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The Reel News



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PRESIDENTS CAST NET

Trina Polkey

Well it's the start of our new fishing year, all boards were erased, and the Captain of the Year race is on again with our first tournament, the Triple Challenge, coming up November 3rd. I really hope to see a bunch of us out there participating in the tournaments this year and let's fill up those boards! How awesome would it be to have a name by every fish on every board? How about to have those junior boards filled up with all kinds of kid's names? The new tournament schedule will be available very soon, I hope you will make plans to fish as many as you can.

The Board of Directors was never meant to be lone ranger positions, they are committee heads, and we are counting on you to step up and help when and where you can. We do things to help support and grow our club's membership, support the growth of our sport in NE Florida, and support our club in general. We count on people like you to all come together, make it happen, and have fun doing it! Please let us know what your gifts are and how you can help.

Please join me in thanking those who have stepped up to help lead the club this year:

Officers:

Trina Polkey - President

Tom Ruggles - Vice President

Steve Guthrie - Treasurer

Mayan Skenes - Secretary

Board

Terri Breen

Tom Darga

Cassi Washington

Bill Breen

Greg Wallace

Guy Sanders

Jamie Underwood

Hal Hanna

Mark Aley

Don't forget, memberships are renewable and due now. Only members in good standing can put a fish on any of our club boards. Don't forget, if you have not renewed by the end of the year, they will be **removed**. Like permanently. We are undeniably the most affordable fishing club around with benefits fitting of a much more expensive club. Please be sure to pay your dues and please participate! It's no fun without you!

One final thought...this club and the NE Florida fishing community have become family to me, each other, and to many of you. We are there for each other like no other group I've been a part of. Let's try to be respectful and considerate of each other in word and action,

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THE EL CHEAPO IS COMING! THE EL CHEAPO IS COMING! THE EL CHEAPO IS COMING!!!

KNOW ANYONE WHO WANTS TO BE A SPONSOR?

The El Cheapo is the major fundraiser for our organization for the year. Through the tremendous support of our sponsors, this tournament has become the "Largest Sheepshead Tournament in the World" and one of the largest fishing tournaments in the United States! Over the past several years, the tournament has grown to over 2000 visitors at the tournament site with an average of 400 participating fishing teams at the 2 day event. The Junior Angler Division and Ladies Division features over 150 kids participating. The appeal of a family friendly low cost tournament has created a huge following of participants and supporters. We have received extensive positive regional and statewide media coverage, as well as internet exposure that extends far beyond the local fishing community.

There are 5 levels of sponsorship that drive this event:

Presenting Sponsors; 3 boat, motor and trailer packages, then cash for a total of 15 prizes.

Junior Angler Sponsors; 15 prize items and cash of any amount specifically earmarked for the Junior Angler Division.

Platinum level; over \$500.00 in cash, merchandise, or equivalent value.

Gold level; \$250.00-\$500.00 in cash, merchandise, or equivalent value.

Silver level; under \$250.00 in cash, merchandise, or equivalent value.

Interested? Contact Chris Rooney at :

904-233-8452

Rob Darner

El Cheapo Tournament Director



This is the season for fishing for Wahoo, so I thought this would be a good time to give you this information.

Kingdom - Animalia
Phylum - Chordata
Class - Osteichthyes
Order - Perciformes
Family - Scombridae
Genus - Acanthocybium
Species - Solandri

Common Name - **Wahoo**

I will attempt to tell you everything that science and expert fishermen know about Wahoo except how to actually catch one.

Here are some facts to start with. The Wahoo is a member of the Family - Scombridae, which includes both the Mackerel and Tuna. World wide there is only one "Species" of Wahoo, they are the same fish no matter where you go. Fish tagged in the Gulf have been caught off the Carolina's.

They mature between 1 and 2 years of age, and live an average of 5 to 6 years. They grow quickly from fry 1" long to about 30" in the first year, then they grow at about 1.2" to 1.5" per month. Their max length is about 98" long with the average being 39" to 66".

They are one of the fastest fish in the ocean, with an estimated speed of 60 plus MPH!. (Remember this for later.)

The world rod & reel record, Caught off the Pacific coast of Mexico is 158 pounds 8 oz. The Florida record caught off Marathon in 1960 is 139 pounds.

Wahoo like warm water, with a lower avoidance temperature of 65 degrees F. And a preferred range of 68 to 80 degrees and an upper avoidance temperature of 88 degrees F.

Unlike that of most mackerels, wahoo flesh is white and delightfully flavored. It's still a good idea to remove the dark lateral line from the steaks.

Wahoo are far more structure-oriented than you may think, especially with regard to big fish. The rocky perimeter of the continental shelf off northeast Florida is a prime example. You will catch more fish staying on the ledge than on a good temperature break just a mile further out.

Here is a new finding, depth of presentation is not necessarily the key to catching Wahoo. Far more important, it seems, is speed. About 18 knots to be more specific. Use weights to keep the lures in the water, the fish will sense and see the lure coming and come up to it.

The best bite is at first light, right at daybreak when you can just barely see your lures in the water, until around 9 o'clock. Then it gets good again late in the day, around sunset. It's also good on an afternoon tide change.

Wahoo are rarely alone. They travel in packs along color changes and dropoffs, no matter where you're fishing. If you catch a wahoo on a color change or weedline in 200 to 500 feet of water, circle back around and there's a good chance you'll catch another one.

Finally another great tactic is to shut off your engines and let the fish come to you. Use weights or downriggers to put live baits at 100 to 200 feet, and chum as you drift.

Try this Wahoo, Bananas & Dark Rum

Prep Time:: Less than 15 minutes

Cook Time: Less than 15 minutes

Cooking Method: Sauted

Meal Type: Entree

Main Fish: Wahoo

Ingredients

- * 6 wahoo fillets (about 6 oz. each)
- * 1 tsp. salt
- * 1/2 tsp. pepper
- * 4 tbsp. flour
- * 4 tbsp. unsalted butter (1/4 cup)
- * 1/4 cup Black rum
- * 3 large or 6 small bananas - sliced lengthwise
- * 2 tbsp. minced parsely
- * orange slices - halved

Directions

Mix the salt and pepper with the flour and dredge the fillets in the mixutre. Shake off excess. Melt the butter in a saute pan and just as it starts to foam, add the fish, cooking both sides until just cooked.

Removed from pan and keep warm. Add the remaining butter to the pan, then the bananas and saute for 2 minutes.

Add the dark rum and ignite. Flambe for 2 minutes or until the flames die down. Pour over the fish. Garnish with banana slices, parsley and halved orange slices.

Serve with boiled rice and steamed vegetables.

Presidents message Continued

and not so quick to criticize. We are all volunteers here, and the current pool of volunteers is a very small percentage of the membership. Remember, we are representing the club in everything we say and do. People remember negative words and actions WAY more than they do the positive. Our job is to lift each other up, not tear each other down. Let's all be mindful of what and how we choose to do and say things at all times...myself included. Now...let's get fishing!!



We have (2) Two new Reefs out in the FF area!
These photos are courtesy of Chuck Darnier of the newest reef deployed on 10/20/18

It's Numbers are N 30.10.199 - W 81.09.295

The other reef, named Starship Reef is close by and it's numbers are N 30.10.177 - W 81.09.351

Both were already holding fish within 15 minutes of the drop being completed!



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 under the "About" tab down to the "Officers and Board" tab. You can E-mail any of them or me at any time that a brilliant idea strikes!



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 : breenw@bellsouth.net



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!



Seriously, Why not Renew?

You can Renew on-line at www.jaxfish.com, or use this form and mail it in, or at any meeting!

First it is dirt cheap to belong to our club. Individual membership is only \$40.00 / Year, and a family membership is only \$50.00 / Year. **That is for a full YEAR!**

Here are some of the benefits, for your \$40.00 or \$50.00 per YEAR, you get:

- 1 - 24 FREE meals for you and your family and any friends you bring to a club meeting.
- 2 - Your Membership card is good for 10% to 15% off your purchases at several of our local bait, tackle and boating shops around Jacksonville. (Just pull it out and ask!)
- 3 - You can always find someone that will help pay for gas & bait and go fishing with you.
- 4 - You can find free or discounted help working on your boat from several members.
- 5 - You will benefit from programs and seminars that bring fishing knowledge from area experts, revealing secrets they share only with JOSFC members.
- 6 - When you post a fish to the boards you get a \$5.00 fish slip to spend at local bait & tackle shops or for club merchandise. Post 10 fish, and you have paid for your family membership!
- 7 - You will be able to help maintain and enhance the most prolific artificial reef program in the U.S. (Over 270 drops in the Club's 59 years)
- 8 - Last but not least, the CLUB is constantly fighting for your right to fish, and the more members we can say we represent when we get up to testify the louder our voice is to the SAMFC. Even if you have not been an active member, if you fish, and want to continue fishing, you need to join at least one organization that is fighting for your right to fish! The JOSFC is doing just that. Every member we have adds weight to our words at the meetings we attend. Our combined voice is beginning to be heard. **WE NEED YOU!**



APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP (Renewal)

The JOSFC invites the participation of all area fishing enthusiast and is dedicated to conservation, preservation and fellowship with our membership.

NAME _____ HOME PH. _____
 SPOUSE'S NAME _____ WORK PH. _____
 ADDRESS _____ CELL PH. _____
 CITY, STATE _____ ZIP _____
 E-MAIL _____ OCCUPATION _____
 BOAT NAME _____ MAKE _____ LENGTH _____

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|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family Membership \$50.00
(Husband, Wife, & Children under 16) | <input type="checkbox"/> Individual Member \$40.00 |
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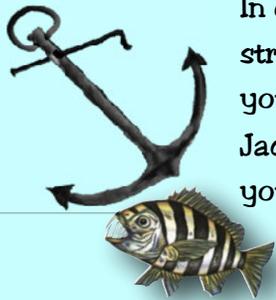
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In every Newsletter I strongly suggest that you wear your Life Jacket at least while your boat is underway.

Here are some other safety things that you should consider.

Is your Fire extinguisher current? Do you have a big enough one, or more than one?

How about a "Ditch Bag" is it properly stocked, and sitting out where it is handy?

First aid kit current, plenty of fresh Hydrogen Peroxide to clean wounds?



There were a few of these won at the Annual Awards Banquet by our Fishing Boards winners!

For those of you that think you could never win a board, **think again**, and look at what won the various Boards.

I bet YOU have caught bigger and more fish and never thought of putting them on the boards!

The Ladies Board: 5 fish - took this Board. (I must note that 11 Ladies posted fish, and most of them were BIGGER than the Men's board!)

The Men's Board: 5 fish - won this board. The winners big fish, a 37 pound Cobia. Average size!

The Bluewater Board: 4 fish.

The Unlimited Board: 5 fish. - (Here I must congratulate Steve Shaw. His 5 fish were more than usual and the total weight was a record as far as I could find!

The Light Tackle Board: 5 fish - but only 2 people posted fish to this Board!

The Inshore Board: 3 fish - Heaviest fish a 6 Lb fish!

Junior Angler 11 & Under: 1 fish - ONLY 2 kids posted to this board!

Where were all our kids?! Remember; PARENTS DON'T TAKE PICTURES OF THEIR KIDS PLAYING VIDEO GAMES!

Junior Angler 12 to 17: 3 fish - All but one 47 pound Wahoo were 2 to 3 pound fish.

Junior Angler Inshore: 4 fish - all 3 to 4 pound fish.

You can win a board, just post those fish!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
November				1 CLUB MEETING	2	3 Triple Challenge Tournament
4	5 Board Meeting	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15 Club Meeting & Thanksgiving Pot-Luck Party	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	



Coming Events

November 1st - Club Meeting

November 3rd - Triple Challenge Tournament

November 15th - Thanksgiving Pot-Luck Meeting

December 6th - Club Meeting, Annual Clam Chowder Cook-Off!

December 20th - Club Christmas Party / Pot-Luck

January 17th - Club Meeting, Annual Swap Meet.

February 7th - Club Meeting, Annual Chili Cook-Off.

February 21st - El Cheapo Bucket Stuffing

March 2nd - THE EL CHEAPO!!!

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