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NEXT GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, December 8th at 8:00 pm

Cure of Ars Church School Auditorium

Merrick Ave., Merrick

(South of Sunrise Highway between Sunrise Hwy. & Merrick Road)

Annual Holiday Party

December 11th 1:00 pm

Freeport Rec Center

President's Message

Capt. John J. Jutt, Sr.

As the year comes to a close it may be good to reflect back on our year before we look into our future. In looking back at the past year I am proud of the club in the great strides we have made. Membership was up, attendance at general meetings are well attended, rodeo participation was outstanding, captain anglers meetings were also well attended. All around I have seen outstanding cooperation. Most importantly I have witnessed more and more new members getting involved in club activities. This is needed to continue for the growth of our club. In looking back I hope the ground work laid this year becomes a good foundation for our future. As I end my term in office I find it very gratifying to know that I served the club and all its members to the best of my ability. This achievement was made possible with the strong support of my board of directors, committees and general members. I appreciate the help of all my committees who I found to be loyal and sincere in their efforts. I thank all of you for all of your help

and support.

I wish my 1st v.p. and your incoming president the best of luck in the upcoming year. I'm sure they will serve you well.

The holidays are upon us and a great way to start is to join in at the annual holiday party on December 11 at one o'clock at the Freeport Rec Center. The event promises to be a winner with plenty of food and fun. My holiday committee has been planning this event for some time. I hope to see all the members in attendance.

In closing I once again thank all of my board of directors committee heads and general membership for their support during this past year.

On behalf of myself and the board of directors I wish all a very happy and healthy holiday season.

May God bless you and keep you.

Sincerely yours
Capt. John J. Jutt, Sr.

FISHING BULLETIN

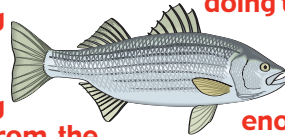
❄️ The 2005 season has almost come to a close for most of us; our boats starting to take up space on property signaling the end of the season. The exception is the angler who derives pleasure from fishing in the cold weather; they say this is the best time of the year. This past fall season witnessed one of the best inshore and offshore bottom fishing seasons in many years and it is not over yet. If the weather holds out then we could see good fishing right through the New Year, as the areas water temps have not yet cooled all the way down.



Berman and his crew of the "Aphis". He has stepped into my old shoes assuming the role of a "seasoned offshore wreck fisherman". His weekly ventures to his favorite offshore "honey holes" have yielded the finest kind of Seabass with many of his catch breathing on the six-pound mark. A sprinkling of cod has rounded out his catch and the corners of his fish box as well. Wanting to gun in on the same action Scott Schafer skipped his "50/50" accompanied by crew of John Jutt and myself to an offshore piece in 30 fathoms of water south of Montauk. The decision to fish that depth was the right one as we proceeded to catch quality Seabass and Cod with several Seabass north of the six pound mark. On this trip our president broke the FTC Club record for Seabass by landing a seven pounder. This fish unseats our famed junior angler, Bobby Krug's, six and one-half pound fish landed back in 2002.

Our local striped bass and bluefish continue to show that the fall run is still very strong. On most days these fish can be jigged from 20-50ft of water along the beach. The Margarita Bill and several other club boats have been doing this on a weekly basis when the weather allows.

I hope that the membership has enjoyed reading my reports during this past year. I take an enormous amount of pride in serving our organization by contributing my time and research to one of the best fishing clubs in our area.



Sincerely,
Captain Harry Weinblatt
F/V Blue Marlin

On the canyon scene, yes that is correct, I am still writing about it and its December. Off shore veteran Mike Jacobs sailed his "Desire" with several of our members to the southern end of Toms Canyon last weekend and located a bunch of big Bluefin Tuna up to the 200lb mark, keeping there limit and releasing the rest. The weekend before the "Wasabi" encountered the same action fishing south east of the "100 Square"

On the local fishing front, our fall black fishing on our local reefs continues to be strong. From the Rockaway's to Fire Island, most any drop in the 60-80 ft. range will yield a good catch. The fishery eventually will take on the pattern of a migration onto the deeper water pieces and we can expect to see that once water temps are on the decline. Most recently Paul Hilton, skippered his Emily S to a small drop and landed his limit of fish up to 7.5 lbs, the largest I have heard of to date.

The offshore pieces are giving up what they are supposed to at this time of the year, the largest kind of Seabass. Congratulations are in order for Howard

FLUKE CALCUTTA

Congratulations to Scott Schafer the "Duke of Fluke" on winning the club's inaugural fluke Calcutta and taking home a cool \$ 730. Scott won the Calcutta with a 10 lbs. 1 oz. fish. A plaque and the money will be presented at the December GM.

PROPERTY

Summer 2006 contracts will be mailed out on December 15, 2005. The first payment of 50% is due on January 15, 2006. Rates for 2006 will be \$52 per foot.

MEMBERSHIP

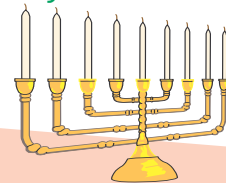
Membership renewals will be mailed out in early December. The rates remain unchanged at \$135 for individuals and \$160 for families. All dues are payable on January 1. Congratulations to Ronnie Deluca and Hank Lunde on their newly acquired lifetime membership status.

CAPTAIN ANGLERS

Thanks to the participation of all the members, this was one of the best seasons ever. We had two great rodeos and an August GM luau that was fun for all who attended (no one will forget Bob Pandey and John Jutt in their grass skirts). I would like to thank Hank Jenet for his hard work by bringing clinics back to the Thursday night BBQ. The guests were great and very informative. Hank will continue the clinics over the winter, check your bulletin or the web site for upcoming events. I would also like to thank my whole cook crew for the great job they did this season, you guys are the best. A big thank you goes out to President John Jutt and the Board of Directors for the support and enthusiasm they have given this committee; they have enabled us to make Captain & Anglers a club event for all to enjoy. For Bob Pandey, myself and the whole cook crew, thanks again for a great season and have a safe and happy holiday.

Jim Rooney

1 st. VP.



CLUB AWARDS & DERBY DATES

Capt. Lawrence J. Festa F/V Kristen

FISH:	SPRING DATES:	FALL DATES:
Cod (10 lbs.)	March 25th ~ May 7th	Sept. 30th ~ Dec. 18th
Blackfish (03 lbs.) (Pending DEC Regs.)	April 15th ~ MAY 21th	Oct. 21st ~ Nov. 26th
Flounder (01 lbs. 08 ozs.) (Pending DEC Regs.)	April 1st ~ May 14th	*****
Seabass (02 lbs.) (Pending DEC Regs.)	April 22rd ~ June 4th	Sept. 23rd ~ Oct. 22nd
Striped Bass (15 lbs.) (Pending DEC Regs.)	May 13th ~ June 18th	Oct. 14th ~ Nov. 26th
Weakfish (05 lbs.)	May 20th ~ June 25th	Aug. 26th ~ Sept. 24th
Fluke (02 lbs.) (Pending DEC Regs.)	June 3rd ~ July 9th	Sept. 2nd ~ Oct. 1st
Shark (125 lbs.)	June 3rd ~ July 16th	Sept. 9th ~ Oct. 15th
Bluefish (8 lbs.)	June 3rd ~ July 16th	Sept. 2nd ~ Oct 1st
Tuna (25 lbs.)	July 1st ~ August 5th	Sept. 2nd ~ Oct. 8th
Mahi (04 lbs.)	July 1st ~ August 5th	Aug. 26th ~ Sept. 24th
False Albacore (06 lbs.) *****		Aug. 26th ~ Sept. 24th
Green Bonito (04lbs. New wt.) *****		Aug. 26th ~ Sept. 24th

The following derbies are closed & the winners are:
 Seabass (02 lbs.).....September 24th ~ October 23rd
 1st Place James Whalen.....5.31 lbs. F/V "Elizabeth Ann"
 2nd Place Micheal Zullo.....4.2 lbs. F/V " Magic Too"
 3rd Place James Whalen..... 3.2 lbs. F/V "Elizabeth Ann"

The following derbies are closed winners to be award at the up coming GM
 Blackfish (03 lbs.).....October 22nd ~ November 27th
 Striped Bass (15 lbs.).....October 15th ~ November 27th
 The following derbies are in progress or starting this month:
 Fall Cod (10 lbs.).....October 1st ~ December 18th

Note: If you think you have a winning fish for our 2005 Annual Awards it is your responsibility to check with the awards committee prior to weigh slip deadlines which is January 15th . You must keep the white weigh master stamped copy for your records and the buff goes to the committee also with weigh master stamp & signature. The complete list of changes will be announced prior to the start of our 2006 season; the changes came from the members & the board. All changes show great progress in bring our club together. Our new awards book will have all of the new changes and will be part of the upcoming year book

Important Phone Numbers for boats that need bridge openings:

Atlantic Beach Bridge 239-1821.
 Long Beach Bridge 571-7785.
 Goose Creek Bridge (Wantagh Parkway)
 Meadowbrook Bridge (Meadowbrook Parkway)
 Loop Parkway 378-3552.
 Long Beach Railroad Trestle Wreck Lead Bridge
 889-9169.

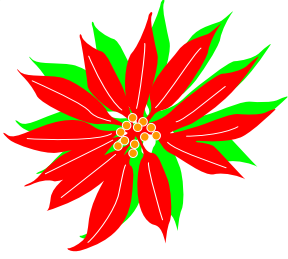
Important Phone Numbers for all boaters in our area:

Jones Beach Coast Guard Station 785-2988
 Nassau County Police Marine Bureau 573-4450
 Town of Hempstead Bay Constable Station 897-4100, 785-2988

FISHING TIP FOR DECEMBER

Fishing live bait is a very effective technique for catching big striped bass, bluefish and weakfish. At this time of year however, bluefish and striped bass are very numerous each afternoon between the Roundhouse and the Rockaway's. Just steam West till you see the birds working an area. Tie on AVA 47 Jigs with no tubs on them. Use a three foot 50# leader and have a ball. The fishing is best two hours prior to sunset and you'll most likely hit the bocks after sunset, but you'll always be rewarded with plenty of action. After their fall blackfish trips the APHIS drops in on these fish. Their last trip of October boated and released over fifty bluefish and three striped bass. To catch the bass jig three to seven feet off the bottom. Oh... and remember to sharpen the hooks to a knife point!

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- 1984 Tiara Pursuit 27, cabin, stand up head, twin 220 crusaders, GPS, Depth finder, radio, out riggers, \$20, 000 Also, 16 ft. heavy fiberglass dingy \$200. Call Michael 516-535-4085, embroidme@optonline.net
- 12' Barneget Duck Boat by Aero Marine. Locking hard cover and spray shield, 15 h.p. Mariner w/ sting ray jr., 3 yr. old trailer \$2,250.00 Call Ron 516-593-6560
- 1 28x23^{1/4} 3 blade nibril prop. like new condition, reasonably priced 516-632-9770.
- WANTED - Mate on offshore & inshore trips - clean boat after trips - prep boat before trips -perform misc tasks during the week
Contact: JEFF 516.377.2677



Holiday Party
December 11th
Freeport Rec Center
Santa is coming!
Bring a gift
for your kids.

