



The Reel News

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PRESIDENTS CAST NET *Trina Polkey*

Well, our fishing year has come to an end and as we wrap things up, please join me in congratulating **Hal Hanna**, our **2017-2018 Captain of the Year**. Hal finished the year with 73 points, at the last minute, overtaking Jack Ogin, who led the board most of the year. Jack finished 2nd with 67 points, and Greg Wallace wrapped up 3rd with 44 points. We'll all have to get out there and give them a run for their money next year! We will start afresh again soon once our new tournament director has set the schedule.

We saw some great things the past few months with Madyson Darner catching her first sailfish, and Steve Shaw ADMITTING to catching his first. We enjoyed tossing both off the dock! AJ Proescher won his first kingfish tournament in Fernandina this year, and Steve Shaw won Angler Armory's Fish What You Wish Contest.

We helped with the Down at the Docks Tournament, the Safe Harbor Boys Home, Redfish Round-Up, the Inner City Junior

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Captain of the Year!!!

Congratulations
to....

Captain Hal Hanna

Captain Hal Hanna made a big "Come from behind" to become only the 59th person in the world to claim the coveted JOSFC Captain of the Year title!

Come to the Awards Banquet to see Hal claim his Award and Title!

The Board Winners will also receive their awards.
GOOD Food, Company and a great time!



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



From a past Banquet, they are a lot of FUN! That is past President Eddie McGowan (He lost a bet and had to wear a dress. Meet Edwina!



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

The meeting on the 4th will be your last chance to buy your tickets before the Banquet.

However there will be some available at the door.

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! This is an all inclusive raffle, there will be jewelry for the ladies, and some non-fishing prizes as well as lots of good fishing rods, reels, lures and good things!

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Who are those strange people on the left, and what are those strange fish they are holding?

Well the top photo is Long time member Bill Wilderotter and the bottom photo is Member Scott Darnier.

They were up in Bath Maine (Escaping the heat!) and were on an inshore charter, and catching Striped Bass. Naturally Bill claims that the BIGGEST one was lost to a Harbor Seal, (As he so aptly described it, "Maines Barracuda")

Any way you look at it, those are nice Strippers, and they are good eatin or smoking fish!



Presidents Cast net Cont.

Tournament, held our first blood drive in a while, and contributed to our local marine science magnet school. Our hearts still go out to Larry Hayden and Pete St. Laurent who both lost their beloved daughters this past year.

Don't forget! We will be celebrating our Junior Anglers on the 4th with a hot dog roast, an ice cream social, and of course awarding the children their board prizes. Also, our **Annual Awards Banquet will take place October 6th**, members please be sure to get your tickets now if you haven't already. We will be awarding our new Captain of the Year, and presenting prizes to the winners for all the fishing boards, we will also 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 4th and 18th. 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!



Hi there everyone! I am going to give you something to think about as far as fishing, and "Conventional, local wisdom" goes.

For those of you that don't know me very well, I moved back to Florida after being born in Lakeland, FL 71 years ago. I have been here for 15 + years now and while I haven't gotten to do as much fishing here as I would like to, I have been Fishing, Free-divie Spear Fishing, since I was about 9 years old and got Scuba certified in 1964. I hold Gold Medals (Both individual and Team.) from competing in State, National, and International Police Olympics in both Skin Diving and Scuba Diving Competitions.

I got my degree in Oceanography from California University at Humboldt, with secondary degrees in: Marine Zoology, Marine Biology, Marine Fisheries, and Wild Life Management. (I also like to Hunt.)

From about 1968, I have been fishing and diving on the West Coast mostly North of San Francisco. I averaged about 400 hours on the boat engine every summer, with probably as many hours just drifting with the engine off. (We NEVER anchored out there.) We usually only had part of June, all of July and August, and part of September for fishing because of the weather.

First about FISH in general. Fish are not smart in any sense. Their brain is nothing more than a bunch of nerves with three main functions. Eating, avoiding being eaten, and reproducing. That is it, their total capacity!

Fish do not see your leader and think: Hummmm, that looks like a trap!

They do not learn from being hooked. I was Salmon fishing one day and a guy came on the VHF and said:

"IF anyone catches a big Salmon with a Penn GLD 45 hanging out of it's mouth, that is MY fish and Rod & Reel."

Naturally everyone gave him a bad time for not hanging on to his rod, but about 20 minutes later someone came on the VHF and asked if he was still out there. They had caught his fish with the lure still hanging out of it's mouth and the Rod & Reel still being dragged around. He kept the 45 lb Salmon, but gave the guy his Rod & Reel back.

Lesson from this. . . . Having a lure hanging out of it's mouth didn't stop it from hitting another lure just like the one it had in it's mouth.

SLOW to NO LEARNERS!

Trolling. . . . There really isn't any deep secret to this. **Just remember that fish see ANY disturbance in the water as a possible feeding frenzy and will go to it looking for food.**

Think of trolling like this, your boat is a disturbance in the water. The lures you are trolling behind it are possible FOOD!

When I troll I try to get my boat to make as much noise and splash as I can. I trim my engine up as high as I can so my boat plows through the water, and does not get up on plane at about 10 MPH.

Now remember to keep your lures close to the boat. I run my "Flat lines" off the corner of the boat, and about 20 yards behind the boat. I try to position it just on the edge of the wake or bubble water from your prop. I like it on the back of the second wave created by your boat. My next two are about 15 to 20 yards further back, just where the bubbles from the engine are starting to fade out. I like these lures to be about 5 feet outside the flat lines, running just in the clear water by the wake. IF you run a "Way Back" line, it should be in the center of your wake, just where the water is starting to clear up. NOT way, way, way, back, where it takes you 20 minutes to reel it in.

Remember, your boat is what attracts the fish, and they will be looking for food near it!

There was a fad for a while off California of putting decals of Squid or baitfish on the bottom of the boats. This is coming back as it does work! I recently saw an add for the decals in either Florida Sportsman or Sport Fishing. This actually works, and I know three different boat owners that did this. All of them reported that they could feel and hear fish hitting the bottom of their boat when they located schools of Tuna, Salmon, Bonita (Bonita are a prized sport and food fish out west.) and one even had a Thresher Shark whipping his hull with it's tail. That was one confused shark, the Captain said it hit his hull at least 10 times and just couldn't find anything to eat until they threw it a piece of bait with a big hook in it, attached to some wire leader and a big rod & reel. (Off California Threshers are legal, and a targeted species as you really can not tell the difference between them and a Swordfish when cooked.)

Fishing thoughts continued

Remember, fish are not rocket scientist, they don't see your gear and think "This looks wrong, or I see a hook, that is not for me." If it looks like food, or like it is alive, and might be food they will try to eat it.

One last thought, don't over tighten your drag, it will wear YOU out, let the fish run and wear itself out, then bring it to the boat!

Calm Seas & Tight Lines... Bill



Loud Hailings

Bill Breen

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 :

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

I don't advocate killing all the stupid people, I just say lets remove the "Warning Labels" and let Nature take it's natural course!



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!

DON'T forget your Float Plan!

Support our Junior Anglers!

They are the future of our club and fishing.

The October 4th meeting is dedicated to our Junior Anglers. At this meeting we will Honor their catches and award the Board winners for their efforts. This doesn't mean as adults you shouldn't be there to cheer the kids.

There are three Boards that the kids can post fish on.

First the Junior Anglers (Unlike the adults.) can post fish caught from shore, they do not have to be on a boat. They can fish from shore, bridges, piers, or anywhere that they can get a line in the water.

1 - Junior Angler Inshore Board.

This year we had 4 kids post fish to this board!

First place goes to William Wikan with 4 fish, all caught from SHORE!

Second went to Amelia Siegel with 2 fish posted.

Third went to Alyssa Ruggles who's 5.8 Pound Sheepshead beat out 4th place Byron Darner's 5.75 Pound Redfish!

2- Junior Angler 11 & Under Board.

Only 3 kids posted 1 fish each to this board! (I know we have more than 3 kids 11 years old and under! Where were their fish?)

This winner is Demetrius Washington with a 29 pound Kingfish.

Second went to Ben Shaw with a 20 Pound Barracuda

Third went to Cassandra Abboud with a 1.5 Pound B-Liner.

(Incases like this where there are only 1 fish each or a tie in fish count, the total weight determines the winner. Think about it, if Cassandra had even posted a 1 Pound Whiting, she would have beat out both boys!)

3 - Junior Angler 12 to 17

There were 5 kids that posted fish to this board.

First place went to Mike Amendola with 3 fish who's total weight of 51.6 pounds, thanks

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How to get to the JOSFC Annual Awards Banquet

This is at the FOP Hall, just follow the directions below!

Off of Buttlar Blvd, go right (South) on Marsh Landing Pkwy. Turn Right on Greensway to Palms Condos, go through the gate into the condo's parking lot, go past the pool turn at the 1st right, then to the 1st left follow the road and you are there!



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to a 47 Pound Wahoo, took the board!












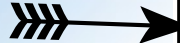






























































Second went to William Lowrie with 45.9 Pounds and Amelia Siegel took 3rd with 42 pounds.

Those are some nice fish, and I know that the kids are proud of them, (So are the parents) so come to this meeting on the 4th and show the kids your support and encourage them to keep fishing!

After all like I said at the start, **"They are the future of this club and fishing" !!!**



Are you SURE you have enough FIRE EXTINGUISHERS on board? When was the last time you checked yours or had it recharged? If it is that 1 pound thing that came with your boat and is 4 + years old it just won't cut it if you have a fire. They are cheap, buy a couple bigger ones!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
	1 Board Meeting  	2  	3  	4 Club Meeting & Junior Angler Awards  	5   	6 JOSFC Annual Awards Banquet  
7  	8   	9    	10   	11   	12   	13   
14  	15  	16  	17  	18 Club Meeting.  	19  	20  
21  	22  	23   	24   	25    	26   	27  
28 	29 	30  	31  	October		



Coming Events

September 20th - Fishing Boards CLOSE 8:30 PM
 September 21st - 2018 / 2019 Boards open 00:01 AM
 October 1st - Board Meeting
 October 4th - Club Meeting & Junior Angler Awards
 October 20th - Club Meeting



Club Annual Awards Banquet - October 6, 2018

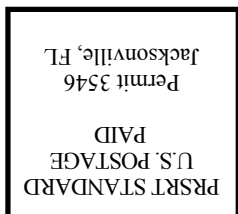


Shrimping starts to pick up in the River! All you need is a Cast Net, Cooler of Ice and to find a good spot!

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