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*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

Trina Polkey

As 2017 comes to an end and we look towards 2018, it's a great time to reflect on our past year. We have had a great year as a club with memberships up, great meeting attendance and participation, and some great moments. Forgive me if I don't remember them all, it's been a busy year!

We got to toss Steve Shaw in the river this summer...for a sailfish he finally admitted to having caught four years ago. We discovered we have an IGFA

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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!

Or you could tie one of the below items to you to try to help keep you in the boat when it hits a wake, log or turtle you didn't see!



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Presidents Cast Net Cont.

World Record Holder in our midst, **John Doss!** Chris Rooney caught a 47.5lb Grey Grouper setting a new club record, and Tom Cavin actually caught a fish! For real...there's proof in the June 2017 Newsletter that can be found on our website, www.jaxfish.com, "General" tab, Reel News. And let's not forget the El Cheapo! Chris Beasley set a new tournament record with a 14.3lb BEAST of a sheephead.

On a bit of a sadder note, we lost our last Charter Member, Miss Emily Murphy in February. She was almost 95 years old, well loved, and will be missed by all. Former president Don Cook fell about 25 feet while repairing his pool enclosure, and longtime supporter and friend Bruce Nipper of Trout River Fish Co fell off the roof while trying to make repairs after Irma. Both men were just about broke to pieces, but we are lucky they both lived. Don has made a full recovery and Bruce is well on his way.

Most recently we awarded the winners of all our fishing boards, please join me in congratulating them all. See Page 4

We have a fantastic new board that is full of energy and ideas and we will need your help to see them through. Please consider donating your time and talents as we present opportunity throughout the year. Also, please feel free to present any ideas to the board...this is everyone's club. All ideas will be considered, we may not be able to act on them, but they will be considered fairly.

Finally, please don't forget to renew your membership before the end of this month. **ESPECIALLY** if you have a fish on the board. It will come off come January 1st and can not be put back even if you pay your dues. Our dues help maintain the club and the things we enjoy, and I think we can all agree we get way more value than what we pay.



The Lure Tree

What the heck is the Lure Tree?! It is the JOSFC Christmas tree! We decorate it with new Lures! OK, here is the deal. . . . YOU bring a new lure or 2 or 3 or more and hang them on the Christmas tree. For each Lure you bring, you get a special raffle

ticket. At the end of the night, we draw one (1) and one only ticket. The lucky holder of that ticket wins ALL the lures on the tree!

That is usually about a 5 gallon bucket FULL of good lures! Several hundred dollars worth of lures!

Don't have any extra lures to hang on the tree? Go to the Strike Zone and buy a couple, you could win Hundreds of dollars worth of lures for your efforts!

Christmas is here and some of you may be looking for a Christmas Present for that special Fishing Person in your life!

Well here is an idea for you. . . . Your Club has a Beautiful Certificate that you can put under the tree to say you paid for their Membership in the club. You can get them a year's membership, (\$40 individual or \$50 family.) or upgrade to a Lifetime Membership! (\$250 individual or \$300 Family) If you upgrade to a Lifetime they never have to worry about remembering to renew every year, and don't accidentally get dropped from our rolls!

All you have to do is contact Terri or Bill Breen and we will get it done for you!



Yes, this is news about your Reel News Newsletter!

The Board of Directors is looking at the newsletter and wants to know several things about it.

Do you like it and think it is providing you with the information you want and use?

Are there any changes you would like to see, any particular information you want on a monthly basis ?

How many of you like getting the PAPER Printed version and read it?

How many of you would prefer to get it E-mailed to you instead of mailed?

IF it was E-mailed, would you really take the time to open and read it as there are times we have important information in it that we think you need to know.

There are 3 possible moves we can make.

- 1 - Do away with the Reel News entirely.
- 2 - E-mail it to everyone in addition to having it on the Website. They are all there now. www.jaxfish.com, "General" tab, Reel News.
- 3 - E-mail it to those who want it electronically, and snail mail it to those that want the paper version.

PLEASE let us know what you want!

You can:

Call - Bill at 904-254-2791

E-mail me at breenw@bellsouth.net

Or Send me a snail mail to:

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The 2017 JOSFC Board Winners!



The Ladies Board - Tina Smith



The Men's Board - James Smith



The Unlimited Board - Chris Rooney



The Blue Water Board - Derek Seigel



The Light Tackle Board - Greg Wallace



The Inshore Board - Chris Nichols

The Junior Anglers Board Winners

Junior Angler Inshore Board - Byron Darner

Junior Angler 11 & Under Board - Ben Shaw

Junior Angler 12 to 17 Board - Austin Brown

Congratulations to all these Board Winners!

Think safety and keep safety the number one priority when undertaking a boating / fishing trip.

- Always start with a full tank of fuel and an adequate oil level. Check your fuel level by knowing your boat's fuel consumption per hour and the time you have run. Never trust your fuel gauge.

- Always remember to shut off your engine while fueling and run the blowers on an inboard prior to restarting the engine.

- Make sure that all fill caps are clearly and properly marked. Ensure that fuel dock attendants are using the correct port. (no fuel in the rod holder or water tank, please).

- Check your bilge level and bilge pump before leaving the dock.

- Make sure the drain plug is in before launching.

- Maintain your battery (particularly fluid and connections) and buy a new one every five to seven years.

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Think Safety Cont.

- Always have a working VHF radio onboard and test it before you leave the dock.
- Ensure that your cell phone battery is fully charged. Cell phones are notoriously unreliable on the water. IF you are going to be more than about 5 miles offshore, Put your Phone in "Airplane Mode or turn it off so it does not run the battery down searching for a cell tower.
- Remember to carry your life jackets, flares, first aid kit and fire extinguisher.
- Always carry an anchor and adequate chain and anchor rode.
- Always carry a chart of the area you are boating in and review it before each voyage.
- Always have a working manual Compass, Your GPS can die at any time!
- Remember to check the tides and weather forecast before the day of boating.
- Give your entire boat a quick look-over before leaving the dock. Check for anything that does not look normal.
- Remember to stow all fenders and lines while underway.

Always file a Float plan and leave it with a responsible party.

Welcome to our newest JOSFC family members.

When you get a moment, be sure to say hello and talk fishing with **Rocky, Laura, and Cecilia Seeves** (new to fishing), **Mayan Skenes, Bryce Duffy, and Kevin Keller and Emma Kirschnick.**

The sports future life is more secure and fun with more folks (and our children) out there on the water sharing good times.

Our 2018 Officers & Board of Directors are dedicated to the joys and activities of recreational fishing. We have already had our first JOSFC Board meeting and many fresh ideas are coming from this board and the JOSFC club members who have spoken with them. I'm excited to see and experience where we go from here.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

IT IS NOT TO LATE TO BE OR GET A SPONSOR OF THE EL CHEAPO SHEEPSHEAD TOURNAMENT!

IF you know someone that you think you might be able to either donate to the Raffle, or step up to be a Prize Sponsor, twist their arm a little!

We really need some cool things to put in the Captain's buckets and Junior Angler bags, not just paper advertisements. Like last year **YETI** really stepped up and gave us **YETI** bottle openers for the bags, **Sea Tow** gave plastic cups, anything that advertises their company will do. It does NOT have to be fishing related. What do they get in return? **LOTS** of advertising.

Here are some stats to help:

- From January 1st to the day after the Tournament the jaxfish.com website had over 7,000 new, unique (Not the same computer making return visits.) visits to the El Cheapo information page. (We have over 50,000 Unique hits per year.)
- The El Cheapo Sponsors page (Their Logo with a link to their site.) had 6,809 unique hits.
- The El Cheapo Prizes page had 1147 unique hits,
- The El Cheapo Registration page had 1500 hits!

Not to mention the thousands of pamphlets with sponsors names on them distributed all over North Eastern Florida and Radio and news paper AND Magazine adds that lead people to their business.

We also list them on the outside of our Newsletter of which we publish several hundred every month throughout the year, to keep their name out in front of people!

Like I said, if you think you can get someone to donate, we have a letter and form for you to give them so that they can have records for their taxes.



As the mailing page says, it is **TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP IN THE JOSFC!**

Why Renew?

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. (Plus **WE** don't keep hitting you up for more money with "Donation Letters" every other month.)

The JOSFC's year actually runs from October 1st to Sept. 30th, and we run our renewal time up to January 1st which if you have not renewed by then any fish you had on the boards come off, and you loose your club voting rights, and your membership card is no longer valid for discounts at the local stores. (Don't worry, we will still try to get you to renew after that.)

This is December, in the next 3 weeks you will be looking for a Christmas present for your fisherperson. We have a beautiful certificate you can present to them for a Christmas Present as a Life Member! Why not consider a Life Membership? No more worrying whether you remembered to renew. We also have a One year membership certificate you can renew for them.

Please Renew and come on out to the meetings and have some fun! If you have NOT been getting the Up-date and reminder of the meetings E-mails, let me know. Also make sure you have this E-mail address in your address book. JOSFC <breenw@bellsouth.net>

This club is a legacy (58 years) we must preserve for our children and grandchildren!



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. _____
 ADDRESS _____ CELL PH. _____
 CITY, STATE _____ ZIP _____
 E-MAIL _____ OCCUPATION _____
 BOAT NAME _____ MAKE _____ LENGTH _____

☐ Family Membership \$50.00

(Husband, Wife, & Children under 16)

☐ Individual Member \$40.00

☐ Paid Junior Member \$5.00

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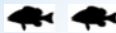



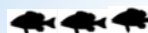
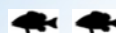



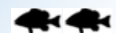





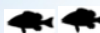


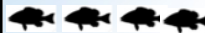



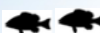
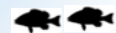




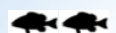



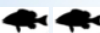

☐ Application Fee \$25.00
 (Applicable to NEW Members or if renewing over 6 months late)

☐ Life Member Individual \$250.00

☐ Life Family Membership \$300.00

Total Remittance

Signature _____ Date _____

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
December					1 	2 The Triple Challenge Tournament 
3 	4 	5 	6 	7 Club Meeting  	8 	9 
10 	11 	12 	13 	14 	15 	16 
17 	18 	19 	20 	21 Club Meeting Christmas Party! 	22 	23 
24 	25  	26 	27 	28 	29 	30 
31 	 <p>December 2nd - The Triple Challenge Tournament December 7th - Club meeting & Clam Chowder Cook-Off December 21st - Club meeting and Christmas Party / Pot-Luck with a visit from Santa for the Kids! COMING EVENTS: December 25th - Christmas</p>					

2018 Captain of the Year Tournament Schedule

Tournament - Date - Rain Date

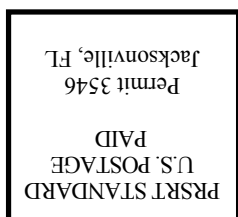
The Triple Challenge	-	December 2nd	-	9th
The River Tournament	-	January 20th	-	27th
The Sheepshead Tune-Up	-	February 10th	-	17th
The Non-Live Tournament	-	March 17th	-	25th
The Unlimited Trolling	-	April 14th	-	21st
The May Trolling	-	May 5th	-	12th
The Junior Angler	-	June 23rd	-	30th
The Kingfish Tune-Up	-	July 7th	-	14th
The Ladies Tournament	-	August 4th	-	11th
The Bottom Tournament	-	September 8th	-	15th



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