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PRESIDENTS CAST NET

Tom Darga

Okay in case you missed the nomination night as usual one person was nominated that was not present to be on the Board of Directors so he was unable to deny the nomination. Thank you Zach for keeping the tradition alive. Long live the tradition.

I want to take a little time to recognizing several of our members who have over the past year have helped the club by being involved with the small little things such as helping cleaning up after the meetings by throwing away trash and giving Tony a hand with the hospitality cleanup. Tony will not be returning to the board over the next year but has volunteered to help with hospitality as needed. I want everyone to take a few minutes at the next meeting to thank Tony for everything that he has done this past year preparing and making sure that everyone has had something to eat. Out of all of the Board of Directors jobs this is the under-appreciated one. Patti, Terry and Donna I want to take time to say thank you for the effort that you have given by helping Tony with the washing of the dishes and cleaning up the service area, they deserve a big hand.

Rob Darner will also not be returning since he now has become a store owner and is looking to be the next Dollar General Corporation. I know he will

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The JOSFC Annual Awards Banquet is This Month, October 25th!

Where? The Ramada Inn off San Jose and Highway 295

This is the best party you will go to all year long! We honor the Captain of the Year, and the Board Winners as well as any catches of note, or acts of Good Sportsmanship that any members might have been caught doing. IF someone really goofed up royally that might get mentioned also.

Tickets are available at the meetings and at C & H Lures (Cash or Check only at C & H Lures) \$45.00 / Person and the biggest Raffle for attendees only that you have ever seen! Check out the pictures on Page 3, Map and address on Page 6!



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Captain of the Year!!!

**Congratulations to.....
Rob Cripe**

Come to the Awards Banquet to see Rob join the Elite Club and become one of only of 55 people in the world that can claim the title of the "JOSFC's Captain of the Year!"

Rob demonstrated his fishing skill in the NINE different Club Tournaments. Requiring him to fish different styles of fishing, targeting various species of fish!



Wear these, while underway, they don't work in the cabin!





This year's Banquet and Raffle are going to be great!

We will have 2 Tiagra 30 W Rod & Reel combos as Bucket items, and at least half a dozen TLD 25's on rods as well as lots of other Rod & Reel Combos and fishing gear to win! There will be a lot of other items such as Jewelry for the Ladies to put your tickets on.

Just think about it, a huge Raffle and we usually only have about 100 people attend the Banquet, that means that almost everyone win's something! (With about 300 + members it looks like we have a bunch of people that don't like good food or a great party. You don't have to put a fish on the board or win a prize to have a great time at this party, come on and get your tickets and come have fun! The Ladies get to dress up and be ladies!) The Ramada always puts on a fantastic spread for us and we get our money's worth every year!



Getting Hungry?

I am already starting to skip meals so I can build up a BIG appetite so I can have some of everything! Just look at this menu!!!!

- Chef Carved Prime Rib,
- Hot Steamed Crab Legs,
- Peel & Eat Shrimp,
- Chicken Marsala,
- Almond Crusted Pork Loin,
- Steamed Broccoli,
- Rice Pilaf,
- Au Gratin Potatoes,
- Steamed Vegetable Medley,
- Italian Pasta Salad,
- Garden Tossed Salad,
- Assorted Dessert Table - including Sugar Free Desserts
- Assorted pies, cakes and mouse,
- Rolls,
- butter,
- Coffee,
- Tea.

This is a buffet, so you can go back for seconds, or more! PLUS we have a D.J. for music!





Top's Tips Safety First

Top Ingram
Safety Officer

WEAR YOUR LIFE JACKET

Last month I wrote about "Boating at Night" because four young adults lost their lives in a boat collision at night and none of them were wearing a life jacket. Even though only two of them lost their lives because of drowning after they were thrown overboard, it could have been much worse since none on either boat were wearing life jackets. Luckily, only two were thrown into the water and they were found dead the next day.

The above is a stark reminder to wear your life jacket when on the water. According to U.S. Coast Guard statistics, nearly 90% of all boaters who drown are not wearing life jackets. So, don't let your boat guests tell you they do not need one. At least, give them one and ask them to adjust it so it will fit properly in case of an emergency. A life jacket should fit snugly; it should not be loose enough to slide up over the wearer's mouth or ears. This is especially true for children. That means children should have child-sized jackets. Store your life jackets so they are easily accessible when not worn and those with missing or torn straps should be replaced.

There is never a guarantee, but a life jacket can only save you if you have it on when you enter the water. Accidents happen so fast you do not have time to don a life jacket as the accident is taking place. You must be prepared in advance. Also, under low visibility, you should slow down, especially if you are in unfamiliar areas.

I think it is a very appropriate time to remind the Club membership of the fact that the successful fishing/boating trip is the one that begins and ends safely. One way to ensure a safe outing on the water is to wear your life jacket. Although not required by law, except for children 13 years of age and younger, boaters should wear a life jacket especially when the boat is underway. Historical data shows that many excellent swimmers have drowned when thrown from a moving boat without

wearing a flotation device of some type. Recently we had a near tragic accident when a small boat, with 3 fishermen, capsized near the jetties. Since the fishermen were not wearing life jackets, only the quick action of some nearby fishermen prevented a tragedy.

As a practical matter, I know that many of you will not wear your life jacket. If the life jacket is not worn, however, it should be at least readily accessible and available for immediate donning in an emergency such as a vessel sinking, fire, etc. One place it would be readily available is draped over the helm seat back. Please keep in mind that a life jacket will be of no help to you if you are thrown from the boat without the life jacket on. A life jacket should not be stowed in a closed or locked compartment, or have other gear stowed on top of it.

If your boat is 16 feet or longer, you must have a throwable flotation device in addition to wearable ones for each person on board the vessel. The throwable device must be immediately available near the helm and all persons on board should be informed of its position and use. All recreational boats must carry one type 1, 2, 3, or 5 flotation device for each person on board. Any boat 16 feet or over, except canoes and kayaks, must also carry one type 4 (throwable) device.

Most recreational boaters elect to carry the type 3 flotation device which is designed to keep the wearer vertical in the water and where quick rescue is probable. The type 2 flotation device, or near shore buoyant vest, is designed to turn a person to a vertical position in the water, but not as pronounced as the type 1.

The type 1 flotation device is designed to turn an unconscious person from face down to a vertical position and is used by boaters cruising waters where there is a probability of a delayed rescue. The type 5 flotation device, or flotation suit, provides not only flotation, but also protection from hypothermia and is intended for special; use activities. No matter what type of lifejacket you carry on your vessel, it will only work when worn.

Make it a point to at least wear your life jacket when running from one spot to another. If you encounter a rouge wake or wave and are thrown from the boat your chances of survival are increased. Wear your life jacket and continue to enjoy safe boating throughout the year.

Top Ingram
Fish Tales

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 _____

Presidents Net Continued

give them a run. Rob being a past President of the club was valuable asset for the advice he gave me over the last year. Thank you Rob, going to miss you this year. Steve Grant was an advisor to the club and his knowledge of fishing was invaluable along with helping getting several projects off the ground by his working connections, C & H Lures. It is because of Steve that we were able to bring back the TLD 25 reel to the raffle table. I know many of you have enjoyed winning that. I look forward to continue to work with C and H lures along with all our other sponsors over the next year.

I want to close out by saying that I am very flattered by the voices that were raised during nominations that was led by Chris Rooney and Larry Hixenbaugh. In case you were not present I tried to begin with the Board of Directors first and then officers but Chris and evidently the rest of the membership had other plans because I opened the nominations for Board Members and did not even finish before Chris and several others nominated me and seconded the nomination for Presidency while I was still opening the nominations for the Board of Directors. Yes Chuck I also heard you and Frank and a host of others in the back giving approval.

Thank you members for the confidence in me.
Tom Darga

Here is what you need to know for fishing the Atlantic off Jacksonville in October!

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.

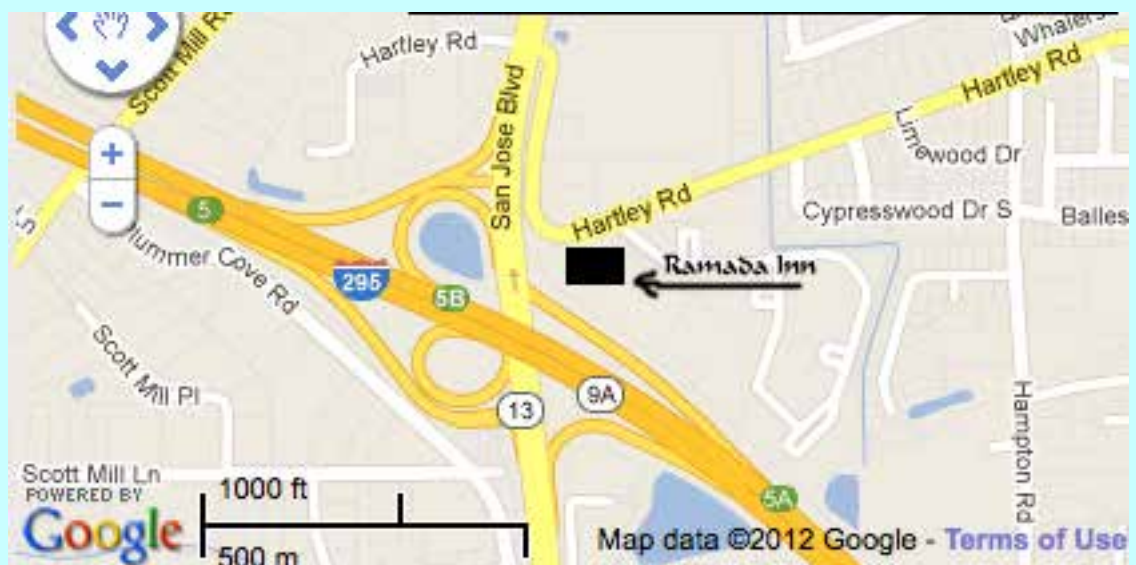
Check the Regs before each trip to make sure they haven't changed!

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!

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

The location of our Annual Awards Banquet Oct 25, 2014 at 6:00 PM

Get your tickets at any Club Meeting or C & H Lures (Cash or Check Only)



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat			
<h1>October</h1>			1	2 Club Meeting	3	4			
			5	6	7	8	9	10	11
			12	13	14	15	16 Club Meeting Junior Angler Night	17	18
			19	20	21	22	23	24	25 Annual Awards Banquet
26	27	28	29	30	31				



**COMING
EVENTS:**

- Sept 18th - Fishing Boards **Closed** for 2014 year
- Sept 19th - Fishing Boards **Opened** for 2014 / 2015 Year
- October 2nd - POT LUCK at Club Meeting!
- October 16th - Junior Angler Boards Awards night!
- October 25th - **THE ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET**



Tournament Schedule for 2014 / 15

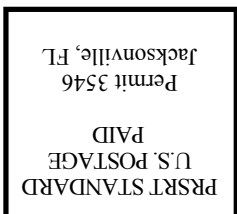
Tournament - - - - - Month - - - - - Date / - - - - - Alternate
 Triple Challenge Tournament - - - - - November - - - - - 8 - - - - - 22 - Fishing Director

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