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The Reel News

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April a Month of Transition

Well spring is finally here, and the Dolphin are due to show up in force by the end of the month. This winter has been consistent with cold weather, but nothing down in the 20's, water temp's have already warmed up so this hopefully will provide some great rips and temperature breaks as the warmer water comes in from the south. That could set the target areas out in the deep water we didn't see a lot of last year, and should be excellent for the MAHI MAHI!! Look for the changes in water color or and smooth areas running north and south filled with flotsam, weeds and bait. They will hold dolphin, we had luck last year keeping somebody up front with a big spinning rod and sight casting to fish with live bait or a jig with a squid head. Once he hooked up the other fish would come out of the weed line to see what was going on and two or three of the trolling rods would get hit and the fun started.

Mahi Mayhem is always good for a laugh and even better if you hook up four fish and land them all! Just remember when your going deep make sure somebody on shore knows where you're headed and what time you plan on being back to shore. You can always file a trip float plan leave it with your wife or the marina so

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The 2016 Sailfish Pot Party will be held this year on May 7, 2016 at the Morocco Center on St. Johns Road, Starting at 6:00 PM.

Pay attention Guys, PLEASE pre-Register! Last year they had an unusually large number of people wait to pay at the door, and that threw the planning all off, so there were a lot of unhappy people that didn't get their steak dinner!

To aid in planning, send in your \$35.00 ASAP (It goes to \$40.00 after April 25th.) All Pre-registered patrons will be guaranteed dinner via a voucher obtained at check in.

This is a STAG event, and there will be lots of cussing, belching, and crude guy behavior, so no young boys.

The Sailfish Pot Party is NOT a JOSFC event. It is its own stand alone event where everyone that buys a ticket to it is entered in the POT. The first person to catch a Sailfish after the party wins the POT, (Lots of moola.) BUT THEY must put on the party for the next year!

There is also one gigantic Raffle to end the thing! Go to JAXFISH.COM the "GENERAL INFO" tab and click on the 2016 SAILFISH POT PARTY.PDF to get the registration form.



The Official Phone of the JOSFC and their El Cheapo Sheepshead Tournament

These are YOUR T-Mobile Stores

- 1177 Park Ave, Orange Park, FL 32073
- 809 Lomax St, Jacksonville, Fl 32205
- 1560 Business Center Drive, Fleming Island FL 32003
- 204 N. Orange Ave, Green Cove Springs FL 32043
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Nice to know Information

Speed:

- 1 Knot = 1.15 MPH
- 1 MPH = .87 Knot
- 1 Kilometer = .62137 Mile

Distance:

- Every second of delay in echo return = 200 Yards
- From 6 foot above the water the horizon is 2.5 Miles away.
- From 8 foot it is 3.25 Miles away.

Lightning:

5 seconds between Flash and Thunder = 1 Mile

Weight:

- 1 Gallon of Gasoline = 6.6 Pounds
- 1 Gallon of Saltwater = 8.55 Pounds
- 1 Gallon of Freshwater = 8.3 Pounds

Fish Weight Formula:

Girth in inches Squared, times length in Divided by 800 = Weight in Pounds.
 $G^2 \times L \div 800 = \text{Weight in Pounds}$

Distance:

Latitude / Longitude
 ab.cd.efg N
 ab.cd.efg W
 Approximate distance in miles - a = 600 Miles,
 b = 60 Miles, c = 10 Miles, d = 1 Mile, e = .1 Mile,
 f = .01 Mile, g = .001 Mile
 79.00.000 W to 81.00.000 W is actually 118 miles, but it figures out to 120 miles. b = 60 X 2 = 120



Wear these, they don't work in the cabin!

At least wear them while Underway!





THE ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET IN OCTOBER

This is a request for **YOUR** input!
Where should we have it? There are two choices:

#1 - The Captains Club - Like we had last year, and the Cost will be about \$25 / person, with a menu like - Chicken, Pork, Brisket, and sides.

#B - The Ramada Inn - Like we had in years past, and the cost will be about \$40 / Person with a big menu like - Chef Carved Prime Rib, Hot Steamed Crab Legs, Peel & Eat Shrimp, Garden Tossed Salad, Italian Pasta Salad, Chicken Marsala, Almond Crusted Pork Loin, Steamed Broccoli, Rice Pilaf, Au Gratin Potatoes, Steamed Vegetable Medley, Assorted Dessert Table - including Sugar Free Desserts, Rolls, Butter, Coffee and Tea.

There are some options for both locations, we can make either one a theme night, or have it as a more formal evening.

This is **YOUR** club, and we really want your input to decide where we will hold this event.

PLEASE E-mail me with your choice at breenw@bellsouth.net, or call me at 904-254-2791

We need to reserve either place as soon as possible so make your choice and let me know, ASAP!



OK Folks, Easter was last week, but Cassi Washington will put on the kids Easter Egg Hunt at 6:00 PM just before our April 7th meeting! When you arrive with the kids, please quickly usher them into the club house, and don't let them peek outside as Cassi & crew will be hiding the eggs around the club house grounds. She is still looking for some donations. To be specific, she would like sealed wrapped candy to put in the plastic eggs. (Last year the ants got into all the ones with chocolate.) She said that some more plastic eggs wouldn't hurt, you can pick some up at any dollar store. Just bring any donations to the club early on the 7th!

Loud Hailings

Newsletter Editor
Bill Breen



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, like these in this issue. Either give me a hardcopy at a meeting or or E-mail me your pictures at:

breenw@bellsouth.net

PH# 904-254-2791

Here is what you need to know for fishing the Atlantic off Jacksonville!

- Barracuda - 2 / day
- Black Drum - 14" to 24" 1 over 24" 5 / day
- Red Drum - 18" to 27" 2 / day
- Pompano - 11" Fork Length 6 / day
- Gag & Black - 24" TL (Total Length) - 1 / day
- Red, Scamp, Yellow Fin, & Yellow Mouth - 20" TL - 1 / day - Total of 3 Grouper / day
- Black Seabass - 10" - 5 / day
- Cobia - 33" FL (Fork Length) - 1 / day
- Dolphin (Mahi) 20" - 10 / day
- Kingfish - 24" FL - 2 / day
- Spanish Mackerel - 12" FL - 15 / day
- Gray Triggerfish - 12" FL - 10 / day
- Sheepshead - 12" 15 / day
- Spotted Sea Trout - 15" to 20" 1 over 20" 6 / day
- Weakfish - No sizelimit 100 pounds total
- B-Liners, (Vermilion Snapper) 12" TL - 5 / day
- Bluefish - 12" FL - 10 / day
- Flounder - 12" TL - 10 / day
- Greater Amberjack - 28" TL - 1 / day
- Tripletail - 15" TL - 2 / day
- African Pompano - 24" Fork L. - 2 / day
- Red Snapper - 20" TL - 2 / Day - FLORIDA WATERS ONLY (Within 3 Miles of shore!)
- Snappers - 10 / day aggregate
 - Mangrove - 10" State, 12" Federal
 - Lane - 8"
 - Mutton - 16"
 - Cubera - 12'

May possess no more than 2 Cubera Snapper over 30" per harvester or vessel per day, whichever is less. 30" or larger not included within the Snapper aggregate bag limit.

Check the Regs before each trip to make sure they haven't changed!

Don't forget that we have added TARPON to the Boards! They are a Catch & Release only fish, so catch it take a photo and measurements and send it on it's way!

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if you don't get back on time, someone starts the correct procedures for finding you. Check Top's Safety tips on the web site for more information.

The rumors of the March meeting from our "friends" at SAFMC gave us little hope, a new stock assessment is in the works and has established a new benchmark survey. All the inside information we have points to no changes in the rhetoric from the council and more misinformation from the "Science". The Red Snapper Biomass is less than when we started this and is continuing to drop; this couldn't be further from the truth. We need to get on the game again and call all our concerns to action, if the rumors are true from the council this is worse than when they first started. That means if we ever want to fish for Red Snapper again we need to put the pressure on, that pressure is what makes something happen and we need to keep the pressure on our congressmen and senators. I have a few letters we wrote in the beginning I'll edit and make some adjustments then get it out to Bill and Trina, get everyone you know to send it out to our senators and congressmen. Well that's what I have for you this month we are ready to go and the fish are biting so lets go and be safe!!

This is how I cook most of the fish I catch,
How do YOU prepare the different fish
YOU catch?

Quick, Easy and Tasty Fish Filets in a
Pan This works for Cobia also.

This recipe is for any white flesh fish.
(It will even make Tilapia taste great!)

Ingredients:

- 4 - 1/4 Lb or bigger Filets, skin
and bones removed.
- 1/4 - Cup Butter
- 1/4 - Cup White Wine a Chardoney
(Probably spelled wrong) is perfect for this.
- 1/2 - Teaspoon Rosemary
- 1/2 - Teaspoon Thyme
- 1/2 - Teaspoon Basil

How To:

Take the Fish out of the Refrigerator
30 minutes before cooking to allow to warm
to room temperature.

Melt the butter in a large frying pan, at
a medium heat. Then pour in the Wine. Add
the spices, crushing them between your
fingers as you add them, or grinding them
finely just before adding.

Stir everything briefly, then add the
filets. Cook for about 5 minutes per side, or
until white and easily flaked with a fork.

Add a side of your choice or serve over
rice!

Serve while still piping hot!!!

Just a reminder, in November or December
we hold a "Fishing Rules Meeting" to make any
changes to our fishing rules. As the year progresses
if you see anything you want changed, write it
down, as all suggested changes **MUST** be in written.

If anyone has any changes or suggestions to
the Fishing rules, please submit to Vice President
Patti Kalaitzis. I will be at the next Fishing Rules
meeting.



Look closely at this Photo. That is a bent,
OPEN snap Swivel that caught a really BIG fish and
they landed it like that!

Derek Seigle fishing on the Thelfini during
the River Tournament caught this 80.76 pound
Black Drum! The fish was revived and released in
good condition! That fish is as big as Amanda!



Safety, YOUR main goal!

Every time we go fishing, we face a whole myriad of dangers. Fish hooks, sharp Knives, lightning, we are sitting in a Fiberglass (Burns very well.) container full of VERY flammable gas, rough water, potential boat sinking, even Sunburn!

Are you prepared for any or all of these emergencies? You should be. Remember usually you are far from help, and even with the Navy's helicopters you can count on over an hour from injury to hospital!

Did you leave a Float Plan?

Do you give your passengers a safety tour before you leave the dock? Have you shown everyone how to run the boat in case you become incapacitated? How about how to call for help on the VHF? How to read the GPS to give your location?

Do you put your "Ditch Bag on deck? I know I have reminded you to get a BIGGER fire extinguisher (Or Two.). Are you Life jackets out so everyone can wear them while underway?

Do you have a heady duty wire cutter that can cut any hooks you might be using?

Do you ALWAYS put your knives in the holder so that the sharp part of the blade is against the bulkhead or where if someone falls they won't fall against it and cut them selves badly?

Did you teach your crew how to SAFELY handle the Gaff?

Is everyone wearing shoes so when you bring in that very toothy fish and it is flopping around on the deck they don't get a toe bitten badly, or a hook in the foot?

Do you carry extra Sun Screen for those passengers with CRS?

Is you First Aid kit handy and full of current supplies, NOT Expired ointment or empty because you used it last time and forgot to refill it?

Do you even carry an emergency locator beacon? For about \$200 you can have one on your boat, and isn't your life worth \$200?

Now how about your boat motor and trailer? When was the last time you changed the oil and had your Motor tuned up?



When was the last time you had your Trailer Wheel bearings repacked?

Do you have a good "Safety Chain" holding your boat to the trailer? Look what happens when you don't, Photo above.

When was the last time YOU checked all you Hoses and hose clamps to insure they were good and not cracked or rusted badly?

Are all you trailer and navigation lights working?











































On my 20 year old trailer I just found my Safety Chains were bolted to a totally rusted out brace under the hitch, and one blow with a hammer knocked them off! Apparently when they drilled the hole for the chains, they broke the galvanized seal on that brace so it rusted under the galvanizing.

Is the 'O' ring on your plug good?

Think of what can go wrong, and how to cope with it BEFORE you go out, and you should get back safe and sound!



Remember, NEVER approach the dock any faster than you want to RAM the dock!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
<h1>April</h1>					1	2
					 	 
3	4 Club Board Meeting	5	6	7 Club Meeting	8	9
 	 	 	  	   	  	  
10	11	12	13	14	15	16 Powder Non-Live Tournament
 	 	 	 	 	 	 
17	18	19	20	21 Club Meeting	22	23
 	 	 	  	  	   	  
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
  	 				 	 



- April 7th - Club Meeting
- April 4th - Club Board of Directors Meeting
- April 16th - The Non-Live Tournament
- April 21st - Club Meeting

**COMING
EVENTS:**

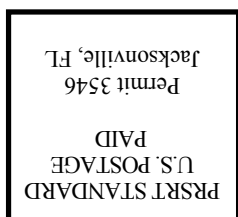
Tournament Schedule for 2016

Tournament	Month	Date	Alternate
		- All are on Saturday -	
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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