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# The Reel News



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## PRESIDENTS CAST NET

*Trina Polkey*

Well the wind finally gave a little and some of you finally had a chance to get offshore. We saw some nice catches of Mahi, Cobia, and Wahoo come in throughout the NE Florida fishing community. Hopefully the Mahi will stick around for us to play with for a little while.

The 2018 Ultimate Cobia Challenge wrapped up with Matt McLeod claiming the win with a 108.68lb 3 fish aggregate. Marty Snipes got 2nd with 97.84lbs, and Mike Groetke took 3rd with 93.29lbs. Usually I stop there, but recent guest speaker Nathan Stuart got 4th with 89.36lbs, and our very own treasurer Gary Lock placed 7th with two nice fish weighing 68.64lbs!

We also had one of our own, Steve Shaw, place 3rd in the Jacksonville Bluewater Club's Spring Mahi Smash with 28.50lbs. Great job all!

Speaking of recent guest speakers, Nathan Stuart did an outstanding job explaining how to locate and pattern cobia. In case you missed it, he spoke about the importance of using an online service to locate 69-degree water to reduce the

amount of time you spend looking for it, then find some structure in that temperature zone. He jigs, drifting the areas around the actual structure, and stressed the importance of keeping your jig straight up and down. **We thank him and Scott Jones of Wahoo Jigs, (who gave everyone in attendance a jig), for their support of the club.**

Congratulations to Branden and Rebekah, and welcome to our youngest new fisherman, Landen. He was born May 1st weighing in at a healthy 7 lbs 9.5oz! Branden says he is already sleeping through the night...that's because he already knows you must get up early to catch the big one! Also, condolences to long time club member Larry Hayden who recently lost daughter Erin. She lost her fight with breast cancer May 8th, she was 35.

Our next tournament is the Junior Angler Tournament on June 23rd. Get your kiddos out and get them on some fish or borrow one of the neighbors kids. Be sure to tell them first or next month's newsletter will be REAL interesting! All general rules apply, and members must fly a JOSFC burgee. For complete rules and to register, please visit [www.jaxfish.com](http://www.jaxfish.com), any questions please call Tom at 904-521-5364.

This month's meetings will be on June 7th and 14th. We will be opening the building up around 6:00 each meeting to allow for more time to visit, and we start at 7:00.

The meeting on the 7th is our 59th year Club Birthday Party / Honor Past Presidents PARTY! Hope to see you there!





Cary Lock ( Front Left ) and crew with a great catch of Cobia! Now there is a LOT of good eating!  
Gary placed 7th in the Ultimate Cobia Challenge!



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**ANNUAL CLUB BIRTHDAY / PAST PRESIDENTS PARTY JUNE 7TH, 2018 JOIN US!**

This will be the club's 59 year celebration, and at our annual Birthday Party we honor all our past Presidents!

It is really rare for any "Club" to stay in existence for that long, and the JOSFC has grown bigger and stronger over the years. For over 30 of those years we have been at the same location, the Club House located at the Mayport Boat Ramp!

To celebrate this year we will be having a Low Country Boil,



AND I will be doing a couple of my 12+ hour Smoked Boston Butts to give us some variety.



If Andy Proescher ask real nice I might even make my "Great Grandma Breen's Yellow Squash Casserole"

Naturally we will have some of our Zero calorie Cake for desert. ( All Club Food has Zero calories, and are exempt from all diets! )

**YOU ARE ALL**



**NEWS from BoatUS****Boat Owners Association of The United States****880 S. Pickett St., Alexandria, VA 22304****BoatUS Press Room at [www.BoatUS.com/PressRoom](http://www.BoatUS.com/PressRoom)**

## **VIDEOS: BoatUS Summer Boating How-to 'Film Festival' Kicks-off**

### **15 new film shorts by BoatUS Editors on how to fix, learn, and do practical boating projects**

NOT HOLLYWOOD, Calif., August 7, 2017 – What are the common boating tasks that drive boat owners to ask for help? Editors at BoatUS Magazine, the trusted voice of American boating, compiled a list of the top topics and announced the kickoff of a “BoatUS Summer How-to Film Festival” today with the release of 15 short, easily-watchable [videos](#).

“We’re calling the video release a summer ‘film festival’ because all are themed with a how-to focus, are organized in one simple place to view, and are easy to watch outdoors,” added BoatUS Magazine associate editor Charles Fort.

Said BoatUS Magazine associate editor, Mark Corke, “The topics chosen come from decades of BoatUS member requests. These are the practical things that most trailer-boat owners want to know.”

Titles range from launching your boat solo and changing a prop to backing a boat trailer down the ramp, changing a bilge-pump switch, and troubleshooting trailer lights. Most are just two or three minutes long. Breakout the popcorn and check out the videos at [YouTube.com/BoatUS](http://YouTube.com/BoatUS).

About Boat Owners Association of The United States (BoatUS):

Celebrating more than 50 years, BoatUS is the nation’s largest organization of recreational boaters with more than a half-million members. We are the boat owners’ voice on Capitol Hill and fight for their rights. We are The Boat Owners Auto Club and help ensure a roadside

trailer breakdown doesn’t end a boating or fishing trip before it begins. When boats break down on the water, TowBoatUS brings them safely back to the launch ramp or dock, 24/7. The BoatUS Marine Insurance Program gives boat owners affordable, specialized coverage and superior service they need. We help keep boaters safe and our waters clean with assistance from the nonprofit BoatUS Foundation for Boating Safety and Clean Water. Visit [BoatUS.com](http://BoatUS.com).

## **Who Will Be Captain of the Year?**

This year we have had a lot of weather delays, but in spite of that we have also had a good turnout for the club tournaments.

In fact going into June, there are 10 people that **all have a chance at winning the coveted Captain of the Year Trophy!**

Think about it, for 59 years the club has had an average of about 300 members ( 59 X 300 = **17,700** fishermen and women. ) and currently there are **only 58 people in the entire world** that can claim the title of the **“Jacksonville Offshore Sport Fishing Club Captain Of The Year” !!!**

With the last tournament held on May 12th being the May Trolling Tournament we have had the points spread narrow drastically.

Tom Darga our Tournament Director wrote this report:

You know one of these days the weather people are going to get it right. Once again on Saturday May 12th the club hosted its May Trolling Tournament with 12 boats fishing. The weather was calling for 2 to 3 ft swells at 9 second intervals. Well it was 2’ to 3’ with occasional 4’ but definitely not 9 seconds more like 3 seconds.

The winds were out of the Southeast. This made for a bumpy ride all day. In honor of the Sailfish Pot Party that was that evening, the weigh station was opened at 1:00PM with half of the group weighing in by 2:00 to 2:30 PM. Kings are on the beach and over the wrecks. There were even some Blackfin Tuna and Barracuda brought in for weighing.

This Tournament Results were as follows:

Jack Ogin = 33.7 lbs –	10 Points
Hal Hanna = 25.2 –	9
Greg Wallace = 19.45 –	8 Points
Derrick Siegel = 17.4 –	7 Points
George Huntsinger 8.8 –	6 Points
Rob Darner – 5.13 –	5 Points

The 23rd is our **Junior Angler Tournament** and it's really looking like a good one is on the way. All the Captains need to remember this is a participation tournament, all participating Captains get 10 points toward "Captain of the Year". That becomes hard to make up as the year goes on and it's a close race this year to be sure.

This is the Junior Angler Tournament, and while adults may fish, **ONLY** fish caught by the kids may be weighed in! **SO . . . .** Take your kids fishing! Steal your neighbor kids if you don't have one, but take a kid fishing! Remember, **Parents DON'T take pictures of their kids playing X-Box!**

Well between the President night and the Junior Anglers the month of June promises to be a great month lets all of us enjoy the month and take a kid fishing. I'll always remember the kid with the poster during the Sheephead tournament that said, "LOOK MOM FISHING THE ROCKS NOT PLAYING X-BOX THANKS JOSFC"



Honestly we did not stage this photo! This was a total surprise and has become a prized photo in my collection!



*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!*



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Capt of Year Cont.

Like I said above, the Captain of the Year Board is now heating up. Every fish counts and every tournament has meaning at this time of the year. The following points spread show the results after the May Trolling Tournament held on the 12th.

**Current Captain of the Year Points:**

Jack Ogin –	39 Points
Hal Hanna –	33 Points
George Huntsinger –	26 Points
Greg Wallace –	26 Points
Rob Darner –	24 Points
Brandon Prato –	18 Points
Tom Ruggles –	17 Points
Chris Rooney –	14 Points
Steve Shaw –	10 Points
Jeremy McCoy –	10 Points

There are still 4 Club Tournaments left for this year. That is 40 first place points that are still up for grabs. Even 4 second or third place finishes could earn enough points to boost the last place people to first!

Get out there and have some FUN! Our next tournament is the JUNIOR Angler Tournament ( Kids have to catch the fish. ) It is scheduled for June 23rd.

Not a member but want to fish it with your kids? Not a problem, all our Tournaments are open to the public. Click on the box on the home page titled ” Our Next Meeting” for more information.

**Economic Impacts of Recreational Sport Fishing  
Jacksonville Metropolitan Area**

**Background:**

Sport fishing in Northeast Florida has a significant and frequently underestimated impact on the local economy. Duval County contains a unique expanse of both fresh and saltwater fishing environments. It is one of the few places in the United States where you have world class freshwater, estuary and ocean fishing environments in and around a major metropolitan area.

Jacksonville’s notable status as a fishing destination is backed up by being the host city for America’s largest Kingfish competition – The Greater Jacksonville Kingfish Tournament, and the JOSFC’s El Cheapo Sheepshead Tournament. The waters offshore the First Coast are home to the largest artificial reef program on the eastern seaboard. By some estimates, more than half of the inland saltmarsh on the Atlantic Coast is located in Northeast Florida and Southeast

Georgia. When it comes to fishing, Jacksonville is a “grand slam” city.

The findings that follow are based on Florida retail sales of recreational fishing licenses as reported by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission as well as the Commission’s statewide assessment of economic impact.

**Findings:**

- FWC reports the current annual economic impact for Florida fishing as:

<u>Classification</u>	<u>Dollars</u>	<u>Jobs</u>
Saltwater	\$5,691,949,544	54,516
Freshwater	\$2,630,617,741	24,805
Total	\$8,322,567,285	79,321

**Conclusions and Recommendations:**

The Jacksonville metro economic impact of recreational fishing, at **OVER one half billion dollars annually**, is significant. To put this in perspective, the economic impact of sport fishing in the metro area is as large as the most optimistic estimates of the impact from Jacksonville’s 2005 Super Bowl venture. **Jacksonville sport fishing is essentially an economic Super Bowl, every year! Year after year after year!**

Among the economic extenders related to sport fishing, but not quantified in the reported numbers, include the affect world class recreational fishing availability has on quality of life. We know people have come to Jacksonville and located a business here for the lifestyle and outdoor opportunities the area provides. This offers a “no cost” economic incentive to locate, or relocate a business here and should be a part of the economic development marketing appeals promoted by the city.

Government interest in the Jacksonville metro community should take a more proactive approach in supporting and facilitating the fishing community. While the City of Jacksonville has begun to move forward on new access for kayakers and boaters, these actions have not kept pace with growth.

**Summary Recommendations:**

Have the City of Jacksonville Legislative Affairs Chief actively solicit the reduction of restricted access zones in the St. Johns River as imposed by federal agencies.

- Relocate non-fishing/boating recreational interest from boat ramp facilities (where possible) to new city locations.
- Create a long term plan for boating, shoreline and fishing access in the Jacksonville area addressing population growth and economic development concerns.

## TOP'S TIPS SAFETY FIRST

### READING THE WEATHER

With the advent of warmer weather, we will be spending more and more time on the water with our boating and fishing activities. After reviewing club member Ron Carr's information about the two fishermen who drowned, after being caught in a mid-day storm while fishing on a large fresh water lake in Alabama, I thought I should remind all members of the need to be constantly aware of the current weather situation when out on the water.

The two fishermen, mentioned above, were seasoned boaters and were aware that a storm was imminent. No one knows exactly what happened, but the two fishermen were found dead the next day attached to their capsized boat, but without their life jackets on. Life jackets were still on the boat. There are many unanswered questions from this tragedy, but one thing is certain. Your life jacket will work only if it is worn. Even if you do not wear it at all times, keep it near by so you can put it on in case bad weather approaches, or other situations arise that would require you to don it quickly.

As we move into the warmer months with more daylight hours, and increasing temperatures, we must be alert to the ever increasing afternoon thunderstorms. In order to have a safe outing, boaters have a special need to know and understand the weather. On land, the effects of storms can be devastating. At sea, they can be even worse. High winds, lightning, rough seas and poor visibility are some of the side effects of storms at sea. The first step in avoiding weather related problems is "know before you go." This means you need reliable weather information before you go out on the water. Even if good weather is predicted, it can change while you are out. At least as important as knowing what weather to expect on your trip, is knowing how to tell when the weather is changing for the worse, or how to read the obvious signs. Therefore, we must understand how high and low pressure air masses impact our weather. Air masses with high pressure contain cool, dry air and low pressure contains warm, moist air. In the US, these air masses move mainly from west to east.

In the Northern Hemisphere, air flows clockwise around a high and counterclockwise around

a low. Therefore, since a high moving toward a low may have high winds, the area between the high and low may have stormy weather. Thus, it is important to know where the highs and lows are in relation to your location on the water.

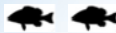


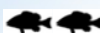









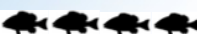

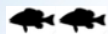

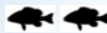


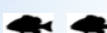
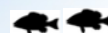
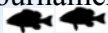

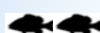





To locate the highs and lows in our area, stand with your back to the surface wind. Then, turn 45 degrees to your right which will align you with the winds aloft. After you have turned 45 degrees to the right, the low-pressure area will normally be to your left. The high area will be to your right with the resulting pressure area to the west the one that will reach you and the one to the east has already passed you. Therefore, if the pressure system to the west is low, weather conditions may deteriorate and you should make plans accordingly.

Clouds also tell us when bad weather is approaching. The one you want to pay close attention to is the cumulonimbus thunderhead or anvil shaped cloud. It usually signals a cold front moving at 10 to 30 knots with winds as high as 30-60 knots in a squall line. Gusts of wind may exceed 80-100 knots, which could present dangerous boating conditions with high seas and heavy rain followed by clearing. If caught in this condition, head into the waves and maintain position as the rough weather should pass shortly. If you must head back to port, try and cross the waves at a 45 degree angle and run a zigzag course back to port to prevent pounding into the waves and possible capsizing or pitch poling.

Know before you go, pay attention to changing weather conditions and continue to enjoy safe boating throughout the year.

Top Ingram  
Fish Tales



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
June					1	2
						
3	4	5	6	7 Club Meeting & Birthday Party 59 Yrs	8	9
						
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
						
17	18	19	20	21 Club Meeting	22	23 The Triple Challenge Tournament
						
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
						



June 4th - Board Meeting  
 June 6th - Ilah Breen's Birthday  
 June 7th - JOSFC's 59th Birthday - Meeting / Party / Honor Past Presidents

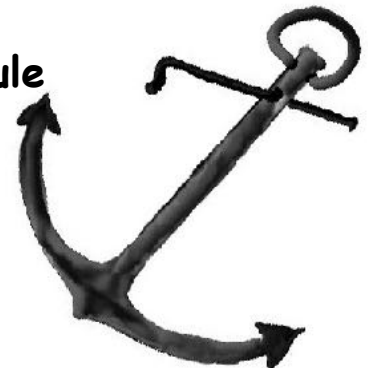
**COMING**

**EVENTS:**

June 21st - Club Meeting  
 June 23rd - Junior Angler Tournament  
 Club Annual Banquet - October 6, 2018

**2018 Captain of the Year Tournament Schedule**

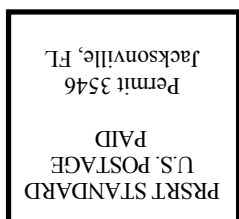
Tournament	-	Date	-	Rain Date
The Junior Angler	-	June 23rd	-	30th
The Kingfish Tune-Up	-	July 7th	-	14th
The Ladies Tournament	-	August 4th	-	11th
The Bottom Tournament	-	September 8th	-	15th



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