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PRESIDENTS CAST NET

Trina Polkey

Well! We have FINALLY been blessed with a few days to fish for the elusive American Red Snapper! Each angler will be allowed to keep one ARS, of any size, on August 10th-13th, and 17th-19th. Although "they" say these fish are in danger of being overfished, hence the long closing, there are plenty of them out there. You don't even have to lose sight of land to find them, and they aren't super picky on bait. They will eat anything from frozen squid, to fresh/frozen cigar minnows, Spanish sardines, pogies... and at all water depths. We typically fish for them on the bottom, but recent reports have them hitting trolled baits and even schooling up to boat. I am beginning to suspect they may not be endangered after all.

A big congratulations to all who won or placed in the many divisions of the Greater Jacksonville Kingfish Tournament. It was a great turn out and some impressive fish were caught...and lost. Considering a couple of incidents that took place during the tournament, I just want to encourage folks to be careful and be considerate out there. One boat hit the check out boat, another ended up high and dry

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Down at the Dock July 11, 2018

Have you ever volunteered for this event? If not you need to volunteer if not for community service, do it because JOSFC sponsors this event. I would like to personally thank Tom Darga for getting the JOSFC involved in this event.

Howard and I have volunteered for this event for 4 years. This is the most rewarding event we have every volunteered for. I have volunteered for many events thru work, but nothing compares

to this event.

Let me tell you about my experience this year after all the fishing poles are put



together and the bait is cut. I was walk toward the dock when 2 cars were unloading and the kids said I know you "You took our picture" they can running and hugged me and thanked me. That made me feel so good. I received about 100 hugs today from the kids.

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We served the 70 kids, the parents and chaperones hot dogs and chips. The kids were so excited to fish they were on the dock

fishing before all the kids were done eating.

Fish were caught, along with a long hose covered in oyster shells, oyster shells, red fish, pin fish and crabs. The kids were so excited to catch fish. There was this one girl who looked sad she had not caught a fish I put on hand on her shoulder and told her she would catch a fish, 5 minutes later she had a fish she was so happy she called me to get her picture. She has the biggest smile on her face. The kids were so happy when someone caught a fish.



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There was this mom, she had never fish and as she was putting shrimp on her son's hook. I was walking by and she said we need some help. Her son wanted to know how to get his hook out farther in the water. I explained how to cast the pole the both watch me as though I was the most experience person on the dock. So we went thru casting a few times, they were so excited. Then I told them they could keep the fishing pole you would have thought I gave them a million dollars.



There is a father and son that have come every year, the father dug a 2 acre pond stocked it with bass so his son could fish every day the rest of his life if he wanted too. The son had a fish on his line he gave the pole to the little boy next to him who was about 4 to bring in the fish. The little boy was so happy when he brought the fish in. He hug the fish and kiss it, he was so proud and walk it down to get it measure, what he dd not understand was that his fish would be

released, it was his fish.

Kids posed for pictures knowing that I will have the pictures developed and



and give them to the Down Syndrome Association to give to the kids as a memory of day.

When the event was starting to end, the parents and kids came up to me thanked me for



wonderful day.

As we know any day that you are fishing is the best day ever.

Thank you for allowing us to have this rewarding experience.

Thanks

Lee Ann & Howard Cheesman

Cast Net Continued

on the shore, presumably from running too fast in the dark, and one of our own club members lost a NICE fish when it got caught up in another boats downrigger. Y'all...go slow if you don't know, give other boats a wide berth, and if one of your fellow anglers is fighting a fish that is coming at you, get your lines and other stuff out of the water. We've got to look out for each other out here.

Our next club tournament will be the Ladies Tournament on August 4th. Ladies 18 and over can weigh up to three fish, (check website for eligible species), and obviously there must be at least one lady on each boat. 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.

Be sure you mark your calendar to attend our end of the year banquet on October 6th, and our regular meetings this month will be on the 2nd and 16th. 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!

From Membership

Hello Fisherfolks!

Dang! Summer is almost over for anyone with children in school or college. We're all out figuring out what supplies the kids will need for school and where to buy them. Don't forget to fish and reduce the stress of studies. remember any day spent fishing is better than a day spent in a chair behind a desk! Adults, too!

I was truly surprised and impressed as I looked through our membership list. The JOSFC Club has grown tremendously in the last two years! We have 231 **memberships** with at least **397 voting members**. This does **not** include all our wonderful fishing kids! Amazing! where else do find families having this much fun together!? Nowhere.

As many of you know we now have a new automated Membership Fees reminder system. From now on, the day you pay your fees will be your personal renewal day for your fees. The January 1 date will stand for the qualifying day for our Annual Awards boards. Membership fees must be paid and current before you place a fish on the board at any point during the year. You will be sent three reminders your dues need to be paid. The reminders come at three months, two months, and one month before your due date. We are hoping this will make life easier on our families to pay membership fees.

Thank you to all members for being part of such a wonderful family!

Terri Breen

Membership Director



Wear these, at least while underway, they don't work in the cabin!



DOWN ON THE DOCK 2018 BEST YEAR YET.

Over 70 participants fished.

Part 1 - The Assembly line

On Tuesday, July 11th, JOSFC once again stepped up and showed everyone why it is the best fishing club to join.

To recap what the Down On The Dock Tournament covers. Once a year JOSFC teams up with the Greater Jacksonville Kingfish and sponsors the Down On the Dock Tournament. The Tournament is for children and adults who have Down Syndrome. Each year volunteers from JOSFC help make this possible.

The day started off with everyone showing up around 9 am where the process of assembling 120, Zebco 202 rods for the day started. We tied a standard Carolina rig on each rod & Reel Combo. After the Zebco's were ready, we turned our attention to the bait that is donated each year by shrimpers. These are cut up into bite size pieces and bagged up for each member to carry and bait the hooks.

A hot dog lunch was prepared and served from 11:00 to 11:30. As the kids and adults finished they receive their pole and found a spot on the rail at Sisters Creek.

Part 2 - Fishing

The one thing that can be said about this tournament is no matter what you catch it will be measured and everyone will cheer you on. Last year we were all amazed by the amount of Mangrove Snapper that were caught. Legal by the way and yes we did throw them back much to the anguish to some of us. But for the kids letting them go is just as much fun as catching them. Back to the 'everything gets measured'. The surprise catch this year was one item. You noticed I said item not fish. A little girl using her Zebco 202,

caught, mind you, a 5 ft section of hose that was covered with Oysters. Dad, of course, was going to throw it away NOT. She definitely had other ideas and was determined that since she caught it we were going to measure it. Dad followed his little girl dragging the hose behind him as she walked with her pole in one hand and high fiving with the other hand. She was all smiles because she caught the biggest one. Once at the weight station a very serious little girl waited patiently.

The biggest surprise was the other kids never even noticed the hose they were all fascinated by the Oysters which were alive.

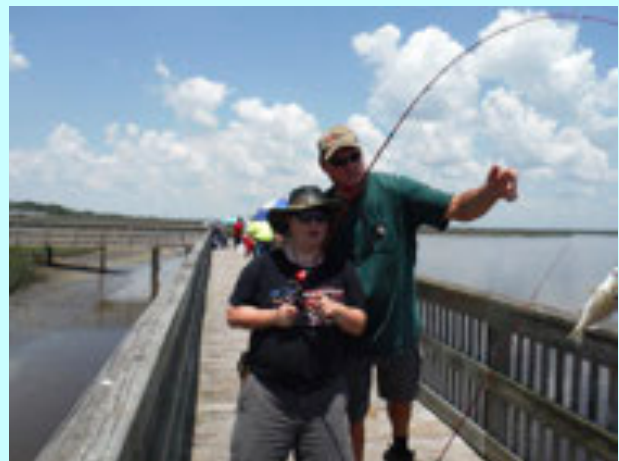
Frank Reiss had the time of his life as the group of boys he was working with decided that they were going to catch blue crabs that were below us. Derek, James and myself along with Gary were pointing them out to the kids and Frank was trying to reel them up with the kids. At the end of the day Blue and Stone crabs were caught.

Also caught were eels, seriously, Whiting, Reds, Pin fish everything including the hose were a delight to the children.

The smiles, the laughter, and the honest true support that they all show each other is a great reminder for us as adults to remember fishing is fun no matter what you catch.

Thank you everyone who volunteered.

Tom Darga



Swimming Near Boat Docks Claims More Lives

ANNAPOLIS, Md., June 20, 2017 - The fatalities over the weekend of an [11-year-old](#) girl in New Jersey and [19-year-old](#) young man in Ohio are bringing scrutiny to an age-old summer ritual that's common on waterfronts across America: swimming near boat docks. Initial reports say the youngster died when touching a dock's electrified boatlift, and the Ohio teen died as a result of dangerous electrical current in the water while trying to save his father and family dog that also appeared to be stricken by the electrical current. The BoatUS Foundation, the boating-safety arm of the nations' largest recreational boat owners group, has some tips to prevent an electrocution tragedy.

While swimming deaths due to electricity fall into two categories, electrocution and [electric shock drowning](#) (ESD), both can be prevented the same way. Electrocution can happen in fresh- or saltwater when swimmers make contact with energized metal dock fittings, boats or other structures due to faulty alternating current (AC) wiring.

ESD occurs when AC gets into freshwater from faulty wiring and passes through a swimmer, causing paralysis or even sudden death. Unlike electrocution, with ESD a swimmer does not need to be touching a boat or dock structure, and even minute amounts of electricity can be incapacitating and lead to drowning.

The risk of ESD is greatest in fresh- or brackish water, so some areas such as estuaries or rivers may only be in the danger zone after heavy rains. In saltwater, electrical current takes the path of least resistance, bypassing swimmers. Unlike a drowning swimmer, who typically can't yell out for help because their mouth is mostly underwater, an ESD victim is often confused about what is happening, may be

able to shout, and will feel numbness, tingling, pain and paralysis. Tingling in the swimmer's body is one of the early warning signs of ESD. What can you do to prevent an electrocution or ESD fatality? Here are 6 tips:

1. Never swim around boats and docks that use electricity.
2. Post "no swimming" signs.
3. Have a qualified electrician with experience in dock electrical service inspect your private dock annually.
4. Install ground-fault protection on your boat and private dock.
5. Ask your marina if they have installed ground-fault protection, and if the electrical system is inspected and tested annually just in case someone falls overboard. No one should ever swim in a marina.
6. Periodically test your boat for electrical leakage into the water.

What do you do if you see a distressed person in the water near a boat dock? A drowning victim often looks "playful," while an electric shock drowning victim looks "distressed." It may be difficult, however, to immediately determine either, so play it safe by not jumping in. The first task is to shut off power to the dock at the breaker panel, and if equipped, disconnect any power cable to the vessel. If power cannot be shut down, follow the "reach, throw, row, but don't go" mantra by using an oar, boat hook or throw a floatation device to reach the stricken person.

For more information, parents, dock owners, boaters, and marina and boat club operators can go to the BoatUS Electric Shock Drowning Resource Center at: www.BoatUS.com/Seaworthy/ESD.

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



That SPLASH is NOT a big fish, but it is the results of a club member catching her first Sailfish!



There she is! That is Madison Darner who just got thrown in the river as part of the JOSFC Tradition of throwing you in the river after you catch your first Sailfish after joining the club. After you Swim, you have earned your Sailfish Pin and the right to wear it!

You gotta Swim to Earn the Pin!



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Bill Breen
Newsletter
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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!

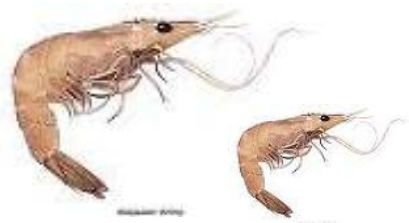
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
August			1	2 Club Meeting	3	4 The Ladies Tournament
5	6 Board Meeting	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16 Club Meeting	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	



**COMING
EVENTS:**

August 2nd - Club Meeting
August 4th - The Ladies Tournament
August 6th - Board Meeting
August 16th - Club Meeting
Club Annual Banquet - October 6, 2018



Shrimping starts to pick up in the River! All you need is a Cast Net, Cooler of Ice and to find a good spot!

2018 Captain of the Year Tournament Schedule

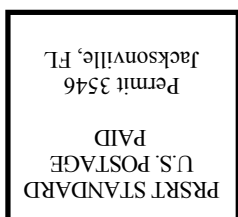
Tournament	-	Date	-	Rain Date
The Ladies Tournament	-	August 4th	-	11th
The Bottom Tournament	-	September 8th	-	15th



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