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Presidents Castings

Captain Chris Rooney

June Marks the 50th Birthday of the JOSFC

This is the Month we've been waiting for, the Jacksonville Offshore Sport Fishing Club is 50 years old and were going to celebrate that milestone at the first meeting in June. Thursday the 4th of June will be a special night, the club will be receiving an award from the city and we hope all of the previous Presidents will come out and help us accept the award on Presidents night. This is our 50th Birthday party, so we are planning something special and different for dinner that night!

As for the fishing this month it's really starting to heat up, hopefully the big kings are on the beach for the start of the kingfish season. There have been a lot of pogies around and the Manta Rays showed up this year like back in the day with 3 or 4 Cobia on every one. This past Sunday the Red Tops looked like the first day of the Greater Jacksonville with a hot bite, boats everywhere with half of them hooked up.

The 21st is our Jr. Angler Tournament and it's really looking like a good one is on the way. All the Captains need to remember this is a participation tournament, all participating Captains get 10 points toward "Captain of the Year". That becomes hard to make up as the year goes on and it's a close race this year to be sure. The meeting on Thursday the 18th is for the kids so it will be hot dogs

and hamburgers and of course ice cream sundays for desert.

Well between the President night and the Jr. Anglers the month of June promises to be a great month lets all of us enjoy the month and take a kid fishing. I'll always remember the kid with the poster during the Sheephead tournament that said, "LOOK MOM FISHING THE ROCKS NOT PLAYING X-BOX THANKS JOSFC"



The JOSFC is still working hard on fighting the "Junk Science" of the Snapper fishing closure. We collected and provided over 2000 signatures on the petitions to the SAMFC. We urge you to continue to write EVERYONE from your City Council, State Legislatures, and Federal Senators and Congress people. Remind them that if the fishing is closed the greater Jacksonville area stands to lose over 600 MILLION dollars that our Saltwater Sport Fishing brings in to the local economy EVERY year.

Keep those letters and E-mails flowing!



Mike Watts caught this nice Red Snapper last month fishing off Pensacola Florida. Just think, before Mike joined the JOSFC he couldn't even say "Red Snappa" much less catch one, now he is catching them off both coast of Florida!



Hey everyone here are a couple pics from our Sunday 5-3 trip to the ledge. We got our butts kicked, it was 6-7 out at the ledge. The crew was Capt. Paul Gallup, Paul Gallup Jr., Tim, and my self. Tim was the only non-club member. We had 10 Dolphin by 1:00 and headed home. Took us 3.5 hours to get back to Villano. The picture of the single fish being held is Paul Jr. Leigh Davis

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www.weatherbouy.com

www.wam.navy.mil

www.sstcharts.com

<http://cyberangler.com/weather/tides/?state%2bflorida>

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Rob's Fishing Lore

Rob Darner

How the Other Half Fish

The comparisons could not be starker. The boat my father, Byron, Madyson & I were about to fish on is quite different from our average daily fishing grind. This boat is 38 foot long while mine boast a total of 23 feet. The mighty Let's Go has an average beam of 8.5 feet while the Dos Amigos is likely 12 foot wide. If this were all to compare to then this would be a very short story but it continues.

Our fishing day started at 6 am. Now, the Let's Go has been known to show up at a few boat ramps for an early morning launches too. In order to help see out past the bow of the 38 Cabo, Capt Rick climbs up the tower to gain a better view while steering it out of the dock and through the inlet. For me on the Let's Go, I generally stand on the only step of the rocket launcher to gain more altitude. Hum, 10 inches vs. twenty something feet, I just don't know who has the better advantage here. On a very calm day, the run out took just as long, two hours to the fishing grounds. I admit that I am envious of the electronics. The solon helm had not one but two big screen Raytheon systems while the Let's Go has just a single 11 inch big screen Lowrance system. When we first got on this mega yacht of fishing, one screen was playing an Eagles concert video while the Let's Go can boast of an AM/FM CD player. On the way out, the captain was treated to real time temperature charts of the fishing grounds while the other unit showed every bump can contour of the ocean floor beneath us. True to form, we found a rip and a significant temperature change. I rely on the Sea Surface temperature web site to help guide my decisions for the next morning.

For the journey out, if you are tired and wished to sleep on the Let's Go I do hope the bean bag is comfy enough for you. If the wind causes a slight chill, a blanket may or may not accompany the trip out. Now if you were aboard the Dos Amigos, all one has to do is climb down toward the state room and curl up on the forward bunk and sleep like a baby. As the air is heavy with humidity and the temperature continues to rise, the Dos Amigos has an answer for this: the onboard A/C. The interior temp was set at a coolish 69 degrees. Oh, how this little feature may come in handy during those entire summer beach king fishing trips. On the mighty Let's Go, the boat can boast of not one but two battery operated fans to keep the air moving and hopefully you cool during those hot beach king fishing trips.

As we reached the fishing grounds, here's were things got interesting. The captain rescaled the ladder to assume command from the top of the tower. Clay was today's mate.

Having fished with Clay only today, I could fill entire page writing on the good reputation and sparkling character this young man possess. As by the nature of his position, Clay was running the baits and setting the spread as the Cabo eased into trolling speed. Yet, when the Let's Go eases into trolling speed, the helm is relinquished while yours truly sets the spread. Hummmm, maybe I need a mate...oh yea, Byron is only 7 but learning fast and he should be up to speed over the next few years. He doesn't know it yet, but I have plans for that boy.

Catching is catching and the dynamic hardly changes from boat to boat. It is the prerogative of the captain to yell most of you know. It's the same on a 38 footer as it is on a 23 footer. Well maybe yelling is not exactly right; I prefer excited utterances in the heat of battle. Weather the outrigger stretches twenty feet or eight feet, the snap still is the same. Twenty-five pound class outfits matched our targeted fish, dolphin, just fine. Matter-of-fact, there were about three fish that caused the anglers to moan & groan during the fight. Madyson's 32.5 pounder, the largest on the day, caused her and her Daddy's



shoulders and arms to feel the burn. You can feel the burn on just about any size boat. The dolphin dance doesn't change from the Cabo to the Angler either it just one has more lateral space in which dose-e-doe around as lines go over and under as multiple hook ups cause you to bow to your partner and wrap here and unwrap there. Most of the fish ended up in the fishbox. The Cabo was able to hold the entire mess of fish right there in the floor while the Angler may have had a slight problem fitting that last fish, the thirty pounder on top of all the rest.

Lunch is as different as night and day. For the Let's Go, its family style and help yourself to that favorite American quiescence PB&J. On really rare occasions, chicken may find its way into the cooler. However, the galley on the Dos Amigos has two refrigerators, a stove top and a kitchen sink. It did not take us long out there to catch a fresh Mahi-Mahi lunch. It is the freshest of fresh fish one can eat. Our fish lunch was the last one over the rail and the first in the hot grease. Yum! Truly



Top's Tips Safety First

**Top Ingram
Safety Officer**

READING THE WEATHER

With the advent of warmer weather, we will be spending more and more time on the water with our boating and fishing activities. After reviewing club member Ron Carr's information about the two fishermen who drowned, after being caught in a mid-day storm while fishing on a large fresh water lake in Alabama, I thought I should remind all members of the need to be constantly aware of the current weather situation when out on the water.

The two fishermen, mentioned above, were seasoned boaters and were aware that a storm was imminent. No one knows exactly what happened, but the two fishermen were found dead the next day attached to their capsized boat, but without their life jackets on. Life jackets were still on the boat. There are many unanswered questions from this tragedy, but one thing is certain. Your life jacket will work only if it is worn. Even if you do not wear it at all times, keep it near by so you can put it on in case bad weather approaches, or other situations arise that would require you to don it quickly.

As we move into the warmer months with more daylight hours, and increasing temperatures, we must be alert to the ever increasing afternoon thunderstorms. In order to have a safe outing, boaters have a special need to know and understand the weather. On land, the effects of storms can be devastating. At sea, they can be even worse. High winds, lightning, rough seas and poor visibility are some of the side effects of storms at sea. The first step in avoiding weather related problems is "know before you go." This means you need reliable weather information before you go out on the water.

Even if good weather is predicted, it can change while you are out. At least as important as knowing what weather to expect on your trip, is knowing how to tell when the weather is changing for the worse, or how to read the obvious signs. Therefore, we must understand how high and low pressure air masses impact our weather. Air masses with high pressure contain cool, dry air and low pressure contains warm, moist air. In the US, these air masses move mainly from west to east.

In the Northern Hemisphere, air flows clockwise around a high and counterclockwise around a low. Therefore, since a high moving toward a low may have high winds, the area between the high and low may have stormy weather. Thus, it is important to know where the highs and lows are in relation to your location on the water.

To locate the highs and lows in our area, stand with your back to the surface wind. Then, turn 45 degrees to your right which will align you with the winds aloft. After you have turned 45 degrees to the right, the low-pressure area will normally be to

your left. The high area will be to your right with the resulting pressure area to the west the one that will reach you and the one to the east has already passed you. Therefore, if the pressure system to the west is low, weather conditions may deteriorate and you should make plans accordingly.

Clouds also tell us when bad weather is approaching. The one you want to pay close attention to is the cumulonimbus thunderhead or anvil shaped cloud. It usually signals a cold front moving at 10 to 30 knots with winds as high as 30-60 knots in a squall line. Gusts of wind may exceed 80-100 knots, which could present dangerous boating conditions with high seas and heavy rain followed by clearing. If caught in this condition, head into the waves and maintain position as the rough weather should pass shortly. If you must head back to port, try and cross the waves at a 45 degree angle and run a zigzag course back to port to prevent pounding into the waves and possible capsizing or pitch poling.

Know before you go, pay attention to changing weather conditions and continue to enjoy safe boating throughout the year.

Top Ingram
Fish Tales

Other Half Cont.

the only hot lunch the Let's Go would not boast about would be the PB&J left out on the deck in the sun still wrapped in the zip lock baggie. Oooo.



As the day wound down, it was the usual exit for the crew of the Let's Go with a full fish box by or before 2pm the Dos Amigos packed it up and headed for the barn. After a smooth dockage, here is where some big differences come into play. As I spied the twenty plus stainless aluminum tubular tower, it was known that that beast had to be cleaned. Now compare this to the garden variety white powder coated T-top and you can figure out whose has a clear advantage on cleaning. Oh yea, the ten foot forward deck plus the solon and fighting cockpit all need to be cleaned. It's a cleaning dimension of 38 foot long by 12 foot wide. Yuk! Oh well its gotta get done because we caught twenty dolphin. The largest

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Other Half Cont.

was 32.5 pounds, while the next two were in the upper twenties with the rest being at least teens plus. Blood and fish slim managed to coat the cockpit. Man-o-man, the fishing day was



hot and it could not have been better. As promised, Grandpa, Daddy and Clay cleaned the massive 38 footer while Madyson, Bailey, Byron and Capt. Rick took off to Dairy Queen for a



sweet treat.

We owe such a fantastic day to Capt Rick, Berry Vickers and Clay for showing us how the other half fish and it is something one can get use to. The moral of this store for all you young something readers is to get a great paying job while a great education is a means to do it. These two items tend to go hand and hand. Either of these toys are great and to each their own because for me fishing is a great time no matter where it occurs. Thank you for giving Madyson a trip of a life time that anyone would be proud of.

Best Wishes for Fishing,
Rob Darnier

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We also have upcoming special event information as well as other information and links that everyone can use.

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Check out www.jaxfish.com

If you know anyone who would like to advertise on the site, Have them contact:

Greg Molloy, at MacMedia Graphics 904-725-8871

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
	1 Board Meeting	2	3	4 Club Meeting Club Birthday Party!	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18 Club Meeting	19	20
21 Junior Angler Tournament	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				<p><i>June</i></p>

Coming Events:

June 4, 2009 - The JOSFC's BIG 50 th Birthday Party!

June 21, 2009 - Sunday - The Junior Angler Tournament. 10 points toward COY just for participating, Kidnap a kid and take them fishing!

October 17, 2009 - JOSFC Annual Awards Banquet

Tournament Schedule for 2009

Tournament	Month	-Date / Alternate
	Saturday	Sunday
The Junior Angler Tournament -	June	----- 21 / 27
The Kingfish Tune-Up Tournament -	July	----- 18 / 19 -----
The Powder Puff Tournament -	August	----- 16 / 23
The Light Tackle Tournament -	August	----- 29 / Sept. 5 -----

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