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**JOSFC
President
Chris Rooney**

THE MONTH OF THE DOLDRUMS

This is the month of the Summer Doldrums, August, but for us the quest for greatness continues. Our tournaments this month include the "Powder Puff" which always proves to be a thriller, the ladies just put the hurt on our fishing offshore and the winning catch for 3 fish aggregate is usually above the 100 pound mark. The second tournament is the real challenge for the anglers, it's our light tackle and even the King Fish guys don't use stuff this light. Check the rules for this one, there are some changes. Don't forget the meeting before the tournament, have your line tested to make sure it breaks at the required strength.

That will leave only the Bottom Tournament to decide who wins Captain of Year for 2010. The Boards are also coming to a close and there have been some really nice fish this year. The competition is pretty close. So this last month or two should see the heat building in the contests to name the angler of the year for all the boards.

August is also the time for all of the membership to look at their own worlds and see if they have the time and desire to bump up their participation in the Club. We have quite a few Officers and Board member openings that need to be filled. The JOSFC needs you to help insure a 50 plus year tradition of Sportsmanship,

Conservation and the Tradition of sport fishing continues. Our club has come a long way in the last 5 years, our members are leading the fight to save our bottom fishing and to reopen the Red Snapper fishing. We have asserted our voice in this fight and at the same time played a very active roll in re-establishing a viable reef building program in North Florida. Help all you fellow members in the club and choose to serve on the Board of Directors.

Well I'm longer winded than usual in this issue and late with the article as usual so have a great month and "It's summer - take the kids fishing!"

Capt. Chris

THERE IS HOPE!

I see a glimmer of hope in the future!

This month the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Council tried to shut down the Flounder or Fluke fishing for the North Atlantic States, declaring the most popular sport fishing species as "Over Fished and in immediate danger."

The State of New Jersey's Conservation Office (Fish & Wildlife) presented their evidence showing that New Jersey was doing a great job of regulating that fishery and that the stock was healthy and definitely NOT overfished.

U.S. Secretary of Commerce Wilber Ross AGREED with New Jersey after reviewing their evidence and refused to sign off on the ASMFC rule shutting down flounder fishing!

NOAA and their MFC's are all upset as this opens the door for other states to

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present their actual science based evidence and put a stop to the complete control of all fishing by a few environmental extremist in the NOAA Marine Fisheries offices.

We now have a new name and contact to add to our letters to our Congressmen & Women and Senators. (You are writing, E-mailing and calling them about the SAMFC's fake science, right?)

We should CC to:

Secretary of Commerce Wilber Ross
1401 Constitution Ace., NW
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E-mail = webmaster@doc.gov

Or the Contact us at: www.commerce.gov/page/contact-us

This just might be the end of Dr. Roy Crabtree. We have proven him **WRONG** so often on his fake science, I don't see how he still has a job!

Most boating fatalities to date are from drowning. The cause of those drowning ... **nearly 90% were not wearing life jackets when they entered the water.:**

Many have advised me that they carry life jackets on board their vessel with the idea of putting them on when an emergency arises. Detailed case studies show that boat accidents and capsizing happen so fast that there is no time to don a life jacket.

So, wear your life jacket, at least while underway!

If not for you, think of your family with you out of the picture.



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



Down at the Dock

Once again a GREAT time was had by all at the GJKT's "Down at the Dock" Tournament for the Down's syndrome community of Jacksonville.

I am not just talking about the kids and young adults that got to go fishing from the dock at the Kiingfish site, but all the JOSFC and GJKT people that helped!

We help the kids, some who are fishing for the first time in their life, some who are returning again this year. We helped them bait their hooks, learn how to work the Rod & Reel combo's and bring in their "Fish" be it a crab or any type of fish! We tied on probably close to 200 hooks and weights and weighed their catch and kept track for them.



Above is George Hunsinger the Weighmaster for the Down at the Dock 2017 Tournament having a ball measuring the kids catch and recording their names and total catch!



MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Welcome to the JOSFC family! I'm delighted to tell you we have two new members to our family. Be sure to say welcome to the Bill Schuetz family and David Bruderly. Also, a big welcome back to Tommy Shelton. Don't be shy ... mix and mingle.

Fabulous news! Your JOSFC Board members are in the process of planning the annual banquet scheduled for October 28 this year. We'll be returning to the great setting for last year's banquet, the Fraternal Order of Police property. Tickets are going on sale in August to give

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Steve Shaw's boat caught this nice Sailfish while fishing the GJKT Junior Angler Tournament.

Speaking of Sailfish

As most of you know, we have a time honored tradition here at the JOSFC. As a member, when you catch your first Sailfish here off our coast, we honor your great feat by throwing you in the St. Johns River! You are also given your "Sailfish Pin" to wear on your fishing shirts.

Summer is the time to catch Sailfish off Jacksonville, and it is a thrill to see them tail walk and jump and to land one to release to be caught again by someone!



**Remember, we need to
support the businesses that
support our club!**



THE MAIN SUBJECT THIS MONTH **LIGHTNING**



I know that most of you know that I am certifiable, but I really have "Been there, done that, have the 'T' shirt and have been used as the bad example of why not to do that!

With that having been said, there are only (2) Two thing that frighten me on the water Lightning and Fire!

Fire you can do something about, make sure your hose clamps are tight and not almost rusted off, and that your fuel hoses are in good condition. Now see #2 on the test Page 5! I carry 3 large fire extinguishers on my little boat!

Now Lightning

In past newsletter's, I have given you some "Some nice to know information". One being, how to tell how far away you are from lightning "5 seconds between Flash and Thunder = 1 Mile". As I indicated, you will see the lightning before you hear the thunder because sound travels much slower than light. You can determine the distance of the storm by counting one thousand one to five after you see the lightning. Each five counts tell you that the lightning is about one mile away. If your count shows that the storm is less that 10 miles, You want to be 10+ miles away from any lightning. Run North, South, anywhere you can to get far, far away! you should head for safety since data shows that lightning can strike out 10 miles in front of a storm where the sky may even be clear. The comment that "If you can hear the thunder, head inside or for shelter" is so true.

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I want to remind everyone to be alert, and on the lookout for lightning, one of the weather hazards we face, especially on hot humid days, here in Florida. It is that time of year now when those hot, humid and muggy days sometimes come to an end with menacing, dark clouds gathering on the horizon. In order to make sure that our boating / fishing trip is one that begins and ends safely, we should keep a wary eye on those clouds gathering on the horizon. Boaters should keep an eye on afternoon cumulus clouds in hot weather because they are capable of turning into thunderheads if there is enough moisture in them. If you recognize the changing situation, you may be able to run for safety before there is any danger.

In hazy weather, you may not be able to see the thunderhead forming since haze limits visibility and is ideal weather for a thunderstorm. On such hot, hazy days, you should be alert for static on your am radio, the sound of thunder or the flicker of lightning. On such hot, muggy, hazy days, you should plan on staying close to port so you can run in

I know some of you are getting tired of seeing this test, (Probably because you failed it and don't want to AGAIN!

THIS IS A TEST!!! You probably already failed! That is NOT a good thing!

- 1 - What is the expiration date on your USCG approved flares?
- 2 - What date was your single, woefully too small, fire extinguisher last checked?
- 3 - How long ago did your first aid kit perishables expire? Yes Iodine expires!
- 4 - Where is your hand operated bailing device?
- 5 - Does your hand held air horn work?
- 6 - Where is your distress FLAG?
- 7 - Where is your signal mirror?
- 8 - What year did you last replace the batteries in your hand held VHF radio?
- 9 - What year did you last replace the batteries in your hand held GPS?
- 10 - Does your ditch bag have an EEPERB attached to it?
- 11 - Do you even have a ditch bag?
- 12 - Does your ditch bag have enough water for everyone for a couple days?

If you did not know the answer to any one of these questions, you failed this quick test.

Lucky for you, you now have a chance to correct any of these shortcomings **BEFORE** your next outing, and avoid the serious consequences of not being prepared.

Remember --- Keep your VHF radio on! Don't miss a club members distress call!

Bill Breen

Newsletter Editor



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should plan on staying close to port so you can run in if necessary.

Lightning is a serious boating hazard. It takes place not only between clouds and the water, but also between clouds and within clouds and usually strikes the highest item around the area. When you are out on the water, you may be the highest thing around for miles. Also, the more frequent the lightning, the more severe the storm.

The best way to escape the dangers of lightning is to avoid it. The more weather-wise you become, the less likely you are to be caught out on the water in a thunderstorm. If you should be caught out in a thunderstorm, each person on board should don a life jacket, if not wearing one already. Next, pinpoint your exact location before the storm arrives because heavy rain will reduce your visibility. Reduce your boat speed and secure all loose gear on or below deck.

Once the storm hits take the first, and usually the strongest, gusts of wind on your bow, not abeam. Try to keep a heading into the wind and approach the increasing waves at a 45% angle that will keep your propeller under water and reduce pounding. Stay low in the boat and keep away from metal objects since a nearby strike could send strong electrical charges into the boat.

You can lessen the danger of lightning damage to your boat by having a grounding system installed if your boat does not have one. A good grounding system neutralizes the difference in electrical potential between water and air and prevents static buildup. This is the same reason farmers put lightning rods on their barns. There are no guaranteed safeguards against lightning. It is very unpredictable and powerful. Therefore, avoid it if at all possible.

Know before you go, pay attention to changing weather conditions, get off the water as soon as you can when lightning is approaching, and continue to enjoy safe boating throughout the year.



Here are some cooking tips you might like.

- Always get your pan sizzling **HOT** before you put any meat in it. If you put your Steak, Pork, Fish, or Chicken in a cool or even just warm pan, it will stick to the pan even if you use a spray oil.

Add garlic immediately to a recipe if you want a light taste of garlic and at the end of the recipe if you want a stronger taste of garlic.

Microwave garlic cloves for 15 seconds and the skins slip right off.

Microwave limes for 40 seconds before squeezing, you'll get twice the amount of juice.

- Add 1 tablespoon of Vinegar to the fat in which you are going to deep fry. It will keep the food from absorbing too much fat or oil and eliminate the greasy taste. This is for a Frying Pan amount, for a deep Fryer use 1/4 cup of Vinegar. OH, another lesson I learned the hard way. Add it **BEFORE** you bring it to heat!

Seafood is very easy to over-cook! Always **WATCH** your seafood carefully as you cook it and watch your recommended times! Overcooked seafood will be hard, dry, rubbery or chewy, and not very tasty.

Clams and oysters will be simple to open if washed with cold water, then placed in a plastic bag and put in the freezer for an hour.

Thaw fish and shellfish in milk. The milk draws out the frozen taste and provides a fresh caught flavor.

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

- Try soaking fish in 1 cup vinegar / 3 cups water for 15 minutes before cooking for a sweet tender taste.

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everyone a chance to purchase their tickets at JOSFC meetings at the clubhouse. Remember you may pay with cash, check, or online through Bill Breen and the square at each meeting. Of course, you may also purchase the tickets through your favorite JOSFC Board member as well. This is a fabulous night with a meal, relaxed camaraderie, and a huge raffle table. We hope to awe everyone there.







































































August 12 is the scheduled date for our Light Tackle Tournament with September 2 being the Bottom Tournament. Don't forget to fly your burgees in full sight on your boat while fishing the tournaments. Without the burgee being flown so it can be seen by other boats, you can't weigh a fish for the tournament or Captains Board.



Loud Hailings

Bill Breen
Newsletter
Editor

*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
		1  	2  	3 Club Meeting  	4  	5  
6   	7 Board Meeting   	8    	9   	10  	11 	12 
13 	14  	15  	16  	17 Club Meeting  	18  	19 The Light Tackle Tournament  
20   	21   	22    	23   	24  	25  	26  
27  	28  	29  	30  	31  	August	



COMING EVENTS:

August 3rd - Club Meeting

August 7th - Board Meeting

August 17th - Club Meeting

August 19th - The Light Tackle Tournament

October 28th - Annual Awards Banquet

Tournament Schedule for 2017

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

The Light Tackle Tournament - August - - - - - 12 - - - - - 19 - Steve Kalaitzis

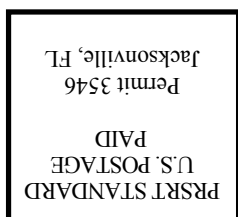
The Bottom Tournament - September - - - - - 2 - - - - - 9 - Steve Kalatizs

Triple Challenge Tournament - October - - - - - 15 - - - - - 22 - Alan Shepard

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