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PRESIDENTS CASTINGS Capt. Paul Gallup

Hello everybody and welcome to September. This month we will wind down our year for the club and get ready for next year. First off, the Capt of the year race will wind up and the last I checked there were 3 boats in the lead with only one point separating them with 2 tournaments left.

This month, we also start the nominating process for our board of directors for next year. This will take place at the first meeting of the month. If you can not be there for nomination night E-mail Bill at breenw@bellsouth.net or call him at 904-254-2791 to submit a name for nomination. Also, if your not there for nomination night, you could get nominated and won't be there to decline. Soooooo, don't be surprised if your name gets brought up. The second meeting of the month will be speech night so if your nominated, get up there and tell us why you feel you need to be on the board of directors or an officer of the club. I also encourage each and everyone of you to volunteer at least once for the board. Its really a rewarding job and not too much work. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time as President of our club.

One area of concern that I have is the Hospitality end of the club. I am personally calling out to the entire membership for someone to step up and do this. Yes its a little more work than some of the other board positions but it is necessary if we want to continue to have the kind of meals that we've been having.

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Have You Thought About Volunteering??

It's time to start thinking about who is going to be on the JOSFC Board for 2013-2014. Have you considered volunteering to be a member of the board? We're a great group of folks who are striving to make sure the club meets our goal of "making offshore fishing in the Jacksonville area more exciting, reliable, safe and beneficial." One of our ways of achieving that goal is by holding meetings twice a month to provide training and opportunities to meet local fishing enthusiasts. To make those meetings more enjoyable and "easy" to attend the club has been providing dinner to ensure that people can get there and spend time together rather than worrying about how they are going to get dinner that evening.

This past year we had a challenge in filling the Hospitality position. If you hadn't noticed, the board members took turns providing the meals for our meetings this year.

It's time for someone to step up and take the position over full time. One thing that I have learned is that, that job needs a team to fill it. If you are hesitant to consider volunteering, think about recruiting a team to assist you over the next year. There are menus and suggestions on some "easy meals" to fix. The hospitality person has access to the club's membership at Restaurant Depot to make bulk shopping easy. There are lots of people in the club who have filled this position in the past who would be willing to provide mentorship if you're concerned about "not knowing" what to do.

Think about it – now go ahead and VOLUNTEER! We need someone to step up to the "plate" in more ways than one this next year, after all, it is YOUR club.

Presidents Message Continued

Were also gearing up for our annual awards banquet which will be held at the Ramada Inn on San Jose Blvd where we had it last year. Once again I'm calling out to the entire membership, If you've got something or know some one who can contribute or donate, please do what you can.

On the fishing front, the kingfish tournaments have wound down but as warm as its been, there's still plenty of them around. Bottom fishing has been good as well with plenty of big Vermillion snapper, sea bass, triggers, pinkys and cobia still hanging around. Something I tried for the first time this year and had a ball doing is scalloping. We went to Steinhatchee and unfortunately didn't do very well because of the water being dirty from all of the rain but I spoke with several friends who went to Crystal River and Homasassa and had a 5 person limit within a couple hours. By the way a limit for 5 people is 25 gallon buckets of whole scallops. Scallop season ends on Sept 25 this year. If

you go, just look for the boats, anchor up in 3-4 feet of water and jump in. The scallops will be hanging in the grass and its just like looking for Easter eggs and you don't have to have any special skills to do it.

Until next time Capt. Paul Gallup



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



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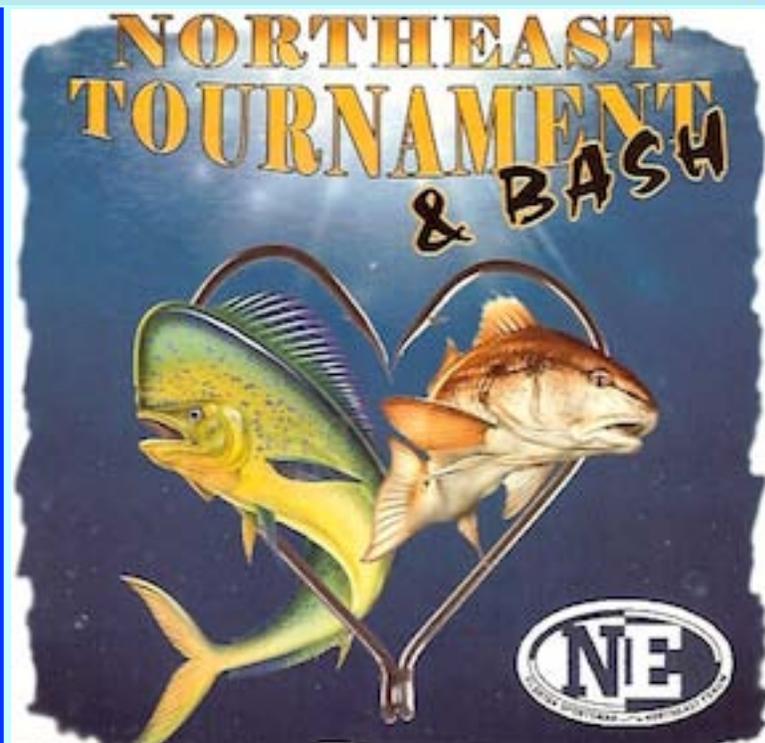
Capt. Ricks Ryles and his 5 yr old grandson.. PARKER... shows off his 1st catch ever on the ocean.... We think he's hooked...ya' think?



First my sincere apologies to these 4 great fishermen! Those are some really nice Kings! I lost the E-mail with their names. My Bad! However the above photo is what fishing is all about! AND the below photo when accompanied by the first photo is PRICELESS!



Remember, we need to support the businesses that support our club!



The Florida Sportsman North East Forum

is putting on a Tournament and Bash to benefit a young lady named Taylor Haberman who needs a heart transplant!

This will take place on September 28, 2013 at Beach Marine.

The Tournament - \$40.00 / Person, includes Dinner, Beer, T-Shirt, Captain's Bag with Cool Swag.

Inshore division: Redfish, Trout, Flounder, & Whiting! Slam format, Largest 3 of any of the four.

Offshore division: Wahoo, Grouper, Kingfish & Dolphin. Largest fish of each species.

For more Information, go to the Florida Sportsman N. E. Forum or contact Bash Chairman Dave Gill (kajo) at (904) 483-7307 or E-mail carpethog@gmail.com

Did I mention that there will also be a huge Raffle?

Everyone is invited to come on out and help raise some funds to help with her bills on September 28th from 12 to 8 PM!



Top's Tips Safety First

Top Ingram
Safety Officer

Rules of the Road

The FWC Division of Law Enforcement reported recently that a PWC with one person on board was struck from behind by a second PWC and the operator of the first PWC was killed by the impact." This is yet another example of what can happen when boaters do not follow the rules of the road. It is obvious that a lot of boaters do not know, or understand, the rules of the road. Many boaters in large vessels run aground when they go outside the red or green channel markers. Also, I have seen many vessels turning in front of other vessels and trying to pass on the wrong side in meeting situations.

I think it is appropriate, at this time, to remind everyone of the need to adhere to the rules of the road when on the water for pleasure or fishing. Many new boaters, and some old ones, do not appear to have a working knowledge of the rules of the road. If you are operating your vessel on inland waters or the high seas, one way to insure a safe voyage is to adhere to the "Navigation Rules".

The rules cover all aspects of Navigation including lights, sounds, shapes, distress and privileged vs giveaway vessel, etc. All vessels, from the smallest PWC to the largest supertanker, must obey the navigation rules. It takes a whole book to cover all the rules, so in this article I want to discuss only the privileged and burdened vessel aspect of the rules.

There are important differences in legal liability between Maritime Law and Civil Law. When driving, one automobile often has the legal right-of-way over another.

For instance, at an intersection, if car A has a green light and car B runs through the red light and collides with car a, then car B is usually found to be at fault.

Unlike the highway, at sea no one has the right of way. Depending on the situation, when two vessels are closing one vessel is privileged or the stand on vessel and the other is the burdened or give way vessel. The

privileged or stand on vessel must maintain course and speed and the burdened or give way vessel must alter course and/or speed to avoid the privileged vessel. If the burdened vessel does not take action as required by the rules and the two vessels reach "extremis" (that point where a collision will occur without evasive action by either vessel), the privileged vessel must depart from the rules and take evasive action.

In a crossing situation, you are the privileged vessel if the other vessel is from dead ahead to 22.5 degrees abaft your port beam, and you must maintain course and speed. If the other vessel is from dead ahead to 22.5 degrees abaft your starboard beam, you are the burdened vessel and must alter course to pass astern of the privileged vessel. NEVER speed up to pass in front of a privileged vessel. In a meeting head-on situation, both vessels are burdened and must alter course to starboard. In an overtaking situation, the vessel overtaking the other is the burdened vessel and must avoid the other.

Remember, courtesy and common sense is as important as the navigation rules. If the other captain is rude, don't use it for rudeness on your part. If the other vessel does not treat you in accordance with the rules, sound the danger signal (5 or more short blasts on you horn) and yield. More than likely the other captain may be ignorant of the rules. By engaging in brinksman ship, you could win the argument and ruin your whole day and possibly damage you vessel.

Remember, you are in imminent danger of collision when the bearing of another vessel is constant and the range is decreasing and evasive action will be required regardless of who is privileged or burdened. If you are not sure of the federal or state navigation rules, you can check the rules by looking at a copy of the "Federal Requirements & Safety Tips" and/or "The Florida Boater's Guide" in the rack by the door of the clubhouse. Follow these simple navigation rules and continue to enjoy safe boating throughout the year.

Top Ingram
Fish tales



Wastin' Time



“I’m sitting on the dock of the bay, watching the tide roll away” was sung by Otis Redding. This song has captured the imagination of many of us who love the water. As fisherman, we

enjoy a great sunset beside the bay. It is always the perfect way to end a day, watching the brilliant colors dance off the clouds and mark the sky. However, sitting on the dock watching the tide is not what one really has in mind when you come to a Mecca of fishing such as Islamorada. However, is setting on the dock really what you want to do with so much fishing surrounding you? Well, it certainly is! Fishing can occur when we least expect it and as I found out at any particular moment.

Dock fishing has now elevated itself to a much different plane of existence. So, hopefully, one can learn just how to successfully dock fish. In order to successfully dock fish in Islamorada we need to take a lesson from chum fishing. Chumming is particularly important. In our case, we decided to chum with Black fin Tuna. Tuna is a fine table fair; however, tuna does bring in those targeted fish close enough to both see and catch. Now, one must get up early and run offshore to target those Black fin Tuna running around the Islamorada Hump or the 409 Hump. Remember, we are looking to catch bait and the tuna are striking with wild abandon. Small plastic squid baits used with a ¼ egg sinker and placed way back and way back again is deadly for these fish. On our first day of bait catching, we were successful but capturing 5 Black fins and 1 Dolphin. Man, are we



getting ready for a fantastic day of dock fishing. As the temperature and the sun climbed together, the fishing tended to wane offshore and by 2 pm it was a mad dash back to port.

Once back to port, now prepping your catch is key because it is here that we obtain our chum. Fillet your fish. Make sure you cut chunks out of the more valuable areas. The head and body are tossed just off the dock providing a strong scent drawing in all those wary dock snapper and their larger friends. Now, the more valuable parts start cutting these into small chunks so we can toss them into the water and also use with our hook. The scent brings them in and it brings everything in. Wait-a-moment, those more valuable parts are the rib cage and blood line found within the fillets. Never in my imagination would have I tossed perfectly good fillets toward dock snapper unless...

Dock snapper make a fun fight on 10 pound test spinning gear. The snapper seemed thick and never ending. Yet, the mystery that keeps us coming back was none other than the a) 4 ft. nurse shark scavenging the carcass b) the 3 ft. stingray doing the same or c) the Silver King himself. If you answered C, then you win the prize. The things you discover when a glamor species shows up is truly amazing. In fact, I did not know that an 11 year old has a ‘bucket list’ of fish he wishes to catch and my wife thought I was too old to stop everything I was doing and run to the dock with rod in hand to catch a Tarpon. Well now she knows that since there is not a check mark by my bucket list

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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.

Wastin Continued

of glamor fish, I will run down to that dock in order to have a shot at the Silver King.

The Tarpon had come and gone and come back again all before we had to go to dinner. Wow, what timeliness of these fish to be so user-friendly. What was even more incredible is that they came in different sizes. There was a small one, a medium one and a large one likely approaching 100+ pounds. With a hunk of tuna blood line on the hook and a toss out into the bay, both of us waited to see what would happen. Would it be another 12 inch dock snapper, the nurse shark or the sting ray? It was the unless... choice, the Silver King decided to go for my snapper outfit with the 10 pound test. Truly, it was not the 100 pounder but more like the medium sized one. The little spinning rod bent nearly double as the great fish decided to streak down the remaining dock fronts. The fight lasted mere seconds and the tiny spool looked just like a Dreidel on steroids. Snap went the line and snap went the dream of landing such a great fish.

Now, the 11 year old was relieved to know his old man failed to catch this fish. Much to my astonishment, the 11 year old was now in competition for the next Tarpon. For him, it was on like Donkey Kong. Who knew? True to form, the adventure proved fruitful for him. Different time, different dock and different results. A loud shout of enthusiasm was heard floating in the air when the 11 year old hooked his 1st Tarpon. Quickly, the adult party gathered around him to watch the spectacle of the 1st Tarpon. Enviously, I counted the jumps. At least four times did this fish take to the air to shake its hook. The crowd cooed and awed over each jump. He chased his fish up and down the dock turning the fish so it would not drag the line across the oyster rich piling of the other nearby docks. Ultimately, the fish surrendered only to have its picture taken and then released only a little more than tired than it was before.



The only exception was the old man who by this time was green with envy and now I am planning the next expedition for docking fishing in Islamorada to catch what I missed.

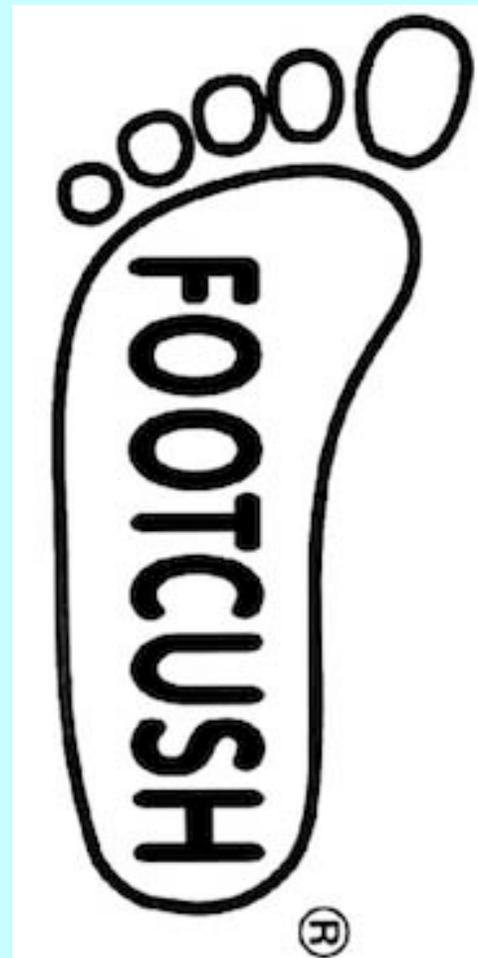
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Coming Events:

- Sept. 7th - Light Tackle Tournament
- Sept. 19th - Fishing Boards Close at 8:30 PM for 2012 / 2013 Year.
- September 20th - Fishing Boards Open 00:01 AM for 2013 / 2014 Year
- October 19th - Annual Awards Banquet!**

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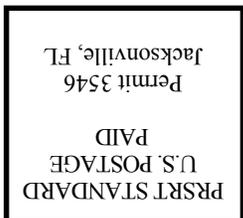
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