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# The Reel News

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## PRESIDENTS CASTINGS

Capt. Danny Del Rio



HAPPY NEW YEAR TO  
ALL! A toast to all of you  
for a prosperous and healthy New Year!

Our Christmas Party was a fabulous success. Lots of great food and fellowship, thanks to all who brought delicious food to share! Santa showed up with a bag full of toys and goodies for the kids. He was so jolly he made all the children smile (and us too)! Great job! AJ Proescher won the lure tree and Chris Rooney won the rod and reel.

As we enter the New Year, I am really excited about the coming events. Our first meeting in January is on the 5<sup>th</sup>. We have Steve Grant, from C & H Lures, as our guest speaker. He will give a seminar for Wahoo and other Big Game fishing. January 19<sup>th</sup> will be the swap-meeting, so bring what you want to swap or sell to other club members...new or used! January 26<sup>th</sup> is the volunteer meeting for the El Cheapo tournament. Ya All Come and help make this the best year ever! El Cheapo will be February 25<sup>th</sup>. Anglers may register online at [www.jaxfish.com](http://www.jaxfish.com). The El Cheapo Store is also available online to purchase merchandise in advance.

Keep your eyes on the weather this time of year and let us hear some stories about catching Wahoo! This is a good time to make sure all your boats and gear are in good working order for the coming year! We want to have a safe and good fishing year in 2012!

We want to express our deepest sympathy to Allen Shepherd for the passing of his mother.

Tight Lines and Safe Boating!  
Danny Del Rio



## It's Coming!!!!

**The El Cheapo Tournament is next month!  
February 25, 2012 to be exact!**

As you all know, this is the biggest fund raiser that the club puts on for the year. AND the most fun!

**This year we need Volunteers for :**

**Clubhouse & Grounds Clean-up** - Saturday  
February 11th 2012

**Captain's Bag Stuffing** - the evening of Feb. 16th,  
before the club meeting, about 5:00 pm

**Registration** - the evening of Feb. 24th. the  
Captain's meeting and the 26th.

**Set-Up** - Feb. 24th Friday starting at about 11:00AM

**Cooking** - 2 full crews needed Feb. 25th all day.

**Serving** - Feb. 25th. from about noon on.

**Fish Cleaning** - Feb. 25th all afternoon.

**Trash** - Feb. 25th all day.

**Tear-Down** - Feb. 25th evening after the event.

**There will be a meeting for all volunteers  
at the clubhouse on Thursday, January 26, 2012,  
at 7:30 PM**

**ON-LINE Registration is now OPEN at**  
**[www.Jaxfish.com](http://www.Jaxfish.com)**

**If you can volunteer and can't make the  
meeting, let me know.**

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## Rob's Fishing Lore

### GONE FISHING?

**"Both the Hopis and Mayans recognize that we are approaching the end of a World Age... In both cases, however, the Hopi and Mayan elders do not transition from one World Age into another. The message they give concerns our making a choice of how we enter the future ahead. Our moving through with either resistance or acceptance will determine whether the transition will happen with cataclysmic changes or gradual peace and tranquility. The same theme can be found reflected in the prophecies of many other Native**



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**American visionaries from Black Elk to Sun Bear."  
— Joseph Robert Jochmans. 1**

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The Mayan culture was a fabulous rich culture esteemed in astronomy and thus they created a calendar. The Mayan calendar runs out of time on December 12, 2012. Will the Mayan calendar running out leading to wild speculation on the end-of-the world? Are we doomed? Will it be a year like in the movie 2012 where the world tears itself apart due to one global disaster after another? For some this prophecy, spells out the end-of-the world and for others it is something different all together.

2012 is a critical change year for fishing Americans. As fishermen, we have been undersiege for some time from our political leaders both under Bush and now under Obama. The current occupant of the White House has spring boarded radical change upon us. Is anyone out there truly happy with the Red Snapper closure for 35 years. How about the curtailing of the Black Sea Bass bag limits by two-thirds only to find that the SAMFC is now closing down this fishery due to overfishing???? Have you heard the latest, our friend at NOAA, Jane Lubchenco is about to get her hands on any body of water that flows into the ocean through a proposed executive order so she can regulate it. (Jane Lubchenco was the Vice Chairwomen for the Environmental Defense Fund or EDF prior to NOAA in her career.)

It boggles the mind on the justification on why THEY do this to us! Truly, we need to know who they are and what they want for us. This article is dedicated to just a couple of THEY'S so we might know just what we are up against. Their commercials have always left me shaking my head on just how does the World Wildlife Fund stay in business or just how does the Pew Environmental Group support itself? World Wildlife Fund (WWF), just what do they have to do with Atlantic Red Snapper off our coast? The WWF helps to defend those lovable cuddly polar bears from extinction from global warming so how do they factor into our fight? It's a philosophy that is shared from one well-meaning environmental radical group to another one needs to be aware of. This little quote is found on the WWF website, please note they are looking at fishing as well.

"Our conservation efforts are directed towards **flagship species**, iconic animals that provide a focus for raising awareness and stimulating action and funding for broader conservation efforts in our priority places: and footprint-impacting species whose populations are primarily threatened because of un-sustainable hunting, logging or fishing."  
<http://worldwildlife.org>

So what, it is a nice sounding quote, who doesn't want to stop overfishing? Just remember, the WWF wants to save the polar bear due to global warming! Just how concrete is the science here on global warming. Google Anglican Samizdat and read for yourself that noted climate scientist allegedly falsified records and manipulated data to support their theories on global warming. If you did not realize your outboard motor contributes to global warming as well.

Now let's look at PEW Environmental Group, a local favorite. When you look at this, please take time to read my

## Gone Fishing Continued

favorite part of this section. She is actually proud of halting 7 coal power plants. I shake my head and realize that the unemployment rate in Florida is over 10%. Now putting your fellow neighbor out of work is something truly to be proud of.



### Top of Form

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Holly Binns joined the Pew Environment Group in 2008 as manager of efforts to protect ocean life and end overfishing in the Gulf of Mexico, the South Atlantic Ocean and the Caribbean Sea. Before joining Pew, Binns was Environment Florida's field director and coordinated policy development and research and legislative advocacy. During her eight years in that post, she designed and directed numerous successful conservation campaigns, including efforts that halted construction of seven coal-fired power plants in the state. Binns has also run citizen outreach campaigns for progressive nonprofit organizations, worked as a political campaign fundraiser and served as a legislative aide in Georgia. Holly is a third-generation Floridian and lives and works in the state capitol, Tallahassee, where she attended Florida State University.

[www.pewenvironment.org](http://www.pewenvironment.org)

Wow! If anyone is not familiar with Ms. Binns, she is one of the lone voices along with the Environmental Defense Fund or EDF at the SAMFC that has spoken in favor of closing the Red Snapper down for 35 years. In fact, it is her group, PEW, that has agreed with Roy Crabtree's science on the over fishing of Red Snapper. Anyone want to bet on just how questionable their science is over the Black Sea Bass?

Organizations such as WWF or PEW are extremely well organized and funded. Has anyone ever imaged just how they get their funds? Is it many of well-intentioned Americans sending in \$5 or \$10 at a time that create the billions accumulated in their coffers?

I think not. PEW got its start from oil. The Sun Oil Company gave birth to this out of control enviro-nazi establishment. Now, big companies- major American companies are lining up against our way of life. Did anyone ever hear that Wal-Mart gave \$71.8 million dollars to radical

groups and environmental initiatives such as WWF, Environmental Defense Fund, and the Ocean Conservancy? What do you think these groups did with all this money? Catch shares for everyone! Another great American company is doing it to us once again- Coke. Anyone recognize this new style of can? See the cute polar bears adorning it on the outside. Well the money **you** spend on these products go to the WWF.



Is anyone out there already tired of fighting these groups? Do you find it a pointless exercise because in the end the extreme anti-fishing regulations win out? I am tire but determined and I hope you will become determined with me. I once heard a fabulous speaker talk on my college campus and this near quote is likely the only thing in which I will agree with the Rev. Jessie Jackson about. We vote every single day. We have the ability to vote economically each time we make a purchase and where we purchase it at. Knowledge is power and we should use our power to promote our own cause and protect our own way of life from bad science and a flawed premise. Currently, I have sworn off purchasing Coke products. I figure I have spent an average of \$5 per week purchasing a Coke at my local Gate Station that amounts to \$260 per year Coke earns from me to spend it at the WWF so the WWF can help shut down my fishing. **NO MORE!!!** I am through with Coke. Can I be through with Wal-Mart? That is a little trickier but I can be through with their outdoor section. Boycott the outdoors section of Wal-Mart. If anyone has time, pick up the phone and call these companies to register your complaints of their support for enviro-nazism. They need to hear this so they can stop or we need to stop spending our money there so it can be turned around and given to PEW, WWF or EDF. Just image if 10 people stopped spending \$260 per year on Coke that is \$2,600.00 or if we could get 100 or 500 people to do the same, just what would that amount to? Would these American companies listen then or will we need more to join us?



As stated in the beginning, the Mayan's predicted the end-of-the world. Joseph Robert Jockman believes the Mayan prophecy predicts either a cataclysmic change or a gradual peaceful change and the change depends upon us. The only change I know of for 2012 comes on November 6, 2012 the next Congressional and Presidential election. If we have another 4 years of runaway environmental extremism supported by this administration, just what do you think "Gone Fishing" would mean? Encourage your neighbors and your friends to support our efforts in removing the current occupant out of the White House. Stay vigilant. 2012 will be a year of change but just what kind of change can we make it?

Best Wishes for Fishing,  
Rob Darner

**Wear your Life-Jacket while underway, they  
save lives!**



## Top's Tips Safety First

Top Ingram  
Safety Officer

### Hypothermia

A recent incident in Indian River County is a reminder for everyone to wear their life jacket at all times, and especially, when under way. While underway on plane, the operator and passenger of a 10 foot jon boat were ejected after the vessel struck a submerged log and capsized. The passenger was found deceased when rescue personnel arrived on scene. The operator was able to swim to shore. Neither occupant was wearing a life jacket when they entered the water.

Starting next month as the cold weather moves into our area, we normally think more about staying warm when fishing in the cold, windy weather. Also, with the "El Cheapo" tournament scheduled for February 25, all Captains should be giving some thought to the prevention of hypothermia. Hypothermia can pose a problem for boaters anytime of the year, but should be of greater concern to all Captains as we approach colder weather.

Hypothermia occurs when the body loses heat faster than it can produce it. As a Captain, have you ever thought about what a life jacket has in common with a blanket relative to hypothermia and safety in boating? Both can save your life when you are facing a major killer in aquatic mishaps such as hypothermia. As a result, you should carry both of these items on your boat. A life jacket is a federal and state requirement, but a blanket is not. However, all boaters should carry a blanket on board.

A life jacket, obviously, will keep you afloat, but can also help ward off hypothermia by trapping warmed water between it and your body. A blanket can help prevent hypothermia by reducing body heat loss. Most boaters do not have a full understanding of hypothermia and how it can impact them. Most people think of hypothermia as "freezing to death" or frost bite. Hypothermia can kill a person at temperatures well above freezing.

Hypothermia occurs most rapidly when your body is immersed in cold water but may occur at anytime especially in windy situations if your clothing is wet. In water at 50 degrees, the predicted time for survival is 1.5 to 3 hours. It can also occur in water as warm as 80 degrees if you are exposed for a long period of time. For instance, in 70 to 80 degree water, a person may become exhausted or unconscious in as little as 2 to 12 hours with an expected time of survival of 3 plus hours. If you should fall overboard with a life jacket on, do not exert yourself. Keep your arms at your side and your legs together to conserve heat.

If you find yourself in the water without a life jacket conserving heat is even more important since you will have to

keep yourself afloat. Do not try to swim, but exert as little effort as possible to float until rescued. An individual who falls overboard without a life jacket has virtually no chance of conserving heat loss. In fact, many individuals, who fall overboard, seem to lose the ability to climb back on board or to hang onto some craft or object, since there is a progressive decline in muscle strength following immersion in cold water. However, if possible, get out of the water as heat loss is less to cold air than to cold water. Always try to get out of the water.

A person's body burns food to give it energy and maintain its temperature. When your body cools, blood moves from the surface area to the vital organs and you burn stored food to generate heat. Shivering is the first sign that your body is telling you that its temperature is below normal and action is required to correct the situation. If nothing is done, your body will begin a systematic shutdown. It is at this point; a blanket can be a lifesaver. A shivering person should be attended to immediately and dried if wet, removed from the wind and covered with a blanket and kept as warm as possible to conserve body heat.

If confronted with a hypothermic person, always remember that hypothermia is a serious medical problem. Make the person as comfortable as possible and seek medical help as soon as possible. If some distance from the shore, inform the Coast Guard by radio and they may send a medivac copter to remove the victim.

The best solution for hypothermia, however, is to prevent it by wearing protective gear, staying dry and out of the wind. Never go into a potentially hypothermic situation without having eaten a good meal and be aware that hypothermia can kill you. Exercise the necessary precautions to prevent hypothermia and continue to enjoy safe boating throughout the year.

Top Ingram  
Fish Tales

Think safety and keep safety the number one priority when undertaking a boating / fishing trip. The Sea Tow 2004 member guide has a list of safety tips on the back cover to consider before you leave the dock that I think are worth reprinting below:

- Always start with a full tank of fuel and an adequate oil level. Check your fuel level by knowing your boat's fuel consumption per hour and the time you have run. Never trust your fuel gauge.
- Always remember to shut off your engine while fueling and run the blowers on an inboard prior to restarting the engine.
- Make sure that all fill caps are clearly and properly marked. Ensure that fuel dock attendants are using the correct port. (no fuel in the rod holder or water tank, please).
- Check your bilge level and bilge pump before leaving the dock.
- Make sure the drain plug is in before launching.

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- Maintain your battery (particularly fluid and connections) and buy a new one every three years.
- Always have a working VHF radio onboard and test it before you leave the dock.
- Ensure that your cell phone battery is fully charged (cell phones are notoriously unreliable on the water).
- Remember to carry your life jackets, flares, first aid kit and fire extinguisher.
- Always carry an anchor and adequate chain and anchor rode.
- Always carry a chart of the area you are boating in and review it before each voyage.
- Remember to check the tides and weather forecast before the day of boating.
- Give your entire boat a quick look-over before leaving the dock. Check for anything that does not look normal.
- Remember to stow all fenders and lines while underway.
- For more safety information, you can visit the sea tow website: [www.seatow.com](http://www.seatow.com).

I would add to the above info from Sea Tow: Always file a Float plan and leave it with a responsible party. Follow these simple safety tips and continue to enjoy safe boating throughout the year.



Bill Wilderotter, Gary Newman, Chuck Darner, & Ronnie Dorsett, spent mid November at Fishing Nosara where they caught 7 BIG Pacific Sailfish, big Dorado, White Tuna, and several other species of nice fish! Directly left is Bill Wilderotter with a big Sail! Below Bill is Ronnie Dorsett with a Giant, way above is Gary Nesman with a big-un, and directly above is chuck Darner. It looks like Chucks Sail could easily get even with Chuck buy one little flip of the tail and Chuck would go overboard!

They said one more trip and their smiles would be permanent!



## Loud Hailings

Newsletter Editor / Web Master  
Bill Breen

Anyone can submit an article for the Reel News just send or give it to me at any time. I really like to feature PICTURES of club members with some good catches, like these in this issue. Either give me a hardcopy at a

meeting or Phone, or E-mail me your pictures at:

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## APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP (Renewal)

The JOSFC invites the participation of all area fishing enthusiasts and is dedicated to conservation, preservation and fellowship with our membership.

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☐ Family Membership ..... \$50.00

(Husband, Wife, & Children under 16)

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☐ Life Member Individual ..... \$250.00

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Total Remittance

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



### It is past time to renew your membership in the JOSFC!

You can use the form above, (Mail it to the address on the back opposite the stamp), or do it on-line at [www.jaxfish.com](http://www.jaxfish.com)

Just to remind you, if you have a fish on the boards, and have not renewed by January 1, 2010, Off it comes, and does not get put back on when you renew.



Mike Watts Daughter is moving, and selling her 2000 Jeep Grand Cherokee. It has high miles - 204,000 – and the air only works “sometimes” but it has a new transmission, new battery, tow package, a very good body/interior and is in overall very good shape for its age. The asking price is only \$2,100 so it is a good value and priced right if any club member wants a good inexpensive ride, this is it!

Contact Mike Watts at [westrep09@gmail.com](mailto:westrep09@gmail.com)

Editors Note, Mike sent 19 photos of this and it looks like new, inside & out!

| Sun | Mon                | Tues | Wed     | Thur   | Fri | Sat |
|-----|--------------------|------|---------|--|-----|-----|
| 1   | 2<br>Board Meeting | 3    | 4       | 5<br>Club Meeting<br>Steve Grant<br>Trolling seminar                     | 6   | 7   |
| 8   | 9                  | 10   | 11      | 12   | 13  | 14  |
| 15  | 16                 | 17   | 18      | 19<br>Club Meeting<br>Rick Hale of<br>the RFA<br>seminar<br>Swap Meeting | 20  | 21  |
| 22  | 23                 | 24   | 25      | 26<br>El Cheapo<br>Volunteer<br>meeting                                  | 27  | 28  |
| 29  | 30                 | 31   | January |  |     |     |



## Coming Events:

Jan. 5th - Club Meeting.

Jan. 19th - Annual Club Swap Meet.

Jan. 26th - Full El Cheapo volunteer meeting 7:30 PM @ club house.

Feb. 3rd - Annual Chili Cook-Off Club Meeting.

Feb. 11th - Club Clean-Up / Fix-Up day for El Cheapo.

Feb. 25th - The El Cheapo!



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*The above list was compiled in early December, so if you are not here and should be we will have you on here for the February issue.*

**Become an El Cheapo Sponsor, ( The El Cheapo is the worlds largest Sheepshead Tournament, and one of the largest fishing tournaments in North Florida! ) and have your business name displayed above for direct mailing to hundreds of people every month!**

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