



PRESIDENTS CASTINGS

Captain Chris Rooney

As June Rolls in so Does the Summer

So here comes the start of summer and the fishing season is really heating up. The 51st anniversary of the JOSFC will be celebrated along with president's night at the first meeting in June. Invitations will be going out to all the past presidents and or hospitality committee has something special in the works for dinner. The raffle table will be well stocked that night so bring your ticket money and come out to say hello to some of the people you haven't seen in a while.

This could be called the year of new tournaments in North Florida, the Morningstar Marina Mothers day Derby to benefit the Hook the Future Foundation was a great fishing day. Our hats go off to Don Dingman and Frank Joura for putting on a great tournament and for our own Captain Paul Gallop and his crew on the Salt Therapy for winning Wahoo and the Offshore Angler Award. Don Cook also came out on top with a second place win in the Dolphin category, good showing from the Club members at a great venue. Don and the Gang are putting on another top of the line tournament this month for the Hook the Future Foundation; it's the Kingbuster out of Saint Augustine. The kids get to fish on Friday and the tournament day is Saturday, this has always been one of the best kingfish tournaments in Florida so come on out and chase some slimys.

Our own Captain of the year race is heating up with May Trolling tournament points going to the board this week, the race is on. As I write this our Dolphin fishing has been nothing short of outstanding and it's getting better. Hears a little tip, "If you're seeing fish in the spread and their not taking the bait try taking the lures off and running naked baits" Well the fishing is great and the Ocean is open, **So Lets Go Fishing!!!!**

Why Nautical Terms?

That is the question that people ask some times. Is it just to sound "Salty" or like we are real sailors? Or is there actually a reason for using them?

Well, here is the answer. There is a valid reason that we use nautical terms. True, some can be used just to sound "Salty", but some like "Port" and "Starboard" are really needed.

To begin with, all Boats and or Ships have a "Port" side, and a "Starboard" side. As you sit behind the Helm, or steering wheel, facing the front or Bow of the boat, your RIGHT side is the "Starboard" side of the boat. That logically makes the LEFT side of the boat the "Port" side. Now, no mater where you are or what way you are facing, the right side of the boat will always be the "Starboard" side.

I always suggest to new boaters to adopt the terms to avoid confusion and problems later.

Here is where you can get in trouble if you just use left or right. Your friend is driving the boat, while you and another friend are fighting a big very active fish. You and your helper, holding the Gaff are facing "Aft" or the back "Stern" of the boat, and you are on the Starboard side. The fish suddenly starts to cut over to the Port side, and is of dragging the fishing line into the

Nautical Terms Continued

motor. Your helper, holding the Gaff, starts yelling excitedly at the friend driving to "TURN LEFT!"

Now if the driver turns to THEIR left, that will put the fishing line in the propeller of the motor in .0002 Mili-seconds, and while your dinner swims free, you are suddenly fighting a super fish that is stripping line off your reel like a 100 Pound Wahoo, going east while the boat is going west. About the time you realize that your fish was cut off, and that you have your fishing line being wound in the prop, the motor stalls from the line locking up the prop.

Last week when this happened it took you almost an hour hanging off the back of the motor, trying not to fall in because of that 12' Tiger Shark hanging around under your boat, as you drifted powerless 40 miles from shore, before you dropped the Prop Nut overboard, and gave up and called Sea-Tow.

NOW, if your friend holding the gaff had yelled "Turn to Starboard!" the friend driving would have

turned to his or her RIGHT, and kept the line away from the motor, and you would have caught that fish. You would have been eating it for dinner instead of Crow, and reading about your SECOND Tow-In in a week on the Club Web-site and Newsletter.

Why "Port" and "Starboard" ? How did they come up with those names for right and left?

Back in the days of the sailing ships, The place that your ship left shore from, and returned to was (And still is) called the Sea Port.

Every ship had a board on the Right side that the navigator would go out on to shoot the stars, or use the sextant, so they could get an unobstructed view of the sky. When the ship docked, they always docked with the Left side against the dock, so that they wouldn't break off or have to remove the Starboard that was on the Right side of the ship. It didn't take long for them to realize that it helped to refer to the right side by Starboard, and the left side by Port to eliminate any confusion over which side you meant depending on what way you were facing.

On my boat, I have actually placed plastic name tags on the back corners of the boat, and on either side of the helm, to eliminate any confusion.

Here is the simple way to remember left is Port. If you miss the boat, you get "LEFT IN PORT!"



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How about a 32.5 Lb African Pompano?
AJ's friend Zach Crabtree used AJ's rod to catch this monster!



Rob's Fishing Lore

A Secret Society

In our world in which we live much has been made about super secret societies. Many novels and movies have portrayed these secret societies as a powerful force that shapes our world from everything from our government to a world government to individual financial institution to major world corporate conglomerates. These members often set themselves above and law and reality that the common folk find themselves in. Recently, Skulls II and Skulls III was showing on TV. Supposedly, these movies were based on secret societies from Harvard and Yale. Even criminal organizations have their very own secret societies that can be very powerful forces in which one does not want to be caught between. The fishing world is no different. It was just last week an ultra secret society opened itself to me. Through my ignorance I had no idea what was going to happen.

The day started in a most unusual way. NOAA was calling for rough seas, the data from the ocean weather buoys bears this fact out; however, the conditions on the water were oblivious to what the weatherman said. The end result was a cancelled fishing tournament so what was next? A trip rumming through a nautical flea market only heighten our suspensions that the weatherman got it all wrong. With light winds and a bountiful sunshine, the crew could not stand standing on land any longer thus the decision was rendered to get the small boat and go fishing.

The new plan was to do two things: 1st troll for Spanish mackerel and jetty fish for Sheepshead. Trolling was not to plentiful due the obvious reason that the mackerel appeared not to be in. Sheepshead were in but the bite was not fast nor furious. Anchoring against the rocks proved to just what we needed to relax and have fun. The crew consisted of myself, my father and another fisherman whose identity shall not be disclosed for his own protection. This fisherman shall be called Angler X or AX for short. Catching at the jetties was a little slow. We had a few tiny sea bass and one nice trout but no redfish or Sheepshead were found among our catch.

AX stated in a loud robust voice that he was now going to deploy an unknown technique along with his secret bait. The rest of us were to look away so we could not identify both the technique and the bait. It did not take AX long before he was hooked up. The fish fought and dug for the bottom on several occasions; however, AX was up to the challenge and brought the fish to the surface. It was one of the weirdest looking fish I have ever witnessed. Ax scoffed at us with his fish in hand. We were taken aback over what

we just had witnessed and realized that we were just insulted. Not to be outdone, my rod took off next. The beast dug for the bottom. It like it down there and made every possible effort to stay there. It took me only ten minutes to bring the fish in the boat. The fish was flat but not round with a tail. It was a cousin to the string ray for I had caught a skate. In fact, it was a Clear Nose Skate. The nose area for the fish was translucent. The fish was subdued, dehooked and returned to the ocean. AX was stunned at what he just saw.

Once the boat was on the trailer, AX came to me to speak of a local fishing society. The society was that of the Skatefish. It was an American society comprised of a select few fisherman in prominent positions. Since AX is a well place government official within the Transportation Department, I kinda believed him.

Just after loading the boat on the trailer, I was jumped by a few members of this society. My faced was hooded and I was thrown into a truck or a van, I do not know which. Each member took turns at grilling me on why I should be apart of this society and just what the society could do for me such as get out of jail free cards and secrete numbers to very fertile tournament winning fishing grounds then came the rules. There are always rules. These seemed very unyielding and non negotiable. As part of the rules, a member of the American Skatefish Society (A.S.S) you were forbidden to reveal any trade secrets. Only members could communicate among themselves and discuss plans and strategies. The last rule was once a member is always a member till death do they part. If someone else asked, an A.S.S. member was to purposely mislead the asker. As for any assistance with fishing techniques, tips were once again forbidden. These fellow A.S.S. members seemed very impressed with themselves. As for me, I was given one week to render a decision on acceptance. I made my decision, I figured once an American Skatefish Society member is always an American Skatefish Society member so I declined.

Best Wishes for Fishing,
Rob Darner

Ruth Hume Gave her husband, Steve, a lesson in fishing, catching and releasing several Large AJ's. They kept this little one for dinner.





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



Ron Carr, and Mike Murphy with a nice pair of Kings they caught while on Mike Watts Boat Rag Top



Left to Right, Brien Hackbart, Laddie Birge, and Richard Fisher. Brien flew in from Germany just to fish the Mother's Day Fishing Derby. By Morningstar Marina for Hook the Future.

The below chart is something that I try to publish every year. It covers the Water Temperatures that the various species of fish prefer. These guidelines are what you should look for when fishing for any specific species of fish.

Lower Avoidance means if it gets below that temperature, they avoid that water. Upper Avoidance means if it gets hotter, they avoid that water, and Optimum means they prefer that temperature range. Also remember Surface Temperature is not always the same as bottom temperature

Species	Lower Avoidance	Optimum	Upper Avoidance
Amberjack	60	65 - 75	80+
Bonito	60	65 - 75	80+
Barracuda	55	72 - 80	86
Bigeye Tuna	52	62 - 74	80
Black Marlin	68	72 - 82	87
Blackfin Tuna	65	70 - 75	82
Blue Marlin	70	74 - 82	88
Bluefin Tuna	50	60 - 72	82
Bluefish	50	66 - 72	84
Dolphin (Mahi)	70	72 - 78	82
Flounder	56	62 - 66	72
Jack Crevalle	65	70 - 85	90
Kingfish	65	68 - 76	88
Permit	70	75 - 85	92
Pompano	65	70 - 82	85+
Redfish	52	70 - 90	90+
Red Snapper	50	55 - 65	70+
Sailfish	68	72 - 82	88
Snook	60	70 - 82	90
Spanish Mackerel	60	65 - 75	80
Spotted Seatrout	56	66 - 82	90
Striped Bass	42	50 - 65	75
Striped Marlin	61	68 - 76	80
Swordfish	50	60 - 75	80
Tarpon	70	75 - 90	100+
Wahoo	65	68 - 80	88
White Marlin	65	68 - 78	80+
Seabass	58	64 - 68	74
Yellowfin Tuna	64	72 - 82	80

LOUD HAILINGS

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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.

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**THE RACE FOR
CAPTAIN OF THE YEAR**

<u>PLACE</u>	<u>CAPTAIN</u>	<u>POINTS</u>
1 -	Eddie McGowan	27
2 -	Chris Rooney	21
3 -	Steve Kalaitzis	20
4 -	Paul Camia	12
5 -	Paul Gallup	10
5-	Greg Wallace	10
6 -	Chuck Darner	8
7 -	Tim Altman	7
7 -	AJ Proescher	7
7 -	Tim Altman	7
8 -	Laddie Birge	6
9 -	Don Cook	5
9 -	Chris Bernacki	5
10 -	Tony Thompson	3
10 -	Tom meyer	3

The May Trolling Tournaments
Well the Captain Of the Year race is starting to heat up. Paul Gallup jumped in winning the Unlimited with 61.8 Lbs., and Eddie McGowan took second with 54.9 Lbs. This moved Eddie into 1st place. Steve Kalaitzis was knocked out of first, but took a respectable 28.2 Lbs. So he is still right there in the hunt.

We finished May with the May Trolling Tournament, and Eddie McGowan showed everyone how to win with an impressive 84.5 Lbs. Including a 35.9 Lb African Pompano! Chris Rooney made a big move up to 2nd. Place with 50 Lbs. and Steve Kalaitzis is still making a good showing with an overall 3rd. Place.

We have 5 tournaments still to fish, that is 50 points total, so depending on the weather being good so we fish all 5, it is still anyone's race to win. Even someone that has not fished any of the tournaments yet could still enter and win.

Don't forget you have to participate in 3 tournaments, as Captain OR Crew, OR at the Club House to win a Fishing Board.

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

COMING EVENTS:

June 3 rd - Club Birthday Party

June 20th - Junior Angler Tournament

October 16, 2010 - The Annual Awards Banquet



Tournament Schedule for 2010

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