



**Soon to be....
Past President**

Don Cook's last President's Message

Here it is the end of the year or the beginning of the year depending on how you look at it. It has been a great year for me as the president of the club. We have had a lot of fish caught, tales told, good food, seminars, the El Cheapo, the boat show, FL Sportsman show, tournaments and now the end of the year banquet. This year's banquet will be one of the best ever. It will be at the Ramada Inn on Hartley Rd. It just so happens that the Chef is a friend of our own Chef Larry and he has promised to over see the food service personally. I can't wait (see the menu in this newsletter). There are tons of people that make all these things possible every year from volunteers to associate members and sponsors. I would like to thank each and every one of you for your help in making my year as president possible. We have also added a lot of new members this year and look forward to getting to know them and see what they add to our club. It has been an honor to serve this year and I thank the entire club for giving me the opportunity.

The start of the New Year is here. The boards open Oct. 1st and the competition begins anew. This month the new board of directors and officers of the club will be elected and installed. Plans for the coming tournament schedule and events schedule are being set. On a personal note I get to take on the most coveted title of all Past President! Here's to another great year at the best fishing club ever.

See you on the water or at the club. Don



The 2011 Annual JOSFC Awards Banquet is HERE!

October 22nd At the Ramada Inn on Hartley Rd.

How is this for a menu?

Chef Carved Prime Rib
Hot & Cold Steamed Crab Legs
Peel & Eat Shrimp
Chicken Marcella
Almond Crusted Pork Loin

Salads - Garden, Italian, Antipasti
Sides - Rice Pilaf, Au Gratin potatoes, Steamed Broccoli and Vegetable Medley!

Our Chef Larry says that his friend, Chef Mark at the Ramada guarantees we will not run out of food!

We will also have a DJ and Dancing and a Cash Bar set up!

This is where we honor our Captain of the Year, Board Winners, outstanding catches, and any other catches or actions of note by our members.

We need a head count by the 10/17 for our minimum so **BUY YOUR TICKETS** from any board member as soon as you can!

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JOSFC Club Member Tom Darga (On the Left) got to go swimming at our last meeting. He landed his first Sailfish Sunday on Tim Altman's boat "Reel Hooked Up" during the Mayport Masters Sailfish Tourney.

Tom was a good sport and even managed to get Zack Miller to join him for his short swim. Zack didn't really intend to go but Tom was too fast for him.

Tom gets to proudly wear the JOSFC Sailfish Pin that he earned!



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Pete Loftin

The JOSFC has seen the passing of another Charter Member and the fishing community has lost a great friend.

He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Dorothy; his daughter Laura and her fiancé Norman Spieler; his son Jim and his daughter-in-law Cyndy; and his grandsons Steven and Daniel Loftin.



Pete worked for 13 years with the Evinrude Motors division of Outboard Marine Corp., first as an assembly line supervisor and then as the Southeast sales representative. In 1957 he opened his own boat and motor dealership, Outboard, Inc., which he and his wife owned and operated for 41 years. Boating and fishing were always a prominent part of his life, and he believed in giving back to the industry that he loved. He served as President of the Jacksonville Marine Association, the Marine Industries Association of Florida (of which he was a founding member) and the Marine Retailers Association of America, in each case for multiple terms. He was a founding member of the Greater Jacksonville Kingfish Tournament and served on its Board of Directors for most of its 30 plus years. He also helped organize the Jacksonville Commodores League and the Northeast

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Florida Marlin Association, and served on the boards of those organizations as well as of the Jacksonville Offshore Sport Fishing Club.



Pete at the Clubhouse.

May his seas be calm and his fishing be fun for the rest of time.



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News flash!

In a paper released by the Nationalized (By Guess who) Committee of Citizen Boating Interaction Safety. They report that after spending \$873 Million or so dollars, and at least a couple of weeks, they have determined that they need to spend a whole boat load of money on an advertising campaign to the public to remind boaters about safe docking.

They are considering having congress pass laws mandating that boat manufactures place a prominent placard in the center of every steering wheel AND big signs on all docks, (Both private and public.) visible from all angles that state:

**Never approach the dock any faster than
you want to ram the dock!**



Pumpkin Fish?



Top's Tips Safety First

Top Ingram
Safety Officer

Anchoring

Recently 3 boaters were rescued and one was pronounced dead after their boat capsized 11 miles offshore in the Gulf of Mexico. A fishing trip started at 7a.m. that Saturday when winds and seas were calm. As the conditions deteriorated and the seas became choppy in the afternoon, the boaters turned back to shore. However, on the way back the motor failed and they tried to anchor in about 20 feet of water. A rogue wave swamped the boat and swept them over board. None of the boaters was wearing a life jacket when they entered the water. The youngest survivor, a 15 year old boy said "I tried to dive underneath the boat to get the life jackets, but they were just so caught up underneath I just couldn't get them". Anchoring in bad weather will not save you, but your life jacket can. Keep your life jackets handy, and accessible, in case of an emergency. Or, better yet, wear the life jacket. 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.

I mention the above as it ties in with this month's subject 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 Yachtsman'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 sailboats.

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.

Anchoring concluded.

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

How to do a quick Schnell of your line to a hook without any tools!

Pass the end of the line through the Eye of the hook, make a big loop and come back up through the eye again with the tag end of the line.



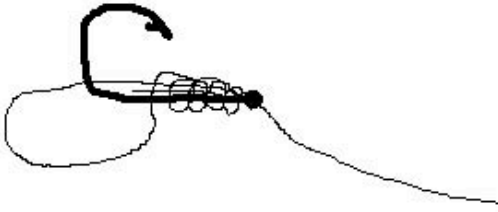
Lay the tag end of the line and the main line along the shank of the hook.



Wrap the bottom of the loop, the tag end of the line, around the shank and other line five or six times.



Pull the main line to tighten the knot.



Snug and trim the tag end of the line and you are DONE!



Wear your Life Jacket at least while any boat you are on is underway!



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, or E-mail me your pictures at:
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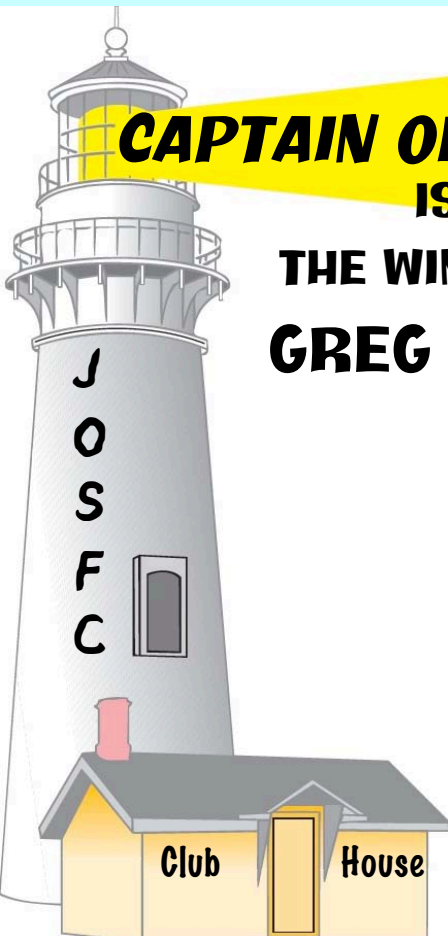

Instant Crew, Just Add Water

<u>Name</u>	-	<u>Phone</u>	-	<u>Availability</u>	-	<u>Can call the Night before.</u>
Pete St.Laurent -	C =	220-9199		Most weekends		Up to 8:00 pm
Rodney Anderson	-C =	318-4005		Any day		Up to 9:00 pm
Richard Fisher	-	H = 221-9629		Nearly every day		Up to 8:00 PM the day before.
John Porcella -		Cell 738-1010		Nearly any day		Up to 10:00 PM
Joe Esparza	-	C = 536 - 4114		Any Day		Up to 10:00 pm
Phillip Ferdon -		H = 879-0184		Fri. Sat.		Up to 9:00 pm
		C = 887-6736				
Rod Saffles	-	C = 993-6986		Any Day		Up to Midnight
Ron Hunter	-	C = 733-1197		From Noon Wednesday through Sunday		Up to 8:00 PM
Ronald Cowart -		C = 879-4724		Weekends		Up to 9:00 PM
Greg Cole	-	C = 412 - 5722		Any Day		Up to 9:00 PM
Jason Jones	-	C = 945.6576		Weekends		Up to 9:00 PM
Roy Edwards -		C = 918-633-1976		Any Day		Up to 9:00 PM



**THE RACE FOR
CAPTAIN OF THE YEAR
IS OVER!**

**THE WINNER IS
GREG WALLACE!**

Our congratulations to Greg wallace for winning the Captain Of The Year 2011!

Greg came in second last year, but this year he took the lead from the Get-Go and never looked back. He has earned the title of Fisherman Extraordinary!

Greg won with an impressive 67 total points, beating Eddie's record of 64 points last year.

A. J. Proescher came in second with 57 points and Third place was sown up by Steve Kalaitzis with 46 points.

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



Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
		October				1 Fishing Boards Open Club Meeting
2	3 Board Meeting	4	5	6 Club Meeting	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20 Club Meeting Junior Angler Awards	21	22 Annual Awards Banquet!!!
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

Here is the Map to the Ramada Inn at 3130 Hartley Rd. Jacksonville, Fl

The location of our Annual Awards Banquet Oct 22, 2011 at 6:00 PM

Get your tickets from any Board Member or Officer!



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