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Seasons Greetings

The editorial staff of the Tuna Tower News wishes the entire FTC membership the Best of Holidays and A Happy New Year.

We thank all who have contributed your time, expertise and input. Next Year we look forward to more participation by you, the members, in continuing to make this publication the best in the fishing club community.

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**Thursday, December 9, 2010
at 8pm
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**Captain Harry Weinblatt "F/U Blue Marlin"
Harry will end our season with an
overview of his prospectus of our
winter bottom fishing season.**

President's Message

Dear Members,

I would like to start my final 2010 President's message by once again thanking everyone for allowing me the privilege and honor to lead our club for the past year. The membership is the heartbeat of our club and the overwhelming support that has been displayed by all of you shows what our club is all about. I learned early in my professional career two things. The first is that a manager is only as good as the people that surround him. The second is that, as a manager, you make decisions.... So as the saying goes: "he who does nothing does nothing wrong". I hope that the positives this year outweigh the negatives and that this year will lead us to future growth.

To our Board of Directors and Committee Chairman, who organized our events, property and meetings, I commend you all. Vice President's John Rooney and Bill Toohey, no finer wingmen could a commander ask for. As I step aside from the Presidency I know our club will be in great hands with incoming President John Rooney and 1st Vice President Bill Toohey. Bill Morrogh, a Secretary with a vision for our future not only in his primary role but with Awards and Contests and his proactive approach to our all new state of the art website, however, with every good man comes a women....thank you Theresa for chairing and co-chairing Bill on so many of our projects. Our Treasury Staff Tim Sherman, Mike Sullivan and John Deum, you managed our funds, and have helped to keep our club from financial stress, we thank you.

Our team: Woody Anderson, the unsung hero who gave 100% this year assembling a team to be proud of so that each meeting was done with class. Captain Harry, from Finance Committee to Fishing Reports and our great annual Cod Trip, great attention to detail. Our Game Dinner, the highest money maker for our club ever, we thank Bob Benzenberg and Dave Mazza. Board Member, Don Granger, for stepping into the breach and taking over the job of Property Manager with great results and a full marina for 2011. Long Time Property Chairman, John Gerrity once again pulled a great plow keeping our property state of the art, with the help of a fine committee and our Boy Scout Helpers.

To our Master Editor, John Jutt, who not only through the year consistently brings our members a Quality Newsletter, but to his ability to help self fund our Newsletter by pumping out the advertisement and chasing down the funds for these ads....Bravo.

Bob Pandey..... In addition to all that Bob does for our club he has also accepted a nomination for 2nd Vice President which has put Bob on track to be a future club leader.

I commend Past President and Special Advisor Jim Rooney for putting his hat in the ring and getting back on the Board of Directors this year..... Between Captain/Anglers & Rodeos you have gone above and beyond.

Membership along with Health & Welfare....Team Squeri, Jeff & Chris, thank you for another great year of a membership which is 200 strong.

Lets not forget, Al Casciano-Yard Sale, Joe Jahn-Club Fishing Trips, John Weber-Property Memorial, Bob Sabella, Billy Hines, Jerry Amitrano-March on Washington, Bob Holub AKA Santa, Joe Steiner - Raffles Prizes, Paul & Rosemary Schuber - Ships Store, Bob Bohler & Paul Noto Entertainment. The list of proactive members goes on and on and I am sure that I forgot a few.

I would like to congratulate our incoming Board of Directors for 2011 and thank Jeff Yopalater for his past service to our club and the Board of Directors.

In closing I must thank our Holiday Committee Team, Chaired by 2nd Vice President Bill Toohey, the committee, his family and co-captain Woody and our House Committee for bringing us together for this year's last club event, our Annual Holiday Party at the Freeport Recreational Center and great labor of love.

Thank you all for a great year....& Merry Christmas.
Captain Larry Festa, President 2010



FISHING BULLETIN



We are rapidly approaching the end of the 2010 season. For many FTC members the season has already come to a close, evident with the boats currently staged at our club property for the winter storage season. Although the boats are coming out of the water our fishery is far from over. Our water temperatures are still in the low 50's, slightly higher than normal for this time of the year. For the anglers who enjoy a little nip in the air it's time to bait your hooks and get in on the action. Barring any major weather changes, if the current pattern continues to hold out we can expect to see good fishing right up through the start of the New Year.

On the inshore scene our fall blackfish season continues to be productive and the feed bag is on. The action is taking place from our local reefs, west to the New Jersey reefs and as far south as 17 Fathoms.

The latter of which has started to produce some better quality fish. Our local bottom fishing experts have been able to easily catch their limits with the largest fish reported caught aboard the "Tin Man" at 12.6lbs.

Our East End club members have reported an excellent fall fishery to date. Blackfish and Seabass have made up the bulk of the catch as reported by them.

Our local striped bass and bluefish action continues as well. Find the clouds of birds, gannets and terns diving and most likely the bass and blues will be underneath them. This traditional fall fishery has been taking place both east and west of our local inlet on a daily basis.

In closing once again, I hope that the membership has enjoyed reading my reports this past year. This is my tenth year writing the monthly fishing report. I enjoy serving our club by contributing my time and research to this column. I take an enormous amount of pride doing so for the best fishing club in our area.

Sincerely,

Captain Harry Weinblatt

F/V Blue Marlin

CONSERVATION

Blackfishing in New York will close on December 20th and re-open on January 17th. Blackfishing in Connecticut closes on December 6th – New Jersey stays open with a limit of six fish at fourteen inches. In New York, Striped Bass will close on December 15th. This winter looks like the Sea Bass may stay open but we are not certain yet!

Dennis M. Cataldo,

GOOD AND WELFARE

At present all is well ,and good & welfare wishes everyone a happy and healthy Merry Christmas.

Jeff Squeri.

PROPERTIES

Winter storage is upon us. Any members looking to winter store there vessels at FTC Marina land or water should contact *Don Granger* for details.

On behalf of the FTC Property Committee we wish all of you a Happy and Healthy Holiday Season and New Year. In closing it is our pleasure to serve the members an help bring our club together.

Return of the King Atlantic Cod



Atlantic Cod (*Gadus Morhua*) have made a remarkable comeback on Long Island. Montauk's winter runs the past several years have been declared "even better than the old days" by veteran skippers. Our west end population seems to be on the rise as well, with fish once again taken on deep wrecks year round and a migration inshore as the water cools down. The past few years have seen fish caught our 20-30 mile wrecks sometimes choked with herring and mackerel. As winter wore on, these fish moved inshore and to the west, and we have experienced spring runs of fish that extended inshore to the Rockaway Reef. Sandeels have been in abundance this year. Traditionally, this makes for good fishing with possible open bottom and maybe even jigging opportunities along the South Shore. To be determined ... Some interesting facts about cod:

- Cod have a high fecundity (ability to reproduce) and can live 25 years
- Norwegians distinguish skrie (the wanderers) from their coastal stock of cod
- A six foot long, 211 pound cod, was captured in 1895 off the coast of Massachusetts
- The IGFA all tackle record stands at 98 lbs 12 oz., (New Hampshire, 1969)
- FTC record is 56 lbs 8 oz caught by Ben Sohm, 1960

Dress warm and catch some cod this winter

- *Paul Hilton / Emily S.*

Ethanol & Winterization

Ethanol has been touted as a salvation to OPEC manipulation. But as with every good thing there is some bad. Gasoline fuel left in the boat's gas tank over the winter can have some bad side effects from the condensation that can occur. This condensation results from too little fuel in the tanks and can lead to something called phase separation like oil and water but it is gasoline and ethanol, which absorbs water and there fore can potentially create condensation buildup. If this does occur, the residue from ethanol sinks to the bottom of the gas tank, and can rust them out and also clog some engine filters.



Midwest boat owners have used Ethanol for years and they recommend that at least one-half of the tank remains filled to minimize the condensation process. This phase separation occurs more as the boat is left unused. So while the actual damages to your boat of this chemical reaction are unclear the usage of your boat greatly reduces this potential damage. So its recommended over winter storage to keep plenty of fuel in your tank.

FREEPORT TUNA CLUB Committees President • Lawrence J. Festa • December, 2010

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This year to close out our season we have our very own Captain Harry Weinblatt "F/V Blue Marlin". Captain Harry will end our season with an overview of his prospectus of our winter bottomfishing season. Captain Harry will also show you "Hand-on" heart of getting on a good piece... of Bottom... of course. The art of anchoring is the hallmark of being a great bottom fisherman, and Captain Harry has certainly earned that. In closing Harry will also touch on bottom tackle and the art of feeling the bite. So when it comes to feeling the bite if your nick name is "Hands of Stone", you may want to pay extra attention to his closing tips.

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