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Presidents Castings

Captain Chris Rooney

July Madness, "The Kingfish Craze"

This is the Month when the Kingfish Anglers get crazy, different things take priority in life, "where can we get hand caught ribbonfish?" "did you call and reserve our goggle eyes?", "and the worst question of the month, "did you hear a thermocline is moving in?". The Kingfish widows are used to it by now, they just stand back and shake their heads, hopefully seeing the humor in the antics. Let's take a bit of a look at the kingfishermen's trials and tribulations.

First thing to start and get ready are the rods and reels, were going to pray for a 50 LB fish on 15# test with 30 yards of 20 # fluoro carbon leader down to #4 wire and a #6 x-strong tremble hook rig. The rod has to be at the least 7 feet long, with a real flexible tip so we don't put undue stress on our little poggie buddy. The reel has to hold at least 400 yards of this line, with at a minimum a 6.2 to 1 retrieve ratio so if that 50 lb fish makes a run to the boat we can keep up?? Don't forget that reel better have a smooth drag cause that 50 lb fish is going to be pulling against at the least 3-4 lbs of drag and I like it tight!!

Lets get to the rigs, #4 wire, what's that 30lb test at best, and we worry about the kingfish seeing the leader! #6 hooks are the same size that are on the spinning lures I used to use for trout fishing in small streams. This is not

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AT&T GREATER JACKSONVILLE
KINGFISH TOURNAMENT
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To contact Inez, you can Phone her at :
Sisters Creek office = 904 - 251 - 3011
Cell Phone = 904 - 424 - 1981
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Also don't forget that if you are fishing the tournament, even as crew on a non-members boat to register with Chris Rooney for the Hamaker Cup

Please try to find some time to help on this!

Fishing Reports & Other tall Tales



Derek Siegel
Fishing Committee
Director

We had the May Trolling tournament to which Andy Proescher and crew took 1st place. Greg Wallace on the Kelly Wallace took 2nd place and Chris Rooney on the Driftin "n" Dreaming took 3rd. The Unlimited tournament did not take place due to weather.

There have been some truly great catches to mention. A 100+ pound Wahoo and 40+ pound dolphins have been caught. This of course was before the big rain. There have been a good amount of large Dolphin caught offshore. Paul Gallup Jr. caught a 43.5 pound Dolphin, Tarus Chatam also landed a 44.3 pound Dolphin. The bottom fishing has been outstanding also. The Snapper have still been providing some good catches along with B-liners and good Grouper catches.

Fishing Report Continued

I was fishing with George Drake and got to see the butterfly jigs in action. Thanks to Kyle I got to see these jigs catch a wide variety of fish including an 18 pound Grey Grouper. An outstanding day.

Since our deluge of continuous rain fishing in the river and jetties has been spotty. Also the Kingbuster kicked off our tribute to our fishing for the "King". I crewed on the Heavy Hitters boat captained by Jimmy Garza for the Junior Tournament with Bill and his son Max and my nephew Zach. After a search for bait and jigging up a few blue runners we were able to start fishing. Max got 1st honors at the rod to only have a Barricuda bite its tail off. Zach's King didn't fare much better with the same results. Max's fish weighed in at 22 pounds and Zach's was 24.4 pounds minus tails.

Also not to forget, keep an eye on the weather. Its been too unpredictable and no need to risk messing up a good day on the water with a mishap due to the weather.

My son Derek is looking forward to his R&R time home. He misses our fishing trips and wants to go while he is home. He currently is serving with the U.S. Marines and is in Iraq. Semper Fi.

Remember to check your equipment before every trip. Drags not hammered down, sharpened hooks, fresh line, no broken guides and most importantly fresh bait. Your next fish could be that "fish of a lifetime". Paul Gallup Jr. can attest to that. See you on the water, be safe and tight lines.

Derek



At least some of our members are getting some fishing done, Here are Leigh Davis with a 28 Lb Wahoo, and Eddie McGowan with a 40 Lb Bull Dolphin Caught off Pat McVea's boat.



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Quality Time!

By Brian Kiel

Summer Vacation!! I've been itching to put my children on their first Red Snapper and Beeliner ever since our move, and with both of them finally on summer vacation it was finally going to happen. Waiting for good weather and doing a little pre-planning I had no problem talking AJ Proscher into tagging along with us on board the "Bare Necessities" as we made out first trip out of Mayport.

Not helpful, in the getting ready to leave department, was a tired daughter who did not want to get out of bed and proclaimed rather loudly "It's SUMMER VACATION and I am not suppose to get up early! Finally getting her rallied (But not happy.) we leave a little late and hit the ditch, making our way north from Palm Valley through four "No Wake" zones and a number of coming off-plane stops for small boats and Kayaks.

Waiting for us at the Mayport Ramp is AJ who has patiently waited for us for quite a while. Having plenty of bait, we headed out to one of AJ's spots he thought we'd do well at. The seas are outstanding, so much in fact that 25 miles out Kaitlyn is laying down in the bow reading a book. It's gonna be a great day!

Prior to hitting AJ's first spot he bragged that this spot has never disappointed him and after just a couple of drifts we should have some food Red Snapper. I was laughing as I told him that was a bold assertion and that I've said things like that before only to have the bite be less than stellar.



First drift and two lines down, one with a live 6" and one with a frozen Cigar minnow. Casey gets hooked up with the live bait, and immediately gets pinned to the gunnel. He is having a tough time, so I go over to help him, and Kaitlyn is hit hard on the other side of the boat. AJ helps her and she catches her first Red snapper, that was a good size keeper, while Casey boats a 16.5 Lb Gag, his largest ever! Boy is he pumped!

After the bite slowed, we decided to try another spot nearby. As Casey was reeling in his line, he said he had a fish on, but his line was way off to the side of the boat, at about a 40 degree angle. I thought it might be a Cobia that didn't know it was hooked, so I loosened the drag (It was locked down for bottom fishing.) so he could fight it. After a short fight he got it close to the boat, and AJ was the first to identify it. AJ quickly got the gaff, and wasted no time in gaffing Casey's first African Pompano!

After a couple of pictures we finally moved inshore for some Beeliners. It took a couple of tries to get the boat anchored in the right position, but once we did, the fishing was easy.

Casey went back to the smaller rod with 20Lb test for the Beeliners. As he was bringing up one, (We were all watching.) all of a sudden his rod doubled over and we thought a Cuda had eaten his Beeliner as drag started ripping off the reel. We finally realized it was an AmberJack.



While Casey was still fighting his fish, I put a live grunt on a stout rod and dropped it down with the intention of letting Kaitlyn fight an AJ also. The Rod bent toward the water, and Kaitlyn did pretty well with the big rod, and after a short tug-of-war she brought up a fine Red Snapper. I couldn't get her to

Quality Time Cont.

hold the fish for a picture, but finally AJ held it and she got in the picture with it.



Casey was still fighting his fish, but we weren't too sure who was whipping who. At one point he tried putting the rod in the rod holder and fighting the fish from there, but the peanut gallery immediately went into heckling mode and convinced him that tough guys fight their fish holding onto the rod. Finally after a good fifteen minutes plus, of fight / stalemate Casey finally whiped his AJ, and as it came over the gunnel, Casey loudly proclaimed "I'm ready to go home!"

The Kids caught a ton of Beeliners and we were amazed at all the Cuda's and other fish that swam by. At one point we had a Cobia of at least 50 Lbs swim by, but we weren't quick enough to present him with something that interested him. Although during the day we heard two request from Kaitlyn to head home, once we got into the Beeliners she didn't want to leave!

This was our first time fishing with AJ, and he was outstanding to have on the boat. All day long he truly enjoyed helping the kids enjoy the day and it was evident too that he knows his way around a boat and what it takes to catch fish. He is an outstanding young man and we look forward to fishing with him again! Thanks a lot AJ!

Brian

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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to mention that an average kingfish strike comes at about 60 miles an hour, I need a magnifying glass to see the rigs when I tie them up, but this fish is going to see them at 60 miles an hour and not going to eat our little Poggie buddy that is swimming unstressfully at 1.5 knots. All right, the kingfish are here and our pogies are still intact, what's next.

Lets rig a Ribbonfish, and fish some goggle eyes or blue runners, well we've moved up in the world of the kingfishermen. We just went from free bait to another C note a day for fishing on top of the gas to run past were that thermocline is effecting the fishing. Well at least now we can cover more ground, cause we can troll at 3 knots and these baits aren't like our little poggie buddies they won't drown. Wait, Oh Man we finally have a strike and a fish on man listen to that reel scream!! You gotta love this light line he's on his third run took the down line with a big Blue Runner man this is a big fish!!! He saw the boat and took off again for the 5th time, we have never had a King this strong, its gotta be the magic 50 lber, I know it, 25 ' Contender hear I come!! All right take it easy, I got the gaff, I see color, OH DARN IT, IT'S AN Amberjack man he's 45lbs if he's an ounce. Well that was a wasted 2 hours, let's get the lines back in.

Hey we got a shot that's why were waiting in line the mystery prize chest is still there and we get a key for this snake so we can try and open it. 2 and a half-hours in line and the key didn't fit, oh well that's the way it goes. Boy I can't wait till next year! Anybody want this Kingfish? The weather is going to be great tomorrow guys lets go for the heck of it, Anybody Got A poggie Report?

I know most of you saw the humor but not much in the way of exaggeration though. I'm ready for the big show lets get some of the membership in the top 25 this year whata ya say. Good Luck to All, catch 'um'up!!!



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SAFETY FIRST ELECTROCUTION

Most of us never think about, or consider, the danger of electrocution as something to be concerned about in the safety of boating. However, with the advent of warmer weather in the summer months, we find ourselves, at times, with a desire to jump in the water for a quick dip without giving 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.

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 bound. 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 neighbor 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.

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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat			
<i>July</i>			1	2 Club Meeting Capt. Dave Workman speaker	3	4			
			5	6 Board Meeting	7	8	9	10	
			12	13	14	15	16 Club Meeting	17	18 Kingfish Tune-up Tournament
			19	20	A T & T Greater Jacksonville Kingfish Tournament			24	25
			26	27	28 GJKT Junior Angler Tourn.	29	30 General Tournament Thursday & Friday	31	

Coming Events:



July 2, 2009 - Club meeting, with Guest speaker Capt. Dave Workman Jr. He is a highly respected Tournament Pro of the Southern Kingfish Association.

Dave has won the coveted Angler of the Year 3 times, and was recently inducted, April 30th 2007, into the S.K.A. Hall of fame.

July 18, 2009 - Saturday our Kingfish Tune-Up Tournament
Kingfish Kickoff Party at the Landing at 3:00 pm

July 21, 2009 - GJKT Junior Angler Tournament

July 23 & 24th, 2009 - The Kingfish general Tournament.

October 17, 2009 - The JOSFC Annual Awards Banquet

Tournament Schedule for 2009

Tournament	Month	-Date / Alternate
		Saturday - Sunday
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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