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Presidents Castings



Club President Eddie McGowan Bite This

First off, let me thank you for allowing me to serve the club as president. I am sure that if someone else ran for the honored

position, I probably would have come in SECOND again, and pore "Edwina" would have had to make another appearance.

If you didn't get to the end of the year Awards Banquet, you really missed a great time, good food, super prizes, and fantastic fellowship. It was a lot of fun and almost everyone (Sorry Pete) left there with something good to take home. It seems to get better every year. Many thanks to Jeanne Bernacki for heading up the prize committee, and to everyone else for your help in making this a wonderful occasion!

I hope you all had a nice Thanksgiving and did not eat too much. You know that I enjoy good food and I normally put on about 10 Lbs. this time of year.

Our Christmas party is coming up Thursday, December 21, 2006 and as usual the club will be providing the Turkeys and Hams. We need help from all of you great cooks with side dishes, so break out your favorite recipes and bring a covered dish to the party. You can call Sidney Duncan (Hospitality Director) to coordinate what you bring, or just surprise us! I'm sure it will be good!

I am looking forward to working with our new Officers and Board of Directors in order to have fun and

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He's Coming!!

The J.O.S.F.C. 7th Annual "El Cheapo" Sheepshead Tournament will be held on **Saturday, Feb. 24, 2007.**

This year's Tournament Director is Frank Joura. This event is a great way to get involved in the club. It's also an excellent opportunity to show off our club and its members to the community. With over 170 boats last year, the tournament has become a tremendous success and all indications are that this coming year's tournament will be even bigger and better than before. It's important to stress however, that this is above all, a **CLUB event**, and we'll need **all** of your support to present another 1st Class Tournament. We'll be needing lot's of volunteers to help with publicity, registration, prize procurement, site set-up, as well as tournament day support including check-out, hospitality, raffle, weigh-in and of course break-down and clean-up.

There will be an "El Cheapo Committee" **planning meeting on Monday, December 11th** followed by a **full volunteer meeting on Thursday, February 8**. Both meetings will be at 7:30 at the club house. If you'd like to be a part of this great event, please plan on attending. For more information, contact Frank Joura at 465-4552 or by e-mail at FJoura@bellsouth.net.

One more thing:

If any of you are interested, or may know of a business that may be interested in being a major sponsor for the tournament, please contact Frank with that information. A major sponsor will be considered to be in excess of a \$500.00 commitment. All of our major sponsors will be in-place and confirmed by December

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Presidents Message Cont.

make this an exciting year for everyone. If you can find a little time and want to help out in any way at all, please, Please let these people know:

President - - - -	Eddie McGowan
Vice President - - -	Chris Rooney
Treasurer - - - -	Frank Grassi
Secretary - - - -	Tina Proescher
Membership - - - -	Don Cook
Books & Charts - - -	Danny Del Rio
Fishing Director - - -	Jeff Rodda
Publicity Trophies/Awards -	Mike Murphy
Hospitality - - - -	Sidney Duncan
Seminars & Special Events -	Leigh Davis
News Letter - - - -	Bill Breen
Web Master - - - -	Greg Molloy

I sincerely hope everyone has a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Have Fun & Be Safe!
Eddie McGowan
Bite This

El Cheapo Cont.

1st . That gives us about 4 weeks to finalize them, and another 2 weeks beyond that to finalize all of our other sponsors.

*Ships Galley.....*

Sidney Duncan
Hospitality Director

December 7th - We are a fishing club, and Sam McJunkin will be putting on a Fish Fry! He does need some fish, so now is the time to empty your freezer of that fish you caught a couple of month ago! Contact Sam at E- mail sammcjunkin@comcast.net or Ph. 642-5813 or Sidney at teamonejax@bellsouth.net or Ph. 476-5077

December 21th - The club Christmas Party! The club will provide Smoked and Fried turkeys and Hams, but we will need some side dishes. Break out your favorite recipe and again coordinate with Sidney.

Here is Bill's "Quick-N-Easy" Fish Recipe**Ingredients:**

Any fish fillets
1 - Box of Ritz "Garlic & Butter" crackers
Eggs
Olive Oil

What to do:

Crush the Ritz crackers to a reasonably fine texture.

Break some Eggs into a bowl and mix them up.

Now pat the Fillets dry, dredge them in the Eggs, then the Ritz crackers, and fry them in a pan with a little Olive Oil.

The Garlic & Butter Ritz give a very light flavor to the fish, but still let you enjoy the fish itself.

Serve with your favorite side dish and enjoy.



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Rob's Fishing Lore

Rob Darner

12 Days of Fishing

On the first days of fishing,
My true love gave to me,
A baitfish on the hook

On the second day of fishing,
My true love sent to me,
Two spotted sea trout and a baitfish on the hook.

On the third day of fishing,
My true love sent to me,
Three silver tarpon, two spotted sea trout and a baitfish on the hook.

On the fourth day of fishing,
My true love sent to me,
Four frigate birds, three silver tarpon, two spotted sea trout and a baitfish on The hook.

On the fifth day of fishing,
My true love sent to me,
Five golden Penns, four frigate birds, three silver tarpon, two spotted sea Trout and a baitfish on the hook.

On the sixth day of fishing,
My true love sent to me,
Six rods a-bending, five golden Penns, four frigate birds, three silver tarpon, Two spotted sea trout and a bait fish on the hook.

On the seventh day of fishing,
My true love sent to me,
Seven kingfish a-screaming, six rods a-bending, five golden Penns, four frigate birds, three silver tarpon, two spotted sea trout and a baitfish on the Hook.

On the eighth day of fishing,
My true love sent to me,
Eight cast net maids a-throwing, seven kingfish a-screaming, six rods a-Bending, five golden Penns, four frigate birds, three silver tarpon, two Spotted sea trout and a baitfish on the hook.

On the ninth day of fishing,
My true love sent to me,
Nine dolphins a-dancing, eight cast net maids a-throwing, seven kingfish a-Screaming, six rods a-bending, five golden

Penns, four frigate birds, three Silver tarpon, two spotted sea trout and a baitfish on the hook.

On the tenth day of fishing,
My true love sent to me,
Ten sailfish a-jumping, nine dolphins a-dancing, eight cast net maids a-Throwing, seven kingfish a-screaming, six rods a-bending, five golden Penns, four frigate birds, three silver tarpon, two spotted sea trout and a Baitfish on the hook.

On the eleventh day of fishing,
My true love sent to me,
Eleven snappers snapping, ten sailfish a-jumping, nine dolphins a-dancing, Eight cast net maids a-throwing, seven kingfish a-screaming, six rods a-Bending, five golden Penns, four frigate birds, three silver tarpon, two Spotted sea trout and a baitfish on the hook.

On the twelfth day of fishing,
My true love sent to me,
Twelve black drums drumming, eleven snappers snapping, ten sailfish a-Jumping, nine dolphins a-dancing, eight cast net maids a-throwing, seven Kingfish a-screaming, six rods a-bending, five golden Penns, four frigate Birds, three silver tarpon, two spotted sea trout and a baitfish on the hook.

The very best for the Holiday Season and we wish you good fortune for the coming new year.

The Darner's
Rob, Connie, Madyson, Bailey and Byron.



Jim Anderson with a great 25 Lb. Red snapper. He said he caught it East of the jetties, but that is all I could beat out of him. Nice fish Jim!



Top's Tips Safety First

**Top Ingram
Safety Officer**

As cold weather fronts begin moving through our area over the next couple of months, we can expect to encounter more severe weather and rougher seas when we head out to our favorite fishing spot. Also, I would like to remind everyone that the Captain of a vessel is responsible for the safety of his/her vessel and the crew.

Boating and fishing is usually done in fair weather. Over the winter months the seas and weather can be very dangerous. However, if you should consider going out in your boat in rough, bad weather, my advice is "don't do it". There are times, however, that you may be out and get caught in bad weather before you can return to port. An understanding of the principles of heavy weather seamanship is helpful if this should happen to you.

Heavy weather, in itself, does not place a small boat in danger. A solid boat, operated by a knowledgeable skipper is usually equal to the task. In fact, your boat can probably take more adverse weather conditions than you can. If the sea state increases and you must run into the wind, the bow of your boat will plow into the waves instead of lifting up over them. This will not only cause your boat to take a tremendous pounding, but your propeller will rise out of the water causing your engine to race wildly one moment and load the next as it falls back into the water.

If you find yourself in this situation, slow your boat so the bow can lift with the waves. Then, instead of running directly into the waves, take them at about a 45 degree angle. Your boat will go up and down on its long axis and up and down sideways (pitch and roll). Pitching and rolling are easier on you and your boat than the pounding caused by going directly into the waves.

In heavy seas, you may have to run a "zig-zag" course taking the seas broad on your bow for awhile then off your quarter in order to reach your destination. If you find it difficult to make headway under these conditions, recommend you lay to. That is, use only enough power to keep your bow headed into the wind. Adjust your speed so that you are making neither headway nor sternway.

If you find yourself in a situation with a following sea in heavy weather, you have to be concerned about broaching or pitchpoling. In deep water a following sea is usually not as much of a problem as in shallow water. In a following sea, the force of the water can cause your boat to yaw wildly from side to side. The greatest danger occurs when your boat rises on an overtaking wave, its propeller comes out of the water and you no longer have control. At this point it may be thrown broadside into the trough and rolled over (broach) by the next wave. To avoid a broach,

you must keep your motor or outdrive in the water by adjusting your speed to stay just behind the crest of the wave in front of you and ahead of the wave behind you. Once a broach has started it is almost impossible to stop.

Should you lose power and find yourself in danger of broaching, throw out a sea anchor to keep your bow into the wind. If you do not have a sea anchor, a bucket or other object can be used. As a last resort, if depth permits, drop your regular anchor. Never, I repeat, never anchor by the stern of your boat.

If you don't stay behind a wave's crest, you may find yourself racing down the forward face of the wave at a greatly increased speed. Your boat can then plow into the trough burying its bow in water. The next wave may pick up your stern and flip your boat end over end (pitchpole).

May you continue to enjoy safe boating throughout the year.

Top Ingram
Fish Tales

Fishing Reports & Other tall Tales



**Jeff Rodda
Fishing Committee
Director**

Hello fellow club members. Over the next year I will strive to provide you with timely and useful information. On that note, as I write this, the Snapper and grouper have moved into the party grounds. After talking to Capt. Dennis Young, it is apparent that during December the action on the party grounds should only get better. Live bait will move offshore as temperatures drop and will hold closer to the bottom, but the snapper and grouper should get progressively larger as the season peaks. Any of the fish havens from 10-30 miles should hold fish. One place you might try are the barges at the Amberjack hole or AH as it is also known (Loran 45210.2 61852.6 GPS Lat 30-32.514 Lon 081-03.531). If the weather cooperates and provides a good day, you should also be able to find Wahoo out at the ledge.

Inshore, the Sheepshead, Trout and Black Drum should all be taking up residence in the local waters. For trout you can use popping corks, top water lures or even artificial's. Sheepshead will take live shrimp but it is hard to beat a hook covered with fiddler crabs or a chunk of blue crab when fishing for them. Black drum will take fresh shrimp, cut clams or blue crab chunks on the bottom. Places to consider looking for these fish would be the big Jetties, Nassau Sound, the bridges on Heckscher drive and the ICW.

Good luck this month.
Jeff



Loud Hailings

**Newsletter Editor
Bill Breen**

I would 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 Phone, Fax, or E-mail me your pictures at: PH# 904-254-2791 Fax#904-213-9786 breenw@bellsouth.net

Don't forget to include your name spelled correctly and the fish weight.

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



New Crew Members

**Don Cook
Membership Director**

The club welcomes new members:

Eric Nappier , Jacksonville, who has a 26' WorldCat 250. with Honda 150 Hp 4 strokes. No boat name yet....

Cell Ph. # 904-333-7989

Jeff & Alesia Shiver , Yulee , his boat is a 24' Seachaser with twin Yamaha 150's, boat name is "Destiny"

Home Ph. # 904-225-0219

Cell Ph. # 843-813-6198

Give them a call to buddy boat or just go fishing.



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 _____

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 (For Business Concerns)

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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
Dale Karg	-	451-2251	-	Most weekends	-	Up to 10:00 pm
George Pieper	-	246-7522	-	Most Days	-	Up to 8:00 pm



Associate Member of the Month

**St. Johns
Seafood & Steaks**



St. Johns Seafood & Steaks are one of our big sponsors, and have been helping out for several years.

Frank Grassi, our own NY Yankee, catches his own fish, but he still eats there often. Frank said he really likes their "Blackened Grouper Sandwich", and suggest it for lunch any day!

There are several St. Johns Seafood & Steaks restaurants in the greater Jacksonville area. Their prices are very reasonable, and you can afford to eat there more than once a month.

Try one tonight!

Located at:

7001 Merrill Rd.

1403 Dunn Ave.

1161 Lane Ave.

7546 Beach Blvd.

14444 Beach Blvd.

6550 Saint Augustine Rd.

9825 San Jose Blvd.

Finally a new one in Kingsland Georgia at

1947 Commerce Dr.



Pete St.Laurent with his 26 and 7/8" Redfish. Pete says that now that he is our **retired** Club President, he has time to go fishing again. This nice Red was caught in Mill Cove on a live shrimp.



Remember to shop at our sponsors and support them as often as you can,

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	
		December				1	2
3	4 Board Meeting	5	6	7 Club Meeting & Fish Fry	8	9	
10	11 El Cheapo planning at the clubhouse at 7:30 pm	12	13	14	15	16	
17	18	19	20	21 Club Christmas Party!!	22	23 30	
24	25 Christmas	26	27	28	29	30	
31 30							

Coming Events: December 7, 2006 at the club meeting we will have a club Fish Fry
 December 11, 2006 EL CHEAPO planning meeting at the clubhouse at 7:30 pm

December 21, 2006 is the Club's Annual Christmas Party! *A don't miss dinner party.* The club will provide smoked and fried turkey's and ham, and you bring the side dishes!

January 1, 2007 The new year arrives, **Happy New Year!** Make your resolution to attend more club meetings and have fun fishing!

Associate Members

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