



# The Newsletter of the . . . **The Reel News**

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## **PRESIDENTS CAST NET**

*Trina Polkey*

Well here we are in June already, where has the time gone?? Speaking of time, this is the month we celebrate the club's birthday and are you ready for this? **Sixty years!!** This year marks the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the birth of this club. Please come out to our June 6<sup>th</sup> meeting and let's all celebrate together. We also celebrate all president's past at this meeting so if you are one of them and reading this, we hope to see you out there!

Our Junior Angler tournament will take place June 22nd with our Kingfish Tune Up pushing into July this year. It will take place on the 6<sup>th</sup> of July. We will meet on the 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> this month, (always the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month) and would love to have you join us. We have dinner about 7:00, a little club business after that, then usually a guest speaker and a raffle. Children are welcome and encouraged as this is a family club!

Members, we are looking forward to seeing you at the next couple of meetings and club tournaments...new friends, we would love to have you join us. Visit us at [www.jaxfish.com](http://www.jaxfish.com) to learn more, and we will see you on the water!



First thing I want you to do is put me as the beneficiary on your Boat & Life Insurance, then **DO NOT** wear



these, especially when underway! ;-))

## **Time to talk SAFETY!**

There are only ( 2 ) Two things that really scare me out on the water . . . . **Fire,** and **Lightning!**



**Fire** - You can reduce the chance of this by keeping your boat in good condition. Replace old hoses, make sure all hose clamps are in good condition and tight. I double clamp all fuel hoses! I also discourage any smoking on my boat. With **GAS** on all 4 sides of us it just isn't safe!

Parents don't frame pictures of their kids playing video games...



TAKE THEM FISHING

School is getting out, Guess who your best fishing partners are . . . . .

Here is a hint, the Junior Angler boards are looking very bare, for both the 11 and Under and the 12 and up!



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Marine Radio.... Mike Murphy  
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**Here is what you can fish for, and the current rules as of 5/20/19**

Be sure to check for any changes every time you go out, and have a latest print out with you. Sometimes even our good local wardens can't keep up with the SAMFC changes! Here is what you need to know for fishing the Atlantic off Jacksonville!

- Gag & Black - 24" TL ( Total Length ) - 1 / day
- Red - 20" TL - 1/day - Total of 3 Grouper / day
- Black Seabass - 13" - 7/ day
- Cobia - 33" FL ( Fork Length ) - 2 / day
- Dolphin ( Mahi ) 20" - 10 / day
- Kingfish - 24" FL - 2 / day
- Spanish Mackerel - 12" FL - 15 / day
- Gray Triggerfish - 14" FL - In your 20 / Day Bag limit
- B-Liners, ( Vermilion Snapper ) - 12" TL - 5 / day
- Bluefish - 12" FL - 10 / day
- Red Porgy - 14" - 3 / Day
- Flounder - 12" TL - 10 / day
- Greater Amberjack - 28" TL - 1 / day
- Spade Fish - No size - in 20 / Day Bag Limit
- Tripletail - 18" TL - 2 / day
- Wahoo - No size - 2 / Day
- Hogfish - 16" - 1 / Day - May 1 - Oct 31
- African Pompano - 24" FL - 2 / day
- Red Snapper - 20" TL - 2 / Day - FLORIDA WATERS ONLY ( Within 3 Miles of shore! )
- Snappers - 10 / day aggregate
  - Mangrove - 10" 5 / Day
  - Lane - 8"
  - Mutton - 18" 5 / Day
  - Cubera - 12'

May possess no more than 2 Cubera Snapper over 30" per harvester or vessel per day, whichever is less. 30" or larger not included within the Snapper aggregate bag limit.

Check the Regs before each trip to make sure they haven't changed!



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

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

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

Our membership has grown by leaps and bounds. We have 165 Family Memberships, and 85 Individual Memberships! All told more than 400 voting age members! Now that is a lot of voting power that gets the attention of our local, state and U.S. representatives when we all write, call or E-mail them with our concerns!

On June 6, 2019 we will be celebrating the club's "Past Presidents / Club's 60th year Birthday Party". Your Club has been an officially recognized Club by the City of Jacksonville for 60 years now!

We have been here at the Boat Ramp for 39 years and serving the community for 60 years. We have been benefiting Jacksonville with reefs, public water safety & fishing education, the El Cheapo Sheepshead Tournament, ( One of the largest Saltwater tournaments in the entire U.S. ) as our major contribution to Saltwater Sport Fishing that brings in over **600 million dollars to the greater Jacksonville area each and every year** and that figure has held, even through the 2008 economy crash!

Your Club has grown stronger over the last few years thanks to YOU, the members that volunteer and help out at the various events like the Boat shows, Greater Jacksonville Kingfish Tournament, Down at the Dock event for he Down Syndrome community of Jacksonville and of course the El Cheapo!

On June 6th come help us celebrate your great work!

Safety Continued

## Now . . . Lightning -



As of this writing there is absolutely no way we have any control over lightning, so the best thing we can do is avoid it as much as possible.

Here are some facts to pay attention to. Lightning can strike out to over 10 miles from a thunderhead. Even if you are under a clear blue sky.

Most of us usually see the flash, then hear the thunder. That is obviously because sound travels slower than light. We can use this to our advantage. When you see the flash start counting **Hippopotamuses**, Yes, Hippopotamuses, not hippo's, but their entire name!

- 1-Hippopotamus,
- 2-Hippopotamus, 3-Hippopotamus,
- 4-Hippopotamus, 5-Hippopotamus.

That should take about 5 seconds. Why? Because for every 5 seconds between flash and thunder, the storm is about 1 mile away! Just an FYI . . . That is too close for me! I will even run further out to put distance between me and the storm. ( As long as the storm is moving North or South and not going to be chasing me East! )

## 60 YEARS OF JOSFC PRESIDENTS FROM DAY ONE TO PRESENT

The ☆ is for those that have gone fishing up above and are watching over us.

|               |                    |
|---------------|--------------------|
| ☆ 1959 - 1960 | FRED MORROW        |
| ☆ 1960 - 1961 | FRED MORROW        |
| 1961 - 1962   | DICK DAVIS         |
| 1962 - 1963   | DICK DAVIS         |
| 1963 - 1964   | LINDEN HESTON      |
| ☆ 1964 - 1965 | FRED MORROW        |
| 1965 - 1966   | BOBBY MOORE        |
| 1966 - 1967   | CARLOS CLAYTON JR. |
| 1967 - 1968   | CARLOS CLAYTON JR. |
| 1968 - 1969   | DANNY RUBY         |
| 1969 - 1970   | AL KLINE           |
| 1970 - 1971   | VINCE SAVAGE       |
| 1971 - 1972   | JOHN COLBURN       |
| 1972 - 1973   | JOHN COLBURN       |
| 1973 - 1974   | DAVE WORKMAN SR.   |
| 1974 - 1975   | JOHN COLBURN       |
| 1975 - 1976   | GARY WEAVER        |
| 1976 - 1977   | CHARLES SCHUTT     |
| 1977 - 1978   | NOLLIE HINTON      |
| 1978 - 1979   | BILL KRAMER        |
| 1979 - 1980   | JOHN COLBURN       |
| ☆ 1980 - 1981 | DICK BEAN          |
| 1981 - 1982   | ROGER WAKER        |
| ☆ 1982 - 1983 | DICK BEAN          |
| 1983 - 1984   | DONNA GALVIN       |
| 1984 - 1985   | DONNA GALVIN       |
| 1985 - 1986   | BUD EMERSON        |
| 1986 - 1987   | CHARLIE HAMAKER    |
| 1987 - 1988   | RICK RYLES         |
| 1988 - 1989   | RICK RYLES         |
| 1989 - 1990   | TONY BENAVENTO     |
| 1990 - 1991   | TONY BENAVENTO     |
| ☆ 1991 - 1992 | BOB PARKER         |
| ☆ 1992 - 1993 | BOB PARKER         |
| 1993 - 1994   | SANDY YOUNGBLOOD   |
| 1994 - 1995   | CHUCK DARNER       |
| 1995 - 1996   | GLENN HIGGENBOTHAM |
| 1996 - 1997   | GEORGE STRATE      |
| 1997 - 1998   | ROGER WALKER       |
| 1998 - 1999   | CHERYL THOMPSON    |

|             |                 |
|-------------|-----------------|
| 1999 - 2000 | CHERYL THOMPSON |
| 2000 - 2001 | ROB DARNER      |
| 2001 - 2002 | CHUCK DARNER    |
| 2002 - 2003 | CHUCK DARNER    |
| 2003 - 2004 | GARY NEWMAN     |
| 2004 - 2005 | GARY NEWMAN     |
| 2005 - 2006 | PETE ST.LAURENT |
| 2006 - 2007 | EDDIE MCGOWAN   |
| 2007 - 2008 | EDDIE MCGOWAN   |
| 2008 - 2009 | CHRIS ROONEY    |
| 2009 - 2010 | CHRIS ROONEY    |
| 2010 - 2011 | DON COOK        |
| 2011 - 2012 | DANNY DEL RIO   |
| 2012 - 2013 | PAUL GALLUP     |
| 2013 - 2014 | TOM DARGA       |
| 2014 - 2015 | TOM DARGA       |
| 2015 - 2016 | CHRIS ROONEY    |
| 2016 - 2017 | CHRIS ROONEY    |
| 2017 - 2018 | TRINA POLKEY    |
| 2018 - 2019 | TRINA POLKEY    |

The above list is all the people to whom we owe a great big THANK YOU! As they have all taken on the monumental task of running this big club for us!

Yes, keeping 400 to 500 people happy, and making the club run smoothly takes a lot of hard work.

## Very Important !

Due to the Kingfish Tournament and the 4th of July Holiday, we will **NOT** meet at our regular dates!

**The First Meeting in July will be on  
Thursday, July 11th**

**The Second Meeting has been  
CANCELED!!!**

If you go on the First or Third Thursday's, you are going to be awfully lonely!



We all know this smiling face ( Yes, he is smiling a, lot these days!) **Captain Chris Rooney**, Past Club President ( Two separate 2 year terms for a total of 4 full years at the helm. ) He has the distinction of being a past **Captain of the Year**, he has won the **Bluewater Board**, and the **Unlimited Board**, along with the **Men's Board**.

Well I have to tell you that 2019 has been a Great Year for our Captain Chris!

**Captain Chris placed 3rd in the Wahoo Shootout**, with an 83.7 pound Wahoo as his largest Wahoo. He also **won 3rd** in the Calcutta for **Largest fish**, and **2nd** in the Calcutta for the **aggregate with a total weight of 221 pounds!**

**But Wait! There is MORE!!**

Captain Chris just **WON** the Bluewater Club's **Palms Mahi Smash!**

His largest Mahi was a **46.15 pound Bull!** He also **won** the Calcutta for **BOTH** the largest Dolphin ( Mahi ) and the Calcutta for the largest aggregate!

Captain Chris and his crew are becoming a formidable force to recon with in the Tournament circuit! **Congratulations Chris!**

Safety Continued

**Remember, Lightning usually strikes the highest item around the area. When you are out on the water, YOU may be the highest thing around for miles.**

The other steps to take are to turn off **ALL** Electronics, ( That is why we all still have Magnetic Compasses in our boats. ) lower your antennas, lay all fishing rods down on the bottom of the boat, bring in or lower your outriggers, and have your passengers sit on the floor or as low as possible and do not be touching anything metal! ( I knew I wanted an old fashion ships wood steering wheel for some reason. )

There is one more thing you can do when you are out there and see the thunderheads building up on shore. Get on the VHF and call **Captain BO on the Mayport Princess** ( He has radar where the Majesty does not. ) Try VHF channel 8 or if no contact, try channel 68. They will let you know what way to go to avoid the storms. Usually it is **"Head for the Barn NOW"** and that is always the best advise if

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**DON'T DO THIS? SHAME ON YOU!**

You **DO** leave a Float Plan either on the dash of your vehicle or with someone that will call the USCG if you don't return, don't you?

Just go to [www.jaxfish.com](http://www.jaxfish.com) and in the top menu go to "Fishing Info" down to "Links" and over to "Fishing Links" to the Float Plan Link and print out a USGC generated form. It also might be a good idea to **CHECK** your safety gear listed under the "Safety Gear" section to make sure it is up to date and good!

Check your EPERB also while you are at it.

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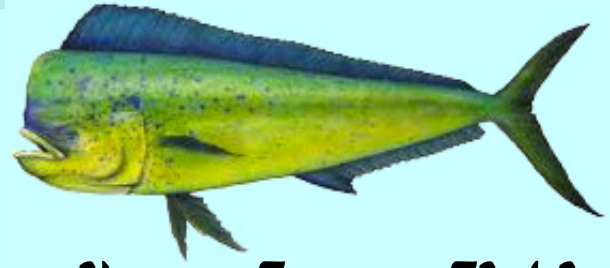


## *Loud Hailings*

Bill Breen  
 Newsletter  
 Editor

*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 :*

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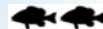
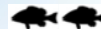

## Family Fun Fishing

Fantastic! What a motto to be our standard. Since January we have had sixty-three new members join our family! This is a huge statement to back all we believe. We have more than eighty kids in the club who are participating and learning life skills that will support their growth into adults and into great students.

This last meeting we had Charter Captain Dave Sipler speak. Such an entertaining and good speaker! You all know I know next to nothing about fishing, being a dedicated landlubber. I was fascinated listening to amounts of crab to use, types of line, and his sense of humor about it all. Obviously I wasn't the only person entranced by the information. You could have heard a hook fall. Fortunately none did considering all the flip flops in the room!

These are just a few examples of why this fishing club is growing. Shared information and friendship are everything. Where else are we going to build enthusiasm for the great outdoors, our bountiful ocean, and family values? Thank you all for making the JOSFC so wonderful with activities like our board Tournaments, Awards Banquet, Kids events and days, the Boat Shows and of course our Best Ever EL CHEAPO SHEEPSHEAD TOURNAMENT! We can't do all this without all our club members. You are all fabulous! Thank you!

Membership Director  
 Terri Breen

| Sun   | Mon   | Tue   | Wed   | Thur   | Fri   | Sat  |
|---|---|---|---|--|---|--|
| June  |   |   |          |                        |          | 1<br>                               |
|   |   |   | 2<br>    | 3 Board Meeting<br>     | 4<br>      | 5<br>                                 |
| 9<br>    | 10<br>   | 11<br>   | 12<br>   | 13<br>                 | 14<br>   | 15<br>                              |
| 16<br> | 17<br>   | 18<br> | 19<br> | 20 Club Meeting.<br> | 21<br> | 22 Club Jr. Angler Tournament<br> |
| 23<br> | 24<br>   | 25<br> | 26<br> | 27<br>               | 28<br> | 29<br>                            |
| 30<br> | FYI, the little fish  is a Sol-Lunar fishing days key, the more fish the better the fishing day. |   |   |  |   |  |



**COMING**

**EVENTS:**

June 3rd - Board Meeting

June 6th - Club Meeting & 60th Birthday / Past Presidents Party -6:00 PM at the club.

June 20th - Club Meeting

October 19th - Annual Awards Banquet

**2019 Offshore Tournament Schedule**

|                  | Date       | Make-up Date |
|------------------|------------|--------------|
| 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   |

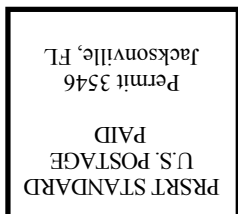
**2019 Inshore Tournament Schedule**

|   | Date       | Make-up Date |
|---|------------|--------------|
|  Trout only    | 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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