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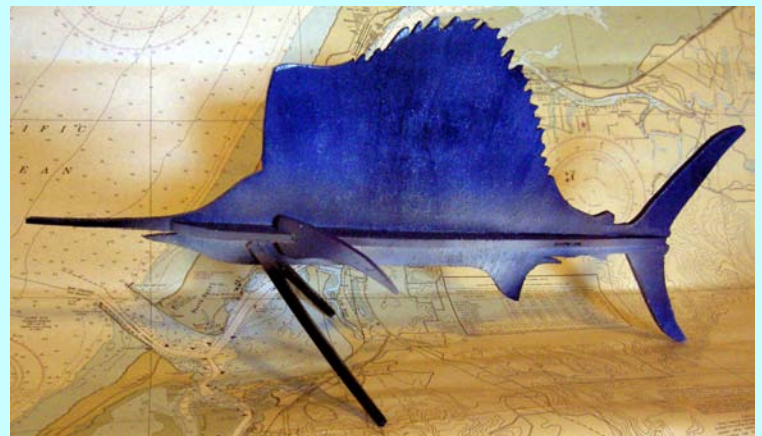
Captain Chris Rooney

Trolling Away the Month of May

Winter has finally gone back to the great white north where it belongs, the lawn has to be mowed every week, gnats will chase you off the mud flats when your throwing a net and the Dolphin are here for the taking. There is nothing that will get the adrenaline more than that first crash in the spread when four Dolphin over 20 pounds hit at the same time and the pandemonium erupts.

I don't care how many times you go out there or how many fish you have caught, the excitement when all four lines go off at the same times can make your crew act like the Keystone Cops in an old Charlie Chaplin movie. On the way out you should assign specific duties to each crew member, and assign a rotation for picking up the rod when a fish hits. In truth, it really wouldn't hurt to do a dry run rehearsal before you wet that first line. Just remember the 7 "P's", - Proper Prior Planning Prevents Pityfully Poor Performance. -

In addition to Dolphin, there are the ever present Kingfish, Wahoo and Blackfin Tuna to catch while trolling out past Br. There is also always the chance of a big Marlin mauling your bait when out trolling the ledge and beyond.



The cool Sailfish created by Pete St. Laurent

DON'T FORGET THE SAILFISH POT PARTIES MAY 1, 2010

Both the Men's Sailfish Pot Party and the Ladies Sailfish Pot Party will be held Saturday, May 1, 2010.

The Men's Sailfish Pot Party (As always a Stag event) will be at the Ramallah American Club located at 3130 Parental Home Rd. Jacksonville, FL It will start at 6:00 PM until ? Bring your own Oyster Knife & Towel, and be ready to show off your Steak cooking Expertise!

The Ladies Sailfish Pot Party (like wise Ladies Only) will be held at the Captain's Club at 13363 Beach Blvd. Jacksonville, FL. It too will start at 6:00 PM, and will be a theme party with the theme being Italian, with a prize for the best Theme dressed Lady.





Recognize this cool Rain Jacket?

If you worked the El Cheapo, or ordered one at the March Club meetings, you know that there are a lot of them around. Want to personalize your's?

Chrissy Smedley has generously offered to Embroider your name on it for only \$5.00. You can contact Chrissy at: 294-7531 or chrissy@fishingprincess.com

GARRARD'S GAMEFISH & GRIDIRON

On May 15th, a new tradition begins on the First Coast as the David Garrard Foundation hosts its first annual fundraiser: Fishing for the Cure, a one-day fishing tournament featuring NFL players and other celebrities. Garrard's Gamefish & Gridiron will have prizes for top fishermen in both inshore and offshore categories. This is a fun, charity event and a portion of your registrations fee is tax-deductible, so it's a win - win for everyone! The Top Angler of the tournament will win two club seats for the Jaguars' 2010 season, a value of approximately \$5,000.

Fishing will begin early Saturday morning, and we will culminate the days' festivities with a party featuring wonderful food from the Conch House, an auction, autographs from the players and great live music. Two boat registration levels are available at \$500 for the general entry or \$700 for a premium entry that includes a captain's bag valued at more than \$150 and an autographed football. After 4/15, the registration fees increase to \$550 and \$750 respectively. Both boat entry fees include two tickets to the MVP party, a value of \$300.00. In addition to the Top Angler award, there will be individual prizes for Dolphin, King, Billfish catch and release, Redfish, Flounder and Trout, as well as prizes for top Junior and Lady Anglers.



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Jim Anderson with another of those nuisance fish that he had to throw back while trying to catch a nice bunch of Black Seabass for dinner.



ROB'S FISHING LORE

Rob Darner

Small to Tall, Catch Um All

Vacation was rapidly approaching and several friends would ask me, "What are you going to do for vacation?" A simply answer was we were going to the Florida Keys. For a select few friends who understood why we were going to the Keys, I would say, "I am going to catch small fish and feed them to bigger fish." Among the items that were packed included three boxes of chum and six dozen ballyhoo. The compliment of rods included five light spinning rods, three trolling rods for dolphin, two trolling rods for Wahoo, and four live bait outfits plus two down riggers. If it swam in the Keys, I was prepared to catch it. The only thing I did not take was a push pole.

The one type of fishing I was looking forward to was Yellow Tail fishing over the reefs. Living in Northeast Florida, chum fishing for Yellow Tail is a pursuit that we up here do not get to enjoy that often. Having chummed in the Keys a few times before, I came to realize that one can catch a whole bunch of \$10 baits over some of the reefs. So, my plans were to Yellow Tail fish for a day and also catch some of these \$10 baits for the next day's fishing.

Tuesday was the nicest of all day's weather wise during our week long adventure. Tuesday morning did not start out well but it ended marvelously. As I rose in the morning, the wind was brisk from the North to Northeast and it was moving the little bay in front of me by causing white capping seas every so often. The gentle clear bay was slightly foamy white on top with a pea green undercoat. However, listening to NOAA weather radio, I soon realized that the wind was temporary and it was moving to the east while lighter wind from down the Keys was heading in our direction. I only needed to give it a couple more hours and then we could go out in better conditions.

True to the weatherman's word, the wind subsided by 10 am and by 10:30 am I had the first block of chum in the water. After 45 minutes, nothing showed up in the double ground sardine slick and besides, the block was gone with the tide thus I and my crew moved. We relocated to a shallower reef of only 27 feet in depth. We could see the hard bottom scattered among patches of white sand. Here a second block of chum was tossed over but this time I used a menhaden mixture that offered sheen to the water's surface as it ebbed away with the tide. Quickly, the fish showed up in the chum slick. The next three hours were enjoyable catching Yellow Tail snappers along with tomorrow's bait. Our bait well held 8 total baits comfortable and they were transported to their new bait hotel waiting in the marina.

The next morning, the mighty Let's Go was outfitted with the live bait equipment. The bait hotel held its guest

well and 3 hard tails, 3 ticker mackerel plus two Speedos were added to the boat's live well. Off to the edge of the reef. We found 110 foot of water after traveling less than 5 miles from shore. Three baits went into the water, one of each species. It took us an hour of slow trolling these lively baits for the first kingfish to strike. The fish being of modest size gave nearly no account of itself other than its first run. From this spot to the next, our crew waited for the next strike but it was not meant to be.

As for Tuesday being our best weather day, this being Wednesday meant that it was less comfortable than the previous day. Our second stop in 240 foot of water to search for a rubble reef found us searching flat sandy bottom in building seas. Without much chance for fish here, it was decided to venture further toward the Gulf Stream and find the Islamorada Hump. It was only 5 short mile from where our current position is and the seas were not going to get any worst so off we went.

The Hump is relatively easy to find. It is southeast of Alligator Light and it for a Wednesday it had only 20 or so boats surrounding it. Once there the ocean was a beehive of activity. There were 5 large sporties dropping live baits down for their customers, several larger center console boats there practicing deep jigging with butterfly jigs and a few other center console boats trolling ballyhoo through the mess. The Let's Go settled down up current from the mess. The first bait in the water was a Speedo and it was sent to a depth of 100 feet on the down rigger. As I prepared a hard tail to be deployed, a resident fish from the hump could not resist our offering and slammed the Speedo. Connie got on the rod and fought the fish to the boat. A black fin came over the side. It took her only 15 minutes to boat the fish however; we were on the other side of



the Hump. We spent the next hour slow trolling our live baits up current without a strike. It was only when we came across the hump up current and turned to cross its face that we received a second hit.

The fish blasted the long line with such ferocity and speed it gave a charge to our adrenaline glands. Dave was given the rod because he was our guest and the next one up in rotation. Dave had a hard time trying to keep up with the fish's first run. With blinding speed, the fish had dumped 250 yards of twenty pound mono off the Tyros 16 reel. With the boat in gear, the Let's Go was off in hot pursuit. The fish ran away

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TOP'S TIPS SAFETY FIRST

Top Ingram
Safety Officer

WAKES AND HIGH WAVES

During the past year there have been many stories in the media about boaters being tossed into the water when encountering large wakes and high waves. As the weather warms and we enter the peak boating season, I thought it appropriate to remind everyone of the ever present dangers when encountering a high wave or crossing another boat's wake.

Crossing the large wakes of other boats is inevitable. Large vessels often create a dangerous rolling wake, and they can create disturbances in the water for thousands of feet behind them. A wake is essentially a wave. Always alert your passengers when you see a wake coming. An unexpected wake can toss people around in the cockpit or cabin, and even overboard. Severe injuries or even death could result from being tossed about by an unexpected wake. Always minimize the effect of large wakes by reducing speed and turning into the wakes/waves at about a 45 degree angle.

Whether cruising the river, leaving and entering the jetties area, or in the open ocean, you should be alert to protecting yourself, your crew and your boat from the potential dangers of large wakes or high rogue waves.

Nationwide, a number of people have lost their lives, and many were injured, some permanently, in encounters with boat wakes. For instance, in Florida a man was slammed against his center console and broke several ribs when he hit a large wake from another vessel.

Statistics show, however, that the most critical injuries such as fractured vertebrae and compression fractures, tend to occur when people are seated near the bow. Listed below are a few recommendations to protect yourself, your crew, and your boat from wake damage:

Make sure your passengers are seated aft or amidships and away from the bow.

Warn your passengers to sit down, if standing, when approaching another boat's wake. In some cases, passengers were thrown out of the boat. (Another reason to wear your life jacket)

Don't wait until you are in the middle of a wake to slow your boat. Slow the boat before the wake arrives to lessen the impact.

Don't come to a complete stop. Maintain at least some headway into the wake to prevent the bow from being pushed to the side and the boat possibly being swamped.

Don't hit wakes or large waves head on. Try to cross the wake/wave at a slight angle. This will allow your boat to grip the wake/wave longer and prevent the bow from being thrown high into the air.

When overtaking another boat, cross it's wake quickly rather than riding the waves. Keep both hands firmly on the wheel and stay well away from the overtaken boat's stern.

Avoid taking a steep wake on the beam which could swamp your boat. It is better to turn back into a wake briefly and then come back on course.

Never, never, overload a boat. Overloading a boat is foolhardy, even in calm waters. A 29 year old man drowned in the Chesapeake Bay when his 17 foot boat with 8 people on board was swamped by a passing boat.

Always try to anchor away from busy channels. And, never, never, never anchor your vessel by the stern. Many boats are swamped each year by this one mistake. Just recently, an agency investigating a deadly boating accident involving two NFL players and their friends in the Gulf of Mexico concluded it was caused when the vessel was improperly anchored and that the boat capsized after one of them tried to throttle forward to pry loose the anchor.

Follow these common sense rules to protect yourself, your crew and your boat. Always remember the successful boating/fishing trip is the one that begins and ends safely. May you continue to enjoy safe boating throughout the year.

Top Ingram
Fishtales

Hay Mike Burleson..... I got an E-mail from Lou Guarno. Lou said that he is catching a lot more fish since you aren't here to go fishing with him and be the Rod Hog!

You had better finish things up over there in Afghanistan and get back here so you can set the story straight! (I haven't seen Lou put any fish on the boards.)

Small to Tall Continued

from the Hump and straight toward another boat vertically fishing the backside of this undersea mountain. Frantically, we tried to get our boat between the fleeing fish and the jigging boat but it was for naught. The speedy torpedo tangled its fishing line with one that was down a mere 300 or so foot. As we cruised to a stop so we might untangle our mess, the dropped line was cut just before the fish cut ours freeing itself. It took just under 90 minutes out there at the hump and we had two quality fish on. Even though we boated only one, it was well worth the effort.

After a day like this, what else could make it better? The fish was prepared for the next evening's meal. The King was smoked and the tuna was fillet for sushi. An evening at our favorite eatery, Phyllis's was the icing on the cake. Notwithstanding the excellent company, Phyllis surpassed herself with the cuisine. Our menu included smoked fish dip, spinach balls (an old Italian receipt), sushi (tuna), stone crab claws, a wonderful house salad, a festive pasta with fresh mango and strawberry's over ice cream for desert. To a person, one could not have wanted more except all 16 people gather at the house got to experience one of those routinely fabulous Florida Key's sunsets. Sometimes life is just too good and it was one of those days in which the roses did smell that much more beautiful.



Best Wishes for Fishing,
Rob Darner

I have been remiss in my duties, and guilty of doing what way to many of us do. I took a good friend for granted. Not just a good personal friend, but a really good friend of the JOSFC. So here is my apology to:

Knot-2-Worry Fishing Team

Brien and Marge Hackbart have been sponsors to the El Cheapo for several years, and because they didn't have an actual business, I never listed them as sponsors or gave them the credit they deserve!

ASSOCIATE MEMBER OF THE MONTH



I don't think that much more needs to be said. Without our stops at B & M Bait & Tackle to talk to Rusty and James and get our Ice and Bait, (Not to mention the Rod, Reel, Line, Weights, Gaff, etc. that you forgot.) most of us wouldn't catch many fish!

They have EVERYTHING you need.

***Remember, we need to support the
businesses that support our club!***



LOUD HAILINGS

Newsletter Editor
& Web-Master

Bill Breen

Butch Ogin, 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 Butch 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 Phone, Fax, or E-mail me your pictures at: PH# 904-254-2791 Fax#904-213-9786 breenw@bellsouth.net Don't forget to include your name spelled correctly and the fish weight.

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

INSTANT CREW. JUST ADD WATER

<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
Frank Grassi	-	234-7369		Sunday		Up to 8:00 pm
Richard Fisher	-	H = 221-9629 - Cell 738-1010		Nearly every day		Up to 8:00 PM the day before.
John Porcella	-	610-3855		Nearly any day		Up to 10:00 PM
Joe Esparza	-	C = 536 - 4114		Any Day		Up to 10:00 pm
Phillip Ferdon	-	H = 879-0184 C = 887-6736		Fri. Sat.		Up to 9:00 pm
Rod Saffles	-	993-6986		Any Day		Up to Midnight
Ron Hunter	-	733-1197		From Noon Wednesday through Sunday		Up to 8:00 PM



**THE RACE FOR
CAPTAIN OF THE YEAR**

<u>PLACE</u>	<u>CAPTAIN</u>	<u>POINTS</u>
1 -	Steve Kalatizis	10
2 -	Paul Camia	9
3 -	Eddie McGowan	8
4 -	Chris Rooney	7
5 -	Laddie Birge	6
6 -	A.J. Proescher	5
7 -	Greg Wallace	4
8 -	Tony Thompson	3
9 -	Don Cook	2
10 -	Tom Meyer	1

Well the race for Captain of the Year is off to a great start. We had 21 Boats enter the first of 9 Tournaments. While the fishing was slow, and we only had 10 boats weigh fish, it was still the best start to the season the club has had.

If you didn't weigh any fish this time, don't give up! I have seen the COY won by Captains that have missed a couple of tournaments, others have placed second or third, and never won a single tournament, but walked away with the title by accumulating the highest point total. Brand new Captains that have never even fished Florida or Saltwater before have been in the top 3, so keep signing up and fishing our tournaments, you just might Win!

Don't forget that we have the Junior Angler Tournament that you get a full 10 Points just for kidnapping your neighbors kid (Or your own kids) and fishing the Tournament.

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
		MAY				1 Sailfish Pot Parties
2	3 Board Meeting	4	5	6 Club Meeting	7	8 Unlimited Trolling Tournament
9	10	11	12	13	14	15 Garrard's Gamefish & Gridiron Tournament
16	17	18	19	20 Club Meeting	21	22
23 May Trolling Tournament	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

COMING EVENTS:

May 1st - The Sailfish Pot Parties!
 May 8th - Unlimited Trolling Tournament
 May 15th - *Garrard's Gamefish & Gridiron Tournament*
 May 22 - 28th - National Safe Boating Week
 May 23rd - May Trolling Tournament
 October 16th - JOSFC Awards Banquet

Tournament Schedule for 2010

Tournament	-	-	Month	-	-	-Date / Alternate
						Saturday - Sunday
The Unlimited Trolling Tournament -			May	-	-	8/ 15 -
The May Trolling Tournament -			May	-	-	23/ 30
The Junior Angler Tournament -			June	-	-	20 / 27
The Kingfish Tune-Up Tournament -			July	-	-	17 / 18 -
The Powder Puff Tournament -			August	-	-	7 / 14 -
The Light Tackle Tournament -			August	-	-	22/29
The Bottom Tournament -			September	-	-	11 - 12

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