

## October 22, 2022 The JOSFC's 63<sup>rd</sup> Annual Awards Banquet



We have rented the **Moose Lodge at 4450 Losco Road Jacksonville, FL 32257**. This is a really nice building and room for our event!

You really want to plan on going to this party.

We honor the Captains of the Year, and the Board Winners as well as any catches of note, and acts of Good Sportsmanship that any members might have been caught doing. IF someone really goofed up royally that might get mentioned also.

This is a special night, we have the Moose Lodge again this year, and there is a great catered dinner! The ladies get to dress up if they want, and most of us men will actually take a shower and shave, and even put on slacks and a button shirt! Oh, there is also a good Bar with Wine, Beer, and mixed drinks!



## It is time to vote for your new Officers & Board!

We ask that you show up at the October 6<sup>th</sup> meeting to vote, BUT . . . if you absolutely can't make it, and really want to vote ( It is YOUR Club, and your input is important! ) you can contact me via TEXT, or E-mail, and I will mail you a mail-in ballot. Complete with a pre-addressed.

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There is one **absolute** requirement and that is that you mail your ballot to the club's address and it **must be there when they are picked up on October 5, 2022** The in person vote is at the meeting at the regular meeting Thursday October 6, 2022.



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That is pretty neat, Loaner Lifejackets for kids! First ALL the credit goes to Amelia Siegel. This is her Eagle Scout Project, and it is located at our Mayport Boat Ramp.

Now I am going to give a nod to the JOSFC for this. Why? Because Amelia has been a member since she was a toddler and catching fish bigger than she was! ( She out fishes most of us guys. )

Amelia would not have come up with this great project if her Dad had not been a JOSFC member and taken her fishing all the time.

Every parent wants their child to grow up and be a benefit to society, and teaching your child to enjoy the outdoors leads to them being productive good citizens like Amelia!

## TAKE YOUR KIDS FISHING!!!

NORTHEAST FLORIDA  
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INSHORE SLAM  
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FISHING TOURNAMENT  
OCTOBER 8TH



**\$2000 TOP PRIZE!!**

## Entry Fee

**\$70 per Person (angler)**

This Tournament is being put on by the:

Coast Guard Chief Petty Officers Association

This is open to ONLY USCG and JOSFC members!

Weigh-in is from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM at the Mayport

Boat Ramp October 8, 2022

To register and receive the full tournament rules, contact

[neil.hebert@yahoo.com](mailto:neil.hebert@yahoo.com), or text 409-782-9231.

Expect response with rules and payment info within 24hrs

100 Angler Max. Register early for guaranteed entry.

Register by October 7th, 2022

Prizes for **Heaviest Inshore Slam** ( Redfish,

Trout, & Flounder ) \$2000, 2<sup>nd</sup> place = \$400, 3<sup>rd</sup> place

= \$200 gift card to III Forks Steakhouse.

**Heaviest Redfish** - \$500, 2<sup>nd</sup> = \$200, 3<sup>rd</sup> = \$100 Gift

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**Heaviest Flounder** - \$500, 2<sup>nd</sup> =

\$200, 3<sup>rd</sup> = \$200 Gift Card to

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## Banquet Continued

You can buy your tickets from any JOSFC Board Member or Officer. This year we held the price to \$40.00 / Person. This is cheap for what you will get for your money!

Prime Rib, Shrimp Etc. and all the "Fixins"!

After we eat, we honor the Offshore and Inshore Captains of the Year, along with those members that have earned awards for the various boards, and any special activities that they might have earned, like catching the smallest fish of the year, falling overboard, or being our choice of "Sportsman / Sports-lady of the year!"

As I said, we have an open bar, so this is an **ADULT** party, No Kids! The kids will be honored at a separate special Club Meeting 9/21.

We also have a BIG Raffle for the members and guest that attend.

Tickets will be on sale at the meetings.

## This is a DON'T MISS EVENT!



In every Newsletter I strongly suggest that you wear your Life Jacket at least while your boat is under way.



Here are some other safety things that you should consider.

Are your Flares out of date?

Is your Fire extinguisher current?

Do you have a big enough one, or more than one?

How about a "Ditch Bag" is it properly stocked, and sitting out where it is handy?

First aid kit current, plenty of fresh Hydrogen Peroxide to clean wounds?

Do you have some "Wire Cutters" that are strong enough to cut the **BIGGEST** hook on your boat? Most fishing pliers are NOT strong enough for even a medium size hook!





## What's in Your Ditch Bag? You do have a Ditch Bag don't you?




Boating accidents, they happen every week. Usually the difference between a sad ending and a happy ending is preparedness. Since you can't always count on Lady Luck ( In case you haven't noticed, you are in a predicament because she isn't with you today, she's fickle, in case you haven't heard ), the best thing to do is be like a Boy Scout. Veteran captains going offshore - no matter what size boat they are in -- carry emergency "ditch bags" because they never know when the catastrophic might happen.


OK, lets get started. . . . Your Ditch Bag should be a container that will FLOAT, is secured closed so that if your boat overturns or goes down, it will be on the surface with you, and all of its contents inside. When you leave the dock, it should be sitting on your deck, NOT in the cabin or a locker.


I have seen everything from Ice-Chest that latched shut as ditch bags to \$300 specially made ditch bags. Those soft sided insulated coolers will work quite well, just make sure it will float with a full load of your gear.


Now for what you put inside. This can vary a lot from boat or Captain to Captain.


The little Sailfish signify priority items!


 You should have your required flares. ( Make sure they are not out of date.) I also carry several arial flares or rockets.


 First Aid supplies.


 A good waterproof sun block. Neutrogena now makes one ( SPF 70 ) that goes on wet skin, kind of handy if you are already in the water.


 You should have some rope to tie everyone together so you don't drift apart. ( A group of people are easier to spot than a single person. )

 Your bag should have a waterproof strobe light attached to it. ( Be sure to test it before every trip, and change the batteries once a year. )

 A signal mirror works well in bright daylight to get attention.

 Drinking Water! This is left out of most ditch bags because most people do not think of it. A single gallon of water will help keep up to 4 people from becoming dehydrated for a couple of days.

 Whistles for everyone! It beats yelling 10 ways to 1. Yelling is exhausting, and uses up a lot of energy, and can not be heard for a very long distance, whistles carry for a mile or more!

 At the least you should have PLB ( Personal Locator Beacon ) like a Spot. Or an EPIRB

A drift marker is nice. It is a long 20 or so foot long bright red streamer that floats out along the surface to increase your spotability from the air.

A bright die marker also helps increase your spotability from the air, but it does dissipate, so maybe a couple of them.

If you can afford it, a hand held VHF, and a hand held GPS unit.

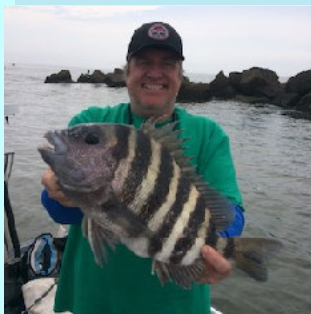
I also carry several Chem-Lights or Glo Sticks that last for at least 12 hours once you break the glass vial and activate them.

I also have attached one to each Life Vest to increase visibility for each individual and the group.

That covers the basics for your ditch bag. To put all that in your bag cost a lot of money, and if you are like me you couldn't afford to do it all at once. That is OK, but start building your bag with the items that you have or can afford. You can add the hand held VHF or GPS or a big EPIRB later as you can afford to buy them. A life is worth every dollar you spend even if it stretches your budget!

OK, you have assembled your Ditch Bag, now what ?

Like I said at the start of this article your bag should be ON-Deck when you leave the dock. You should then assign a primary person and a secondary backup person to be responsible, to make sure in an emergency, it goes over with them and does not get stuck in the boat!



## PRESIDENTS CAST NET CAPTAIN

*Robert Vermillion*

Well it's October, that means it's time to turn over the Board. I want to thank all the current board members for all the work they put in the last 2 years It's been a lot of fun. And all the members who showed up for the meeting. We had some good seminars and good food. I hope you enjoyed the last couple of years. I would like to wish the new board member's good luck; I can't wait to see what the new board brings.

it's always good to have new ideas and new visions for the club. I would recommend getting involved by going to the board meeting, joining the board or just volunteer for the Down at the Dock or Club Clean ups, or El Cheapo.

If you didn't make it to the last meeting, you missed a good one it was the past presents party. Thank you to all who attended we had a lot of good stories, a fish fry and grits.

Don't forget the banquet, we have tickets on sale at [jaxfish.com](http://jaxfish.com) and the board members will have them at the meeting it's a fun time and we will have a big raffle. So please get your tickets and support all the fishing board winners, they put in a lot of time fishing and deserve your support. Let's pack the house

On the fishing front, we have the Northeast Florida CPOA inshore slam fishing tournament coming up October 8<sup>th</sup> Allan Larson club member is putting it on. There are only 100 entry's so get in early \$70.00 per angler.

For rules go to [neil.hebert@yahoo.com](mailto:neil.hebert@yahoo.com) you could win \$2.000

Looks like the Flounder are biting good.  
Check out Branden's post on Dock talk.

## ALL the Fishing Boards are wide OPEN!

Would YOU like to get one of those Beautiful Big Shiny Tiagra Reels? **Any of you can!** Those are awarded to the winners of the Fishing Boards!

**Just look at the fish that won the Boards, I bet most of you have caught all of those species, and bigger ones!**

All you have to do is POST your fish to the Boards.

Fish weights are rounded to nearest Lb.

**Men's Board** - 5 fish, a 1 lb B-Liner, 7 lb Bonita, 8 lb Dolphin, a Barracuda & Red Snapper, YOU catch bigger fish!

**Ladies Board** - 5 fish a 2 lb B-Liner, a 2 Lb Sea Bass, an only 17 Lb Cobia, a Barracuda & Red Snapper.

**Blue Water** - 4 fish, a 9 Lb African Pompano, 4 Lb B-Liner, 7 LB Porgy, and an 18 Lb Grouper!

**Inshore** - Actually only 2 fish won this board! Other people with 3 to 5 fish won OTHER Boards so it went to the person with 2 FISH!

**Light Tackle** - This was won with 7 fish with the biggest being only 7 Lbs!, And SHAME on everyone else for not even trying! **This is an OFFSHORE Board**, and it is a lot of fun to catch fish with a light Spinning Rod & Reel! Also it does not cost you a lot to just carry a light spinning rod & reel and fish with it ALSO while you fish with other gear!

I had a blast spending an hour and 45 minutes fighting a Cobia that weighed way more than my line test. It broke off , , , , Like the adds say TRY it you will LIKE IT !!!!

YOU might even win a Board! Just remember that you also have to participate in 3 of our tournaments OR events, ( Like work the EL Cheapo! ) You can be Captain OR Crew on someone else's boat for a tournament, and YOU too can win one of those big Gold TIAGRA Reels!

Now get out there, catch your fish, and just go on-line and post your fish! Remember when you post a fish or two that make it to the Boards, You can get a \$5.00 Fish Slip. Post enough and it could help pay for your Membership!



Below is just PART of last year's Banquet raffle!  
You can only win some of this great mix of  
fabulous prizes if you go to the Banquet!



#### Presidents Message Concluded

That's it for now. hope to see you at the  
club house and thanks for a great 2 years  
CAPT. Robert Vermillion  
Tight lines!!!

### Better Boating Tips

I know that some club members tow their  
boats down south, so here is a great tip. Before a  
long tow ( Specially through "Love-Bug" country )  
wipe your boat with liquid dish soap, ( **No don't  
wash it off yet.** ) and after you get where you  
are going, bugs and tar will come right off!

If you have a really bad tar or scum line,  
**EasyOff** oven cleaner will remove it and sticky  
residue from stickers, without damaging your gel  
coat.

Instead of using BLEACH to clean your  
boat, try 1 cup of VINEGAR in a gallon of  
water to make a great cleaner that is both  
environmentally safe, and it destroys orders  
better than bleach!

### ALWAYS LEAVE A FLOAT PLAN!




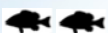







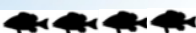




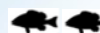

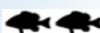
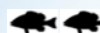












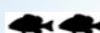



*Loud Hailings*

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 :*

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30 	31 	Key - The more little black fish on a day means better fishing				

**COMING  
EVENTS:**

October 6<sup>th</sup> - Club Meeting and VOTE for new Board

October 8<sup>th</sup> - CPOA Inshore Slam Tournament

October 20<sup>th</sup> - Club Meeting - Last Chance to get your Banquet Tickets!

October 22<sup>nd</sup> - The Annual Awards Banquet

Remember you need a Reef Fishing Permit for all bottom fishing

Get it at:

[www.myfwc.com](http://www.myfwc.com)

And for some of these fish, you need a Highly Migratory Species permit.

Go to:

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

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