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





PRESIDENTS CAST NET CAPTAIN Chris Jones

Holiday Greetings JOSFC!

A sincere and heartfelt thank you to the club members who came to the annual Thanksgiving Potluck. The food was delicious, and the fellowship was greatly enjoyed by all. Additionally, a very special thanks to those who cooked,

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The Lure Tree

What the heck is the Lure Tree?! It is the JOSFC Christmas tree! WE, YOU and I, 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 at our Christmas Party on the 15th, and 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? See Strike Zone , or B & M Bait & Tackle, I am sure they will be glad to sell you some so you can try to win them for yourself at the Christmas Party!

Trust me, this is a JOSFC Tradition that is always a lot of fun, and for the winner, a great big Christmas present!



If you were not at the Thanksgiving meeting 11/17/22, This is what you missed! We had to add an extra table to hold all the food! Your members really did themselves proud with all the side dishes and food that we had. Your Board really THANKS everyone for such a great meal!

Guess What? WE get to have another Pot-Luck on December 15th for our Christmas Party / Pot-Luck!

For our Party, we will have SANTA there for the kids, (Of all ages.) and of course we will have a great Raffle and the Lure Tree to end the evening.



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cleaned, set up, and assisted, so everyone could have a great time!

Cold fronts are coming through on a regular basis, water temps are cooling off, and Sheepshead are chewing in our local waters. All signs indicate that 2022 is coming to an end. I will be announcing the President's choice fishing tournament December 15th and don't forget to bring the kids out December 15th for our annual Christmas party. Additionally, we will start preparing for El Cheapo 2023 which will be here before we know it!

The holidays provide a wonderful opportunity for us each to reflect on the many blessings we have, especially in times of challenge. I am grateful for many things; my supportive wife, family, friends, and the trust you have placed in me to collaborate with you all in working together to make our club the best it can be. I encourage each of you to reach out over the holidays and check in on a club or community member. We have so much to be thankful for and this is the perfect time to share some of our blessings with those in need.

Wishing you all a safe, happy, and blessed Thanksgiving!
Tight Lines and Sail Safe,
Captain Chris Jones



The El Cheapo is COMING!!!



The 2023 El Cheapo Sheepshead Tournament is almost HERE!

The event will be held on March 3-4, 2023 at the Mayport Boat Ramp! Come join us for all the fun and activities.

Many **volunteers are needed** for all phases of the tournament. We will really need people for Friday Set-Up and the Captains Meeting in the evening, and Saturday for the Tournament.

You **CAN FISH** the tournament **AND** VOLUNTEER to work part of it after weighing in your winning fish on Saturday!!

Sponsorships are available in many different forms.

It is NOT too late to get sponsors for the El Cheapo. Just ask at any of the businesses that you frequent. They do not have to be fishing related, we have had Day Spas, Building Contractors, Attorneys, Grocery Stores, Jewelry Boutiques, All kinds of businesses.

For more information on Sponsorships contact:

Stacey Schwab at 910-200-8865 or
Karen Saltmarsh at 904-254-2897 or
Bill Pollackov at 904-923-9153.

Prospective sponsors can also reach Bill Pollackov at:

elcheapo@jaxfish.com

If you are interested in volunteering the first volunteer meeting will be held **December 7, 2023 at the Cracker Barrel on JTB and Hwy 95, at 6:30pm**. We will be in the back room, and some of us will be arriving early for dinner around 6. Food is not included in the meeting but you are welcome to come eat early!

NEED A GREAT CHRISTMAS PRESENT FOR THAT FISHER PERSON IN YOUR LIFE?

We have a good idea for you, Give them a (1) One year membership in the JOSFC or even a Life Time Membership in the JOSFC! We can arrange that for you with a beautiful Certificate to put under the Christmas Tree with their name on it!

Just contact Stacey Schwab at:

membership@jaxfish.com

or Bill Breen at breenw@bellsouth.net

and we will take care of the details for you to get the Certificate to you before Christmas!



Your SAFETY lesson for this issue!



"FORGOT THE CHAIN"

Florida law requires that your boat have a SAFETY CHAIN from the Bow Eye to the Trailer.

That photo demonstrates the why of the law, fairly well I think. **Lesson Over!**

Add garlic immediately to a recipe if you want a light taste of garlic and at the end of the recipe if your want a stronger taste of garlic.

Microwave limes for 40 seconds before squeezing, you'll get twice the amount of juice.



Emergency Phone Numbers First for Any Emergency - 911

U.S. Coast Guard, Jacksonville Emergencies
904-564-7500 Press 1

U.S. Coast Guard National Response Center
1-800-424-8802

Jacksonville Sheriff's Marine Unit
904-630-2160

Florida Fish and Wildlife
1-888-404-3922

Sea Tow
1-800-473-2869

Tow Boat U.S.
1-800-391-4869



Now use that thing on top of your shoulders for more than a Hat Rack! Program the above numbers into your Cell Phone so you always have them!



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

Tips for better tasting fish

Thaw fish and shellfish in milk. The milk draws out the frozen taste and provides a fresh caught flavor.

Try soaking fish in 1 cup vinegar / 3 cups water for 15 minutes before cooking for a sweet tender taste.

As the mailing page says, it is **TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP IN THE JOSFC!**

Why Renew?

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. (Plus **WE** don't keep hitting you up for more money with "Donation Letters" every other month.)

Currently the SAMFC is proposing CLOSING all Bottom fishing off the East Coast because there are too many Red Snapper ("More than ever reported in history" Their statement, not mine!) and we are catching too many as by-catch!

The JOSFC's year actually runs from October 1st to Sept. 30th, and we run our renewal time up to January 1st which if you have not renewed by then any fish you had on the boards come off, and you loose your club voting rights, and your membership card is no longer valid for discounts at the local stores. (Don't worry, we will still try to get you to renew after that.)

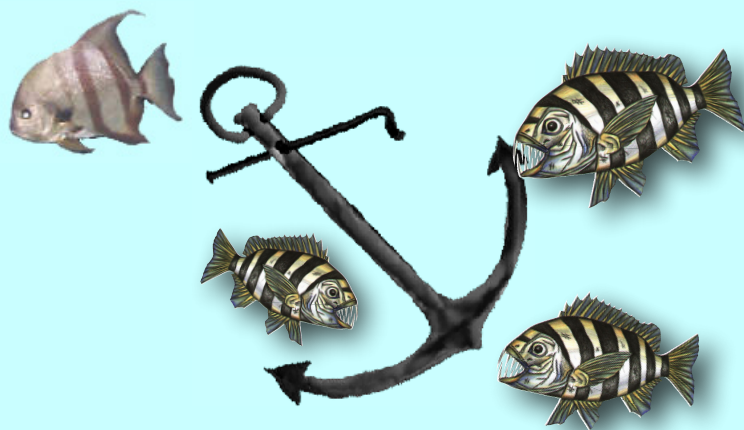
Please Renew and come on out to the meetings and have some fun! We have bigger NEW Club house to meet in and plenty of good parking in front of it. You know that you really want to be part of the fun, so as they say . . . **JUST DO IT!**

You can renew On-Line at <https://jaxfish.com/login/> **Or at any meeting, 7:00 PM on the First and Third Thursday of each month!**

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, or Contacts.

JOSFC Breen <breenw@bellsouth.net>

This club is a 63 Year Old legacy we must preserve for our children and grandchildren and sometimes we have to work /volunteer overtime to ensure just that.



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



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

YOUR FLOAT PLAN

What you didn't take the time to fill it out?!!!

This is an ORDER, or Bananas on your boat!

Go to this URL:

<https://jaxfish.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/JOSFC-Courtsey-Float-Plan.pdf>

Click on it and print it out. THEN, Fill out your permanent information that does not change for every trip, NOW, make several COPIES of it so all you have to do is fill in the new info like crew and destinations and then leave it on the dash of your tow vehicle when you go out! A simple life saving little bit of work!



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
	<h1>December</h1>			1 <i>Club Meeting</i> 	2 	3 
4 	5 <i>Board Meeting</i> 	6 	7 	8 	9 	10 
11 	12 	13 	14 	15 <i>Club Christmas Pot-Luck / Party</i> 	16 	17 
18 	19 	20 	21 	22 	23 	24 
25 <i>CHRISTMAS</i>  		27 	28 	29 	30 	

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



Coming Events

Dec. 1st - Club Meeting

Dec. 5th - Board Meeting

Dec. 15th - The The Club Christmas Party

March 4, 2023 - The EL CHEAPO TOURNAMENT



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