



The Reel News

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PRESIDENTS CAST NET CAPTAIN Chris Jones

Greetings JOSFC club members,

I hope this letter finds you in good health and high spirits. I am writing to you with great excitement and anticipation about the exceptional event on June 1st to celebrate our 64th birthday and honor our past JOSFC presidents. We will have a special meal and I promise our raffle will be the biggest of the year! Also happening next month on June 10th will be our Junior Fishing tournament. Let us seize this opportunity to pass on the joy and reverence for fishing to the next generation. We can all commit to take a young person under our wing, teach them the art of angling, and instill in them the values of conservation and respect for nature.

For our visitors, come out to a JOSFC meeting which boasts a vibrant angling community and numerous fishing tournaments throughout the year. Engage with fellow anglers, exchange stories, and participate in friendly competitions that celebrate the thrill of the sport. The warmth and hospitality of our members will make you feel right at home, enhancing your overall fishing experience.

Eleni Leining, Patti Kalaitzis's Grand Daughter



She was so stoked, casted and caught all by herself! She was screaming with joy! That is a 5.2 pound Triple Tail!

Thank you all for your dedication to this timeless pursuit, and for your unwavering support as we work towards a sustainable and prosperous future for all for our fishing sport.

Wishing you tight lines and plentiful catches.

Captain Chris Jones



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!



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Kill Switch Law



Boaters operating vessels under 26 feet long are required to use an engine kill switch as of April 1, 2021. The United States Coast Guard announced the new requirement after the law was passed by Congress.

Engine kill switches considerably prevent runaway boat incidents and the deadly threats they pose. An engine cut-off switch is usually a lanyard-style cord that attaches to the person operating the vessel. If that person were to accidentally fall out of the boat, the tension of the lanyard would immediately shut off the motor.

Wireless cut off switches have been developed and are also approved for use. These use an electronic fob that is carried by the driver and senses when it is submerged in water, and automatically shuts off the engine.

NOW,

HOW YOU GONNA GET BACK ABOARD?

It was a GREAT day to go fishing but no one was available to go with you and you went out by yourself (Just couldn't pass up that perfect day!)

Somehow you managed to actually catch several good fish, but before you could get that last one in the box, you had another one on! You grabbed for that rod, SLIPPED on the fish slime on the deck and found yourself OVERBOARD!

Hopefully you WERE wearing that "Kill Switch Device" and that your boat is stopped

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Kill Switch Continued

just a few feet away from you. AND that the wind and or tide isn't pushing it away faster than you can swim.

HOW YOU GONNA GET BACK ABOARD?

Seriously have you given any thought on how to re-board your boat when alone and overboard?

With that Kill Switch at least your motor won't be running and you are floating there watching your boat sail off into the distance, but now you have to be able to climb back into your boat.

Several suggestions for you. IF you have a rear deck that is by the motor, install a "Swim Ladder" that can be deployed, by you, while you are in the water.

Mount hand hold rails where you can reach them from the water. (You know, like those brackets in the handicapped stalls in a public bathroom.)

Keep a short rope (Fastened to the boat) in the splash well by the engine.

In short, make sure that you have a way to get back in your boat, by yourself!

YOUR FLOAT PLAN

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

This is an ORDER, or Bananas on your boat! (I KNOW where your boat is kept!)

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!



Calling ALL Junior Anglers!!!

June 10th is the Junior Angler Tournament.

This Tournament has been broken out from the Captain of the Year Tournament schedule and is a Stand Alone Tournament just for the kids!

There will be no COY points for this, just better memories for you and the kids you take fishing!

The kids will get the First, Second, etc place recognition at a club meeting.

SO don't be a stick-in-the -mud, take your kids out for a great day on the water fishing! IF you don't have kids to take, kidnap your neighbors kids or grandkids, we really would like to see a lot of kids taken fishing that day!

There will be some refreshments at weigh-in and it would be nice to have people stick around to watch the kids get their fish weighed, and cheer for them!

They are the future of not only this club, but our fishing community!

The Fishing BOARDS!

I am not seeing a lot of fish posted to the fishing boards except for the people fishing the tournaments. **You do NOT have to fish the tournaments to post your fish on the boards!**

They are **open to everyone**, Ladies and Men can post to the Unlimited, Blue Water, Light Tackle (Offshore only) and Adult Inshore Board. OF course the Men to the Men's Board and the Ladies to the Ladies Board. The Kids have their 11 & Under and 12 to 17 Boards also.

You can find the Boards at jaxfish.com under the "Tournaments" tab at the top!

You really should be doing this! In addition to FILING A FLOAT PLAN!!

I have a whole 25 cents, not pennies, but a real genuine QUARTER, that I am willing to bet, that not 5 of our, over 225 memberships, 400+ individual members, do this every time they take someone new out fishing! You probably haven't even done this from the beginning, with your regular crew!

I have a sheet that I give to new members the night before they go fishing with me.

Here is a copy of my Info. Sheet, but you need to make your own that fits your boat and your wishes for what your crew needs and does.

Feel free to plagiarize as much of this as you want, that is why it is here!

"What you need to know for fishing with me."

1 - I prefer no "Flip-Flops" or bare feet. With luck (And my superior skill. . . . OK, Luck.) we will be putting fish in the boat that have a large mouth full of very sharp teeth, and there will be sharp hooks that do not feel very good when stepped on. Full shoes to protect your feet. Flip-Flops at your own risk!

2 - We will be out there ALL day, so bring plenty of sun protection. SPF 40 or 50 lip-balm works best for your lips and nose. It does not sweat off as quickly as even "waterproof" sunscreen, but bring the waterproof sunscreen also.

3 - I will have all the water and Gatorade you can drink, but you need to bring anything else that you want to drink, and to eat. Remember it will be from 5:00 Am to at least 3:00 PM so some snacks for you will be need in addition to lunch.

If you want to have a cold BEER with lunch that is OK by me, but don't bring two 6 packs and be drinking them all day. The wind, waves and Sun amplify the effects of alcohol! I want you SOBER in case I get hurt!

4 - My name is not Captain Bly, if someone does get sick, and wants to, WE WILL GO IN in, as being seasick is really, really miserable.

If you get "Sea-sick" at all, take a "Bonine" the night before we go, and another in the morning when you get up. Brand name Bonine is expensive, but I understand CVS carries the generic for a lot, LOT less. Active ingredient is Meclizine. This is my recommended brand as it does not make you groggy or sleepy, and just works very well.

The OTHER sure fire cure is the Electronic "Relief Band" that you wear on your wrist! That is expensive, but it absolutely works! (Had a friend that could get sea sick in a boat on the trailer sitting on land. It worked for him!)

5 - I will have all the Rod & Reels and fishing gear we will need. But you may bring any of your own if you wish.

6 - My boat is equipped with an emergency PLB, (Personal Locator Beacon) first aid kit, , and back-up hand held radio and hand held GPS and the boat is unsinkable (Really, foam filled.) so we will be safe.

7 - While underway, at the least, we will wear our life jackets. If under 13, Coast Guard requires it be worn at all times.

8 - I start off with a full load of gas, when we get back in we will stop at a gas station and fill it back up. We split the cost evenly. I count for 1 share, you (and your wife or kid) count for 1 share.

9 - If I forget to give you the "Safety" talk before we leave the Dock, smack me up side of the head and remind me!

Ditch Bag,
Water
Gas tank switch,
Fire Extinguishers
How to:

Run Boat,
Work Radios
GPS's & PLB.

The Safety talk should be given before EVERY, trip, even with your regular crew, and you should have a laminated card with the points you don't want to forget or skip over quickly.

The JOSFC

Yup, the JOSFC, The Jacksonville Offshore Sport Fishing Club. **YOUR** Club!

This month we are 64 years old, and we are the oldest fishing club in the Jacksonville area. We are also the best fishing club in the area!

For 64 years your club has worked hard to improve both fishing and safety for the sport fishermen and women of the area. Your club is responsible for **over** 270 reef drops over our life. We have created numerous reefs, and replenished a lot of our older reefs, all to improve fishing off Jacksonville. Even after the Federal Government mandated that the City take over the permits, we have stayed involved and helped with the reef programs.

Did you know that Salt Water Sport Fishing is responsible for **OVER \$600 MILLION DOLLARS** in revenue, each and every year, for the greater Jacksonville area! That is from the Florida / Georgia border to the south city limits of St. Augustine. Even with the down turn in the economy that figure has held at over \$600 million! (That is more than the Superbowl brought in!)

YOUR club only works because of your passion for fishing and with your input and hard work!

Your Board of Directors work for **YOU**, and they always welcome your input and suggestions. If you have a suggestion on how to improve the club, or how to do something differently, or how to bring in new members, don't be shy! Tell any board member, or E-mail me, (your editor) and I will get it to the board.

You can find any of the Board's E-mail's at the club website under the "ABOUT" tab down to "Officers and Board". Just click on the little Envelope to open an E-mail to them.

Even if you are brand new, do not be afraid to get involved, we really welcome your input and really want you to be involved with your club! Really!



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



Shrimp should start showing up in the river, warm up your Cast net! It is fun, and you can get a whole lotta SHRIMP to eat! Here is a website to learn how to throw a Cast Net.

[http://www.madnesscharters.com/
portfolio-view/easiest-way-to-throw-a-
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NEWS From BoatUS

Boat Owners Association of The United States

5323 Port Royal Road, Springfield, VA 22151

Read this press release online at: <https://bit.ly/3pZjD0E>

BoatUS Reminds Boaters to Avoid a Misfuel Mishap

'Regular 88,' an E15 fuel, is prohibited for use in recreational boats

SPRINGFIELD, Va., May 22, 2023 - Today's gas station pumps no longer provide clear and transparent information to help consumers make the right fuel choice. Dispensing pumps have become a marketer's dream, chock full of attention-grabbing video screens blasting amplified sound that visually plaster a captive audience with a mishmash of eye-catching advertisements from two-for-one coffee to \$1 hot dogs.

With all that distraction and summer boating season kicking off this Memorial Day weekend, Boat Owners Association of The United States (BoatUS) wants to remind boaters that it may take a little more effort to ensure the right fuel goes into the tank. The key to that is knowing that recreational boats are not approved for gasoline blends containing more than 10% ethanol (E10) - and a little orange warning sticker may be the best indicator on the pump to help make the right fuel choice.

"Fuel is a significant part of a boater's budget, so finding savings is important," said BoatUS manager of Government Affairs David Kennedy. "However, fuel retailers market E15 (15% ethanol) fuel, such as 'regular 88' or 'unleaded 88' as a lower cost alternative to E10."

BoatUS notes that recreational vessels are never compatible with E15. It is not permitted by federal law to use E15 fuel in boats (as well

as motorcycles, off-road vehicles and power equipment), voids the engine warranty, and it has been proven to cause damage to marine engines. Recreational vessel engines may only use gasoline containing no more than 10% ethanol (E10). Any pump dispensing E15 fuel must have an approved orange warning label.

Results from a 2020 Outdoor Power Equipment Institute poll showed that only about one in five consumers know that "regular 88" — or 88 octane fuel — has more ethanol (15%) in it than 87 octane (10% ethanol) fuel. On top of that, the availability of ethanol fuels during the summer increased last year when a Clean Air Act waiver authorized the sale of gasoline containing 15% ethanol from June 1 to September 15. BoatUS has also fought efforts to weaken pump labeling rules.

"More than ever, boat owners need to check the pump for the orange warning label denoting a higher-blend ethanol fuel," added Kennedy. "We also need to continue to get the word out to educate boaters about the right fuel for their boats. Using the wrong fuel could end up costing you more than perhaps the meager savings gained when filling up."

With summer upon us...

I thought I would revisit the way to tell how close lightning was, so we would know when to panic.






































































Lightning:

5 seconds between Flash and Thunder = 1 Mile

1 Mile = WAY to close! You want to be at least 10+ away from any lightning.

You want to watch for those Summer Thunder Storms that build ON-Shore and roll off the coast toward YOU!

DON'T try to run through one to get to shore!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
	<h1>June</h1>			1 <i>Club Meeting Club Birthday & Past Presidents Party</i>  	2   	3   
4    	5   	6  	7 	8 	9 	10 <i>Junior Angler Tournament</i>  
11  	12  	13  	14  	15 <i>Club Meeting</i>  	16   	17   
18    	19   	20   	21  	22  	23  	24  
25  	26 <i>Board Meeting</i>  	27  	28  	29  	30  	

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

June. 1st - Club Meeting Club Birthday & Honoring

Past Presidents PARTY! Don't miss this one!

June 10 - Junior Angler Tournament

June 15th -Club Meeting

Coming Events

JUST A REMINDER

1 - Wear your LIFE JACKET

2 - Did you leave a FLOAT PLAN?

3 - While Underway, HAVE YOUR KILL SWITCH LANYARD attached to YOU! It is the law now!



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