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January is Bringing in the New Year

We're starting a new year in the fishing community here in the South East. The past year has seen a lot of great opportunities in the quest for salt water fishing. First was the winter runs Wahoo and Cobia, the Cobia are here right now with diver's sightings on all the Major wrecks in 80-110 feet of water. The Wahoo haven't really got started yet due to the elevated water temperatures that have continued through the month of December but January should bring the temperatures down and fire them up. The grouper, again affected by the warm weather did make a showing in the party grounds this fall the bite turning on and off with the cooler weather. Let's hope the bass and B-liners stay open all year in 2016, last year the Sea Bass were great all the way through into early summer and B-liners just tapered of a few months ago but the offshore bite has stayed strong all year. Dolphin season was interesting last year, the fishing was as hot and heavy as I can every remember seeing it with catches averaging over 20 per boat but it only lasted three weeks and the hot offshore bite was over.

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IT'S COMING!!!!

The El Cheapo Tournament is next month!
February 27, 2016 to be exact!

As you all know, this is the biggest fund raiser that the club puts on for the year. AND the most fun!

This year we need Volunteers for :

- Clubhouse & Grounds Clean-up - Saturday February 13th.
- Captain's Bag Stuffing - the evening of Feb. 18th, before the club meeting, about 5:00 pm
- Registration - the evening of Feb. 26nd. the Captain's meeting and the 26rd.
- Set-Up - Feb. 26th Friday starting at about 11:00AM
- Cooking - 2 full crews needed Feb. 27th all day.
- Serving - Feb. 27th. from about noon on.
- Fish Cleaning - Feb. 27th all afternoon.
- Trash - Feb. 27th all day.
- Tear-Down - Feb. 27th evening after the event.

There will be a meeting for all volunteers at the clubhouse on January 14, 2016

If you can volunteer and can't make the meeting, let me know.

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Life Jackets, Yeah, I know you don't wear one most of the time, but maybe you should consider wearing one at least while the boat is underway!

Or you could tie one of the below items to you to try to help keep you in the boat when it hits a wake, log or turtle you didn't see!



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I just hope we get a little more time with the big Finns this year.

The club has more than a few things going this month also, the planning for the EL-CHEAPO is in full swing and it's the 15th anniversary of the greatest fishing tournament in the world. Our first annual Sheepshead tune-up tournament is scheduled for the 9th of January so the first meeting has none other than Captain Kirk Waltz of Enterprise Charter Fishing to give us his insight to the 7 Stripe Bandits. The second meeting in January is the swap meet and we always have a great time at this event, anything and everything you need for inshore and offshore fishing can be found here at a great price. So bring your fish slips in for what we can still catch legally and see where they place on the boards.

Best Bets in January would be the Sea Bass as the schools of nice fish come into our waters and Wahoo on the Offshore side as the wolf packs show up. SEE YA AT THE CLUB HOUSE!!!



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Anyone can submit an article for the Reel News just send or give it to me at any time. I really like to feature PICTURES of club members with some good catches, especially pictures of kids. They get first priority. Either give me a hardcopy at a meeting or E-mail me your pictures at:
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Hypothermia

A recent incident in Indian River County is a reminder for everyone to wear their life jacket at all times, and especially, when under way. While underway on plane, the operator and passenger of a 10 foot jon boat were ejected after the vessel struck a submerged log and capsized. The passenger was found deceased when rescue personnel arrived on scene. The operator was able to swim to shore. Neither occupant was wearing a life jacket when they entered the water.

Starting next month as the cold weather moves into our area, we normally think more about staying warm when fishing in the cold, windy weather. Also, with the "El Cheapo" tournament scheduled for February 25, all Captains should be giving some thought to the prevention of hypothermia. Hypothermia can pose a problem for boaters anytime of the year, but should be of greater concern to all Captains as we approach colder weather.

Hypothermia occurs when the body loses heat faster than it can produce it. As a Captain, have you ever thought about what a life jacket has in common with a blanket relative to hypothermia and safety in boating? Both can save your life when you are facing a major killer in aquatic mishaps such as hypothermia. As a result, you should carry both of these items on your boat. A life jacket is a federal and state requirement, but a blanket is not. However, all boaters should carry a blanket on board.

A life jacket, obviously, will keep you afloat, but can also help ward off hypothermia by trapping warmed water between it and your body. A blanket can help prevent hypothermia by reducing body heat loss. Most boaters do not have a full understanding of hypothermia and how it can impact them. Most people think of hypothermia as "freezing to death" or frost bite. Hypothermia can kill a person at temperatures well above freezing.

Hypothermia occurs most rapidly when your body is immersed in cold water but may occur at anytime especially in windy situations if your clothing is wet. In water at 50 degrees, the predicted time for survival is 1.5 to 3 hours. It can also occur in water as warm as 80 degrees if you are exposed for a long period of time. For instance, in 70 to 80 degree water, a person may become exhausted or unconscious in as little as 2 to 12 hours with an expected time of survival of 3 plus hours.

If you should fall overboard with a life jacket on, do not exert yourself. Keep your arms at your side and your legs together to conserve heat.

If you find yourself in the water without a life jacket conserving heat is even more important since you will have to keep yourself afloat. Do not try to swim, but exert as little effort as possible to float until rescued. An individual who falls overboard without a life jacket has virtually no chance of conserving heat loss. In fact, many individuals, who fall overboard, seem to lose the ability to climb back on board or to hang onto some craft or object, since there is a progressive decline in muscle strength following immersion in cold water. However, if possible, get out of the water as heat loss is less to cold air than to cold water. Always try to get out of the water.

A person's body burns food to give it energy and maintain its temperature. When your body cools, blood moves from the surface area to the vital organs and you burn stored food to generate heat. Shivering is the first sign that your body is telling you that its temperature is below normal and action is required to correct the situation. If nothing is done, your body will begin a systematic shutdown. It is at this point; a blanket can be a lifesaver. A shivering person should be attended to immediately and dried if wet, removed from the wind and covered with a blanket and kept as warm as possible to conserve body heat.

If confronted with a hypothermic person, always remember that hypothermia is a serious medical problem. Make the person as comfortable as possible and seek medical help as soon as possible. If some distance from the shore, inform the Coast Guard by radio and they may send a medivac copter to remove the victim.

The best solution for hypothermia, however, is to prevent it by wearing protective gear, staying dry and out of the wind. Never go into a potentially hypothermic situation without having eaten a good meal and be aware that hypothermia can kill you. Exercise the necessary precautions to prevent hypothermia and continue to enjoy safe boating throughout the year.

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Fish Tales



The Fatal Scenario

When your body's core Temperature reaches:

96 Degrees Fahrenheit - Violent shivering begins.

95 Degrees Fahrenheit - Rational thought stops.

93.2 Degrees Fahrenheit - Consciousness becomes clouded.

92 Degrees Fahrenheit - Memory loss, hallucinating begins.

91.4 Degrees Fahrenheit - Shivering stops.

90 Degrees Fahrenheit - You become unconscious.

86 Degrees Fahrenheit - Death results from heart failure.

86 Degrees Fahrenheit is the ambient temperature of a fairly hot summer day. Our water off Jacksonville is rarely that warm!

It doesn't have to be freezing out to kill you!

SHEEPSHEAD RECORDS

- **EL CHEAPO SHEEPSHEAD TOURNAMENT RECORD:**
- 12.9#'s, 2/28/09, Shawn Parnell, Mayport, FL



- **FLORIDA STATE RECORD:**
- 15# 2oz., 1/29/81, Eugene Lechler, Homosassa Springs, FL



- **WORLD RECORD:**
- 21# 4oz., 4/92, Wayne Deselle, Bayou St. John, Louisiana



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Think safety and keep safety the number one priority when undertaking a boating / fishing trip.

- Always start with a full tank of fuel and an adequate oil level. Check your fuel level by knowing your boat's fuel consumption per hour and the time you have run. Never trust your fuel gauge.

- Always remember to shut off your engine while fueling and run the blowers on an inboard prior to restarting the engine.

- Make sure that all fill caps are clearly and properly marked. Ensure that fuel dock attendants are using the correct port. (no fuel in the rod holder or water tank, please).

- Check your bilge level and bilge pump before leaving the dock.

- Make sure the drain plug is in before launching.

- Maintain your battery (particularly fluid and connections) and buy a new one every five to seven years.

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- Always have a working VHF radio onboard and test it before you leave the dock.
- Ensure that your cell phone battery is fully charged. Cell phones are notoriously unreliable on the water. IF you are going to be more than about 5 miles offshore, Put your Phone in "Airplane Mode" or turn it off so it does not run the battery down searching for a cell tower.
- Remember to carry your life jackets, flares, first aid kit and fire extinguisher.
- Always carry an anchor and adequate chain and anchor rode.
- Always carry a chart of the area you are boating in and review it before each voyage.
- Always have a working manual Compass, Your GPS can die at any time!
- Remember to check the tides and weather forecast before the day of boating.
- Give your entire boat a quick look-over before leaving the dock. Check for anything that does not look normal.
- Remember to stow all fenders and lines while underway.
- For more safety information, you can visit the sea tow website: www.seatow.com.

Always file a Float plan and leave it with a responsible party.



FWC approves Atlantic gray triggerfish size, bag limit changes!

At its Nov. 18 meeting

in Panama City Beach, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) approved changes to the gray triggerfish size and bag limits in Atlantic state waters.

The approvals include:

- In Atlantic state waters: Changing the recreational and commercial minimum size limit from 14 to 12 inches fork length and creating a 10-fish recreational bag limit
- Statewide: Changing the sale and import size limit from 14 to 12 inches fork length

These changes went into effect on Saturday, Nov. 21, 2015

IT IS NEVER TO LATE TO BE A SPONSOR OF THE EL CHEAPO SHEEPSHEAD TOURNAMENT!

IF you know someone that you think you might be able to either donate to the Raffle, or step up to be a Prize Sponsor, twist their arm a little!

We really need some cool things to put in the Captain's buckets and Junior Angler bags, not just paper advertisements. Like last year **YETI** really stepped up and gave us **YETI** bottle openers for the bags, **Sea Tow** gave plastic cups, anything that advertises their company will do. It does NOT have to be fishing related. What do they get in return? LOTS of advertising.

Here are some stats to help:

- From January 1st to the day after the Tournament the jaxfish.com website had 5,537 new, unique (Not the same computer making return visits.) visits to the El Cheapo information page. (We have over 45,000 Unique hits per year.)
- The El Cheapo Sponsors page (Their Logo with a link to their site.) had 6,809 unique hits.
- The El Cheapo Prizes page had 1147 unique hits,
- The El Cheapo Registration page had 1500 hits!

Not to mention the thousands of pamphlets with sponsors names on them and Radio and news paper AND Magazine adds that lead people to their info.

We also list them on the outside of our Newsletter of which we publish over 4,500 throughout the year, to keep their name out in front of people!

Like I said, if you think you can get someone to donate, we have a letter and form for you to give them so that they can have records for their taxes.



If you are actually reading this, chances are you have not renewed your membership YET. I want to remind everyone that even if you don't come to all the club meetings, we still value your membership. Without you we could never put on the El Cheapo, support the Hook the Future Foundation, support the local Reef Building efforts to improve our fishing, (This use to be the club's main activity until the government required that the permits go to the City not a private organization, but we still help TISIRI a lot.) and we are fighting the Federal Gov. on their phony closures of our fishing. Every member we have gives our voice more power when we contact our representatives in Congress and the Senate.

If you haven't renewed by now and you had any fish on the Boards, they have come off as per the club By-Laws.

Remember there are all types of benefits to belonging to your club. Your Membership card is worth 10% to 15% off at various fishing and boating businesses around town. You can get two free meals a month just by coming to the meetings! You can learn valuable fishing information from our educational Seminars that our Guest Speakers give at the meetings. You have all kinds of friends with various Skills that you can call on for help with your boat or anything else. IF that skill is their business, you can get a great discount, if it is a talent, you can get some free help.

Please renew now! When you do, be sure to get your new membership card so you can get those discounts!

Membership in the JOSFC is well worth it, and you can't beat the value.



APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP (Renewal)

The JOSFC invites the participation of all area fishing enthusiast and is dedicated to conservation, preservation and fellowship with our membership.

NAME _____ HOME PH. _____
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 ADDRESS _____ CELL PH. _____
 CITY, STATE _____ ZIP _____
 E-MAIL _____ OCCUPATION _____
 BOAT NAME _____ MAKE _____ LENGTH _____

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(Husband, Wife, & Children under 16)

<input type="checkbox"/> Annual Associate Member\$100.00
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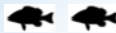

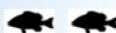

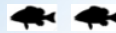
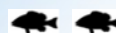


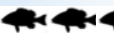
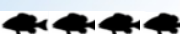




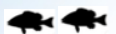
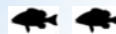

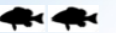




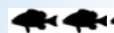
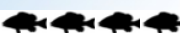


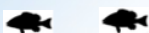





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<input type="checkbox"/> Application Fee \$25.00
(Applicable to NEW Members or if renewing over 6 months late)

Total Remittance |
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Signature _____ Date _____

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
<h1>January</h1>					1	2
						
3	4 Club Board Meeting	5	6	7 Club Meeting	8	9
						
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
						
17	18	19	20	21 Club Meeting	22	23
						
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
						
31	 <p>COMING EVENTS:</p> <p>Jan 7th - Club Meeting. Jan 4th - Board Meeting at Cracker Barrel (95 & JTB). Jan 21th - Club Meeting, Swap Meet. February 25th - 5:00 pm Captains Bag stuffing for El Cheapo. February 26th - 8:00AM All Day Set-up for the El Cheapo. February 27th All Day the EL Cheapo!</p>					
						



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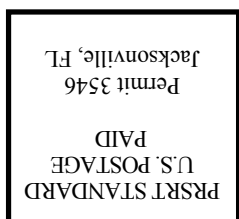
Tournament Schedule for 2016

Tournament	Month	Date	Alternate
			- All are on Saturday -
The River Tournament -	March	19	26 - Fishing Director
The Non-Live Tournament -	April	16	23 - Derek Seigel
The Unlimited Trolling Tournament -	May	7	14- Fishing Director
The May Trolling Tournament -	May	21	28 - Fishing Director
The Junior Angler Tournament -	June	11	26 - Steve Grant
The Kingfish Tune-Up Tournament -	June	18	July - 9 - Derek Seigel
The Ladies Tournament -	August	6	13 -- Fishing Director
The Light Tackle Tournament -	August	27	Sept. 3 - Alan Shepard
The Bottom Tournament -	September	17	--24 - Steve Kalatizs
Triple Challenge Tournament -	October	15	--22 - Alan Shepard

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