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## PRESIDENTS CAST NET

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### Coming to the End of the Season

The end of our regular season is at hand the Banquet is next month and who can wait to see the prizes and raffle table this year. I know I'm looking forward to the festivities, including spending some quality time with the women who put up with my fishing this year during the tournament season. How quick we forget our chores and the lovely lady who makes our lunch or we call and gets ice or brings the boat soap we forgot so the boat gets clean. This year we're trying a new venue for the banquet but South in your Mouth will still be doing the cooking. Cocktail hour will start at 6:00 PM with diner at 7:00 PM and the fun will last until were all ready to hit the bricks.

The fishing season ends with the second meeting in September, by the rules if you don't have your fish slip filled out at 8:30 for the normal boards say good bye until the boards open back up at 0001 the following day for the 2017 fishing year.

We do have an exception to the rules this year though, the "Bottom Tournament" is scheduled for Saturday the 17th after our meeting on Thursday. The fish caught during through the end of the tournament will count for this year's boards. You will have to weigh you fish that day at the weigh-in or at the latest have your fish slip in for anything caught between Thursday and Saturday at the tournament end. The boards are close contests this year and the competition is brutal, the gentleman and lady who win angler of the year this year will have earned it. The rest of the boards are also down to the wire so get out there and fish, they are still up for grabs. Also during September we will be looking for people who are ready to step up and help run the club for another year. It's really rewarding to be part of the traditions and values we work hard to extend out to our fishing community.

On a less pleasant note we are still on the defensive for the fight trying to keep our rights to fish the waters of N.E. Florida. Our efforts have been heard the SAFMC increased the bag limit for Black Sea Bass to 7 with a minimum size of 13 inches. Don't let this fool you though remember we didn't get a snapper season this year because we caught so many Red Snapper as by catch our estimated dead

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discards exceeded the Annual Catch Limit. The SAFMC is continuing to change the rules around working toward the goals of regulating us off the water. Stand up and shout, call your congressman, call your representative, send the e-mails, send the letters and anything else you can think of because they really want to stop all fishing in N.E. Florida. Until they do get out there and enjoy the fishing while we still have the opportunity.

Tight Lines!!

Captain Chris Rooney JOSFC President

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I bet you are wondering what this picture is about. It is about a time honored tradition of the JOSFC. You will have to turn to page 4 for the rest of the story!



Now that Mrs. K is one big Bonita! Patti Kalaitzis is tying very hard to win the Ladies Board this year, and with catches like that she has a very good chance of being our Lady Angler of the year!



# Very Important Officers and Board

Once more it is time to give all you members a chance to step up and help run your club. At our next meeting we will have the "Nominations for Officers and Board Members"

To run for President you must have served on the board for 2 years, other than that there are no restrictions!

PLEASE! consider running for office.

**Currently we have been running this year with one Board Member short because we couldn't get any one to commit to serving.** The empty position is one that only has you work during the end of the year, Trophies & Awards. Currently Tom Ruggles has stepped up to do that position in addition to his Special Events position.

It really does not take that much time, one Board meeting at the Cracker Barrel Restaurant at Hwy 95 & The JTB, on the first Monday of the month, then attend most of the meetings. In your position you might have to make some phone calls, or order the trophies, or keep track of the fish slips and boards, but in all it is NOT a lot of work. Well Hospitality is probably the most time demanding as you have to get the food and feed about 100 people twice a month, but you can get your own committee to help you.

The board positions are assigned by the President, so you basically don't get to run for a particular position, but the president usually tries to put you where you think you will be most effective.

This club has been here for 57 years, teaching our youngsters to fish and love the outdoors. We really need to keep it running and fighting the SAMFC's attempts to close all fishing!

## 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 - 13" - 7 / 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 sizenlimit 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!



This is Tom Ruggles going swimming, or more correctly being thrown in the river! August 18, 2016 for catching his FIRST Sailfish as a JOSFC member! To earn your Sailfish Pin after catching your first Sailfish as a JOSFC member you have to get thrown in the river! A tradition that we joyfully do at the start of a meeting so everyone gets to participate and enjoy the "FUN"!



**Oh Good Tom can swim!**

**We didn't have to throw the life ring!**



During the short swim back to the ramp, **SOMEONE** was thinking of Tom and didn't want him to stub his toe on the cement, ramp, so they threw him his shoes. As Tom was all wet, they also tossed him his towel so he would have it to dry off when he got out of the water!

That was very thoughtful of you Tom Cavin, Tom Ruggles is lucky to have such good, thoughtful friends!

## What does the SAMFC require in the way of equipment?

If you are stopped by the authorities, ( It does not make any difference who, they are all **REQUIRED** to enforce SAMFC rules. ) you are required to have the following equipment on board and handy.

- 1 - A venting tool or a barrotruma return tool to return a bloated fish to the depths.
- 2 - A De-Hooking tool to remove the hook.
- 3 - Circle hooks, NOT Stainless Steel, and non-offset.

I strongly recommend that you go to [safmc.net](http://safmc.net) before every trip, as they are constantly changing their rules and inventing new reasons to close fishing. The Florida FWC can't even keep up with the changes and you are safer to have the latest regs printed out and with you to show them.

### How about a page for the Kids?

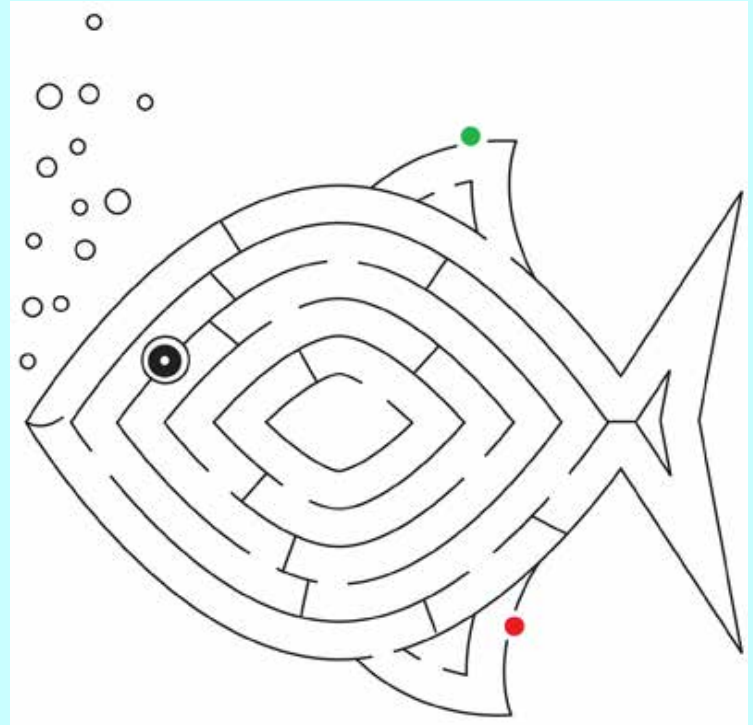
As I acquire kid friendly fishing fun, I will occasionally have a page just for the kids. Here is my first try at it.

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 MAHI  
 MARLIN  
 POMPANO  
 REDFISH  
 SHARK  
 SNAPPER  
 WAHOO

**Diner:** Waiter, waiter, what's wrong with this fish?  
**Waiter:** Long time no sea, sir.

How do you make an Octopus laugh?  
 With ten-tickles!



How do you keep a fish from smelling?  
 Cut off his nose.

Where does a fish keep his money?  
 In the river bank.

What is the fastest fish in the sea?  
 The one that got away.

Why did the fish blush?  
 Because he saw the boat's bottom.

**Man:** Is this river any good for fish?  
**Fisherman:** It must be. I can't get any of them to leave it!



# Gary Newman

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In every Newsletter I strongly suggest that you wear your Life Jacket at least while your boat is underway.

Here are some other safety things that you should consider.

Is your Fire extinguisher current? Do you have a big enough one, or more than one?

How about a "Ditch Bag" is it properly stocked, and sitting out where it is handy?

First aid kit current, plenty of fresh Hydrogen Peroxide to clean wounds?



## Loud Hailings

Bill Breen  
Newsletter  
Editor

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](mailto:breenw@bellsouth.net)***







The 2017 El Cheapo Sheepshead Tournament is already being worked on so we really would

like members to work on trying to get Raffle Prizes for it. They do Not have to be fishing related. We have had Jewelry, Trips to the mountains, Day Spas, Appliances, TV's, Paintings, Sculptures, ANYTHING you can get donated.

If you want our Sponsors request letter, Just

E-mail me and I will send you a copy to print out.  
Bill Breen

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
September				1 CLUB MEETING Nominations for Board & Officers 	2	3
			4	5 Board Meeting 	6	7
11	12	13	14	15 Club Meeting & Club Candidate speeches 	16	17 The Bottom Tournament 
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	1



## Coming Events

- September 1 - Club Meeting & Nominations for Club Officers & Board
- September 5 - Board Meeting
- September 15 - Club Meeting & Club Candidate speeches
- September 17 - The Bottom Tournament
- October 22 - The Annual Awards Banquet - See Club Board for Tickets.

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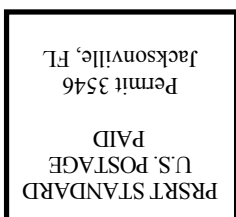
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