



The Newsletter of the . . .

# The Reel News

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Chuck, and Scott Darner and Mike Watts now know how to catch Swordfish!

They went the night of Sept 14 /15th and ran 86 NM SE of Mayport to 1300' of water off Marine Land on the Scott Free. With baits at 100', 200' and 400' they had 3 strikes, and hooked the one on the 200' squid.

Chuck said that the fish was the strongest fish he ever saw. First if wore Scott down, then both he and Mike took turns before landing it after a full hour plus.

The fish was 57" from the lower jaw, to the fork of the tail and is estimated at 90 Lbs.



## You Don't Want To Miss The JOSFC Annual Awards Banquet!

**October 20, 2007**

**Saturday**

**6:00PM - Until?**

**At the Marriott Hotel**

4670 Salisbury Rd, Jacksonville

Tickets \$30.00 each, available from any JOSFC Board member



Just a small part of the great raffle that we have at the Annual Awards Banquet. Check out the Newsletter on-line at [www.Jaxfish.com](http://www.Jaxfish.com) to see the photos in color!

## Fishing Reports & Other tall Tales



**Jeff Rodda**  
**Fishing Committee**

Welcome to the new fishing season.

Congratulations to Rob Darner and all of the other Captains who finished in the top ten.

The new fishing season starts on the 1st of October. Some important rules have changed for this season.

1. If you are 17 on 1 October, you will be considered a junior angler for the entire season unless you already have an individual membership or you purchase one during the year.
2. If you are scheduled to host a tournament because you won it last season and you fail to host it this season (without the permission of the fishing director) you will not be eligible for Captain of the Year for the current season.
3. You may enter and exit the ocean from any of the inlets on the current JOSFC chart. You must check in and out either in person or on VHF 78.
4. Fishing will start at 6:00 am for all tournaments except the unlimited, which will start at 5:00 am.



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### Fishing Reports Cont.

5. The junior angler tournament will be open to all club species.

Once the new rules have been checked for typos, I will have them printed and make them available at the clubhouse.

October should make for some great fishing. The inshore fish havens should be holding both grouper and snapper. A great place to try would be the culverts and pill boxes at Nine Mile (30-23.170n 081-10.700w) or the natural reef at Montgomery's Reef (30-26.690n 081-13.220w). The fishing in the river should be fun as well. The flounder run should start as the month passes and the bait starts to leave. Offshore it will remain a mixed bag until the water temperatures drop. Once that happens, if you find the temperature breaks, you will find the fish.

See you on the water.

Jeff

Here is a recipe that is definitely worth trying!

Submitted by Trina Polkey

“Artichoke Heart and Sun Dried Tomato Fish“

Serves 4

#### Ingredients:

- 1 can artichoke hearts drained and quartered (not marinated)
- ¼ cup sundried tomatoes drained & chopped (the kind in oil in a jar)
- 1 cup fresh spinach cut into shreds
- 1-2 cloves garlic depending on taste (not powder L)
- ¼ sweet onion thinly sliced
- ¼ cup white wine
- Juice of ½ lemon (fresh is best!)
- 3 Tablespoons lightly salted butter (Forget the diet tonight! J Real butter is great in this!)
- ¾ cup olive oil - divided
- Salt and pepper to taste (fresh ground pepper is best)
- Fish fillets for 4 cut in serving portions – choose your favorite kind!

1 box angel hair pasta

Start heating large pot of salted water for pasta, put ¼ cup of olive oil in the water.

In a large skillet on low heat, melt butter and ¼ cup olive oil together. Add onion and garlic and cook slowly, (still on low heat), until onion becomes transparent. Increase heat to medium and add artichokes hearts, wine, lemon juice and pepper. Allow to simmer, stirring occasionally. Don't rush it...let the flavors blend.

In a separate skillet, heat remaining ¼ cup olive oil on medium high. Pan sear seasoned fillets on both sides, then turn heat down if necessary to finish cooking fish.

Add pasta to boiling water, cook according to instructions. Retain 2 cups of water from the pasta right before draining, add to artichoke mixture and simmer a few more minutes. The starch in the water will help make a nice sauce, but if you would like it thicker, mix a tablespoon or so of cornstarch with a little cold water and add it slowly to the mixture. When it looks just right, stir in the fresh spinach and sun dried tomatoes and cook for one or two more minutes. Taste, adjust seasoning if necessary.

To serve, place a piece of fish on a bed of pasta on each plate and spoon artichoke mixture over each fillet. YUM!



## Rob's Fishing Lore

**Rob Darner**

### HERE'S YOUR SIGN

What's a person to do? You are on vacation for a week, the lobster are not in, Florida Bay is in the mist of a huge lime green algae bloom (I'm sure the global warming crowd will figure a way to blame this on global warming too) and what are you going to do? The easy answer for anyone on vacation in Islamorada is going for phins, dolphins that is. Wednesday was slotted for an offshore fishing trip, deep sea fishing just one more time. It was a well deserved break from two hard days of looking at endless empty holes along miles of bottom near Long Key Bridge. It pains me just to write that last sentence and it brings back the unpleasant taste of saltwater swirling between the cheeks and gums.

The day got started nice and early for Keys time right around 7:30 am. The *High Roller* and crew were south bound out of Whale Harbor cut just cruising for deep water. Our first stop was the Islamorada Hump about eleven miles off the head pin. It's any easy place to find with or without a GPS, just look for a congregation of boats in and around that particular distance. A few charter boats seem to be chucking for blackfin tuna with some success while the weekend warriors were not making a go of it. We trolled up and back on the hump watching the depth finder detail the rise and fall of the underwater mountain from four hundred and fifty feet to two hundred and thirty foot. As we needed some encouragement, the sea gods brought forth a small localized storm down on the hump causing all boats to scatter. The *High Roller* made for deeper water. As we reached fourteen miles out, the lines were deployed in hopes of dredging up a strike. After thirty minutes or so, the lines were retrieved and we struck out further. As good phin fishermen do, they keep a watch to the sky and the horizon for signs of activity.

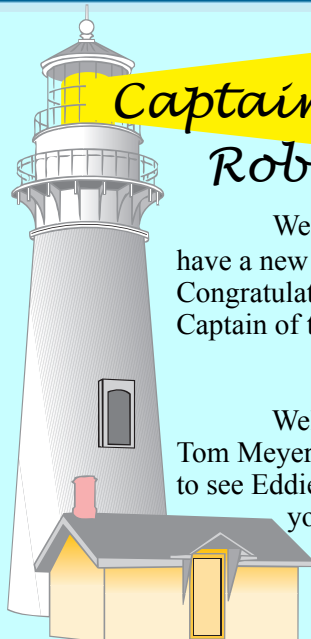
It was just off the starboard bow and very near the horizon, it jumped. It jumped again and once more. It was as if Poseidon himself said to come over here. On the third time, Connie saw it and the both of us marveled as to the magnitude of the white water being tossed about like a child's doll. The distance was too great and the volcanic eruption of the sea too huge not to be the blue suited fish, a marlin. Our vessel pivoted toward the southwest and our speed increased in hopes of having a shot at whatever, caused this. The lines were deployed and the search was on. Instead of the mighty fish, we found single weeds which turned into scattered weeds and thus scattered weeds attracted baitfish and birds. The birds marked the phins. We

were feeling good about our chances. I did inform the crew that since yours truly did not catch a fish on Sunday, it was only fitting that I got first dibs and everyone agreed. Connie was at the helm, Dad and I were at the stern monitoring the baits for weeds when the short line rod took a bow. 'Fish on' and gone was the quick cry. The port outrigger snapped to and a dolphin took airborne. Dad was on the rod and I could only watch as he battled the fish to the boat. Connie did take a shot at the fish with the gaff only to have it bounce off its tough scaly hide. The gaff was turned over to me and with one shot of the gaff and the fish landed in the fish box only to hear the fish's final protest by slamming its tail against the box lid. The fish were here. As the lines were deployed once again I reminded the remaining crew whose turn it was on the rod. This time Connie and I were monitoring the baits and scoping out the wereabouts of the tell tale birds. The outrigger closest to my wife snaps to life and Connie grabs the rod. The fish misses the hook and she does the smart thing and drops the bait back to the fish. True to form, the dolphin circles back on the bait and picked it up with the hook in its mouth. Fish on and the fight was on. It was to be our largest fish in box today.



Once again, I had to remind the crew whose turn it was. Her fish was nice ranging in the twenty to twenty five pound class.

The small area of ocean still contained the scattered weeds and the birds still marked the fish. The baits were set out and within fifteen minutes the starboard outrigger snapped and a dolphin jumped from the sea. If you were wondering, yes I did clear everyone out of the stern so I could have a chance at the rod. And yes, I did get to the rod and yes I did get to fight the fish all the way to the gaff. It was our smallest fish of the day it likely weighed ten to twelve pounds. Life was



## Captain Of The Year Rob Darner!

Well the COY race is OVER. We have a new Captain Of The Year. Congratulations to Rob Darner, our 2007 Captain of the Year!

Well all I can say is I am sure glad Tom Meyer took second, I sure didn't want to see Eddie in a dress again. Relax Tom, you only have to wear the dress after you come in second 4 years in a row.

### 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**

A news story about five crew members saved from a sinking vessel off Jacksonville, because they were able to communicate with the Coast Guard, prompted me to write about the importance of having a radio on board your vessel. It has been said that a man's best friend is his dog, and that may be so for a landlubber, but a boater's best friend may be

his/her radio. Although not required on recreational boats, unless carrying 6 or more passengers for hire, you should have a radio on your boat as it could save your life in a time of distress. "COAST GUARD RESCUES FIVE FROM SINKING BOAT" was a recent headline in the local paper. A Coast Guard spokesman said, "the good thing is he had a VHF radio and was able to notify us that he was in distress".

Having a radio on board and knowing how to use it properly could be a lifesaver. Also, selecting the appropriate channel and proper use of your radio will prevent interfering with someone else in distress trying to contact the Coast Guard for assistance. You can purchase an all channel radio, which has 73 channels or cheaper models with fewer channels. Your radio should have at least the following 6 channels: Channel 6, intership safety; channel 9, alternate calling for non-commercial vessels and bridge; channel 16, distress, urgency, safety and calling for commercial vessels; channel 22A, Coast Guard Liaison; channel 68, non-commercial working, and a weather channel. In addition to channel 68, channel 69,71,72 and 78 are assigned working channels for recreational boats. Channel 23 and 83 are Coast Guard working channels only.

You may, also, want to carry on board a second portable handheld radio for use in case you lose your main power on the vessel and your installed radio would be inoperative. I have had to use my handheld radio on many occasions when my main antenna connections became corroded.

As a recreational boater, when your radio is turned on and not scanning, you should stay tuned to channel 9 and use it to call other boaters or shore stations. After initial contact is made on channel 9, you should switch to a working channel to converse. Do not remain on the calling channel to chat. Channel 16 is the calling channel for commercial vessels, and is to be used for distress, urgency, safety and calls to the Coast Guard if needed. Although channel 9 is the designated calling channel for recreational boaters and 16 is the designated channel for commercial vessels, common usage has made 16 the calling channel for all vessels. So, you may want to monitor 16 all the time.

The FCC promulgates rules regarding the use of marine radios. The FCC and the Coast Guard work closely together and have direction finding equipment to locate offenders. The misuse of channel 16 is a class D felony with a \$5,000 fine plus all costs incurred as a result of the misuse. You should guard your set against misuse as you are responsible for it.

Your VHF radio is a "line of sight" system and reaches only a little way beyond the horizon. Therefore, the height of your antenna is more important than the power of your set. A 25-watt VHF set will reach as many stations as it could with more power. A more powerful radio would only send its signals farther out into space. It is extremely important, however, that you have a good solid connection between your antenna and your transceiver. Some connections are soldered and some are pressure fitted. You should check periodically to make sure the connection is still solid if it is not soldered.

In case of a real emergency, you should be prepared to send out a "Mayday" message without even thinking about it. The first few seconds of your message could provide the critical information that saves your life. A "Mayday" message

Your Sign Cont.

good aboard the *High Roller* and we now turned our attention to finding schoolies dolphin so the kids could catch a fish. As Dave Workman Jr noted in during one of our seminars, he has a pattern to redeploying baits and for dolphin fishing I do the same thing. The first bait back into the water is the prop wash bait because it is the quickest to get out and sometimes the first to get hit. The next bait out was the shotgun bait, a deboned Spanish mackerel like the ones from previous stories. On the way out, I would thumb the spool to make sure the fish was swimming right. The mackerel was about 2/3's of the way out when the reel spool started to increase its rotation under my thumb. The thirty pound line peeled off much quicker than before so I counted to three and flipped the drag. The seven foot stick bent over and bent back. Something had a hold of my Spanish so I free spooled the bait. The fish circled back and once again it picked up the floating bait. I counted to ten and engaged the drag. A stud dolphin launched into the air and then back into the sea. The second time was not meant to be because the hooks never found its mark. I could tell the Spanish was still on so I left the bait out and put the rod in its holder. The bull came back for a third time and got the hook. Game on! The bull peeled the 30 pound line off the Diawa Sealine reel like a smoker king does a live bait rod & reel. Before I knew it, the fish had a third of the spool and it was still going. The fish took to the air and jumped about three times. Dad, Connie and Byron helped to clear the remaining lines and I was strapped with a fighting belt, thank goodness. Bubba bull decided he had enough of the surface and ran deep to slug it out. There was no turning this fish with the gear, it just did what it wanted to do and all I could do was to hang on. I felt like tighten the drag because the fish could run at will; however, I did reframe from touching the drag. Slowly, the fish came within viewing distance. A great greenish triangle emerged from the depths. Even at the edge of sight, you could see the massive flat head tapering away to the tail. A few more cranks and the fish was coming toward the surface, yet no one bothered to ask the mighty fish if it wanted to show itself because it took off toward the bottom. The seven foot trolling rod bent toward the water while my arms were extended hanging as the drag yielded line. Slowly, the fish came back into view. It was down there and it was coming up. As if the fish was toying with me, it turned tail and ran deep once more. Line came off the reel effortlessly when the tension on the line popped and the fish was gone. The hooks had pulled during the great fish's last run. The fight endured for about thirty minutes.

The moral to my story is when I see what I perceive to be a marlin free jumping, I'll fish there. There's your SIGN!

Best Wishes for Fishing,  
Rob



*The Dry  
Dock*

### **For Sale:**

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line wet once. \$600.00  
(1) Trinidad 20 + (1) Ugly Stik Custon USCB 1170M  
15-30 lb Never seen Water  
\$400.00  
(1) Penn 8500 SS + WestMarine 7' PowerRod ML  
12-30 lb Never Seen Water \$200.00  
Mighty Might 10lb aluminum anckor for boats to 18ft  
\$50.00  
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hardware) Retail \$350.00 - \$200.00  
Please contact Pete St. Laurent (904)220-9199  
E:Mail [bustnreds@hotmail.com](mailto:bustnreds@hotmail.com)

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### Top's Tips Cont.

contains Mayday 3 times, name of boat, latitude and longitude if known or location, nature of distress, number of persons on board and condition of any injured, seaworthiness of boat, description of boat and end with name of boat.

The following is a sample "Mayday" message: "Mayday, Mayday, Mayday. This is Fishtales. About 20 miles, 090, East of Mayport. Crew member symptoms of heart attack, need medivac helicopter. 3 POB. Vessel 23 foot Proline cuddy cabin white outboard. This is Fishtales on channel 16. Listen for an answer. If no answer, make sure your set is on, is on high power, is on 16 and the squelch is not turned up high. After this check of equipment, and no answer, repeat your "Mayday" message.

If you do not receive an answer, continue to transmit in the blind since your set is both a transmitter and receiver you may be transmitting ok but just not receiving. It happens on a routine basis where a vessel may transmit or receive, but not both. May you never have to send one of these messages and continue to enjoy safe boating throughout the year.

Top Ingram  
Fishtales

## 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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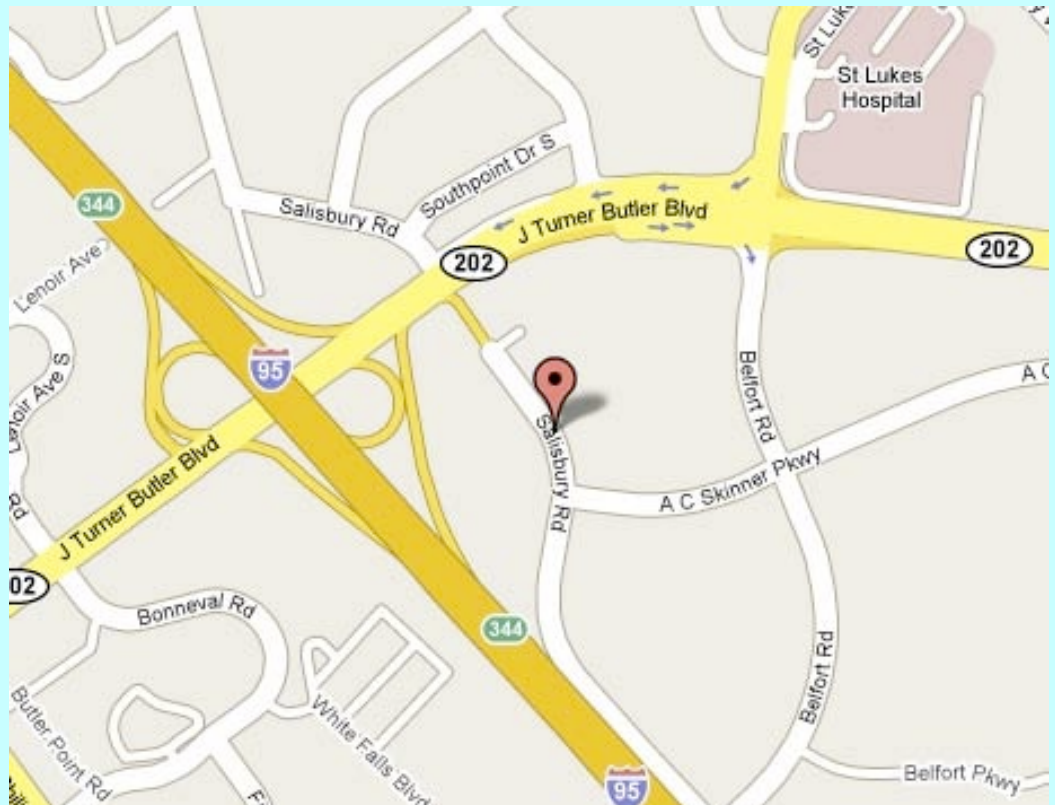


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	1 Board Meeting	2	3	4 Club Meeting Vote for Club Officers	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18 Club Meeting	19	20 Annual Club Awards Banquet
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			<h1>October</h1>

## Coming Events:

October 20, 2007 -  
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Tickets available form any Board Member.



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