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PRESIDENTS CAST NET

Tom Darga

If you missed the Banquet you missed a nice party and great food. Welcome to all of the new Officers and Board Members.

In October the club held the opening kickoff night for the Wicked Flounder Tournament hosted by Tim Altman for Wolfson's Children's Hospital. The club donated their time by hosting a cookout that had hotdogs, baked beans, and pulled pork that was smoked by Tim. Not only was the night a success with Steve Grant of C & H Lures hosting the raffle that had fish bags, a Yeti and other items available. The club came out in full force with over a dozen members volunteering their time in helping to set up and clean up afterwards. What made this night special is that we were able to put our best foot forward with visitors who normally would not have shown up for an event. We did have a lot of interest in the club especially the parents of small children who were interested in the Junior Angler part. Thank you for everyone who came out to support this worthy cause.

Fish Slips – With the fishing boards reopened all fish slips need to be turned in to Greg Wallace by 7:30 to get posted at that meeting. If the slip is turned in after this time it will be presented to you at the next meeting.

Thanksgiving Dinner

Will be held on November 20th, remember the Turkeys and Ham will be cooked by the club and you will bring your favorite side. A certain New Jersey past president has been ordered to bring his Sausage Stuffing.



Fishing Tournament

November 22nd is the Triple Challenge Tournament with Redfish, Trout and Flounder the species of the day. All of you inshore guys this is the time to shine and show the skills you have.

Remember the club is made up and supported by **all of you**, the members. **This is YOUR Club!** Without you the JOSFC would not be who they are or have been since 1959. No other club can say the same.

Tom Darga

JOSFC President



Wear these, they don't work in the cabin! OK, I know that some of you won't wear your Life Jacket while fishing, but PLEASE at

least wear one while your Boat is underway!

Jacksonville recently lost a boater on a calm day, out alone, and his boat came ashore with engines running and no sign of him!



What a great day we had last Sunday. Captain Eddie Smith on the "Turtle Boat" invited me to help him on a fishing trip in the St Johns River near Mayport. **We hosted a Wounded Warrior**, Retired Corporal Chris Langston - USMC. Chris was injured a few years back in Iraq when his HumVee was damaged with an IED bomb. He now suffers with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and has neurologic disabilities.

Chis's service dog "Cup" and a friend Kyle Jeffees, accompanied him on our fishing adventure. Neither had caught a red fish over 5 or 6 pounds so the six 30 pound plus male redfish we caught and released was a grand time for them. Eddie and I agree that this trip was extremely rewarding for us to honor a dedicated warrior.

Bill Wilderotter

For information on how you can participate in this program go to:

www.floridasportsman.com . Click on Fishing for Warriors. You will not be disappointed.



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**Top's Tips
 Safety First**

Top Ingram
 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)

High Waves Continued

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.

Top Ingram
Fishtales



Here are some Tips & Tricks for your better boating!

IF you have a boat here are 4 MUST HAVES:

1 - Salt Away (Or any similar product like Salt X, Salt Terminator.) It removes all salt. Rinse your entire boat and then flush your engine with it until you see the white foam coming out and shut it off! It also lubes and protects your impeller!.

2 - Strike Hold, similar to WD-40 but way better at protecting the metal and your electric boards. Find it on line.

3 - Boat US Towing or Sea Tow. Don't leave the dock without it!

4 - Gorilla Tape. (Super strong Duct Tape) Hay McGiver always had some! Holds things together, makes a splint for broken limbs anything you can think of!

When buying Electrical wire for you rboat, get BC-5W2 wire to insure it meets Marine requirements.

Out alone? Boats have a Kill switch for a reason! Use it!

The U.S. Coast Guard requires you have a Type IV Throwable PDF. Keep it on deck with 50 feet of line attached to it.

Use Anhydrous Lanolin on your Snaps and Zippers to keep them working About \$6.00 for an 8 oz tube at drug stores.

Use 'T' Hose Clamps rather than Screw clamps for more even holding pressure around the entire hose.

For the best hold with your anchor, use half the length of your boat in CHAIN on your anchor.

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<http://www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/pdfcharts/>

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This is November, Christmas is next month! I know that some of you need some of these items updated, so use this test to start your Christmas list! Flairs, a Spot PLB, Fire extinguishers?

How about thinking SAFETY FIRST!

THIS IS A TEST!!!

You probably already failed! That is NOT a good thing. Can you answer these questions without looking up some of the answers?

- 1 - **Did you leave a FLOAT PLAN** with someone, or on the dash of your tow vehicle?
- 2 - **What date was your single, woefully too small, fire extinguisher last checked?** Is it current, or has it been sitting in it's holder for the last 2+ years with all the dry chemical compacted and hard at the bottom? Do you have a big enough Fire Extinguisher? They are cheep, why not have two or three on board?
- 3 - What is the expiration date on your **Flares**?
- 4 - Is your ditch bag sitting out where it will be available and have an EEPER or PLB attached to it?
- 6 - Do you even have an EEPER? Why NOT? They are just a couple of hundred now! Isn't your life and your crews life worth that little money? Are it's Batteries good? They should be replaced every 5 years!
- 7 - Does your ditch bag have enough water for everyone for a couple days?
- 8 - What year did you last replace the batteries in your hand held VHF radio? Is it IN your Ditch Bag? The same thing for your hand held GPS?
- 9 - Where is your hand operated bailing device?
- 10 - Does your hand held air horn work? What you don't have one?
- 11 - Where is your distress FLAG?
- 12 - Where is your signal mirror
- 13 - **Is the "O" ring on your drain plug old and brittle?**
- 14 - First aid kit current? **How long ago did your first aid kit perishables expire?** Yes Iodine expires! Here is something to think about. A lot of the (Other guys, not me) members are getting older. Does your first aid kit have some of the new crystalized Aspirin to dissolve under the tongue in case of a heart attack? (My Son was only 34)
- 15 - Tested your VHF, or better yet upgraded to a new one with the DCS position sending feature?
- 16 - Checked all your hose fittings are tight, and no corroded Electrical connections?
- 17 - Your bilge pump working and have a backup if it goes out?
- 18 - Are your Life Jackets good and readily handy?
- 19 - **Do you give your crew a safety "Tour" before each trip? Make sure they know where everything is and how to work it in case you are disabled?**
- 20 - Have your throwable life preserver handy?
- 21 - When was the last time you had your wheel bearings packed?

If you did not know the answer to any ONE of these questions, you failed this quick test.

Lucky for you, your boat isn't taking on water, or someone seriously injured and you aren't trying to answer any one of these questions in a panic to save a life!

You now have a chance to correct any of these shortcomings BEFORE your next outing, and avoid the serious consequences of not being prepared. Remember --- Keep your VHF radio on! Don't miss a club members distress call!

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 lose 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, or Contacts. JOSFC Breen <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 _____
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 BOAT NAME _____ MAKE _____ LENGTH _____

Family Membership \$50.00

(Husband, Wife, & Children under 16)

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(For Business Concerns)

Application Fee \$25.00


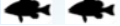



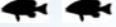



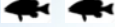
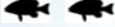
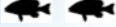
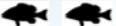













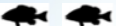

(Applicable to NEW Members or if renewing over 6 months late)

Life Member Individual \$250.00

Life Family Membership \$300.00

Total Remittance

Signature _____ Date _____

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| 16  | 17  | 18  | 19  | 20 Club Meeting. Thanksgiving Pot-Luck  | 21  | 22  |
| 23  | 24  | 25  | 26  | 27  | 28  | 29  |
| 30  |  <p>Nov. 6th - Club Meeting Nov. 8th - Hook the Future Dock Tournament Nov. 20th - Club Thanksgiving Pot-Luck Nov. 22 - Triple Challenge Tournament February 21, 2015 - El Cheapo Sheepshead Tournament</p> | | | | | |

**COMING
EVENTS:**



Tournament Schedule for 2014 / 15

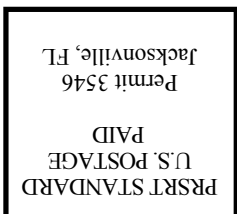
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