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Presidents Castings



**Club President
Eddie McGowan
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Great Tournament / Bad Tournament

I want to start off with a HUGH THANK YOU to our Tournament Director, Frank Joura, a very dedicated and long time member who gives so much of his time and efforts to the club. Frank has once again done an outstanding job of planning, coordinating and putting on a fantastic event, The El Cheapo Sheepshead Tournament!

Many thanks to all of the volunteers who participated and helped out to make it all happen, and happen so smoothly! We have some of the best members any club could possibly have and I am truly proud to be a member of the JOSFC!

Now the BAD Tournament..... out of over 200 active members, and over 150 Boat owners, it was very disappointing to only have 4 pre-registered Captains for the first JOSFC club tournament, of the year, the "River Tournament". The morning of the tournament there were only 2 boats willing to fish at 7:00 AM, therefore the tournament was canceled due to LACK OF PARTICIPATION. This is a fishing club, right?!

The next tournament was March 29th, the "Non-Live Tournament" Hopefully there were enough

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captains entered and we had a great tournament.

These club tournaments are for the club's Captain Of The Year, and you must at least crew in 3 of the tournaments to win one of the fishing boards. Over 75 volunteers worked hard at the El Cheapo, raising money so that we can have a great club.

This is **YOUR** club, come participate in the fun. This year be more active, *don't be a stick-in-the-mud*. Sea Tow can't pull you out of that kind of mud. Make it a point to come to the meetings and participate in as many of the club activities as you can. The more the merrier. Remember, fishing is FUN!

Be Safe, Have Fun, & Catch Lots of Fish!

Eddie McGowan



**Loud Hailings
Newsletter Editor
Bill Breen**

We have had several request for a club roster. However we have a few members that are concerned with privacy issues, so.....

If you want your Name, Address, and Phone number listed in a club roster, fill out the below form and get it to me - fax - 904-213-9786, E-mail - breenw@bellsouth.net or snail mail Bill Breen 684 Tropical Parkway, Orange Park, FL 32073 or at the club meetings.

Name : _____

Address : _____

City, Zip : _____

Phones : H - _____

C - _____

E-mail _____

Boat Name: - _____



Fishing Reports & Other Tall Tales

John Moscarillo
Fishing Committee
Director

First, and most importantly, John is just fine, except he is being over worked with his business. Now it is with great sadness that I report that we are losing John as our Fishing Director. John has done a great job for us, and he ALWAYS sent me his fishing report for this newsletter on time. This is John's last fishing report.

Now we welcome our new Fishing Director Mike Watts!

Since the big Wahoo bite has failed to materialize in March, we can only hope that the Dolphin run in April will not do the same. Hopefully by the time this is published the Wahoo will have left the Carolinas.



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Fishing Report Continued

Nearer shore the Snapper should be a bit closer, and the grouper a bit further. The party grounds will continue to yield some good catches for those willing to do the work. Rather than work the main public numbers, try to find smaller ledges and live bottom. Some Cobia should be showing up on the near shore wrecks.

Catch 'em up,
John Moscarillo

The Greater Jacksonville Kingfish Tournament

This year the Tournament needs volunteers during the tournament.

The Tournament dates are:

Junior Angler Wednesday, July 23rd

General Tournament, Friday July 25th & Saturday July 26th

If you would like to or can volunteer, please contact:

Inez Higginbotham

Home telephone 249-1773

Cell 424-1981

Work 356-7611

Email Inez.Higginbotham@GBE.com

The GJKT has supported the JOSFC during the years, and they need all types of volunteers!

West Marine Bottom Fishing Seminar

April 10th - West Marine at 5951 University Blvd. W. - Jacksonville Fl. Will be presenting a Bottom Fishing Seminar. The seminar will be by the:

J.O.S.F.C. 2007 Captain of the Year, Rob Darner.

Be sure to ask him for the numbers to his super secret fishing spot!





Kingdom - Animalia

Phylum - Chordata

Class - Osteichthyes

Order - Perciformes

Family - Scombridae

Genus - Acanthocybium

Species - Solandri

*Common Name - **Wahoo***

I will attempt to tell you everything that science and expert fishermen know about Wahoo except how to actually catch one, something that I have yet to do.

Here are some facts to start with. The Wahoo is a member of the Family - Scombridae, which includes both the Mackerel and Tuna. World wide there is only one "Species" of Wahoo, they are the same fish no matter where you go. Fish tagged in the Gulf have been caught off the Carolina's.

They mature between 1 and 2 years of age, and live an average of 5 to 6 years. They grow quickly from fry 1" long to about 30" in the first year, then they grow at about 1.2" to 1.5" per month. Their max length is about 98" long with the average being 39" to 66".

They are one of the fastest fish in the ocean, with an estimated speed of 60 plus MPH!. (Remember this for later.)

The world rod & reel record, Caught off the Pacific coast of Mexico is 158 pounds 8 oz. The Florida record caught off Marathon in 1960 is 139 pounds.

Wahoo like warm water, with a lower avoidance temperature of 65 degrees F. And a preferred range of 68 to 80 degrees and an upper avoidance temperature of 88 degrees F.

Unlike that of most mackerels, wahoo flesh is white and delightfully flavored. It's still a good idea to remove the dark lateral line from the steaks.

Wahoo are far more structure-oriented than you may think, especially with regard to big fish. The rocky perimeter of the continental shelf off northeast Florida is a prime example. You will catch more fish staying on the ledge than on a good temperature break just a mile further out.

Here is a new finding, depth of presentation is not necessarily the key to catching Wahoo. Far more important, it seems, is speed. About 18 knots to be more specific. Use weights to keep the lures in the water, the fish will sense and see the lure coming and come up to it.

The best bite is at first light, right at daybreak when you can just barely see your lures in the water, until around 9 o'clock. Then it gets good again late in the day, around sunset. It's also good on an afternoon tide change.

Wahoo are rarely alone. They travel in packs along color changes and dropoffs, no matter where you're fishing. If you catch a wahoo on a color change or weedline in 200 to 500 feet of water, circle back around and there's a good chance you'll catch another one.

Finally another great tactic is to shut off your engines and let the fish come to you. Use weights or downriggers to put live baits at 100 to 200 feet, and chum as you drift.

Try this Wahoo, Bananas & Dark Rum

Prep Time:: Less than 15 minutes

Cook Time: Less than 15 minutes

Cooking Method: Sauteed

Meal Type: Entree

Main Fish: Wahoo

Ingredients

- * 6 wahoo fillets (about 6 oz. each)
- * 1 tsp. salt
- * 1/2 tsp. pepper
- * 4 tbsp. flour
- * 4 tbsp. unsalted butter (1/4 cup)
- * 1/4 cup Black rum
- * 3 large or 6 small bananas - sliced lengthwise
- * 2 tbsp. minced parsley
- * orange slices - halved

Directions

Mix the salt and pepper with the flour and dredge the fillets in the mixture. Shake off excess. Melt the butter in a saute pan and just as it starts to foam, add the fish, cooking both sides until just cooked.

Removed from pan and keep warm. Add the remaining butter to the pan, then the bananas and saute for 2 minutes.

Add the dark rum and ignite. Flambe for 2 minutes or until the flames die down. Pour over the fish. Garnish with banana slices, parsley and halved orange slices.

Serve with boiled rice and steamed vegetables.



Top's Tips Safety First

Top Ingram
Safety Officer

Wear your Life Jacket

As the Club membership knows, I always stress the fact that the successful fishing/boating trip is one that begins and ends safely. One way to ensure a safe outing on the water is to wear your life jacket. Although not required by law, except for children 13 years of age and younger, boaters should wear a life jacket when the boat is underway. Historical data shows that many excellent swimmers have drowned when thrown from a moving boat without wearing a flotation device of some type.

As a practical matter, I know that many of you will not wear your life jacket. If the life jacket is not worn, however, it should be at least readily accessible and available for immediate donning in an emergency such as vessel sinking, fire, etc. One place it would be readily available is draped over the seat back. Please keep in mind that a life jacket will be of no help to you if you are thrown from the boat without the life jacket on. A life jacket should not be stowed in a closed or locked compartment, or have other gear stowed on top of it.

If your boat is 16 feet or longer, you must have a throwable flotation device in addition to wearable ones for each person on board the vessel. The throwable device must be immediately available near the helm and all persons on board should be informed of its position and use. All recreational boats must carry one type 1, 2, 3, or 5 flotation device for each person on board. Any boat 16 feet or over, except canoes and kayaks, must also carry one type 4 (throwable) device.

Most recreational boaters elect to carry the type 3 flotation device which is designed to keep the wearer vertical in the water and where quick rescue is probable. The type 2 flotation device, or near shore buoyant vest, is designed to turn a person to a vertical position in the water, but not as pronounced as the type 1.

The type 1 flotation device is designed to turn an unconscious person from face down to a vertical position and is used by boaters cruising waters where there is a probability of a delayed rescue. The type 5 flotation device, or flotation suit, provides not only flotation, but also protection from hypothermia and is intended for special use activities. No matter what type of lifejacket you carry on your vessel, it will only work when worn.

Make it a point to at least wear your life jacket when running from one spot to another. If you encounter a rouge wake or wave and are thrown from the boat your chances of survival are increased. Wear your life jacket and continue to enjoy safe boating throughout the year.

Top Ingram
Fish Tales



Chris Rooney shows us that he can even catch fish on other peoples boats. The identities of the REAL fishermen were not revealed by Chris when he sent me this picture, could it be that he didn't want us to find out who actually caught the biggest fish that day?



Brandon Meyers is practicing to win the El Cheapo next year. He is starting small and building up until next February!



How About a PANIC Alarm System for your Home?

PUT YOUR CAR KEYS BESIDE YOUR BED AT NIGHT.

Put your car keys beside your bed at night. If you hear a noise outside your home or someone messing around your boat, or trying to get in your house, just press the panic button for your car. The alarm will be set off, and the horn will continue to sound until either you turn it off or the car battery dies.

This tip came from a neighborhood watch coordinator. Next time you come home for the night and you start to put your keys away, think of this:

It's a security alarm system that you probably already have and requires no installation. Test it. It will go off from most everywhere inside your house and will keep honking until your battery runs down or until you reset it with the button on the key fob chain.

It works if you park in your driveway or garage. If your car alarm goes off when someone is trying to break in your house, odds are the burglar, or rapist won't stick around... after a few seconds all the neighbors will be looking out their windows to see who is out there and sure enough the criminal won't want that. And remember to carry your keys while walking to your car in a parking lot. The alarm can work the same way there. This is something that should really be shared with everyone. Maybe it could save a life or a sexual abuse crime.

Also, this information would be useful for any emergency, such as a heart attack, where you can't reach a phone. An elderly person might want to carry his/her car keys in case he/she falls outside and no one is near by. The person can activate the car alarm and then someone will check to see if there's a problem.



Sailfish Pot Parties are HERE!

The ***MEN'S Sailfish Pot Party*** will be on April 19, 2008 at 6:30 PM at the Ramallah American Club, located at 3130 Parental Home Rd. Jacksonville, FL.

Entry is \$30.00 Make your check payable to and mail to:

James K. Croft, II
P.O. Box 16747
Frenadina Beach, FL. 32035
Ph - 904-261-9546

Include your Name, Address and Boat Name.

Remember, Men ONLY, and NO young children

The Menu is Steaks, Oysters, and Beer.

The ***Ladies Sailfish Pot Party*** will also be on April 19, 2008, at 6:00 PM to 11:00 PM at the American Legion located at 1127 Atlantic Blvd, Atlantic Beach, FL

Theme: Resort Social

Dress: Resort Casual

Entry is \$30.00 Make your check payable to

Charlene Parker

12344 Del Rio Dr.

Jacksonville, FL. 32258

send your Check, Name, Address, Phone, and E-mail, and indicate if you wish to attend the party or just enter the pot fro the coming year.

Phone Charlene - 904-292-2907 or 904-477-9684

Inez - 904-249-1773 or 904-424-1981

Again this is Ladies ONLY, NO children.

Need the Weather in a hurry?

You can phone the NOAA Weather service any time.

741-4311

Press #2 as soon as you connect, and you will get the NOAA weather recording, no need to wait through the entire introduction recording, .



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<u>Name</u>	-	<u>Phone</u>	-	<u>Availability</u>	-	<u>Can call the Night before.</u>
Pete St.Laurent	-	220-9199	-	Most weekends	-	Up to 8:00 pm
Gene Fulgham	-	641-9970	-	Any day	-	Up to 8:00 pm
Dale Karg	-	451-2251	-	Most weekends	-	Up to 10:00 pm
Frank Grassi	-	234-7369	-	Weekends & Some days	-	Up to 8:00 pm
Sara Meier	-	H= 786-5608 C= 812-322-1519	-	Weekends & Some days	-	Up to 10:00 pm
Perry Arnold	-	H = 304-521-5987 C = 904-379-1189	-	Any day	-	Up to 10:00 pm
Richard Fisher	-	H = 221-9629 - Cell 738-1010	-	Nearly every day	-	Up to 8:00 PM the day before.



Welcome New Crew!

Don Cook
Membership Director

We would like to welcome our new members to THEIR new club. Welcome!

Dale and Teri Shelton - Family
Scott and Donna Meyer - Family
Carroll and Rose Huffines - Family

To all members, this is your club, and it is up to you to give us direction. Feel free to make suggestions at any time.

Just a reminder, the Board of directors meetings are NOT secret, anyone may attend, and submit ideas, or get roped into heading a committee! Just contact any Board member for information.

Associate Member of the Month

Gary Newman
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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 Club Meeting	4	5
6	7 Board Meeting	8	9	10 West Marine Bottom fishing Seminar - 5:30 pm University Blvd.	11	12
13 JOSFC Bottom Fishing Tournament	14	15	16	17 Club Meeting	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	<i>April</i>		

Coming Events:

- April 10th - West Marine at 5951 University Blvd. W. - Jacksonville Fl. Will be having a Bottom Fishing Seminar, by the JOSFC 2007 Captain of the Year, Rob Darner
- April 13th - JOSFC Bottom Fishing Tournament
- May 3rd - JOSFC Unlimited Trolling Tournament



Tournament Schedule for 2008

Tournament - - - - - Month - - - - -Date / Alternate
Saturday - - - - - Sunday

- The Bottom Fishing Tournament - April - - - - - 13 / 27
- The Unlimited Trolling Tournament - May - - - - - 3 / 10 - - - - -
- The May Trolling Tournament - May - - - - - 18 / 25
- The Junior Angler Tournament - June - - - - - 14 / 28 - - - - -
- The Kingfish Tune-Up Tournament - July - - - - - 5 / 19 - - - - -
- The Powder Puff Tournament - August - - - - - 10 / 17
- The Light Tackle Tournament - August - - - - - 23 / 30 - - - - -

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