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The Reel News



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PRESIDENTS CAST NET

Trina Polkey

Anyone else looking forward to the smell of pogies in the morning? This girl is! Hopefully I'll have my boat back together soon, a BIG thanks to Larry at Pablo Creek Marine for helping me and teaching me how to repair it. I could not have done it with out him, he is definitely an asset to our community. Hope you all left some kingfish out there for me!



By now the Southern Kingfish Association Division 5 tournaments have kicked off and you may have missed the first one, (like I did), but there is still time to catch the rest of them and try to qualify for nationals which will be held, for the first time since 2015, in Morehead City. But you don't have to chase the tournament trail to enjoy king fishing...they are right outside the rocks. Heck, sometimes they are inside the rocks.

In preparation for the Greater Jacksonville Kingfish Tournament, our next FREE club tournament coming up July 7th is the **Kingfish Tune-Up**. You can weigh up to three fish, but only ONE will count for the tournament. We had to make a slight change to the tournament within a tournament to make sense, if there are LESS than five people participating in the TWT all monies will be returned to each angler and there won't be a TWT. Otherwise all general rules apply, and members must fly a JOSFC burgee. For complete rules and to register, please visit www.jaxfish.com, any questions please call Tom at 904-521-5364.

We want to be sure we keep past president Pete St. Laurent in our thoughts and prayers as he and his family is still mourning the sudden and tragic loss of their daughter. Also, Matt from Pablo Creek Marine lost his wife recently when she lost her battle with cancer. Please lift up both families and be ready to help if we are needed.

While we love our Kingfishing please **make a special note regarding this month's meetings!** The first one will be on July 7th as usual, but **we will move the 2nd one to the 26th** to avoid conflict with the GJKT. 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. Hope to see you there!

Below is great information for use in presenting to the powers (Local, State, & Federal) that they need to support us more!

In February of 2018 the BEA (Federal Department of Commerce's Bureau of Economic Analysis) completed a study that found the outdoor recreation industry's 2016 annual gross output was 2 percent (\$373.7 billion) of the U.S. gross domestic product. **Boating and fishing activities totaled \$38.2 billion, an increase of 4 percent over 2015.** The BEA report also noted that boating, fishing, hunting, camping, hiking, bicycling and supporting industries, surpassed the U.S. agriculture and petroleum industries.

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Come Fish With Us

Come fish with us, head offshore
Where the land finally fades away
See what wonders lie in store
as the compass shows us the way

Wonderful things you will see
Sparkling blue ocean and fish that fly
Turtles that swim and dive, living free
Colorful jellyfish that drift on, passing by

This is a world that few choose to view
Calm seas that hold wonders - amazing
Fish so beautiful, that few have clue
Behold Dolphins along side, swimming and lazing

It is a world offshore that is never boring
A world of birds, fish and exciting thrills
One that you can visit with a friend or charter
tour
One that will hold you captive and give you chills

So shed the shoreline, come fish with us
Say goodbye to the sand for a day
Sail on out to see what's all the fuss
If you are one of us, you will want to stay!

Chuck Darner

Remember, New Regs that go into effect on
July 1, 2018

Tripletail - Increasing the total length
from 15" to 18"

Sheepshead - Reducing the recreational
bag limit from 15 to 8 fish per day!

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A Safety reminder from one of our members, Lou DeNicola.

I unwrapped both my inflatable suspenders and inflatable belt only to find that the CO2 cartridge and become unscrewed! A lot of good this safety item would have been. Check this out and possibly replace the cartridge.



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

At least do it while under way, especially entering

and leaving the inlets, they can get rough in seconds.



Miguel Martinez **THOUGHT** he had a good fish on the line, but **DARN**, it was just another one of those extinct trash fish that he had to throw back!

On the other hand, that is a nice "Trash Fish" I bet he put up a really good fight!

That is exactly why you do need to send in your comments to NOAA, and a copy of every letter to the local, State and Federal representatives. The Mayor, Council Members, Congressmen and Senators.

Point out the lost tourist dollars, the lost revenue to the local economy, a lot more gas, bait, ice, food (lunches) boat repairs and Maintenance would be spent all summer long if we had our season. The FWC **was** managing the Red Snapper just fine, and increasing the number dramatically with their "2 fish 20 inches or bigger" regs before the SAMFC lied about the numbers and shut it down. The SAMFC has been repeatedly proven **WRONG** in their guesses.

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Ok everyone, It is 2018, and the fishing season is upon us.

How about thinking SAFETY FIRST!

THIS IS YOUR ANNUAL SAFETY TEST!!!

You probably already failed!

That is NOT a good thing.

Can you answer these questions without looking up some of the answers?

- 1 - Did you leave a FLOAT PLAN with someone, or on the dash of your tow vehicle?**
- 2 - What date was your single, woefully too small, fire extinguisher last checked? Is it current, or has it been sitting in it's holder for the last 2+ years with all the dry chemical compacted and hard at the bottom? Do you have a big enough Fire Extinguisher? They are cheep, why not have two or three on board?**
- 3 - Another thing to check are your hoses, fittings and clamps. You don't want them failing while you are miles from shore.**
- 4 - What is the expiration date on your Flares?**
- 5 - Does your ditch bag have enough water for everyone for a couple days?**
- 6 - Is your ditch bag sitting out where it will be available and have an EEPER attached to it?**

7 - Do you even have an EEPER? Why NOT?

They are just a couple of hundred now! Isn't your life and your crews life worth that little money? Are it's Batteries good? They should be replaced every 5 years!

8 - What year did you last replace the batteries in your hand held VHF radio? Is it IN your Ditch Bag? The same thing for your hand held GPS?

9 - Where is your hand operated bailing device?

10 - Does your hand held air horn work? What you don't have one?

11 - Where is your distress FLAG?

12 - Where is your signal mirror

13 - Is the "O" ring on your drain plug old and brittle?

14 - First aid kit current? How long ago did your first aid kit perishables expire? Yes Iodine expires! Here is something to think about. A lot of the (Other guys, not me) members are getting older. Does your first aid kit have some of the new crystalized Aspirin to dissolve under the tongue in case of a heart attack?

15 - Tested your VHF, or better yet upgraded to a new one with the DCS position sending feature?

16 - Checked all your hose fittings are tight, and no corroded Electrical connections?

17 - Your bilge pump working and have a backup if it goes out?

18 - Are your Life Jackets good and readily handy?

19 - Do you give your crew a safety "Tour" before each trip? Make sure they know where everything is and how to work it in case you are disabled?

20 - Have your throwable life preserver handy?

21 - When was the last time you had your wheel bearings packed?

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

Lucky for you, your boat isn't taking on water, or someone seriously injured and you aren't trying to answer any one of these questions in a panic to save a life!

Now 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



Dear BoatUS Member:

An important positive change to federal laws involving saltwater fishing is about to be voted on in the U.S. House of Representatives and Senate. The **Modern Fish Act** (part of H.R. 200 and S. 1520) will help improve public access to America's federal waters, promote conservation of natural marine resources, and spur economic growth by fixing key issues in the law governing marine fisheries. Ask your members of Congress to **support** this legislation and help ensure fisheries management that works for recreational fishing.

Take Action

The Modern Fish Act is a comprehensive package specifically aimed at addressing the needs of the nation's 11 million saltwater recreational anglers. It will improve management of fish stock, give better access to America's federal waters and promote conservation of our shared natural marine resources. You can learn more about this issue from BoatU.S. Magazine:

[Improving Fishing Regulations For Recreational Anglers - June 2018](#)

[40 Years Of The Magnusen-Stevens Act - June 2017](#)

If you love to fish, please speak up now, send a message today, and consider sharing this information with your fishing and boating friends, neighbors, yacht clubs and marinas.

If you have any additional questions, contact BoatUS Government Affairs at GovtAffairs@BoatUS.com

The JOSFC suggest you search "Federal Bill H200" and "Federal Bill S1520" and read them carefully then write or call your Congressmen and Senators.

Atlantic Highly Migratory Species

Again I want to remind you to check the Rules and Regulations from the SAMFC site every time you go out. They change them often and without any fanfare. You should print out the latest regs and have them with you.

I recently spoke with a fisherman that was stopped by the FWC Officers. They were nice to him and let him off with a warning as he had a 'Sharp Nose Shark' on board but was totally unaware that to keep it he had to have that **Atlantic Highly Migratory Species PERMIT!**

Did you know that you had to have that permit to keep or have on board any of the following species.:

Tunas, Billfishes, Swordfish, Sharks, Bluefin Tuna, Blue Marlin, White Marlin, Roundscale Spearfish, Sailfish, and Swordfish.

Also there are reporting requirements for most of these.

You can get your permit by going to the following website:

<https://hmspermits.noaa.gov/>

They are very inexpensive for the sport fishermen, but you definitely want to have yours while out there fishing!!!



Chris Bernacki had a visit from the "Man in a gray suit"

At least he got the head so he could see how big his catch would have been.



Greater Jacksonville
KINGFISH TOURNAMENT

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It is here this month, the week of the 14th through the 21st!

We start things off with the "Down at the Dock" tournament that the **JOSFC** sponsors and puts on for them. It will be **July 11th at the Sisters Creek site**. This is a really fun time as we help the Down's Syndrome community, kids and young adults of Jacksonville fish off the dock for **ANYTHING** that they can catch. Most have never fished before and they have the time of their lives!

July 14th (Saturday) the **GJKT** have their **Redfish Tournament**.

July 17th (Tuesday) there are two events, both the **Kids Dock Tournament**, and the **Junior Angler Tournament** for those that can go out on boats.

July 19th and 20th (Thursday & Friday) is the **General Tournament**. Again this is back to the old format that the biggest fish wins! They also have an aggregate of 3 fish, One on Thursday, 2 on Friday.

They have a **Single Engine Division** and a **Ladies Division**.

There are lots of Prizes and Saturday the 21st is the Awards Ceremony.

The Sisters Creek site is all setup with vendors and a **BIG** main event tent (With fans all over it so it is I won't say cool, the better wording is not too hot.



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

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



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

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- July 2nd - Board Meeting
- July 5th - Club Meeting
- July 7th - The Kingfish Tune-Up Tournament
- July 11th - Down at the Dock event

Coming Events:

JULY 26TH - CLUB MEETING

Club Annual Banquet - October 6, 2018



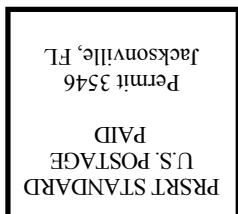
2018 Captain of the Year Tournament Schedule

Tournament	-	Date	-	Rain Date
The Kingfish Tune-Up	-	July 7th	-	14th
The Ladies Tournament	-	August 4th	-	11th
The Bottom Tournament	-	September 8th	-	15th

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