



The Reel News

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PRESIDENTS CAST NET *Capt. Robert Vermillion*

Welcome to the June addition of the JOSFC newsletter.

First of all, we all need to keep the Rick Hale Family in our prayers. Rick lost his fight with cancer last week, he will be truly missed in our fishing community.

On May 6th we had Joe VanThron come in and talk about Bottom fishing. And what kind of rigs he likes to use. He came in straight from the ledge, from a rough ride out and back. tired and beat up. Thank you, Joe, for your time at the club!

We also had some new members from the boat show sign up so we would like to welcome John Timmons JR, Jeff Alexander, Denise Bixler, welcome to the JOSFC. Hope to see you at the meetings.

On May 20th we had a rigging workshop; we had kingfish rigging, Dolphin rigging, and Cast Net throwing, it was lots of fun. We would like to do more workshops so if you have any recommendations let me know I can write them down for the next one.

Club turn out has been good, lots of good food and speakers. The Past President's Party

will be on June 3rd, so I hope to see all the past Presidents show up with fishing story's of how it was in the old day's HA, HA.

We will be having a Low Country Boil and some BBQ so bring your appetite and a good sense of humor.

The Trolling and Redfish tournament was postponed due to weather, it seems like we can't get a break from the wind. The make up will be on the 22nd of May. So, keep your finger crossed that we can fish it.

June 19th is for the Kid's, the Junior Angler Tournaments, so find a kid and take them fishing.

The Board of Directors have been working hard so if you see them, give them a big thanks! On to the fishing front:

INSHORE

The Rocks are the place to be, with big Drum in the deep, use a $\frac{1}{4}$ crab on the bottom. Reds and Trout will be working the rocks along with some Sheepshead, work a shrimp on a jig head.

OFFSHORE

Seabass, B-liners some Cobia and Red Snapper will be on the reefs. Out in the blue water Dolphin have been slow but if you can find them, they will be eating. Some Wahoo are still around and some Sailfish in closer. Let's hope the wind lies down so we can get out. That it for now see you at the club House.

Tight Lines

CAPT. Robert Vermillion

REMEMBER

WE HAVE MEMBERS

LOOKING FOR A RIDE!!!

When you are going out and have room for one more, or need crew to **help pay for gas**, we have several members that do not have boats, and are always looking for someone to take their gas money!

Just either give me a call, text or E-mail breenw@bellsouth.net.

904-254-2791

Or post it on the club's Dock Talk page.

We will get you that extra person to fill out your crew!

Who knows, you just may find a new great friend!



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Mark your Calendar JULY 7TH Down On The Dock Tournament!



The Down on the Dock Tournament will be held on July 7th. This is the Tournament where JOSFC shines in Community Participation. The day begins approximately at 8:00 a.m. at Sisters Creek. We will put together approximately 100 Zebco 202

Rod & Reel combos with hooks which are donated by Academy Sports. Derek will be busy pouring our 1 Oz sinkers that we use.

Cutting bait, putting together the rods sound intimidating but believe me the volunteers from the club who have been doing this over the past years have it down to a production line and everything goes smoothly (well most of the time).

Fishing starts at around 9 or when the Northeast Florida Down Syndrome bus pulls up. Fishing is from 9 to 11 but as everyone can tell you sometimes it goes a little longer. In the past we have even had some participants refuse to leave the dock. Usually, a couple of us stay behind just in case.

A hot dog lunch is served afterwards. I cannot stress how much fun this is and the rewarding experience you will have watching these kids and adults have so much fun. Mark your calendar for an experience that will last a lifetime.

I am also looking for volunteers for the General Dock Tournament on July 13th to help with cooking hotdogs. This is more of us supervising since parents will be with the children.

Thank you everyone.

Tom Darga

MAN OVERBOARD!

This is actually 3 safety lessons in one! Man Overboard! Do you know how to handle this emergency?

As some of you already know, in April, 2019, we had a club member fall overboard while fast trolling. The only damage was to his ego, he was retrieved safe and sound, BUT it could have been bad! They had a full spread of Wahoo lures with BIG bad hooks out behind them. Not a good scenario!

We have also had a couple other members that apparently like to cool off in the water at unexpected times (Repeatedly) without notice!

(1) **That is why we advocate wearing your life jacket while underway!**

(2) **As part of your safety lecture or tour for your crew before you leave the dock, you should go over the drill for a MAN OVERBOARD!**

(3) When someone makes an unexpected departure from your boat while on the water, the person seeing it and yelling the warning IS the designated "Pointer". (Unless it is the Captain, then he assigns that duty to someone.)

The "Pointer" actually POINTS Arm extended with the finger pointing directly at the person in the water and **never takes their eyes off the person or stops pointing** until it is time to help them back into the boat! This makes it easier for the Captain to know where to maneuver the boat to correctly position it to pick up the person in the water. In calm seas this seems silly, but should still be done, but if it is at all sloppy, this could be the difference between losing a person or successfully recovering them!

When you approach the person in the water with your boat, you should approach them from UP-Wind, so your BOW is Down-Wind and you are **beside** them. As you get close, shift to neutral or if calm enough, turn the engine off to avoid the possibility of the propeller hitting

Man Overboard Continued page 4

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 will see a little envelope under their name, just click on it and it will open an E-mail to them. 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



Man Overboard Cont.

them. If you go sideways to them from up-wind your boat could drift over them before you can pull them in, injuring them., If you try from down wind it will drift away faster than they can swim to you.

Do you have a rope set aside and easy to get to, just for throwing to the person to help pull them to the boat?

Do you have a way to get back in the boat? What if YOU fall overboard by yourself? can you get back in without help? Make sure you have a way to self rescue!

It can happen to the best most experienced of us, so be prepared !

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Just in case you didn't realize this YOUR Club's Website has a lot of good information for you.

Here is a rundown of what we have on line for you to use any time:

Once at the website, you will see a row of "TABS" or links across the top.

"Home" - "About" - "Membership"

"General Info & Video" - "Fishing Info" -

"Tournaments" "El Cheapo" and "Contact Us".

Under each of these are sub menus with the info you want.

Home

- Naturally takes you back to the front page of the site.

About

- Has the reef histories (Really good reading just for fun!)

- Your Officers & Board members and contact info.

- The Club By-Laws

Membership

- Here you can renew or direct someone to this page to JOIN your great club!

General Info & Video

- Here you can access a LIVE video feed of the Boat Ramp, 24/7

- Every Newsletter from 2006 to even this June 2021 Newsletter!

- The Club Calendar of events.

Fishing Info

- Both the NOAA weather

- and Wind Alert weather (My Favorite)

- Top's Safety Tips (Worth Reading)

- Links

- Fishing Links

- Includes Float plans and downloadable .pdf Files with good fishing information.

- Charter Captains

- Marine Radio You can listen to the VHF Radio being run from the Club House.

Tournaments

- The Catch Entry form is here to enter your catch on the Fishing Boards.

- The Tournament schedule

- The Fishing Rules

- You can register to fish the free club tournaments.

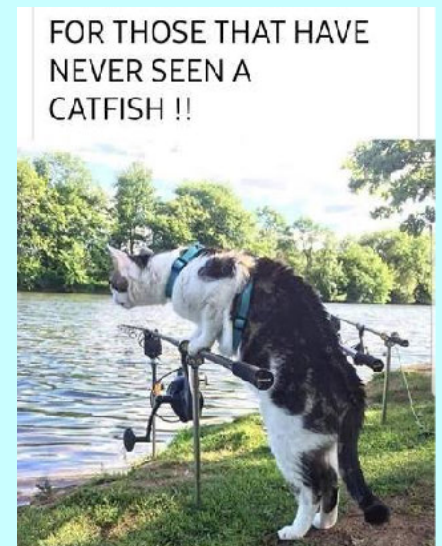
- The Fishing Boards

- The Captain of the Year race and Boards

Contact Us

- Contact me through the website.

All that available 24/7 for you at the click of a mouse!



Your Knot of the Month Or

How to snell a hook on the end of your line!

Here you are fishing away, having a great time, and catching some nice Black Seabass!

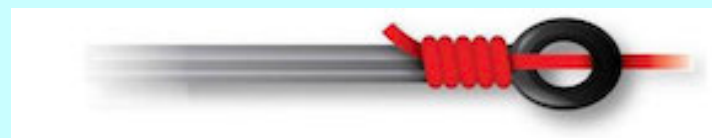
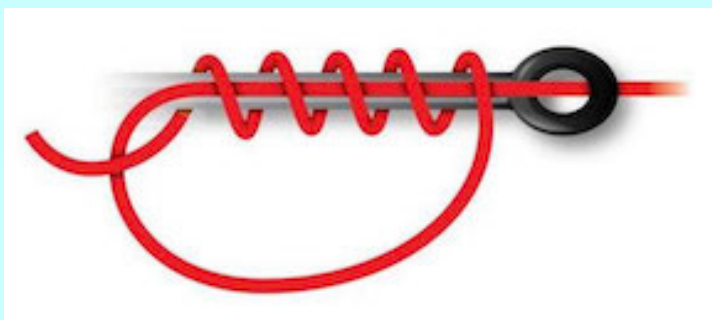
You are using a "Fish Knocker Rig", a sliding weight and then your leader and hook when suddenly you snag bottom. :-((

You are smart, and using a lighter leader than line, just for this problem, so you pull like mad, and the leader breaks near the hook.

You have plenty of leader left so all you have to do is quickly snell another hook to the end of your line, and continue fishing.

Here is how you do it. The pictures beat any words here so just take a look. The only instruction I can give is to wet or spit on the line just before you pull on the line (Not the tag end) to tighten your knot!

Bingo you are fishing again in less than 2 minutes!



Governor DeSantis touts 'Freedom Week' as he signs bill to OK 3 sales tax holidays for 2021

In July there will be a new tax-free holiday called Freedom Week during the week of July Fourth that includes **boating**, outdoor supplies, team sports gear, camping and **fishing gear**, including tents, sleeping bags, camp stoves and more.

Did You Know...!

.....That Florida is known as the "Sport Fishing Capital Of the World"!

.....That one out of twelve houses in Florida have a Boat 16 foot or larger!

.....That Florida has 2,276 Miles of tidal shorelines!

.....That in the State of Florida, ANGLERS outnumber golfers by two to one!

.....That Florida is ranked FIRST in the nation in the number of adult anglers, with California second and Texas third!

..... That Florida has over 700 certified world record catches registered with the International Game Fish Association!

.....That Florida is ranked NUMBER ONE in boat sales with Michigan second and Texas third Minnesota fourth and California fifth!

.....**That Florida makes up more than \$ 8 Billion of the total economic impact of recreational fishing in the United States!**

..... That Red Drum (Redfish) provide 8.3 million days of fishing fun per year!

..... That if sport fishing were a "Corporation" it would rank 13th in the Forbes 500 list of America's largest businesses in terms of revenue, larger than Texaco or DuPont!

.....There are more than 80,000 jobs in Florida related to recreational fishing !!!

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 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 is still
 wide open !**

**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!

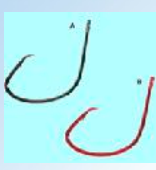





















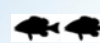










People, you are not fishing against some mysterious magical "Expert", you are fishing against me or the person sitting next to you at a meeting. Average every day fisher people!

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 Past Presidents Party 	4 	5 
6 	7 Board Meeting 	8 	9 	10 	11 	12 
13 	14 	15 	16 	17 Club Meeting 	18 	19 The Junior Angler Tournaments In& Offshore 
20 	21 	22 	23 	24 	25 	26 
27 	28 	29 	30 		June	



Coming Events

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

June 3rd - Club Meeting Past Presidents & Club Birthday Party

June 7th - Board Meeting

June 17th - Club meeting

June 19th - Junior Angler Tournaments - Both inshore & Offshore.



2021 Offshore Tournament Schedule

	Date	Make-up Date
Junior Angler	June 19 th	June 26 th
Kingfish Tune-Up	July 10 th	July 24 th
Ladies Tourn.	August 7 th	August 14 th
Bottom Tourn.	Sept. 4 th	Sept. 11 th

2021 Inshore Tournament Schedule

	Date	Make-up
Junior Angler	June 19 th	June 26 th
Roulette	July 10 th	July 24 th
Ladies Tourn.	August 7 th	August 14 th
Flounder	Sept. 4 th	Sept. 11 th

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