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PRESIDENTS CAST NET

Chris Rooney

June Marks the 57th Birthday of the JOSFC

This is the Month we've been waiting for, the Jacksonville Offshore Sport Fishing Club is 57 years old and were going to celebrate that milestone at the first meeting in June. Thursday the 2nd of June will be a special night, the club will be welcoming all the previous Presidents and hopefully they will all come out and help us celebrate Presidents night. I think the Hospitality Director will get some help with the dinner and we'll put out a low country boil the like of which you haven't seen before. This is always a special night for the club and I bet if we try some of the stories will surface that remind us why we work so hard to insure the legacy of the JOSFC continues.

As for the fishing this month it's really starting to heat up, hopefully the big kings are on the beach for the start of the kingfish season. There have been a lot of Pogies around

and the Manta Rays showed up this year but so far the Cobia have been scarce on the beach. They have been on the wrecks this year, continually moving toward the beach so when you see this they may be the talk of the town.

The 11th is our Jr. Angler Tournament and it's really looking like a good one is on the way. All the Captains need to remember this is a participation tournament, all participating Captains get 10 points toward "Captain of the Year". That becomes hard to make up as the year goes on and it's a close race this year to be sure. The meeting on Thursday the 16th is for the kids so it will be hot dogs and hamburgers and of course ice cream for desert.

Well between the President night and the Jr. Anglers the month of June promises to be a great month lets all of us enjoy the month and take a kid fishing. I'll always remember the kid with the poster during the Sheepshead tournament that said, "LOOK MOM FISHING THE ROCKS NOT PLAYING THE X-BOX. THANKS JOSFC!"



**DOWN AT THE DOCK FISHING DERBY
JULY 13, 2016
Calling all JOSFC Volunteers!**



For the third year in a row JOSFC has been asked to sponsor and support the Down on the Dock Tournament. As most of you know I was

approached by Chuck Darner and Roger Walker and ask if JOSFC would be willing to offer our services to the Greater Jacksonville Kingfish Association when I was President. This year Steve Thompson the Chairman for the GJKA approached me and asked for our support once again. I am asking all members who have in the past if you would be willing to give 2 hours of your time to support our local Northeast Fl Down Syndrome Association.

A little background on what it is we do. On July 13th from 1 to 3 (time may change) JOSFC volunteers help rig baits, take fish off the hooks and help with the weighing of the fish. This is fun event that will put smiles on your face. Over the last 2 years the biggest event was last year when one of the children caught a blue crab. The delight and excitement of them catching something other than a fish put a smile on everyone's face. The saddest part of the day was saying goodbye to them as they all wanted to stay. One little girl was in tears and refused to leave and sat down in protest. Several of our members went to her and promised her that we would make sure that she can come back this year. She got up and left holding her pole tightly to her after we cut the hook off with a smile knowing she would return (pictured above.) For many of these participants it is the only time that they hold a fishing pole and actually fish.



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



IF you don't read this and write letters to your Congress Representative and Senator, you might as well sell your boat!

This information is from the March issue of the "Saltwater Sportsman" magazine.

While we are all in the same boat, Commercial and Sport Fisherman, we need to work together, not let NOAA have us fighting between ourselves. NOAA and their SAMFC (South Atlantic Marine Fisheries Council) and GMFC (Gulf Marine Fisheries Council) have been run by the COMMERCIAL and anti-fishing interest, NOT Economics as mandated by the Magnuson-Stevens Act. Here are some of the FACTS.

Commercial fishing for 2014 had a total value of \$ 5.4 Billion dollars. That is from the Pacific Coast, (Alaska) Gulf of Mexico, and Atlantic Coast combined.

5.4 BILLION DOLLARS! That is NOTHING compared to the VALUE of Recreational Fishing!

Recreational fishing had a total value of \$23.4 Billion + Dollars!

That is almost 5 times the value of Commercial fishing!

The NOAA report touted the success of COMMERCIAL fisheries with the top 5 high value commercial species being:

- Crabs = \$686 Million
- Shrimp = \$681 Million
- Lobster = \$625 Million
- Salmon = \$617 Million
- Scallops = \$428 Million

That is impressive, and NOAA touted that as an example of their success from their regulations.

You had to dig deep into the report to find the Recreational fishing stats, but here they are, and should be front page in EVERY publication in the country!

10.4 million Anglers took 68 Million trips in 2014, and they caught 392 Million Fish!

10 Million anglers, 4 million fish That means 6 Million Anglers got skunked!

Of that 392 million fish caught, 60% of those fish were released! The total harvest was estimated at 155 Million fish, weighing 186 Million Pounds. (Someone, and YOU know who you are, are catching an awful lot of little fish!) ;-)

Notice that there is NO economic value placed on the Recreational Fishing. It is just not in their report. However if you dig deep in the NOAA site you can find that a 2011 study showed the economic value of recreational fishing is placed at \$23.4 Billion dollars, if adjusted to 2015 dollars it would be even MORE!

NOAA is ignoring the laws as the Magnuson-Stevens Act states that the reason for the law is to "Maximize the value to the Nation of our resources."

The Recreational Fishery creates many times the economic impact of the Commercial Fishery, but it does so with approximately 3% of the finfish resource, yet we get NO economic impact coverage in the 2014 NOAA report to the Congress and people of this country!

For the greater Jacksonville area, (That is the Florida Georgia border, to the South City limits of St. Augustine, in a loop back around the city of Jacksonville.) the economic impact of Saltwater Recreational fishing is over \$600 Million dollars EVERY YEAR! Each and every year we bring in over \$600 Million dollars to the local economy of the Jacksonville area! Year after Year after Year!

That is more than the Super Bowl brought in and the city does not spend much on improving or maintaining the infrastructure that we use, we are a vital asset to the Jacksonville economy.

The SAMFC has decided that this year will NOT have a Red Snapper season! The reason The stock is recovering too well, so we are catching too many that we have to throw back, and with their made up (* PROVEN to be totally wrong by a Past President of the GMFC.) mortality rate (90%) of released fish, we are killing too many, so we can't have a season this year to off set the fish we "Killed by throwing them back."

We can NOT let them get away with this!

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Every one of us really needs to write the Mayor and each City Council member with this information, and we need to write your State and US Congress person and Senators, and our Governor and have them abolish the NOAA's Marine fisheries Councils.

For over 30 years they have done nothing except hurt fishing and the economics of this country with their rules based on POLITICS not science.

(* "Shipp chartered the Lady Ann out of Dauphin Island on Aug. 6, 2009 for one of his regular snapper research cruises. On each trip, he tags and releases hundreds of snapper from both public and secret artificial reefs off Alabama. On this cruise, he said, the goal was to sample several popular public reefs to see if they had been "fished out" during the 70-day snapper season.

The answer, Shipp said, was a resounding no.

While several hundred legal-sized snapper, including some up to 15 pounds, came aboard the boat, only one legal triggerfish and no legal grouper were caught. Eleven tagged fish were recaptured, including several that had been tagged just nine days before, **proving the fish recover quickly from being caught, Shipp said.**"



How is this for a beautiful Mahi Mahi? Frank Joura said: I caught it Saturday. 30#'s even, fishing with Caroline on my buddy Ken Wright's boat "Wright On".

Below the Angler is Andy Padzer with his 22.5 Pound Bull.



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I know that some of you getting this Newsletter are no longer members, but like to keep up on what the club is doing.

How about renewing your membership to help the club out with our "Numbers" when we fight the SAMFC. **Renew now**, You can also come out and have fun with the club! We are getting more fun activities like helping the GJKT put on the "Down at the Dock" fishing day for the Down's Syndrome kids of Jax just before the GJKT Tournament! **We really need your help to have the numbers to add some weight to our letters to Congress.** You can renew at any club meeting, cash, check or credit card, or at the club website,

www.jaxfish.com

Just go to the "About" tab and down to "JOSFC Membership" and over and down to Existing Members Renewal, fill out the form and go to PayPal to pay your dues! **(It is still ONLY \$40 individual / or \$50 Family / YEAR.)**

IF you like to fish off Jacksonville, you should be a member of the JOSFC, even if you can't make most of the meetings, because we are fighting for your right to fish! Tell or bring your buddies to a meeting and get them to join!



Greater Jacksonville
KINGFISH TOURNAMENT
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Next month is the GJKT, and a lot of us both fish the tournament as well as help out there!

**This year Tournament week is
July 18 - 23, 2016**

This year they have gone back to the good format where the BIG fish wins! Catch the biggest King on day 1, and nothing on day 2, you still win. Catch the smallest or any small King on day 1 or no King, you still get to fish day 2 and have your chance to catch the biggest King then!

First place is a Contender with a Yamaha 250 Four stroke engine on a trailer with a custom 'T' Top by Pelagic Fab!

They have a "Single Engine Class: Top 5 Largest & Top 5 Agg! A Lady Angler Division, and a Redfish Tournament on July 16th with it's own Kayak division!

There is also a Kids dock Tournament on Saturday July 23rd from 1:30 Pm to 3:00 Pm!





That is our own Steve Kalaitzis with a beautiful 9 Pound Queen Triggerfish. Club members, FYI - Steve is a Licensed Contractor and his business is:

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Bill Breen
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I am looking for PICTURES of club members with local catches, to use in our newsletter. If you have a good photo PLEASE E-mail it or give it to me at a meeting. I will Scan it and return it to you undamaged. Don't forget to include a piece of paper with your name address, and the information on the catch, size or weight, and when. You can even include your numbers where caught, I won't tell anyone else, I promise! ;-)
Cross my heart and hope to catch your fish!

Just a reminder, ANYONE and everyone can submit something, a good story, joke, or you can also submit photos to be included in our Newsletter. Just get your article and or pictures to me by the 18th of the month, to be in the next months newsletter. Just hand me a copy at any meeting, or E-mail it to me at : breenw@bellsouth.net

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat			
<h1>June</h1>			1	2 Club Meeting Club Birthday Party / Past Presidents day	3	4			
			5	6 Board Meeting	7	8	9	10	11 The Junior Angler Tournament
			12	13	14	15	16 Club Meeting	17	18 The Kingfish Tune-Up Tournament
			19	20	21	22	23	24	25
			26	27	28	29	30		



**COMING
EVENTS:**

- June 2 - Club Birthday Party / Meeting
- June 6 - Board Meeting
- June 11 - Junior Angler Tournament
- June 16 - Club Meeting
- June 18 - Kingfish Tune-Up Tournament
- October 22nd - Awards Banquet

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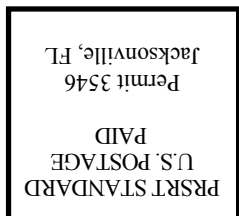
Tournament Schedule for 2016

Tournament	-	-	Month	-	—	/	Alternate
							- All are on Saturday -
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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