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PRESIDENTS CAST NET

Tom Darga

Board news – as I said at the end of the last newsletter the Board was working on a new prize structure for the club tournaments. During the May Board Meeting the Board reached an agreement for a new prize structure that started with the Unlimited Trolling Tournament. This prize structure is for 2014 only. Next year’s Board will revisit the issue if they choose to.

1st place – 200.00 cash

2nd place – 100.00 cash

3rd place – 50.00 cash

The Board also voted on spending of the 23,000 dollars from the El-Cheapo. Below is the itemized list of donations or improvements that were voted upon. This was in addition to the \$12,000 dollars to the bank account of the JOSFC for monthly expenses.

As you will see the Board voted to put the majority of the money back into improvements for the El Cheapo and the Club House this year as these were long neglected items that did need our attention.

Here is what we voted on:

WiFi for tents during El Cheapo	\$150 - Approved
To city for Boat Ramp work	\$250 - Approved
Hook the Future	\$500 - Approved
Build a closet for El Cheapo	\$400 - Approved
Donate to TISIRI	Tabled
Tournament Scale & Printout board	\$2,630 - Approved
New Sound system for Club house	\$2,000 - Approved
Replace outside Scale	Tabled
Website for El Cheapo	Tabled
Club Tournaments pay-out	\$2,450 - Approved

Fishing

June is here and the fishing is hot. Grouper has been open for a month and it has been hard pickings finding one. This of course is not that they are being elusive but trying to get thru the red snapper and actually making it to the bottom is the difficult part. Reports of 20 to 30 lb red snapper being caught and released, several weeks ago Rob Cripe, Tim Altman and myself on the C-Lion watched as red snapper drove sardines to the top were we were able to cast sabiki hooks into the schools for live bait which we then free lined or dropped down to catch Red Snapper one after another at the AJ hole, we were after Grouper or even Sea Bass.

Unlimited Trolling Tournament

This past week on May 10th we had a great Unlimited Trolling Tournament. Even though the seas were not really cooperative 2 – 4 wave height we had 14 boats sign up and 9 boats braved the weather including a 19ft scout.

C.H. only 16 miles offshore seemed to be the hot spot for the day with an amazing **76.5 Wahoo** caught on a kingfish rig baited with a live Pogie on 30 lb braid and a 20 lb leader. Along with the Wahoo was a 21lb Black Fin Tuna and a 5.3 lb Bonita = **Total weight 102.8** worth 200.00 dollars. Who was this angler you ask none other than Jack Ogin and his son. So much for having to go to the ledge and spending hundreds in gas money, congrats Jack way to go.

Greg Wallace, Derrick and Alan crewed the Kelly W to second place after finding magic at the AJ hole with a 14.9 Barracuda along with a 10.5 lb Amberjack and finishing with a 6.2 Bonita = **30.7 total weight** and the 100.00 dollar prize

Rob Cripe along with Paul Mahon and Justin Mildrum piloted the Reeltight to a third place finish finding a 12.7 Barracuda, a respectful 11 lb Kingfish following up with a 6.5 Bonita for a total **weight of 30.2**. and the 50.00 dollar prize. That's right just **.5lbs** from second place and the 100.00 dollar prize!

Tournament participation is rising let's see how many boats we can get for the next tournament. I will say it was nice to see several new members fishing the Unlimited Tournament. If you need a crew or captain email Bill Breen and he can put out an all call.

Remember safety is always a priority when on the water



This is June! If you look at our Club Tournament Schedule, you will notice that June is the month that we hold our Junior Angler Tournament. (The idea is that you take some kids out fishing , **THE KIDS** are the ones that are suppose to catch the fish ((You can help them , but they should be holding the rod.)) and they weigh in the fish.) Every Captain that takes any kids out automatically gets 10 points toward Captain of the year.

If you don't have any kids to take, kidnap a neighbor and their kids or ask around the club for any extras you can take!

The kids are our future and the future of fishing, so get them involved and addicted to fishing!

If you are lucky, you will end up like me, my daughter would go with me every time I went out from grade school all the way through collage! **At 35 years of age she still fishes with me!**

June is our month to celebrate the Kids and families, so mark your calendar for June 14th and fish the club's Junior Angler Fishing Tournament!



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Top's Tips Safety First

Top Ingram
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ELECTROCUTION

With the days getting warmer as we move into the summer months, we find ourselves, at times, with a desire to jump in the water for a quick dip to cool off. This activity is fine at the beach or regular swimming areas. However, stop and think before you jump into the water in or around any dock, boatlift, pier or boat where electricity may be in the water. Most of us never think about, or consider, the danger of electrocution as something to be concerned about in the safety of boating. We seldom give any thought to the fact that electricity may be in the water around or near the boat.

Many factors can contribute to the electrical marine environment responsible for fatalities, but the ultimate killer is alternating-current (AC) electricity in the water. It can stem from a wiring problem on a power boat that introduces voltage into the direct-current (DC) system, a low-level ground fault leakage in the marina AC shore power system, or other simple electrical malfunctions, such as deteriorating insulation on the lift motor wires of a boatlift.

Whatever the cause, if the AC is unable to reach ground (and potentially short and trip a breaker), it can create a deadly field in the water. A swimmer passing through this field is "seen" by the electrical current as a low-resistance path to the ground, especially in fresh water, where the human body makes a much better conductor because of its high salinity. The result of electric current passing through the body is electrocution.

There are technical ways to help prevent these situations, such as ground fault monitoring for low level leakage, as well as devices that boaters can buy for their vessels to lessen the chance of an electrical accident. Most marinas prohibit swimming because of the hidden electrical dangers, but such rules are certainly not mandated by law. Boaters should be leery of marinas that permit swimming around their docks because such facilities are not following widely accepted safety practices.

Electrocution accidents are not limited to marinas and shore power; they can also occur when people are swimming near any boat that is using an electrical generator or DC-AC inverter, if a fault exists in the electrical system. Because the body is most often completely submerged in water, the tell-tell burns of a traditional electrocution are nowhere to be found. Unfortunately, without the tell-tell sign of an electrical burn of a traditional electrocution; an electricity-related fatality can be very difficult to classify because there is nothing to see, touch, or smell.

While paralysis and/or ventricular fibrillation are usually the cause(s) of death, drowning is what often appears to be the most reasonable explanation. In some cases, drowning is actually the cause of death because even relatively low levels of electric current can result in paralysis, which renders the swimmer unable to stay afloat.

There is a haunting similarity among most reported incidents of electrocutions at, and around, marinas. Witnesses to such events have told of being unable to assist the victim because, upon approaching them, the would-be rescuer was overwhelmed by a tingling, numbing sensation in their extremities. More often than not, the indication was not an outright "shock". If you should find yourself in this situation, exit the water immediately.

We hear a lot about the problem with electricity in the water around commercial docks and marinas, but one area that is not well publicized is the private home dock or lift. A private home owner recently discovered that his electrical line from one side of his lift motor ran under the water to the opposite side lift motor. This is a very dangerous type installation that could emit an electrical charge into the water around his dock and be fatal to an unsuspecting swimmer. Also, we must be aware of dock lights and electrical outlets that can be immersed in water at flood tide.

Recreational boaters must be constantly vigilant and aware of their responsibility for the safety of themselves and their passengers and crew. As with all other boating safety issues, the most effective thing we can do is to create an awareness of the dangers of marine electrocution. By far the best rule to follow is: Never swim in, or around a marina. It is simply not worth the risk. Follow this simple rule and continue to enjoy safe boating, and swimming, throughout the summer.

Top Ingram
Fish Tales

Wanna Take a Great Boat Trip? How about circumnavigating South Florida!

Chuck Darnier and Bernie Holzman just completed this 520 mile trip at the end of April and had a great time seeing a lot of Florida from the water!

A boat trip around south Florida has for a long time been on our bucket list. So with that in mind when the chance to do it came around we jumped on it.

The Darniers and the Holzmans met in Ft. Pierce, FL on April 23 and on the morning of the 24th Chuck launched the HighRoller to begin the long awaited voyage.

The first day we cruised from Ft. Pierce past Stuart and on into the Okeechobee waterway.



On this waterway we had to transit two locks. The first lock lifted us about 25 feet and at the second lock the water was at the same level on both sides so no lift was needed.

From the second lock it is 24 miles across Lake Okeechobee to Clewiston where we spent the night at Roland Martins Marina. It is a great place to stay with good docks, good food and a fun time. This was an 85 mile run and it took us a little over 5 hours.

The next morning we were off for Ft. Myers Beach. This day we transited 3 locks which dropped us a total of about 15 feet into the Caloosahatchee river system. This took us to Ft. Myers. This was the most scenic part of the trip with all kinds of wild life that we saw all along the river. The second night



was spent at the Matanas Inn on Ester Island, which is at Ft. Myers Beach. It too was a nice place to stay with easy docking and a very nice restaurant. This day we traveled 78 miles and spent another 5 hours in the boat.

The next day we were off to Islamorada some 135 miles to the south. This was a good trip as the weather gods were on our side with calm winds and easy seas.

Boat Trip Continued

This part was out on the open Gulf waters and just about the only part that we had to transit unprotected waters. The trip down the coast was an easy one all the way to Cape Sable at the tip of Florida. Once past the Cape it was on past Sandy key, we picked up the markers at Tripod, Springer, and Schoner banks through the yacht channel and on to Bernie's place in Islamorada. We stayed there three days, fished some, mostly got blown out by the wind, but we did catch a couple of dolphin and relaxed at Bernie's.

The trip continued north from the keys with the next stop being Ft. Lauderdale. It was a good trip until we ran out of shelter near Miami and fought the wind and rough water until downtown Miami.

Here the slow speed evil set upon us ("Slow Speed Evil" is the State mandated "No Wake Zones or 5 MPH Zones" that abound in South Florida.) and we put putted all the way to the dock at the Hilton was run by Pier 66 Marina and it was a \$100, / day, no way to get around it. Ft.Lauderdale. This was a 75 mile trip and after hours of slow speed putting, we were happy to see the Hilton and our dock.

The next day was on to Jupiter some 60 miles to the north. The slow speed evil attacked us again and it took 6 hours to make this trip. We stayed at the Jupiter Waterfront Inn and docked at the Jupiter Point Marina. A nice meal was had at the Blue Lobster restaurant at the marina.

The next day was an easy 31 mile cruise to Ft. Pierce where we pulled the boat out for the trip back to Jacksonville.

In all, we cruised some 520 miles and burned approx. 240 gallons for the entire trip. This was a fantastic trip that will stay with us all for a long time.

Tight lines Chuck Darner

Are your flares still in date? They have an expiration date, and the Coast Guard checks!

How about your fire extinguisher? Is it good, the right type and big enough? Check them NOW, not when you need them!

The JOSFC

Yup, the JOSFC, The Jacksonville Offshore Sport Fishing Club. **YOUR** Club!

This month we are 55 years old, and we are the oldest fishing club in the Jacksonville area. We are also the best fishing club in the area!

For 55 years your club has worked hard to improve both fishing and safety for the sport fishermen and women of the area. Your club is responsible for over 270 reef drops over our life. We have created numerous reefs, and replenished a lot of our older reefs, all to improve fishing off Jacksonville. Even after the Federal Government mandated that the City take over the permits, we have stayed involved and helped with the reef programs.

Did you know that Salt Water Sport Fishing is responsible for **OVER \$600 MILLION DOLLARS** in revenue, each and every year, for the greater Jacksonville area! That is from the Florida / Georgia border to the south city limits of St. Augustine. Even with the down turn in the economy that figure has held at over \$600 million! (That is more than the Superbowl brought in!)

YOUR club only works because of your passion for fishing and with your input and hard work!

Your Board of Directors work for **YOU**, and they always welcome your input and suggestions. If you have a suggestion on how to improve the club, or how to do something differently, or how to bring in new members, don't be shy! Tell any board member, or E-mail me, (your editor) and I will get it to the board.

You can find any of the Board's E-mail's at the club website under the "ABOUT" tab down to "Officers and Board".

Even if you are brand new, do not be afraid to get involved, we really welcome your input and really want you to be involved with your club! Really!



2014 GJKT SCHEDULE

- Mon, July 21** Warm Up Captain's Meeting
- Tues, July 22** Warm Up Tournament, Jr. Angler Captain's Mtg
- Wed, July 23** Jr. Angler Fishing & Jr. Dock Tournament
- Thurs, July 24** GT Captains Meeting
- Fri, July 25** GT Fishing, Redfish Captain's Meeting
- Sat, July 26** Shootout Captain's Mtg, & Tournament,
 - Redfish Tournament
 - Jr. Angler Seminars
 - Presentation of Awards
 - Live Entertainment

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If you missed the last meeting, you missed a good cake and time! Above is Gracey Smith, she turned 17 on the day of our last meeting, and her mother brought a cake to help celebrate.

Gracey, her mother and two brothers are fairly new members and love to fish, but currently do not have a boat, so if you have room for 2 or 3, let them know.

17 months ago Gracey was diagnosed with ALL leukemia. She received a double stem cell transplant 15 months ago. Gracey is doing well and is in Remission.



Wear these, they don't work in the cabin!

At least do it while under way, especially entering and leaving the inlets, they can get rough in seconds with other boats wakes!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
1	2 Board Meeting	3	4	5 Club Meeting the 55th Club Birthday party	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14 The Junior Angler Tournament
15	16	17	18	19 Club Meeting	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	<h1>June</h1>				



Coming Events:

- June 5th - Club Birthday & Past Presidents Party
- June 14th - Junior Angler Tournament
- June 19th - Club Meeting
- July 12th - Club Kingfish Tune-up Tournament
- July 21st through 26th The Greater Jacksonville Kingfish Tournament (See Schedule on Page 6)

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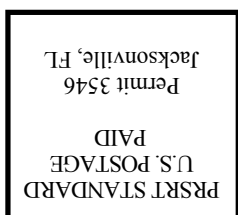
Tournament Schedule for 2014

Tournament	Month	Date / Alternate
		- All are on Saturday -
The Junior Angler Tournament -	June	-----14-----21- Jack Ogin
The Kingfish Tune-Up Tournament -	July	-----12-----19-- Chris Rooney
The Powder Puff Tournament -	August	-----9-----16-- Fishing Director
The Light Tackle Tournament -	August	-----23-----24 - Fishing Director
The Bottom Tournament -	August	-----30----September-6-- Chris Rooney
Triple Challenge Tournament -	November	-----8-----22 - Fishing Director

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