

Freeport Tuna Club Annual Awards



Stephen L. Vanderveer Trophy Bowl

Largest Tuna, Jones Inlet. To win this trophy the member must have sailed out of Freeport L.I (Jones Inlet) and must weigh the Tuna on the official scales at the club official weighing station, and must not enter any other port. The minimum weight accepted on this trophy is 100 lbs.

Stephen Radi, Sr. Memorial Trophy

Awarded to any Freeport Tuna Club member catching the largest Bigeye Tuna leaving from and returning to Freeport-Jones Inlet.

Walter F. O'Malley Trophy

Awarded to the member catching the heaviest Tuna, sailing from any port except Freeport.

Bob Trapani Memorial Trophy

Recognition of the heaviest fish, except Shark, captured by voting member.

Frederick W. Hollander Memorial Trophy

Awarded to the member catching the heaviest billed fish anywhere.

Jack R. Neidorf Trophy

Awarded to the member catching the first Tuna of the season out of Freeport, L.I. (Jones Inlet). Member must weigh the Tuna on the official scales at the club official weighing station within 24 hours after he sailed and must not enter any other port

Jack Bode Ladies' Trophy

Awarded to the lady member catching the heaviest Tuna of the season anywhere.

Ada Berlin Memorial Trophy

Awarded to the lady member catching the largest species of any fish on a boat sailing from any Long Island port.

Henry Von Elm, Inc., Trophy

Awarded to the member of the club fishing on the club team in any Tuna tournament who catches the largest Tuna according to the tournament rules.

This trophy has been retired as of 2023.

John J. Miles Trophy

Awarded to the member captain sailing from Debs, Jones or Fire Island Inlet only who, in the opinion of the Prize Committee, achieves the outstanding performance of the year.

Captain Mel Elderd Trophy

Awarded to the member who catches the largest Tuna in the Annual Babylon-Freeport Tuna Club Tournament.

This trophy has been retired as of 2023.

Philip Ehrhart Memorial Trophy

Awarded to the member angler catching the largest Bluefin Tuna of the season. The boat must leave and return to Debs, Jones, or Fire Island Inlet within 24 hours.

Guy Lombardo Trophy

Awarded to the member who catches on rod and reel the largest Tuna weighing under 100 Lbs. on a boat sailing from Freeport, L.I.. (Jones Inlet) and must weigh the Tuna on the Official scales at the club official weighing station within 24 hours after he sailed and must not enter any other port.

Freeport Marine Trophy

Awarded to the member catching the greatest weight fish per pound line test, on a boat sailing from any Long Island Port using a maximum of 30 lb. test line and conventional tackle. No Blue Sharks will be eligible for this award. Note: Prior to 2014 this award was known as the Woodcleft Marine Base, Inc., Trophy.

Harry Peters Memorial Trophy (Member)

Awarded to the member angler catching the largest fish (any species) on a Freeport Tuna Club member boat out of any Long Island port.

Harry Peters Memorial Trophy (Captain's Award)

Awarded to the captain of the F.T.C. boat catching the largest Shark from any Long Island port.

Harry Berns Memorial Trophy

Awarded to the boat owner (not a professional guide) whose boat brings into Freeport, L.I., the largest number of Tuna tags during the season. The boat must have necessarily sailed out of Freeport, L.I. (Jones Inlet) and must not enter any other port. The persons fishing on this boat do not have to be club members, but the owner (club member) must be on board when the fish are caught. In corporation and partnerships, ownership is limited to two designated club members of such organization.

George Beitterick Memorial Trophy

Awarded to the member catching the largest Bluefish on a boat sailing from Freeport, L.I. (Jones Inlet) and returning within 24 hours and must not enter any other port.

Fred Miranda Memorial Trophy

This trophy is awarded to the member who tags the greatest amount of Marlin.

Marsden B. Candler Memorial Trophy

Awarded to the member catching the largest Striped Bass on a boat sailing from any Long Island port.

Jack Bode Ladies' Memorial Trophy

Awarded to the lady member for the outstanding catch made north of Cape Hatteras.

Harry Schwarze Trophy

Awarded to the Freeport Tuna Club boat catching the most Tuna in the Annual Babylon-Freeport Tuna Tournament.

This trophy has been retired as of 2023.

Marine Center Inc., Trophy

Awarded to the captain catching the heaviest billed fish on a boat sailing from any Long Island port.

Mako Marine, Inc., Trophy

Awarded to the member catching the heaviest Shark on any boat leaving from and returning to any inlet between Debs and Shinnecock inclusive.

This award was changed in 2023 to include all legal sharks species. It was previously awarded to the heaviest Mako Shark.

Lawrence Festa Memorial Trophy

Awarded to the member Captain of the boat catching the first shark of the season. This shark must be weighed in at the Freeport Tuna Club Official Weighing Station. To qualify for this trophy, a F.T.C. member must sail and return through Jones Inlet within a 24 hour period, not having called at any other port. ***Note: Prior to 2014 this award was known as the Freeport Marine Trophy. This award was changed in 2023 to include all legal shark species. It was previously awarded to the heaviest Mako Shark.***

Norb Schlichtig Memorial Trophy

Awarded by the Board of Directors to a member who in the opinion of the Board has distinguished himself through extraordinary service to the Club, an act or acts of sportsmanship, or other meritorious actions.

Tim Kryscuk Memorial Trophy

Awarded to any lady member, regular or family, who catches the largest Bluefish from any Freeport Tuna Club boat leaving & returning to Debs, Jones or Fire Island inlets within 24 hours.

Joe King Sr. Memorial Trophy

Awarded to any member, regular or family, catching the largest Dolphin, leaving and returning to Debs, Jones or Fire Island inlets within 24 hours.

John Shiel Spinning Tackle Trophy

Awarded to the member for the outstanding catch caught on spinning tackle using the 2 to 12 lb. test line.

Paul Grippo Memorial Equalizer Trophy

Awarded to the child or grandchild (12 yrs. or under) of a Freeport Tuna Club member catching the largest Fluke and/or Bluefish of the season. New for 2006: the two divisions are West (Debs, Jones, Fire Island) and Global (anywhere in the world). One award for each species in each division.

Ed Keneske, Jr. Memorial Trophy

Awarded for outstanding service by a board member.

Benjamin Mikoleski Memorial Award

Awarded for the largest Flounder any port.

Bob Neuman Ventura II Memorial Trophy

Awarded for the largest Flounder, any child or grandchild under 18-Shark River to Jones Inlet.

Jack Kennedy Memorial Trophies - (Captain's Awards)

Largest Bluefish, Striped Bass, Tuna - Debs, Jones, Fire Island Inlet only. Awarded to the boat owner captain (non-commercial) on whose boat the largest of each species is caught. The owner must be aboard when the fish is caught. The largest Bluefish and Striped Bass must be weighed within 24 hours of sail. Tuna is exempt from the 24 hour rule. All fish must be weighed at an official weigh station.

Ed Schuh Memorial Trophies: Members Awards

Awarded to member angler catching the largest Fluke, Codfish, Weakfish, Blackfish or Sea Bass. There will be one award for each species. The fish must be caught on a boat sailing from Debs, Jones or Fire Island Inlet only and must be weighted within 24 hours.

The Jiggy Silber Memorial Global Club Trophies

Awarded to the member angler catching the largest Fluke, Codfish, Weakfish, Blackfish or SeaBass. There will be one award for each species. The fish may be caught anywhere in the world (New in 2006).

Ed Swanson Memorial Angler of the Year Award

Awarded to the angler sailing from any Long Island port who achieves the highest number of total points in a calendar year. Points are accumulated for the following species: Pelagic Sharks, Tuna, Bill Fish, Dolphin, False Albacore, Weakfish, Striped Bass, Fluke, Sea Bass, Blackfish, Bluefish, Cod and Flounder. Points are awarded for the 1st (5 pts.), 2nd (4 pts.), 3rd (3 pts.), 4th (2 pts.) and 5th (1 pt.) largest fish caught for each species.

John V. Festa Memorial Tagging Award

Awarded for most fish tagged and released.

The Barry Simon Memorial Captain's Award

Awarded to the captain who achieves the highest number of points for Cod, Blackfish and Sea Bass caught aboard his vessel. Points are awarded for the 1st (5 pts.), 2nd (4 pts.), 3rd (3 pts.), 4th (2pts.) and 5th (1pt.) largest fish caught for each species. A member captain may submit two weight slips for each species and must be aboard his vessel when the fish is caught. The boat must leave and return from Jones, Fire Island or Debs Inlet. The angler need not be a member.

The Anthony Testa Sr. Memorial Award

Awarded to the member angler catching the largest Fluke sailing from Jones Inlet only.
