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# The Reel News



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## PRESIDENTS CASTINGS

Capt. Paul Gallup

Well hear it is March and unless you've been living on another planet we just got done with another super successful El Cheapo tournament. I am very proud to inform all of you that our very own AJ Proesher took home the first place prize and second place also went to club member Clinton Milstead. Congratulations guys and it looks like our club just grew by a couple of boats!! We had several other club members place in the money as well including Steve Grant, Greg Wallace, Chris Rooney and Jack Ogin. Way to go!! We also had quite a few other club members weigh fish but outside the money. Also a huge thank you to every body that helped out getting ready for, during, and clean up afterwards. I tried to get around to everybody and personally thank you and if I missed you, I will get to you soon. Again thank you everybody for all of your help.

Frank Joura, Thank you as well. You have turned this tournament from a 35 boat to a 450+ boat world class event. Unfortunately we did have a bad mishap at the jetties with a sunk boat but on the good side everybody onboard is ok. I was also told that there were some people from the Mayors office at the weigh in and the awards and I was told that they were pretty impressed with the way everything was going on from the weighing in to the awards to the raffle.

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A record 458 boats along with 150 Junior Anglers participated in the 13<sup>th</sup> annual El Cheapo Sheepshead Tournament Saturday. 228 Sheepshead totaling over 1,250 pounds were brought to the scales in both categories.

Claiming top honors in the general division was **A.J. Proescher** of Jacksonville. A.J. brought in an 11.7 lb. fish and took home a 2013 Carolina Skiff JVX18 center console boat with a 60 hp Mercury motor along with a number of other prizes. Clinton Milstead took 2<sup>nd</sup> place with an 11.3 lb. fish netting him a Carolina Skiff J-1650 with a 30 hp Mercury. 3<sup>rd</sup> place winner Alton Robey took home a 15' Gheenoe with a 9.9 hp motor for his 10.7 lb. fish. Ben VonOhlen won a 2 seat kayak, a stand-up paddle board, and a soft sided cooler with his 4<sup>th</sup> place fish of 10.7 lbs. 5<sup>th</sup> through 15<sup>th</sup> place winners received cash and merchandise payouts.

In the Junior Division, Dylan Koller hauled in an 8.6 lb. Sheepshead for first place winning him a rod & reel combo, gift cards from In River or Ocean, Academy Sports, a pair of Ocean Waves Sunglasses, an etched glass trophy, and numerous other prizes. Junior Anglers were awarded through 15<sup>th</sup> place.

The El Cheapo Sheepshead Tournament, one of the largest fishing tournaments in the United States, and the largest Sheepshead Tournament in the world, is held annually during the last weekend in February. The event is hosted by the Jacksonville Offshore Sport Fishing Club. The

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Oh yea, it is March and that means that we are starting our club tournaments to begin the Captain of the Year race. Our first tournament is the River Tournament and that will be on Saturday March 9th and will be hosted by Jack Ogin. Remember that no black drum will be weighed for the tournament in an effort to avoid killing the big breeding fish, The size of the fish will be determined by the Length multiplied by the girth squared divided by 800 method. Photographic evidence must be provided. The club will be providing a measuring device as well. If you wish to keep the fish, that is up to you but it will not be weighed. Also, remember that to win a board, you must participate in at least 3 tournaments.

Until next time, Tight lines and following seas  
Capt Paul Gallup



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tournament is made possible by over 100 sponsors in the local fishing and business community. In addition to supporting the J.O.S.F.C. and it's community service efforts, a portion of each year's proceeds goes to a local charity or non-profit organization. For more information, please visit [www.jaxfish.com](http://www.jaxfish.com), and for even more pictures, search Facebook for El Cheapo. Here are the final top 15 standings for both divisions.

**GENERAL DIVISION:**

1 - A.J. Proescher	11.7 Lb
2 - Clinton Milstead	11.3 Lb
3 - Alton Robey	10.7 Lb
4 - Ben Von Ohlen	10.4 Lb
5 - Anthony Turner	10.4 Lb
6 - Nicholas Oldham	10.2 Lb
7 - Greg Altieri	10.1 Lb
8 - Mike Kistner	9.8 Lb
9 - Steve Grant	9.5 Lb
10 - Jim Brumley	9.4 Lb
11 - Ron Keiser	9.4 Lb
12 - Chris Bohn	9.3 Lb
13 - Chris Rooney	9.2 Lb
14 - Greg Wallace	9.2 Lb
15 - Jack Ogin	9.1 Lb

**JUNIOR ANGLER DIVISION:**

1 - Dylan Koller	8.6 Lb
2 - Forrest Barrera	7.8 Lb
3 - Ty Altieri	7.7 Lb
4 - Mason Altieri	7.5 Lb
5 - Dedic Erroll	7.5 Lb
6 - Garrett Tidwell	7.3 Lb
7 - AJ Mears	7.1 Lb
8 - Travis Dempsey	6.8 Lb
9 - Rachel Hewett	6.8 Lb
10 - Cody Tinsley	6.7 Lb
11 - Kode Law	6.6 Lb
12 - Gage Walker	6.3 Lb
13 - Jake McIntosh	6.3 Lb
14 - Eddy Barrera Jr.	6.2 Lb
15 - Nikoli Klumpp	6.1 Lb

For the complete results go to [www.jaxfish.com](http://www.jaxfish.com) and click on the link in the final results article on the Home page.

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WOW! What a Tournament! The 2013 El Cheapo Sheepshead Tournament is "in the bag", "done and over with", "put to bed", WE DID IT!

This Tournament continues to grow and be better every year!

This club owes our Tournament Director, Frank Joura a great big thanks for putting on the BIGGEST and BEST fishing tournament in Florida, and the entire South East and probably the U.S.A.!!!

We also owe our Participants a big THANKS. We have the best crowd of participants and spectators I have ever seen. Every one there has a good time, they are all friendly and polite and just plain old fashion enjoying themselves.

As some of you know I spend the night at the club house from Friday to Saturday as security as we have the Boats and Raffle items at the site starting Friday. After everyone leaves for the night I walk around and pick up all the trash I can find on the entire Boat Ramp and tournament site. Our crowd is so good that I never get more than about **half** of a 20 Gal. ( Medium kitchen size.) trash bag of trash from the entire Boat ramp! I have been to concerts and other happenings where it would take several 55 gal. barrel bags to clean up just the main tent area. We really have a great family fun tournament.

We had 150 Junior Anglers fishing on Feb. 23rd. and the Junior Angler division was won by Dylan Koller with an 8.6 pound Sheepshead!

Our Club Members made a respectable showing in the General Tournament, with None other than the club's own A.J. Proescher Winning the whole Kit and Caboodle!

AJ Proescher caught that 11.7 Lb Sheepshead inshore and won an 18' Center Console Carolina Skiff JVX 18 with a 60 Hp 4 stroke Mercury Outboard Motor, on a Trailer, along with some other prizes!

Second place was won by Club Member Clinton Milstead with an 11.3 pound Sheepshead!

The JOSFC members did pretty well with 7 of our members beating out 451 other fishermen to claim 7 of the top 15 paying places! Give yourselves a big pat on the back! That was pretty good fishing!

We had a lot of members that didn't fish the tournament, and we owe them a BIG thanks for volunteering their time to actually run this Great Tournament! THANK YOU ALL!!!!



Folks, THAT is what an 11.7 Pound Sheepshead looks like! If you couldn't guess, that is AJ Proescher holding his winning fish!



Here is our Junior Angler Winner, Daylin Koller getting his Arard from Captain Don Dingman of the Hook the Future Foundation.

Daylin with his winning 8.6 Lb fish below.





## Top's Tips Safety First

Top Ingram  
Safety Officer

### FUELING

One of the most often calls to towing services is for fuel when a boat runs out of fuel on the way back from a fishing trip offshore. If you use the "1/3<sup>rd</sup> rule"; use only 1/3<sup>rd</sup> on the way out, 1/3<sup>rd</sup> on the way back and save 1/3<sup>rd</sup> for reserve, you should never run out of fuel. When we think of fuel, or fueling, we normally think of the consumption of fuel. However, one thing we should always think about and be prepared for is fire on board when fueling the boat. There have been numerous occasions when boaters have become careless when fueling and wind up with a boat on fire. Although it is more dangerous when fueling an inboard versus an outboard, all can be hazardous to your health if proper safety procedures are not followed.

Before fueling, shut off your engines and all electrical appliances that may create a spark. Remember, if you spill fuel in the water when you are fueling your vessel, make sure all the fuel and vapors are cleared before you start your engines. The same applies if you spill fuel in the bilge of your boat. If you are fueling an outboard with portable tanks, always remove the tanks from the boat and fuel them on the dock. If you should smell fuel, do not start your engines until the source of the smell has been determined and eliminated.

Also, to ensure that your boating/fishing trip is one that begins and ends safely, take the necessary steps in advance to make sure you do not run out of fuel offshore. Always check to make sure your fuel tank is full before starting a trip offshore. It will not only guard against you running out of fuel, but will also help reduce condensation in your fuel tank. When a partially empty fuel tank cools, some of the water vapor in the air condenses. Thus, when you leave your tank partially empty, you will slowly accumulate water, which could cause more problems later.

As some of you may already know, it's a horrible feeling to look at an empty fuel gauge after your motor sputters and quits. Keeping a full tank is one way to safeguard against this. Another safeguard is to follow the

"one-third rule" mentioned above. This rule says use only one-third of your fuel on your trip out to sea, use one-third on the way back and save-one third for reserve.

Why this formula? Why not use one-half out and one-half back? The reason being that the trip back may take more fuel than the trip out. When you go out, the wind and seas may be calm or from astern which would cause you to use less fuel than normal. When you turn around and head back home, you may find yourself now heading into a strong head wind and heavy seas which will cause you to use much more fuel than normal. Forward progress can be slow and fuel consumption high, which could cause you to run out of fuel.

If you start with a full tank, and if you use the one-third rule, you should never have to worry about running out of fuel. Before filling your fuel tank, make sure the engine is shut down and all electrical devices such as fans, navigational devices, radios, motors, generators and lights have been turned off.

To be on the safe side, if an inboard, operate your engine compartment blower for at least five minutes after fueling, and anytime you start the engine. In order to make sure your blower is venting the compartment properly, do not rely on the noise of the motor running, but instead put your hand over the vent to make sure air is exiting the vent.

Many times insects will build a nest in, and block the vent, so that the only way to know if the vent is working is to put your hand over it to test for air movement. Then, before starting your engine, use the best instrument you have for checking for gas fumes, your mark eight nose to check all compartments for gas fumes by sniffing for odors. Follow these rules and continue to enjoy safe boating throughout the year.

Top Ingram  
Fish Tales

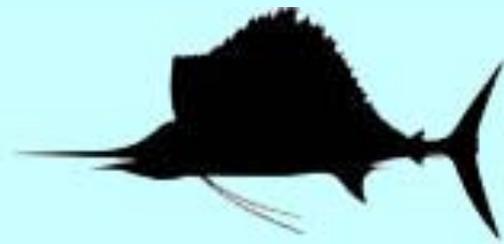


Well it is March, and we are starting to get our fishing season underway. As our Club President Paul Gallup said this month we have our River Tournament, and then we start fishing outside the Jetties. ( Weather permitting.)

Below is a chart of the different species of fish, and their preferred water temperature ranges. This does not mean you won't find a fish in cooler or warmer water, just that this is their preferred range.

With all the Fish finders now showing water temperature as well as depth, when you head out, you can check the SST (Sea Surface Temperature ) charts from NOAA ( You can find the SST at our website under the "Fishing Info" tab. ) and have an idea of where you want to head to find your targeted species.

Species	Lower Avoidance	Optimum	Upper Avoidance
<b>Amberjack</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>65 - 75</b>	<b>80+</b>
Bonito	60	65 - 75	80+
<b>Barracuda</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>72 - 80</b>	<b>86</b>
Bigeye Tuna	52	62 - 74	80
<b>Black Marlin</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>72 - 82</b>	<b>87</b>
Blackfin Tuna	65	70 - 75	82
<b>Blue Marlin</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>74 - 82</b>	<b>88</b>
Bluefin Tuna	50	60 - 72	82
<b>Bluefish</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>66 - 72</b>	<b>84</b>
Dolphin (Mahi)	70	72 - 78	82
<b>Flounder</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>62 - 66</b>	<b>72</b>
Jack Crevalle	65	70 - 85	90
<b>Kingfish</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>68 - 76</b>	<b>88</b>
Permit	70	75 - 85	92
<b>Pompano</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>70 - 82</b>	<b>85+</b>
Redfish	52	70 - 90	90+
<b>Red Snapper</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>55 - 65</b>	<b>70+</b>
Sailfish	68	72 - 82	88
<b>Snook</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>70 - 82</b>	<b>90</b>
Spanish Mackerel	60	65 - 75	80
<b>Spotted Seatrout</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>66 - 82</b>	<b>90</b>
Striped Bass	42	50 - 65	75
<b>Striped Marlin</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>68 - 76</b>	<b>80</b>
Swordfish	50	60 - 75	80
<b>Tarpon</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>75 - 90</b>	<b>100+</b>
Wahoo	65	68 - 80	88
<b>White Marlin</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>68 - 78</b>	<b>80+</b>
Seabass	58	64 - 68	74
<b>Yellow fin Tuna</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>72 - 82</b>	<b>80</b>



## The 54th Annual "2738" Sailfish Pot Party

This great party will be held April 20, 2013

It will be held at the Morocco Shrine at 3800 St. Johns bluff Road South.

\$35.00 if paid by April 10th, \$40.00 after the 10th and at the door.

If you need an entry form , check at your local fishing shops, or mail or call :

Captain David Rix  
1374 7th Street South  
Jacksonville Beach, Fl 32250

Phone - (904) - 703 - 7300

This is definitely a great party, serving Steak, Oysters, Wings, and Beer! There is also one of the best Raffles you will see all year! You Gotta Go! Trust me this is a do not miss party!



### Loud Hailings

Newsletter Editor  
Bill Breen

Our Program Director, says that if you have a suggestion for a guest speaker or know anyone he can trick into giving a talk at the club, be sure to give him their name so he can contact them. Lets help him out!

I really like to feature PICTURES of club members with some good catches. Either give me a hardcopy at a meeting (I will return it to you) or E-mail me your pictures at: [breenw@bellsouth.net](mailto:breenw@bellsouth.net) Ph. # 904-254-2791 Don't forget to include your name spelled correctly and the fish weight, and names of anyone in the Picture!

Anyone can submit an article for the Reel News just send or give it to me at any time.





Mason Althar, one time leader of the Junior Angler division of the El Cheapo, but still finishing a great 4th Place over 150 other Junior Anglers with his 7.5 Lb Sheepshead!



Life Jackets, Yeah, I know you don't wear one most of the time, but maybe you should consider wearing one at least while the boat is underway!

Or you could tie an anchor to you to try to help keep you in the boat when it hits a wake, log or turtle you didn't see!



Junior Anglers win at the El Cheapo!

They are the future of fishing, and we need to support them and take them fishing as much as you can.



Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
 <div style="background-color: #00728f; color: white; padding: 20px; text-align: center; font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold;">March</div>					1	2
3	4 Board Meeting	5	6	7 Club Meeting	8	9 The River Tournament
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17	18	19	20	21 Club Meeting	22	23
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31	<div style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold;">Coming Events:</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>March 7 - Club Meeting</li> <li>March 9 - The River Tournament</li> <li>March 21 - Club Meeting</li> </ul>					


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**Tournament Schedule for 2013**

Tournament	Month	-Date / Alternate
	Saturday	Sunday
The River Fishing Tournament -	March -----9-----	17--- Jack Ogin
The Non-Live Tournament -	April -----20-----	28--- Rob Cripe
The Unlimited Trolling Tournament -	May -----4-----	12 - -
The May Trolling Tournament -	May -----18-----	26- -
The Junior Angler Tournament -	June -----	16 / 23 - Paul Gallup
The Kingfish Tune-Up Tournament -	June -----	30 - - Dale Shelton
Kingfish Weather Date	July -----	6
The Powder Puff Tournament -	August -----	11 / 18 - - Laura Ogin
The Light Tackle Tournament -	August -----24-----	Alan Shepard
Light Tackle Weather Date	September -----	1
The Bottom Tournament -	September -----7-----	15 - - Jack Ogin

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