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The Reel News



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PRESIDENTS CAST NET

Trina Polkey

September is a big month for the club as we close our fishing year and begin to choose our leadership for next year. We will be nominating our new board and officers at our first meeting on September 6th, and those nominated will be giving their speeches, (if needed), at our second meeting, September 20th. Folks, we have a LOT of new energy and talent within the club and I would LOVE to harness some of it to help lead the club into 2019. Please think about how you might serve the club, talk to one of your board of directors, get involved. Yes, it's work...but very rewarding work and necessary to keep this club going.

We will also be celebrating our Junior Anglers on the 6th with a hot dog roast, an ice cream social, and of course awarding their board prizes. Our final club tournament of the year, The Bottom Fishing Tournament will take place on September 8th thus ending the tournament schedule for the 2017-2018 fishing year.

Our annual Awards Banquet will take place October 6th, members please be sure to

This is YOUR Club!

As one member so aptly put it, "This club is a 'Legacy Club', for our kids we need to keep this club going".

Next June, we will celebrate the club's official 60th Birthday! That is 6 decades of at first, improving the fishing off Jacksonville with over 300 drops of reefs and reef replenishments, and lately adding fighting to keep fishing open along the Atlantic and Gulf Coast.

NOW . . . It does not take a lot of time to help keep this club running, but it does take a little time from several people. (Get where I am going with this?)

The current Board of Directors, would like some NEW people to step up and run for the Board of Directors or Officers. The only restriction is to run for President you must have been on the Board for 1 year prior to being nominated.

You may run for Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer or for the Board of Directors. Note I didn't put the BoD positions. That is because you get elected to the Board, and then you serve "At the direction of the President". Meaning that the President may appoint you to a position.

That doesn't mean you can't tell the

Presidents Message Continued

put this on your calendar! We will be awarding prizes for all the fishing boards, award our new Captain of the Year, and install the new Board of Directors. Tickets are \$35 each and will be available at all meetings or through the members of the board.

Finally, our regular meetings this month will be on the 6th and 20th. 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!



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- President Trina Polkey
- Vice President..... Tony Thompson
- Secretary Tom Cavin
- Treasurer Gary Lock

Board of Directors & Special Staff:

- Tom Darga - Tournament Director
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- Tom Ruggles - Website & Newsletter
- Greg Wallace - Fishing Director
- Terri Breen - Membership
- Sara Carpenter - Media Director
- Cathy Brace - Hospitality Director
- Derek Siegel - Speaker Director
- Capt. Chris Rooney - Advisor to the Board
- Assist. Newsletter Editor / Website ... Bill Breen
- Newsletter & Marine Radio.... Mike Murphy

Your Club Continued

President that you would like to fill a particular position and that usually happens.

Please, even if you are a long time member, or new, just joined at the last meeting, consider running for the board! NO, you are not too new! While the club is getting older, we need fresh new ideas to keep it current and inviting to everyone!

I guarantee you that you will enjoy being on the Board!

The Board currently consist of the following positions:

Tournament Director - In charge of running the club tournaments.

Awards & Events - Sets up the Club Booth and gets staff for the 2 or 3 events we go to every year, and gets the Awards for the Banquet.

Website & Newsletter - I, Bill Breen, am NOT an elected Board member. I do the Newsletter and the elected person (Tom Ruggles) works with me on the Website.

Fishing Director - Keeps track of the COY points and fish slips & Boards.

Membership - Easy as I do most of that work on the Website.

Media Director - Social media and Print media information.

Hospitality - In charge of the meals at the meetings. (You can get a whole crew to help you if you want.)

Speaker Director - Lines up guest Speakers for the meetings.

IF you get one of these jobs, the outgoing person will help you with lot of good info, contacts and even work with you if needed. There is always plenty of help for you!



Thursday, September 6th meeting
OneBlood will be onsite for a blood drive. Please plan to come out and help our community! And whomever donates the most gets to eat for free at the meeting :-D.

Once upon a long, long time ago , in a teeny, tiny mystical village ...

Okay, so only fifty-nine years ago in the seafaring village of Mayport, the fishing club called Jacksonville Off Shore Fishing Club began and grew. Dedicated to family, fun, and fishing our group has defended fishing rights for both commercial and recreational fisheries.

This year has been no different We continue to hold family fishing tournaments, eat great meals provided by Cathy, our Hospitality Director, and defend the fishing rights of all.

Our membership has grown by leaps and bounds. We've had more than twenty family's and individuals join us this year. Of course, if you're an individual member , before too long you are an adopted son or daughter of the fishing family.

On October 4, 2018 we will be celebrating the accomplishments of our younger members.. The Junior Angler Boards awards will be presented to the winners of this year's Junior Angler fishing boards.

Not only will we be having a meal, but an Ice Cream Social! It is sure to be a success! Come join us.



Brian Peterson & Brooke caught this nice Triple Tail off a lonely Mylar Balloon 18 miles due East of Mayport! How many of YOU would have thought to try a lone balloon?



Brian with a nice 34" Redfish, Caught Downtown at 3:00 AM on an outgoing tide, pitching artificials! Released with plenty of fight left!

Little Details

Lets start talking about some little details that can make or break your day on the water.

First and foremost is safety, for you, your crew and the boat.

Have you checked all your hose fittings to make sure they are tight? Yeah I know, when you try to remove one it is like you had epoxied it on and almost impossible to get off, BUT when you don't want one to pop off it will do so all by it's self. You should also check your hoses to make sure they are not cracked and rotten. How often should you do this? At least once a month, or as I try to do after every trip as I wash and clean up my boat getting it ready for the next trip.

Here is something I bet you haven't thought about, emergency plugs. If you have a "Below the water line through the Hull" fitting like a water pickup for your live well or a protruding sonar (Yes, your fish finder is sonar.) fitting. What are you going to do if you hit a log, surfacing turtle or whatever, and snap it off? You should have a wood or rubber plug, that is a tapered cylinder that you can drive in the hole. (Unless you really WANT your boat to sink.)

Now, where to keep that plug. Use a Zip Tie and fasten one the correct size to the inside part of the fitting or the bulkhead right next to it. (Here is a tip in side of a tip!) Instead of putting screws into your fiberglass use a spot of 5200 to glue a Stainless Steel ring to your bulkhead. You can do this anyplace you want or need, and use them to run wires through it, zip tie things to it, or anything you want.

It would not hurt to have 4 or 5 tapered plugs in different sizes hanging below deck where they are easy and fast to get to.

Now another thing you should pay close attention to is FIRST AID. You should always cary a good First Aid kit. As you are fishing, using those sharp barbed hooks, include a good heavy duty pair of wire or bolt cutters, sturdy enough to cut the heaviest fish hooks you use. Don't just get a little plastic Walmart First Aid Kit, you need to assemble a good kit. Just think of some of the injuries you could see.

Cuts down to the bone, hooks through the hand, broken bones from falls on a slippery deck. Kingfish, Wahoo, Barracuda, Sharks and all kinds of

fish here have a mouth FULL of big sharp teeth! (That is why on my boat I don't recommend sandals, flip flops or bare feet.)

You need plenty of gauze pads, Gauze wraps, Anti-biotic spray, cream, and something to wash the wound with like fresh water or a sterile saline wash. A friend that is a Doctor said he does not like Hydrogen Peroxide as while it does sterilize the wound and area it also actually kills some of your cells on the exposed surface of the wound and delays healing and makes bigger scars.

Here is something you would not think of for a first aid kit, but how about a roll of good cloth backed Duct Tape? It is good for temporary splints as well making a waterproof wraps over wounds and lots of other temporary repairs around the boat.

How about an Eye Wash? People do get suntan spray or lotion in their eyes and who knows what.

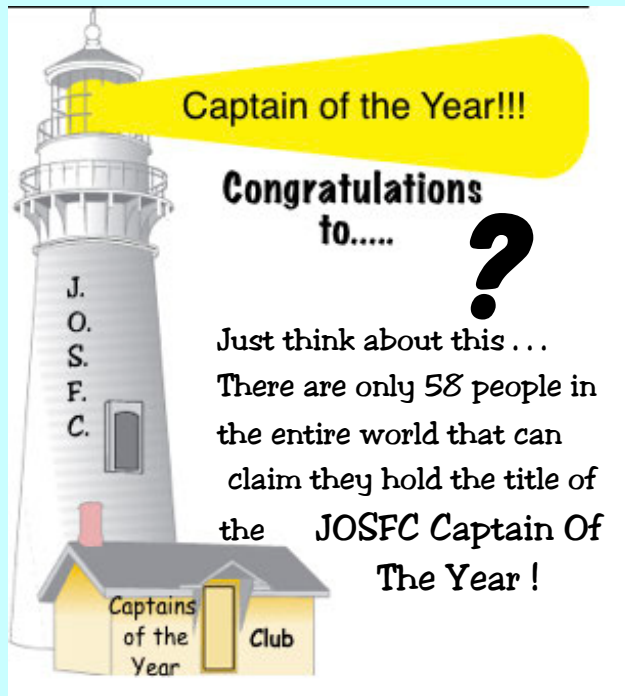
Do you cary a couple of those \$2.00 Mylar Emergency Blankets to use in case someone needs to get warm or prevent shock?

Ok, don't forget the little stuff like band-aids or "New Skin" a waterproof antiseptic brush on band-aid for little cuts, Aspirin (The quick dissolve powder in case of heart attack. ((My Son was only 34.)) Also some Tylenol or Motrin for those people that can't take Aspirin.

Do you have a tool kit of some type? Repair that reel, hose fitting, clean your spark plugs, or change your broken prop? (From hitting that same turtle or log that broke off your fitting.)

Fire Extinguishers (Yes, plural ExtinguisherS) Your boat is fiberglass, foam, and plastic (All burn very well and ignite easily.) and GAS!!!! I carry 3 extinguishers, the little way undersize one that came with the boat, and 2 bigger ABC 5 pounders. If you have an inboard motor, install a fire port, so you don't have to open the cover which gives it lots of oxygen to flair up.

Don't forget to shake them up to keep the powder loose so it all comes out, and have them checked out or recharged every couple of years. (There are only two things that really frighten me on the water and they are FIRE and LIGHTNING that can also cause that fire.)



Who is going to be our next Captain Of The Year?

This year we have a tight race that has come down to two Captains! With ONE tournament left (The Bottom Tournament)

We currently have **Jack Ogin** in the lead with only a 4 Point lead. Jack has fished all 9 of our Tournaments so far, and has a total of 67 points.

Hal Hanna is a close second, only 4 points behind Jack! However Hal has only fished 7 of the tournaments, but has a total of 63 points! Hal has been coming on strong with win's in the last 3 tournaments. (Both got 10 points in the Ladies Tournament.)

For this last Tournament Jack has to place 5th or better to TIE Hal, if Hal wins the tournament. As long as Jack places 6th or better he will be the Captain of the Year.

It is NOT over for Hal, I have seen even the best fisherman come back with just a couple small fish.

The Winner will be announced at the October 6th Awards Banquet!



Our very SHORT Red Snapper Season was a good one this year! Unlike previous years we had good weather for all 6 days and the JOSFC crews got out and caught their 1 fish per day, and contrary to the SAMFC's head "Scientist"? assertion that there were no big snapper out there, there were some really nice fish caught!

Little Things Continued

You have your "Throwable PFD." as required by the USCG, but do you also have a rope with a weight on the end to throw to someone overboard to pull them to your boat?

Do you carry extra Sunscreen for Mr. Forgot mine, or even an extra pair of good sunglasses, just in case?

How about an extra Drain Plug? You can't tell me YOU never forgot or misplaced one!

All these things can save a day out on the water and make your day end better. All these things combined won't break the bank and should be part of your everyday boating.

Now for goodness sake, DO NOT forget to leave a FLOAT PLAN, and to take a couple of minutes to give your crew a "Safety Tour / Lecture" on your boat, how to run it if YOU are hurt, and where all the safety gear is stored, BEFORE you leave the dock!



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THE 59TH ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET

October 6, 2018

At the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge
 #1 Sawgrass Rd. Jax Beach, FL 32250
 6:00 PM Cocktails 7:00 PM Dinner



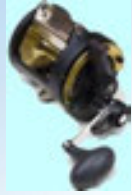



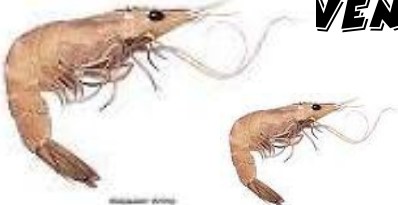
This is one JOSFC event that you do NOT want to miss!

At the Banquet we honor our **Captain of the Year**, This person has demonstrated their fishing abilities in all the different types of fishing that we do. The **Board Winners**, for all the adult boards. And Any outstanding catches such as an **All Time Club Record** catch or anything unusual. We also honor any other catches or actions of note by our members, such as great **Sportsmanship, Life Saving Action, Volunteer of the Year**, or monumental **GOOFS**

Tickets are on sale now, still only \$35 / Person. See any Board Member for yours.

Dinner will be a Low-Country-Boil and also something good for those not able to eat Shellfish. Don't forget we also have a GREAT Raffle table that you don't want to miss!



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
<h1>September</h1>						1
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9	10 Board Meeting	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20 Club Meeting. All Boards close 8:30 PM	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	 <p>COMING VENTS:</p>  <p>Shrimping starts to pick up in the River! All you need is a Cast Net, Cooler of Ice and to find a good spot!</p>					
<p>September 6th - Club Meeting September 8th - The Ladies Tournament September 10th - Board Meeting September 20th - Club Meeting September 20th - Fishing Boards CLOSE 8:30 PM September 21st - 2018 / 2019 Boards open 00:01 AM Club Annual Banquet - October 6, 2018</p>						



In every Newsletter I strongly suggest that you wear your Life Jacket at least while your boat is underway.



2018 Captain of the Year Tournament Schedule

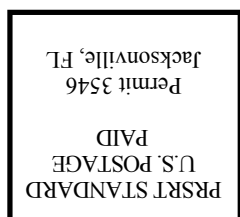
Tournament - Date - Rain Date

The Bottom Tournament - September 8th - 15th

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