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PRESIDENTS CASTINGS Capt. Paul Gallup

Hey everybody and welcome to August. I can't believe that the year is on the down hill slide. July proved to be just as busy as the other months as far as stuff going on. To start with, the Greater Jacksonville Kingfish Tournament was held and I am proud to announce that we had several club members in the money. First off, congratulations to Rob Cripe for winning the Redneck VIP tournament with a very respectable 38.35lb fish. I would also like to announce that 4 of the top 6 finishers in the tournament were all club members. In addition to Rob, we also had Butch Garvin in 4th, Chris Rooney in 5th and Tim Altman in 6th. In the general tournament we also had some club members near the top as well which included Tony Benievento and Rob Cripe. Congratulations to all that fished.

The tournament also involved our club in the festivities this year by having us do all the cooking. I would personally like to thank Brien and Marge Hackbart for spearheading the "Hells Kitchen Part II". You to did a great job. I would also like to thank every one of you that volunteered some of your time to help out. I don't have a full list but you know who you are and Thank you. It is certainly nice to know that there are some givers out there and not just the takers. Capt. Don Dingman was on hand to do the kids awards and ice cream social. He always makes the kids smile.

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This Past month the JOSFC lost a club record holder, **Paulette Walker**, she holds the club record with a 59.5 Lb Kingfish! Paulette is survived by her husband Roger Walker a past JOSFC president.

The above Photo is of

Paulette with her catch on 7/30/1978 The guy is Roger if you didn't recognize him.

Our sincere condolences to Roger and family.



Life Jackets, Yeah, I know you don't wear one most of the time. However, at the very least wear it while the boat is underway!

That simple feat could save yours or a passenger's life!

Wear the darn thing

The JOSFC Annual Awards Banquet is coming!

We will hold it at the Ramada Inn on Hartley Rd. October 19th. Tickets will go on sale August 1st both On-Line at www.jaxfish.com and from any Officer or Board Member.

We would like you to get involved and help get donations for the Raffle, as this is our other major fund-raiser for the club.

In 2012 we supported the Hook the Future Foundation, as well as the Recreational Fishing Alliance, The City of Jacksonville Reef Program, Tisiri Reef Building program, Mayport Magnet Elementary Coastal Sciences Academy.

We also support the Greater Jacksonville Marine Charities's "Greater Jax Kingfish Tournament".

I have an official donation request letter and Donation form you can use if you want or need one.

Ask any and every place you shop, it does not have to be fishing related. You will find my contact information on page 5 under "Loud Hailings"

Bill

THANK YOU!!!
THANK YOU!!!

We owe Brien and Marge Hackbart one great big Thank You!

Brien organized and ran the cooking crews for our club for the entire week of the Greater Jax Kingfish Tournament.

Brien and Marge were there ALL day EVERY day making sure things went smoothly!

Just in case you haven't been around to know this, the Greater Jax Kingfish Tournament did not have any other vendors selling food this year.

They decided to sell the food themselves so the Marine Charities would get the profits from that part of the event.

They came to the JOSFC and asked if our club could do the cooking for them, and we said yes, so the Hackbarts stepped up and took on the monumental task of organizing the "Kitchen" and crews to cook and serve all the food for the entire week!

While I couldn't be there Friday and Saturday as I had planned, Brien said it all went very well and smoothly.

We also owe a big thanks to all the club members that volunteered and worked hard for the event!

Presidents Message Continued

Unfortunately at the end of June we lost a life member in Paulette Walker. She was a very special lady and will be truly missed. Roger, you are in my family thoughts and prayers as I'm sure with a lot of other people.

This month we have the powder puff tournament as well as the light tackle tournament. We are also getting stuff ready for our annual awards banquet in October. If there's anything that any one of you can do to help, its always appreciated. On the fishing front, the kingfish have been on fire with several fish over the 35 lb mark caught as well as some fine catches of bee liners and sea bass. I've also been told that red

Capt Paul Gallup



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The Call

Americans love a riddle. Pop culture television has dedicated itself in one way or another to riddles to entertain their viewers. Batman & Robin is one such iconic show. Batman & Robin were always vexed by The Riddle. At the end of each show, a victorious Batman would always solve the riddle and thus reveal the moral to a story. So, my fellow Bat-readers, let me riddle you this? What does a Greek slave, an ant, a fish and a grasshopper have in common?

“Fish On, Fish On!” was all that I heard. Other sounds starting peculating though the air. The day’s temperature rose with every inch that the Sun climbed toward its zenith in the sky. Sweat was pouring from my brow as it ran into my eyes.

The top bait was crushed, hammered if you will by a lurking predator. Next, the drag to my reel began to sing. It is a distinctive sound that after a few years of fishing with these reels, one has become accustomed to. It is ‘The Sound of Music’ we all enjoy it’s music to our ears. The drag’s clicker sound was produced as the fish speed through the water. More commands were heard. Orders were given to raise the downriggers. Clickly-clack, clickly-clack, clickly-clack and one downrigger was on its way up to the surface. The clickly-clack, clickly-clack of the second downrigger followed the first. Still the reel sung with delight as the fish striped more line.

The bend of the rod showed in which direction the fleeing fish intended to go. Crewmembers were busy stowing the now excess gear while the helmsman and the angler prepared to work in unison to coax this fish closer to the boat for a gaff shot. A second engine could be heard coming to life. The sound of the engines changed pitch and the mighty High Roller was off on the chase. The hull lifted and splashed among the waves as she made way toward a great fish. Swoosh, was the sound of the hull slicing though the ocean. It is always inevitable that some spray was kicked out as the pursuit of our quarry.

Excited utterances were then heard, “Turn, Turn, the fish is going this way!” All I could do was just wait on the outcome. The helmsman maneuvered the boat this way and that to counter the fish’s moves. Again, the fish took off on a strong run. Again, I heard the drag sing to life. A second dash was heard when the fish decided not to cooperate and come to the boat easily. The fish now was challenging its angler. Both the angler and the fish, were locked into a give & take battle. In typical kingfish fashion, the fish ran and came back. It began its circling beyond the crew’s peering vision. The crew starred into the emerald green water as if they were hypnotized by some spell caster.

“I see it,” said someone.

“There is it,” said another.

The flash of color made the crew wonder. The preconceived notion of exactly what this was changed. It just goes to show, you can never judge a book by its cover. The crew’s minds changed with the color of the fish. The

silver flash gave way to something almost not too believable except it just happened. Instead of the classic green or grey back of a kingfish, the hue was pinkish. The silver flash wasn’t long but it was more like a dot. The pink hue sharpened into red. An 18 pound Red Snapper slowly lost its fight to the surface. Now, please keep this between you and me that the last Red Snapper was just caught on the East Coast. So shuuuush.

“Mayport Princess, Mayport Princess...High Roller,” is what I heard next.

“Mr. Darner,” was the reply.

“You’ll never guess what we just caught on the surface!” was the retort and then I heard the answer. A beaming smile came across my face as I again wiped the dripping sweat from my forehead. For you may not see, I had just finished measuring a 6/12 pitch roof in the hot June sun when my father called. He did not realized that the call went through thus I looked and listed at the smart phone as the fish battled and the crew answered. It was the second best thing to being there, well maybe; however, it was a pleasant distraction to counting hail bruises on a 3-tab shingled roof.



The whole episode got me to thinking. Soon it dawned upon me, my father was an ant who worked for 30 years saving and storing. He was now out fishing with other ants who also saved and stored so they could go fishing. What I did know is that there were no grasshoppers on that boat. Aesop was a smart man! The truths in which he spoke about are just as relevant today in modern society as they were for a Greek slave. It is this ant’s turn to sow, save and store so I or we can be just like that ant out there on the water doing what we so passionately love.

Best Wishes for Fishing,
Rob Darner





Top's Tips Safety First

Top Ingram
Safety Officer

Lightning

Lightning kills about 2,000 people worldwide each year. It can strike up to 10 miles away from any rain or storm cloud. Recently 2 teens were killed by a lightning strike with the local sky clear and blue. A witness said that the nearest storm clouds were at least 5 miles away. From news accounts, I think we all know that Florida is the lightning capital of the United States.

When a thunder storm or lightning is forecast, the 3 most dangerous places to be are in the water, under a tall tree or in an open boat on the water. Remember if you are out in your boat fishing, you are the tallest object around and lightning seeks the tallest object. So, it is important that you crouch low and try to stay below some item of your boat. Obviously, the safest place to be is ashore and in a building.

Two fishermen from Saint Johns County are lucky to be alive after being struck by lightning last month. In this case they had spent the day fishing the creeks off the intracoastal waterway. About 1pm the sky turned black and a thunderstorm moved their way. They headed North and tried to outrun the storm. Unfortunately, they had just started to move when the lightning bolt struck the two and the boat. Also, fortunately, the motor was disabled by the lightning and when the two regained consciousness the boat had drifted onto the shore. Needless to say, these two fishermen were extremely lucky.

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.

Since all modern radios have a weather channel, listen to the VHF weather warnings and head to port if a thunderstorm is predicted.

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



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Lightning Continued

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.

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.

Top Ingram
Fish Tales

I know that I have said this before, but we really want this to sink in.

At least wear your Life Vest while underway!



That is Rob Cripe, the proud winner of the 2013 Greater Jacksonville Kingfish Tournament's **REDNECK VIP TOURNAMENT!**

Rob and crew, Greg Wallace and Alan Shepard landed this nice (Biggest fish that day) Kingfish weighing in at 38.35 Pounds!

I also understand they places well in the regular tournament.

Congratulations Rob, way to go!!!

My wife Terri Breen wanted to thank everyone for their prayers and good wishes while she was in the hospital.

She is fully recovered from her T.I.A. and back to her normal ornery self! Thanks!



Loud Hailings
Newsletter Editor
Bill Breen

Our Program Director, says that if you have a suggestion for a guest speaker or know anyone he can trick into giving a talk at the club, be sure to give him their name so he can contact them. Lets help Will out!

I really like to feature PICTURES of club members with some good catches. Either give me a hardcopy at a meeting (I will return it to you) or Phone, or E-mail me your pictures at: PH# 904-254-2791 breenw@bellsouth.net Don't forget to include your name spelled correctly and the fish weight.

Anyone can submit an article for the Reel News just send or give it to me at any time.



Do you recognize the above camera hog? Not Bill Wilderotter, everyone knows Bill, I was talking about the big Gag Grouper! Bill was fishing with a friend in the Gulf, when they caught this nice fish. Naturally Bill had to release the fish as the season was closed!



There is Bill AGAIN, this time with Chuck Darner with the nice Cobia that Chuck caught here off Jacksonville.

Wonder why Bill gets in so many pictures? It appears that Bill is the only one that takes a camera with him fishing and takes pictures!

I am not complaining because Bill always sends me GOOD pictures to publish, but I would like to get some from the rest of the club also.

Just send them to me at breenw@bellsouth.net, and I will get most of your good catches in the Newsletter!

Kids photos get priority treatment!

I normally only give you seafood recipes, but this is so good I just had to pass it on.

The ... Best Turkey Breast Injection Recipe & Marinade

Ingredients:

- 1 Cup - Chicken Broth**
- 1/4 Cup - Garlic Oil**
- 1 Teaspoon - Salt**
- 1/4 Cup - Honey**
- 3 Tablespoons - Worcestershire Sauce**
- 1 Heaping Teaspoon - Rosemary - Finely chopped & crushed**
- 1 Heaping Teaspoon - Sage - Finely chopped & crushed**
- 1 Heaping Teaspoon - Thyme - Finely chopped & crushed**
- 1 - Bay Leaf**
- 1/4 Stick - Butter**

Directions:

1 - Mix all the above ingredients in a pot and heat to just short of a boil until the Butter is melted. Reduce heat and simmer for 10 minutes.

2 - Let cool slightly, then Strain into another pot. (Use a fine screen, a coffee filter does NOT work.)




























3 - 3 holes along the top of each breast, and 2 for each Thigh will be plenty.

3 - Using an injection syringe & needle, inject 1/3 of a syringe, using the same hole, rotate the syringe 1/3 of the way, inject 1/3 of the syringe, then again rotate 1/3 of the way and inject the last of the syringe.

5 - IF you have an infrared cooker or Oil less turkey fryer that is the best way to now cook your Turkey, or you can bake, or grill or rotisserie the turkey until the internal temperature is 170 degrees.

6 - Try not to over eat, (It will be hard to not eat the whole thing at one sitting.)



Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
 <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold;">August</div>				1 Club Meeting 	2 	3 
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11 Powder puff Tournament 	12 	13 	14 	15 Club Meeting 	16 	17 
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25 	26 	27 	28 	29 	30 	31 

Coming Events:

- August 1st - Club Meeting
- August 11th - Powder Puff Tournament
- August 15th - Club Meeting
- August 24th - Light Tackle Tournament
- October 19th - Annual Awards Banquet



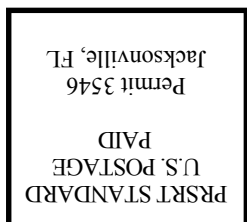
Tournament Schedule for 2013

Tournament	-	-	Month	-	-	-Date / Alternate
						Saturday - Sunday
The Powder Puff Tournament -			August	-	-	-11 / 18 -- Laura Ogin
The Light Tackle Tournament -			August	-	-	24 ----- Alan Shepard
Light Tackle Weather Date			September	-	-	1
The Bottom Tournament -			September	-	-	7 ----- 15 -- Jack Ogin

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