority to get one to you as soon as possible.

As we navigate the winter months, some of you may be planning escapes to warmer climates, while others embrace the beauty of the season in our local surroundings. For those heading to sunnier destinations, I wish you safe travels. To those braving the cold, stay warm and safe.

Our highly anticipated Holiday Party is just around the corner, and I encourage you all to mark your calendars for this festive occasion. It promises to be a fantastic event filled with camaraderie and holiday cheer. In the spirit of the season, I've been in correspondence with our Freeport Tuna Club North Pole Division. The Man in Red mentioned that the ice fishing has been slow up there, and he might just make a special appearance at our holiday party. Well, we can always use a bit of North Pole magic!

Looking forward to seeing you all at the Holiday Party and wishing you a joyful and festive December.

Best regards,

*Zachary Introp*

# Derbies, Awards & Contests

**Awards Committee: Chairman Ray Geiger, Bill Morrogh & Harry Sbaschnig**

As the 2023 FTC derby year comes to an end, we wish to thank all participants. Well done ladies and gentlemen, you have done our club proud once again!

The following derbies all ended and our rules state we must have these slips in hand in order to be eligible for awards:

**SHARK • BLUEFISH • STRIPED BASS • BLACKFISH**

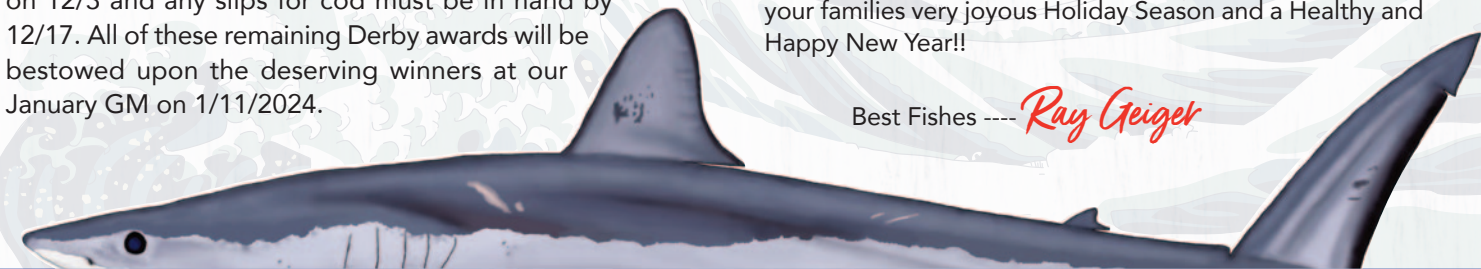
Please get your slips in the mail ASAP. The Cod derby ends on 12/3 and any slips for cod must be in hand by 12/17. All of these remaining Derby awards will be bestowed upon the deserving winners at our January GM on 1/11/2024.

I hope to see all members attend this our first general meeting of 2024. Your participation is welcomed and greatly appreciated. Remember -- This club is the sum of ALL it's members.

**IMPORTANT NOTE ON 2023 ANNUAL AWARDS** - If you're holding any weigh slips for 2023 catches you must physically get them in to the Committee by THURSDAY, JANUARY 14th!! No weigh slips will be considered for annual awards after this due date.

Lastly, on behalf our committee members, we wish you and your families very joyous Holiday Season and a Healthy and Happy New Year!!

Best Fishes ---- *Ray Geiger*



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This year we once again encourage all members to participate and donate a basket to be raffled off. Please include your name on the basket to be acknowledged at the time of raffle.



On behalf of the Editorial Staff and the Board of Directors, we wish you and your families a happy, healthy holiday season. May the Fish Gods smile down upon us in the upcoming year and give us plenty of fish!

*Capt. John J. Jutt, Editor*  
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