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PRESIDENTS CAST NET *Trina Polkey*

Well folks, it is already January and a fresh new year lies ahead for us all. Many of our members finished the year out with a bang finding some very nice, and plentiful Cobia, along with some Wahoo, and of course many were able to take advantage of the few days of Red Snapper fishing NOAA blessed us with.

We had our first club tournament the first weekend of December and man...did you guys ever show up!! Fifteen boats competed in the Triple Challenge, the most boats we have seen in a while. I love seeing you all get involved, that's what this is all about! Congratulations to winner Jack Ogin with 4.8lbs, Hal Hanna with 4.3lbs, and Branden Prato with 3.3lbs. They worked through what I understand was a tough day of fishing to pull it off, great job guys!

Our next tournament is the River Tournament on January 20th, be sure to put it on your calendar. This is a three fish aggregate tournament, and as the name implies, fish must be caught in the river. For a list of eligible species and complete rules

please visit <https://jaxfish.com/tournaments/rules/>. Important to note, this will be our first tournament where non-members will be able to fish with us for a \$30 entry in the Tournament Within a Tournament, (TWT). The club will keep \$10 of their entry, and the other \$20 will go in the pot along with any members that wish to enter the TWT at \$20. Our tournament director, Tom Darga, will manage the pot and you must enter BEFORE the tournament. No exceptions, and his final word goes, let's keep this friendly. Non-members will only be eligible for TWT, not club points obviously. Invite your friends and neighbors...let's see if we can break that last tournaments record number of boats!

We look forward to seeing you all at our January meetings on the 4th and the 18th. We will be opening the building up a little earlier to allow for more time to visit, and don't forget the second meeting in January is our annual club swap meet.

This is your LAST Newsletter!

The JOSFC will only mail you a newsletter if you E-mail, Call or Text Bill Breen to tell him you want the printed version.

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Otherwise we will E-mail you a copy starting with the February issue.

You have to subscribe to the print version of the Electronic version!

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Bill Wilderotter on the St. Johns River
near Ft Timuquana. YES, that is a Striped Bass
about 5 pounds that he caught on a live shrimp
float rig!

I have heard that you can catch these
good eating fish by trolling in the Downtown area
and by the Shands Bridge! Bill just proved that
they are here!

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From left to right :
Lou DeNikola, Joe Curtis, Gary Lock, and Aaron Thivierge.

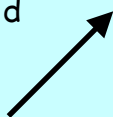
Now that is a really nice catch of Cobia! One heck of a lot of good eating there!

I do have one question. Gary Lock looks like he got ashore, and went and changed into a really spiffy, clean outfit for the Photo. Have you ever seen someone look that neat and clean after a day of fishing? Really?

Safety First

Safe boating should begin at home before you trailer your boat to the ramp or leave your dock or marina. To ensure that your outing on the water begins and ends safely, the first thing to do to ensure the safety of your trip on the water is to develop a float plan and leave it with your spouse, significant other, some other reliable person, or your marina. Ask the custodian of the plan to contact the Coast Guard or other local authority if you do not return by the indicated time on the plan.

The float plan should contain your name, address, phone number, name and description of your vessel, names of other persons on board, trip details including geographical location of your destination, the route you will take to get there, and/or GPS numbers if possible, time of return and time to call local authorities or Coast Guard if you do not return by the scheduled time. A properly executed float plan could be a lifesaver in an emergency if you



Remember to shop at our sponsors and support them as often as you can.

Also remember to pull out your JOSFC Membership card and ask if they give a club discount! They don't all do it, but it lets them know we are supporting them as a Club!



Wear these! They don't work in the cabin! OK,

I know that some of you

won't wear your Life Jacket while fishing, but PLEASE at least wear one while your boat is underway!



have to abandon your vessel at sea, or break down, with no power for your radio to communicate your location and notify someone of your need for help.

A properly executed float plan would enable the person in custody of the float plan to initiate a timely search for you if you did not return by the time specified. Time could be a critical factor in saving your life in a real emergency. A sample float plan is available in the boating safety materials rack at the Mayport clubhouse.

File a float plan each time you go boating/fishing to help ensure your safety on the water.



IT IS NEVER TO LATE TO BE A SPONSOR OF THE EL CHEAPO SHEEPSHEAD TOURNAMENT!

The cutoff for the pamphlet is going to be Mid January, so they need to get in it ASAP!

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 the year before last, **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 7,537 new, unique (Not the same computer making return visits.) visits to the El Cheapo information page. (We have over 45,000 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 and Radio and news paper AND magazine ads that lead people to their info.

We also list them on the outside of our newsletter we publish over 4,500 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.

Now just a few lines to our members, New and Old like me. ;-)) Please see Greg Wallace, our fishing director and sign up for this years 2018 tournaments. Don't be afraid to go for awards such as Captain of the Year.

We have our second tournament this month called the "River tournament" on Saturday, January 20th.

Now get a copy of the fishing rules and don't be shy like I was, get in the Tournaments and enjoy them. When the tournament fishing ends everyone watches the fish being weighed in and eat the food provided and have fun. So please come out and enjoy the tournaments! If you don't you will be missing out on a lot of fun.

Do NOT think you don't have a chance. You are fishing against other club members, not some mythical Expert! (Expert = X - an unknown quantity, Spurt - a drip under pressure.) So that mythical Expert is nothing more than an "Unknown drip under pressure!"

You are fishing against me, or the person sitting next to you! You can get as lucky as they can!

I have seen the Bottom Tournament won with (2) Two, half pound Whitting! A trolling tournament with 1 Barracuda. The River Tournament with 1 Black Drum!

The Captain of the Year has been won by a member that never WON a single tournament, they fished every tournament, and placed in the top 5 for each of the tournaments! They accumulated enough points to win!

LADIES, YOU can go for the Captain of the Year. It does not have to be a man! You usually out fish us guys anyway, so why not go for it?!

Just GO FOR IT!

The Wahoo bite is about to light up, and the Blackfin Tuna should be knocking on the door anytime now in the 140' to 185' areas of the Tuna Patch. REALLY!

Now is the time to get to know the new and current fishing rules of the J.O.S.F.C. Put the rules flyer next to the LAZY BOY, and scroll through them during the commercials, you will probably find some rules of interest.

**I KNOW THAT NO ONE IN THIS CLUB NEEDS THIS.
BUT JUST IN CASE YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO DOES.**

PASS IT ON!

**BOAT PRE-LAUNCH IN PARKING AREA
OR READY LANE (NOT blocking the
ramp):**

- Remove tie-downs.
- Remove engine support.
- Disconnect trailer wiring from tow vehicle.
- Load and stow gear to be carried on board.
- Check all boat systems: engine, bilge pump, lights and horn, etc.
- If equipped, turn on the engine compartment blower.
- Make ready all dock lines, fenders and boat hook.
- And, last, **DO NOT FORGET TO INSTALL THE DRAIN PLUG.**
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**Retrieve your boat: Clear the ramp and
reverse the above. Be courteous to other
Boaters.**



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

**Remember, NEVER
approach the dock
any faster than you
want to RAM the
dock!**

**NEVER trust a fishing guide without a
tan!**

I don't exaggerate...I just remember BIG !!!

Fishing preferred Temps.

Species	Lower Avoidance	Optimum	Upper Avoidance
Amberjack	60	65 - 75	80+
Bonito	60	65 - 75	80+
Barracuda	55	72 - 80	86
Bigeye Tuna	52	62 - 74	80
Black Marlin	68	72 - 82	87
Blackfin Tuna	65	70 - 75	82
Blue Marlin	70	74 - 82	88
Bluefin Tuna	50	60 - 72	82
Bluefish	50	66 - 72	84
Dolphin (Mahi)	70	72 - 78	82
Flounder	56	62 - 66	72
Jack Crevalle	65	70 - 85	90
Kingfish	65	68 - 76	88
Permit	70	75 - 85	92
Pompano	65	70 - 82	85+
Redfish	52	70 - 90	90+
Red Snapper	50	55 - 65	70+
Sailfish	68	72 - 82	88
Snook	60	70 - 82	90
Spanish Mackerel	60	65 - 75	80
Spotted Seatrout	56	66 - 82	90
Striped Bass	42	50 - 65	75
Striped Marlin	61	68 - 76	80
Swordfish	50	60 - 75	80
Tarpon	70	75 - 90	100+
Wahoo	65	68 - 80	88
White Marlin	65	68 - 78	80+
Seabass	58	64 - 68	74
Yellowfin Tuna	64	72 - 82	80

IT IS PAST 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.

In FACT . . . It was Past President Capt. Chris Rooney's argument that got us this last year's short Red Snapper Season!

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 January, we really would like to have you renew and come to the meetings, they are a lot of fun with people that fish just like you!

Why not consider a Life Membership? **No more worrying whether you remembered to renew.** (This is the last time, for a while, that this renewal form will be here.)

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 _____

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(Husband, Wife, & Children under 16)

☐ Individual Member \$40.00

☐ Paid Junior Member \$5.00

☐ Annual Associate Member \$100.00
 (For Business Concerns)









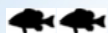

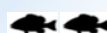
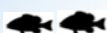
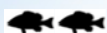
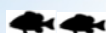
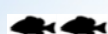


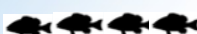


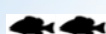
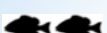
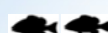

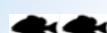
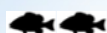

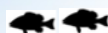
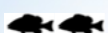
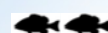

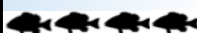
☐ Application Fee \$25.00
 (Applicable to NEW Members or if renewing over 6 months late)

☐ Life Member Individual \$250.00

☐ Life Family Membership \$300.00

Total Remittance

Signature _____ Date _____

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
	1 	2 	3 	4 Club Meeting 	5 	6 
7 	8 Board Meeting 	9 	10 	11 	12 	13 
14 	15 	16 	17 	18 Club Meeting. 	19 	20 The River Tournament 
21 	22 	23 	24 	25 	26 	27 
28 	29 	30 	31 	January		



Coming Events

January 8th - Board Meeting

January 4th - Club Meeting

January 18th - Club Meeting

January 20th - The River Tournament

February 1st - Club Meeting, Chili Cook-Off!

February 15th - El Cheapo Bag stuffing before Club Meeting

March 2nd - El Cheapo Set-Up & Captains Meeting

March 3rd - El Cheapo - ALL DAY!



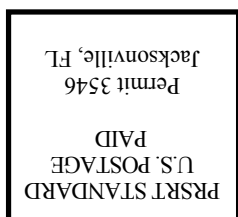
2018 Captain of the Year Tournament Schedule

Tournament	-	Date	-	Rain Date
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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