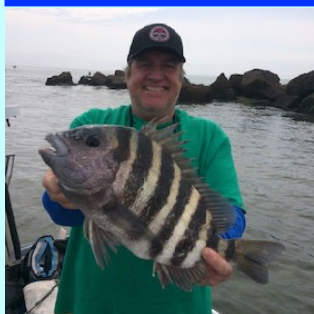




Merry Christmas



*Here is wishing you Tight Lines and Smooth Waters, for all of you,
from your crew at the Jacksonville Offshore Sport Fishing Club*



**PRESIDENTS
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Capt. Robert
Vermillion

1ST off I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving. I would like to thank Brandon with SIMRAD, John with CMOR and Dan at WEST MARINE for their time at the November 5th meeting. We had a good seminar lot of good questions and answers. We want to welcome Shane Warner to the club he joined on the November 5th meeting.



The Lure Tree

What the heck is the Lure Tree?! It is the JOSFC Christmas tree! We decorate it with new Lures! OK, here is the deal. . . . YOU bring a new lure or 2 or 3 or more and hang them on the Christmas tree. For each Lure you bring, you get a special raffle ticket. At the

end of the night, we draw one (1) and one only ticket. The lucky holder of that ticket wins ALL the lures on the tree!

That is usually about a 5 gallon bucket FULL of good lures! Several hundred dollars worth of lures!

Don't have any extra lures to hang on the tree? Go to the Strike Zone and buy a couple, you could win Hundreds of dollars worth of lures for your efforts!



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For the November 19th meeting, we had a great Thanksgiving Dinner Bill Pollackov, Drew Paterson and Bill Breen did a bang-up job on all the food. We also had a Tournament vote on the light tackle Tournament and Trout Tournament. We were voting on the change due to lack of participation in theses tournaments. They are now gone from our Tournament Slate.

Well Christmas is right around the corner hope you have your list together. **Santa will be stopping by at the club on the December 17th so bring your kids, I am sure he will have a something for them.** If you have not renewed your membership by December 31st any fish, you have on the board will have to come off.

For our December 3rd meeting we will be having our Annual Clam Chowder Cook-Off for dinner, and we have Willie Alexander speaking on rod and reel repair and maintenance at the meeting so that should be a very informative meeting.



The El Cheapo is coming up fast, March 6, 2021, so keep an eye out for the volunteer list. The El Cheapo is our biggest fundraiser of the year it takes all of us to pull it off so make sure you get involved. Plus it is a lot of FUN to work it!



Now to fishing (Inshore) the Sheepshead will be getting thick on the rocks and docks and reefs baits of choice will be fiddlers, clams, shrimp. Flounder are being caught at the creek mouths. Work the out going tide and use a mud minnow or paddle tail gigs small rat red will be mixed in, and some trout.

On the Offshore scene. Seems like the winds have been blowing forever not a lot of reports but when it calms down look for Cobia on the reefs around 100 feet, and The Wahoo boats should be running up and down the reefs at about 20 knots. don't forget the big Black Fin Tuna this time of year also.

Cast Net Continued

Hope everyone has a great Christmas and let us all say goodbye to 2020 and hope for a better year in 2021

Tight Lines!

CAPT. Rob



Need a Christmas Present for someone? How about getting them a membership in their JOSFC Club, or Upgrading them to a Lifetime Membership?

We can provide a really nice certificate to put under the Christmas Tree! Just contact Stacey Schwab our Membership Director at membership@jaxfish.com and she will get you all taken care of.



This is YOUR Club!

As my title says, the JOSFC is YOUR club, not only mine, or the Officers & 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 under the "About" tab down to the "Officers and Board" tab. You can E-mail any of them or me at any time that a brilliant idea strikes!



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 : breenw@bellsouth.net



It is almost past time to renew, Seriously, Why not Renew?

It is the best value for your money you will get anywhere!

First it is dirt cheap to belong to our club. Individual membership is only \$40.00 / Year, and a family membership is only \$50.00 / Year.

That is for a full YEAR!

Here are some of the benefits, for your \$40.00 or \$50.00 per YEAR, you get:

- 1 - 24 FREE meals for you and your family and any friends you bring to a club meeting.
- 2 - Your Membership card is good for 10% to 15% off your purchases at several of our local bait, tackle and boating shops around Jacksonville. (Just pull it out and ask!)
- 3 - You can always find someone that will help pay for gas & bait and go fishing with you.
- 4 - You can find free or discounted help working on your boat from several members.
- 5 - You will benefit from programs and seminars that bring fishing knowledge from area experts, revealing secrets they share only with JOSFC members.
- 6 - When you post a fish to the boards you get a \$5.00 fish slip to spend at local bait & tackle shops or for club merchandise. Post 10 fish, and you have paid for your family membership!
- 7- You will be able to help maintain and enhance the most prolific artificial reef program in the U.S. (Over 300 drops in the Club's 61 years)
- 8 - Last but not least, the CLUB is constantly fighting for your right to fish, and the more members we can say we represent when we get up to testify the louder our voice is to the SAMFC. Even if you have not been an active member, if you fish, and want to continue fishing, you need to join at least one organization that is fighting for your right to fish! The JOSFC is doing just that. Every member we have adds weight to our words at the meetings we attend. Our combined voice is beginning to be heard. **WE NEED YOU!**)

You can renew by going to our Web-Site www.jaxfish.com Click on the "About" tab, scroll down to "JOSFC Membership" and click on the "Existing Members Renew" It is easy!

Please Renew and come on out to the meetings and have some fun! If you have NOT been getting the Up-

date and reminder of the meetings E-mails, let me know. Also make sure you have this E-mail address in your address book.

JOSFC <breenw@bellsouth.net>

This club is a legacy we must preserve for our children and grandchildren and sometimes we have to work /volunteer overtime to ensure just that.

OK Folks, it is time to talk about the December 3rd meetings DINNER!

It is time for my favorite contest of the year!
(Aside from FISHING.)



The CLAM CHOWDER COOK-OFF

As you all know I make the worlds best Clam Chowder. For the past 20+ years I have been awarded the title of "The Worlds Best Clam Chowder". (By ME, of course, AND there is no truth to the rumor that I stole the recipe from my best friends Wife in California!)

While I have only placed 2nd through 4th in the Club Judging, (Frank Reiss's is pretty good, but I attribute his multiple wins to the Judges taste buds having been burnt out by last February's Chili Cook-Off.) I know that this year's SECRET ingredient that I will add to my Clam Chowder will do the trick! Don't tell any one but it is Clams! (OOPS, I just gave away my surprise, Darn!)

Well if YOU think you can make a great Clam Chowder, be sure to make up a big batch and bring it to our next meeting, the December 3rd meeting, to be Judged!

NOW, if you are going to bring a pot of Clam Chowder, PLEASE let our Hospitality Directors know! You can E-mail them at

hospitality1@jaxfish.com

hospitality2@jaxfish.com

They need to know so they can have the needed amount of "Fixins" and stuff there to help serve!

Fair warning, I am entering AGAIN to try to get that title from Frank, so bring your 'A' game.

Oh, there will be prizes awarded!

HYPOTHERMIA

As the cold weather moves into our area, we normally think more about staying warm when fishing in the cold, windy weather. Also, with the "El Cheapo" tournament scheduled for March 6, 2021 all Captains should be giving some thought to the prevention of hypothermia. Hypothermia can pose a problem for boaters **anytime of the year**, but should be of greater concern to all Captains as we approach colder weather.

Hypothermia occurs when the body loses heat faster than it can produce it. As a Captain, have you ever thought about what a life jacket has in common with a blanket relative to hypothermia and safety in boating? Both can save your life when you are facing a major killer in aquatic mishaps such as hypothermia. As a result, you should carry both of these items on your boat. A life jacket is a federal and State requirement, but a blanket is not. However, all boaters should carry a blanket on board.

A life jacket, obviously, will keep you afloat, but can also help ward off hypothermia by trapping warmed water between it and your body. A blanket can help prevent hypothermia by reducing body heat loss. Most boaters do not have a full understanding of hypothermia and how it can impact them. Most people think of hypothermia as "freezing to death" or frost bite. Hypothermia can kill a person at temperatures well above freezing.

Hypothermia occurs most rapidly when your body is immersed in cold water but may occur at anytime especially in windy situations if your clothing is wet. In water at 50 degrees, the predicted time for survival is 1 to 3 hours. It can also occur in water as warm as 80 degrees if you are exposed for a long period of time. For instance, in 70 to 80 degree water, a person may become exhausted or unconscious in as little as 2 hours with an expected time of survival of 3 plus hours. If you should fall overboard with a life jacket on, do not exert yourself. Keep your arms at your side and your legs together to conserve heat.

If you find yourself in the water without a life jacket conserving heat is even more important since you will have to keep yourself afloat. Do not try to swim, but exert as little effort as possible to float until rescued. An individual who falls overboard without a life jacket has virtually no chance of conserving heat loss. In fact, many individuals, who fall overboard, seem to lose the ability

to climb back on board or to hang onto some craft or object, since there is a progressive decline in muscle strength following immersion in cold water. However, if possible, get out of the water as heat loss is less to cold air than to cold water. Always try to get out of the water.

A person's body burns food to give it energy and maintain its temperature. When your body cools, blood moves from the surface area to the vital organs and you burn stored food to generate heat. Shivering is the first sign that your body is telling you that its temperature is below normal and action is required to correct the situation. If nothing is done, your body will begin a systematic shutdown. It is at this point; a blanket can be a lifesaver. A shivering person should be attended to immediately and dried if wet, removed from the wind and covered with a blanket and kept as warm as possible to conserve body heat.

If confronted with a hypothermic person, always remember that hypothermia is a serious medical problem. Make the person as comfortable as possible and seek medical help as soon as possible. If some distance from the shore, inform the Coast Guard by radio and they may send a medivac copter to remove the victim.

The best solution for hypothermia, however, is to prevent it by wearing protective gear, staying dry and out of the wind. Never go into a potentially hypothermic situation without having eaten a good meal and be aware that hypothermia can kill you. Exercise the necessary precautions to prevent hypothermia and continue to enjoy safe boating throughout the year.

The Fatal Scenario

When your body's core Temperature reaches:

96 Degrees Fahrenheit - Violent shivering begins.

95 Degrees Fahrenheit - Rational thought stops.

93.2 Degrees Fahrenheit - Consciousness becomes clouded.

92 Degrees Fahrenheit - Memory loss, hallucinating begins.

91.4 Degrees Fahrenheit - Shivering stops.

90 Degrees Fahrenheit - You become unconscious.

86 Degrees Fahrenheit - Death results from heart failure.

86 Degrees Fahrenheit is the ambient temperature of a fairly hot summer day. Our water off Jacksonville is rarely that warm!

It doesn't have to be freezing out to kill you!

Gary Newman

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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!

It is also not too late for them to be an El Cheapo sponsor, just have them contact Trina Polkey at 904-405-4966

**Wear these!
They don't work
in the cabin!**



**PLEASE at least wear one
while your boat is underway!**



Captain of the Year

**Will we see
your name
here?**



**This month
the Captain
of the year
race begins
in earnest !**

**Who is it
gonna be?**



What does it take to be the Captain of the Year?
I have the answer to that, and it isn't what you think!

The answer? LUCK & Persistence!

The main thing that you have to do is just show up and fish all 10 tournaments! Well at least all the tournaments that are not canceled due to weather.

We have had members that never placed over third place, didn't win a single tournament, and they have won the Captain of the Year!

I have seen bottom tournaments won with 2 -half pound Whiting! Trolling tournaments won with 1 Barracuda!

People, you are not fishing against some mysterious magical "Expert", you are fishing against me or the person sitting next to you at a meeting. Average every day fisher people!

By the way, Expert is defined as
X = Unknown quantity, Spurt = A drip under pressure. SO an "Expert is nothing more than a "Drip Under Pressure"!

Let me remind you that you need to participate in 3 of the club tournaments to win a fishing board! By participate we mean either as Captain, or as a Crew member OR as weigh-master at a tournament.

You also have to have the most fish on the board when we close the boards at the last meeting in September.

So get off your easy chair and take the family or friends fishing! Club tournaments don't cost you anything to enter!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 Club Meeting 	4	5
6	7 Board Meeting	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17 Club Meeting Christmas Dinner 	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25 	26
27	28	29	30	31		

 The more little fish the better the fishing day - From Sol-Lunar Tables 



Coming Events

Dec. 3rd - Club Meeting Clam Chowder Cook-Off
Dec. 7th - Board Meeting
Dec. 17th - Club Christmas Party Santa for the kids!
January 21st - Club Meeting - Annual Swap Meet

March 6th - The El Cheapo Sheepshead Tournament



2021 Offshore Tournament Schedule

	Date	Make-up Date
Sheepshead Tune-Up	Feb 6th	Feb 20th
Offshore Non-live	March 20th	March 27th
Unlimited Trolling	April 10th	April 24th
May Trolling	May 15th	May 22nd
Junior Angler	June 19th	June 26th
Kingfish Tune-Up	July 10th	July 24th
Ladies Tourn.	August 7th	August 14th
Bottom Tourn.	Sept. 4th	Sept. 11th

2021 Inshore Tournament Schedule

	Date	Make-up
Sheepshead Tune-Up	Feb 6th	Feb 20th
River	March 20th	March 27
Shrimp only	April 10th	April 24 th
Redfish	May 15th	May 22nd
Junior Angler	June 19th	June 26th
Roulette	July 10th	July 24th
Ladies Tourn.	August 7th	August 14
Flounder	Sept. 4th	Sept. 11th

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