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Presidents Castings



**Club President
Eddie McGowan
Bite This**

Don't Pay the Ransom! I escaped from Edwina! That eew de fish perfume of hers almost killed me, but I am back.

Since Edwina did not tell you about the past seminars and club tournaments.... I'll take a moment to recap for you.

Kevin Dean with Voodoo lures and Menhaden Milk gave us great info on chumming and Dave Workman, owner of the Strike Zone, gave us a fantastic lesson on catching the mighty Kingfish! Dave also donated some Super raffle prizes for our meeting that night. He always comes through for the club when we need his help. THANKS AGAIN DAVE! People, when you go by the Strike Zone let Dave and his crew know you are with the JOSFC, and how much we appreciate what they do for our club.

The Kingfish Tune-Up tournament was nice and fun for about a half of the day. Then it got very exciting and quite hairy, to say the least. There were about 13 boats in the tournament and I think 8 to 10 of us (That includes me.) went through some very nasty storms with winds well in excess of 30 mph, heavy, heavy rain, and a lot of lightning. I was a l-o-n-g 10 miles out from the jetties at 2:15 pm when they hit me and I was real glad to see those rocks when the storm finally passed over.

Congratulations to the Proescher crew on the "Debt Finder" for taking first place with a 26 pounder. The Powder Puff tournament had a lot better

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PLEASE!

Once again, this month it is time for elections to our Board of Directors. The first meeting on the 6th are nominations, and then on the 20th we have our campaign speeches and finally we vote at the meeting on the 4th. of October.

This is OUR club, it belongs to you and me, and is by far and away the best fishing club in the area. It is that good because of the work done every month by the Board of Directors.

PLEASE consider running for the Board. Even if you are a new member, we always welcome new thoughts and ideas on how to improve our club.

We need people that are willing to work ONLY 3 days each month. At the Board meeting the first Monday of each month, and at each regular meeting.

Our By-Laws only allow a person to hold a Board seat for 2 years, then they must step aside for at least 1 year.

We need a new Secretary, it appears that Tina will be taking over the Treasurers spot, leaving Secretary open..

We need a new Hospitality director. Again Sidney Duncan has been working long hours and has trouble making the meetings.

We also have one or two just Board members at large that don't have any specific duties, other than voting on issues at the Board of Directors meetings and filling in for others when they can't be there.

PLEASE take a good look at the members that you know and plead, beg, beseech, implore, demand, browbeat, intimidate, or just plain threaten, to get them to accept a nomination to the Board.

If there is anyone who would like to serve but needs someone to nominate them just let me (Bill Breen) know and I will nominate you.

Just a note, the positions on the board are actually appointed by the President, but he or she usually tries to place



Fishing Reports & Other tall Tales



Jeff Rodda
Fishing Committee
Director

It is 11:00 pm on the 18th of August and here I am again trying to figure out what I will write for the club this month. One unfortunate theme of this years experience for me has been the burden that I have caused the publisher of the newsletter Bill Breen. Once again I am late submitting my article. I would like to take a moment to apologize to Bill for all of the delays this year, and also to thank him for doing a job that few others would want to do. Bill, I apologize and I thank you.

It is September and the Captain of the year competition is pretty close. The standings prior to the September bottom tournament are on Page 4.



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Fishing Reports Cont.

This is the start of the fall fishing season in the party grounds and as the month passes the inshore fish havens should start to hold bigger and better bottom fish. Frozen sardines or live bait (when you can get it) will work great. MG, MF, EF and CH will all be great places to fish. If bottom fishing is not to your liking Kingfish and Sailfish should be around but you may have to go a bit farther south for the Sails. Watch you bottom recorder and when you see bait, slow down a drag a few Ballyhoo and see what you get.

Redfish will all over the river, creeks, and ICW. Finger Mullet, live shrimp, and mud minnows should all be very effective. If you are fishing around structure you might even find some keeper sized Mangrove snapper. The shrimp run should peak this month as well. Next month things will get really good!

As always, be safe and I will see you on the water.
Jeff

Presidents Message Cont.

weather and the fish cooperated to allow us all to have a fun day with our favorite "Lady Anglers". Boy did they shine. Congratulations to Chris Rooney on the Driftn-n-Dreamin for a last minute snag of first place.

Again, Nominations for Club Officers & Board of Directors will take place on the first meeting in September. If you are going to run for one of these positions P L E A S E understand the obligation and commitment that it will take to fulfill it.

You will be busy 3 days each month, and for 2 or 3 hours each of these days. That is all we ask, that you be committed to doing a good job!

Be Safe, Have Fun, & Catch Lots Of Fish!
Eddie

Here are some more nice to know facts.

Speed:

1 Knot = 1.15 Mph

1 Mph = .87 Knot

Lightning:

5 seconds between Flash and Thunder
= 1 mile

Weight:

1 Gal of Gasoline = 6.1 Lbs.

1 Gal of Saltwater = 8.55 Lbs.

1 Gal of Fresh Water = 8.3 Lbs.

Fish Weight Formula:

Girth in inches Squared, Times length in inches, Divided by 800 = Weight in pounds.



Rob's Fishing Lore

Rob Darner

Tail of Two Fish Part II The Rest of the Story

Previously on the *Tail of Two Fish*, your author was found clutching the deboner in the right hand and a dead Spanish mackerel in the left. Without the skill of a surgeon, the backbone was removed with some effort. The tail just fluttered in the air. With a large sowing needle and dental floss, the fish was sowed up, vacuumed sealed and frozen for future use. As a whole, the fish flopped in the air like a green schoolie dolphin hitting the deck of your boat. These Spanish mackerel were intended to use for Wahoo & with hope against hope: marlin; however, the opportunity for their untimely demise and for the author to write something entertaining about them would not happen for sometime later.

It is now just past the Greater Jacksonville Kingfish Tournament and these Spanish mackerel were brought out of their cryogenic sleep chamber located in my garage and were put to good use. Day 1 of the tournament found the crew of the *High Roller* a bit discourage due to the lack of big kingfish located in our fish bag. We did manage to find kingfish but they were all snake kings and thus they would not do us any good in an aggregate tournament format. On Day 2, the *High Roller* took off east and headed for deep water. We were forty-four miles offshore and looking for grandma's house. We did manage to catch the following out there: 6 remoras, 2 cudas, 3 half kingfish, 3 whole kingfish, 2 sharks, a 21 pound Wahoo and a 20.10 pound kingfish.

During all this catching, we did manage to miss a few other hits. With no bait on the beach and no live cigar minnows on inshore wrecks, we decided it was best to use two day old unfrozen cigar minnow, net caught & hand caught ribbonfish plus three, three month old frozen deboned Spanish mackerel. These three mackerel were deboned special for the tournament. These three fish were not sown up with a 12' hook and 80 pound wire. These fish were simply deboned.

Having reached our fishing location, the first mackerel was deployed behind the boat in the prop wash. The mackerel swayed to and fro. It flopped on one side and then the other. Its tail fluttered giving it a most life like appearance. A large live bait rig was used on the fish. The lead hook was 5' live bait, followed by a 4x strong treble

and the final hook was a 6x treble. Just like a ribbon fish rig, the live bait hook was pushed through the fish's mouth while the second treble was embedded behind the fish's dorsal fin. The wire between the two hooks allowed enough flexibility for the fish to wiggle or act like it was swimming. Having caught several half kingfish and no strikes on the mackerel, I was in the mood to change things up. On the next reset, the mackerel was put out on the shotgun line and yet that did not produce any fishy interest either. It was my father who suggested putting the Spanish on the down rigger. It was put there and I did not care for it that much so I asked my wife to pop the Spanish out of the down rigger line and put it back. She added it was going way back so we could not see it. She reasoned if we could not see it then the fish would not see us. It wasn't too long after that when we caught one of our many trash fish. I was repairing or re-rigging a line with the mackerel reel made a short zip sound of the drag being pulled. At the time, I thought the bait may have run across a small piece of weed or pulled into some jellyfish. After tending to the other lines, I checked the shotgun. I cranked the line in until it revealed the mackerel was indeed attacked. The back third of the Spanish was cut clean off as if someone took a razor and severed the fish's tail from its body. What's more is that what ever hit this mackerel also bit through the 43 pound wire leader.

So after that learning experience, a new big fish rig was quickly created using, # 5 wire or sixty pound with the same hook configuration. The second mackerel was sent to the far reaches of never-never land like the first one. Who could argue Connie's reasoning now with the first Spanish dispatched. Once again, the *High Roller* and crew were on the prowl for the large tournament winner. As mentioned previously, we caught about a half-dozen remoras during our time out there. About forty minutes after the second mackerel was out, a remora convently hooked itself while trying to eat one of our cigar minnows with a little stubby. The bait spread was left out and I was horsing the remora in. I was facing the stern of the boat when it happened. It was a sky rocketing kingfish pouncing upon the shot gunned mackerel. My yelling of 'fish on' was nearly as loud as the large entry hole the kingfish made when it re-entered the water. With a splash so large and the heavy pressure on the rod, all three of us were sure this was our fish and we had accomplished what we set out for. The battle was contentious due to the fact we had 2 kingfish cut by cudas and 1 kingfish devoured two rather unfriendly large sharks. If this was the fish we thought it was then it needed to come to the boat as soon as possible. Connie was on the rod and the entire stern of the *High Roller* was cleared. Dad did a great job in maneuvering the boat so we could stay on top of the fish. Connie as given some quick verbal lessons on thumbing fish and she brought the fish up to the boat side. The gaff found its mark and we had our 20.1 pound kingfish. We had high hopes that when the fish first hit, it was the 'one' but it turned out not to be. However, those three month old frozen Spanish mackerel did there job and raised one 20.10 pound kingfish and possibly something else really big.

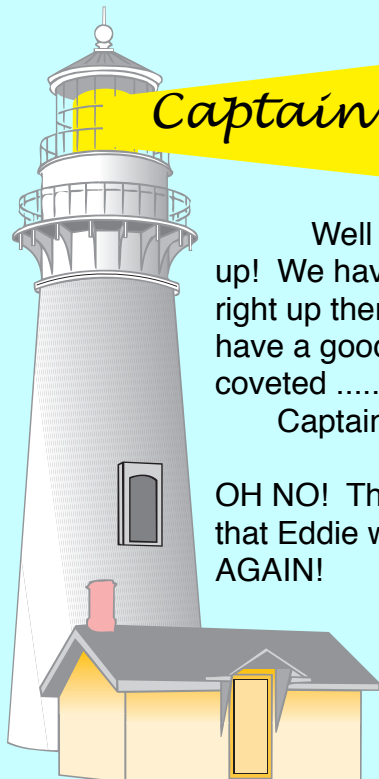
As my first tale went, the Spanish were caught for a purpose and the deboner was an experiment. The second fish

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Two fish Continued

proved that my little experiment would work under certain circumstances. I can only hope that my next little tale will not be the one that cut through my leader but rather the big one that did not get away.

Best Wishes for Fishing,
Rob Darner



Captain Of The Year Race

Well the COY race is heating up! We have 3 Captains that are right up there and any one of these have a good shot of getting the coveted

Captain Of The Year

OH NO! There is a good chance that Eddie will be a Brides Maid AGAIN!

There is only the Bottom tournament Left. Lets all fish it for fun.

Captain ----- Points

Rob Darner -----	50
Tom Meyer -----	43
Eddie McGowan -----	41
Andy Proescher -----	39
Chris Bernacki -----	20
Mike Coldwater -----	20
Pete St. Laurent -----	18
Danny Del Rio -----	17
Anthony Thompson -----	16
Chris Rooney -----	15



Top's Tips Safety First

Top Ingram
Safety Officer

Last month, I wrote about how to read the weather. This month, 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.

If, however, you are caught out at sea and a storm forms, 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.

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 PFD. 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 Continued

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 and continue to enjoy safe boating throughout the year.

Top Ingram
Fish Tales

I have had a request to re-publish this temperature chart, so here it is.

Species	Lower Avoidance	Optimum	Upper Avoidance
Amberjack	60	65 - 75	80+
Bonito	60	65 - 75	80+
Barracuda	55	72 - 80	86
Bigeye Tuna	52	62 - 74	80
Black Marlin	68	72 - 82	87
Blackfin Tuna	65	70 - 75	82
Blue Marlin	70	74 - 82	88
Bluefin Tuna	50	60 - 72	82
Bluefish	50	66 - 72	84
Dolphin (Mahi)	70	72 - 78	82
Flounder	56	62 - 66	72
Jack Crevalle	65	70 - 85	90
Kingfish	65	68 - 76	88
Permit	70	75 - 85	92
Pompano	65	70 - 82	85+
Redfish	52	70 - 90	90+
Red Snapper	50	55 - 65	70+
Sailfish	68	72 - 82	88
Snook	60	70 - 82	90
Spanish Mackerel	60	65 - 75	80
Spotted Seatrout	56	66 - 82	90
Striped Bass	42	50 - 65	75
Striped Marlin	61	68 - 76	80
Swordfish	50	60 - 75	80
Tarpon	70	75 - 90	100+
Wahoo	65	68 - 80	88
White Marlin	65	68 - 78	80+
Seabass	58	64 - 68	74
Yellow fin Tuna	64	72 - 82	80

The Dry Dock

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1 GPS/WAAS combo grey scope depth finder by Lowrance
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Rob Darner
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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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Welcome New Crew!

Don Cook
Membership Director

We want to welcome our new members to their new club!

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- Latitude Change
Zachery Gretchen & Germer Shawsen - 21'
Sunbird - Fishing Glory
Jeff Peyton - 25' Pursuit - In Hot Pursuit
Mark & Cathy Brown - 22' Proline -
Shara Lynn
Shane Alexander - Jr Paid Member
Bob Rapute & Nancy Pavuk
Mike & Ruth Lucas - 20' Bayliner - & -
25' T-Craft

Welcome!

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	
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9	10 Board Meeting	11	12	13	14	15	
16	17	18	19	20 Club Meeting Nominees campaign Speeches	21	22	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29	
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Coming Events:

- September 6th meeting - Nominations for Board of Directors elections
- September 8th - The Bottom fishing Tournament
- September 20th meeting - Nominees Campaign Speeches
- October 4th meeting - The Board of Directors Elections
- October 20, 2007 - The Annual Club Awards Banquet @ The Mariott Hotel

Tournament Schedule for 2007

Tournament	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Date	Rain Date
The Bottom Fishing Tournament	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	September 8 th	September 9 th

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