



The Newsletter of the . . .

# The Reel News

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## Presidents Castings

**Captain Chris Rooney**

## December Memories

Here we come to another December and time for reflection on this year for the club. The year started very well, with the El Cheapo setting new records for participation and fully funding the club for another year. Our thanks go out to Frank Joura and the rest of the El Cheapo team for all the hard work. The first of the planning meetings for the El Cheapo is set for December 9th and there are a few holes in the committees that need to be filled. If you would like to become a committee chairperson talk to Frank or myself and we'll hook you up.

December also means the WAHOO are here and the third Thursday meeting is the annual Christmas party. I'm sure Santa will make a visit and the tree will have plenty of presents under it for the kids. Don't forget your lure for the tree, for every lure you put on the tree you get a chance and winning means they're all yours.

This year found the race for Captain of the Year honors as good as it gets. Eddie thinks he can win it twice in a row, so we'll all have to get out there and show him he has some competition. The fishing has been great and it promises to continue. The Wahoo are on the break. All we need is a break in the weather to be able to get out and capture a few. The Snapper are everywhere but

the weather is getting colder and the bigger fish will start to move out to the deeper water for the winter months. I haven't heard too much about the sea bass yet, but with water temperatures in the 60's out to BR they should show up real soon. Lets hope they are as good as last year.

Well, that's the update for now remember if you have an Idea or need some info drop me a line,  
E-mail : [christop.rooney@comcast.net](mailto:christop.rooney@comcast.net)

Catch them up!!

## The Lure Tree!

How about that Thanksgiving Dinner? It was great, plenty of food, and great fried turkey! Well, our next feast like that will be December 18th, the Club's Annual Christmas Party!

We will have even more food, fried, smoke-cooked turkeys, smoke cooked ham, and lots of your famous side dishes. Talk to Andy Proescher, our Hospitality Director, so we make sure we don't have too many of the same type of side dishes. There will also be a GREAT raffle and even a visit from Santa with presents for all the kids. So make sure that all the little ones make it to this party.

In addition to all the above, we have the "LURE TREE" ! We have a Christmas Tree decorated with nothing. Just a bare tree sitting there. However by the end of the evening, it is fully decorated with fishing lures! Everyone that wants to ( almost everyone ) brings a good lure to hang on the tree. For EACH lure you bring, you get a raffle ticket. At the end of the evening, 1, (ONE) and only one ticket is drawn, and the winner gets ALL the lures on the tree!

That can add up to several hundred dollars worth of lures, enough to outfit your boat for numerous trips. **DON'T FORGET TO BRING A LURE OR TWO!**

## Fishing Reports & Other tall Tales



**Derek Siegel**  
Fishing Committee  
Director

Hello everyone, I am Derek your Fishing Director for this year. Feel free to contact me for fishing info, what's biting, where, or your boating supplies information. I work at Boathouse Discount Marine on Blanding Blvd.

Now on to the fishing. So long as we have these continuous northeasters blowing its going to limit any of the fleet going offshore. Those who have the chance to go on those calm mornings have been doing good. The reports I've gotten are an abundance of Red Snapper, Grouper, Beeliners, Sea Bass and Triggerfish on the

### Fishing Reports Cont.

bottom fishing.

Some Wahoo have been reported further offshore. Keep an eye on the weather since this is time of year it can change in an instant. Better to have a safe and fun trip so pick your day carefully.

Inshore has been doing good also. The reports have been lots of Redfish, some Black Drum, Flounder and lots of big croakers being caught. Some fishing regulations have been changed concerning Grouper and other species. Check with the FWC on the current regs so you are within the rules to not get ticketed, not a good way to end your day.

Tight Lines. Derek USN Retired



## New Crew!

**Tony Thompson**  
Membership Director

We would like to welcome all our new Crew members to THEIR new club! This is our 50th year as a fishing club, and we want to invite you to jump right on in. Don't be afraid to speak up and offer an opinion, suggestion, or ask if someone has room on their boat for you. The members make the club!

### Welcome To:

<i>Name &amp; Phone</i>	<i>Boat &amp; Name</i>
Mike & Faye Peeples H - 904-998-9746	20' Hydra Sport <i>Laura Maei</i>
Ronald & Peggy Kowalski H - 352-317-2407	24' Searay <i>1st Lai</i>
William & Joel & Jeremy Gunther H - 904-779-6874	Crew
Timothy Katchen C - 904-599-8656	Freedom Boat Club
Alec Lawson H - 904-731-7715	21' Sea Pro <i>Katherine Leigh</i>



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## Rob's Fishing Lore

**Rob Darner**

### Oh Fishing Town of Jacksonville

(Done to the tune of 'Oh Little Town of Bethlehem')

Oh, fishing town of Jacksonville,  
 how still we see thee lie.  
 With hopes and dreams of calmer  
 seas,  
 we wait the weekdays to go by.  
 Sacrificing our deep and dreaming  
 sleep,  
 we count the stars as we motor .  
 Yet, the ocean calls us with its enduring might,  
 Our hopes and dreams of drags which scream  
 are met at dawn's first light.



For fishing was born of old,  
 Its knowledge was past for our fun  
 As grandfather's see, our fathers keep  
 So each generation redeems to its young  
 Both twin rods bend together,  
 Shows a double on.  
 Each reel sings of fishy things  
 As we know the fish bite best near dawn.

So loudly, so loudly  
 A striking fish is given  
 It impart adrenaline to our hearts  
 Screaming drags sounds like heaven  
 Oh fisherman of Jacksonville,  
 Conservation is what we pray.  
 Take one so we may eat tonight  
 Throw back one so the species may stay

Oh tireless fisherman of Jacksonville  
 Good weather is what we pray  
 We cast within and strikes happen in  
 Our stories we tell today  
 We hear our fishing angles  
 With the ebb of tides  
 O' fish come to us, challenge us  
 The Good Lord provides



### New Crew Continued

Robert Davies H - 904-318-7072	21' Sea Fox
Capt. Steve & Pati Kalaitzis C - 626-8628	25' Welcraft <i>Thelfini</i>
Nathan Waters H - 904-483-1556	Crew
Adam & Mariann Nelson C - 386-546-1454	22' Sea Chaser
Larry & Carol Hixenbough H - 904-406-5819	30' Boston Whaler <i>Rock On</i>
Alan Squires & Kristen Pearce H - 904-405-5552	20' Grady White
Ken Buxton H - 904-282-7934	25' Sea Fox <i>Draggin Bait</i>
Jerry & Lynda Shagam H - 904-940-5239	Crew
Ray & Tammy Chancey H - 904-928-0970	23' ProLine <i>Chancey II</i>
Rick & Kim Newell	21' Sea Chaser
Ralph & Sara Boggs H - 904-6458708	24' Sea Fox
Daniel & Katina Wofford H - 904-219-4328	23' McKee
Chock Powell H - 904-886-9723	23' Sea Fox
Paul & Tracey Bent H - 904-389-9415	28' Southport <i>Gettin Bent</i>
Barry Darnell H - 904-287-0291	24' Triton <i>Delta Flyer</i>
Lea & Leah Andrews H - 904-220-7507	28' Carolina Classic <i>Miss Conduct</i>
Brandi Proescher	Tina & Andy's daughter grown up!



## Top's Tips Safety First

**Top Ingram**  
**Safety Officer**

### Rules of the Road

As the year draws to a close, I think it is time to remind all boaters of the need to adhere to the rules of the road when on the water for pleasure or fishing. Many new boaters, and some old ones, do not appear to have a working knowledge of the rules of the road. If you are operating your vessel on inland waters or the high seas, one way to insure a safe voyage is to adhere to the "Navigation Rules". The rules cover all aspects of Navigation including lights, sounds, shapes, distress and privileged vs giveaway vessel, etc. All vessels, from the smallest PWC to the largest supertanker, must obey the navigation rules. It takes a whole book to cover all the rules, so in this article I want to discuss only the privileged and burdened vessel aspect of the rules.

There are important differences in legal liability between Maritime Law and Civil Law. When driving, one automobile often has the legal right-of-way over another. For instance, at an intersection, if car A has a green light and car B runs through the red light and collides with car A, then car B is usually found to be at fault.

Unlike the highway, at sea no one has the right of way. Depending on the situation, when two vessels are closing one vessel is privileged or the stand on vessel and the other is the burdened or give way vessel. The privileged or stand on vessel must maintain course and speed and the burdened or give way vessel must alter course and/or speed to avoid the privileged vessel. If the burdened vessel does not take action as required by the rules and the two vessels reach "extremis" (that point where a collision will occur without evasive action by either vessel), the privileged vessel must depart from the rules and take evasive action.

In a crossing situation, you are the privileged vessel if the other vessel is from dead ahead to 22.5 degrees abaft your port beam, and you must maintain course and speed. If the other vessel is from dead ahead to 22.5 degrees abaft your starboard beam, you are the burdened vessel and must alter course to pass astern of the privileged vessel. NEVER

speed up to pass in front of a privileged vessel. In a meeting head-on situation, both vessels are burdened and must alter course to starboard. In an overtaking situation, the vessel overtaking the other is the burdened vessel and must avoid the other.

Remember, courtesy and common sense is as important as the navigation rules. If the other captain is rude, don't use it for rudeness on your part. If the other vessel does not treat you in accordance with the rules, sound the danger signal (5 or more short blasts on you horn) and yield. More than likely the other captain may be ignorant of the rules. By engaging in brinksman ship, you could win the argument and ruin your whole day and possibly damage you vessel.

Remember, you are in imminent danger of collision when the bearing of another vessel is constant and the range is decreasing and evasive action will be required regardless of who is privileged or burdened. Follow these simple navigation rules and continue to enjoy safe boating throughout the year.

Top Ingram  
Fish Tales



## He is coming,



## February 28, 2009!

*Associate Member  
of the Month*

## **Ocean Waves Sunglasses**

76 Levy Rd  
Atlantic Beach, FL 32233  
1 - 800 - 495 - 9283  
[www.oceanwaves.com](http://www.oceanwaves.com)

Ocean Waves, the worlds best sunglasses! They are actually located right here in our own Atlantic Beach! Just go north on Mayport Road ( A1A ) from Atlantic Ave. and turn left on Levy Rd and their factory is on your left.

They make all different styles and lens darkness of polarized high quality glasses. They have lenses for shallow water fishing, bluewater fishing, or just laying on the beach.

All their lenses protect your eyes from all the UV light, and make for a comfortable evening after a full day on the water.

Repairs are quick and easy if you take them into the factory and if it was a defect in their glasses repairs are free. ( No, when you run over them with your truck or sit on them you have to pay, but be nice and it usually is a lot cheaper than buying a new pair.)

Ocean Waves have been a BIG supporter of our club, so when you get new glasses, think of them first! Check out their Showroom right off the Mayport Rd. at 76 Levy Rd.

**Ocean Waves**  
**The worlds Best Sunglasses**

**Remember, we need to support  
the businesses that support our  
club!**



## *The Dry Dock*

### **For Sale:**

#### Boat Slip and Lift

A locked, gated Boat Slip and Lift on the south side of the St. Johns River Reduced from \$45,000 to \$35,000 (\$33,500 to JOSFC member) - Call Bill Breen 904-254-2791 (Owner Alan Stamm)

#### Boat for Sale

Great River and Bay boat for the local area. 1997 Arima Sea Chaser 17, with a 2000 year model Yamahaw 4 stroke 115 HP Outboard. LOTS of extras included.

Very economical to run, gets 4 to 5 MPG, and floats in as little as 10" of water with full load and 3 big guys in it. Asking \$10,500 Less for club members.

[www.arimaboats.com](http://www.arimaboats.com) to check out what an Arima is.

Call Bill Breen 904-254-2791



## **Loud Hailings Newsletter Editor Bill Breen**

Randy Ralston, 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 Randy 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 Phone, Fax, or E-mail me your pictures at: PH# 904-254-2791 Fax#904-213-9786 [breenw@bellsouth.net](mailto: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.





## *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
Frank Grassi	234-7369	Weekends & Some days	Up to 8:00 pm
Sara Meier	H= 786-5608 C= 812-322-1519	Weekends & Some days	Up to 10:00 pm
Perry Arnold	H = 304-521-5987 C = 904-379-1189	Any day	Up to 10:00 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
Bob Calfee	C = 472-9957	Weekends & Some days	Up to 8:00 pm
Matt Ennes	536 - 7450	Friday through Monday	Up to 9:00 pm
David Brown	962 - 3787	Saturdays & Some week days	Up to 11:00 pm
Ken Roach	221 - 7212	Any Day	Up to 8:00 pm the day before.
Joe Esparza	C = 536 - 4114	Any Day	Up to 10:00 pm

## **Our Website**

Our website is now back up, running, and in the process of being fully updated and improved. Shortly we will have LIVE MARINE RADIO streaming on our website. We are waiting for Comcast to install a high bandwidth connection to our clubhouse, ( They say 4 or 5 weeks for the permits to run the cable under the road. But we (( actually Mike Murphy is mostly "WE" )) are working on rushing all that to get it done ASAP.)

As soon as it is up, you will be able to log onto our website and listen to the boats out there fishing, find out where they are biting, and what the seas are really like. Capt. George and the other charter boat captains are more informative when talking to each other during the week than on weekends.

You can also find the best weather links at our website, and shortly check the fishing boards to see if your big fish will qualify to knock someone off, and how the Captain Of The Year Race is going. You can read the "Reel News", get the latest club information and important notices, that came in after the newsletter went to press, and see pictures from the latest events.

We would like YOU, our club members to start talking up our website to everyone you can, just tell them to:

**Check out ..... [www.jaxfish.com](http://www.jaxfish.com)**

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tues</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thur</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
	1 Board Meeting	2	3	4 Club Meeting	5	6
7	8	9 Committee Heads meeting for the El Cheapo. 7:30 PM at the Club House	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18 Club Meeting Christmas Party!	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			<h1>December</h1>

**Coming Events:** December 9, 2008 - The Committee Heads meeting for the El Cheapo at the club house 7:30 PM

December 18, 2008 - The Club's Pot Luck Christmas Party

January First meeting, 2009 - The Club's Annual Swap Meet. Start putting together a box of fishing gear and other things you don't use, to swap or sell.

January Second meeting, 2009 - The Retirement Party for Fred Moro, A Jacksonville Fishing Legend!, and the 1st President of the JOSFC! Serving 1959/1960, 1960/1961

January 29, 2009 - The Full Volunteers meeting for the EL Cheapo at the Club House 7:30PM

February 5, 2009 - The Club's Chili Cook-off Contest. Set aside some venison or whatever special ingredients you use to make the world's best Chili!

Finally - but not least. February 28th is THE EL CHEAPO SHEEPSHEAD TOURNAMENT!

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