



The Newsletter of the . . .

The Reel News

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PRESIDENTS CASTINGS

Capt. Danny Del Rio



The end of the year is fast coming upon us. It has been a great year for me as president of the club. It's been lots of fun and lots of good food and great seminars. I want to thank everybody in the club for making this a great year and volunteering for all the functions throughout the year. Our El Cheapo Tournament was the best ever and would have not been possible without all the great volunteers.

Our first meeting is on October 4th and we will be voting for the new officer and board members. This is also another great pot luck night! Of course, the club will furnish the deserts. Second meeting is October 18th when we have our Annual Junior Awards Party.

The Annual Club Banquet is October 20th and will be held at the Ramada Inn, same as last year. Everyone get your tickets now from any of the board members and plan to attend. Great food, fun and prizes! Check out the menu!

Plan to attend the function in October and please support your new officers and board member for the new year!

Tight lines and good fishing!

Danny Del Rio, president JOSFC



The 2012 Annual JOSFC Awards Banquet is HERE!

October 20th 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.

The Ramada needs a head count by the 10/12 for our minimum so **BUY YOUR TICKETS** from any board member as soon as you can! Still only \$40 / person

See Map on Page 4



C & H Lures, 13015 Beach Blvd, between Kernan Blvd. and Hodges Blvd. C & H Lures are one of the club's Platinum Sponsors! They support all of our activities all year long.

I always go there FIRST for my fishing supplies and Bait. As a Club member, we get a discount when we show our Membership Card!

Remember to support the businesses that support the JOSFC!

I don't exaggerate...
I just remember BIG !!!

It is time to vote in a new slate of
Officers and Board Members!

You will be doing this at the October 4th meeting!

NOMINATIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

President:

Paul Gallup

Butch Ogin

Vice President:

Tom Darga

Treasurer:

Carol Hixenbaugh

Secretary:

Monica Darga

For the Board of Directors:

Rob darner

Rob Cripe

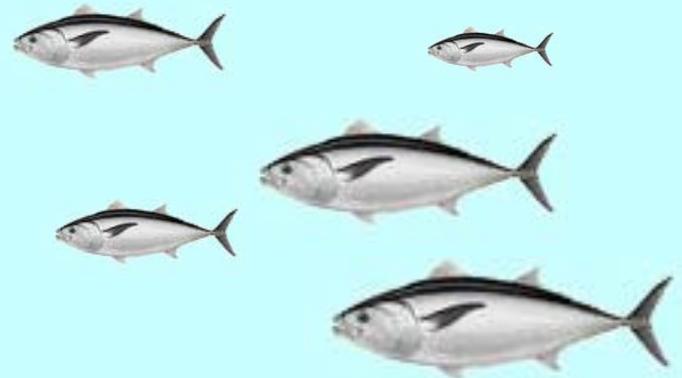
Derrick Seigel

Greg Wallace

Tim Altman

Will Aitkin

Danny Del Rio ~ Advisor to the Board



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Officers:

President	Danny Del Rio
Vice President.....	Paul Galhup
Secretary	Patti Kalaitzis
Treasurer	Carol Hixenbaugh

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Special Events	Will Aitken
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Hospitality	Larry Hixenbaugh
Fishing Coordinator	Greg Wallace
Membership	Tom Darga
Trophies & Awards	Alan Shepard
Special Advisor	Don Cook
Newsletter Editor / Website ...	Bill Breen
Newsletter & Marine Radio....	Mike Murphy

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Top's Tips Safety First



Top Ingram
Safety Officer

Anchoring

The following is old news. However, I thought it would be apropos to remind all of it since the fishing tournaments end with our September Bottom Tournament and we will have a lot of time to think about fishing next year. And, hopefully, fishing in a safe manner.

Three 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 on a Saturday when winds and seas were calm. As the conditions deteriorated and the seas became choppier 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 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 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

Anchoring Cont.

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

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!

Gary Newman
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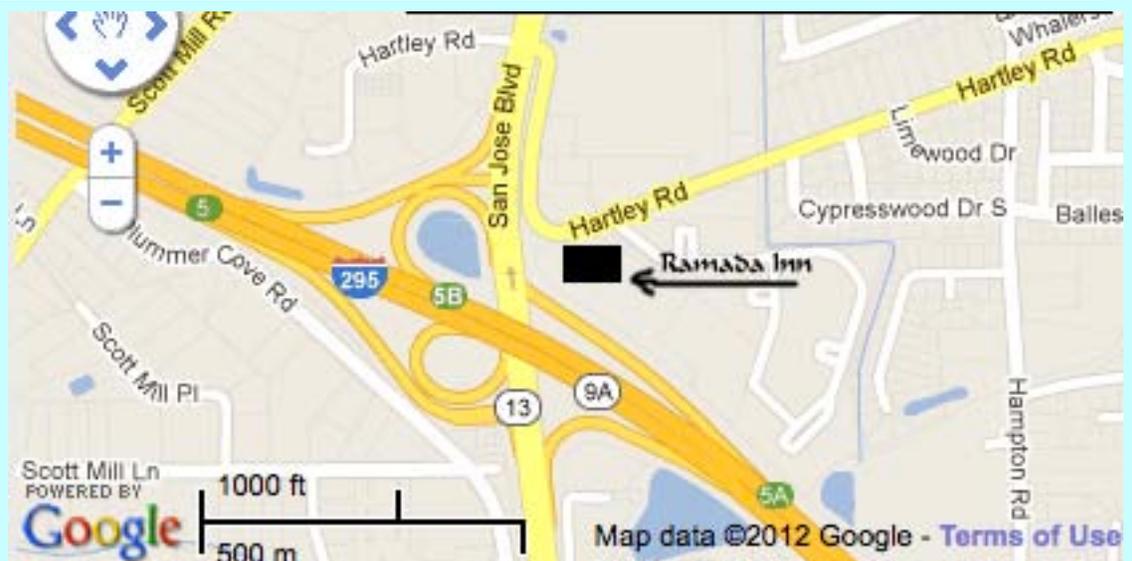
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FYI - Gary is a Past President of the JOSFC, and one heck of a good guy, he will find you the best insurance, and not try to sell you something you don't need. Check with him, he might be able to lower your payments! It is worth a try.

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!





This is my Daughter, Cassi (Breen) Washington, holding her first Wahoo! We went out September 2nd on the Maelstrom, my boat, and as usual, she out-fished me. I have yet to catch MY first Wahoo, but I take her and her friend out to the ledge, (Her first ever fishing trip to the ledge.) and she boats a nice Wahoo. She landed the only one, her friend missed 4 others, and a 5th broke off when he tightened to drag to much. We call him Mr. Hook & Release.



Just look at the AYCE Shrimp & Crab Legs from the Banquet, and below is (1) One of the Raffle tables from last years Awards Banquet. Gotta Go !!!!



Congratulations to.....

**JACK
OGIN**

It was a tight race this year, with several Tournaments canceled due to weather, and 2nd place winner Tom Meyer breathing down his neck, but in the end, JACK OGIN landed the most points to win our coveted Captain of the Year.

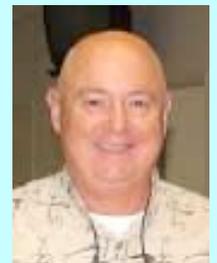
Come to the Awards Banquet to see Jack join the Elite Club and become one of only of 53 people that can claim the title of the JOSFC's Captain of the Year!



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 or E-mail me your pictures at:



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As the mailing page says, it is **TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP IN THE JOSFC!**

Why Renew?

Even if you have not been an active member, if you fish, and want to continue fishing, you need to join at least one organization that is fighting for your right to fish! The JOSFC is doing just that. Every member we have adds weight to our words at the meetings we attend. (Plus **WE** don't keep hitting you up for more money with "Donation Letters" every other month.)

The JOSFC's year actually runs from October 1st to Sept. 30th, and we run our renewal time up to January 1st which if you have not renewed by then any fish you had on the boards come off, and you loose your club voting rights, and your membership card is no longer valid for discounts at the local stores. (Don't worry, we will still try to get you to renew after that.)

Please Renew and come on out to the meetings and have some fun! If you have NOT been getting the Up-date and reminder of the meetings E-mails, let me know. Also make sure you have this E-mail address in your address book. JOSFC <breenw@bellsouth.net>

This club is a legacy we must preserve for our children and grandchildren and sometimes we have to work /volunteer overtime to ensure just that.



APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP (Renewal)

The JOSFC invites the participation of all area fishing enthusiast and is dedicated to conservation, preservation and fellowship with our membership.

NAME _____ HOME PH. _____
 SPOUSE'S NAME _____ WORK PH. _____
 ADDRESS _____ CELL PH. _____
 CITY, STATE _____ ZIP _____
 E-MAIL _____ OCCUPATION _____
 BOAT NAME _____ MAKE _____ LENGTH _____

Family Membership \$50.00

(Husband, Wife, & Children under 16)

Individual Member \$40.00

Paid Junior Member \$5.00

Annual Associate Member\$100.00
(For Business Concerns)

Application Fee \$25.00
(Applicable to NEW Members or if renewing over 6 months late)

Life Member Individual \$250.00

Life Family Membership \$300.00

Total Remittance

Signature _____ Date _____

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
	1 Board Meeting Fishing Boards Open 	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 Annual Junior Angler Awards Party! 	19 	20 Annual Club Awards Banquet 
21 	22 	23 	24 	25 	26 	27 
28 	29 	30 	31 			October

Coming Events:



October 1st - The Fishing Boards open for the 2008 / 2009 year, Clean Boards, no fish yet!

October 4th - At this meeting you vote for your new Officers and Board members. please show up to VOTE!

October 18th - Club Meeting, AND the Junior Angler Awards Party!

Because of the Kids and School this meeting starts at 7:00PM with dinner starting at 6:30 PM

October 20th - The Club's Annual Awards Banquet!

Associate Members

• Academy Sports • *Adam Nichols Artworks* • Advantage signs • *All Aluminum Concepts* • Amelia Island Bait & tackle • *Angie's Sub Shop* • Atlantic Coast Marine • *Atlantic Engraving & Graphics* • Available Angler • *Avid Angler* • B & M Bait & Tackle • *Beach Plaza Auto Care* • Best Western Mayport • *Boat U. S./Angler* • Boathouse Discount Marine • *Boattronics* • BOCA Bearings • *Bonefish Grill* • Bowen Upholstery • *Brown's Creek Fish Camp* • C & H Lures • *Capt. Dave Sipler's Sport Fishing* • Catchin' A Buzz Fishing • *Coastal Angler Magazine* • Common Ground Lawn & Landscaping • *Consignment Boat Sales* • Copperhead • *Dell Marine* • Custom Marine Components • *Dandee Foods* • DOA Lures • *Doherty Brothers Marine Construction* • Donovan Heating & Air • *First Coast Powersports* • Fish On • *Fish Carvings by Rick & Billy* • Fishing Connection • *Fishing Nosara.com* • Florida Sportsman Live • *Ft. George Island Marina* • Freedom Boat Club • *Gary Newman Insurance* • Greater Jax Kingfish Tournament • *Great Atlantic Outfitters* • Hardees • *Home - Zone Cleaning* • Hook The Future • *Hulihan Territory Irrigation Systems* • In River or Ocean • *International Ropes* • Island Electric of the first Coast • *JaxFlats Fishing Apparel* • Julington Creek Carpet Care • *Knight Electric* • Knot-to-Worry • *Kona Skate Park* • Magic Tilt Trailers • *MarineMax* • Mercury Outboards • *Mike's Taxidermy* • Morningstar Marinas at Mayport • *Murphy Communications* • Nosara Paradise Rentals • *Ocean Waves Sunglasses* • Paradise Resort • *Pepsi Bottling Co.* • Pier 17 • *Proctor Ace Hardware* • Progressive Insurance • *Pure Fishing* • Reel Fish Deals • *Rick's Bait & Tackle* • River Marine • *Roffer's Ocean Fishing Forecasting Service* • Safe Harbor Seafood • *Salty Charters of Jacksonville* • Seadance Charters • *Sea Tow* • Sea Angler Gear • *Schaeffer Manufacturing Co.* • Skate Station Funworks • *SOC 7 Productions* • Solomon's RV & Boat Storage • *Southern Propane* • Singelton's Seafood Shack • *Still Just fishing Show* • Strike Zone Fishing • *Styles Smith Plumbing* • Sumo Design Studio • *Sun Deli* • SweetWater Brewing • *Tait's Bait & Charter* • Taylor Concrete Services • *T.B.S. Jigs & Charter* • The Haggerty Company • *The Ice Man* • The Outdoors Show • *The Spot Tournament* • The Water's Edge • *Towboat US of Jacksonville* • Trout River Fish Co. • *Vic2Fish* • West Marine • *Wild Adventures* • Wilson Trailer & Repair Inc. • *Windsor Park Golf Club* • WLS Contracting • *Woody Wax* • Zaxby's



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