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

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Thursday, December 8, 2011 at 8pm
Cure Of Ars Auditorium
Merrick Avenue • Merrick
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President's Message.....

Dear Members,

Happy Holidays to all of our FTC Members and their families. I hope everyone in our club had a wonderful Thanksgiving and enjoyed the turkeys they won at our November G M. The annual FTC's Holiday Party Committed by 2nd V.P. Bob Pandy, has a new location this year where Santa will land his sled. The event will be held at Cure of Ars Auditorium on December 11 at 1 PM. This is the same location that we use for our monthly GM's".

This, being is my last President's Message I would like to thank you... the membership for honoring me with the privilege of being the President of the best fishing club in the world! Thank you to the Board of Directors and Committee Heads for volunteering your time, experience and support over this past year during my Presidency. To my executive staff; 1st V.P. Bill Toohey, 2nd V.P. Bob Pandy, Treasure John Daum, and last but not least.... Secretary Bill Morrogh, I thank you for the time and effort you have giving to the FTC over the past year. I would also like to thank my brother, Pass President Jim Rooney and Special Advisor Captain Larry Festa for the great support you have both given me during

my term as President. Most importantly, to my family for all the love and support they have giving me over the past year.

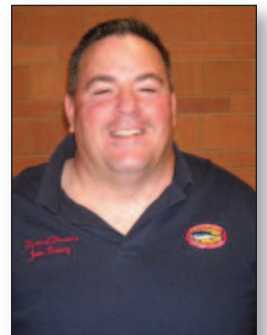
At our January GM I will step down to take the role of Special Adviser and 1st V.P. Bill Toohey will be sworn in as President for 2012. I know the FTC will be in good hands with Bill and his newly appointed executive staff at the helm.

In closing I would like to say that the FTC is what you make of it. It's time that every member attends our monthly meetings and hear about what is going on with your club. Maybe step up and volunteer an hour or so to your club.

I wish all a Happy and Healthy holiday season.

God Bless America

~ President 2011 ~ John H. Rooney



FISHING BULLETIN

We are rapidly approaching the end of the 2011 season. For many FTC members the season has already come to a close, evident with the boats currently being 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.



Our offshore season is a wrap for 2011, Tough weather kept most of the offshore crews tied to the dock and wondering what was happening in the deep this past fall season. Our traditional fall shark fishery was also another disappointment this past fall season as well.

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 to date 13.8lbs. Caught by Brian Dougherty aboard his Blue Sky.

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 eleventh 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

Please remember Striped Bass fishing ends on December 15th 2011 - Blackfishing ends on December 20th 2011 - Black fishing will re-start on January 17th 2012 - Cod and Sea Bass remain open.

Happy Holidays and Best Wishes for a very healthy, safe and successful 2012.

~ Dennis Cataldo

Chairman, Conservation Committee

PROPERTIES

The Freeport Tuna Club is pleased to extend this offer to store your boat at its property for the 2011 - 2012 winter seasons. The Rates for this season will remain the same as last year @ \$14 a foot minimum \$275 with season extended to June first.

At the present time we have several open slips on the line. Get your name on the waiting list, at the present time there are no active members on the list Contact Don Granger @ 516-749-4712 or property@FTC.com.

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GOOD AND WELFARE

Dr. John Weber is recovering from a recent illness and is back here...We wish his father the best oof luck with some up-coming surgery.

Congratulations to John Jutt, Jr. on passing his Series 7 Exam. *(Now Get To WORK!)*

Gene Schettini is home recovering from an infection in his new ankle, that had to be removed so they could clear up the infection.

Gene is in good spirit and it will be a long recovery. Wishing everyone a healthy and happy Holiday. Call Jeff Squeri at 516-221-6343 or 516-652-5981.

~ Jeff

MEMBERSHIP

We will close out the year with 208 members. Two new members will be sworn in at the December meeting: Frank Abrams, Ted Barbatsuly. Frank lives in Lynbrook and was the former Chief of the Lynbrook FD. Ted enjoys fishing as well as hunting. In addition, club member Rodger Nelson has elected to re-join after an extended absence. Please join in welcoming everyone aboard.

Membership renewal letters were mailed out on December 1. If you do not receive one contact the membership committee at ftc1937@verizon.net. Membership dues effective January 1, 2012 are \$225 for regular members and \$250 for family members. Due to rising costs, the dues reflect a \$25 increase. If you wish to avoid the increase post mark your renewal prior to December 31, 2011 and you may pay at the old rate.

CATCH OF THE MONTH

Tautog/ Blackfish

Our "Catch of the Month" goes to Brian Doherty who scored with this beautiful and very chunky 13 lb. 8 oz. tog' fishing a local piece of bottom on his boat the Blue Sky. This is one of the largest locally caught blackfish ever weighed in by a FTC member.



Congrats to Brian on an outstanding catch !

The club record stands at 16.88 lbs caught by Dennis Cataldo out of Ocean City, Md in 2010.

For bragging rights, please email me at philton@optonline.net or text me at 516 721 8907 to be considered for "Catch of the Month" by the bulletin committee. Include a picture and some catch details. Thanks to all who submitted entries this Month and please keep them coming.

~ Paul Hilton / Emily S

December 2011 DERBY, AWARDS & CONTESTS REPORT

*Awards Chairman: Captain Bill Morrogh
Committee Team: Bill Morrogh and Mike Zullo*

The Cod derby is the last derby of 2011. Get out and win the derby if you can (6lb minimum)!

The Shark, Bluefish and Striped Bass derbies closed on November 27th. All Derby slips must be in to the committee by December 11th. We'll be awarding these trophies in January.

Don't forget to send in any weigh slips that you've been holding. You may have an annual award winner and not know it! The deadline for slips is January 10th!

OUR DECEMBER DERBY WINNERS:

Cod

Cod (6 lbs)

October 1st ~ December 11th



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