



The Newsletter of the ...

The Reel News



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The R & H Sailfish Masters Tournament

Every year in August the legendary fishermen Rick Ryles and Charlie Hamaker hold their Catch & Release Sailfish tournament. This is a winner take all tourny, cheap to enter and lots of fun.

It will be on August 21, 2011 Sunday this year so sharpen up your Sailfishing skills and go for the gusto!

There will be a mandatory Captain's meeting August 18th at 8:00 PM at the JOSFC Club House. Go to our Website for more Info.

Hay!

What's the Copyright doing on the front page?

Well we, that is YOU, have some work that needs taking care of!

Every few years we need to update the club By-Laws. The Board has worked hard to come up with the proposed changes and YOU need to look them over and (They hope.) approve of them so we can vote on them in September.

Pages 2 & 3 of this newsletter have the proposed changes only. The DELETED text is UNDERLINED, and the ADDED text is in ITALICS. To see the full current By-Laws, just pull out your copy from your membership envelope and What's that? You lost it a long time ago? OK, you can view the By-Laws at our website under the "About" tab.

Please review the proposed changes and be ready to vote on them in September.



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Club member Tim Altman has started a new website to connect fishermen with boats with fishermen with gas money!



www.availableangler.com

While we have the Instant Crew section of this newsletter, this just might replace it with daily hookups. This is open to ALL fishermen & Women, so be sure to tell your non-JOSFC (Why aren't they a member?!) friends about it!

NOTE - Here are the proposed changes to the Club By-Laws. Deleted text is Underlined, Added text is in *Italics*.

Jacksonville Offshore Sport Fishing Club, Inc.

Article I - Membership

C. **Junior** – Children *or Grandchildren* of family members in good standing are eligible for junior membership.

F. **Earned Lifetime** – Shall be awarded on an individual basis in appreciation for services rendered to the corporation. The husband or wife of an earned lifetime member shall be a family member. This membership shall have full voting rights. In order to be eligible for this membership the person must:

1. Have served at least five years as an officer or director.
2. Be nominated by a majority vote of the board of directors.
3. Be approved by a majority vote of the quorum of the membership. during the annual election on the written ballot.

I. **Associate** – Shall be limited to an individual or corporation who wish to give the Jacksonville Offshore Sport Fishing Club, Inc. a donation of \$100.00 *\$200.00* or more for each year, to be used at the discretion of the corporation. Said membership shall carry no right to hold office, vote or have any voice in the affairs of the corporation. An Associate member shall receive in appreciation a plaque designating their membership in the corporation.

Article IV – Officers and Their Duties

Section 2.

President – The president of this corporation shall preside at all meetings when present. He shall appoint special committee when it is deemed advisable to do so; shall renew all reef permits and shall make all annual reports pertaining to the reef permits; shall represent the corporation in public and at all official functions; shall be the correspondence and legal tender and shall be authorized to co-sign all corporate checks.

Section 5.

Treasurer – The treasurer shall be responsible for receipts and disbursements of all funds of the corporation and shall keep accurate records therefore; shall give a financial statement at board meetings, general meetings, and at other times when requested to do so; shall co-sign all corporate checks; shall handle all financial matters pertaining to the corporation and shall authorize and approve at his or her **his** discretion, all corporate expenditures of up to \$100.00 *\$300.00* for any one expenditure. Expenditures over \$300.00 must be approved by a majority vote of the board of directors.

Article V – Board of Directors

Section 2.

Elected board members shall serve for a term of one year and can serve no more than two *four* successive terms. Should a board seat become vacant for any reason, the remaining board members may appoint a successor from the membership of the corporation by vote of a simple majority of the directors. The successor so selected shall serve until the next annual election or until a special election is called in accordance with Article VIII, section 6 of these bylaws.

Article VIII – Standing Committees

Section 1.

There shall be the following standing committees:

- A. Advisory committee consisting of all past presidents
- B. Chart and Book sales committee
- C. Fishing committee
- D. Hospitality committee
- E. Membership committee
- F. Newsletter / *Web-Site* committee.
- P. Trophy / awards committee

[Deleted Committee's](#)

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Article XI – Bylaws

Section 1.

These bylaws consisting of eleven articles having been revised pursuant to amendments approved in accordance with the provisions hereof supersede any previous bylaws and shall stand until further amended in the manner provided for in Article VII. These bylaws are to take effect as of the *1st day of November 2011*.

Approved this , at a regular meeting of the board of directors of the Jacksonville Offshore Sport Fishing Club, Inc.

Don Cook

President

Attested By:

Danny Del Rio



Top's Tips Safety First

Top Ingram
Safety Officer

Lightning

Another grim boating statistic was recorded in South Florida recently when the local TV station reported the loss of a fisherman when he fell out of his boat as it spun out of control on the St. Lucie River. A passenger was injured and the operator has not been found. The boat was near the Evans Crary Bridge and within sight of land when the accident happened. No one in the boat was wearing a life jacket when they entered the water. However, a nearby boater was able to rescue the passenger. This is just another example of why you should wear your life jacket when underway in your boat.

Many boaters have advised me that they carry life jackets on board their vessel with the idea of putting them on when an emergency arises. Detailed case studies show that boat accidents and capsizing happen so fast that there is usually no time to don a life jacket. (As in the case above). Remember the Scout motto: Be prepared. So, wear your life jacket. If not for you, think of your family with you out of the picture.

In a recent newsletter, Bill Breen wrote under the heading: "Some nice to know information" that with lightning "5 seconds between Flash and Thunder = 1 Mile". As Bill indicated, you will see the lightning before you hear the thunder because sound travels much slower than light. You can determine the distance of the storm by counting one thousand one to five after you see the lightning. Each five counts tell you that the lightning is about one mile away. If your count shows that the storm is less than 10 miles, you should head for safety since data shows that lightning can strike out 10 miles in front of a storm where the sky may even be clear. The comment that if you can hear the thunder, head inside or for shelter is so true.

I want to remind everyone to be alert, and on the lookout for lightning, one of the weather hazards we face, especially on hot humid days, here in Florida. It is that time of year now when those hot, humid and muggy days sometimes come to an end with menacing, dark clouds gathering on the horizon. In order to make sure that our

boating/fishing trip is one that begins and ends safely, we should keep a wary eye on those clouds gathering on the horizon. Boaters should keep an eye on afternoon cumulus clouds in hot weather because they are capable of turning into thunderheads if there is enough moisture in them. If you recognize the changing situation, you may be able to run for safety before there is any danger.

In hazy weather, you may not be able to see the thunderhead forming since haze limits visibility and is ideal weather for a thunderstorm. On such hot, hazy days, you should be alert for static on your am radio, the sound of thunder or the flicker of lightning. On such hot, muggy, hazy days, you should plan on staying close to port so you can run in if necessary.



Lightning is a serious boating hazard. It takes place not only between clouds and the water, but also between clouds and within clouds and usually strikes the highest item around the area. When you are out on the water, you may be the highest thing around for miles. Also, the more frequent the lightning, the more severe the storm.

The best way to escape the dangers of lightning is to avoid it. The more weather-wise you become, the less likely you are to be caught out on the water in a thunderstorm. If you should be caught out in a thunderstorm, each person on board should don a life jacket, if not wearing one already. Next, pinpoint your exact location before the storm arrives because heavy rain will reduce your visibility. Reduce your boat speed and secure all loose gear on or below deck.

Once the storm hits take the first, and usually the strongest, gusts of wind on your bow, not abeam. Try to keep a heading into the wind and approach the increasing waves at a 45% angle that will keep your propeller under water and reduce pounding. Stay low in the boat and keep away from metal objects since a nearby strike could send strong electrical charges into the boat.

Lightning Concluded

You can lessen the danger of lightning damage to your boat by having a grounding system installed if your boat does not have one. A good grounding system neutralizes the difference in electrical potential between water and air and prevents static buildup. This is the same reason farmers put lightning rods on their barns. There are no guaranteed safeguards against lightning. It is very unpredictable and powerful. Therefore, avoid it if at all possible.

Know before you go, pay attention to changing weather conditions, get off the water as soon as you can when lightning is approaching, and continue to enjoy safe boating throughout the year.

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The Darner crew caught this beautiful 48 Lb. Kingfish in mid June, fishing on Scott's boat the "Scott Free" I am sure they tried to figure out how to keep her alive until the Greater Jax Kingfish Tournament as that fish is big enough to win the whole thing! Let's hope they marked the spot and can go back to catch her big sister or mother!

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, or E-mail me your pictures at:
PH# 904-254-2791
beenw@bellsouth.net



Instant Crew, Just Add Water

<u>Name</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Availability</u>	<u>Can call the Night before.</u>
Pete St.Laurent -	C = 220-9199	Most weekends	Up to 8:00 pm
Rodney Anderson	-C = 318-4005	Any day	Up to 9:00 pm
Richard Fisher	- H = 221-9629 - Cell 738-1010	Nearly every day	Up to 8:00 PM the day before.
John Porcella -	C = 610-3855	Nearly any day	Up to 10:00 PM
Joe Esparza	- C = 536 - 4114	Any Day	Up to 10:00 pm
Phillip Ferdon -	H = 879-0184 C = 887-6736	Fri. Sat.	Up to 9:00 pm
Rod Saffles	- C =993-6986	Any Day	Up to Midnight
Ron Hunter	- C = 733-1197	From Noon Wednesday through Sunday	Up to 8:00 PM
Ronald Cowart -	C = 879-4724	Weekends	Up to 9:00 PM
Greg Cole	- C = 412 - 5722	Any Day	Up to 9:00 PM
Jason Jones	- C = 945.6576	Weekends	Up to 9:00 PM
Roy Edwards -	C = 918-633-1976	Any Day	Up to 9:00 PM



THE RACE FOR CAPTAIN OF THE

PLACE CAPTAIN

POINTS

1 -	Greg Wallace	49
2 -	AJ Proescher	37
3 -	Steve Kalaitzis	31
4 -	Tom Meyer	29
5 -	Jeff Deyton	25
6 -	Chris Rooney	19
7 -	Tom Cavin	16
8 -	Jack Ogin	10
8 -	Brian Kiel	10
8 -	Don Cook	10
9 -	Ray Chancey	8
9 -	Jeff Altman	8
10 -	Paul Gallup	7
10 -	Will Aitken	7
10 -	Rob Darnier	7
11 -	Butch Ogin	6
11 -	Rob Cripe	6
12 -	Eddie McGowan	5

The Race for the Captain of the Year isn't over by a long shot. While Greg Wallace has a nice lead, we still have three tournament left to fish. That is a full 30 points, and that means that any of the top six places has a chance to tie or beat Greg.

The Powder Puff is a 10 point tournament for all that participate. That is, unlike the other tournaments that 1st place gets 10 points, 2nd place gets 9 points, 3rd place gets 8 points on down to 10th place getting 1 point. Only 10 places get any points, in the Powder Puff and Junior Angler Tournaments EVERYONE that participates gets the full 10 points.

That is so that a Captain that is trying hard to win the Captain of the Year board won't make a kid or lady that is not used to rough water suffer in marginal conditions.

If Greg misses one tournament or does not place in the top 10 for the Light Tackle, or Bottom Tournament, there are still 5 other people ready to step up and steal that title for this year

Myself, I am rooting for Greg to win!

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Club House

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
	1 Board Meeting	2	3	4 Club Meeting	5	6
7 Powder Puff Tournament	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18 Club Meeting & Captains meeting for the R & H Sailfish Tournament	19	20 Light Tackle Tournament
21 R & H Sailfish Masters Tournament	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			<h1>August</h1>

Coming Events:

- August 7 - Powder Puff Tournament
- August 20 - Light tackle tournament
- August 18 - Captains meeting for the R & H Sailfish Masters Tournament
- August 21 - The R & H Sailfish Masters Tournament
- October 22 - Annual Awards Banquet



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Tournament Schedule for 2010

Tournament	-	-	Month	-	-	-Date / Alternate
						Saturday - Sunday
The Powder Puff Tournament -			August	-	-	7 / 14 --- Judy Altman
The Light Tackle Tournament -			August	-	-	20/ 27----- Greg Wallace
The Bottom Tournament -			September	-	-	10/ ----- 11 --- AJ Proescher

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