



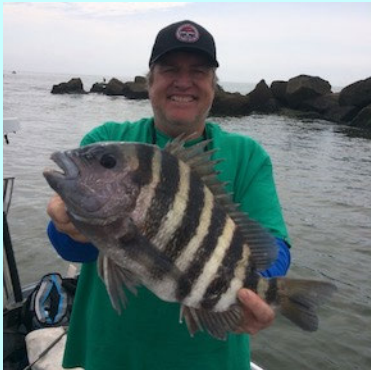
The Newsletter of the . . . **The Reel News**

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PRESIDENTS CAST NET

*Capt. Robert
Vermillion*

WOW, what a night at the 61st Annual Awards Banquet! WE had a great location, fantastic food catered for us, BBQ served up perfectly, and Awards for all the Boards plus a couple extra for fun!

We had a tie for the Smallest Fish Award, Stacie Schwab with her minuscule (1) ONE Pound Flounder, and Craig Van Brocklin with his tiny (1) Pound Croaker! They had to use a magnifying glass to read their Certificates!

We also added 3 big fish to the All-Time Records Board this year. Captain Chris Rooney with his 97 Pound 3 ounce Wahoo, James Smith with his 50 Pound 2 ounce Gag Grouper, and Dustin Girard with his 17 Pound 2 ounce Mutton Snapper!

We also finished up with a really good BIG Raffle for all that attended!

Here are your Officers and Board for the 2020 / 2021 Year.

Officers:

President - ME!, Rob Vermillion
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The Fishing Boards & Tournaments!

Its a New Year, they are wide open!

Ladies . . . YOU can win more than just the Ladies Board! **YOU** can win 4 other Boards. **YOU** can also win Captain of the Year!

Both Men and **Ladies** can post fish to the Light Tackle Board **Won with 7 fish.** (8 pound test or lighter for Offshore only.) The Blue Water Board Won with **ONLY 2 Fish.** (For Striking fish beyond the limits of the chart.) The Unlimited Board Won with **ONLY 3 Fish.** (For bottom type fish beyond the limits of the chart.) and the Inshore Board Won with **Only 4 fish!**

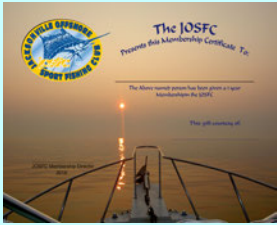
The Men's Fish took 7, a big number of fish to win for the first time in several years, usually 3 or 5 fish take it.

The Ladies Board took only 5 fish to win. People, you are not fishing against some super great fisherman for any of the Boards or Tournaments. You are fishing against that guy or lady sitting next to you at a meeting. You know, that guy that just posted a 1 Lb 2 oz croaker to the board!

You don't have to win every tournament to win COY! In fact I know one COY that never placed any higher than 2nd place. He had 1 - 5th place finish, 2 - 4th place finishes and 2 - 3rd place finishes and finally 1 - second place finish! **AND HE WON THE COY!**

I almost won one year just by fishing EVERY tournament, and I never won any of them!

Don't be a stick in the mud, Fish the Tournaments & Post those fish!



Christmas is coming, and here is a great idea for that fishing person on your list!

As it is time to renew your membership by January 1, 2021, why not pay for their membership for a year, or even upgrade an annual membership to a Life membership?

Just contact Bill Breen breenw@bellsouth.net and he will take care of it for you and get you the above beautiful JOSFC Gift Certificate to put under the tree!



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To Help Keep Us Out Of Trouble

I just spent a couple of hours going through the Fishing Regulations, both Florida and the SAFMC junk.

What I learned is that you need to take a college level class on the combined regulations to even begin to understand them.

What I can say for sure is that NOW if you are going to bottom fish you are required to use non-stainless steel, non-offset CIRCLE hooks, have an approved DE-HOOKING device, an **approved** MEASURING Device (The "Tape" molded in the top of a cooler = Citation) and an approved descending device on board.

You will also need a Florida Reef fishing permit. (Free, just go the the Florida Website to register. <https://myfwc.com/license>

You should also get or download the LATEST Florida Fishing Regulations and have them with you when you go fishing.

The FWC are good guys, but the rules change so often and fast, they may not know the latest change, and having the latest from their website might help avoid a citation!

I recently spoke with a fisherman that was stopped by the FWC Officers. They were nice to him and let him off with a warning as he had a 'Sharp Nose Shark' on board but was totally unaware that to keep it he had to have that **Atlantic Highly Migratory Species PERMIT!**

Did you know that you had to have that permit to keep or have on board any of the following species.:

Tunas, Billfishes, Swordfish, Sharks, Bluefin Tuna, Blue Marlin, White Marlin, Roundscale Spearfish, Sailfish, and Swordfish.

Also there are reporting requirements for most of these.

You can get your permit by going to the following website:

<https://hmspermits.noaa.gov/>

They are very inexpensive for the sport fishermen, but you definitely want to have yours while out there fishing!!!

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work in the
cabin!
At least do
it while
under way,
especially
entering

and leaving the inlets, they
can get rough in seconds.



Captain of the Year!!!
OFFSHORE

Congratulations
to.....
JACK OGIN

This is becoming a habit for
Jake, He won the Captain of the
year last year!

Jack won 4 of the 5
tournaments that we fished this
year, and came in second in the 5th
tournament.

Will jack go for a 3 peat?
We will have to see if
someone can beat
him **NEXT YEAR!**



Captain of the Year!!!
INSHORE

Congratulations
to.....
Craig VanBrocklin

Craig fought a close battle with
Jake Ogin, all year, finally beating him
out for the title in the very last
tournament of the year!

Congratulations to Craig for a
great year!



Now for some of MY fishing Secrets

As I have said before in the newsletter, I got my degree in Oceanography which included minors in Marine fisheries, Marine Zoology, Marine Biology, and Wildlife Management. (I also like to hunt.)

Off Eureka California I was considered one of the top fisherman for Salmon, Albacore, and bottom fishing. That covers both trolling and bottom fishing.

Here is my first trick that increased my catch 10 fold.

I use to take a lot of 35mm photos, and had a lot of 35mm plastic film canisters. I take one of these (Any similar size plastic bottle will work.) and use a small nail I heat it up and melt a hole in the center of the bottom. Melting rather than drilling creates a hole with smooth edges so it does not cut or abrade the mono line I use.

I next put a short piece of mono tied around a bead through the hole from the inside, and tie the other end to a snap swivel so there is about 2" of line from the snap swivel to the bottom of the bottle. You can drill or melt about 6 or so holes in the sides of the bottle, make them a $\frac{1}{4}$ inch or smaller.

Now cut an open cell sponge or foam to fit in the bottle and SOAK it in any of the fish oils. I liked the "Smelly Jelly" brand as it lasted for about an hour before I would replenish it. Very sticky.

Clip that rig to your trolling weight or line in front of the lure. It leaves a trail of scent that covers the bait as you troll. It really does work.

I also clip one to my bottom weight so it leaks fish oil out on the bottom where your bait is near.

A trail or scent of fish oil is another "CLUE" that predator fish see as a wounded fish and easy prey. They zero in on that trail quickly.

I also put a fish oil soaked foam piece in my little squid that I usually have just in front of my bait so it looks like the bait / lure is after it. Again, not paying attention and easier prey.

I also want to remind you that fish only have enough brain to cover three things, 1- to eat, 2 - to avoid being eaten, and 3 - to reproduce. They don't look at something and think " Hummmm that looks wrong, I won't eat it." They don't notice your leader at all.

To a predator fish, ANY disturbance in the water is a FEEDING FRENZY. **Big Hint here . . .** Your Boat is a disturbance in the water! Try to make it plow through the water, tilt the motor up some so it pushes your bow up and makes as much wake and bubbles as you can.

Don't troll your lures too far back! The short lures / lines should be just on the outside edge of the bubbles at the 3rd wave back. (They are appear to be stragglers and easy prey to a predator.) the outside Long lines should be again just on the outside of where your wake bubbles are starting to clear up and your "Way Back" should be no more than 5 yards behind the last of your bubble trail.

No, the boat will not scare off the fish, I have had them take the bait right at the transom as I was putting it in!

In California the hard core Captains put decals or wraps of SQUID on the bottom of their boat. They can feel and hear the fish hitting the bottom of their boat!

Before I go out, I look at the sea surface temperatures and look for a temperature break of at least 1 degree or better break. If it is near structure all the better, but structure is not necessary for me.

I troll on the higher temperature side of the temperature break, and try to follow that break against the current. I troll just about 7 to 10 yards on the warmer side, or if there is murky green water and clear blue water I troll just on the clear side. The predators like to hide in the less clear water and ambush the bait on the clear side.

Don't worry if your bait / lures are not deep, the predators will come up from as deep as 100 ' to hit something on the surface!

Cast Net Continued

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Fishing should be heating up with the Flounder and Sheepshead bite getting hot on the inshore side, and offshore Gray Triggers and B-liners have been filling coolers from the bottom.

Some Dolphin and Black Fin Tuna have been caught along the weed lines and Wahoo should be moving in soon!

The Club has been running since 1959 and it is an honor to be at the helm this year! Tight Lines and Blue water.

Captain Robert Vermillion

This is YOUR Club!

As my title says, the JOSFC is YOUR club, not only mine, or the Boards, it is YOURS!

With that in mind, we really would like to hear from you the members, just what we can do to make it better, to encourage more participation at the meetings, and or other activities that you would like to see us participate in or do.

The Board might not decide to go along with all your ideas, but they definitely would like to hear from you.

You will find all your Officers and Board members E-mail at our Website

Junior Anglers are important to us, and we have 3 separate Boards for them. First age 0 to 11 years old, second age 12 to 17 years old, and finally the Junior Angler Inshore Board, all ages.

At right is the winner of the 12 to 17 Board, Amelia Siegel with Tom Ruggles presenting it to her.



At the left is 3rd place winner of the 12 to 17 Board, Marko Lindo. This young man caught a reel Reef Donkey! A 56 Pound 8 Oz Amberjack! That is quite a catch for anyone, they fight like a freight train and can wear out anyone! Good thing he is YOUNG!

IT IS TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

Here is how to do it:

- 1 - Log in to www.jaxfish.com
- 2 - across the top of the page are the titles for the section you want, CLICK on the "JOSFC Membership" tab and go down to the "Existing Member Renewal" and CLICK on it.
- 3 - The Log in page will open. Enter your E-mail and then Password. And CLICK "Log In"
- 4 - Your Profile page will open. At the top you will see in a light blue the following links: "Home" "Subscriptions" "Payments" "Logout."

CLICK on "Subscriptions"

- 5 - On this page you will see a box with your info. At the RIGHT end you will see the box with "RENEW" in it, CLICK on RENEW.

- 6 - On this page enter the CODE **josfc renew**
- 7 - CLICK "PAY NOW" and it will take you to the PayPal page where YOU will have to do your thing with PayPal.

With the winter months upon us, the water temperature will be critical to catching the various species of fish that we target.

Below is a chart of the preferred water temperature for the various species. IT has a lower avoidance, preferred range and upper avoidance temperatures. This does not mean that you won't find an occasional fish outside of its lower or upper range, but if you are going to target a species, you will have better luck finding them in their preferred range.

Don't forget that just because your bottom finder shows 70 degrees at the surface that there might be a thermocline making it a lot cooler on the bottom. I carry a cheap thermometer that I lower to check the bottom temp if my weight feels cool when I bring it up.

Species	Lower Avoidance	Optimum	Upper Avoidance
Amberjack	60	65 - 75	80+
Bonito	60	65 - 75	80+
Barracuda	55	72 - 80	86
Bigeye Tuna	52	62 - 74	80
Black Marlin	68	72 - 82	87
Blackfin Tuna	65	70 - 75	82
Blue Marlin	70	74 - 82	88
Bluefin Tuna	50	60 - 72	82
Bluefish	50	66 - 72	84
Dolphin (Mahi)	70	72 - 78	82
Flounder	56	62 - 66	72
Jack Crevalle	65	70 - 85	90
Kingfish	65	68 - 76	88
Permit	70	75 - 85	92
Pompano	65	70 - 82	85+
Redfish	52	70 - 90	90+
Red Snapper	50	55 - 65	70+
Sailfish	68	72 - 82	88
Snook	60	70 - 82	90
Spanish Mackerel	60	65 - 75	80
Spotted Seatrout	56	66 - 82	90
Striped Bass	42	50 - 65	75
Striped Marlin	61	68 - 76	80
Swordfish	50	60 - 75	80
Tarpon	70	75 - 90	100+
Wahoo	65	68 - 80	88
White Marlin	65	68 - 78	80+
Seabass	58	64 - 68	74
Yellow fin Tuna	64	72 - 82	80

Your Knot for November

The Surgeons End Loop

This is a very easy and strong knot that lets you put a loop in the end of your line.

1 - Double about 10" of line.



2 - Make a simple overhand loop, passing the line through the loop 2 or 3 times.



3 - Wet the line to lubricate it (Spit works best.) and pull it tight.
















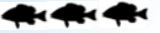












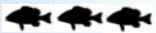





Loud Hailings

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
1 	2 Board Meeting 	3 	4 	5 Club Meeting 	6 	7 
8 	9 	10 	11 	12 	13 	14 
15 	16 	17 	18 	19 Club Meeting Thanksgiving Pot luck 	20 	21 
22 	23 	24 	25 	26 	27 	28 
29 	30 			November		

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



Coming Events:

Nov. 2nd - Board Meeting

Nov. 5th - Club Meeting

Nov. 19th - Club Meeting



El Cheapo Sheepshead Tournament - February 27, 2021



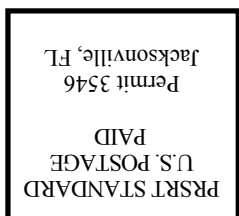
Nothing makes a fish BIGGER than almost being caught!

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