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Presidents Castings



**Club President
Eddie McGowan
Bite This**

June 7th will be our club's 48th Birthday!

We also honor all of our club's Past Presidents at this party, so let's make this a good party and everyone try to make this meeting! If you don't normally attend many meetings, make this one that you attend. If you are one of our sponsors, and don't come to the meetings, mark the 7th of June on your calendar and come on out to the clubhouse at the Mayport boat ramp at 8:00 pm and help us celebrate. We are not going to have a speaker, just good food, and lots of fish stories and good company.

Now if you have kids, or even know any kids that like to go fishing, bring them to our special meeting on the 14th of June. We will have Don Dingman from the TV show "Hook The Future" as our guest speaker, and he always puts on a great presentation for the kids and how to take them fishing safely. This isn't just for the members with kids, we would like to have a good turnout at this meeting also, so plan on being there.

Finally, the fish are out there, and remember rule number # 1 - Fishing is Fun
Let's start putting some fish on the boards!

Tight lines and put one back for seed!

Eddie's Ghost Shrimp

A Threat!

Read this or you might find an old stinky dead fish in your bed!

Meeting date changes for JUNE only!

The meeting scheduled for the 7th of June is the Club Birthday & Past Presidents PARTY!

On the 14th of June we will have a SPECIAL club meeting with Don Dingman of the TV program Hook The Future as our guest speaker! Bring the kids to this one! This puts it on the Thursday before the Junior Angler Tournament on the 16th.

On the 21st of June we will have the regular club meeting with Kevin Dean of VooDoo Chumb talking about Chumbing Techniques.

This month we are introducing a new section, "The Dry Dock". This will be a non-commercial section of "For Sale" or "Looking For" where members can sell fishing gear that they no longer use, or post that they are looking for something that is hard to find, or that they need. Just call Bill Breen at 254-2791 to get your items entered.

Something else new..... From now on, be sure to read your newsletter carefully, and you could win! Five or six times a year I will put the following characters in the middle of an article. One of the first 5 people to call me and tell me where it is will win \$10.00 in raffle tickets at the first club meeting of that month. We will put the five names in a hat and draw for the winner. Must be present to win. Here is what you will be looking for (**fiSh**) Just the word, in regular text format, not the parentheses, and not in this issue. Happy hunting.



Fishing Reports & Other tall Tales



Jeff Rodda
Fishing Committee

Welcome to June! As I write this the Cobia have shown up and I watched an angler fight a Redfish at the big Jetties for 20 minutes before he landed it. I don't know how much it weighed but it was 34" long and very, very fat! All of this should bode well for fishing this month. The big schools of Pogies will arrive this month and bring the Tarpon, more Cobia and big Reds with them. The Pompano have been caught off and on at the Jax pier as well as in the surf, look for that to continue to improve. Fishing in the river and the intercoastal early in the morning with topwater lures for trout should be productive as well as exciting. Reds will be found up on the flats at high tide and tailing in the evening. Flounder should be here in even greater numbers and you can catch them using a small jig tipped with either a mud minnow or a live finger mullet. You can get the jigs and the

Fishing Report Continued

mud minnows at either B&M 249-3933 or Rick's Bait and Tackle 246-0717.

Off shore, the kingfish are already out in the party grounds and should move inshore and even to the beach as the month passes. The dolphin will move in as the water temperatures continue to increase and you will be able to catch them along weedlines, debris and temperature breaks. Trolling ballyhoo either naked or with lures should do the trick. The grouper and snapper will continue to move in and one place you could go look for them is EEF N30 22.636 W80 57.320. This is a big area and should be easy to find. Look around as you might find something new nearby. One of the best things about June is that the fish will be found almost anywhere.

The Junior Angler tournament is this month. This is many ways, the most important tournament of the year to the future of the club. This is an opportunity for all of us to make life long anglers and lasting memories. Every single species on the junior angler offshore boards is eligible, so it should be a fun tournament.

The Captain of the year race is in full swing. We lost the non-live due to weather so the results are based on 2 tournaments; here are the standings.

Captain	-	-	-	-	Total Points
Tom Meyer	-	-	-	-	17
Rob Darner	-	-	-	-	12
Eddie McGowan	-	-	-	-	11
Brien Hackbart	-	-	-	-	10
Danny Del Rio	-	-	-	-	9
Andy Proescher	-	-	-	-	9
Pete St. Laurent	-	-	-	-	8
Bill Breen	-	-	-	-	6
Anthony Thompson	-	-	-	-	6
John Moscarillo	-	-	-	-	4



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Welcome New Crew!

Don Cook
Membership Director

We want to welcome three new members to their new club!

Randy Ralston & Jeremy Ralston,

A father son team that joined at the May 3rd club meeting.

Also welcome **Luis Padilla** who joined at the May 17th meeting

Welcome!



Rob's Fishing Love

FISH CATCHING BLUES

(Done to the tune of *Mannish Man* by Muddy Waters)

Now, when I was a young man
At the age of five
My daddy told me
I was the greatest fisherman alive

But now I am man
I'm way past twenty-one
I need you to believe me, baby
I can catch lots and lots of big ones

I'm a fish catchin man
I've got a full grown boat
I'm a fish catchin man
Yet, I crew on another man's boat

I'm a F I S H I N man
I can catch lots of big ones
I'm a C A T C H I N man
I'm a hoochie coochie catchin man

I'm a F I S H I N man
May Trolling was Saturday
I'm a fish catchin man
John, Bill, Dad & Marcy was fishin today

I'm a sea legged fool
Using live bait or dead
Rigging for live
It all got to my head

We's ran real far
It meant I'm a riggin mate
To the tug at BR
It's the action we could not wait

I'm a F I S H I N man
I can catch lots of big ones
I'm a C A T C H I N man
I'm a hoochie coochie catchin man

Zero for six is what we got
No fish on the plate
The line keeps a snappin
Our A'tudes were just irate

Our luck was a changin
Cause I'm a fish catchin man

Marcy & Dad would catch two
It's AJ's we's a catchin
But only one would do

Its off to CB
I'm the C A T C H I N man
Because the AJ's our lines were a snapping
There are other fish for our plan

I'm a F I S H I N man
I can catch lots of big ones
I'm a C A T C H I N man
I'm a hoochie coochie catchin man

Catchin man is what I am
Over the wreck, the dolphin was here
It was not too small, it was not too big
At the gaff the fish just disappear

We's got to leave CB
Cause I'm fish catchin man
It's off to HG
Cause I'm a hoochie coochie fishin man

The reels would be scream'in
The kings were a bitin
Could we all be a dream'in
Since the leaders were breakin
And the hooks weren't a snaggin

Now lines out at three and off to the show
Cause I was a fish catchin man
Our two fish were ten pound if you don't know
I was a C A T C H I N man

I'm a F I S H I N man
I can catch lots of big ones
I'm a C A T C H I N man
I'm the hoochie coochie catchin man

Best Wishes for Fishing,
Rob 'Hoochie Coochie Fishing Man' Darnier

William Goodling went out on Captain Rooney's Driftin 'n'
Dreaming and only caught 3 fish. You gotta try harder Chris!





Top's Tips Safety First

**Top Ingram
Safety Officer**

Last month I mentioned that safe boating should begin at home before you trailer your boat to the ramp or leave your dock or marina. To ensure that your boat will get you to and from that favorite fishing honey hole, you should develop a "check list" and review it to make sure that each equipment item necessary to the proper, and safe, operation of your boat is operating properly; and that all needed fuel, water, oil and other supplies are on board before you leave your driveway, dock or marina.

Your checklist should be tailored to your specific boat depending on whether it is an inboard or outboard, etc. In general, your list should include all items essential to the safe operation of your boat. For instance, your checklist should include the following items: fuel (always a full tank before heading offshore), oil (carry a spare quart in case of a leak), cooling system, battery, belts and hoses if applicable, etc. Checking the above items takes only a few minutes and can save you hours on the water and hundreds of dollars if you have to call for a tow. If your boat has two batteries, you should start the engine on number one then shut down and start on number two to make sure both batteries are fully charged. It is also recommended that you go out on one and back on the other. Never run on both because if you have a problem, you will discharge both and not have a spare to start the engine.

Your checklist should also include Coast Guard required safety items such as personal floatation devices (at least one for each person on board), visual distress signals, fire extinguisher, sound producing device such as a whistle or horn, working navigation lights, and proper ventilation and backfire flame control if your boat is powered by an inboard engine. If you have a radio, you should verify that it is in proper working order before you need it in an emergency. Also, recommend you carry a spare hand held radio in case your main radio fails. If you run out to the gulf stream, or similar distances offshore, you should include a ditch bag in your check list.

Each boat captain should brief at least one person on the operation of the vessel in case he/she is disabled. This may seem trivial, but there have been cases where this knowledge was a lifesaver in an emergency. The last item on your checklist should be a float plan completed and left with a responsible party.

Recommend you also consider having your boat safety checked by the Coast Guard Auxiliary to make sure you are in compliance with federal and state recreational boating safety laws such as the federal change effective December 23, 2002 that requires all children 13 years and under on recreational boats to wear PFD's if the child is on deck and not in an

enclosed space. This means all boats beyond the 3-mile limit must follow this rule.

Always use a check list and continue to enjoy safe boating throughout the year.

Top Ingram
Fish Tales



Ron Carr and Mike Watts went out and tried the new secret weapon for Spanish - the "Mackerel tree." The only thing Mike could say is that it works. The rig has 5-hooks and a spoon and they had one 4-fish hook up and a few 2-fish hookups. They kept about 18 for the day and all but one was caught on the tree.

The Dry Dock

For Sale:

- One 8'6" - 8 weight Eagle Royal Model FE300, 2 piece fly rod with a Martin Classic MC45 fly reel - New, never used, asking - \$25.00

Contact - Bill Breen 254-2791

Looking For:

- 130 thousand people to send me \$1.00 each so I can buy the new boat I want.

Send your taxable donations to: Bill Breen



Never give up on your bait

As a few of you know I headed up to the cold north to do some Trout and Salmon fishing with my family. Well I wasn't disappointed, the weather was just as I expected in the high thirty's to low fifty's with a sight drizzle three of the four days. What I hadn't expected was that the fish all had lock jaw. The first day we trolled for more than four hours before my mom got the first and only fish of the day. OH' No, I thought to myself four days of freezing and we're not going to have anything to show for it.

Day two was a repeat of day one with my mom and I trolling Flax Pond from 5 A.M. until 8:30 with out a bite and after breakfast the three of us trolling Big Cliff pond until 4 P.M. without a strike. By this time dad and I had had enough and decided to troll back to the boat ramp. Good thing we did to, because we must have trolled over some bedding females because we finally got some hits and in short order had four big rainbow's in the box. "Thank God" I said trout for dinner. With our spirits renewed we decided to stick it out a little longer. Well the bedding females must have been a fluke because we didn't pick up another bite that evening. Over dinner the three of us tried to come up with a plan of attack for the next day. We though ideas around like hot potato's only to have it dropped due to something we had done in the past two days that made us think it wouldn't work. After about an hour of this, I needed to clear my head so I grabbed my rods (being the glutton for punishment that I am) and headed down to the water. Opting for the easy way out I put a sinker and hook on the line and pulled out some (Power Bait) a substance with the consistency of play dough and the scent of salmon eggs. Now in the 20 something years that we have dragged this slimy stuff around none of us had ever even gotten a bite with it, or so I though. You see, this stuff stays on a hook almost as long as a bread dough ball. I threw the line out knowing I wouldn't be bothered with the task of catching a fish on this bait but at lease there was a chance. As I sat on the shore and contemplated the meaning of life, I noticed that the line had gone slack so I tightened the line and went back to my thoughts. After a short while I reeled in the rod to check the bait, as I had expected the bait had fallen off. So I rebaited and deployed the rod, shortly I noticed the line was slack, so I tighten the line and it slackened again, this

time I'll hook or scare off whatever trash fish is messing with my line, I thought to myself. I snatched back and the line went taught well at lease it's a fish I thought. I brought the fish to shore and to my surprise it was a nice breakfast size rainbow. "Wow" I said it only took me 20 years but I finally caught a trout on this junk.

Day 3 we awoke to a very cold drizzly day and there was no way anyone was going out in a boat. So we all went down to the water and decided that the power bait had caught a fish the night before so lets give it another shot. In short order my mom's line went slack she took up the slack and the line started to peel. She had a trout and what a nice one it was too. With this new information and with what I had learned the night before I deduced that the fish must be foraging for the bait and just picking them up and dropping them when they feel the line pressure much like a Sheepshead will. I relayed this info and we all agreed that we would wait for the line to slack then set the hook and reel hard. That was it we had finally learned how to catch a trout on this type of bait. For the remained of that day and day 4 we were able to put 12 more rainbows in the box and salvaged a trip that we all thought may have been lost. So if you have a bait or lure that you have never caught a thing on it may be worth taking another look at. Here are two of the pictures from the trip.

Pete St. Laurent
Bust-N-Reds



Loud Hailings Newsletter Editor 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. Either give me a hardcopy at a meeting or Phone, Fax, or E-mail me your pictures at:

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Gus Moyer on Capt. Chris Rooney's boat Driftin 'n' Dreaming with his their first Blue Marlin hooked up. Below Marlin Landed & released!



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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
June					1	2
3	4 Board Meeting	5	6	7 Club Meeting Club Birthday & Past Presidents day	8	9
10	11	12	13	14 Club Meeting Guest Speaker Don Dingman Bring Kids!	15	16 Junior Angler Tournament
17	18	19	20	21 Club Meeting Kevin Dean on Chumbing.	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

Coming Events:



- June 7 - The Club Birthday & Past Presidents PARTY!
- June 14 - Second club meeting of June. Don Dingman of the TV show Hook the Future will be our guest speaker, bring the Kids!
- June 16 - Junior Angler Tournament
- June 21 - Third Meeting - Guest Speaker - Kevin Dean of VooDoo Chumb on Chumbing techniques.
- July 5 - Club meeting, Guest Speaker - Dave Workman on Kingfishing!
- July 16 Through 21st - The AT&T Greater Jacksonville Kingfish Tournament & Festival.

Tournament Schedule for 2007

Tournament	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Date	Rain Date
Junior Angler Tournament	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	June 16 th	June 17 th
Kingfish Tune-up Tournament	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	July 14 th	July 15 th
Powder Puff Tournament	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	August 4 th	August 5 th
Light Tackle Tournament	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	August 18 th	August 19 th
The Bottom Fishing Tournament	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	September 8 th	September 9 th

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