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PRESIDENTS CAST NET

Tom Darga

Well June is half over and summer vacation has begun for the kids.

This past month the club had its annual Junior Angler tournament held on a Saturday with 8 boats. Some boats struck out and some boats weighed a hefty amount. The winner of the Junior Angler was Jarrod Ogin with an impressive 35 lb Kingfish followed with a nice 8 lb Bonita. Second place was Ameilia Siegel. Next time you see them congratulate them for a job well done. I want to also express a great big thank you for all of the Junior anglers who fished but are not members. They had a great time and enjoyed themselves even though they were not eligible for prizes.

On the club front we have our Kingfish Tuneup this month. In case you have not heard the Offshore Club is getting back in business with the Greater Jacksonville Kingfish Tournament. If you are able to spend a few hours over that week helping out with the dock tournaments or on a Saturday and Sunday with the tear down and set up it would be greatly appreciated by all the volunteers who are working. I will have a sign up sheet at the clubhouse please see me if you are interested. In return for your work the Greater Kingfish is letting us set up a booth at Sisters Creek, saving the club 300 dollars.

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Captain Fred Jay Morrow Jr.

April 26, 1930 - June 6, 2014

An era has passed with the passing of a fishing legend. Last month we lost the Club's first President. We are proud that this Club is part of his Legacy.

He was one of the founding members of the Jacksonville Offshore Sport Fishing Club, and in 1959 he was the FIRST President of the Club. Captain Fred loved fishing and one of his claims to fame was winning the Greater Jacksonville Kingfish Tournament in the smallest boat ever.

Captain Fred was renowned all over Florida for his fishing abilities. He would have been surprised to know that to go fishing with him was on more than one person's "Bucket List", even people that had never met him!

May he have clam seas and great fishing in his special place in heaven! He will be missed!

Presidents Message Continued

Another note if you are fishing please pay attention to the weather as this time of the year it can become windy with lightning and high seas in the matter of minutes. Remember even with the advancement of technology you still have to be vigilant of the situation.

I want to give a great big Thank You to Captain George. Over the last several weeks he has been giving advice on the storm situations over the radio so that the boaters can head in. On the day of the Junior Angler he told people to start heading in since we had storm cells coming in from Nassau and St. Augustine. Thank you George for looking out for all of us. We may not say it much but it is really appreciated.

See you all at the next meeting
 Tom Darga
 JOSFC President



This is Jarrod Ogin with his Junior Angler Tournament Winning Fish, a 35 Lb King! Editor - (I have been fish ing here for 11 years and haven't caught one that big! That fish is big enough to place in the GJKT!

Below is Ameilia Siegel with her support crew that led her to second place in the tournament! From left to right - Alan Shepard, Dad (Derek Seigel), Amelia, and Greg Wallace of the Kelly-W



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Top's Tips Safety First

Top Ingram
Safety Officer

Traversing An Inlet

With the approach of summer afternoon storms, we will be seeing stronger winds, heavier seas and difficult boat handling conditions, especially at the entrance of inlets on the North East Florida coast.

One of the greatest hazards in boating can be traversing an inlet in heavy weather. The following is an example of a claim resulting from inexperience and improper navigation in an inlet during heavy weather. "The insured's loss occurred in the Boca Raton Inlet. Upon entering the inlet, the insured decided the conditions were excessive and decided to turn his boat around. As he turned, he was caught between two sets of breaking waves and the vessel flipped over and was pulled out to sea by the outgoing tide." Boat US claim #9700200.

Welcome to an inlet, one of the most inhospitable places for small boaters, where the big ocean is squeezed through a tiny opening to a quiet harbor. This relationship between wide open and narrow, and deep and shallow often results in breaking waves, tricky currents, meandering channels, and dangerous rock jetties.

According to the Boat U. S. Marine Insurance claim files, there are four things that a captain and crew should be wary of when entering an inlet: breaking waves, shifting channels, crowds, and darkness. Any one of these conditions alone can make an inlet dangerous; and more than one can make it so treacherous that the inlet should be considered impassable.

As a rule, you should enter an unfamiliar inlet that has breaking waves in the channel only as a last resort. If possible, never enter an unfamiliar inlet, especially after sunset and at low tide. You should head for a familiar and safer inlet. You should also consider

Inlets are most dangerous at low tide and where the outgoing tide meets the ocean current which can result in rogue waves and very turbulent movement of the water. The optimum time to enter an inlet is during slack high water when the channel is deepest and waves are least likely to be breaking.

If the decision is made to enter an inlet with breaking waves, all passengers and crew should be on deck and in life jackets. You should contact the Coast Guard and advise them of your intentions and contact them again when you are safely through

Remember, waves generally come in groups of three with the largest being the last one. Note the distance between waves as well as the time between wave sets and adjust your speed to maintain a comparable speed with the waves to avoid broaching or being pitch poled.

One of my favorite clichés is: "The successful boating/fishing trip is the one that begins and ends safely". Be very alert when entering an inlet with breaking waves and continue to enjoy safe boating throughout the year.

Top Ingram
Fish Tales



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



HELP!

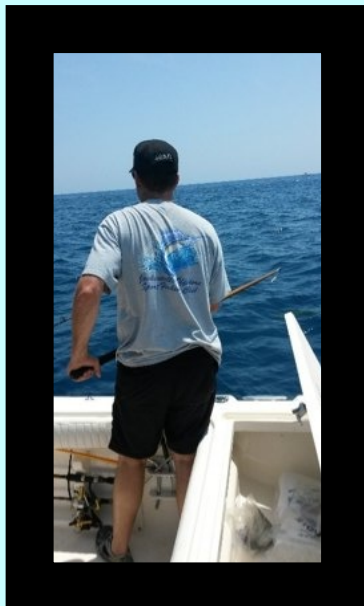
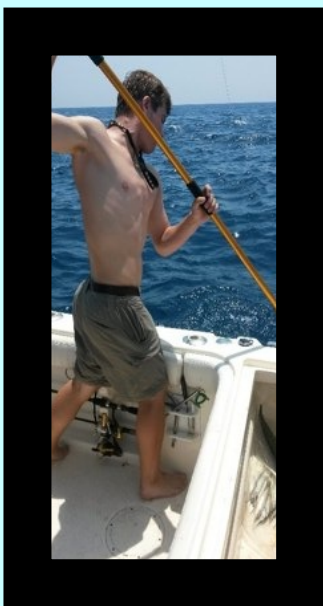
We really need your help at the GJKT! Starting on July 16th with the the Down At The Dock Tournament with cooking a hot dog lunch at 11:30 AM Fishing Derby at 12:30PM to 2:00 PM for the Downs Syndrome people at a dock tournament, and on the 19th for SET-UP for the Tournament site at Sisters Creek! Contact our President Tom Darga at 904-521-5364 or monicadarga@hotmail.com



Rob's Fishing Lore

PREMATURE E-GAFF-ULATION

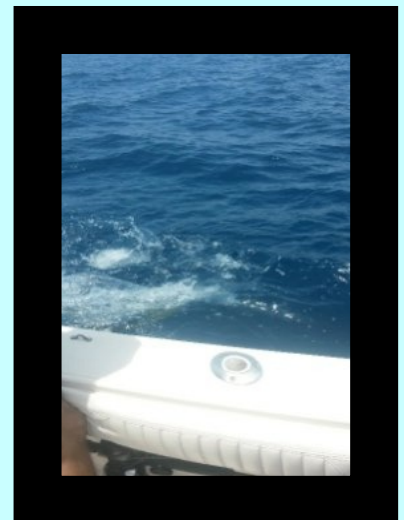
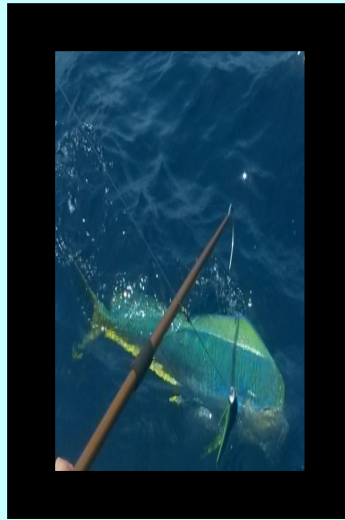
Sweat ran down her brow. Her skin glistened in the light. Muscles were aching for that sweet relief and yet. Well, at this point, we need to back up a minute in this tale. We need to establish a safe zone here in this story. In our safe zone, we have to be honest with each other. Ladies, just how many of you are persuaded by the pretty package on the outside? As men, do we not try to be something more than we really are? Take a moment and be honest with yourself. Now, that we have a clear understanding of just what and how we think, we will go on with the story. The story is about choices. Just how many of you will take the shiny new thing because it's new, buff and more appealing? So, Ladies, just what is your preference: something new and less experience or something a little order with softer edges and with more experience?



As such, you are on the rod and it's been a real battle. There has been a lot of hanging on and drag screaming moments during your time on the rod. You have fought and fought and the time is drawing near. As you have endured the fight, your gaff man stands at the ready. Just take a look at these two examples:

Just who do you want at the end of your gaff? The young stud or the experience one. The young stud is more appealing visually and the old stud has seen his better athletic days but when it comes down to performance do you really know what you are getting?

Before we make a choice, you may want to know something about the two proposed gaff buddies with benefits. In the first frame is the young stud while in the second frame is the older seasoned gaffer. Technique would be the most obvious thing that may separate the two. With technique, how one handles his gaff can make all the difference to the one on the rod. Let's take a look and examine the similarities and differences.). One appears to have a much firmer grip on the gaff while the other remains relaxed and steady. Too many swings and misses and the fish could be knocked off leaving the anglerette frustrated and disillusioned with whomever is handling the gaff. When it comes to one's gaff, in this case they may be all the same. Both gaff buddies had about the average gaff size 6 ft. (Or they wish)



Notice the gaff is getting a full extension and not extending it beyond an effective range. The hook is behind the line so not to interfere or get tangled in the line if the fish takes off or repositions itself. As you can tell, one has choked down on the gaff and using both hands for a secure shot and getting maximum extension. One should not compromise when it comes to reach. The gaff man has taken his time and has it in an ideal position. There is no quick head shot jeopardizing the moment.

E-Gaff Continued

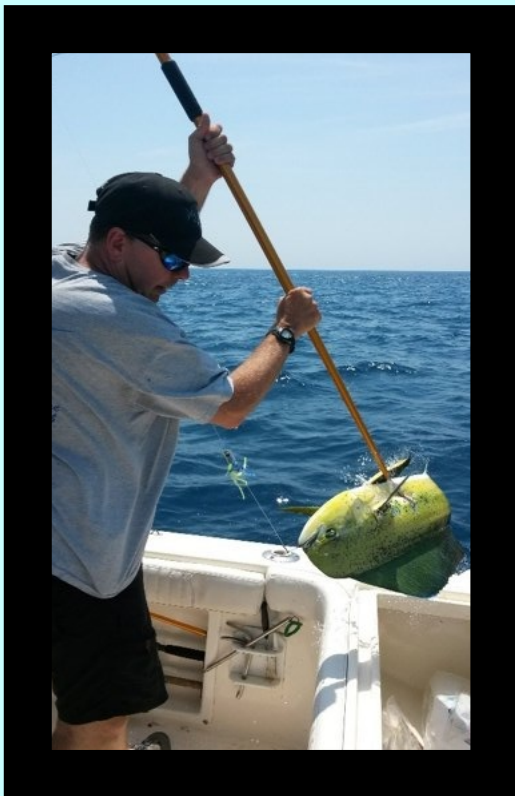
Next, the result is a quick snatch and that fish feels the pinch of the end of the gaff and goes crazy. Note, the wild splashing and frenzy action when the fish is stuck properly. After the gaff has found its mark, the next few moments are critical for success. This is where experience comes into play. Once again, let look at the finished product.



It is at this vital moment where gaff handling has the most impact. Form now comes into play. With the young stud, a quick shot and a strong motion caused the fish to leap from the sea. Note, the hands are still in the original position of impact while the gaff hook has elevated above the shoulders. A rookie mistake? Now, he has

quickly turned away from the box, nearly a full turn and he appears to be dumping the fish into the cooler. As we can see, this did not end well... epic failure. The fish hit the gunnel and the line broke leaving the anglerette heart broken.

Unlike, in the next frame, the old gaff stud has employed different handling techniques.



The gaff came in low and struck the fish hard keeping it unbalanced. Before the fish knew what hit it, it was upside down and under control. With better control and use of motion the fish is headed into the box. Instead of a quick hit and dump, note that the old gaff stud has choked down further on the gaff controlling the action achieving a more it to a more satisfactory ending. With a waiting and open box and a controlled fish, number two was secured thus his anglerette was able to relax. Just remember ladies, the choice is yours when it comes to fishing on just who or what you want your gaff stud to be.

Stay Thirsty, thirst for life,
Rob Darner

Gary Newman
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Gag & Black - 24" TL (Total Length) - 1 / day
 Red - 20" TL - 1/day - Total of 3 Grouper / day
 Black Seabass - 13" - 5 / day
 Cobia - 33" FL (Fork Length) - 1 / day
 Dolphin (Mahi) 20" - 10 / day
 Kingfish - 24" FL - 2 / day
 Spanish Mackerel - 12" FL - 15 / day
 Gray Triggerfish - 12" FL - No Limit
 B-Liners, (Vermilion Snapper) 12" TL - 5 / day
 Bluefish - 12" FL - 10 / day
 Flounder - 12" TL - 10 / day
 Greater Amberjack - 28" TL - 1 / day
 Tripletail - 15" TL - 2 / day
 African Pompano - 24" FL - 2 / day
 Red Snapper - 20" TL - 2 / Day - FLORIDA WATERS ONLY (Within 3 Miles of shore!)
 Snappers - 10 / day aggregate
 Mangrove - 10"
 Lane - 8"
 Mutton - 16"
 Cubera - 12'

May possess no more than 2 Cubera Snapper over 30' per harvester or vessel per day, whichever is less. 30" or larger not included within the Snapper aggregate bag limit.

Check the Regs before each trip to make sure they haven't changed!

Don't forget that we have added TARPON to the Boards! They are a Catch & Release only fish, so catch it take a photo and measurements and send it on it's way!

The Greater Jacksonville Kingfish Tournament is making a comeback! Once more the BIG FISH WINS! If you catch the biggest fish on Friday, you are in the top 10% for the Shootout on Saturday, but if no one catches a bigger fish on Saturday, you WIN !!! They do have an aggregate for second on down, but they are back to **BIG FISH WINS!**



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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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	
<h1>July</h1>		1	2	3 Club Meeting	4	5	
		6 Club Board Meeting	7	8	9	10	11
		12 Kingfish Tune-Up Tournament	13	14	15	16	17 Club Meeting
		18	19	20	21	22	23
		24	25	26	Greater Jacksonville Kingfish Tournament		
27	28	29	30	31			



- July 3rd - Club Meeting
- July 6 - Club Board of Directors Meeting
- July 12th - Club Kingfish Tune-Up Tournament
- July 21st through 26th - Greater Jacksonville Kingfish Tournament
- October 18th - Annual Awards Banquet



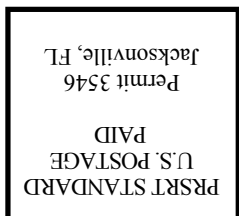
Tournament Schedule for 2014

Tournament	Month	Date	Alternate
		- All are on Saturday -	
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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