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# The Reel News

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## PRESIDENTS CAST NET

*Tom Ruggles*

The 2020 Club Year is in the books! Our Captains of the Year have been decided but I'm going to make you wait to find out who they are at the banquet. I will say that the inshore race was tight right up to the finish. The top three captains were fighting it out on a day that started fishable and ended pretty gnarly.

Speaking of the banquet, it's right around the corner! This year's adult-only banquet is on Saturday, October 17th at the Jacksonville

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## Fishing Rules Meeting

There will be a Fishing Rules meeting on October 10, 2020 at 10:00 AM at the JOSFC Club House!

This is your chance to suggest any changes to the fishing rules that you might like to see. You **MUST** submit your suggestion **IN WRITING**, even if you are there in person. If it is to change a rule, you must cite the rule to change and your suggested changes.

You may submit your suggestions in writing by E-mail to either Bill Breen, ( [breenw@bellsouth.net](mailto:breenw@bellsouth.net) ) or Tom Ruggles ( [tom@ruggs.net](mailto:tom@ruggs.net) ) and we will make sure that they are presented at the meeting for you.

## THE 61 ST ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET

October 17, 2020

At the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge  
#1 Sawgrass Rd. Jax Beach, FL 32250

6:00 PM Cocktails 7:00 PM Dinner



Tickets are on sale now, still only \$35 / Person. See any Board Member for yours.

The meeting on the 15th will be your last chance to buy your tickets before the Banquet.

However there will be a few available at the door.

Dinner will be a catered BBQ and Fixin's. Don't forget we also have a GREAT Raffle table that you don't want to miss! This is an all inclusive raffle, there will be jewelry for the ladies, and some non-fishing prizes as well as lots of good fishing rods, reels, lures and good things!

Page 6 has directions and a map on how to get there.

**IMPORTANT . . .** Please get your tickets early. Due to the Covid stuff ( At the time I write this, ( September 21<sup>st</sup> )

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We may have to limit the number of people in order to comply with the Cities rules on occupancy, and we have to let the caterer know how many to expect.



Did I mention that we always have a great Raffle for everyone there! SO . . . . Get your Tickets and save up an extra penny or two for the raffle. This is an all inclusive raffle, there will be jewelry for the ladies, and some non-fishing prizes such as home decorations, as well as lots of good fishing rods, reels, lures and good things!



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These Banquets are a LOT of fun! Not only do we award the Captains of the Year, Board winners, and such honors as Volunteer of the year Etc. but we also give out awards for great goofs that our members have committed during the year. Make people pay up on lost bets like several years ago we had a Past President that always came in SECOND in the COY race. Always the Brides Maid, never the Bride! We got him to promise that if he came in second that year he would wear a dress to the Banquet. Meet Edwina . . . . .



We had one member that seemed so have a problem with staying in the boat while fishing. Multiple times!!!

We keep to this clubs motto, "Fishing is Fun" and have a good time.

Now some serious info, this is an adult event, absolutely NO ONE Under 18 years of age.

There will be adult beverages available to purchase with wine for you wine connoisseurs as well as beer and some hard stuff.

SO, Get your tickets early and plan on an enjoyable evening with like minded fishing people!

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





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## Simple Tips to Maintain and Use a PLB

ANNAPOLIS, Md., Sept. 8, 2020 - Personal



Locator Beacons (PLBs), those pint-sized, individual rescue beacons used by boaters, sailors, and paddlers to summon emergency help have saved hundreds of lives since their authorization for use 17 years ago. That doesn't mean they are maintenance free, according to the [BoatUS Foundation for](#)

[Boating Safety](#). The boating safety nonprofit offers these simple tips to maintain and use a PLB.

- PLBs need to be [registered with NOAA](#). As a way to ensure accurate, up-to-date information, registration is valid for just two years. While NOAA will attempt to reach you to re-register, it's a good idea to put in on your calendar.
- Not sure of your PLB registration's emergency contact information? NOAA allows PLB owners to update contact info at any time and if you're unsure of whom you have listed, you may want to take a look now. Outdated information can delay rescuers.
- PLBs need to be tested, typically monthly, according to manufacturer recommendations. Testing does not activate a PLB so get comfortable checking one.
- After testing, confirm that the battery has not expired and the O-ring is in good shape. This will give you peace of mind that the PLB will operate flawlessly

## Octobers Knot the - Hook Snell

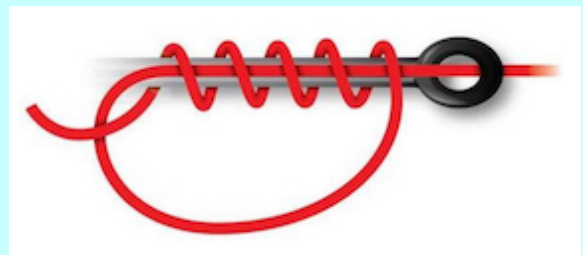
1 - Hold your hook so that the hook is facing UP.

2 - Run the line down through the eye, on the same side of the upward turned hook.



3 - Now make a big loop bringing the line back to by the eye and back down toward the hook.

4 - Take the tag end and start wrapping it around the hook shank and the line laying along the shank. Keeping the wraps inside the loop.



5 - Make at least 5 loops, keeping your wraps neat and in order. ( 5 loops is the minimum, 8 are probably too many. )

6 - Now hold the tag end against the shank below the loop, ( Moisten or lubricate ) the knot and pull on the main line ABOVE the eye to tighten it up.

7 - Finally trim the tag end off so that you have at least a  $\frac{1}{4}$ " or  $\frac{1}{2}$ " of it sticking below the knot.



## PLB's Continued

- when you really need it. Battery life is typically five years.
- Because they are worn by the user, PLBs can get banged up or abused during normal wear. It's a good idea to check over the outer case for cracks or damage.
  - What makes a PLB different from an Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacon (EPIRB)? Both use NOAA's Search And Rescue Satellite Aided Tracking (SARSAT) System to detect and locate mariners in distress, however EPIRBs are intended to facilitate a rescue for a specific boat while PLBs are used for individual crew. The other big difference is PLBs can only be activated manually - even if the wearer is underwater, while EPIRBs activate automatically upon submersion.
  - With larger batteries, EPIRBs are also rated to activate for a minimum of 48 hours while PLBs have a minimum of 24 hours. Having both aboard for offshore passages can increase redundancy and crew safety.
  - Do you have temporary need for a PLB? The [BoatUS Foundation for Boating Safety and Clean Water's EPIRB / PLB Rental Program](#) offers ACR ResQLink 406 MHz Personal Locator Beacons for \$7 daily, \$45 weekly, or \$150 monthly.



## Presidents MessageContinued

Beach FOP Lodge starting at 6 PM. We are taking a break from the usual menu and will be serving barbecue this year. The night will be filled with great food, well earned awards and a really good raffle. How good? Well, that partially depends on YOU! We really need people to buy their tickets ahead of time so we know how many people to plan for. This includes how much food and beverages to buy as well as how much awesome stuff to get for the raffle table!

Banquet tickets will NOT be sold at the door this year. We know that turnout will be different than usual this time around so we really need an accurate count ahead of the banquet. Please reach out to me or any board member to arrange to get your tickets!

Thank you for having me as your President this year. It has been a pleasure. And I get to go down in the books as the first President to have to navigate around a pandemic!

Tight lines,  
Tom

## Here are your Officers and Board for 2020 / 2021

**OFFICERS:**

President - Rob Vermillion

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**BOARD MEMBERS:**

Bill Pollackov

Drew Patterson

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Mayan Skenes

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George Hunsinger

Why are you seeing this early with no vote? There was no need to vote as we had only enough people to fill the positions.



Past JOSFC President and Life Member and all round handy man Pete st. Laurent just finished a labour of love, rebuilding this 1953 Sea Rover Sportster. What a beautiful old Boat!



## 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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## How to get to the JOSFC Annual Awards Banquet

This is at the FOP Hall, just follow the directions below!

Off of Buttlar Blvd, go right ( South ) on Marsh Landing Pkwy. Turn Right on Greensway to Palms Condos, go through the gate into the condo's parking lot, go past the pool turn at the 1st right, then to the 1st left follow the road and you are there!



### Support our Junior Anglers!

They are the future of our club and fishing.

The October 15th meeting is dedicated to our Junior Anglers. At this meeting we will Honor their catches and award the Board winners for their efforts. This meeting starts at 6:00 PM for the kids.

If YOU have a Jr. Angler that has a fish on any of the Boards, Bring them as they will be getting an Award!

There are three Boards that the kids can post fish on.

First the Junior Anglers ( Unlike the adults. ) can post fish caught from shore, they do not have to be on a boat. They can fish from shore, bridges, piers, or anywhere that they can get a line in the water.

**Please don't be a Stick-in-the-Mud and stay home just because this meeting is for the kids. PLEASE come to this meeting and applaud the kids catches, help us install a love for fishing and the outdoors in our young ones as they always do better in school and life than the kids that don't get these chances!**

**Dinner will be hamburgers and Hot Dogs grilled on the porch for everyone.**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
October				1 Club Meeting 	2 	3 
4 	5 Board Meeting 	6 	7 	8 	9 	10 Fishing Rules Meeting 10:00 AM at JOSFC 
11 	12 	13 	14 	15 Club Meeting Jr. Angler Awards 	16 	17 JOSFC Annual Awards Banquet 
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## COMING EVENTS:

The more 🐟 the better the fishing day - From the Moon / Tide/ tables.

October 1st - Club Meeting.

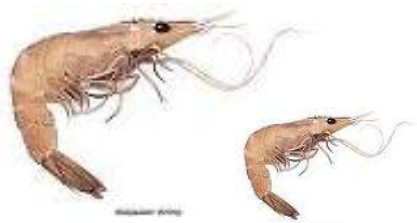
October 5th - Board Meeting.

October 10th - Fishing Rules Meeting.

October 15th - Club Meeting. Junior Angler Awards

**Club Annual Banquet - October 17, 2020**

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



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