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PRESIDENTS CASTINGS

Captain Chris Rooney

ROCKTOBER Fishing the Breaks

This is the month I like to call Roctoiber, the first of the fall cold fronts start coming through in force and change the fishing. The weather cools off for the first time in six months and its time for us to get together and have some fun, honor the best/luckiest anglers among our rank and file and see who can still cut the rug! The 2010 JOSFC Banquet is Saturday the 16th starting at 6:00 pm at the American Legion Post 129. There will be a DJ spinning vinyl, prizes for the raffle, and all the entertainment that can come with the end of the year Festivities. The Tickets are only \$30.00 Per Person for a night including a Prime Rib, Grilled Garlic & Herb Chicken, Shrimp & Scallop Alfredo, lots of sides, Ice Tea and a Cash Bar, Dancing the light fantastic, Great food and Great Friends see one of the 2010 Officers for your tickets.

The fishing this month will be noting short of phenomenal, there have been a lot of grouper on the inshore grounds and the offshore trolling is really starting to improve. The big greenhead seabass will be starting to bite and this is the last month for the b-liners till April so go stock the freezer. I hear the 3-4 pounders are really biting in the deeper water around the 38 mile roll, the aquarium and the old turtle grounds, just go to your favorite piece of live bottom in 110-115 feet of water and drop to the bottom. Find the breaks in the weather fronts and go get them.

We have a special tournament coming in November also where it's the luck of the draw. A chance for all the anglers to put their names in the hat and the Captains will draw their crews for a fun day of fishing and talking garbage. Wait one of our Captains bends the truth, say it ain't so! Well I need to get this off to Bill cause I'm late as usual and sooner or later he's going to fire me! See Ya! Take a kid fishing I'll bet they'll Love it!

Captain Chris

THE 51ST ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET

October 16, 2010

At the American Legion Post 129

1151 S. 4th St., Jax Beach

6:00 PM Cocktails 7:00 PM Dinner



The 2010 Annual JOSFC Awards Banquet is October 16th. You really want to plan on going to this party. Contact any of the Officers or Board members for tickets. They are just \$30.00 each.

The menu is : Prime Rib, Grilled Garlic & Herb Chicken, Shrimp & Scallop Alfredo, lots of sides, Ice Tea and a Cash Bar.

There will be Dancing, the Awards, of course, a few fish stories, and lots of great company & fun!

Did I mention the Raffle? This is our biggest raffle of the year. In fact, YOU can help, by asking any of the businesses you frequent to support our club (**See the editorial on Page 5**) and donate something to our Raffle.





I know that you all recognize Club Member Alden Thornton on the left, but since it has been a while since he was in the news, the guy on the right is none other than Past President George H. W. Bush!

On August 4th, Alden delivered President Bush's 4th or 5th Fountain boat, a 38 footer.



WHAT A COOL JOB!

Useless Continued

off and slam one of the four ballyhoo baits or in some cases two rods would go down with a double up. This scene was repeated more than once.

On the final drag through the birds, two rods snapped to life. Bailey and Mike were up. Schooly size dolphin decided to meet their fate at the end of the two rods these last two fish brought with them the dolphin school. Our only spinning rod of the day was retooled with a single hook and a chunk of ballyhoo. The last fish of the day came off this rig. Of the sixty baits we brought on board, we ran through forty-eight of them fishing. Those last three hours were as hot as any I have fished in quite awhile. It was decided to leave the fish biting and run for home before darkness set in.

Best Wishes for Fishing,
Rob Darner

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Rob's Fishing Lore

Useless

The sound could not have been any more distinctive. A high pitch shatter of glass gave everyone the immediate impression something was wrong but what could that have been? It is the sort of sound that is odd upon the water. The port outrigger's glass ring where the bungee and the outrigger cord came together shattered against the aluminum piping causing the outrigger cord to hang free about the water. The detached bungee hung off the T-top and upon close inspection a piece of glass was still connected to the bungee. To remedy this situation the solution seemed simple: 1st remove the glass still attached to the bungee cord, 2nd find another device to connect the outrigger cord and the bungee together so the entire outrigger system would function properly once again.

It was here that I made my mistake. It was during these next few seconds that critical thinking should have taken place; however, the bite was hot. I mean the bite was hotter than Ft Myers in August without a breeze, it was that hot. Up to this point, fishing was turning out to be another \$100 donation to the R&H Sailfish Tournament but then it turned into something more. The High Roller boat was making a move inshore in hopes to find a sailfish and the destination was Deadman's Reef at TW. Just about two miles North of the reef, Mike Murphy and I spotted several birds circling, diving and making figure eights above the water. It was not a small flock but what was puzzling was to the best of our knowledge there was not a reef near or by where the birds were. Eyeing the activity for several minutes on our course an executive decision was made to head the boat west and ran toward the birds for they had to be working something and I hoped that something included a sailfish.

Two teasers along with four ballyhoo created our bait spread. The birds were unalarmed to our presences and they did not flee the scene upon our arrival. It took only one trip through the flock to figure out what the birds were working. The snap of the outrigger clip and the screaming drag alerted us to a fish on the other line. A phin, a dolphin took airborne in a futile attempt to toss the hook. As the boat settled in for the fight other free roaming dolphin savaged the remaining ballyhoo drifting behind the stern. The dolphin put up a good account of itself but it met its fate at the end of the gaff. The dolphin protested mightily in the fishbox.

The bite remained hot all the way up to the shattering of the glass ring and beyond. The birds did not disappear instead they continued on following the dolphin thus time was of the essence to find a solution to our outrigger problem. However, first to repair the bungee the glass had to be removed. The answer was obvious; just push the glass piece through. It was here that the mistake was made by trying to push it through with my left thumb. The glass piece did not seem sharp so when it cut the tip of the thumb, it was surprising indeed. Not only did the cut hurt but the 3 cm cut bled. It bled like a stuck tuna fish all over the stern of the boat. It was a small but unruly cut. For a brief period of time there was more of my blood on the transom than that of the fish. First, the bleeding was controlled with pressure from the cleanest rag available but it was to no avail. Every time the pressure let up, the cut would reopen. There was no way repairing that rigging was in the immediate future. Now, I could only survey the back of the boat and look out over the transom knowing what needs to be done but unable to get it done. In the brief split second, I had become useless and all I could do was to hold the thumb to keep it from bleeding.



The outrigger solution was simple. A shower ring was substituted for the glass ring and the outrigger was ready for action once again. As for the thumb, a simple band aid solution would not hold after a few bouts of rigging and re-rigging. The band aid fix only lasted for a couple of sets through the birds and fish before the blood, the water and slim whisked away the covering thus making me useless once more. So the next fix had to be a final one. Band aids were applied and athletic tape wrapped the band aids. The tape was applied liberally so the thumb looked like Little Jack Horner's. With this new wrap, we could now get back to work catching the fish. Did I mention the bite was still hot? The fish were exploding on the bait like the Fourth of July fireworks. The fish were everywhere. From the bow of the boat, the three kids found a lookout perch to spy for fish. Their cries of dolphin in the water could be heard. Their calls swiveled our heads to automatically watch our bait spread. We could track the dolphin swimming around the boat. It was interesting that the fish would make a U-turn and key on the bait dredge then peel



Top's Tips Safety First

Top Ingram
Safety Officer

Anchoring

I hate to start out with bad news, but since my last article, boating fatalities to date have increased from 37 to 49. Drownings have increased to 27. Most of the drownings occurred because the individuals were not wearing a life jacket when they entered the water. For example, a man, who was not wearing a life jacket, fell off his oyster boat near St George Island and never resurfaced. His body was later recovered. Another man, having trouble with his 17 foot Cobia, attempted to anchor in the Fort Pierce Inlet and fell overboard. His body was later recovered. Incidents can happen so fast you do not have time to don a life jacket. So, please wear your life jacket when you go boating/fishing offshore.

Now, back to the subject of this article which is anchoring. Each boat captain needs to master the art of anchoring for protection, safety and the enjoyment of finding that perfect spot and hoisting the big ones off the bottom. There are several types of anchors and the type used should depend primarily on the type of bottom in which you plan to anchor. Also, some anchors have greater holding power than others. The most commonly used anchors today are the Danforth, Yachtsman, Mushroom, Grapnel, Northill and the Plow.

The most popular anchor for small recreational boats is the Danforth. It is a lightweight anchor with long, narrow twin flukes that dig into the bottom. The Yatchman's anchor has a shape that makes it awkward to stow and is carried mainly by long range cruisers for use as a storm anchor. The Mushroom anchor, when embedded, has tremendous holding power. It can hold a boat well in mud or sand in calm, protected waters and is popular with fishermen. The Mushroom anchor does not work well, however, in grassy or rocky bottoms. The Grapnel anchor is used primarily in rocky bottoms. The Northill anchor is an all purpose anchor with sharp bill points that dig into the bottom as soon as there is a pull on the anchor line. The Plow anchor is an efficient anchor but clumsy to handle and stow. It is used most often on large sail boats.

Your boat should carry at least two anchors. One anchor should be small and lightweight for use in good weather when anchoring in protected waters, or for short stops while fishing. The second Anchor should be larger and heavier for use such as overnight anchoring or when in a situation where your boat might drag its anchor.

The type of anchoring equipment "ground tackle" you carry should depend on the type, weight and length of your boat. For instance, if you are using a standard working Danforth anchor and your boat length is 15 feet, the recommended anchor is 4S. For a 16 to 25 foot boat the size is 8S, a 26 to 30 foot boat 13S, a 31 to 35 foot boat 22S and a 36 to 40 foot boat the size is

40S. Check with your local marine store to match the rest of your "ground tackle" (shackle, chain, line) with the proper size anchor. Also, the characteristics of the bottom and depth of the water in which you will anchor are important considerations in choosing the proper "ground tackle". To be adequate, your "ground tackle" must hold your boat securely under the most adverse conditions.

The anchor line and chain is called the rode. The best combination consists of about 4 to 6 feet of heavy chain, a shackle, a thimble and a nylon line. The chain helps the rode lie flat on the bottom enabling the anchor to dig in. It also protects the rode against chafing in rocky bottoms. Nylon is the recommended anchor line as its elasticity eases the shock of the boats movements on the anchor. Your anchor will hold best when the pull of the rode is as nearly horizontal as possible. For this reason, holding power increases as you increase the length of the rode.

The "scope" of an anchor rode is the ratio of its length to the depth of the water. The normal scope for holding a boat is 7:1, or 7 feet of rode for each foot of water. A scope of 5:1 is marginal and a scope of 3:1 is poor unless you have excellent weather and a bottom good for anchoring. A 3:1 scope is usually OK for short stops to fish in good weather.

The first step in anchoring is, obviously, to check the depth and nature of the bottom. If the circumstances for anchoring are satisfactory, head your boat into the wind or current, make sure your anchor rode can run free, reverse your engine and lower the anchor carefully as you move astern. Do not drop the anchor or throw it over the side as it can fowl and will not hold. Also, make sure you have tied the "bitter" end of the anchor line securely to the anchor locker, or you will have a very "bitter" feeling as you watch the end of the line leave your boat.

After you have determined that you have sufficient line out, and the anchor has dug in and is holding, secure the line to a bow cleat and turn off your engine. NEVER, I repeat, NEVER tie off your anchor to the side or stern of your boat. It may be easy and convenient at times but it is also very dangerous. Large wakes from passing vessels or "rogue waves" can swamp a boat when it is anchored by the side or stern. In a strong current, boats can be pushed under the water by the force of the current if anchored by the stern.

When you are ready to leave an anchorage, always start your engine before taking in "weighing" the anchor. To take in your anchor, move your boat ahead slowly, taking in the rode slack as you go, to a position directly over the anchor. Usually the anchor will break free of the bottom when you are directly over it. If it breaks free, raise it and stow it. If the anchor does not break free, tie the line to the bow cleat and run your boat slowly in a wide circle around the anchor with the line tight to free it. Follow the above simple suggestions for easy anchoring and continue to enjoy pleasant and safe boating throughout the year.

Top Ingram
Fish Tales





SKA DIVISION 4 WINNERS!

Above are our own club secretary Alison Thornton (*The Division 4 2010 Lady Angler of the Year*) her husband Alden and their "The A-Team" with a 50.17 Lb. Kingfish they caught to win the Golden Isles Kingfish Tournament on August 14th

Then they won Sapelo tournament on Alison's Birthday, July 31, 2010, with a 50.99 lb kingfish, (Pictured below.)

They won back to back kingfish tournaments with kingfish over 50 lbs!!

These two fish totaled 101.16 lbs. enough for our team to win the SKA Division 4 !



VERY IMPORTANT EDITORIAL

YES, THIS IS A REPEAT, IT'S THAT IMPORTANT!

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We need to support our Sponsors as much as we can. When you buy ANY marine product, or do business with any of the Sponsors listed on the back of our newsletter, or listed on our website, (You DO check our sponsor list FIRST if you need something { Like Quick Fix Plumbing} don't you?) be sure to do two things.

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Every member should be talking up our Web-site and club all the time. We represent over 500 Fisher Men, Women, and Children, Saltwater Sport fishing is responsible for OVER \$600 Million dollars EACH & EVERY YEAR in revenues to the local economy, (The Greater Jacksonville Area only.) from St. Augustine to the Florida/ Georgia Border. Our Club leads the way in the fight to keep our right to fish open and fighting the phony data of the extreme environmentalists on the SAMFC.

The JOSFC is fighting to help keep their business open and profitable!

LOUD HAILINGS

Newsletter Editor / Web-Master

Bill Breen



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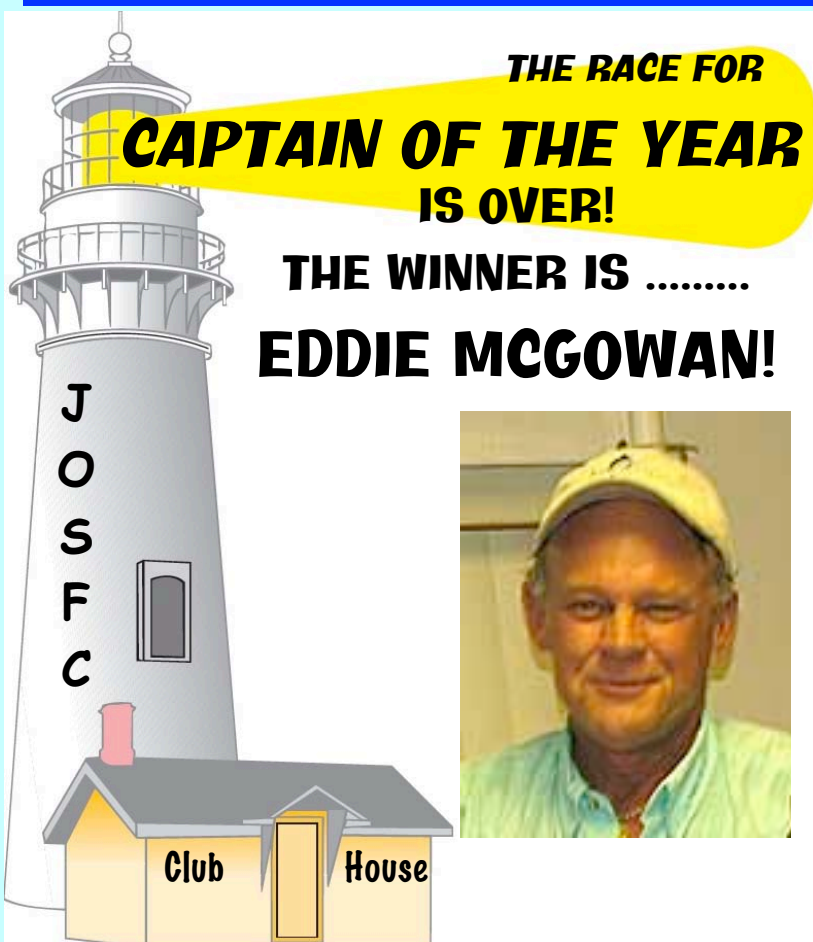
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Frank Grassi	-C = 234-7369	Sunday	Up to 8:00 pm
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John Porcella	- C = 610-3855	Nearly any day	Up to 10:00 PM
Joe Esparza	- C = 536 - 4114	Any Day	Up to 10:00 pm
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Ronald Cowart	- C = 879-4724	Weekends	Up to 9:00 PM
Greg Cole	- C = 412 - 5722	Any Day	Up to 9:00 PM



Our congratulations to Eddie McGowan for winning the Captain Of The Year 2010!

This is the second time Eddie has won, so I guess that we won't be able to get him to wear Edwina's dress any more. He has earned the title of Fisherman Extraordinary, and permanently outgrown the title of Brides Maid!

Eddie won with an impressive 64 total points!

We currently have 2 Brides Maids that came in second with 48 points each, Steve Kalaitzis and Greg Wallace. Third place was solidly won by A.J. Proescher with 44 points.

To see the rest of the standings go to our web-site and down to the Fishing Boards under Fishing Info.



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17	18	19	20	21 Club Meeting Junior Angler Awards Party	22	23
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Coming Events:

- October 7th - Voting for new Board & Officers
- October 16th - The Annual Club Awards Banquet.
- October 21st - Club Meeting & Junior Angler Awards Party



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