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PRESIDENTS CAST NET

Trina Polkey

This summer sure has been hot, but so has the fishing! And what beautiful

days we have been blessed with on the water. I have never fished so many beautiful days during the Greater Jax as we had this year, and even our snapper days were gorgeous. Congratulations to all of you who got out and got your elusive snapper! Maybe next year they will give us six days!!

A big congratulations to all who won or placed in the many divisions of the Greater Jacksonville Kingfish Tournament. It was a great turn out and some impressive fish were caught...and lost. I think I saw Jim Maedel in the top 10 aggregate, and our own Roger Walker took 1st place in the Single Engine Class with a NICE 48.97lb fish!! Congratulations to you both, and to anyone I may have missed. We have so many awesome new faces I may not have caught your name as I scrolled through the standings, I'm sorry!

Our next club tournament will be the Ladies Tournament on August 3rd. Ladies 18 and over can weigh up to three fish, and obviously there must be at least one lady on

JOSFC NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT

As you are enjoying all of the benefits of being a member of JOSFC this summer you may be wondering if there are other ways that you could be more active in the Club, or lend some more support to the club. One way is by joining the board of directors. It is one of the most rewarding ways of contributing to the growth and sustainability of the club. In recent years we have had trouble getting members to run for the Board or Officers. I am not pulling your leg, this is not a lot of work! It is actually fun and you can be proud of helping run the biggest fishing club in Northern Florida!

This is the ONLY club that actually features the kids. Kids are welcome at our meetings, and honored for their catches. (They are the Future of fishing in Florida.) I am serious about this, the JOSFC is **YOUR** club, not mine or whoever our President is, it is your's.

There is only one restriction to running for President, and that is you must have been on the Board for 1 year before you can run for President! **Every other position is OPEN to run for.**

I joined the JOSFC in September of 2003. In October of 2003 they Elected (Shanghaied) me to the Board! I have been involved with the Board now for all 16 years, some as a voting Board member some as the Website / Newsletter Chair under a Board member. We always need new ideas and fresh input to the Board of Directors to keep this 60 year old Legacy club fresh and viable.

JOSFC Support Continued

SO I ask you all to really give some thought to running for the Board.

The Board meets ONCE a month on the first Monday and aside from that the only position that requires working a bunch is that of Hospitality Director (**That is our fantastic Jamie Underwood who makes sure that we have something to eat at every meeting.**) Some times it requires working on things on Wednesday, and Thursday, at the most 4 partial days a month.) The rest are easy! Usually just some phone calls in the evening.

You can run even if there is someone in that position. We have had 2 or 3 people running for some positions in the past !

PLEASE give some serious consideration to running for the Board or an Officers position.(Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer.)



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**Why Aren't You Posting Your FISH!**

You all can't be "Out of Town on business"! So why aren't you posting your fish?

The Captain of the Year is not settled yet, and there are only 2 tournaments left! Every Board we have is still "Up for Grabs" !!!

OK, Pay Attention Here! For the kids, we have (Open to Boys & Girls.) the Under 12 years old Board, Then there is the 12 to 17 Year old Board, and the Junior Angler Inshore Board.

If your child catches a fish that is NOT on the Board or is at least a $\frac{1}{4}$ pound heavier than one in that slot, they can post their fish to the board!

Every time they fill a blank or knock another fish off the Board they will get a club \$5.00 Fish Slip! (The same as the adults get!) We treat our kids right at the JOSFC!

For the Adults, we have the MEN's Board. (Obviously for the Men only.) We have the LADIES Board. (Again for Ladies only.)

The LIGHT TACKLE Board (8 Pound test line or lighter is open to **EVERYONE Kids and Adults, Male or Female!**

NOW for both Men and Ladies (18 and over.) These Boards are open to all 400+ members.

The UNLIMITED Board (For fish caught outside the limits of the JOSFC Chart.)

The BLUEWATER Board (For the Striking Fish usually caught by trolling outside the Chart limits.)

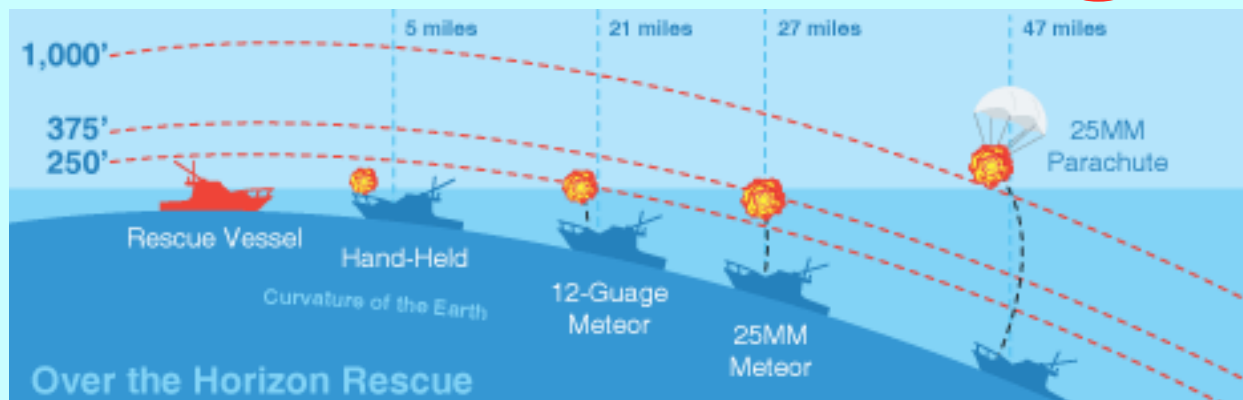
The INSHORE Board For the inshore fish that we fish for.

Did you catch that? **You LADIES can post fish on all the boards.** (Except the Men's Board)

Remember for every fish you get on the Boards you get a \$5.00 fish slip! For a Family, 10 fish pays for a year membership!

So weigh your fish, check the Boards (On Line at jaxfish.com under the "Tournaments" tab, and fill out a fish Slip!

Flares and Distress Signals



THE REQUIREMENTS

The visual distress signal requirement for recreational boaters states that all boats when used on coastal waters, including the Great Lakes, the territorial seas and those waters directly connected to the Great Lakes and the territorial seas, up to a point where the waters are less than two miles wide, and boats owned in the United States when operating on the high seas must be equipped with visual distress signals. There are a handful of exceptions so you should always check your state regulations to be certain you comply.

Regardless of exemptions, all boaters should be able to signal for help. Boaters must have current dated US Coast Guard-approved day and night signals for all boats operating on coastal and open bodies of water. Federal requirements are as follows:

For boats under 16' in length:

Distress signals are only required when operating between sunset and sunrise. If operating at night, one electric distress light or

three combination day/night red flares are required.

For boats 16' in length or greater:

One orange distress flag and one electric distress light - or - three hand-held or floating orange smoke signals and one electric distress light - or - three combination day/night red flares; hand-held, meteor or parachute type.

Examples of Pyrotechnic and Non-Pyrotechnic Devices

- Red Hand-held Flare (day and night)
- Parachute Flare (day and night)
- Red Meteor (day and night)
- Orange Smoke Signal (hand-held/day only) Floating Orange Smoke Signal (day only)

Now as most of you know your flares are only "In Date" for 3.5 years, or 42 months. Then they are no longer acceptable to the U. S. Coast Guard as valid. (That means you can be cited for not having the required safety Equipment!)

SO What do you do with Expired Flares?

Yes, as they get "OLD" they can not work, however I have found that as with most Government regulations, they err WAY on the side of caution. With that having been said, I have found that they are almost always good for

Flares Continued

at least a year after the expiration date. So every 3 years I buy new flares, and keep my old ones under them for that "Just in case" I actually need to use my flares and run out before I have attracted help. I then give them to the Coast Guard Aux.

Something you probably did NOT think about, FLARES are a HAZARDOUS MATERIAL.

You can't just throw them in the trash! Flares cannot be recycled, and special care should be taken with their disposal. **Throwing flares in your household trash can pose a danger for handlers and can pollute ground water.** Setting off old flares can result in false distress reports and may result in fines and penalties. To dispose of expired flares there are few options:

- **Check with a local boating education groups such as the Power Squadron or Coast Guard Auxiliary. They often use old flares for demonstration purposes.**
- Contact your local public works or sanitation department - some might have house hold hazardous waste days or special drop off sites. You can find waste facilities near you that handle hazardous waste at [Earth 911](#)
- Contact your local police or fire department - it is important to contact them by phone first as they might want to prearrange pickup or delivery.
- Check with your local boating retailer for the best method of disposal in the local area.



How about this . . .
**Wear one of
these or
drown!**



Darren Willingham and one of the Lindo Brothers with a nice Kingfish caught during the Ancient City Kingfish Tournament!

Cast Net Continued

each boat. Otherwise all general rules apply, and members must fly a JOSFC burgee. This will be for inshore and offshore captains for COY points. For complete rules and to register, please visit www.jaxfish.com, any questions please call Tom at 904-521-5364.

Please start thinking about how you may serve on next years board of directors, or who you might want to nominate when they are not looking and can't defend themselves! Just kidding! It is a little bit of work, but a lot of fun. Nominations will be taken at the first meeting in September, speeches, (if needed) will be at the second meeting, and the election will be at the first meeting in October. Also, keep in mind the fishing boards close at 8:30pm September 19th, (the second meeting in September).

Be sure you mark your calendar to attend our end of the year banquet on October 19th, and our regular meetings this month will be on the 1st and 15th. 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!

Swimming Near Boat Docks Claims More Lives

ANNAPOLIS, Md., June 20, 2017 - The fatalities over the weekend of an [11-year-old](#) girl in New Jersey and [19-year-old](#) young man in Ohio are bringing scrutiny to an age-old summer ritual that's common on waterfronts across America: swimming near boat docks. Initial reports say the youngster died when touching a dock's electrified boatlift, and the Ohio teen died as a result of dangerous electrical current in the water while trying to save his father and family dog that also appeared to be stricken by the electrical current. The BoatUS Foundation, the boating-safety arm of the nations' largest recreational boat owners group, has some tips to prevent an electrocution tragedy.

While swimming deaths due to electricity fall into two categories, electrocution and [electric shock drowning](#) (ESD), both can be prevented the same way. Electrocution can happen in fresh- or saltwater when swimmers make contact with energized metal dock fittings, boats or other structures due to faulty alternating current (AC) wiring.

ESD occurs when AC gets into freshwater from faulty wiring and passes through a swimmer, causing paralysis or even sudden death. Unlike electrocution, with ESD a swimmer does not need to be touching a boat or dock structure, and even minute amounts of electricity can be incapacitating and lead to drowning.

The risk of ESD is greatest in fresh- or brackish water, so some areas such as estuaries or rivers may only be in the danger zone after heavy rains. In saltwater, electrical current takes the path of least resistance, bypassing swimmers. Unlike a drowning swimmer, who typically can't yell out for help because their mouth is mostly underwater, an ESD victim is often confused about what is happening, may be

able to shout, and will feel numbness, tingling, pain and paralysis. Tingling in the swimmer's body is one of the early warning signs of ESD. What can you do to prevent an electrocution or ESD fatality? Here are 6 tips:

1. Never swim around boats and docks that use electricity.
2. Post "no swimming" signs.
3. Have a qualified electrician with experience in dock electrical service inspect your private dock annually.
4. Install ground-fault protection on your boat and private dock.
5. Ask your marina if they have installed ground-fault protection, and if the electrical system is inspected and tested annually just in case someone falls overboard. No one should ever swim in a marina.
6. Periodically test your boat for electrical leakage into the water.

What do you do if you see a distressed person in the water near a boat dock? A drowning victim often looks "playful," while an electric shock drowning victim looks "distressed." It may be difficult, however, to immediately determine either, so play it safe by not jumping in. The first task is to shut off power to the dock at the breaker panel, and if equipped, disconnect any power cable to the vessel. If power cannot be shut down, follow the "reach, throw, row, but don't go" mantra by using an oar, boat hook or throw a floatation device to reach the stricken person.

For more information, parents, dock owners, boaters, and marina and boat club operators can go to the BoatUS Electric Shock Drowning Resource Center at: www.BoatUS.com/Seaworthy/ESD.

NEWS from BoatUS
Boat Owners Association of The United States
880 S. Pickett St., Alexandria, VA 22304
BoatUS Press Room at www.BoatUS.com/PressRoom

Time You Can Use

Sound travels at a known speed, so you can tell how far off an object is by timing the echo. Every second of delay equals 200 yards.

For every 5 seconds between you seeing the flash of lightning and hearing the thunder you are approx. 1 mile from that lightning.

The average time for a fire extinguisher to completely discharge is 12 seconds. Get as close as you can before discharging yours! Aim at the BASE of the fire and work up. You should carry two or three if you can.

Safety Tips

- 1 - What is the expiration date on your USCG approved flares?
 - 2 - What date was your single, woefully too small, fire extinguisher last checked?
 - 3 - How long ago did your first aid kit perishables expire? Yes Iodine expires!
 - 4 - Where is your hand operated bailing device?
 - 5 - Does your hand held air horn work?
 - 6 - Where is your distress FLAG?
 - 7 - Where is your signal mirror?
 - 8 - What year did you last replace the batteries in your hand held VHF radio?
 - 9 - What year did you last replace the batteries in your hand held GPS?
 - 10 - Does your ditch bag have an EPIRB attached to it? Do you even have an EPIRB or PLB?
 - 11 - Do you even have a ditch bag?
 - 12 - Does your ditch bag have enough water for everyone for a couple days?
- If you did not know the answer to any one of these questions, you failed this quick test. Lucky for you, you now have a chance to correct any of these shortcomings BEFORE your next outing, and avoid the serious consequences of not being prepared. Remember --- Keep your VHF radio on! Don't miss a club members distress call!

**NOTHING MAKES A FISH BIGGER THAN
ALMOST BEING CAUGHT.**

Gary Newman

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Loud Hailings

Bill Breen
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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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
<h1>August</h1>				1 Club Meeting	2	3 The Ladies Tournament
				4	5 Board Meeting	6
11	12	13	14	15 Club Meeting	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

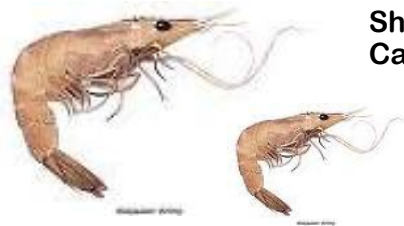


COMING

August 1st - Club Meeting.
 August 3rd - Ladies Tournament Overall COY & Inshore
 August 15th - Club Meeting.

EVENTS:

Club Annual Banquet - October 19, 2019



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



2019 Offshore Tournament Schedule

	Date	Make-up Date
Ladies Tourn.	August 3rd	Sept. 14th
Bottom Tourn.	Sept. 7th	Sept. 14th

2019 Inshore Tournament Schedule

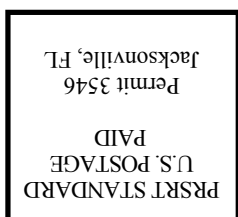
	Date	Make-up Date
Ladies Tourn.	August 3rd	Sept. 14th
Flounder	Sept. 7th	Sept. 14th



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