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Parents don't frame pictures
of their kids playing video games...



TAKE THEM FISHING



PRESIDENTS CAST NET

Tom Darga

As August comes to a close I would like to mention that it was HOT. During the last 9 years since I have moved to Florida I always vacation in Michigan with my family over several weeks where it may reach the mid to high 80's.

Unfortunately I had several things that needed to be completed this summer so I went ahead and cancelled my trip, big mistake. Weather report on TV it will be in the high nineties with a head index over 105 degrees for the next several weeks. Seriously! I'm not sure what bothered me more the fact that you can barbeque outside without actually turning on the barbeque or the casual way everyone says it and just acts like it's another day in the neighborhood. I learned real quick, leave early and be back by 11:00 a.m. close all blinds in the house, turn on all fans, supercharge the air conditioner and don't move. Oh yea never sit on anything that is leather.

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Presidents Message Continued

Needless to say Monica has mentioned to me on more than one occasion and probably some of you also that I am never ever allowed to stay in Florida during this time again. This came with a lot of “I told you it was going to be hot” comments. Seriously 105 to 110 heat index!

The Powder Puff Tournament water temperature registered a hot 87 degrees at MR and CK where the fishing was slow, except for Bonita while trolling. Better success was Offshore at BR and other areas where the Kelly W again weighed several fish with Sue Siegel taking first place with a 25 lb Barracuda and a 9.9 lb Bonita. The Siegels were not finished with Amelia taking second place weighing a Barracuda, and Trigger fish and Bonita. Third place was taken by Patti Kalakasis fishing on the Thelfini with a 5.8 Bonita along with a Sea Bass. I would like to point out that over the last several tournaments we have had several non-members’ fish and enjoy themselves and I would like to say THANK YOU to all of the captains introducing

new people to club and the good times that they can have fishing and that we are not just about having meetings. We have had an influx of new members who are fishing the tournaments and have very positive things to say about the experience. This is the perfect way to introduce new members to the club and show them the benefits of joining. I would also like to point out that several new members were amazed that we did not charge for the tournaments as there old clubs did and that it was part of the dues.

As this year winds down for the club and the current board members I would like to thank everyone who has volunteered to make this year a big success. It began with the El-Cheapo and continued right into the Greater Jacksonville Kingfish. Talking about volunteering Sept is the month that you pick the new Board Members for the 2014 / 2015 year. This responsibility comes with meeting once a month the first Monday of each month to discuss current and future responsibilities for the club. If you feel that you can contribute to the future growth of the club I would ask that you seriously consider running for the board.

Tom Darga
JOSFC President



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The JOSFC Annual Awards Banquet is Next Month, October 25th!

Where? The Ramada Inn off San Jose
and Highway 295

This is the best party you will go to all
year long! We honor the Captain of the
Year, and the Board Winners as well as any
catches of note, or acts of Good
Sportsmanship that any members might
have been caught doing. IF someone really
goofed up royally that might get mentioned
also.

How about this Menu for the Annual Awards Banquet!

Garden Tossed Salad
Italian Pasta Salad
Chicken Marsala
Almond Crusted Pork Loin
Steamed Broccoli
Rice Pilaf
Au Gratin Potatoes
Steamed Vegetable Medley
Chef Carved Prime Rib
Hot Steamed Crab Legs
Peel & Eat Shrimp
Assorted Dessert Table - including Sugar
Free Desserts
Assorted pies, cakes and mouse
Rolls, butter, Coffee and Tea

This is a buffet, so you can go back for
seconds, or more! PLUS we have a D.J. for
music, and the best and biggest Raffle just
for club members of the year!

Tickets are the same as last year at
\$45.00 / Person. They will be available at
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Check Only at C & H Lures.) Start saving
your pennies and. . . .

plan on attending!



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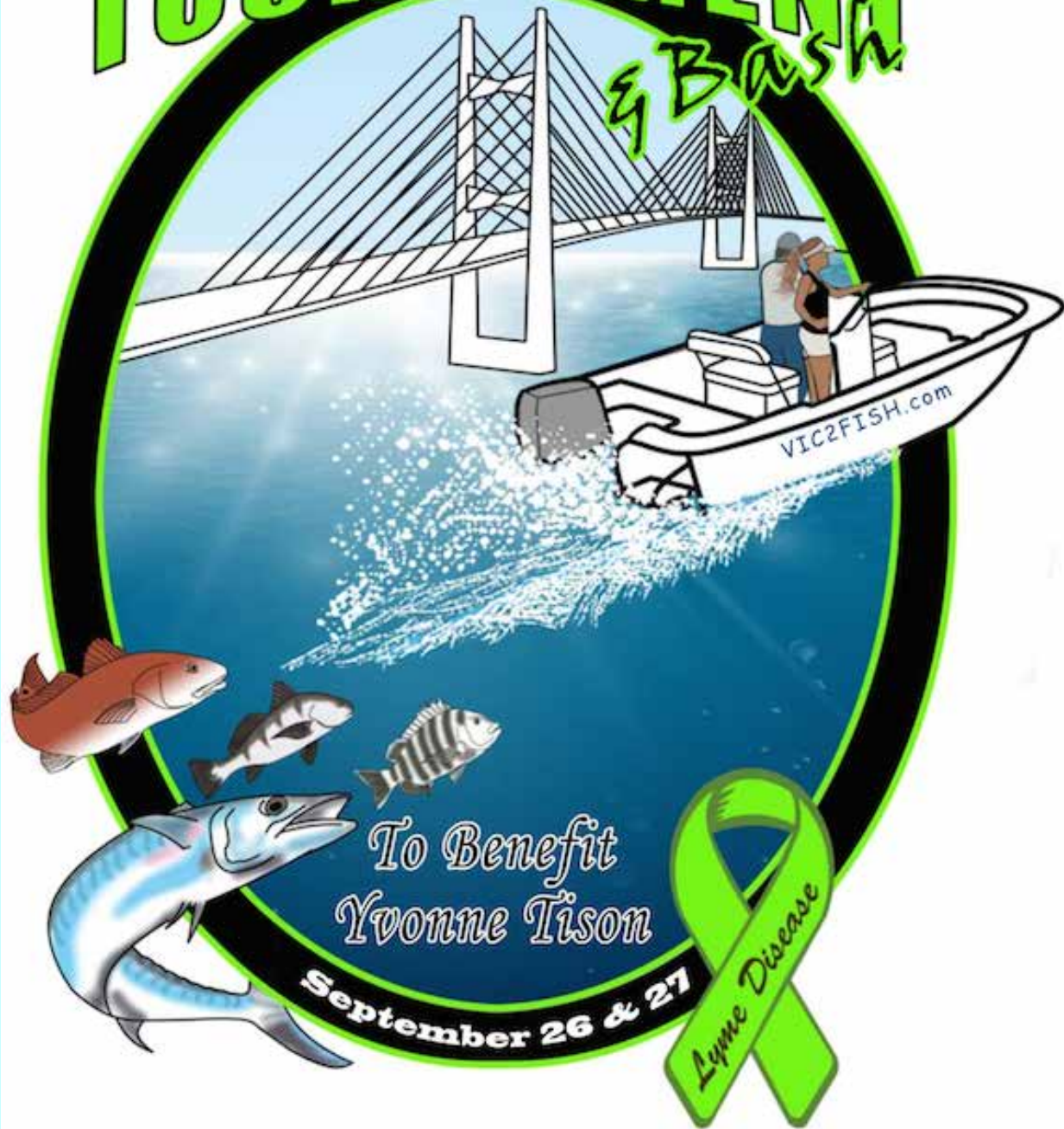
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the bash at Beach Marine. For more Info, Go to:

www.fsbash2014.com



Top's Tips Safety First

Top Ingram
Safety Officer

Boating at Night

"4 young adults victims of boat crash". This was the headline about a boat crash in Miami about 10:45 p.m. recently after the conclusion of fireworks over Biscayne Bay. The fireworks, witnessed by hundreds of boats, had just concluded when a 32 foot boat was leaving the scene of the fireworks and collided with another vessel in the dark.

The boat's operator was thrown overboard and, with no one at the helm, the boat circled in the dark crashing into another boat before a boater was able to pull up alongside it, jump aboard, and bring it to a stop. The collision left 4 dead and 8 injured.

One of the investigators said the minute the fireworks ended most of the boaters rushed toward Dinner Key Marina hoping to get their boat out of the water first. He said when you have hundreds of vessels moving at one time, in the dark, it is a recipe for disaster. He stated the 32 foot vessel struck a 36 foot vessel so hard that a hole was left in its side. This another reason to wear your life jacket, especially at night.

The above incident is mentioned to remind everyone that it is very important to be especially diligent at night on a boat. Do not have any lights on that would interfere with your vision in the dark. However, it is critical that you have on all the required running lights. You should always check your lights before leaving the dock if you plan to be out after dark or in reduced visibility. Also, you should be familiar with all the various types of lights you may encounter while running at night.

You must show your lights from sunset to sunrise and in restricted visibility. You should also appoint a person to be a lookout on the bow and one on the stern if you have the persons on board to allow you to do this. If not, you should be extra careful yourself to continually

check forward and aft to look for any boat that you may be approaching, or that may be approaching you. For instance, if you see a green and red light ahead of you, with a white mast head light, that means you are approaching a boat dead ahead coming at you. If you see only a red light with a white mast head light, that means a boat is passing from right to left or on your course. If you see only a green light with a white mast head light, that means a boat is passing from left to right or on your course. If you see only a white light, that means you are approaching another boat from astern and must take evasive action. The key is to determine if the bearing and range is changing or staying the same. It becomes a dangerous situation when the bearing is steady and the range is decreasing.

Do not show any lights that might appear to be navigation lights. Also, do not show other lights that might interfere with your vision or that of any lookout. Except for searchlights, lights on boats serve different purposes than lights on cars. Boat lights do not assist you to see ahead. They are there to be seen and provide certain navigation information to other vessels. Depending on the length of the boat, a masthead, port and starboard side, stern and all-round light must be on each boat. The masthead light must show an arc of 225 degrees, each side light an arc of 112 degrees, the stern light an arc of 135 degrees and the all-round light 360 degrees.

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. This does not change from daytime to dark night.

The only difference is that the boat's action is determined by its light configuration at night.

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 your horn) and yield. More than likely the other captain may be ignorant of the rules. By engaging in brinksmanship, you could win the argument and ruin your whole day and possibly damage your vessel.

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. Follow these simple night navigation rules and continue to enjoy safe boating throughout the year.

Top Ingram
Fish Tales



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



Here is what you need to know for fishing the Atlantic off Jacksonville!

- 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!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4 Club Meeting Board Nominations	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18 Club Meeting Candidates Speech Night	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26 Florida Sportsman Tournament & Bash	27 Florida Sportsman Tournament & Bash
28	29	30	<h1>September</h1>			



**COMING
EVENTS:**

- Sept - 4th - Board Nominations Night
- Sept - 18th - Candidates Speech Night
- Sept - 26th & 27th - Florida Sportsman Tournament & Bash
- Sept - 30th Fishing Boards **Close** for 2014 year
- Oct - 1st Fishing Boards **Open** for 2014 / 2015 Year
- October 25th - **THE ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET**



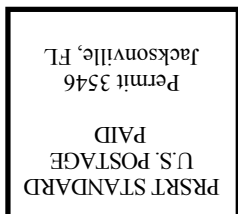
Tournament Schedule for 2014

Tournament - - - - - Month - - - - - Date / - - - - - Alternate
 Triple Challenge Tournament - - - - - November - - - - - 8 - - - - - 22 - Fishing Director

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