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# The Reel News



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## Presidents Castings

Eddie and his article have been Preempted this month for more important information.



As most of know little Madison Darner, Rob & Connie Darner's little girl has a brain tumor that they can't operate on so she is undergoing Chemo and Radiation therapy. She has been having a rough time getting her shunt, or port into her brain set properly with I believe 4 surgeries but is doing OK for now.

Friends are having some fund raisers to help offset the tremendous expense of her treatment.

Semptember 26th there is a **Casino Night** that will be held at St. Paul's Catholic Church at Jax Beach in the gym. Tickets will be \$50.00 each. Gaming tables can be sponsored for as little as \$250.00 each with sponsor packages going up from there. Please contact Frank Joura for sponsorship or ticket information at 465-4552 or by e-mail at [FJoura@bellsouth.net](mailto:FJoura@bellsouth.net)

There's also a **Motorcycle Ride** on June 21st beginning in Palm Valley. Please contact Jane Gonzalez at 904.829.9387 or Tracy Williams at 280.9820 / [tracyl.williams@comcast.net](mailto:tracyl.williams@comcast.net) for more details.

There will also be a 5K **Run and Kids Fun Run** on September 20, details to follow as we get closer.

Lots of club members asked me both private and during the meeting how to contribute / support

during Madison's illness. Unfortunately, I had missed a meeting on this earlier in the week due to business travel.

Anyone can contribute to the Madison Darner Benefit Fund at any Wachovia Bank, either by cash or check, etc.

The Casino Night is Semptember 26th. Volunteers to setup and tear down before and/or after the event would be HUGELY helpful. I am helping coordinate these folks for the event. Anyone able to do some of that can call or email me at [ronald.i.carr@abbott.com](mailto:ronald.i.carr@abbott.com) or my office number is 262-8927.



## It's Good Bye Party Time!

Brien and Marge Hackbart are leaving us this month. There is a



going away party for them on Sunday, June 8, 2008 at 4:00 PM at the Seafood Galore Restaurant.

Both Marge & Brien will be there! Marge is back visiting from Germany. The Seafood Galore restaurant is located at 1589 Atlantic Blvd. The party is a "buy your own snack or meal" gathering. They have both done so much for our club and they will be greatly missed.

Lets all give them a big send off!

**Seafood Galore, June 8th, 4:00 PM**



## Fishing Reports & Other tall Tales



**Mike watts**  
**Fishing Committee**  
**Director**

June Fishing will show us big Kings trying to smoke the reels with that first blazing run. Anywhere along sailfish alley is a great place to start. As you slow troll with live pogies or if the big sardines are around I think they work even better. Remember Sailfish, are they around? Is the pot still up for grabs? If the pot doesn't go before the end of May it will go in June, right out of this type fishing, if I were to make a prediction. The June full moon will be the spring high tides and a great snapper bite offshore.

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



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### Fishing Report Continued

numbers and you can catch them using a small jig tipped with either a mud minnow or a live finger mullet.

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 JOSFC Board of Directors has given an unanimous thumbs up to a new club event, and we hope that you will also.

### First Annual End of Summer "Luck of the Draw" Fishing Tournament and Club Social Event

Date: Saturday Sept 6, 2008 (alternate date Saturday Sept 20, 2008)

Entry: \$20/boat (100% of entry fees will be awarded in door prizes)

Who: JOSFC members and family (**Only**)

Each boat "Captain" will select three names from the hopper – this will comprise his/her crew for the tournament  
The boundaries for the Tournament will be (see map provided later)

Fishing will commence at 7:00am and end at 2:00pm  
Weigh-in will commence at 2:00pm and end at 3:30pm and each species caught by the boat crew will be weighed  
Dinner and socializing will commence with the weigh-in and end when everyone leaves or at 6:00pm (whichever comes first)

Guess who is currently in First Place in the Capt. Of The Year contest... Yup, Andy Proescher!





## Rob's Fishing Lore

When deer season comes around hunters heed their call. For me, Spring has an allure all to its own. It is only this particular window that I get the urge to run hard and run far. Blue water fishing is calling me out. The weather usually becomes more user friendly comparing with the winter Wahoo runs. The temperature for both air and sea becomes warmer the sun shines just a little brighter. Could it be that my own personal boat has grown from 15, 17, and 19 to now 23 feet? Is it the allure of dolphin fishing with the ever so slight possibility of a marlin in the spreads or is just escapism from my current reality. What ever the reason, it happened for us the first weekend of May.

To begin with, the new *Let's Go* was outfitted with her own custom made out riggers. These custom riggers were nothing more than very old heavy trolling rods revitalized as outriggers stuck in the sidemount T-top rod holders. From an idea born of Capt Chris Rooney's center rigger, I must say these makeshift riggers worked out very well. With our new riggers ready and willing, the *Let's Go* splashed the local boat ramp just before 6 am. With two dozen ballyhoo plus Connie and the kids on board the only thing we needed were calm seas and an accurate fishing number. Our destination was a little place call the Wahoo Rock out of St Aug. If I have ever been there I do not remember but what a mark it creates on the depth finder.

The good Lord was gracious on this day. A gentle dying west wind mixing with a sea breeze gave us confidence that the seas were going to be calm. We were not disappointed. By the time we reached our destination forty miles out, the seas were nothing more and a slight two foot swell making it idea for trolling ballyhoo. In retrospect, this was the maiden blue water voyage of the *Let's Go*. On our trip, four lines were deployed two on top via the outriggers and two on planers. The first two trips past the Wahoo Rock proved to be fruitless. Then, we came across for a third pass. One outrigger snapped to attention along with a planer rod. Two adults, two kids and four rods plus two planers attached to the cleats makes for a lot of excitement and chaos in the cockpit. Feverously, I was trying to fight a fish, instruct Bryon on pulling in a planer while retrieving the second planer before any tangles would occur. As all this activity was happening, the far bait on the outrigger was settling in the water column when the outrigger clip snapped too. The rod bent and the drag clicker announced a third fish was on. With the whirl wind activity, chaos, excitement and happiness reined supreme. As quickly at the third fish stuck, it was gone. Out of the two remaining hooked fish, only one dolphin surrendered to the gaff. It was not a bad size fish ranging in the 8 to 10 pound size. After the excitement died down and the cockpit

was a mess, our next course of action was to do it again. In a minute or two we were ready to get back at it again.

It took just a couple of passes to make the long outrigger snap and snap hard. Without a fish on the other end, Connie was attempting to free line the bait on a drop back. She counted to twenty while free lining the bait and still no fish. The bait was retrieved and the ballyhoo was intact. The only thing wrong with the bait was the mono leader was beat up like some rubbed a piece of sand paper across it. I wondered what that could have been. We kept passing over our mark and the fish keep striking. Soon, we had our second dolphin on. Connie got to the rod and fought the fish to the gaff. As if the work was a chore, the both planers went out and the starboard Wahoo lure was being let out when the third dolphin hit. The drag was engaged and we had our third fish on. Oh what a joy! The fishing was hot, the temperature was not plus the seas were calm. All in all, we had a very good ninety minutes or so of fishing action here. As quickly as the fish hit, lock jaw set in. A move was needed. Just about three quarter of a mile east was another boat trolling and making circles. We cruised over there to have a look around. A swing and miss on some type of fish.

A move was needed so the rods and planers were taken up and the mighty *Let's Go* was running east toward the ledge in search of larger game. There on the horizon two boats were trolling in a line. One was going North and the other South. Our boat came off plane to find a weed line had formed up in the 140 foot range. Connie pointed the bow toward the Northeast following the weed line while I set the bait spread. It could not have been longer than five minutes when I saw one the of the largest kingfish in my life. The great fish was spotted leaping from the water. It came out the water nearly twenty to twenty-five feet in the air. Her jump spanned nearly thirty yards. The leap was truly a sight to behold. With excited breath and utterances, Connie agreed to circle the boat around in hopes of hooking this spectacular fish. It was not meant to be. The only thing caught here was the lasting memories of the great fish leaping from the water. We ventured onward up the weed line and for our effort our forth dolphin came to the boat.

After another forty minutes we decided to move. The Dry Dock was not too far away so we packed up and ran. For the effort, we release several barracudas and had a bunch of short strikes. Did I forget to mention that we came up missing a couple of lures on the mono rigs? With storm clouds building to the east on the ledge and the cudas having their way with us, we decided to pack it in and head home. The day is what all of us needed; it was not very pressured packed with catching the 'big one' nor was the seas too terrible to fish in. All in all, it was a day in which we forgot our troubles for a while and focused on something important like family, fun and fishing.

Best Wishes for Fishing,  
Rob Darner





## Top's Tips Safety First

### Top Ingram Safety Officer

The club tournament schedule for this year began with the River Tournament. Since all of our future tournaments will be offshore, we need to give a lot of thought to making sure our boat and equipment will perform satisfactorily and safely before heading out to our favorite honey hole offshore. We also need to have a plan to make sure that someone knows where to look for us, and what will happen, if our equipment fails us while offshore.

The first thing you need to do to make sure that your outing on the water begins and ends safely is to develop a float plan and leave it with your spouse, significant other, some other reliable person, or your marina. Ask the custodian of the plan to contact the Coast Guard or other local authority if you do not return by the indicated time on the plan.

A news article that appeared in the local paper headlined "High drama, high seas" told the story of a local boater on a 35-foot Viking and how a float plan and the proper equipment on board prevented a loss of life. The boater had filed a float plan, left it with his wife and was proceeding to his destination about 30 miles offshore when a fire broke out and destroyed the boat. Fortunately, the boater had not only filed a proper float plan, but had extra safety equipment on board such as an EPIRB, life raft, ditch bag and hand held radios.

After the crew abandoned the boat, continued to send a MAYDAY message, and the EPIRB was activated, the Coast Guard contacted the boater's wife to verify certain facts. The wife advised the Coast Guard that if the EPIRB was on, the crew was in trouble. A boat that had seen the smoke came to check and advised the Coast Guard it would stand by until they arrived on scene as their boat was too small to take all the crew on board. Remember, if you have an EPIRB, make sure it is registered so there will be a contact person listed in case it is turned on in an emergency. There have been cases where an EPIRB was purchased, not registered and when activated was useless. The following statement by this boat captain is one all of us should follow: "If I tell my wife we'll be in by 8:30, and we're not in, and she hasn't heard from me – don't start worrying, start calling the Coast Guard."

Hopefully, the above experience will remind all of us to file a float plan before we leave home for the launch ramp. The float plan should contain your name, address, phone number, name and description of your vessel, names of other persons on board, trip details including geographical location of your destination, the route you will take to get there, and/or GPS numbers if possible, time of return and time to call local authorities or Coast Guard if you do not return by the scheduled time. A properly executed float plan could be a lifesaver in an

emergency if you have to abandon your vessel at sea, or break down, with no power for your radio to communicate your location and notify someone of your need for help.

The local Coast Guard station phone number is 904-247-7311. Make sure the person who has your float plan has this phone number, or put it on your float plan.

A properly executed float plan would enable the person in custody of the float plan to initiate a timely search for you if you did not return by the time specified. Time could be a critical factor in saving your life in a real emergency. A sample float plan is available in the boating safety materials rack at the Mayport clubhouse.

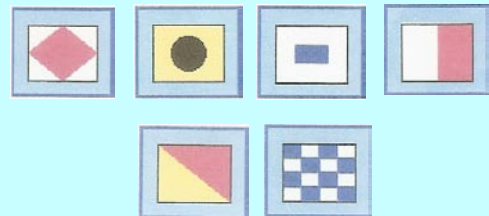
File a float plan each time you go boating/fishing to help ensure your safety on the water.

May you continue to enjoy safe boating throughout the year.

Top Ingram  
Fish Tales



Jim Anderson took his 2 ½ year old grandson out fishing and young Jackson caught his first fish ever using his own Ugly stick rod & reel combo. Jackson caught a Snapper, a Catfish, and a Croaker for a great day and way to start his lifelong fishing addiction!



Tom Myer, winner of our Blue Water Trolling Tournament!



OK folks, take a look at that catch, not a bad catch, but those 3 fish WON. Second, third and on down were smaller and fewer fish. Don't YOU think you can do better? There is still time to win Capt. of the Year. Come fish the rest of the club Tournaments, You could just win!

*Associate Member  
of the Month*

## **Seafood Galore**

**1589 Atlantic Blvd.  
Neptune Beach, FL 32266  
904 - 241 - 0866**

A family owned and operated restaurant, which has been serving the Jacksonville Beach area for over 20 years. Fun appetizers like Gator Tail, Lobster Bites, and Shark Bites, just to name a few. How about an Ice Cold Margarita, fresh Mayport Shrimp, or "all you can eat" lunch & dinner specials. That's Seafood Galore Bar and Grill! A Family Seafood Restaurant serving Jacksonville and the Jacksonville Beach area!

Voted Best Of 2007 In Jacksonville Magazine!

This restaurant not only has good food, and generous portions, not to mention the great friendly service, but they have been great supporters of our club for years!

They are on Atlantic Blvd, East of the intercoastal bridge.

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Remember to shop at our sponsors and support them as often as you can,

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### **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, like these in this issue. Either give me a hardcopy at a meeting or Phone, Fax, or E-mail me your pictures at:

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## 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
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.
John Porcella	610-3855	Nearly any day	Up to 10:00 PM
Bob Calfee	C = 472-9957	Weekends & Some days	Up to 8:00 pm
Matt Ennes	536 - 7450	Friday through Monday	Up to 9:00 pm
David Brown	962 - 3787	Saturdays & Some week days	Up to 11:00 pm



### 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](mailto:Inez.Higginbotham@GBE.com)

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



*Welcome New Crew!*

**Don Cook**  
Membership Director

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

**Steven & Pam Jeter - 718 - 8966**  
26' Sea Fox - Reel Knoty

**Jerry & Helen Larean - 223 - 1172**  
33' Hydra Sport - Texas Rose

**Matt Ennes & Jennifer Higgins - 696 - 6158**  
No boat, CREW!

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	
1	2 Board Meeting	3	4	5 Club Meeting Early meeting, starts at 7:00 pm	6 Terri Breen Turns the BIG 60	7	
8 Hackbart's going away party at Seafood Galore 4:00 PM	9	10	11	12	13	14 Junior Angler Tournament	
15	16	17	18	19 Club Meeting Honoring Past Presidents & Club Birthday Party	20	21	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	
29	30	<i>June</i>					

## Coming Events:

- June 5th - **NOTE - Early meeting** because of Junior Angler Tournament - Don Dingman will be talking to the kids. Dinner at 6:30 pm Meeting at 7:00 pm
- June 8th - Hackbart's going away party at 4:00 PM at Seafood Galore
- June 14th - The Junior Angler Tournament
- June 19th - Club Party Honoring Past Presidents, & Club Birthday!!!!!!!
- July 22nd - 26th - AT&T Greater Jacksonville Kingfish Tournament
- Sept. 20th - The new FUN "Luck of the Draw Tournament"



### Tournament Schedule for 2008

Tournament	Month	-Date / Alternate	Run by...
		Saturday - Sunday	
The Junior Angler Tournament -	June	----- 14 / 28 -----	Chris Bernacki
The Kingfish Tune-Up Tournament -	July	----- 5 / 19 -----	Andy Proescher
The Powder Puff Tournament -	August	----- 10 / 17 -----	Chris Rooney
The Light Tackle Tournament -	August	----- 23 / 30 -----	Eddie McGowan

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