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# The Reel News



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## Associate Member of the Month



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Stop in any time and just chat with Steve and crew. I am sure you will find something you can't live without. Remember, show your club membership card for an additional discount!

C & H Lures Owner and Past Winner of THE Kingfish Tournament along with Steve Grant the store Manager will be giving a DON'T MISS Seminar on Kingfishing at the Club house on July 3, 2008 at 8:00 PM

**Remember to shop at and support our Sponsors, they make our club possible!**

The Jacksonville Offshore Sport Fishing Club offers our condolences to Danny Del Rio, and his family. Danny's mother Esperanza "Hope" Cuartero Del Rio, 87, passed away on Sunday, June 8, 2008.

We also note with sadness the passing of a long time member.

Bestowed Life Member Dr. Dick Boothby passed on to calm waters and good fishing the second week of June after a year long battle with cancer.



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

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:

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## Fishing Reports & Other Tall Tales

**Mike Watts**  
**Fishing Committee**  
**Director**



Welcome to summer and tournament time. Offshore the fishing on the bottom should be outstanding from the Elton Grounds and into the Party Grounds. Trolling will be good as long as you can find the fish, with the water being warm everywhere that could be a challenge. Kingfish were showing up on the beach last month and should be here in greater numbers this month.

In the river the fishing should be great. Try for trout and redfish in the morning or evening with a top water plug. You can also try a mud minnow on a jighead when the water is moving for the same species as well as flounder.

On the beach you should be able to catch about anything. If you are looking for fun, you could always put out a dead mullet or a slab of something stinky that has been in

Fishing Report Continued

the bottom of the freezer for a few months and go tangle with a shark.

Don't forget the "**Hamaker Kingfish Cup**" We hold it for the first year with Eddie McGowan having won it for our club. If you are fishing in the AT&T Greater Jacksonville Kingfish Tournament, BE SURE TO GIVE EDDIE YOUR NAME & BOAT YOU WILL BE ON, so we will have as many entries as we can for the Hamaker Cup!

### Changes to our Club Tournament Rules and Rewards.

In order to encourage more participation in our club tournaments, in addition to the Club Money, we will also be awarding GAS Cards for **First Place - \$30.00 - Second Place - \$20.00 - Third Place - \$10.00. Just a little something to help offset the cost.**

Now, a change to the rules. This is for all our tournaments:

There will be NO "Lines IN" call, Fishing begins at 6:00 AM when you can leave the dock. And NO Lines Out time on the Tournaments. You will be required to be IN LINE for the Weigh-In by the end of weigh-in time, not at the dock, but up at the weigh-in marker or you will be DQ'ed. You can fish right up to the last possible second, as long as you are in line at the specified time.



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Welcome New Crew!

**Don Cook**  
**Membership Director**

We welcome the new members and remind them that this is now THEIR club and don't be afraid to suggest any changes they would like to see!

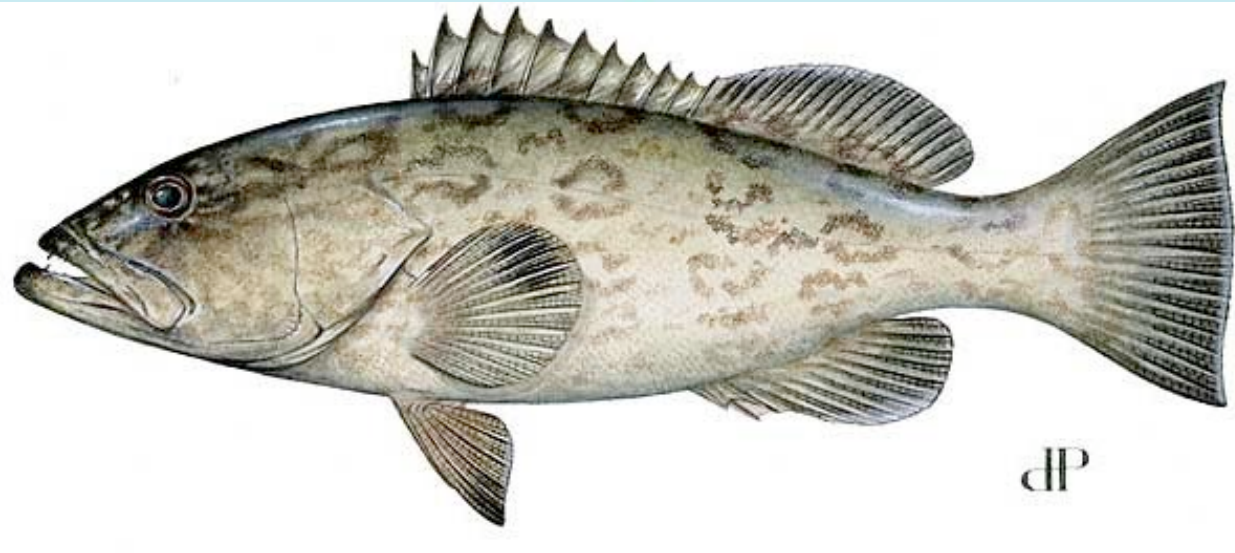
**Daniel & Josie Tice - Boat Tight Grip**

**Bob & Dail Hovey**

**Steve & Ruth Hume - Boat Peace of Mind**

**Ian Davies**

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**Kingdom - Animalia**

**Phylum - Chordata**

**Class - Osteichthyes**

**Order - Perciformes**

**Family - Scombridae**

**Genus - Mycteroperca**

**Species - Microlepis**

**Common Name - Gag**

## **Grouper**

The gag grouper is found in the western Atlantic Ocean from North Carolina (US) south to the Yucatan Peninsula (Mexico). It is scarce in waters surrounding Bermuda. Juveniles have been recorded as far north as Massachusetts. There have also been records of gag grouper occurring off the coasts of Bermuda, Cuba, and eastern Brazil.

Gag grouper reach a maximum total length of 4.75 feet (1.45 m) and a maximum weight of 80.5 lbs (36.5 kg). Males reach maturity at approximately 8 years of age and a correlating total length of 39 inches (98 cm) while females mature at 5-6 years of age and 26-30 inches (67-75 cm) total length. This species is believed to have a lifespan of 16 years.

Similar to other serranids, gag grouper are protogynous hermaphrodites. They begin life as female, however after a few years of spawning as a female, some gag groupers change sex, becoming functional males. This transition generally occurs at 10-11 years of age corresponding to lengths of 37-39 inches (95-100 cm).

Spawning occurs from January through May in the Gulf of Mexico and the South Atlantic Bight at offshore spawning grounds. There is a major spawning ground on the west Florida Shelf. The fertilized eggs are pelagic and

transparent, containing a single oil globule. Eggs hatch after approximately 45 hours at water temperatures of 70°F (21°C) (laboratory study). The kite-shaped larvae persist for 40-50 days, as postlarvae they migrate from the spawning grounds to inshore seagrasses, mangroves, oyster reefs and salt marshes. Juveniles remain in these locations for approximately 3-5 months before they migrate to offshore reefs.

Cite- Florida Museum of Natural History

### **Try this Recipe!**

From JOSFC Secret recipes (Unpublished)

Prep Time:: Less than 15 minutes

Cook Time: Less than 15 minutes

Cooking Method: Grilled

Main Fish: Grouper

#### **Ingredients**

- \* 1 1/2 lbs grouper fillets
- \* 1/3 cup white or gold tequila
- \* 1/2 cup triple sec
- \* 3/4 cup fresh lime juice
- \* 1 tsp salt
- \* 2-3 large cloves fresh crushed garlic
- \* 2 tsp vegetable oil
- \* 3 medium diced tomatoes
- \* 1 medium finely chopped onion
- \* 1 Tbsp minced jalapeño or serrano chile
- \* 2-4 Tbsp chopped fresh cilantro
- \* 1 pinch sugar

#### **Directions**

1. Combine tequila, triple sec, lime juice, garlic, salt, and oil.
2. Place fish in a single layer in a flat dish. Pour tequila mixture over, and marinate for 1/2 hour at room temperature, or 3 hours in the refrigerator.
3. Just before serving, combine tomatoes, onion, chile, cilantro, sugar, and salt to taste to make fresh tomato salsa.
4. Remove fish from marinade (reserve), and pat dry. Brush fish on both sides with oil, and grind pepper over it.
5. Cook on greased grill over high heat until flesh is opaque (about 4 minutes per side).
6. Boil sauce in a saucepan for about two minutes, remove and discard the garlic cloves, and spoon over fish.
7. Serve alongside fresh tomato salsa.



## Top's Tips Safety First

**Top Ingram  
Safety Officer**

### TOWING YOUR BOAT

It's that time of the year, with improving weather and tournaments on the schedule, where Club members will be towing their boats more to get in on the action. In order to have a safe, successful boating/fishing trip, if you are one of the 95% of recreational boaters who tow their boats, you must first tow your boat to the nearest boat ramp for launching. Towing a boat has its good and bad points, and the potential problems in towing are many. I would like to remind everyone of a few things to consider before towing your boat.

Before you add a trailer hitch to your vehicle to pull that new, or used, boat you just bought; you should look at it as a package and make sure the vehicle is capable of towing the weight of the boat and trailer. Unless your vehicle is specially equipped, you should not tow a trailer load that weighs more than the vehicle. Manufacturers sell towing packages that include several modifications for your vehicle such as heavy-duty radiators, transmission oil coolers, heavy-duty brakes and proper suspension systems based on tongue weight.

Before connecting your vehicle to a trailer, make sure you are using the correct sized ball for your coupler. Never use a coupler designed for a larger ball even if it seems to fit as it can come loose with disastrous results. Also, it is sometimes possible to put a coupler on a larger ball than it was designed for. Don't do it! It will bind and the trailer will not track correctly. The shanks of balls vary in size with the ball. Never use a smaller ball than required, as the shank will be undersized and could shear.

Balancing the load on your trailer is very important to safe towing. Between 5 & 7% of the tow weight (boat+motor+contents+trailer) should be on the tongue. If you have more than this, the rear squats, the front lifts, and your vehicle is hard to handle. If you have less, the trailer is likely to fishtail, and the wind from a large truck could cause you to lose control. For example, the tongue weight for the average passenger car should be no more than 100 pounds with the towing package weighing no more than 2,000 pounds.

To check your tongue weight, load your boat with the gear you normally carry. Then, stack cinder blocks to the height of your trailer ball and place your bathroom scales on top of the blocks. Now, lower your trailer tongue onto the scales. If the tongue weight needs adjusting, the simplest way is to move the load inside the boat forward or aft. If this is not sufficient, you can move the winch stem and your boat forward or aft.

You should develop a pre-departure check list to make sure you check the following items before you go: Air in tires

and spare, tools, items in boat secured, electrical connections made and brake, lights and turn signals working, motor or outdrive up and secured, tie down straps secured, coupler locked and safety chains secured. Finally, don't forget the obvious, make sure your drain plug is installed so you can continue to enjoy safe boating.

Top Ingram  
Fish Tales



Jim Anderson jugged up this bait fish AT THE END OF THE NORTH JETTY! I believe he said it was 60 Pounds, and he decided to eat it instead of using it for bait.

Nice Cobia Jim!

## RIBBONFISH



Need some Ribbonfish for the Kingfish season?

Chris Rooney has a shrimper friend that has some really good looking net caught Ribbonfish for about \$1.50 each. I saw some that Chuck Darner bought and they were nice. Call:

**J.D. at 868 - 0092**

That is his Cell Phone, so if no contact keep trying.

During the Junior Angler Tournament, young Jordan Shivar, fishing on Gary Newman's Boat "Full Coverage" ( You would never guess Gary sells insurance) caught a SAILFISH for 50 points along with a 22 Lb Amberjack to win the Tournament!

Now as you all know, when you catch your FIRST Sailfish, you get to go swimming! The Club threw Jordan in for her OFFICIAL dunking at the Club meeting on June 19, 2008! Being a good Dad, Kevin also went in with her.



***Jordan & Dad got their Dunking!***

Jordan with her Amberjack. By Club Practice, all Sailfish are released alive back to be caught another day.

Top of the next column are Jordan and dad with the Amberjack.

## ***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:

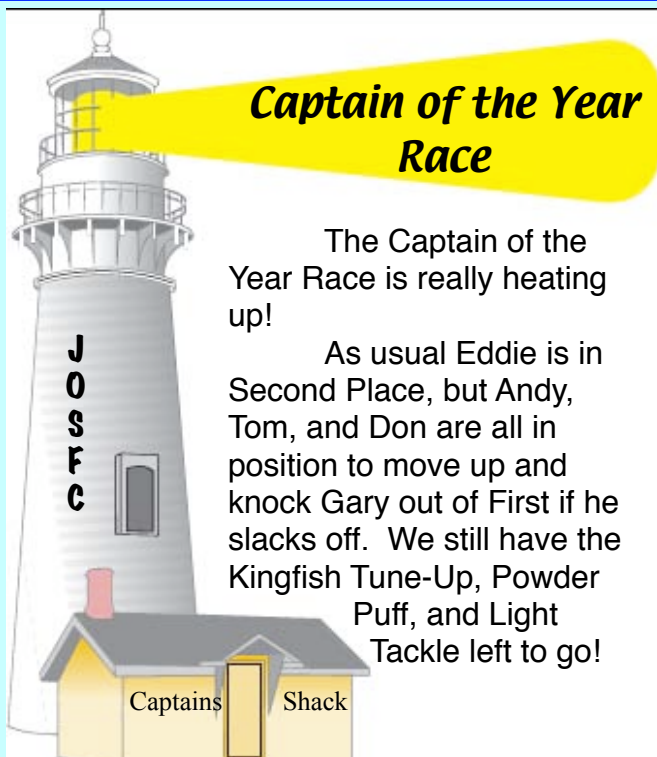
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## Instant Crew, Just Add Water

<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



### Captain of the Year Race

The Captain of the Year Race is really heating up!

As usual Eddie is in Second Place, but Andy, Tom, and Don are all in position to move up and knock Gary out of First if he slacks off. We still have the Kingfish Tune-Up, Powder Puff, and Light Tackle left to go!

Gary Newman	-	-	41
Eddie McGowan	-	-	37
Andy Proescher	-	-	36
Tom Meyer	-	-	35
Don Cook	-	-	22
Chris Rooney	-	-	14
Rob Cripe	-	-	14
Rob Darner	-	-	14
Lyle Rose	-	-	10
Chris Bernacki	-	-	10
Randy Ralston	-	-	10
Sam McJunkin	-	-	10
Vernon Summersill	-	-	8
Paul Gallup	-	-	8
Greg Wallace	-	-	4
Jim Cantrell	-	-	2
Anthony Thompson	-	-	2
Ron Carr	-	-	1

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 Club Meeting Guest Speaker Don Combs and Steve Grant	4	5 Kingfish Tune-Up Tournament
6	7 Board Meeting	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17 Club Meeting	18	19
20	21	22	23 Greater Jax Kingfish Junior Angler Tournament	24	25 Greater Jax Kingfish General Angler Tournament	26
27	28	29	30	31	<i>July</i>	

## Coming Events:



Thursday, July 5th - Guest Speaker Don Combs and Steve Grant of C & H Lures! A don't Miss Seminar on Kingfishing!  
 Saturday, July 5th - The Club Kingfish Tune-up Tournament

*The AT&T Greater Jacksonville Kingfish Tournament*  
 Wednesday, July 23rd Junior Angler  
 Friday July 25th & Saturday July 26th General Tournament.

Saturday, Sept. 20th - The new FUN "Luck of the Draw Tournament"

### Tournament Schedule for 2008

Tournament	-	-	Month	-	-	-Date / Alternate
						Saturday - Sunday
The Kingfish Tune-Up Tournament -			July	-----	5 / 19	-----
The Powder Puff Tournament -			August	-----		10 / 17
The Light Tackle Tournament -			August	-----	23 / 30	-----

Run by...  
 Andy Proescher  
 Chris Rooney  
 Eddie McGowan

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