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Hello everybody and welcome to November. We had our annual banquet last month and if you weren't there, you missed out for sure. The raffle table was loaded to gills with all kind of stuff. The big winners for the evening were Eddie McGowan (imagine that, Eddie winning something in the raffle), He walked away with a brand new Native kayak and a Tiagra 30 as well as a bunch of other stuff as well. Donna and Nick Carlevato were also big winners, it seems like every third time I called a number it was them. I think they had to have a moving truck to haul there stuff away. Donna confided to me that she had a good luck charm with her, it was her brothers, Freddie, name tag from one of his work shirts. New members this year Dave and Michel Gill also did very well in the raffle with a Tiagra 30 and an Easy Rider bean bag along with a pile of other stuff. Dave, I guess you've got something to sit on while your surf fishing from now on.

I want to thank everyone who helped make the banquet happen this year. If you left hungry, it was your own fault. There was plenty of shrimp, crab legs, prime rib, chicken and pork for a small army. I tried a little bit of it all but my favorite was the crab legs. As we move into November, we have some board members that are out and some new ones coming in. I would like to welcome our new board of directors, Tom and Monica Darga, Carol Hixenbaugh, Rob Darner, Rob Cripe, Will Aitken, Tony Thompson, Tim Altman, Derrick Seigal

and Steve Grant. Thank you all very much for volunteering you time to our club.

On the fishing front, I'm starting to hear some news of some wahoo showing up and I also read a report that involved a Blue Marlin and some Mahi as well. Bottom fishing should be good with the usual suspects of B-Liners and Triggers.

Until next time, tight lines.
Paul Gallup

**It is time to renew your
membership!!!
See page '6' for details.**



**There were a few of
these won at the Annual
Awards Banquet by our
Fishing Boards winners!**

For those of you that think you could never win a board, **think again**, and look at who the board winners were and just what they caught! I bet YOU have caught bigger fish of the same species and never thought of putting them on the boards!

Men's Board - 5 Fish - Jack Oglin

2.5 Lb - Sea Bass,
12 Lb - Bonita,
2.5 Lb - Flounder
32 Lb - Jack Crevelle
6.5 Lb - Bluefish

Ladies Board - 6 Fish - Marcy Summersill

4 Lb - B-liner
11 Lb - Bonita
21 Lb - Amberjack
18 Lb - Dolphin

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Board Winners Continued

Ladies Board - Marcy Summersill

- 20 Lb - Barracuda
- 10 Lb - Snapper

Unlimited Board - 3 Fish - Chris Rooney

- 2 Lb - B-liner
- 5.2 Lb - Red Porgy
- 45.5 Lb - Amberjack

Blue Water Board - 2 Fish -Tom Darga

- 18.1 Lb - Dolphin
- 49.1 Lb - Wahoo

Inshore Board - 4 Fish - Jack Ogin

- 2.4 Lb - Croaker
- 9.2 Lb - Redfish
- 5 Lb - Black Drum
- 7.3 Lb Flounder

Light Tackle Board - 4 Fish - Alan Shepard

- 10.2 Lb - Bonita
- 2 Lb - B-Liner
- 11 Lb - Barracuda
- 18.8 Lb - Kingfish

Chuck Darner, Jim Anderson and Mike Watts proving that there really are Red Snapper, and they are NOT extinct as the SAMFC keeps insisting!



Board Winners Continued

Doesn't that give you something to think about?! 3 or 4 average fish and YOU could win a Brand New Shiny Gold colored Tiagra 30 wide!

Captain of the year also got a new Tiagra 30 Wide! Trust me the Club Tournaments are not hard to win!

The secret to winning COY is to just fish all the tournaments you can! We had our past president Danny Del Rio win one year and he DID NOT win one to the 9 Tournaments! He placed 2nd, 3rd, or 4th, in every tournament and WON!

Just fish them and weigh what you have! NEVER assume that your fish isn't big enough to place and just go home without weighing your fish!

I have seen the Bottom Tournament won with 2 (Two) 1 Lb Whitting! There was someone else that caught a couple of bigger fish and didn't weigh in!

All you have to do to win a board is participate in three (3) club Tournaments as Captain OR crew or at weigh-in and have the most fish on the board!

Take another look at the board winners and their fish. I know, you are thinking "I catch more and bigger fish than that! I could win a board!" You are right, all you need to do is PARTICIPATE! Weigh those fish and put them on the board! OH, did I mention you get a \$5.00 Fish Slip for EVERY fish you post on the board?



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Rob's Fishing Lore

Rob Darner

The Experiment!

Are you tired of the same old thing? Is the same-old same-old becoming stale and routine? Is that routine more like a rut? Is it always on top or are you stuck with the bottom? Tired of your rod bending in only one direction then you may need a different angle in the dangle, pep your step or put some spice in your life. Then have you ever thought about changing up just what you do? If so, try experimenting. Something new maybe just what those bored crew members are desiring. That crew of yours may just thank you!

An experiment is exactly what the doctor ordered. Now, think of this, just how many books have been written on the subject? Can you trust the written word of what some so-called expert has just conveyed to you? Let's not be too judgmental but let's find out for ourselves and believe it or not there are plenty of other folks interested in just what you do. Take your rod in your hand and go forth and try something new. Well, this fisherman was game for something different. There are so many old adages and saying out there just what could one safely rely on? Ever heard of the saying, once you go blue you'll always be true or how about once you go black you'll never go back also darker colors for dark occasions and lighter colors for brighter ones. So, now let's do some experimenting!

In my wildest dreams did I think there would be so much interest in a little ol' science fair project? God bless our school system for they require our kids to enter the Science Fair but better still, this experiment was approved and we had to go fishing to judge the outcome of the hypothesis. The hypothesis proposed was to determine if fish / pelagic prefer different color lures. (Is this a great country or what?) As part of the experiment, there had to be an independent and dependent variable. The independent variable was the color choice: red / white, yellow, blue and black (or a dark color). The dependent variables were the matching rods, line drag setting, lure manufacture and set pattern. The experiment was

conducted by trolling all 4 color lures at once over a 3 hour time period and to record the results. This was done between the hours of 9 am till noon. What we could not control was the type of fish but what we did discover is something to conjecture about.

Saturday came and the crew was ready, hopefully ready for an 'A'. The rods were rigged and we started out toward our target reef. From fishing at the same spot a week earlier, we had hoped our target fish had not yet moved on. With a half-a-mile to go, the lures were strategically placed in the lure spread. We chose to fish over natural hard bottom with several 3 to 6 foot ledges in the immediate area. It did not take too long before the first hit came on the white & red. As for the captain & I, we both thought this would see little action because we had placed our bets on blue.



For three hours the action was hot. The bonitoes were in and they were plentiful. The captain had them targeted and locked in on a particular ledge which we were able to hit time and time again. For 3 hours, we went 14 of 16 strikes. Many of these strikes were doubles with a couple of triples involved.

As part of the project, each strike was recorded with what color was hit and what time the strike occurred. An interesting pattern emerged, something none of us thought about. Nearly all the fish were released. Only two were kept; however, not all made it back to swim another day. Currently, we are deliberating on just whether we should include or exclude the biggest catch on the lures. It was the last of our triple knock downs when we had a little bit of excitement with the resident bonitoes. One of the triples de-hooked itself and swam free and my Bonita was being hoisted over the gunnel when the lure failed- breaking apart and sending my fish back into the ocean. Sadly, the fish was bleeding as it attempted to swim under its own power. It more like quivered while it spun around in a small circle. Just then, a rather large brownish fin cleared the water and made a sudden 'J'-hook and the Bonita was no longer

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Top's Tips Safety First

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Safety Officer

Wakes and High waves

Recently, 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 incident, 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 45degree 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, recently 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:

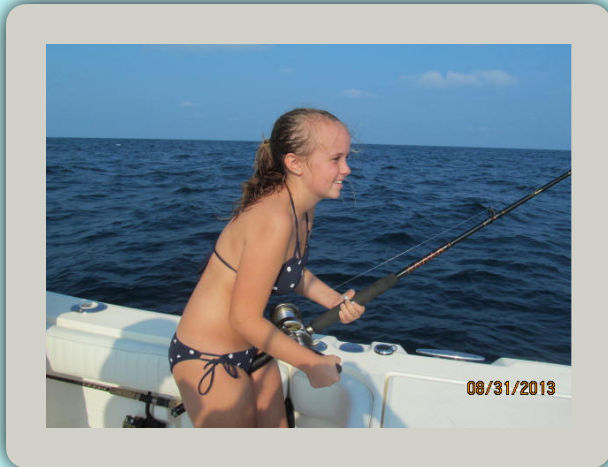
1. Make sure your passengers are seated aft or amidships and away from the bow.
2. Warn your passengers to sit down, if standing, when approaching another boats wake. In some cases, passengers were thrown out of the boat.(Another reason to wear your life jacket)
3. Don't wait until you are in the middle 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 it's 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.

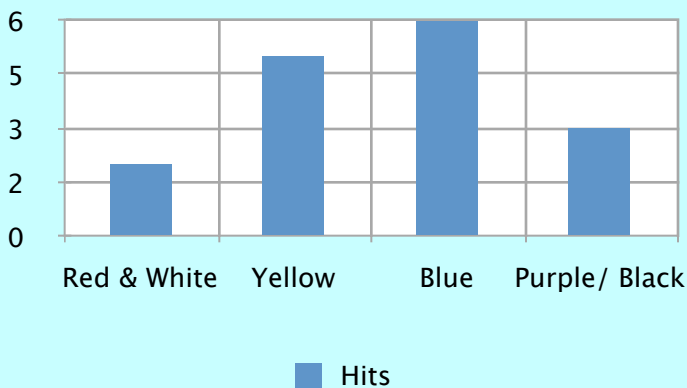
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Experiment Continued



there; however, the third Bonita was still on the line and my daughter, whose project this is, was busily fighting her fish to the boat. Both fish saw each other and it was a happy outcome for only one of the two fish. The quick circling pattern of Madyson's fish gave way to a more direct run away from the boat. The line off the Tyros 16 peeled off faster and faster as this rather large Tiger Shark found something additional to its Bonita. It did not take too long before the shark's tail fin wacked and wacked away at the fluor-carbon leader thus allowing it to free itself. The whole scene was amazing: white water and blood in a battle for survival. In an instant three fish were on and coming to the boat and then two were shark food with a rather excited shark on the end-of-the-line. We wonder just if the shark would be extra credit.

As we returned to our dock, a few other captains who heard us on the radio chatting away with friends were inquisitive. They had wanted to know what color was best and what type of lures were we using.



As I would have guessed initially, my money was on blue out performing any of the other colors and that red / white would not have had nearly a strike. As the

results were analyzed, blue and yellow were the two clear winners. Blue had a total of 6 strikes and yellow had 5. Next were purple / black with 3 while red & white had only 2 hits. On an hour by hour break down, blue and yellow seemed even. Even as the Sun crossed the sky, and the light changed angles, the color choice of these fish remained constant. And just what did we learn from our experiment. As of now, the tackle box will start to include a yellow lure and likely leave out a red & white.

Best Wishes for Fishing,
Rob Darner



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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Here are a couple of tips that can save the day!
 Carry a bottle of plain old White Vinegar on your boat.
 1 - It can be used to neutralize Jelly Fish stings. Wash well with fresh water after stopping the stinging to wash away any remaining stinging cells.
 2 - Pour some on a damp cloth to wipe down any stinky area like when someone gets sick. It neutralizes the odor and the Vinegar smell quickly dissipates. For a while in collage I drove a big bus over mountain roads and can guarantee it works!
 Use "Lip Balm" with sunscreen on your nose and lips. It stays where you put it, and resist perspiration better than sunscreen.

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.)

You can renew by using the below form and mailing it to the club (JOSFC, Po.Box. 331185, Atlantic Beach, FL 32233) OR On-Line at www.jaxfish.com under the "About" tab, or at any meeting and **then you can use the below form to get a friend or neighbor to join! get a new member and we will waive the \$25 Application fee!**

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 54 years old and 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. _____
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Family Membership \$50.00

(Husband, Wife, & Children under 16)

Individual Member \$40.00

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(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	
				<h1>November</h1>		1	2
3	4 Board Meeting	5	6	7 Club Meeting	8	9	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	
17	18	19	20	21 Club Meeting Our Annual ThanksGiving Pot Luck!	22	23	
24	25	26	27	28	29		

Coming Nov. 4th - Board Meeting

Events: Nov. 7th - Regular Club Meeting

Nov. 21th - Club Meeting. This is our Annual Thanksgiving Pot luck. At this one the club provides the Turkey and Ham, and we provide the side dishes.

Dec. 2nd - Board Meeting.

Dec. 5th - Regular Meeting

Dec. 19th - Club Christmas Party / Pot luck / Santa for the Kids



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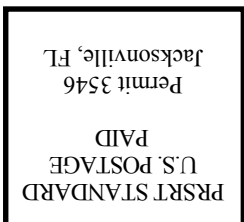
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