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The Reel News

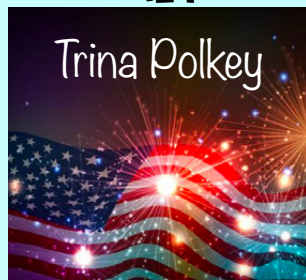


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IMPORTANT !

Due to the Kingfish Tournament and the 4th of July Holiday, for July 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!

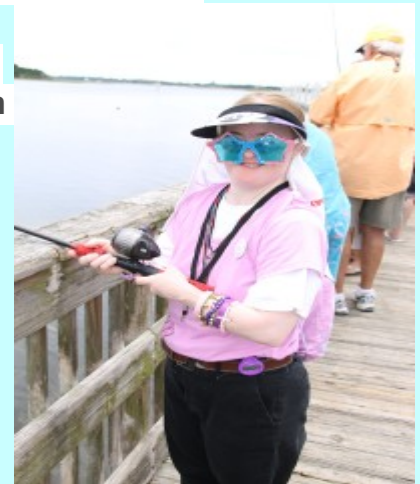
Our meeting schedule for July and August is like this. **July 11, 2019**
August 1, 2019 and August 15, 2019

Down at the Dock Fishing Derby on July 10, 2019.

Mark your calendar members. **IT IS HERE.** The 6th Annual Down on the Dock Derby at Sisters Creek.

On July 10 J.O.S.F.C. will continue its partnership with Down Syndrome Association of Jacksonville and Jacksonville Kingfish Association. 6 years ago, the club was asked to volunteer to help rig fishing poles and bait hooks for this wonderful tournament.

I have never regretted accepting this honor when I was President. Over the last 6 years not only has this fun filled day grown in participants but with club volunteers as well. Each year these children and adults have been blessed with the opportunity to fish at least once a year. In return we as a club have shown what it takes to make sure someone who may otherwise never had the opportunity to enjoy what we all take for granted. Many of you return year after year and you have gotten to know each child and adult and watched them grow. If you have wanted to volunteer for something but not sure on how or what this is it!



Down At The DOCK Cont.

This is a fun filled exciting opportunity for you to just smile at.

We rig Zebco 202 in the morning before they arrive cut shrimp and line the poles up as we wait for our honored guest to arrive.

Schedule:

Rigging fishing rods at 8:30 to about 9 or 9:30 we need to rig 100 total. This is a production line effort with all members helping.

As fishing begins we will walk along the boardwalk and bait and remove fish as needed. **Bring your Pliers** please.

Hotdog lunch and drinks after.

See you all there ...

Tom Darga 904-521-5364

Fish Weight Formula:

Every year during the GJKT I hear lots of (Annoying) people calling the GJKT radio giving the size of their fish and asking for the weight. I sure hope I never hear JOSFC members playing this game! Just to make sure I don't, here is how they figure it out.

Now for those of us without a good scale, here is how to tell, approximately, the weigh of that big fish.

This formula works for most pelagic fish like Kings, Cobia, Sails, Wahoo etc.
Girth in inches Squared, Times Length in inches

Divided by 800 = Weight in Pounds.

G2 X L divided by 800 = Weight in Lbs

For bottom fish use:

Length in inches Squared times Girth in inches divided by 1200

L2 X G divided by 1200 = Weight in Lbs



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WHAT IS THE SWIFTKNOT?

The SwiftKnot is a TEMPORARY docking device that helps take the stress out of coming to shore. The SwiftKnot replaces the need to use a cleat hitch for those who aren't proficient at trying knots, for those with disabilities, or for those who just love a good "short cut"! We have had customers as young as 6 and as old as 96 use our device with success and ease. It was designed to get the whole family involved so that everyone on your boat can be a "first mate".

HOW DOES IT WORK?

Shawn: The SwiftKnot is threaded onto your dock line one time and then is ready to go every time you need it. The device forms a loop with your line. This "loop" is then placed over the cleat or around your piling and is secured in place via our locking jaw.

WHAT SIZE BOATS ARE BEST FOR THE SWIFTKNOT?

Shawn: SwiftKnots come in TWO SIZES: Our ORIGINAL SwiftKnot is a universal solution for boats up to 50' in length. It accepts dock line from 3/8" to 3/4". However, after much demand from our customers, we now offer the Swiftknot MINI for boats 30' and below, as it only accepts 3/8" and 1/2" line and is half the size of the ORIGINAL.

ARE THERE OTHER APPLICATIONS?

Laura Jo: YES! Believe it or not, the SwiftKnot MINI has become one of our best sellers because it is now being used as a fender adjuster. It sits right on top of the eyelet-style fender and serves

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!



Wear these! They don't work in the cabin! OK,

I know that some of you

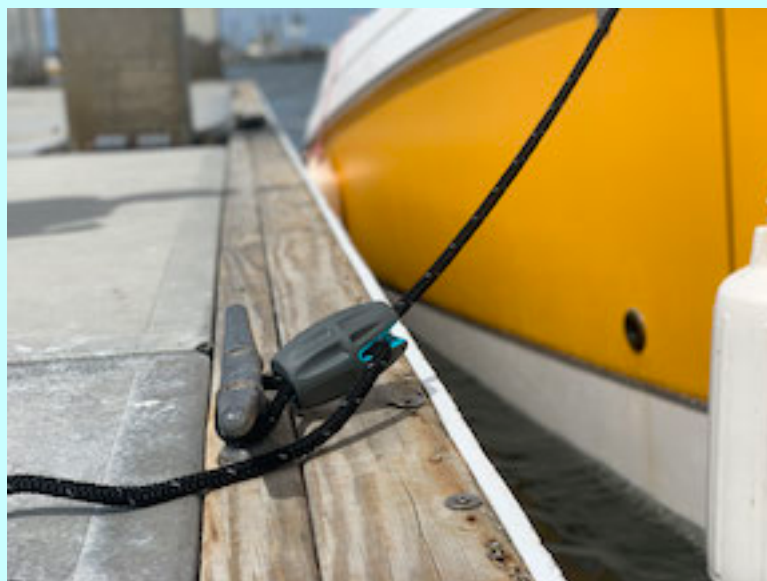
won't wear your Life Jacket while fishing, but PLEASE at least wear one while your boat is underway!



as an adjusting device to easily raise and lower your fender to your desired level!

HOW DO YOU GET ONE?

Laura Jo: Check us out online at swiftknot.com or connect with us directly at connect@swiftknot.com.



RESCUE BEACONS

Parts of this article shamefully plagiarized from the 2019 July/August issue of Boating Magazine.

You all **DO** have an EPIRB or a PLB don't you? They are now very inexpensive, and aren't your and your passengers life worth the cost of a single Fill-Up or two?

Here are some things to know about maintaining your rescue beacons.

First and one you had better make sure that **EVERYONE** that has access to your beacon understands is that **these are NOT to be played with. NEVER activate your beacon unless you are in grave danger!** A false alarm puts rescuers in danger and divert resources from those that might be in real trouble! Not to mention that a false signal can cost you a fine of \$10,000.00! That is kinda set in stone, they don't waive it!

REGISTER IT:

If you buy a new OR used beacon, be sure to register it with NOAA! IF you CHANGE your Boat, Address, or Phone Number you MUST re-register it!

If you SELL your beacon, make sure that the new owner properly registers it. You don't want one of those \$10,000 calls from the US Coast Guard!

Registration can be done at:

boat.us.com/mmsi Or

beaconregistration.noaa.gov

DISPOSAL:

This is how you can properly dispose of an old or broken beacon. Remove the battery and send them back to the manufacturer. You can also remove the battery and then send them to an electronics recycling facility. Be sure to **UN-Register your defunct beacon.** You don't want that \$10,000 call from the US Coast Guard if it goes off in the recycling facility.

TEST:

The industry suggest that you test your beacon only twice a year, using the "Test Protocol" in the owners manual.

NOTIFY:

If you accidentally activate a beacon, call the U.S. Air Force Rescue Coordination Center at:

800-851-3051

Advise them of the mistake. They will want to know your beacon's 15 digit hexadecimal ID (Some manufacturers call this the UIN)

Here is a good idea, put that phone number in your phone, along with your UIN number so you always have them available when you are at your boat!

OK, Just what is the difference between an EPIRB and a PLB?

Long story made longer

An EPIRB is registered to a BOAT. A PLB is registered to an individual.

An EPIRB will transmit for up to 72 hours, and is made to automatically deploy and activate in a sinking, and are hands free.

A PLB will transmit for 24 to 36 hours, and needs to be manually activated.

WHAT GEAR DO YOU NEED TO FISH KINGFISH?

First thing to start and get ready are the rods and reels, were going to pray for a 50 lb fish on 15# test with 30 yards of 20 # fluro carbon leader down to #4 wire and a #6 x-strong tremble hook rig. The rod has to be at the least 7 feet long, with a real flexible tip so we don't put undue stress on our little poggie buddy. The reel has to hold at least 400 yards of this line, with at a minimum a 6.2 to 1 retrieve ratio so if that 50 lb fish makes a run at the boat we can keep up?? Don't forget that reel better have a smooth drag cause that 50 lb fish is going to be pulling against at least 3-4 lbs of drag and you want to keep it tight!!

Let's get to the rigs. #4 wire, what's that 30lb test at best, (And we worry about the kingfish seeing the leader!) #6 hooks are the same sizes that are on the spinning lures I

Kingfish Gear Cont.

used to use for trout fishing in small streams. This is not to mention that an average kingfish strike comes at about 60 miles an hour, I need a magnifying glass to see the rigs when I tie them up, but this fish is going to see them at 60 miles an hour and not going to eat our little Poggie buddy that is swimming un-stressfully at 1.5 knots? No they don't see the wire, hooks or line, that is just not in their brain to see the gear and think, "Something is wrong here! "

I use the same setup for the Ribbonfish, just the Ribbonfish rig has at least 4 hooks along the wire and is as long as the Ribbonfish.

There is one last item (Or two) and that is a good GAFF. You will need one 5' or 6' Gaff, and most Kingfishermen also have that 10' to 12' long Gaff for that big fish that just hangs out about 10' from the boat and you just can't get it closer without pulling the hook!

Good luck, ANYONE can catch that big winner!



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

July is the Month of the KING!

King Mackerel or Kingfish are thick off Jacksonville now, and the Greater Jacksonville Kingfish Tournament runs for the week of July 15th through the 20th.

SO, How do you catch a big King? By SLOW trolling live Pogies. However there is another bait that they call Kingfish Candy . . . Ribbonfish! I like to use a



down rigger to troll a Ribbonfish about 10' below and 15 to 20 feet behind my Pogies. This makes the pogies very nervous and a lot more active, therefore attracting more Kings. I have caught more Kings on the Ribbonfish than the pogies.

Get big Ribbonfish for your bait, and you want the best ones you can find, well brined and frozen without a lot of scales missing. I also recommend checking them often and replacing them when needed.

Here is something that most people do not realize. Think about this, When the shrimp boats are culling their catch, there is always a feeding frenzy behind their boat. The disturbance of the bigger predator fish feeding and competing for the choice morsels attract more big predator fish. ANY disturbance in the water is seen as a feeding frenzy and attracts fish to it. SO, when you are trolling for Kings or any striking fish like Dolphin, Wahoo, Sailfish, you want your boat to make as big of a disturbance as you can!

When Kingfishing, I like to drag a Chum bag over the side of my boat, and I tilt my Engine UP some to make it splash the water up behind the boat. IF you have something like a dredge that you can hang over the side partway out of the water so it splashes that also will help. You want to create as big of a disturbance at the surface as you can. This will attract the Kings to you and away from that guy that is trolling 50 or 100 yards to your side.



How about some safety tips for Anglers!

Ok, you anglers, if you haven't done it yet, the odds are you will. What? Get a fish hook imbedded somewhere in your body! How do you get it out? There are two ways to do this: 1 - if the hook goes all the way through, and the barb is showing, carefully use the cutters you have in your first aid kit (You did remember to put a good pair of Wire Cutters in your kit didn't you?) cut off the point and barb, then back the hook out. 2 - If the barb is buried, make a loop of strong fishing line and put it around the bend in the hook, then PUSH the eye of the hook down against the skin and use the line to yank the hook out. OK, There is a 3rd way, leave it alone and quit fishing for the day and go to the hospital and let a doctor do one of the above.

Knives- ALWAYS keep your Knives razor sharp! They cut easier and you are less likely to have to push or pull hard and then have it suddenly pop free and stab or cut yourself. Also on your boat if you stow a knife in a rack, ALWAYS put the sharp edge toward the wall. When someone stumbles or slips on the wet deck, they won't fall against the sharp edge and cut themselves.

One last idea on Knives is to go to Harbor Freight Tools and buy one of their CERAMIC knives for your Boat or Bait Knife! They don't rust and stay sharp! (How many boats have you been on and seen an OLD dirty rusty knife as the bait knife? Makes me cringe!)

Gaffs. Keep them sharp, and use some surgical tubing or a spring to cover the tip to keep your crew from impaled! Always carry the Gaff vertically, NEVER horizontally. I also learned the hard way never to look over the Gaff man's shoulder as they gaff a fish. The handle coming back as he gaffed it almost took my nose off!

Sunscreen! Do I need to say it again? OK Sunscreen!

Always use it liberally! I bet everyone has a picture of them, thier kids or friends looking like a boiled lobster. Use it even on cloudy days as the clouds do NOT filter out the UV rays.

After you have ignored my advise, there are several things you can do to help with the burn. A bit of baking soda in a cool or lukewarm bath will temporarily provide relief to sun burn pain. Just remember to let your skin air dry out of the bath so the baking soda really soaks in and soothes the pain.

After it dries, use Aloe to help it heal faster! Pure Aloe gel or best is a leaf off a real Aloe plant!

Fingers and Fishing Line . . . Once again we all know a person (Like yourself.) that has been cut by fishing line, specially with the new Super Braids. I carry a "Kevlar Fishing Glove" just in case I need to grab a line. You also never want to wrap the line around your hand. When you need to grab a leader or line, try to grab it from below the line, bringing the outside (Little finger side) up against the line and twisting your hand up around the line ONCE! If the fish suddenly pulls hard, the line is easy to release without getting cut!

Finally, RELAX!!!!. Some people get really excited when the fish gets near the boat, and really start yelling to get the gaff, get the net, get the leader. Quick! Quick! Quick!

Your reel has a DRAG on it for a reason. If people in the boat are not ready to boat the fish, lighten up on the drag and let the fish take another run. Just keep the line tight so they don't come unhooked, and when people are ready bring it back to the boat.

Another habit to get into is when the fish gets to the boat, LIGHTEN UP THE DRAG! IF the Gaff Man misses the gaff, the fish will make a sudden, hard run for freedom, and can and frequently do Snap the line! A light drag will let them run without snapping the line, and you just slowly tighten the drag again and the fish back to the boat of another try!

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Coming Events

- July 1st - Board Meeting
- July 10th - Down at the DOCK
- July 11th - Club Meeting
- July 15th through 20th Greater Jacksonville Kingfish Tournament. Their Schedule above in the Calendar.
- August 1st - Club Meeting.
- August 3rd - Ladies Tournament
- August 15th - Club Meeting.



2019 Offshore Tournament Schedule

	Date	Make-up Date
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
Redfish	July 6th	July 13th
Ladies Tourn.	August 3rd	
Flounder	Sept. 7th	Sept. 14th

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