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Merry Christmas



*Here is wishing you Tight Lines and Smooth Waters, for all of you,
from your crew at the Jacksonville Offshore Sport Fishing Club*



**JOSFC
President
Chris Rooney**

DECEMBER REMEMBERING THE LEGACY

Well this has been a great year for the Club, we've seen the membership increase, the El Cheapo was again the venue which has allowed us to show the fishing community what we are made of and the banquet gave us the chance to honor the best fishermen and women of the year. It is again my honor to be at the helm and as always if you have

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Need a Christmas Present for someone? How about buying them a membership in the JOSFC Club! We can provide a really nice certificate to put under the Christmas Tree! Just contact Terri Breen our Membership Director at ibreen@bellsouth.net or Phone her at 904-254-2789 (In the Evenings) and she will get you all taken care of.



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For our December 3rd meeting, we will hold our Annual Clam Chowder Cook-Off.

IF, you think you can cook a great pot of Clam Chowder, you are challenged to try to beat MY "Worlds best Clam Chowder"

Yeah, I know that for the last 3 years I haven't won the club title, but I have figured out why. . . . The judges have no taste! (Taste buds that is.) In February we hold the Chili Cook-Off, and the judges burn their taste buds out completely, and by December, they still can't actually taste anything! (Yes, I keep telling myself that.)

Really I will be cooking up a BIG pot of great clam Chowder, and bringing it to the club for our enjoyment. SO bring your appetite and a friend or two for a good night of great for a Clam Chowder dinner, and a good seminar on Wahoo Fishing, as well as our Raffle and good company!



Wear these, they don't work in the cabin!



Wow! The JOSFC fishing year has begun. With the beginning of the year comes the time to renew your membership! Folks have been renewing through our website, at meetings, and anywhere else they can catch Bill and the 'square'. Thank you for taking the time to take care of this task before January 1, 2016.

Since this is the December newsletter, and the time to renew, I naturally - with Bill's help - came up with a fun way to spread cheer this season. Renewing or giving a family member, friend, or relative a gift can be difficult. How about surprising the folks by paying for a JOSFC membership? We'll even provide a lovely certificate you can put under the tree!

Be sure to check in with me at one of the meetings to renew or join. I'll be contacting you at some point in the next couple of months to bring your information up to date such as: boat name, family members if you purchased a Family Membership, address, and email. We want to make sure you receive regular, updated information on our activities and tournaments. If you need to contact me, my email is ibreen@bellsouth.net. Be sure to put JOSFC in the subject line for me

Sit back with your rod and reel and fill the fishing boards.

Terri Breen
Membership Director

Presidents Message Continued

suggestions for improvement in the Club please send them on. My E-mail is listed on the website and here, christop.rooney@comcast.net you can also get it to the board any other way you see fit, we'll take notes on scratch paper. The things we do as an organization provide a legacy to pass down to our kids and grandkids. Our involvement in the fishing community through all the events and tournaments in which our member volunteers participate provide a legacy of Sportsmanship and display the set of values that make our club special and teach our kids those values.

The legacy for promoting conservation in our sport, through 50 years of artificial reef building is known and emulated up and down the Atlantic coast. December is a good month for the Legacy of the club, our Christmas party celebrates the end of the year with a visit from old Chris Cringle himself. The Lure Tree will be loaded with everything from a Mister Big to a TBS jig, and some lucky angler will go home with enough lures to fill a new tackle bag.

The fight for our fishing rights is on going and we need to get into the battles where we need to be insuring our voices continue to be heard. This month should be a quiet month to spend time with family and friends, the fishing will be great when the wind calms and the seas open the doors to the ocean. The cooling water temperatures will fire up the jetties and sheepshead, black drum and bull reds will be abundant and hungry. On the offshore scene watch for the hints the fall run of the Cobia going south is going on, or for the deep water guys the Dolpin will come through with the 30 pound Wahoo wolfpacks, it will all be happening. Well I'm sure Bill is looking for this and just about ready to shoot me yet again, for it being late and the fish are biting. Remember the legacy and Merry Christmas





The Lure Tree

What the heck is the Lure Tree?! It is the JOSFC Christmas tree! We decorate it with new Lures! OK, here is the deal. . . . YOU bring a new lure or 2 or 3 or more and hang them on the Christmas tree at our Christmas Party on the 17th, and for each Lure you bring, you get a special raffle ticket. At the end of the night, we draw one (1) and one only ticket. The lucky holder of that ticket wins ALL the lures on the tree!

That is usually about a 5 gallon bucket FULL of good lures! Several hundred dollars worth of lures!

Don't have any extra lures to hang on the tree? See C & H Lures, I am sure they will be glad to sell you some so you can try to win them for yourself at the Christmas Party!

Trust me, this is a JOSFC Tradition that is always a lot of fun, and for the winner, a great big Christmas present!



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Here is something to think about all the time,
Safety

You should give everyone on your boat a "Safety Tour" before you get on the ocean. Just in case YOU are the one incapacitated, make sure that at least 1 or 2 people know how to run the boat, and operate the GPS to get their heading back to the shore. Everyone should know where the Fire Extinguishers (Note the plural, ExtinguishERS.) are, and where the extra lifejackets or flotation cushions are. (You really should have everyone wearing a lifejacket at the least while underway.) They should know how to operate the radios and where all the emergency equipment is.

Oh, YOU DID leave a "Float Plan" with someone before heading out didn't you?

Remember the Rule of Thirds! One third of your gas to go out and fish, one third to come back in, and a third for emergencies! I have actually used most of my emergency gas to turn around



That is a really nice Atlantic Salmon that Bill Wilderotter and Ronnie Dorsett caught on the Niagara River, about 6 miles north of the Niagara Falls.

In a 3 hour Charter they boated two Salmon, a Steelhead Trout, and had 3 other good fish break off due to 15 pound leaders and a sharp rocky bottom.

One bore Bucket item crossed off their list!



Safety Cont.

and go back out to tow a friend in. If I didn't plan well, I would have had to call the USCG to go get him. (Off Eureka Ca. they do not have Boat US, or Sea Tow, the USCG does it all!)

Try to remember that in an emergency you need to actually STOP (That is an acronym for Stop, (Even for half a second) Think, about what you need to do. Observe what is happening. Finally Plan how to react.

Panic and Carelessness are your worst enemy and kill more people that could have survived if they would have just slowed down and used their brain.

We have added two Tournaments to our slate for Captain of the Year Tournaments!

First (We have already fished this one.) we have the Triple Challenge Tournament, an inshore tournament for Flounder, Speckled Trout and Redfish. This is fished in October.

Next we have a Sheepshead Tune-Up Tournament, to be held the first Saturday in February, with the weather date being the second Saturday. This is a 3 fish aggregate weight tournament.

Then we have our regular slate, with the dates still to be set.

- The River Fishing Tournament -
- The Non-Live Tournament -
- The Unlimited Trolling Tournament -
- The May Trolling Tournament -
- The Junior Angler Tournament -
- The Kingfish Tune-Up Tournament -
- The Powder Puff Tournament -
- The Light Tackle Tournament -
- The Bottom Tournament -

All of these tournaments are FREE to fish for club members, and you earn points toward Captain of the year by placing in each of the tournaments. 10 points for first, on down to 1 point for 10 or last place. (Unless you are like me and come in 11th place and get NO points for the Triple Challenge.)

Then in October we have our Annual Awards Banquet and award our Board winners and Captain of the year!

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 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, 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.













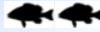


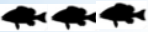


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NAME _____ HOME PH. _____
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Signature _____ Date _____

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
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**COMING
EVENTS:**

- Dec. 3rd - Club Meeting - Clam Chowder Cook-Off
- Dec. 7th - Board Meeting
- Dec. 17th - Club Meeting - Christmas Party / Pot-Luck
- Dec. 25th - CHRISTMAS
- Jan. 1 - Friday, New Year's Day, 2016
- Feb. 6th - Sheepshead Tune-Up Tournament
- Jan. 7th - Club Meeting
- Jan. 21 - Club Meeting - Annual Swap Meet
- Feb. 1st - Board Meeting
- Feb. 4th - Club Meeting
- Feb. 18th - Club Meeting - Annual Chili Cook-Off

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Tournament Schedule for 2016

Tournament - - Month - -Date / Alternate

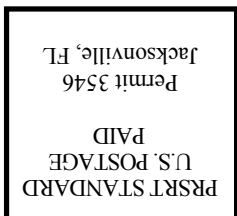
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