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# The Reel News



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## Merry Christmas



*Here is wishing you Tight Lines and Smooth Waters, for all of you, from your crew at the Jacksonville Offshore Sport Fishing Club !*



# PRESIDENTS CAST NET

Captain Chris  
Rooney

## Merry Christmas!

Well it is December, the end of another year, and there are still fish out there waiting for us to catch. December is a good month for the Legacy of the club, our Christmas party celebrates the end of the year with a visit from old Chris Cringle himself. The Lure Tree will be loaded with everything from a Mister Big to a TBS jig, and some lucky angler will go home with enough lures to fill a new tackle bag. The Wahoo are on the break. All we need is a break in the weather to be able to get out and capture a few.



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# THE EL CHEAPO IS COMING! THE EL CHEAPO IS COMING! THE EL CHEAPO IS COMING!!!

### KNOW ANYONE WHO WANTS TO BE A SPONSOR?

The El Cheapo is the major fundraiser for our organization for the year. Through the tremendous support of our sponsors, this tournament has become the "Largest Sheepshead Tournament in the World" and one of the largest fishing tournaments in the United States! Over the past several years, the tournament has grown to over 2000 visitors at the tournament site with over 400 + participating fishing teams at the 2 day event. The Junior Angler Division and Ladies Division features over 150 kids participating. The appeal of a family friendly low cost tournament has created a huge following of participants and supporters. We have received extensive positive regional and statewide media coverage, as well as internet exposure that extends far beyond the local fishing community.

There are 5 levels of sponsorship that drive this event:

- Presenting Sponsors; 3 boat, motor and trailer packages, then cash for a total of 15 prizes.
- Junior Angler Sponsors; 15 prize items and cash of any amount specifically earmarked for the Junior Angler Division.
- Platinum level; over \$500.00 in cash, merchandise, or equivalent value.
- Gold level; \$250.00-\$500.00 in cash, merchandise, or equivalent value.
- Silver level; under \$250.00 in cash, merchandise, or equivalent value.

Rob Darner

El Cheapo Tournament Director



*This is the season for fishing for Wahoo, so I thought this would be a good time to give you this information.*

**Kingdom** - Animalia  
**Phylum** - Chordata  
**Class** - Osteichthyes  
**Order** - Perciformes  
**Family** - Scombridae  
**Genus** - Acanthocybium  
**Species** - Solandri

**Common Name** - **Wahoo**

I will attempt to tell you everything that science and expert fishermen know about Wahoo except how to actually catch one.

Here are some facts to start with. The Wahoo is a member of the Family - Scombridae, which includes both the Mackerel and Tuna. World wide there is only one "Species" of Wahoo, they are the same fish no matter where you go. Fish tagged in the Gulf have been caught off the Carolina's.

They mature between 1 and 2 years of age, and live an average of 5 to 6 years. They grow quickly from fry 1" long to about 30" in the first year, then they grow at about 1.2" to 1.5" per month. Their max length is about 98" long with the average being 39" to 66".

They are one of the fastest fish in the ocean, with an estimated speed of 60 plus MPH!. (Remember this for later.)

The world rod & reel record, Caught off the Pacific coast of Mexico is 158 pounds 8 oz. The Florida record caught off Marathon in 1960 is 139 pounds.

Wahoo like warm water, with a lower avoidance temperature of 65 degrees F. And a preferred range of 68 to 80 degrees and an upper avoidance temperature of 88 degrees F.

Unlike that of most mackerels, wahoo flesh is white and delightfully flavored. It's still a good idea to remove the dark lateral line from the steaks.

Wahoo are far more structure-oriented than you may think, especially with regard to big fish. The rocky perimeter of the continental shelf off northeast Florida is a prime example. You will catch more fish staying on the ledge than on a good temperature break just a mile further out.

Here is a new finding, depth of presentation is not necessarily the key to catching Wahoo. Far more important, it seems, is speed. About 18 knots to be more specific. Use weights to keep the lures in the water, the fish will sense and see the lure coming and come up to it.

The best bite is at first light, right at daybreak when you can just barely see your lures in the water, until around 9 o'clock. Then it gets good again late in the day, around sunset. It's also good on an afternoon tide change.

Wahoo are rarely alone. They travel in packs along color changes and dropoffs, no matter where you're fishing. If you catch a wahoo on a color change or weedline in 200 to 500 feet of water, circle back around and there's a good chance you'll catch another one.

Finally another great tactic is to shut off your engines and let the fish come to you. Use weights or downriggers to put live baits at 100 to 200 feet, and chum as you drift.

### ***Try this Wahoo, Bananas & Dark Rum***

Prep Time:: Less than 15 minutes

Cook Time: Less than 15 minutes

Cooking Method: Sauted

Meal Type: Entree

Main Fish: Wahoo

Ingredients

- \* 6 wahoo fillets (about 6 oz. each)
- \* 1 tsp. salt
- \* 1/2 tsp. pepper
- \* 4 tbsp. flour
- \* 4 tbsp. unsalted butter (1/4 cup)
- \* 1/4 cup Black rum
- \* 3 large or 6 small bananas - sliced lengthwise
- \* 2 tbsp. minced parsely
- \* orange slices - halved

Directions

Mix the salt and pepper with the flour and dredge the fillets in the mixutre. Shake off excess. Melt the butter in a saute pan and just as it starts to foam, add the fish, cooking both sides until just cooked.

Removed from pan and keep warm. Add the remaining butter to the pan, then the bananas and saute for 2 minutes.

Add the dark rum and ignite. Flambe for 2 minutes or until the flames die down. Pour over the fish. Garnish with banana slices, parsley and halved orange slices.

Serve with boiled rice and steamed vegetables.



YES. THAT IS DEREK SIEGEL WITH HIS FIRST ( AFTER YEARS OF TRYING. ) SAILFISH! AND. YES WE GOT TO THROW DEREK IN THE RIVER AT THE NOVEMBER 17TH MEETING SO HE EARNED HIS SAILFISH PIN! BOY IT SURE TOOK YOU LONG ENOUGH DEREK!



That is Byron Darner with his 23.1 Pound Blackfin Tuna that he caught on Grandpaw Darner's Boat at the Wahoo Rock area. Nice Fish and Good Eating! Way to go Byron!



## This is YOUR Club!

As my title says, the JOSFC is YOUR club, not only mine, or the Boards, it is YOURS!

With that in mind, we really would like to hear from you the members, just what we can do to make it better, to encourage more participation at the meetings, and or other activities that you would like to see us participate in or do.



The Board might not decide to go along with all your ideas, but they definitely would like to hear from you.

You will find all your Officers and Board members E-mail at our Website under the "About" tab down to the "Officers and Board" tab. You can E-mail any of them or me at any time that a brilliant idea strikes!

## **This is your last month to renew before your membership expires!**

Just to remind you, if you have a fish on the boards, and have not renewed by January 1, 2010, Off it comes, and does not get put back on when you renew. Your Kid have one on the boards? It comes off also. You have to go catch another bigger one! After the February Newsletter, you will be taken off the mailing list, and miss out on this Fantastic, informative, beautiful, newsletter! ( OK, so I might be a little bias about my newsletter.) Aside from all the great free meals, the fantastic raffles, and great fish stories, we kinda like your company, so .....

# RENEW NOW BEFORE IT IS TO LATE!

## Seriously, Why not Renew?

It is the best value for your money you will get around here.

First it is dirt cheap to belong to our club. Individual membership is only \$40.00 / Year, and a family membership is only \$50.00 / Year. **That is for a full YEAR!**

**Here are some of the benefits, for your \$40.00 or \$50.00 per YEAR, you get:**

- 1 - 24 FREE meals for you and your family and any friends you bring to a club meeting.
- 2 - Your Membership card is good for 10% to 15% off your purchases at several of our local bait, tackle and boating shops around Jacksonville. ( Just pull it out and ask! )
- 3 - You can always find someone that will help pay for gas & bait and go fishing with you.
- 4 - You can find free or discounted help working on your boat from several members.
- 5 - You will benefit from programs and seminars that bring fishing knowledge from area experts, revealing secrets they share only with JOSFC members.
- 6 - When you post a fish to the boards you get a \$5.00 fish slip to spend at local bait & tackle shops or for club merchandise. Post 10 fish, and you have paid for your family membership!
- 7- You will be able to help maintain and enhance the most prolific artificial reef program in the U.S. ( Over 270 drops in the Club's 56 years )
- 8 - Last but not least, the CLUB is constantly fighting for your right to fish, and the more members we can say we represent when we get up to testify the louder our voice is to the SAMFC. Even if you have not been an active member, if you fish, and want to continue fishing, you need to join at least one organization that is fighting for your right to fish! The JOSFC is doing just that. Every member we have adds weight to our words at the meetings we attend. Our combined voice is beginning to be heard. **WE NEED YOU!**



### 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. \_\_\_\_\_  
 SPOUSE'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_ WORK PH. \_\_\_\_\_  
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 BOAT NAME \_\_\_\_\_ MAKE \_\_\_\_\_ LENGTH \_\_\_\_\_

- Family Membership ..... \$50.00  
(Husband, Wife, & Children under 16)
  - Individual Member ..... \$40.00
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(For Business Concerns)
  - Application Fee ..... \$25.00  
(Applicable to NEW Members or if renewing over 6 months late)
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# Gary Newman

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## The Lure Tree!

How about that Thanksgiving Dinner? It was great, plenty of food, and great fried turkey! Well, our next feast like that will be December 15th, the Club's Annual Christmas Party!

We will have even more food, fried, smoke-cooked turkeys, smoke cooked ham, and lots of your famous side dishes. Talk to Tasha Mincey so we don't have too many of the same type of side dishes. There will also be a GREAT raffle and even a visit from Santa with presents for all the kids. So make sure that all the little ones make it to this party. (E-mail Bill with your kids age & male or Female so Santa brings age correct presents.)

In addition to all the above, we have the "LURE TREE"! We have a Christmas Tree decorated with nothing. Just a bare tree sitting there. However by the end of the evening, it is fully decorated with fishing lures! Everyone that wants to (almost everyone) brings a good **new** lure to hang on the tree. For EACH lure you bring, you get a raffle ticket. At the end of the evening, 1, (ONE) and only one ticket is drawn, and the winner gets ALL the lures on the tree!

That can add up to several hundred dollars worth of lures, enough to outfit your boat for numerous trips.  
**DON'T FORGET TO BRING A LURE OR TWO!**



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



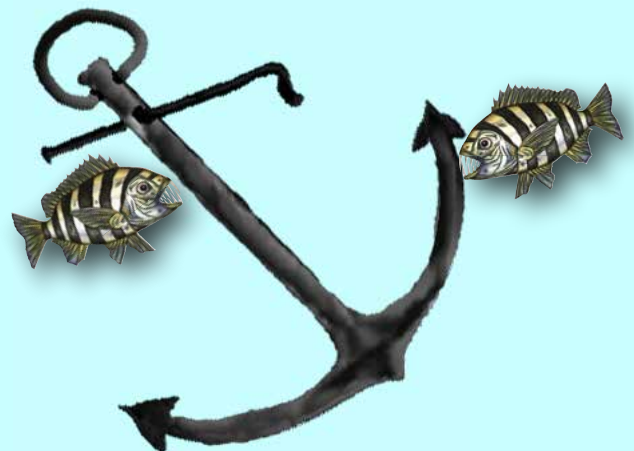
Here are some other safety things that you should consider.
































































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?



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
<h1>December</h1>				1 CLUB MEETING Clam Chowder Cook-Off  	2  	3   
				4   	5 Board Meeting    	6   
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## Coming Events

December 1st - Club Meeting, Annual Clam Chowder Cook-Off!

December 15th - Club Christmas Party / Pot-Luck

January 19th - Club Meeting, Annual Swap Meet.

February 2nd - Club Meeting, Annual Chili Cook-Off.

March 4th - THE EL CHEAPO!!!



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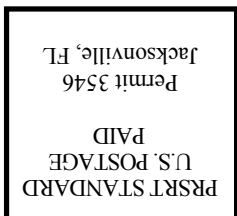


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**It is almost PAST time to renew your MEMBERSHIP!**



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