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# The Reel News



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## PRESIDENTS CAST NET

*Trina Polkey*

Not that we ever had much of a winter, but spring has sprung! And what an amazing day we were blessed with for the El Cheapo huh? Rob Darner and the many volunteers that help make the tournament happen did an incredible job this year, I have heard NOTHING but good come from our anglers and other folks in our little community here. I am so impressed with everyone who comes out and works hard every year, and with all of you new members who rolled up your sleeves and jumped right in to help. Every single little part is so very important, and fairies don't make it happen, you do. Well done team, well done! Next year is our 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary so put your thinking caps on as to how we can make it extra special.

The Safe Harbor Boys Home Redfish Roundup is just around the corner! This is a fun, family friendly, affordable tournament much like the El Cheapo. Registration is only \$60 until April 13<sup>th</sup>, first three places are cash prizes, there are divisions for ladies and juniors, and this one is unique in that you can fish it from land, in a boat, on a rubber

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## Well the El Cheapo is now water under the keel!

We had absolutely beautiful weather for the tournament! This was one of the best and most fun El Cheapo's ever! For those of you wondering how it went, here are the stats.

**347 boats in the tournament**

We also had:

**13 kayaks in the tournament**

**86 Jr Angler**

**76 Lady Anglers**

97 boats weigh fish totaling 650.5 pounds which is approximately 28% of the field.

The average sheepshead weight: 6.77 pounds.

We paid ( Thanks to the generosity of Academy Sports ) down to 20<sup>th</sup> place and that fish weighed 8.60 pounds

The Winning fish was **11.82 by Alton Roby**

His **SECOND** time winning the El Cheapo!

Largest Jr fish 8.16 by Robert Dunn

**Largest Lady fish 8.80 by Vicky Nobles**

**Largest Kayak fish 6.96 by Rodney Agustin**

Presidents Message Continued

ducky...literally anyone can fish this tournament. It will be on April 27<sup>th</sup>, great tournament, great cause. We partner with the home on this and the El Cheapo, they help us, we help them...it's a beautiful thing. We could use a few volunteers if you are interested, just let me know please.

Our next club tournaments are the Unlimited Trolling Tournament, also on April 27<sup>th</sup>, and for our inshore captains please note a slight change, it will be a Redfish Spot tournament so you all can fish the Redfish Roundup if you would like, members must fly a JOSFC burgee. We will accept the tournament check in slip via text in lieu of coming to the clubhouse to weigh in. Offshore, as the name implies this is a TROLLING tournament, all fish must be hooked while the boat is under

power and moving. All general rules apply, members must fly a JOSFC burgee, east boundary will be 100 miles offshore. For complete rules and to register, please visit [www.jaxfish.com](http://www.jaxfish.com), any questions please call Tom at 904-521-5364.

We will meet on April 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> this month, and there just might be some Easter eggs laying around for the kiddos to find before the Club meeting starts on the 18<sup>th</sup>! Cassi could probably use some help on this, please E-mail her at:

[fishingqueen79@gmail.com](mailto:fishingqueen79@gmail.com).

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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Our member Frank Joura fished the El Cheapo. However I think he got a little confused. That fish does have buck teeth, but it is definitely not a Sheepshead!

That is a very rare catch for our waters, That is a beautiful HOGFISH. Just in case you come across one of these "Lachnolaimus Maximus" a member of the Wrasse family, The state regs are 1 fish per day, 16" Fork Length May 1 through Oct 30th, closed in Federal waters. ( Naturally ) Yes, he released it unharmed!

**Remember to shop at our sponsors and support them as often as you can.**

Also remember to pull out your JOSFC Membership card and ask if they give a club discount! They don't all do it, but it lets them know we are supporting them as a Club!



## The Sailfish Pot Party is THIS month April 13, 2019

The Sailfish Pot Party is definitely a **MUST** attend party!

Each year the **FIRST** person to catch a Sailfish after the party ( Almost always held in April. ) gets to put on the next year's Party. Everyone that attends the party pays to go and is contributing to the "POT" for the next winner.

**This is a Stag party** so that all the men can imbibe all the Adult Beverages they want belch and use their hands to eat, and not have to wordy about their manners.

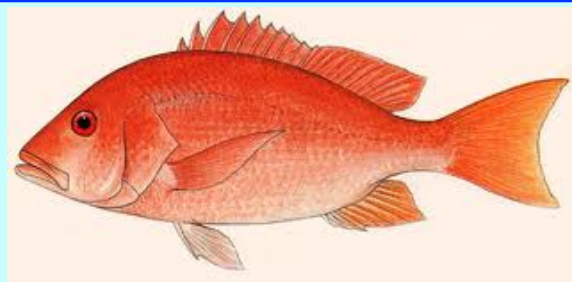
There is a **GREAT Raffle** each year that is just about the biggest Fishing related Raffle of the year!

Your \$50 ( pre registration ) \$65 at the door gets you in. You get a great Steak, all the Oysters and Chicken wings you can eat, and all the Beer, soft drinks and water you can drink.

**Be sure to bring cash for the Raffle!**

The party is on the 13th of April at the VFW at Mayport Rd, and Atlantic.

For more information contact Steve Shaw at [steve@shaw-inc.us](mailto:steve@shaw-inc.us) or **904-686-4419**



Once again the SAMFC has deigned to bestow upon us a generous Red Snapper Season! ( &\*!"@!\*\*\*`!! ) ((You don't want to know the translation.)) We **ONLY** get July 12th, 13th, 14th, ( Friday Saturday, Sunday ) and July 19th & 20th. (Friday, Saturday) Once the "Generous" allotment of 29,000 fish are caught they will close it!

Write your Congressman and Senators as the SAMFC does NOT listen. CC them anyway.



NEWS From BoatUS  
 Boat Owners Association of The United States  
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**As our fishing season is getting underway now here are some things to consider and check NOW.**

#### Before You Launch

1. Inspect and replace hose clamps as necessary. Double-clamp fuel lines and exhaust hoses with marine-rated stainless steel hose clamps. Keep seacocks closed when you are away from the boat.
2. Inspect all hoses for stiffness, rot, leaks and cracking, and replace any that are faulty. Make sure they fit snugly.
3. Inspect prop(s) for dings, pitting and distortion. Make sure cotter pins are secure.
4. Grip the prop (on inboard drive systems) and try moving the shaft up and down and side to side. If it's loose and can be wiggled, the cutless bearing may need to be replaced.
5. Check the rudderstock to ensure it hasn't been bent. Operate the wheel or tiller to ensure the steering works correctly.
6. Inspect the hull for blisters, distortions and stress cracks.
7. Make sure your engine intake sea strainer (if equipped) is not cracked or bent from ice and is free of corrosion, clean and properly secured.
8. With inboards, check the engine shaft and rudder stuffing boxes for correct adjustment. A stuffing box should leak no more than two drops each minute when the prop shaft is turning.
9. Inspect and lubricate seacocks.
10. Use a garden hose to check for deck leaks at ports and hatches. Renew caulk or gaskets as necessary.
11. Inspect the bilge pump and float switch to make sure they're both working properly.
12. Check stove and remote LPG tanks for loose fittings and leaking hoses.

13. Inspect dock and anchor lines for chafe and wear.
14. If equipped, ensure that the stern drain plug is installed.
15. After the boat is launched, be sure to check all thru-hulls for leaks.

#### Engines and Fuel Systems

1. Inspect fuel lines, including fill and vent hoses, for softness, brittleness or cracking. Check all joints for leaks, and make sure all lines are well supported with noncombustible clips or straps with smooth edges.
2. Inspect fuel tanks, fuel pumps and filters for leaks. Ensure portable tanks and lines are completely drained of stale fuel before filling with fresh fuel. Clean or replace fuel filters and/or fuel-water separators.
3. Every few years, remove and inspect exhaust manifolds for corrosion (for inboard-powered and inboard/outboard boats).
4. Charge battery.
5. Clean and tighten electrical connections, especially both ends of battery cables. Use a wire brush to clean battery terminals, and top up cells with distilled water (if applicable).
6. Inspect the bilge blower hose for leaks and run the blower to confirm correct operation.

#### Engine Outdrives and Outboards

1. Inspect rubber outdrive bellows for cracked, dried and/or deteriorated spots (look especially in the folds) and replace if suspect.
2. Check power steering and power trim oil levels.
3. Replace anodes that are more than half wasted away.
4. Inspect the outer jacket of control cables. Cracks or swelling indicate corrosion and mean that the cable must be replaced.
5. Inspect lower unit oil level and top up as necessary.



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**Trailers**

1. Inspect tire treads and sidewalls for cracks or lack of tread and replace as necessary. Check air pressure; don't forget the spare.
2. Inspect wheel bearings and repack as necessary.
3. Test all lights and replace any broken bulbs or lenses.
4. Inspect winch to make sure it's working properly. Inspect hitch chains.
5. Inspect trailer frame for rust. Sand and paint to prevent further deterioration.
6. Inspect brakes and brake fluid reservoir.

**Safety**

1. Check expiration dates on flares.
2. Inspect fire extinguishers. Replace if over 12 years old or if age is unknown. More than 40 million Kidde extinguishers with plastic handles [were recalled](#) on Nov. 2, 2017.
3. Ensure you have properly sized and wearable life jackets in good condition for

each passenger, including kids. Check inflatable life jacket cylinders and dissolvable "pill" bobbins in auto-inflating models.

4. Test smoke, carbon monoxide, fume and bilge alarms.
5. Check running lights for operation and spare bulb inventory.
6. Update paper charts and chartplotter software.
7. Replenish first-aid kit items that may have been used last season.
8. Check the operation of VHF radio(s) and that the MMSI number is correctly programmed in. (BoatU.S. members can obtain a free MMSI number at [BoatUS.com/MMSI](http://BoatUS.com/MMSI).)
9. Get a free vessel safety check from the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary or U.S. Power Squadrons. Find out more at [SafetySeal.net](http://SafetySeal.net).

**The Paperwork**

1. Make sure your boat registration is up to date. Don't forget your trailer tags.
2. Review your boat insurance policy and update coverage if needed. BoatUS provides free quotes at [BoatUS.com/Insurance](http://BoatUS.com/Insurance). Provide a copy to your marina or club.
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*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](mailto:breenw@bellsouth.net)



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**"Fantastic fun!**

**"Wow! Mom! Look at the fish's teeth!"**

**"Can we do this tomorrow? Pleeze, Dad?"**

These are all comments I heard during the El Cheapo from fisher folk strolling the tents and checking out the prize fish. We have two new families who signed up immediately after weighing in fish and spending the day with us. It felt so good seeing families enjoying the outdoors together.

A huge thank you is going out to all our volunteers! The El Cheapo could not happen Without your donation of time and energy. From the Clean Up folks, to the bucket stuffers to running booths and activities. The weigh in went smoothly thanks to Jeanne, 'Porkchop and Chuck. Fish were filleted and cooked in Joe's Kitchen while hundreds were fed a particularly delicious dinner. Patty and her crew almost sold out of merchandise at the El Cheapo Boutiqueo on Friday night!

I can't forget to mention Tiny and his mighty crew of juniors working in the background by cleaning, carrying fillets to Joe's kitchen, making sure our passages stayed

open, and hauling the fish carcasses to the dump site. They worked incredibly hard with very little acknowledgement.

We signed up fourteen new family and individual memberships. Everyone of the new members said they joined because they had so much fun as a family. Watching the parents enjoy their children's excitement and joy was fabulous!

**MEGA THANK YOUS TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS! You are fantastic folks.**

WE have the **"On the Water"** boat show coming up this month, Friday the 4th, Saturday the 5th and Sunday the 6th. We again need people to get in free, spend a couple hours at our booth and introduce people to our great club! It wouldn't hurt to get them to join us either! The last show we got 10 new members, how about beating that record? Oh, we got 14 at the El Cheapo!

WE have lots of openings for Saturday & Sunday, and most of Friday has only 1 person so you can add yourself to any of those!

This is a really fun show, with lots of vendors to visit and see! After your 2 hours you are free to explore the show!

To sign up for the show, just click on the link to Sign-Up Gene below!



[www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0c49acaf2ea46-inwater](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0c49acaf2ea46-inwater)

Past Club President Pete St. Laurent has retired form the paid working world, and sent me this to put out to the JOSFC Mailing list.

Lets see if we can make him work really hard and get a lot of bicycles to fix up!

I am trying to collect old bikes to be repaired and donated to local charities, they can contact me at **904 220-9199** and I can pick them up or meet them at the club on meeting nights , I can use all bikes but especially 24" & 26" men's and ladies bikes. I am trying to do this to keep myself busy and help some of our less fortunate at the same time,

Pete St. Laurent

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4 Club Meeting	5	6
7	8 Board Meeting	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18 Club Meeting. Kids Easter Egg Hunt	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27 The Unlimited Trolling The Trout Only
28	29	30		<h1>April</h1>		

April 8th - Board Meeting

April 4th - Club Meeting

April 18th - Club Meeting Kids Easter Egg hunt

April 27th - The Unlimited Trolling Tournament

The Trout Only Tournament

October 19th - Annual Awards Banquet



## Coming Events



### 2019 Offshore Tournament Schedule

Date	Make-up Date
Unlimited Trolling	April 27th May 4th
May Trolling	May 25th June 1st
Junior Angler	June 22nd
Kingfish Tune-Up	July 6th July 13th
Ladies Tourn.	August 3rd
Bottom Tourn.	Sept.7th Sept. 14th



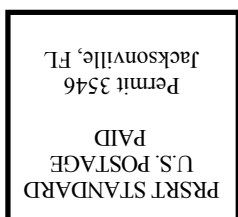
### 2019 Inshore Tournament Schedule

Date	Make-up Date
Trout only	April 27th May 4th
Roulette	May 25th June 1st
Junior Angler	June 22nd
Redfish	July 6th July 13th
Ladies Tourn.	August 3rd
Flounder	Sept. 7th Sept. 14th

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