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PRESIDENTS CASTINGS

Capt. Paul Gallup

First off I would to say thank you and that I am completely honored and humbled to be the next President of our club. When I look back at some of the past Presidents, Capt. Fred Morrow, Capt. George Strait, Capt. Roger Walker, Charlie Hamaker just to name a few, WOW!! those are some big shoes to fill. These guys are the stuff legends are made of and I am happy to call them my friends. I cant tell you how happy I am to be in the same position that these guys and many more have been in. To serve OUR club. I will try my best to continue with every thing our club stands for. I have always tried to surround my self with people "In the know." and I am proud to introduce the new officers and board of directors for the upcoming year.

We are all volunteers and will do our best to try to make everything run smoothly. I will also let you know that any one of you can contact me at anytime for anything at pgallup@aol.com or 904-838-6579. With that being said, thank you again and lets go fishing!! I have heard a few reports of some wahoo showing up and I do know that in deeper water the B-liners are thick as flees on a dog and they are in the 3-4lb range. Unfortunately they closed on Nov 1st but if you can get out and get baits past them there are some nice sized Triggers there as well. I know in my house Triggers rank pretty high up on the food fish chain.

Tight lines and following seas.

Here are your new slate of Officers and Board Members for 2013!

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Remember you can always be
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*I don't advocate killing all the
 stupid people, I just say lets remove
 the "Warning Labels" and let
 Nature take it's natural course!*



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Hi there everyone! I am going to give you something to think about as far as fishing, and "Conventional, local wisdom" goes.

For those of you that don't know me very well, I moved back to Florida after being born in Lakeland, Fl 65 years ago. I

have been here for 9 + years now and while I haven't gotten to do as much fishing here as I would like to, I have been Fishing, Free-divie Spear Fishing, since I was about 9 years old and got Scuba certified in 1964. I hold Gold Medals (Both individual and Team.) from competing in State, National, and International Police Olympics in both Skin Diving and Scuba Diving Competitions.

I got my degree in Oceanography from California University at Humboldt, with secondary degrees in: Marine Zoology, Marine Biology, Marine Fisheries, and Wild Life Management. (I also like to Hunt.)

From about 1968, I have been fishing and diving on the West Coast mostly North of San Francisco. I averaged about 400 hours on the boat engine every summer, with probably as many hours just drifting with the engine off. (We NEVER anchored out there.) We usually only had part of June, July, August, and part of September for fishing because of the weather.

First about FISH in general. Fish are not smart in any sense. Their brain is nothing more than a bunch of nerves with three main functions. Eating, avoiding being eaten, and reproducing. That is it, their total capacity!

Fish do not see your leader and think: Hummmm, that looks like a trap!

They do not learn from being hooked. I was Salmon fishing one day and a guy came on the VHF and said:

"IF anyone catches a big Salmon with a Penn GLD 45 hanging out of it's mouth, that is MY fish and Rod & Reel."

Naturally everyone gave him a bad time for not hanging on to his rod, but about 20 minutes later someone came on the VHF and asked if he was still out there. They had caught his fish with the lure still hanging out of it's mouth and the Rod & Reel still being dragged around. He kept the 45 lb Salmon, but gave the guy his Rod & Reel back.

Wisdom Continued

Lesson from this. . . . Having a lure hanging out of it's mouth didn't stop it from hitting another lure just like the one it had in it's mouth.

SLOW LEARNERS!

Trolling. . . . There really isn't any deep secret to this. Just remember that fish see ANY disturbance in the water as a possible feeding opportunity and will go to it to investigate it for food.

Think of trolling like this, your boat is a disturbance in the water. The lures you are trolling behind it are possible FOOD!

When I troll I try to get my boat to make as much noise and splash as I can. I trim my engine up as high as I can so my boat plows through the water, and does not get up on plane at about 10 MPH.

Now remember to keep your lures close to the boat. I run my "Flat lines" off the corner of the boat, and about 20 yards behind the boat. I try to position it just on the edge of the wake or bubble water from your prop. I like it on the back of the second wave created by your boat. My next two are about 15 to 20 yards further back, just where the bubbles from the engine are starting to fade out. I like these lures to be about 5 feet outside the flat lines, running just in the clear water by the wake. IF you run a "Way Back" line, it should be in the center of your wake, just where the water is getting back to normal. NOT way, way, way, back, where it takes you 20 minutes to reel it in.

Remember, your boat is what attracts the fish, and they will be looking for food near it!

There was a fad for a while off California of putting decals of Squid or baitfish on the bottom of the boats. This actually works, and I know three different boat owners that did this. All of them reported that they could feel and hear fish hitting the bottom of their boat when they located schools of Tuna, Salmon, Bonita (A prized sport and food fish out west.) and one even had a Thresher Shark whipping his hull with it's tail. That was one confused shark, the Captain said it hit his hull at least 10 times and just couldn't find anything to eat until they threw it a piece of bait with a big hook in it, attached to some wire leader and a big rod & reel. (Off California Threshers are legal, and a targeted species as you really can not tell the difference between them and a Swordfish when cooked.)

Remember, fish are not rocket scientist, they don't see your gear and think "This looks wrong, or I see a hook, that is not for me." If it looks like food, or like it is alive, and might be food they will try to eat it.

One last thought, don't over tighten your drag, it will wear YOU out, let the fish run and wear itself out, then bring it to the boat!

Calm Seas & Tight Lines... Bill

Pasta with Spinach, Nutmeg, and Shrimp

Musky nutmeg naturally highlights spinach and pasta in this simple supper dish. For maximum flavor, always use freshly grated nutmeg.

Servings: 6 servings (serving size: about 2 cups)

Ingredients

- 12 ounces uncooked penne pasta
- 1 (10-ounce) package fresh spinach
- 2 tablespoons butter, divided
- 1 1/2 pounds large shrimp, peeled and deveined
- 1/2 teaspoon salt, divided
- 2 1/2 cups chopped Vidalia or other sweet onion
- 1 cup vegetable broth
- 1/4 cup dry vermouth
- 1 teaspoon finely grated fresh lemon rind
- 1/2 cup (4 ounces) 1/3-less-fat cream cheese
- 1/2 teaspoon freshly grated nutmeg
- 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

Directions

Prepare pasta according to package directions, omitting salt and fat. Drain well; return to pan. Stir in spinach; toss well until spinach wilts.

Melt 1 tablespoon butter in a large nonstick skillet over medium-high heat. Add shrimp. Sprinkle with 1/4 teaspoon salt; sauté 2 minutes or until shrimp are done. Remove shrimp from pan; set aside.

Melt 1 tablespoon butter in pan over medium heat. Add onion; cook 10 minutes or until tender, stirring often.

Stir in broth, vermouth, and rind. Increase heat to medium-high; cook 8 minutes or until mixture begins to thicken. Reduce heat to medium. Add cheese; stir until well blended. Stir in 1/4 teaspoon salt, nutmeg, and pepper; remove from heat. Add shrimp and onion mixture to pasta mixture; toss to combine.

Now enjoy another great seafood dinner!



Top's Tips Safety First

Top Ingram
Safety Officer

Wakes and High waves

Recently, on the Lake of the Ozarks, seven boaters were injured and five were hospitalized with minor to moderate injuries when a Fountain powerboat encountered wakes created by another boat. None of the passengers was wearing a life jacket even though the Fountain was traveling at a very high rate of speed.

As a result of this news, I thought it appropriate to remind everyone of the ever present dangers when encountering a high wave or crossing another boat's wake. Also, wear your life jacket as it will only help you if you are wearing it when you enter the water.

Crossing the large wakes of other boats is inevitable. Large vessels often create a dangerous rolling wake, and they can create disturbances in the water for thousands of feet behind them. A wake is essentially a wave. Always alert your passengers when you see a wake coming. An unexpected wake can toss people around in the cockpit or cabin, and even overboard. Severe injuries or even death could result from being tossed about by an unexpected wake. Always minimize the effect of large wakes by reducing speed and turning into the wakes / waves at about a 45 degree angle.

Whether cruising the river, leaving and entering the jetties area, or in the open ocean, you should be alert to protecting yourself, your crew and your boat from the potential dangers of large wakes or high rogue waves. Nationwide, a number of people have lost their lives, and many were injured, some permanently, in encounters with boat wakes.

For instance, in Florida a man was slammed against his center console and broke several ribs when he hit a large wake from another vessel.

Statistics show, however, that the most critical injuries such as fractured vertebrae and compression fractures, tend to occur when people are seated near the bow. Listed below are a few recommendations to protect yourself, your crew, and your boat from wake damage:

1. Make sure your passengers are seated aft or amidships and away from the bow.

2. Warn your passengers to sit down, if standing, when approaching another boat's wake. In some cases, passengers were thrown out of the boat. (Another reason to wear your life jacket)

3. Don't wait until you are in the middle of a wake to slow your boat. Slow the boat before the wake arrives to lessen the impact.

4. Don't come to a complete stop. Maintain at least some headway into the wake to prevent the bow from being pushed to the side and the boat possibly being swamped.

5. Don't hit wakes or large waves head on. Try to cross



the wake/wave at a slight angle. This will allow your boat to grip the wake/wave longer and prevent the bow from being thrown high into the air.

6. When overtaking another boat, cross its wake quickly rather than riding the waves. Keep both hands firmly on the wheel and stay well away from the overtaken boat's stern.

7. Avoid taking a steep wake on the beam which could swamp your boat. It is better to turn back into a wake briefly and then come back on course.

8. Never, never, overload a boat. Overloading a boat is foolhardy, even in calm waters. A 29 year old man drowned in the Chesapeake Bay when his 17 foot boat with 8 people on board was swamped by a passing boat.

Always try to anchor away from busy channels. And, never, never, never anchor your vessel by the stern. Many boats are swamped each year by this one mistake. I think it will be very difficult for anyone to forget the deadly boating accident involving two NFL players and their friends in the Gulf of Mexico when their vessel capsized after one of them tried to throttle forward to pry loose the anchor that was tied to the stern.

Follow these common sense rules to protect yourself, your crew and your boat. Always remember the successful boating / fishing trip is the one that begins and ends safely. May you continue to enjoy safe boating throughout the year.

Top Ingram
Fishtales



Capt. Rooney with one of those extinct RED SNAPPER caught during our short season!



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Gary Newman

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Newsletter Editor
Bill Breen

Our Program Director, says that if you have a suggestion for a guest speaker or know anyone he can trick into giving a talk at the club, be sure to give him their name so he can contact them. Lets help him out!

I really like to feature PICTURES of club members with some good catches. Either give me a hardcopy at a meeting (I will return it to you) or E-mail me your pictures at: breenw@bellsouth.net Ph. # 904-254-2791 Don't forget to include your name spelled correctly and the fish weight, and names of anyone in the Picture!

Anyone can submit an article for the Reel News just send or give it to me at any time.

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.



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Signature _____ Date _____

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
 <h1 style="text-align: center;">November</h1>				1 Club Meeting 	2 	3 
				4 Daylight savings time ENDS Fall back 1 Hr. 	5 Board Meeting The New Board handover meeting. 	6 Don't forget to vote ! Get O'Bummer out of office! 
11 Veterans Day 	12 	13 	14 	15 Club Meeting Thanksgiving Pot-Luck dinner 	16 	17 
18 	19 	20 	21 	22 Thanksgiving Day 	23 	24 
25 	26 	27 	28 	29 	30 	

Coming Events:

Sgt. Bash is coming! 

Nov. 15th - The Thanks Giving Pot-Luck Dinner!

December 20th - The Club Christmas Party, Complete with Santa for the kids!



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