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# The Reel News

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## PRESIDENTS CAST NET

Tom Darga

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 2015/2016 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.

### Following Schedule

September 3<sup>rd</sup> – Nomination night

September 17<sup>th</sup> – Speech night by all members who have been and accepted nominations.

October 1<sup>st</sup> – Voting for new Board Members 2015 – 2016

October 15<sup>th</sup> – Junior Angler Banquet – This meeting dinner will begin at 6:30 with meeting starting at 7. School Night

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.

**Banquet – Oct 24<sup>th</sup> = Tickets on sale now! \$25 dollars each.**

For all of the new members this is the time that we celebrate the winners of the Boards and the Captain of the year. We also celebrate just begin together with friends and family. As always we will have a ladies raffle table that will rival last years which Tina did a great job on. We will also have the overall raffle table that will have 5,000 dollars' worth of prizes. Do not forget the bucket items that everyone always loves.

### Banquet – Oct 24<sup>th</sup>

This year the Banquet will be held at the Captains Club located on Beach Blvd and San Pablo. Listed below is the details of the Banquet.

The Board voted and decided to bring back an old school tradition. Theme of the Banquet is **Hawaiian**. Break out the shirts and pineapples. **No bananas please,**

Because this is going to be a fun night. No Formal Dress needed for this night.

For this year we will be having the great catering team of "South in Your Mouth" Catering our Banquet dinner.

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South in Your Mouth will be catering this event.

- a. Chicken
- b. Pork
- c. Brisket
- d. Along with the sides that South in Your Mouth is famous for.

\*Raffle tables

\*Awards for Volunteer

\*JOSFC Sportsman of the Year. Yep we brought this one back also.

\*We will also have prizes given out at random to individuals who attend.

Members I have over the last 2 years stated that it is important that we have fun during every event that the club does from meetings to tournaments. The main thing is that everyone has fun and a good time. I want this Banquet to have a party feeling and it is being geared with Theme Night to Catering that everyone who comes

through the door with the mindset that we are going to have a great night that is fun fun and fun again. Come dressed to have fun with the expectation that you are going to have fun. Many of you have expressed that it was a little pricey in the past. With the move to the Captains Club and South in Your Mouth we are able to price the tickets at 25 dollars each. The same price as if you were to go to dinner and a movie. Come on everyone lets fill the place up.

Thank you everyone for all of your support

Tom Darga

President JOSFC

**This is VERY Important.**

Even if you are brand new to the club, PLEASE consider running for office. Yes, it is a little bit of work, but not that much, one night a month, and maybe an hour of your spare time during the month.

This is YOUR club, to keep this club running we need your input and help!

**JOSFC Nomination Night for 2016 Board of Directors September 3<sup>rd</sup> 2015**

It's that time of the year when JOSFC holds it's own elections. On September 3<sup>rd</sup> beginning at 7:30 JOSFC will hold its nomination night. For all of you new members this is when you the members decide on who would best serve the club by nominating someone. If you have any ideas or would like to see how the club works on the inside and you can donate one day a month for the Board of Directors Meeting that is held at the Cracker Barrel Restaurant located on JTB and I-95 the club would love to have your input on the board for the upcoming year.

**Qualifications according to JOSFC By – Laws**

1. Qualifications – In order to be qualified to be nominated and seek election for an office or a board of director's position the person must have their current dues paid. In order to be qualified to be nominated and seek election for president of this corporation the person must have served at



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**Officers:**

- President ..... Tom Darga
- Vice President.....Rob Cripe
- Secretary .....Monica Darga
- Treasurer ..... Tina Proescher

**Board of Directors & Special Staff:**

- Speaker Coordinator .....
- Special Events ..... Derek Seigel
- Hospitality ..... Aaron Thivierge
- Fishing Coordinator ..... Greg Wallace
- Membership ..... Rob Vermillion
- Trophies & Awards .....
- Social Media .....Trina Polkey

- Newsletter Editor / Website ... Bill Breen
- Newsletter & Marine Radio.... Mike Murphy

Nominations Continued

least one year on the board of directors and/or served two years as a committee chairman

Duties of the Board of Directors Officers –

**Article IV of the JOSFC By – Laws – Officers and Their Duties**

**Section 1.**

The officers of this corporation shall be a President, Vice-president, Secretary and Treasurer. These officers shall be members of the Board of Directors by their respective office.

**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 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 3.**

Vice-President – The Vice-President shall fulfill all the duties of the president in the absence of that officer, and the Vice-president shall have the authority to co-sign corporate checks.

**Section 4.**

Secretary – The secretary shall keep an accurate written report of the minutes of the meetings; shall report to the membership the minutes of the previous meeting; shall see that any proposed amendments or changes in the bylaws or articles of incorporation are properly stated and that they are properly inserted in the effected section and shall advise all members of the corporation,

in writing at the next scheduled meeting; shall have the authority to co-sign corporate checks. At the expiration of the secretary's term of office, all records shall be turned over to the incoming secretary.

**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 discretion, all corporate expenditures of up to \$300.00 for any one expenditure. Expenditures over \$300.00 must be approved by a majority vote of the board of directors.

**JOSFC Board Members – 7 Positions** these positions are assigned to the individual by the incoming President

1. Fishing Director
2. Events Director
3. Social Media Director
4. Trophies and Awards Director
5. Guest Speaker Director
6. Membership Director
7. Hospitality Director

This is a very important meeting for all members if you only attend several meetings a year this is the one you need to make your presence felt. Remember the club is made up of you the members and it is you the members who make up the Board and carry forth the vision that was started back in 1959.

**Wear your Life Jacket at least while you are under way!**



## 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!



# Gary Newman

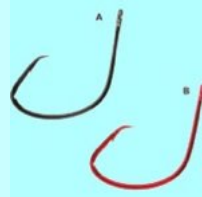
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## Circle Hooks

Circle hooks are designed to not gut hook your fish, and they do this very well, once you learn how to fish with them. In fact, studies have shown a 30% increase in your catch or Hooked ratio over standard "J" hooks.

**The hardest thing to learn is to NOT set the hook!** When you feel a fish on the line, point your rod at the fish and SLOWLY start to reel your line in, and the hook will usually hook the fish in the corner of the mouth. You can also lift your rod tip slowly, like you are pulling the bait away from the fish, and this works also. Once you feel it is hooked, you can reel hard to get it to the boat!

As a club we must promote safety on the water, and the best way to do that is by example.

Here is a reprint of Top Ingram's Rules of the Road. It can't hurt to read these and follow them to be a good example of safe boating!

## 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.





The JOSFC has fishing boards for the kids, broken into two age groups, 12 and under and 13 to 17 years old. This is also for the inshore kids fishing. For a kid to post a fish on the boards, they can be fishing from a boat, dock, pier, or beach or bank. ( Adults MUST catch fish from a boat only. )

Every year in October we hold a Junior Angler Awards Party at the Club House to award the kids for their great catches!



Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 Club Meeting	4	5 Bottom Fishing Tournament
6	7 Board Meeting	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17 Club Meeting	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30 Fishing Boards Close!	September		



**COMING  
EVENTS:**

- Sept. 3 - Club Meeting
- Sept. 5 - Bottom Fishing Tournament
- Sept. 7 - Board Meeting
- Sept. 17 - Club Meeting
- Sept. 30 - Fishing Boards Close
- October 24, 2015 is the Annual Awards Banquet



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**Tournament Schedule for 2015**

Tournament	-	-	Month	-	Date	/	Alternate
							- All are on Saturday -
The Bottom Tournament			September		5		12 - Rob Cripe
Triple Challenge Tournament			October		5		12 - Steve Shaw

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