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# The Reel News

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## PRESIDENTS CASTINGS Capt. Paul Gallup

Well, May is now upon us and hopefully the cold is gone....for a while anyway's. April had some ups and downs for sure. We had 2 awesome speakers in Capt. George Strait and Capt Rick Ryals, the boat show was a success (thank you for

everybody that helped out), among many other things. For those of you who haven't heard, with some of the proceeds from the El Cheapo we as a club are giving back to the community. We will be giving to the Hook the Future Foundation, the City of Jacksonville for their reef projects and permits, Mayport Elementary for their marine science department, TISIRI, as well as the Recreational Fishing Alliance (RFA).

In all we, as a club, including you, are giving back over \$4000 back to the community. A couple of down notes, the non-live tournament had to be rescheduled, (guess Mother Nature didn't listen to our conversation from last month) but has been rescheduled on the make up date which is after I am writing this.

We also lost 2 recently, Life Member Dan Parker's Son, Dan Parker Jr. and Life Member Charlie Donovan. Unfortunately I did not know either one of these guys but it still want to send my and our condolences to both family's. Losing a love one is never easy but it is important to reflect on the good times that were spent. Coming up in May, we have the Unlimited Trolling Tournament (my personal favorite) and the May trolling tournament, The big difference is the distance you can travel from the jetties. If you fish either one of these tournaments please make sure your boat is in top working order.

On the fishing front, the dolphin are starting to show up in numbers and there's still a few wahoo and black fins to be had. Bottom fishing is good with lots of nice football bee liners and good triggers. The trick is to get your baits past the big sea bass. We spoke with Capt. George and he said that their the biggest he's seen in a while.

Until next time. Tight lines  
Captain Paul Gallup

## Loud Hailings

Newsletter Editor

Bill Breen

Our Program Director, says that if you have a suggestion for a guest speaker or know anyone he can trick into giving a talk at the club, be sure to give him their name so he can contact them. Lets help him out!

I really like to feature PICTURES of club members with some good catches. Either give me a hardcopy at a meeting (I will return it to you) or E-mail me your pictures at: [breenw@bellsouth.net](mailto:breenw@bellsouth.net) Ph. # 904-254-2791 Don't forget to include your name spelled correctly and the fish weight, and names of anyone in the Picture!

Anyone can submit an article for the Reel News just send or give it to me at any time.



## The Finances of JOSFC

JOSFC is financially solvent and the Board of Directors is working to keep it that way. Since many people don't know how we fund our activities I thought I'd give some insight into our current financial position.

Thanks to Frank Joura and all of member volunteers the major operating funds for the club come from the El Cheapo Sheepshead Tournament. This year's tournament gave the club a profit of \$26,000. It was important to the board that we ensured this money was managed to ensure the future of our club and to give back to the community.

In the past year we spent about \$12,000 outside of the funds we collected from membership and raffles to operate the club. That money covers our tournament expenses, awards to the board winners, shirts for the board members, newsletters, and various other operating expenses that come up throughout the year. We have been working to keep the budget for the meals to be covered by

the payment of dues for membership. The raffle is set up to be 100% self funded with some left over to be put back into the treasury. Our banquet is also setup up to be 100% self funded between the sale of tickets and raffle sales.

That being said we choose to take the \$26,000 and divide it up with \$12,000 left in the checking account, \$10,000 to savings and \$4,000 to be given back to the community.

A large portion of the \$10,000 that is going into savings is to be earmarked for a building fund. The building fund is being established to provide funds in the event that we have to do major renovation/replacement of our current building OR to contribute to the community if they build a permanent community club house. We now need your help to put together a building fund committee to put some structure on the goals and management of a building fund. If you are involved in the construction industry or want to have input into the management of this fund we welcome you to volunteer to help us establish this critical support team. Contact Paul Gallup if you're interested in becoming a member of the committee.

We are a non-profit organization and as such we need to continue to help fund community groups that support our goal of sustainable fishing environments and teaching the joy of fishing to young people. This year we have chosen to give the following donations to the community:

\$250 – RFA

\$500 – TSIRI

\$750 - Mayport Elementary Coastal Sciences

Academy

\$1000 – Jacksonville Waterways Commission – Artificial Reef subcommittee

\$1500 – Hook the Future (an additional \$280 was donated by El Cheapo participants)

Our cash position after these donations should be approximately:

Checking - \$17,000

Savings - \$13,500

You can find a current financial statement on our bulletin board at the beginning of each month. If there are questions on any of the club's financial operations please don't hesitate to ask Carol Hixenbaugh. You can contact her via email at [chixenbaugh@gmail.com](mailto:chixenbaugh@gmail.com) if you don't see her at the meetings.



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# Southeast US White Shark Encounter Database

## Background

White sharks, or “great whites,” are one of the most recognizable sharks in the public eye. Recent research has shown that white sharks migrate south to the waters off the southeastern US during winter months (Fig. 1).

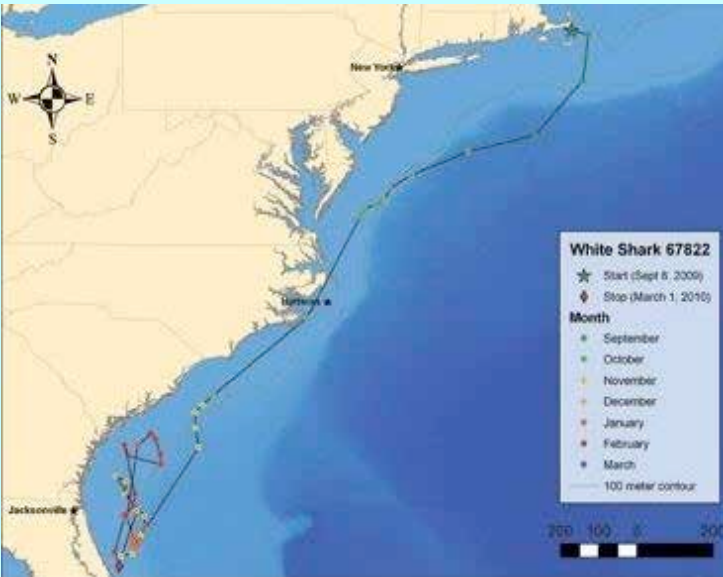


Fig. 1 – Southern migration of a white shark tagged in the north Atlantic in 2009 © MA Division of Marine Fisheries

## Objectives

This database was set up to record white shark sightings off the southeastern US. This will help researchers to:

- Document white shark movements and habits.
- Determine the when and how long white sharks are present.
- Identify hotspots

## White Shark Sightings

Each winter there are multiple reports of white shark sightings off the southeast US from fishermen, boaters, etc. Only recently have these sightings started to be documented and recorded (Fig. 2).

## How to report an encounter!

Go to [www.unf.edu/sharks](http://www.unf.edu/sharks) and follow the link for the White Shark Encounter Survey.

You can also download a copy of the survey to fill out. Completed surveys can be sent to:

SharkProgram@unf.edu  
 UNF Shark Biology Program  
 University of North Florida  
 1 UNF Dr.  
 Jacksonville, FL 32224



## What information to report?

Your report can help research efforts by providing the following information:

- Name, phone number, and email address
- Date, time, and location of encounter
- Size and behavior of white shark
- Your activity at the time of the encounter
- Information on distinguishing markings
- Reports of past encounters are welcome!

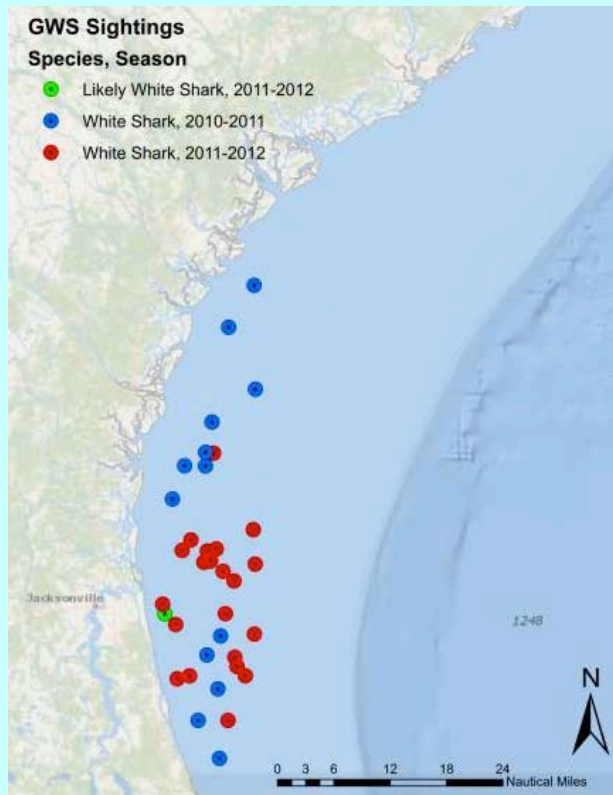


Fig. 2 – White shark sightings from 2010-2012. Sightings occurred from December – March



## Top's Tips Safety First

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### CONFRONTING THE UNEXPECTED

Whether in the river or offshore, as a boater you never know what unknown situation you may encounter that may require your immediate attention and positive action to prevent a possible loss of life. Just such a situation confronted Chuck and Rob Darner Saturday, April 6, while fishing near the little jetties on the South side of the Saint Johns River. Chuck and Rob had just cleared the area and were in the process of moving across the river to the intracoastal waterway and Sisters Creek when Rob spotted someone in the water.

Upon further investigation, they discovered four people in the water. The four young people had swamped their Grumman 17 foot aluminum canoe and were in the water with no life jackets on. Fortunately for these young people, luck was on their side as Chuck and Rob were able to rescue them from the water, prevent them from succumbing to hypothermia, take their canoe in tow and return them and the canoe back to the shore where they launched.

At this point, we should take a closer look at what these young people did wrong. First, they should never have been on the river in a 17 foot canoe in the first place because of the existing sea state of the river at that time. The junction of the river and intracoastal waterway is one of the most turbulent areas of the river. And, it was extra turbulent on this particular day. As the old cliché advises: "Know before you go". If the water is too rough for the size of your boat, do not go out.

Second; although the Grumman 17 foot aluminum canoe is certified to carry a total passenger weight of 660 pounds, that would be for normal calm water conditions and not for the rough and turbulent river/intracoastal junction area. Therefore, no matter what the weight was of each person in the canoe, it was obviously overloaded because of the water conditions at that time. A canoe of this size, with four people on board, could easily capsize or swamp in calm water. It, therefore, would be a real hazard in turbulent water like the junction of the river and intracoastal waterway.

Third; no one was wearing a life jacket, and from observations, it did not appear that any life jackets were

on board the vessel. Both Florida and Federal Law requires at least one life jacket for each person and a throwable on board any vessel 16 feet or longer.

Therefore, there should have been at least four life jackets and a throwable on board the canoe. There is always a risk that someone will fall overboard when a vessel is under way. For this reason life jackets should always be worn when under way and the throwable should be located near the helm. Chuck and Rob had difficulty with one person who wanted to leave the canoe and swim to Chuck's boat. However, they were able to convince her to remain with the canoe until they could affect the rescue.

Fortunately, this incident had a happy ending because Chuck and Rob were able to conduct a successful rescue, prevent hypothermia and return the individuals to the shore without any injuries and, or loss of boat. However, if this incident had happened offshore, the consequences could have been drastically different.

Since all of our future tournaments are offshore, I offer the following procedure to follow in case you come upon a similar situation with people in the water offshore with or without life jackets on and with or without a swamped boat. First; determine if all the persons in the water have a life jacket on. If not, pass a life jacket to each person and insist that they put it on before you attempt to bring them on board your boat. Insist they put a life jacket on because it is possible they may go into a hypothermic state, lose consciousness and slip under the water while waiting to be taken aboard your boat. Also, the greatest heat loss from a body is from the head. Therefore, after all have life jackets on, see if you can find any head covering that can be used by the individuals in the water to conserve heat while they wait to be rescued from the water.

Second; determine how many persons were on their vessel so you will know if any are still missing. Then hit your man overboard button or otherwise mark your position on your GPS and note the time of day. This information will be extremely important to the Coast Guard if one or more persons is missing and they have to institute a search. The Coast Guard will use the information along with set and drift to calculate where a missing person may be at any given time. They then would plan their search accordingly.

Third; call the Coast Guard and give them all the basic information if a search is required. If no search is required, proceed with recovery of the persons from the water and then advise the Coast Guard of the incident after all the persons have been recovered from the water.

Confronting Message Continued

You can give the Coast Guard a status report at that time. If your vessel has a swim platform or boarding ladder, and the person still has the energy to climb the ladder by themselves, maneuver your vessel so that the platform or boarding ladder is near the person in the water.

**IMPORTANT:** At this point, turn off your engine before a person is allowed to approach the platform or ladder because the prop can continue to rotate even though the engine is in neutral. Many persons have suffered prop injuries in the boarding process from a prop that has continued to spin, although slowly, even with the engine in neutral. If you do not have a ladder, you can make a step by tying a loop in a line with a bowland knot and then tie the other end to a cleat on the opposite side of the boat.

If the person has been in the water for a prolonged period he or she will not have the stamina to pull themselves on board. Here, again, is a situation that calls for common sense. If you can assist them to climb on board, do so. However, if they can exert no physical effort to board the boat, and if you have a two person crew, turn them to face away from the boat, each person put one hand under each arm pit of the victim and lift up to sit on the gunwale and then lift on board.

If the above does not work, try running a line under one armpit across the chest and back under the other armpit. Tie it in the back with a square knot and lift the victim out of the water. Use the natural roll of your boat to assist you in whatever method you use. Once the victim is in the boat, take whatever action you can to dry, cover and keep them warm to prevent hypothermia and seek immediate medical help. If alone and you cannot get the person in the boat, call the Coast Guard and ask for assistance.

Hopefully, you never have to use these techniques. However, it is better to always be prepared.

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Fish Tales



Remember to shop at our sponsors and support them as often as you can,



Brian Kiel and family had a great Spring Break in Cedar Key. They found the Trout were very hungry inshore, and just off shore they found the Sheepshead were on fire.

That is Casey Kiel holding up a couple of really good looking Sheepshead, and proof that the Sheepshead were really biting down there!





Really Tom?!

I don't think that she believes you that the B-Liner was THAT big!



*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!*



## THE FOURTH ANNUAL GATE JACKSONVILLE FISHING RODEO

Fresh and saltwater anglers of all types are encouraged to save the date for the Fourth Annual GATE Jacksonville Fishing Rodeo benefitting The St. Johns River Alliance scheduled for Thursday, June 6 through Sunday, June 9 at the Metropolitan Park Marina, 1410 Gator Bowl Blvd.

### Registration and Fees:

Promoted by GATE and the Southern Kingfish Association, tickets for this exciting tournament go on sale Wednesday, May 1 and run through Thursday, June 6 at GATE convenience stores throughout Northeast Florida and Southeast Georgia (Store locations: [www.jacksonvilleroдео.com/roдео/tickets](http://www.jacksonvilleroдео.com/roдео/tickets)) and Strike Zone Fishing, 11702 Beach Blvd. Registration will also be available at the tournament site Thursday, June 6.



The JOSFC Booth at the "On the water" Boat show April 2013. From Left to right, Nick Carlevato, Terri Breen, finally Bill Breen.

Thanks to the many volunteers we kept the booth manned all 3 days, and had a good time. We even picked up some good new members for our efforts!

The JOSFC was well represented at this show, as all day Saturday and Sunday, our own captain Chris Rooney gave rigging seminars at a separate booth.

Friday it was sunny and hot, but then Saturday the weather was fantastic, and the rain hit late night Saturday, and was gone for most of Sunday.



Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat		
May		1	2 Club Meeting	3	4 Unlimited Trolling Tournament			
		5	6 Board Meeting	7	8	9	10	11
		12	13	14	15	16 Club Meeting	17	18 May Trolling Tournament
		19	20	21	22	23	24 Happy Birthday Frank Joura!	25
		26	27	28	29	30	31	

**Coming Events:**

- May 4th - Unlimited trolling Tournament.
- May 18th - May Trolling Tournament.
- May 24th - Frank Joura's Birthday!!!!
- June - 6th through 9th - Fourth Annual GATE Jacksonville fishing Rodeo.



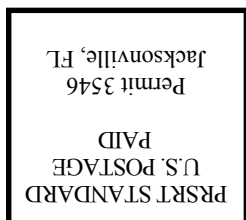
**Tournament Schedule for 2013**

Tournament	Month	-Date / Alternate
	Saturday	Sunday
The Unlimited Trolling Tournament -	May	4 - 12
The May Trolling Tournament -	May	18 - 26
The Junior Angler Tournament -	June	16 / 23 - Paul Gallup
The Kingfish Tune-Up Tournament -	June	30 - Dale Shelton
Kingfish Weather Date	July	6
The Powder Puff Tournament -	August	11 / 18 - Laura Ogin
The Light Tackle Tournament -	August	24 - Alan Shepard
Light Tackle Weather Date	September	1
The Bottom Tournament -	September	7 - 15 - Jack Ogin

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