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# PEACE



## MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL



### President

**Danny Del Rio**

Hope everyone had a Thankful Thanksgiving! If you missed the club Thanksgiving feast, you missed a great meal.

After one month as your president, I'm beginning to wonder why I took this position!

But, as I look forward, it will be a very rewarding experience. We have had our first board meeting and everything was passed on to the new officers and board members.

Our club banquet was a tremendous success and everyone really enjoyed the food and atmosphere. We are planning on returning to the same place next year.

Due to weather conditions, the Luck of the Draw Tournament was cancelled. (Just fyi, if you plan on doing any inshore fishing, the flounder are on fire!)

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Pres. Message Continued

For December, we are looking forward to the Christmas Party on December 15<sup>th</sup>, with Santa Clause making his appearance with gifts for all the kids. This is also a pot luck supper, turkey and ham will be provided, so bring your favorite dish to share and bring your family.

Also, don't forget to bring your lures for the Christmas tree! (Those of you that are new: you get one ticket for each lure you bring for the tree and the winner wins all the lures on the tree!) Hope to see you there!

From all the officers and board members, we wish you all a MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY and PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR!

Tight Lines and Safe Boating!  
Danny Del Rio



## ROB'S FISHING LORE



Hark the Line & Reel scream,  
Glory to the tournament king.  
Chaos in the water as the fish beguiles,  
Fish and Anglers will reconcile  
Joyful all the anglers rise,  
Jubilations with high fives  
With the Anglers who proclaim:  
Our fifty plus pounds is not the same.  
Hark the Line & Reel scream,  
Glory to the tournament king.



Eels the shiniest baits adored,  
Blue runners least one can afford.  
Late in time the strike may come,  
Question now is to run & gun?  
Shroud in ice for none to see,  
A big King rest in peace.  
Raised in flesh for the scale to tell,  
It's the fifty pound club our fish to dwell.  
Hark the Line & Reel scream,  
Glory to the tournament king.



Hail the sea-born King of Speed  
Hail the King of Kings  
Fish for life and all it brings  
Untold fishing glories sing  
God opens his glory by  
Allows us to fish and fry  
Fun to catch and run  
Fun with calm seas and sun  
Hark the Line & Reel scream  
Glory to the tournament king



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Steve Hume has a problem. . . . Went Grunt fishing within 7 miles of the Jetties hoping to catch enough critters to make a meal for me and my wife. These pesky Red things kept stealing my bait, and attacking the few Grunts I did catch before I could get them in the boat. I was hoping someone could help identify this nuisance fish and offer suggestions on how to get them to stop bothering me while I am fishing.

I know they can't be Red Snapper, cause the SAMFC says they are almost all gone from the ocean! Any Help?



Will Aitken, AJ & Andy Proescher had a good day fishing a while back, and Will caught his first Tiger Shark. Just a little Pup that he released without feeding it any of his fingers!



The Kiel Kids had a good day off Cedar Key catching dinner for everyone!



## Top's Tips Safety First

Top Ingram  
Safety Officer

### America's waterway watch And Boat Handling In Rough Seas

The US Coast Guard has a relatively new program called America's Waterway Watch, which is a public outreach program encouraging participants to simply report suspicious activity on the water to the Coast Guard and/or other law enforcement agencies.

As a recreational boater, the US Coast Guard wants your help in keeping the waterways safe and secure. You can do this by participating in its waterway watch program. The program is a nationwide initiative similar to the well-known and successful Neighborhood Watch program that asks community members to report suspicious activities to local law enforcement agencies. However, unlike some neighborhood watch programs, you do not join the organization, there are no meetings, or membership requirements, and you do not need to be a member of the Coast Guard or other law enforcement agency.

As a person who spends time on or near the water, you already know what is normal and what is not. You are well suited to notice suspicious activities, which may indicate a threat to our nation's homeland security. As a participant in America's Waterway Watch, all you have to do is adopt a heightened sense of awareness toward unusual events or individuals you may encounter in or around ports, docks, marinas, riversides, beaches, or waterfront communities. To report any activity you think is suspicious call 1-877-249-2824. If you think the activity requires immediate action, call 911.

Now, to the subject of boat handling in rough seas. With the advent of cooler weather and fronts moving through our area, everyone should be aware of the need to take proper precautions when boating in heavy weather and rough seas. A boat can capsize quickly and you will not have time to put on your life jacket. So, wear it at all times in rough seas.

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 deteriorating 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 "zigzag" course taking the seas broad on your bow for a while 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 (broached) 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



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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 (pitchpoled). Follow these simple suggestions and may you continue to enjoy safe boating throughout the year.

Top Ingram  
Fish Tales

## Loud Hailings

Newsletter Editor  
Bill Breen



Will Aitken, 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 Will 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](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.

**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.)

### Seriously, Why not Renew?

It is the best value for your money you will get around here.

First it is dirt cheep to belong to our club. Individual membership is only \$40.00 / Year, and a family membership is only \$50.00 / Year.

#### **That is for a full YEAR!**

**Here are some of the benefits, for your \$40.00 or \$50.00 per YEAR, you get:**

- 1 - 24 FREE meals for you and your family and any friends you bring to a club meeting.
- 2 - Your Membership card is good for 10% to 15% off your purchases at several of our local bait, tackle and boating shops around Jacksonville. ( Just pull it out and ask! ) Plus membership rights in the Jax Navy Federal Credit Union.
- 3 - You can always find someone that will help pay for gas & bait and go fishing with you.
- 4 - You will benefit from the security of having fellow members to call on in case of an emergency.
- 5 - You can find free or discounted help working on your boat from several members.
- 6 - You will benefit from programs and seminars that bring fishing knowledge from area experts, revealing secrets they share only with JOSFC members.
- 7 - When you post a fish to the boards you get a \$5.00 fish slip to spend at local bait & tackle shops or for club merchandise. Post 10 fish, and you have paid for your family membership!
- 8 - You will be able to participate in a challenging and rewarding slate of tournaments open only to club members.

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## Why Renew Continued

9 - You get a chance to win a board at the end of the year and get plaques and certificates to show off your fishing skills.

10 - You will be able to help maintain and enhance the most prolific artificial reef program in the U.S. ( Over 270 drops in the Club's 52 years )

11 - Last but not least, the CLUB is constantly fighting for your right to fish, and the more members we can say we represent when we get up to testify the louder our voice is to the SAMFC.

( Last year we actually got a club member elected to the SAMFC Council! We are also beginning to win our fight against the SAFMC. They recently voted 8 to 2 **AGAINST** "Catch Shares" Our combined voice is beginning to be heard. **WE NEED YOU!**)

You can renew by going to our Web-Site [www.jaxfish.com](http://www.jaxfish.com) Click on the "About" tab, scroll down to "JOSFC Membership" and click on the "Existing Members Renew" OR fill out and mail the below form to the address on the back of the Newsletter OR come to one of our fun meetings and renew with Tom Darga our membership Director in person.

**Oh Go ahead, just do it!**



## 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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☐ Individual Member ..... \$40.00

☐ Paid Junior Member ..... \$5.00

☐ Annual Associate Member ..... \$100.00  
 (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>December</h1>			1 Club Meeting	2	3
				8 El Cheapo Planning Committee Meeting	9	10
	5 Board Meeting	6 RFA Right to Fish Dick's Wings Beach & San Pablo	7	15 Club Meeting Christmas Party Pot-Luck	16	17
	11	12	13	22	23	24
	18	19	20	21	28	29
25 Merry Christmas	26	27	28	29	30	31

## Coming Events:

Dec 1st - Club Meeting

Dec 6th - Important meeting on our Right to Fish at Dick's Wings at Beach & San Pablo

Dec 8th - El cheapo Planning Meeting at the clubhouse.

Dec 15th - Club Christmas Pot Luck. Don't forget the Lure Tree!

Jan 19th - Club Swap Meet.

Jan 26th - Full Volunteer El Cheapo Meeting

Feb 25th El Cheapo Tournament



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