



The Newsletter of the ...

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Presidents Castings

Captain Chris Rooney

I have let Chris off of the hook this month, so there will be no actual Presidents Message just read and take to heart the "Renew" article on Page 2.

Now for those of you that have missed a meeting or two, let me introduce your Officers and Board of Directors for the 2009 / 2010 Year!

Your Officers are:

President = *Chris Rooney*

Vice President = *Don Cook*

Treasurer = *Tina Proescher*

Secreatry = *Alison Thornton*

Your Board members are:

Fishing Director = *Derek Siegel*

Membership = *Tony Thompson*

Books & Charts = *Greg Wallace*

Hospitality = *Larry Hixenbaugh*

Newsletter = *Bill Breen*

Special Events = *Butch Ogin*

Trophies & Awards = *Alan Shepard*

These are the people that will be running your club for the year, and they will need and appreciate your help and input. Please feel free to contact any of us with your thoughts ideas or complaints. That is what we are here for.

S.A.M.F.C. Protest!

On November 12, 2009 The S.A.M.F.C. Will be holding a hearing at the:
Crowne Plaza Jacksonville Riverfront
1201 Riverplace Blvd.
Jacksonville, FL 32207

The hearing and protest will be from 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM

We are holding a protest, and really need everyone that we can get, to be there!

There are thousands of fishermen here in Jacksonville, and we need everyone you know to be personally asked to be there. The Media is being notified and we would like a really big crowd to make it a big news story.

This is for YOUR right to fish! **Be there or loose it!!!**



I am going to try to put together a booklet of OUR fish recipes. Each month I will ask for how YOU cook a different type of fish that we catch here off Jacksonville.

You can E-mail your way of cooking your catch to me at breenw@bellsouth.net, or fax it to me at 904-213-9786 or snail mail them to me at Bill Breen, 684 Tropical Parkway, Orange Park, FL 32073, or hand it to me at the meetings. This month the featured fish is the Red Snapper. Thanks Bill

It is time to renew!

Renew your membership in this great club now. Don't put it off until your membership is expired on 1/1/10, go to Page 5 and fill out the form and mail it to the address on the back of this Newsletter!

With the fight for our fishing rights on the line, every member really counts. Shoot, at only \$40.00 / YEAR, get everyone you can to join! When our President gets up in front of the SAMFC and says he represents 400 to 500 voting fishing men and women that carries a lot more weight than our 275 current members. Seriously, really push to get everyone you can to join, even if they don't plan on coming to the meetings.



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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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REMINDER: NOAA Fisheries Service Announces New Regulations for the South Atlantic Snapper-Grouper Fishery This applies to State & Federal Waters

New Bag Limits Reminder

- Grouper Aggregate * Limit = 3 fish
- Gag / Black Grouper within Aggregate = 1 Gag OR 1 Black
- Vermilion Snapper = 5 fish
- Shallow Water Grouper Closed Season ** = January - April
- Vermilion Snapper Closed Season = November - March

* Grouper aggregate includes: Misty grouper, red grouper, scamp, tiger grouper, yellowedge grouper, yellowfin grouper, blueline tilefish, sand tilefish, coney, graysby, red hind, rock hind, gag, black grouper, and yellowmouth grouper. Snowy grouper and golden tilefish are also in the grouper aggregate with a maximum of 1 fish per person, for each species.

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Rob's Fishing Love

The Lucky Murphy Tournament Diaries

The 36.10 pounder tends to change one's outlook especially when that fish places you on the leader board during a tournament. Things just look rosier when that next tournament comes around. The talent in your mind's eye has a way of escaping some of the confines of reality; however, tournament fishing has a way of bring one back either in a sudden rush or a gentle reminder of just how good you really are.

Ancient City Kingfish Classic is the third tournament in Division 5. For us, this tournament could not come soon enough for we were had the mojo working or so we thought. Every tournament starts out the same with the captain's meeting and your trip to the SKA booth. For this tournament, our crew was a man short for a day. Mike Murphy had work obligations he could not break on Friday thus leaving us with just three. Things were not the same with this captain's meeting as with the other's I have attended. The crowd was loud and unruly right from the start foretelling the near future events. The best thing about the captain's meeting is that it came and went.

Day 1 was about to teach us a lesson and we did not even realize it. Of all the tournaments that we fished, the weather was the worst so far. Friday saw King Neptune blowing in storm clouds from the east. Rain, wind and seas were about to add to an all day ordeal. For us, we choose poorly and ran to the Red Tops in 4 ft seas along with a few others. Our journey north took nearly forty-five minutes to reach the north end of the desert and it was here that we found bait. There were nearly thirty other boats that choose this ill conceived plan as well. We rocked and we rolled till mid day passing the magic 'bite' hour without a strike. We toughed it out enough and now with the morning bite passed we traveled on and out. We spent a brief eighty minutes cruising around BW without so much a sniff from even a cuda. The storm clouds threatened heavy rains and the wave intervals were shrinking thus indicating a change in venue was appropriate.

Our next move took us south to the Captain's House. It was here we were going to make our final stand. The trip south allowed us to put some distance between the foul weather from BW. At least here, the seas settled down to a mere 3 foot but still the Captain's House was not about to give up her treasure easily. As with many of losing college football teams, the clock is never your friend as you enter into the final period of play so it was with us. The afternoon bite had come and gone without even so much as a hint of a strike. My father and I put our heads together to create a

plan in order to salvage the day. Once again, we looked back to the Day 1 of the Fernandina Tournament when we were towed in and realized conditions were similar now as it was then when we saw a free jumping king sky upon a bait pod. It was this exact spot and on the first pass when we had our only first strike of the day. Once again, the single Poggy rod came to life with the sounds of a fast moving drag alarm. In an instant, we were saved. We had salvaged our day and pulled on out of our hats. Dad had the rod and I was driving while Bryon and I were busy clearing the lines. It took only seconds when the line went slack. Our hopes were dashed because it was 3:50 pm and our only strike had come and gone. The fish bit through the led wire. FUDGE!!!! Fishing ended at 4:30 and there was time left maybe to pull off a miracle. It took us another twelve minutes to generate that second strike. It was this fish that help to get that great ape off our backs and loosen us up for Day 2. We had a fish; however, it was only 13.40 pounds and it was real fresh for the weigh-in.

Day 2 was the return of Lucky Mike Murphy. As if by divine intervention, the troubling storm clouds departed and the raging wind and seas were just a mere shadow of what they were yesterday. Hurray for the 'Luck of the Irish'. From our learning experience yesterday, we headed in a much different direction: South. With only a brief hour spent at Matanzas's we traveled further south to find cleaner, greener water. We found it several miles south. The dinner bell rang around 1pm thus the bite turned on. It was magic to be in the fish with strikes coming every 10 to 15 minutes. In fact, the Snake Dancer stopped and joined in the bite. Having Mike back made the difference. The boat handled smoothly making the cockpit duties go just that much better. Our big fish for the tournament came from this bite, a 17.4 pounder. This gave us nearly 4 more points and in the standings it helped propel us upward.

Now, that I have been properly spanked by the fishing gods and my ego now in check, our fourth and final tournament for the Let's Go crew loomed ahead. The Greater Jacksonville Kingfish Tournament was now approaching and it was here we wanted to upgrade our new small fish on the trail the 17.4 pounder.

All the Best for Fishing,
Rob Darner

**November 19th
Thanksgiving Potluck!
For the Club Meeting on the 19th
we are having a Potluck dinner.
Please call Larry Hixenbaugh our
Hospitality director and let him
know what you are bringing so we
don't end up with 20 salad's
Larry - 406-5819**



Top's Tips Safety First

**Top Ingram
Safety Officer**

TOWING CHECKLIST FOR THE ROAD AND RAMP

To ensure that your boat will get you to and from that favorite fishing honey hole, you should develop a "check list" and review it to make sure that each equipment item necessary to the proper, and safe, operation of your boat is operating properly; and that all needed fuel, water, oil and other supplies are on board before you leave your driveway, dock or marina.

Your checklist should be tailored to your specific boat depending on whether it is an inboard or outboard, etc. In general, your list should include all items essential to the safe operation of your boat. For instance, your checklist should include the following items: fuel (always a full tank before heading offshore), oil (carry a spare quart in case of a leak), cooling system, battery, belts and hoses if applicable, etc. Checking the above items takes only a few minutes and can save you hours on the water and hundreds of dollars if you have to call for a tow. If your boat has two batteries, you should start the engine on number one then shut down and start on number two to make sure both batteries are fully charged. It is also recommended that you go out on one and back on the other. Never run on both because if you have a problem, you will discharge both and not have a spare to start the engine.

Your checklist should also include Coast Guard required safety items such as personal floatation devices (at least one for each person on board), visual distress signals, fire extinguisher, sound producing device such as a whistle or horn, working navigation lights, and proper ventilation and backfire flame control if your boat is powered by an inboard engine. If you have a radio, you should verify that it is in proper working order before you need it in an emergency. Also, recommend you carry a spare hand held radio in case your main radio fails. If you run out to the gulf stream, or similar distances offshore, you should include a ditch bag in your check list.

Each boat captain should brief at least one person on the operation of the vessel in case he/she is disabled. This may seem trivial, but there have been cases where this knowledge was a lifesaver in an emergency. The last item on your checklist should be a float plan completed and left with a responsible party. You can never be too safe when towing your boat. Just as any good pilot goes over his safety checklist before taking off, it's wise to do the same when towing. Here's a list of important items you need to address every time you head to the water.

PRE-TOWING :

- Check cold tire pressure on the tow vehicle and trailer.
- Make sure you are towing the trailer in a level position.
- Verify that lug nuts on the tow vehicle and trailer tightened to the correct torque setting.

Stow all required U. S. Coast Guard equipment in the boat.

Secure outboards or stern drives in the full-up position. Securely tighten the boat cover if it is used when towing.

Secure the coupler. Insert a bolt or other locking device into the coupler so it does not pop open.

Connect the trailer lights and check to make sure they are working properly.

Secure the safety chains and emergency brake cable.

Raise the trailer jack and lock it in place.

Ensure that the boat is snug against the bow stop and secured with a winch strap, plus a safety chain or tie-down.

Make sure the transom tie-downs are tight.

Properly secure all equipment inside the boat.

Adjust the tow-vehicle mirrors as needed.

BOAT PRE-LAUNCH (IN PARKING AREA OR READY LANE):

Remove tie-downs.

Remove engine support.

Disconnect trailer wiring from tow vehicle.

Load and stow gear to be carried on board.

Check all boat systems: engine, bilge pump, lights and horn, etc.

If equipped, turn on the engine compartment blower.

Make ready all dock lines, fenders and boat hook.

And, last, DO NOT FORGET TO INSTALL THE DRAIN PLUG.

BOAT LAUNCH (ON THE RAMP)

Back down the ramp far enough to allow engine cooling water to be picked up.

Set the emergency brake, put the vehicle in park, and block the rear wheels. Do the same when retrieving the boat.

On stern-drive or outboard boats, lower the drive into the water.

Start the engine and let it warm up.

Disconnect the winch hook. From the bow eye.

Proceed to launch.

Enjoy your outing and have a safe trip.

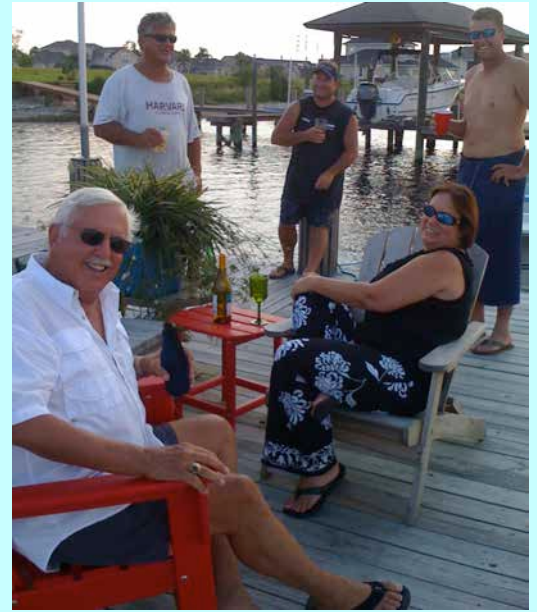
Top Ingram
Fishtales





A fun sunday afternoon..... late yesterday--my bride and I were tooling around the river in our boat, when my friend Tony Benevento hailed us over to his dock....he and Rick Pepper had been offshore fishin' for kingfish.....when this 60# Wahoo took a single poggie,#4 wire & #6 treables, on a 12T spooled with 15lb mono.Rick the angler, said the fish was so hot on the initial run.....it was scary! Tony had to pump up his 275 Veradoes to 1600-1800 to just ...keep up & get the line tight! Jimmy was cleanning 'em----- hardly anything but a few small digested kingfish bones--in the stomach.....that big boy was HUNGRY!! anyway, we celebrated with a couple of "cool ones"----& sharon & I left Tony's with some beautiful filletts, for the grill tonight.....enjoy...my friends.....tight lines, Bill

Wilderotter gets his Wahoo the easy way!



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)

Annual Associate Member\$100.00

(For Business Concerns)

Life Member Individual \$250.00

Life Family Membership \$300.00

Individual Member \$40.00

Paid Junior Member \$5.00

Application Fee \$25.00

(Applicable to NEW Members or if renewing over 6 months late)

Total Remittance

Signature _____ Date _____

Instant Crew, Just Add Water

<u>Name</u>	-	<u>Phone</u>	-	<u>Availability</u>	-	<u>Can call the Night before.</u>
Pete St.Laurent	-	220-9199		Most weekends		Up to 8:00 pm
Gene Fulgham	-	641-9970		Any day		Up to 8:00 pm
Frank Grassi	-	234-7369		Weekends		Up to 8:00 pm
Richard Fisher	-	H = 221-9629 - Cell 738-1010		Nearly every day		Up to 8:00 PM the day before.
John Porcella	-	610-3855		Nearly any day		Up to 10:00 PM
Matt Ennes	-	536 - 7450		Friday through Monday		Up to 9:00 pm
Joe Esparza	-	C = 536 - 4114		Any Day		Up to 10:00 pm
Mike Gyutsisin	-	C = 296 - 3494		Any Day		Up to 10:00 pm
Ronald Cowart	-	H = 879-4724 C = 469-4618		Fri. Sat. Sun		Up to 9:00 pm
Phillip Ferdon	-	H = 879-0184 C = 887-6736		Fri. Sat.		Up to 9:00 pm



Above Ruth Hume holds a great 40 Lb Redfish before returning it to the water to fight another day!

Steve says she always shows him up, but won't tell him how she does it!

Bill Wilderotter and crew caught their limit of the nonexistent Red Snapper! Now there is some good eating!



Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
1	2 Board Meeting	3	4	5 Club Meeting	6	7 Florida Sportsman Show
8 Florida Sportsman Show	9	10	11	12 S.A.M.F.C. Protest at their hearing.	13	14
15	16	17	18	19 Club Meeting & Thanks Giving Potluck	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	November				

Coming Events:

November 2 - Board Meeting

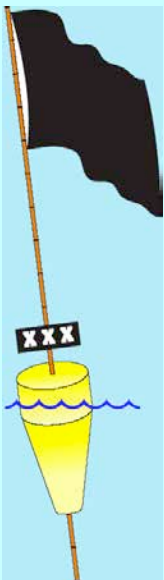
November 5 - Club Meeting

November 7 & 8 - Florida Sportsman show at Prime Osborn Convention Center

We need volunteers to man our booth!

November 12 - S.A.M.F.C. Protest at Crowne Plaza Riverfront.

November 19 - Club Meeting ThanksGiving Potluck. Call Larry @ 406-5819 to coordinate what you are bringing!



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