



The Reel News

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PRESIDENTS CAST NET

Capt. Robert Vermillion

July was a slow month at the club with the Greater Jacksonville Kingfish Tournament. A lot of members were volunteering at the tournament. We had a Kingfish workshop at the July 1st meeting, I want to thank Rob and Dustin for the time they spent with the club members teaching members on how to rig ribbonfish and tie 7 strand leader.

Looks like the Mayport Community center is will on it's way we should be moving over to the new building in the spring of 22.

The Red Snapper season was the huge mess that we all knew it would be. With the new community center being built, there was no parking and no accommodation were made in the community for the excess amount of boats.

Epirb's going off, a boat flipping over, and sadly a scuba diver went missing and is presumed dead after finding his gear on the bottom of the sea.

Hopefully, things will change, and they will figure out a safer and more equitable way to allow us to catch red snapper.

The Annual Awards Banquet will be coming up in the month of October, so look for board members to have tickets for sale. It's a great time with a big raffle, camaraderie and lots of good food.

In august, we have the ladies tournament, (For BOTH inshore and Offshore Captains.) August 7th with a make up date on the 14th.

I would like to thank all the members who have been fishing the tournaments and showing up at the meetings for our workshops, seminars and speakers!

On to the fishing fronts.

OFFSHORE

Kingfish and Bait are on the beach, some reports of dolphin showing up, Mutton and Mangroves should start spawning in the 120-to-200-foot range, use live bait on a 20 foot leader and see what you get.

INSHORE

There have been some nice Reds caught in the creeks and the Bull Reds are showing up, Flounder are also in the creek and around the docks. the Croaker have been biting as well!

That's it for now see you at the club or on the water.

TIGHT LINES!

CAPT. ROBERT VERMILLION



Wear these, they don't work in the cabin!

At least do it while under way, especially entering and leaving

the inlets, they can get rough in seconds.



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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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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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



When my grandson, Millan Foutz, turned 2 I gave him the tiny fishing pole that I bought him on the day he was born. We took him out on the dock and he caught his first fish, a pinfish.

Now 6 years later I took him on his first offshore trip yesterday. It was a bit rough and he got sick but hung in there and his symptoms improved when he started catching his first ocean fish, a Black Sea bass. The ocean settled and he pulled in bass, grunts, small snapper, triggers and 3 big snapper, one of which he hooked himself. He was ecstatic!

Lucian De Nicola



Don't forget those delicious
SPADEFISH

They are a firm white meat fish, and taste as good as a lot of the fish we catch. Just put a small piece of shrimp or squid on a small # 6 or # 7 hook and a split shot, just enough weight to get it tossed out to the school and let it sink slowly. They are also a pretty good fighter and you can catch them ALL year round. Limit is up to 100 Pounds total weight.



Above is Brandon Prato's little one, Landon, getting a good start in the "Fishin Life"! Do I see a future Captain of the Year?

Below, Brando Prato with a really nice Mahi-Mahi!

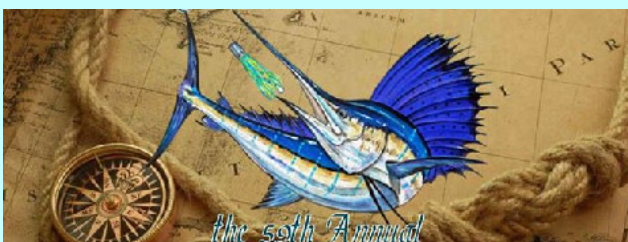


Below are some JOSFC members that chartered Captain Sean McQuade on the Reelin' & Dealin' out of Pine Island Florida. Left to right, Ronnie Dorsett, Scott Darner, Bill Wilderotter, and Dan Parker. They had a good day targeting Red Snapper, Red Grouper, Vermillion Snapper, Yellow Snapper, Mangrove and Mutton Snapper.



Bill Wilderotter said that they were out in the Gulf about 50 miles using cut bait and live grunts.

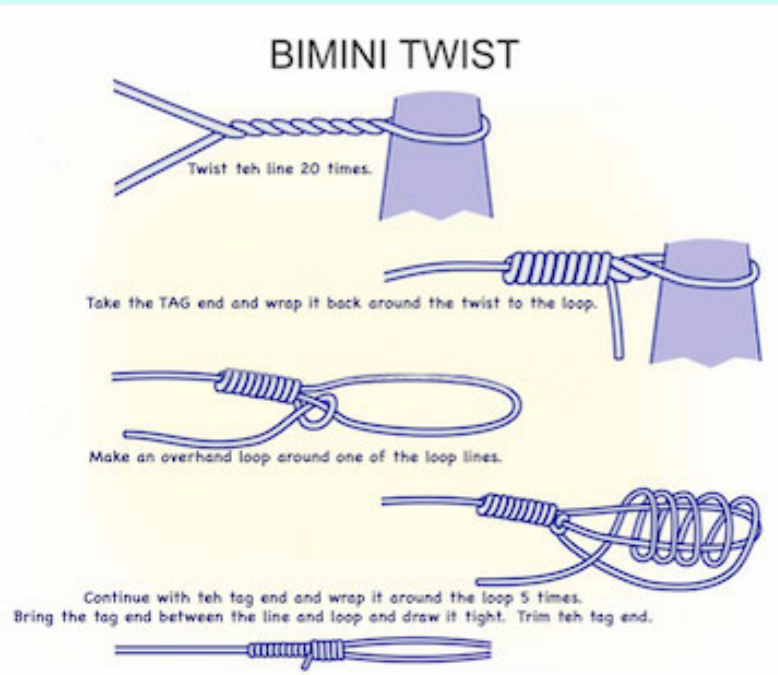
Dan got a nice 30" Gag, and Scott jigged up a nice AJ!



Yes, this is a RE-DO Knot as it is a great Knot, and does take some practice to master.

BIMINI TWIST

The Bimini is considered to be a 100% knot - providing 100% line strength. It creates a double line with a loop at the end to which a leader can be attached with a loop-to-loop connection. With this your leader can be reeled onto the rod.



Bimini Twist Tying Instructions

- Double the line into a loop and make twenty twists in the end of the loop. Slip the open end over a knee (or both knees or your feet for a long loop) and keep constant pressure on both ends of the loop.
- Lower the hand that is holding the tag end until the tag end slips back over the first twists. Open the angle of the loop and let the tag end roll over the column of twists to the end of the twists.
- After the line is rolled down to the end of the twists, make a half hitch (overhand knot) on the near side of the loop to lock everything in place. Maintain tension on all lines.
- Secure the knot by making 3 to 5 half hitches around both lines of the loop, working from the loop end back toward your knot. Tighten-up half hitches against the base of the knot.
- Clip excess tag end to about ¼ inch.

Summer time Safety on the water.

With the summer heat, we have a couple of safety problems. **Lightning, Heat and Sunburn.** { I still can't count :-)) }

I will start with **Lightning**. You all know that if you count 5 seconds between seeing the flash, and hearing the thunder, it was 1 mile away. Just my humble opinion, **THAT IS WAY TOO CLOSE!** In fact if you can hear the thunder you are probably too close. If you can, run North or South to put some distance between you and the storm. Usually, the storms form over land and move offshore later in the afternoon.

Heat, this is a problem that gets to everyone at one point or another. If it is really HOT out there, or in your back yard, you need to be sure to drink plenty of water. (Not Alcohol, as it constricts your blood vessels and worsens the problem.) Wear a hat and even use these evaporative cooling towels.

Heat Exhaustion and Heat Stroke can creep up on someone very quickly, so keep an eye on your partners!

This is a potentially FATAL problem and not to be treated lightly!

IF someone gets overheated, get them in the shade, and put ICE on the back of their neck and in their arm pits to help their body cool down. Then get them back to shore and some air conditioning.

Sunburn, Did you know that people can get Sun Poisoning? That is when you get a large percentage of your body sunburn, (Even just 1st degree burns.) However it is very easy to get 2nd degree and even 3rd degree sunburns. (I had a friend I was skindiving with in Brazil, and we were at a bunch of islands north of Rio. He forgot his swimsuit. His butt (The only part of him that stuck up above the water.) ended up with 3rd degree burns that put him in the hospital for almost a month!

Here is some information that you can use to help avoid that painful malady.

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The water temperature is 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. If my weight feels cool when I bring it up I carry a cheap thermometer that I lower to check the bottom temp.

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

Summer Safety Continued

always wear a hat, that will help keep the sun off your ears and face. If possible wear a long sleeve shirt, and plenty of SUNSCREEN!

Sunscreen is rated with SPF (Sun Protective Factor.) usually SPF 20 to SPF 50 and sometimes SPF 75. Just what does that mean? OK, I will tell you. If the UV rating for the day is 15 minutes to burn, (That is assuming you are laying still in direct sunlight.) an SPF of 50 means you can stay out in the sun for ABOUT 50% longer, or 20 to 25 minutes.

We all know that if we are moving about in and out of shade we can stay out longer than advertised without any burn. HOWEVER while out on the water, we have the reflected and direct rays that can give us a good burn in no time at all.



SO be sure to get a good, sweat and water resistant sunscreen and reapply it several times during your time on the water!




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
1 	2 Board Meeting 	3 	4 	5 Club Meeting 	6 	7 Club Tournament Ladies for both I.S. & O.S. 
8 	9 	10 	11 	12 	13 	14 
15 	16 	17 	18 	19 Club Meeting 	20 	21 
22 	23 	24 	25 	26 	27 	28 
29 	30 	31 		August		

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



Coming Events:

Aug. 2nd - Board Meeting

Aug. 5th - Club Meeting

Aug. 19th - Club Meeting,



2021 Offshore Tournament Schedule

	Date	Make-up Date
Ladies Tourn.	August 7 th	August 14 th
Bottom Tourn.	Sept. 4 th	Sept. 11 th



2021 Inshore Tournament Schedule

	Date	Make-up
Ladies Tourn.	August 7 th	August 14 th
Flounder	Sept. 4 th	Sept. 11 th

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