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July is
Sharknado Month!

Important Dates

✓ **Next CLUB MEETING: Tuesday, July 8, 2014 @ 7:00 p.m.**

*Arrive at 6:45 to make sure you get your Raffle and 50/50 tickets

✓ **Breakfast at Elena's every Friday at 6:00 am**

✓ **Happy Hour every Wednesday at The Tiki Hut 5:30 pm**

✓ **Ladies Lunch Thursday July 10th at The Perfect Caper
at 11:30 am**

✓ **Ladies Nite Out Thursday July 24th at The
Asian Market at 6:30 pm**

✓ **July's Fishing Tournament July 28th**



Find us by searching for the PGI Fishing Club
and ask to join the group.



HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY!!

I prefer to use the phrase Independence Day because a friend of mine once told me a story about the fourth of July. She'll explain that in her own article.

I've been having a lot of fun on the water – staying dry for the most part, too. But it never seems to fail – as soon as I decide to take a dip in my pool, the thunder rolls in. But, hey, at least I'm catching some fish. Are you? Gives me something else to talk about at the Tiki Hut.

You know, we always thought that our Friday morning breakfasts were interesting. They are but not as interesting and definitely not as much fun as our Wednesday late afternoon meetings at the Tiki Hut. We meet around 5:15, have a drink or two and then it's off to dinner. Want to join us? Not a problem. There's plenty of room.

Now that all of you have gotten the hang of sending in your photos digitally, things are really beginning to come together for our team who works hard to make sure you get proper credit for your catches. Thank you all for working so hard to make the switch from paper photos to emails. Makes our lives so much easier.

I know there are a lot of people who say it can't be done but I did it! I actually hooked a tarpon off my dock. Yes, I did. But after a few jumps, he broke the line so I never really got to reel him in. While I did have a few people on the dock with me, none of us had a camera handy. Talk about the pits! Oh well, that's life.

With all this beautiful weather, I've been trying to spend as much time on the water as possible. I just wish the fish would cooperate a bit more. Too bad we can't take all our small catches, line them up tail to mouth and measure them.

Can you imagine the BIG fish we'd have then? What a trophy that would be – but, that's not how it works. Bummer.

We all enjoy winning prizes when we catch fish and I get a thrill each time I read the newsletter and see all the members with their awards. NOW that makes me happy. We really do have a great club. Consider volunteering some of your time to help the Board if vacancies are announced later this summer. You could be a part of making it work.

I'd like to thank all the members who participated in the Camp Eco June 20th kids fishing outing, which was sponsored in part by PGICA's Beyond Ourselves. It was a really great thing you all did and I know the kids appreciated it very much. Who knows, maybe sometime in the future, we can host our own "Teach a kid to fish" program. It's something to think about.

Well, time to grab that ole pole. The fish are calling my name. Have fun on the water and go catch a big one!

Mike





Fishing Events

Joe Udvari

Mother Nature has continued to present challenges to most of our anglers. Lack of bait in

Charlotte Harbor, fish with lock-jaw, rough water and frequent storms have plagued many of us, especially when targeting tarpon, our June Fish of the Month (FOM). Several anglers did solve the puzzle for redfish, snook, and cobia based on pictures of their nice catches. Others like me, by design or default, played around with shark since they were more willing to eat our offerings and bend our rods. I just hope they continue to feed aggressively in July (except during the Freedom Swim) when they become our FOM.

So maybe it wasn't a good idea for me to change our FOM lineup by moving snook to September and tarpon to June. I should have listened to John Wolfinger who had a premonition that the swap might backfire (he's a wise man). I'll take the heat which I know is coming since our list of June FOM winners would have been complete if snook were our FOM. Instead, only two people figured out how to get a tarpon to the boat and get a picture.

Congratulations go out to **Rick Sarkisian and Darlene Madsen**, who took **1st place** in the male and female angler divisions, respectively. That got them each a \$35 gift certificate and their picture on the cover of our Newsletter. Well deserved Rick and Darlene!

If you did catch a tarpon in June and didn't submit an appropriate picture, you missed out on a great prize. So make sure that if you do catch a FOM or any fish for that matter, attach a picture to an email identifying your full name, length and type of fish, date caught and a note if you used a paid guide, and send it to fishphotos@pgifishingclub.org. It's that easy, and it enters your catch into all of the Club's programs and contests as long as you satisfy each of the rules for these events. The rules can be found on the Club's great website at pgifishingclub.org.

While you're on the computer, why not also post your pictures on the Club's Facebook page so we can all get a real time idea of what's biting or not. We

now have 72 members in our Club's Facebook group and that's great.

Our July FOM contest is for shark, same as the past couple of years. You don't think I would change that after having won the last 2 years do you? That ought to get you fired up! Remember, you get one point for each shark "landed" that has a fork length under 5 feet, and 3 points for any shark "landed" that is estimated to have a fork length 5 feet or more. We don't expect you to measure big shark with a ruler or measuring stick. Do the best you can to estimate the fork length using a reference point of known length like your leader length or rod length, and make sure you quickly get a picture of the shark (you don't have to be in the picture with a shark, and consider keeping it in the water to minimize injury to you and the shark).

You or your fishing partner need to touch the leader for the shark to be considered as having been "landed", and I recommend you wear gloves when handling steel leaders, especially ones with crimps. Otherwise, you can easily get cut. It also really helps to go after big shark with a partner or two, and to fish with heavy enough gear so as not to overly stress the fish. But remember, you must hook and fight the fish all the way to the leader touch for it to count in this contest (i.e., no help from others except with the "landing" part). Also, fish caught with a paid guide don't count for this contest. Your shark FOM entries are due no later than August 1.

Don't forget that shark are also one of the 'prize fish' that we'll be targeting during our July 28 outing. So sign up if you haven't already for another chance to win a gift certificate from one of our local shops.

Expanding on my comment above to not injure caught fish, remember the following. If you catch protected fish, out of season fish, fish not meeting legal lengths or fish that you intend to release, please handle them as responsibly as possible so as not to damage them or exhaust them beyond their ability to recover and survive. Catching and fighting fish in the summer when water temperatures are high (90 degrees Fahrenheit in the Harbor already) is very stressful on them and quickly depletes them of oxygen.

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Combine that with rough handling (i.e., netting fish with nets made of abrasive and/or thin mesh that can damage scales or fins, dropping fish, keeping them out of water too long for multiple photos, removing their protective slime, etc.), and their chance of survival is greatly reduced. As responsible anglers and stewards of our environment that want to see the health of our fisheries continue to improve, please do your best to handle all fish appropriately.

Some fish are much more susceptible to stress in warm water than others, so you don't want to play these fish too long. If you don't know which ones, stay on the side of caution and treat them all the same.

Use gear that can land all your targeted species fairly quickly. Before letting go of fish showing signs of stress, revive them in the water by holding onto their tail and pointing them into the current until you see their gills working and the fish struggling a bit to get free of your grasp (most shark and stingray excluded). Don't pull them back and forth. A little gentle side to side motion is OK. If kept in the water, shark and stingray likely won't need this sort of intervention on your part anyway (remember some shark can bite their own tail and stingray have venomous barbs on their tails).



All current contest results are nicely summarized later in this Newsletter, and awards for June will be handed out at our next general meeting on July 8. **John Gettinger** made it to 2000 points in June so he earned his GMA Star. Congratulations John!

See Item 9 in the "Things to Know" list for claiming past awards. I'm holding past awards for the following individuals:

Fred Benson
Scrib Daily
Duane Hilgendorf
Carl Leicher
Don McAlpine
Mike Peters
John Solinger
John Steciw
Sandy Wierzbanowski
Ted Wierzbanowski

Please come before 7 pm on July 8 to leave enough time to pick up your raffle and 50/50 tickets, and to grab a good seat. C U then!



Awards at 4 PM sharp at Harpoon Harry's



- Measure/estimate sharks to the fork
- Measure/estimate wingspan of stingrays
- Estimate tarpon length
- Leader touch for large shark, tarpon and stingrays
- Have photos of your catch

June 2014 * Fish of the Month Contest * Tarpon

Congratulations to our winners!



Male Angler Winner

Rick Sarkisian



Rick Sarkisian
65" Tarpon

1st Place - \$35 GC to Fishin' Frank's



Lady Angler Winner

Darlene Madsen

40" Tarpon

1st Place - \$35 GC to Laishley Marine



Fish of the Month 2014 Schedule

January	Sheepshead	July	Shark
February	Spotted Seatrout	August	Mangrove Snapper
March	Redfish & Spotted Seatrout	September	Snook
April	Spanish Mackerel	October	Redfish
May	Cobia	November	Grouper
June	Tarpon	December	Black Drum



Capt. Miller with Certificate of Appreciation for his June meeting presentation.

Capt. Mark Miller talked about how tough fishing was in the harbor because of a lack of bait in the harbor. He suggested for snook to use shiny lures in holes, or cutbait up near the Mangroves. Use long casts and crank in slowly. Shrimp on bobbers will also work, but it will be tough. He suggested lures in the early hours then switch to the cutbait. It can be done, but it is not as easy as last year.

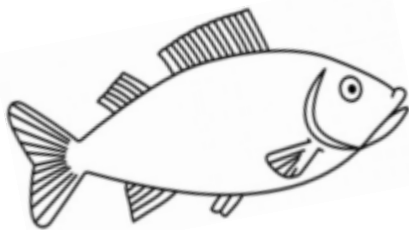
ft Ranger for his big boat and an 18 ft Action Craft for inside and smaller groups. He will launch out of the Ponce Inlet or Boca Grande, whichever is preferred. He charges \$ 350 for three for four hours and \$ 450 for six hours, and \$ 550 for 8 hours. He will give members \$ 50 off for the trip. Billy can usually be seen at Fishin' Franks. He has been fishing this area for many years and some members have used him with success.

Our next speaker for July 8th will be Capt. Billy Barton. He has a 23

Social Director

Sandi Rosen

What do you call a fish
without an eye?



A Fsh



Save the Date



The Holiday Dinner/Dance is at Charlotte Harbor Yacht Club on **December 9, 2014.**
 Music by TwoCanJam
 There will be a choice of meat, fish or chicken entree when ticket is purchased.
 Tickets will be \$25 per person.
 Includes appetizers and dessert.
 More specifics will follow.




Editor's Notes

Karen Udvari



Special Thanks to Jim Qurollo for his outstanding work as the Newsletter editor. His skill and dedication was (and is) amazing. Jim will stay on as the webmaster. Mike Gilger has appointed me as the Interim Newsletter Editor.



Ladies Liaison

Hello, Fish Girls!

Welcome to summer! Don't believe those old song lyrics "there ain't no cure for the summertime blues" - not while you're living here in Florida! Just join the fun of being a jammin' fish girl!

Here's the lineup for July:

OUT TO LUNCH

The Perfect Caper

Thursday - July 10 - 11:30 am

We can take advantage of their summer Buy one/ Get one Lunch

special. Over 10 items to choose from - but their regular menu is also available.

GIRLS NITE OUT

Asian Market Cafe

Thursday - July 24 - 6 pm

Really fresh, yummy Thai food with a few Vietnamese dishes. If you haven't had Thai before, try the national dish, Pad Thai - shown below. Remember - Thai food is only spicy if you order it that way!

Please RSVP for either outing to: pastadiva@comcast.net

If you're gone for the summer season - have fun wherever you are !

Cris & Jane

In June the Fish Girls enjoyed lunch at Limoncello's. Girls Nite Out was a Craft Nite & appetizer event at Jane's. We had a lot of fun learning to paint a vase.



TEN THINGS TO KNOW

1. GAG GROUPEL SEASON OPENED

Gag grouper season opened July 1 for recreational anglers in both State and Federal waters in our area. The recreational harvest minimum size limit is 22 inches total length and the daily bag limit is two gag grouper per person within the four-fish grouper aggregate limit. Season closure dates in State and Federal waters are December 4 and TBD, respectively.

2. JULY 28 FISHING OUTING REMINDER

So far, 12 boats and 23 people are signed up for the Club's next fishing outing. Although it's summer and it will likely be hot, our FED knows we can mount a better showing of interest for the chance to win a \$25 gift certificate for the longest shark, tarpon and redfish, and widest stingray. So come on, sign up at our next meeting or email Joe and help support our local businesses while honing our fishing skills.

3. NEW FWC REEF FISHING RULES APPROVED

On June 18, FWC approved measures for improving the collection of 'catch' data from Florida anglers fishing for reef fish. Effective April 1, 2015, everyone intending to harvest reef fish in Florida must obtain a FWC permit to do so even if they were not previously required to obtain a saltwater fishing license. A summary of this rule making (as well as potential shortcomings and recommended improvements) is presented on page 21.

4. COMMUNITY SERVICE PROVIDED

Carol Nieberline and Mike Gilger coordinated our Club's efforts to support the Cooper Street Kids Summer Camp's fishing event at Laishley Park Pier on June 20. Approximately half of the 21 volunteers were provided by PGIFC to assist the 35 campers ranging from kindergartners through 5th graders. Mike also rigged and subsequently cleaned up (with help from his wife Jessie) 30 rods borrowed from the local Boy Scouts. The volunteers pitched in some of their equipment as well. As always, Fishin' Frank's provided support to help bring smiles to our future anglers. See pictures of the event on page 13.

5. BASS INLET PROTOCOL CONFIRMED

Several people have been asking if it's OK to head straight out of Bass Inlet on plane (tide level permitting) instead of staying in the channel past Fishermen's Village to the Marker where "Resume Normal Operation" is posted. The Bass Inlet spot in question is the 90 degree right turn between Channel Markers 5 & 6 where a posted sign says "Slow Speed Minimum Wake to 6' Depth". According to Marine Officer John Kennedy of the PGPD, it's legal to do so since the 6' warning sign refers to traveling inside the channel only.

6. NOMINATING COMMITTEE FORMED

In accordance with our Club's By-Laws, Mike Gilger asked John Gettenger and Joe Udvari to join him on the Nominating Committee for the 2015 Officer elections and the identification of potential Board vacancies. Board members have already been requested to inform Mike if they plan to continue in their role next year. Once a list of

vacancies is compiled, members will be notified and a call for nominations from the membership will be made at the September meeting. The list of candidates will subsequently be emailed to all members in advance of the November meeting, when elections will be held.

7. EDITOR ROLE FILLED (for now)

Karen Udvari stepped-up as our Club's editor in order for the Newsletter to go uninterrupted. She (undoubtedly like many others) was hesitant to fill-in for Jim Quorollo who did such a marvelous job for 2 years. With your help and support, maybe she can be convinced to stay on until someone more qualified shows interest.

8. CLUB DUES INCREASED

A \$10 per household increase in Club dues for 2015 was unanimously approved by the membership during the June 10 meeting. This was justified to keep up with inflation experienced since our last dues adjustment over 8 years ago, and to continue with our wonderful programs and prizes.

9. PAST AWARDS PROCEDURE

If you previously won a fishing award and have not yet claimed it, please contact Joe Udvari to arrange a mutually convenient time to pick up your award at his house. Alternatively, email him if you're planning to attend a future meeting so he can bring it to that meeting and give it to you then either before or after the meeting.

10. JULY 4th CELEBRATION

Have a great weekend, stay safe and catch some fish!



So, how do you like our crazy June weather? Just when you think those dark clouds moving in are harmless, BOOM! Another storm. Then you'll wake in the morning and say, "damn, it's cloudy – no fishing today" only to have the sun break through the clouds and hang around all day. Just remember, these storms can attack without warning at any given time, so be careful on the water and keep your eyes on the sky for any threat that might come your way. (Even if that threat might be a UFO....hey, you never know!)

We didn't get in any new members in June so there really isn't anything for me to report. So why am I still writing? Because I like to make it my job to either annoy or entertain you....either way, I promise not to bore you.

Anyway, even though this year is officially more than half over, remember, each new member will have a star on his/her badge. Please go out of your way to greet all of our newbies. Make them feel welcomed. Don't forget: that new friend you make just might turn out to be your new best buddy.

Have fun on the water and go catch those big guys!

Donnie

PS.....I told our President, Mike of an experience I had in the first job I ever had. The name of the company was Radio Engineering Laboratories (lovingly (?) known as REL). I was the Secretary in the Human Resources Department but my best friend worked in Communications.

Our company's sole job was to manufacture communications systems and devices for the Air Force. We met many Air Force personnel and civilians who were employed by the Air Force.

During one of our lunch breaks, the department head of communications handed my friend and me papers. He said they were IQ tests that were often given to new recruits. Was that the truth? I have no idea but we went along to see if we could pass.

One of the questions was:
Do they have a fourth of July in Europe?
I paused and thought about this and finally answered yes as did my friend.

It wasn't until we were finished that Hal explained that many recruits answered "no" thinking of our Independence Day. It was explained to them that YES, every country has a fourth of July....it follows the third of July.

So you see? Just because we celebrate July 4th as our Independence Day, no other country sees it the way we do.

So, happy Independence Day.....

Oh and as an aside.....after doing research, I discovered that England allows the Americans in the US Embassy to celebrate our holiday.





Sunshine Lady

Donnie Brennan

Wow, what a quiet month June was. No one was hurt or had gotten sick or had any occasion to receive a card. That's a good sign that we're all in pretty good health. But remember, get well cards and sympathy cards aren't the only ones I send out.

Look, everyone likes to think they're not forgotten. No matter how independent a person is, everyone likes to be remembered. And that's what I do. I help you remember those you think about even if it's a funny birthday card. Or a serious one, your choice.

I just like letting people know they are not forgotten and in this day and age, it's so easy to forget a birthday, anniversary or just a call to say congratulations on your great big fish! Whatever. I'm here if you need a card.

So if you think you know of someone who could use a bit of sunshine in their lives, or just a card to let them know you're thinking of them, just email me at sunshine@pgifishingclub.org. with the recipient's name, address and reason for the card and I'll get that special card out.

Remember, hugs are free. I've given them to those who need them (and even to some who don't). Hugs always generate smiles.

Don't forget, I'm the eternal optimist. No smile is too small to share.

(((((big hugs))))))

Donnie

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Community Outreach



Last Month's Drawing Prize Winners

DOOR PRIZE WINNERS

FIRST PLACE	~	Donnie Brennan	7' Redbone Spinning Rod
SECOND PLACE	~	Mark Kline	Okuma EF30b Spinning Reel
THIRD PLACE	~	Tom Lengauer	\$25 Gift Certificate Terminal Plus



FIRST PLACE
Donnie Brennan



SECOND PLACE
Mark Kline

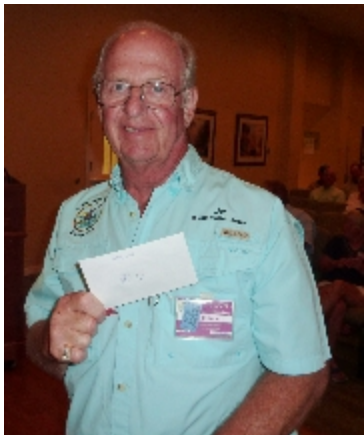


THIRD PLACE
Tom Lengauer



50/50 WINNERS

FIRST PLACE WINNER Jim Hoffman \$50	SECOND PLACE WINNER Donnie Brennan \$35	THIRD PLACE WINNER Karen Udvari \$26
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PGI Fishing Club Ladder of Angling Achievement Program

LEVEL	NUMBER OF SPECIES	SIZE LIMITS	POINTS NEEDED	EARNED AWARD
FIRST FISH	1	NONE	NONE	CLUB HAT
BRONZE	5	NONE	NONE	BRONZE PIN
SILVER	5	LEGAL	300	SILVER PIN
GOLD	7	LEGAL	700	GOLD PIN
LIFETIME	9	LEGAL	1000	SNOOK PIN
LIFETIME LEVEL II	13	LEGAL	1400	REDFISH PIN
LIFETIME LEVEL III	18	LEGAL	1700	TARPON PIN
GRAND MASTER	23	LEGAL	2000	CLUB SHIRT W/LOGO
GMA STAR	n/a	n/a	2000/year	GOLD STAR

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BRONZE	SILVER	GOLD	LIFETIME LEVEL I SNOOK	LIFETIME LEVEL II REDFISH	LIFETIME LEVEL III TARPON	GRAND MASTER ANGLER (Star Points)	GMA STARS
Tom desEnfants	Marie D'Ambrosio	Mattie D'Ambrosio	Tom Lodge	Marty McCaffrey	Jack Spies	Donnie Brennan	
Dick Nieberline	Kathy desEnfants	Joe Longo	Ed Verminski	Missy Becker	Bob Rand	Rich Brennan (2100)	★
Jessica Poe	Pete Ferguson	John Simonieg	Jim LaRocca	Rose Anne McCaffrey	John MacLeman	Bob Busler (300)	
Darryl Pricco	Mike Gulvezan	Karen Udwar	Marie LaRocca	Bill Guenther	Mike Gilger	Jim Hoffman (1100)	
Ron Stafford	Christine Jordan	Fred Benson	Marv Dyrstad	Darlene Madsen	Carl Leicher	Margie Hoffman (700)	
Rodger Will	Larry Okray	Gary Adams	Ray Brunner		Vinnie Madsen	Kel Krotzer (300)	
Mark Kline	Mike Sandling	Gary Moerke	Ron Topper			Joanne Landaker (600)	
Barbara Brunner	George Remick	Jim Crawley	Mark Storm			Steve Landaker (800)	
Deny LaChance	Joanell Dyrstad	Roger Davis	John Stockinger			Joe Maillet (100)	
Fred Lamon	Sheree Wolfinger		Bob Bretts			Pete McGregor (1800)	
Bob Mayes	Janice Wiscombe		Rick Sarkisian			Mike Quinn	
John Morehouse	Ron Stenberg					Bev Rucker	
Paul Land	Sherry Moerke					John Solinger (200)	
Alan Schulman	Karen Lodge					John Wolfinger (800)	
Randy Hall	Hezzie Samons					Tom Parsons	
Tom Lengauer	Ted Perrin	RED = Award This Month				Joe Udwar (3400)	★
Walt Zink	Dave Dyke					John Gettinger (2000)	★
Bud Johnston	Jane Stenberg					Pam Solinger	
Cindi Johnston						Bill Bonham (700)	
Jerry Morningstar						Tom Hickey	
Anne Careau						Aaron Wagner (600)	
Janice Anderson						Jim Quorllo (400)	
Roz Hickey						Dick Doster (300)	
Bebe Davis							
Peter Meier							
Elaine Bretts							
Bill Damour						Note: Cumulative points earned in 2014 through the end of the month are shown after each Grand Master Angler's name.	
Tom Hunt							
Gary Skillicorn							
Patti Topper							
Duane Hilgendorf							
Lynne Stockinger							
Gretchen Sunderland							
Don Taylor							
Ken Hardesty							
Mike Peters							
Mary Heins							
Randy Burchacki							
Ron Baxter							
Trudi Baxter							
Dave Dyke							

For complete Ladder of Angling Achievement Program rules, detailed information on eligible angler achievement species and points earned based on length, please see the PGI Fishing Club Web site (www.pgifishingclub.org) Ladder of Angling Achievement page.

Master Angler Tournament 2014 Standings

(If you see an error, please contact the Fishing Events Director at udwari.joe@gmail.com or Newsletter Editor at editor@pgifishingclub.org)

2014 MASTER ANGLER STANDINGS

Revised 7/2/2014

AMBERJACK		COBIA		GROUPER		KING MACKEREL		REDFISH		SNOOK		SPANISH MACKEREL		SPOTTED SEATROUT	
Rich Brennan	40	Bob Busler	40.5	Pete McGregor	34.5	Karen Lodge	38.0	Vinnie Madsen	35.0	Vinnie Madsen	45.0	Jim Crawley	26.0	Rich Brennan	23.0
John Gettinger	38	Joe Maillet	38.5	Margie Hoffman	34.0	Mike Gilger	37.0	Kel Krotzer	34.0	Rich Brennan	39.0	Darlene Madsen	25.0	Joanne Landaker	23.0
Joe Udvari	36	Mike Gilger	37.0	Rich Brennan	33.0	Joe Udvari	36.0	Pete McGregor	32.0	Pete McGregor	38.0	John Stockinger	24.5	Vinnie Madsen	23.0
														Jerry Morningstar	22.5
														Darlene Madsen	22.0
														Bob Pierro	22.0
														Bob Bretts	22.0
														Steve Landaker	22.0

New this month are in Red

Certificate Award — Three awards will be given for each fish species. The first will be the first place angler with the longest length fish in species. The second award will be for the next longest and third place for the angler with the third longest.

Important Note: Only pictures of the caught fish are accepted for entry into the Master Angler or Ladder of Angling Achievement.

PGI FISHING CLUB FISHING PROGRAMS ARE EASY TO ENTER

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PGI FISHING CLUB'S ANNUAL ISLES TROPHY STANDINGS

REVISED 7/2/14		MEN'S DIVISION						
OVERALL CLUB RECORD	SPECIES NAME	MEMBER NAME	RECORD LENGTH IN INCHES	DATE CAUGHT	MEMBER NAME	LENGTH IN INCHES	DATE CAUGHT	% OF RECORD
X	Amberjack	John MacLeman	45.5	2012	Rich Brennan	40	03/04/14	87.91%
X	Cobia	Bob Busler	54.0	2007	Bob Busler	40.5	02/16/14	75.00%
X	Grouper	Tom Hamilton	39.0	2003	Pete McGregor	34.5	04/05/14	88.46%
X	King Mackerel	John MacLeman	52.0	2012	Mike Gilger	37.0	04/23/14	71.15%
X	Redfish	Bob Busler	42.0	2005	Vinnie Madsen	35.0	02/09/14	83.33%
X	Seatrout	Rich Brennan	29.0	2009	Rich Brennan	23.0	01/15/14	79.31%
		Aaron Wagner	29.0	2012	Vinnie Madsen	23.0	02/09/14	79.31%
X	Snook	Jim Qurollo	44.5	2012	Vinnie Madsen	45.0	02/24/14	101.12%
X	Spanish Mackerel	Carl Leicher	30.0	2012	Jim Crawley	26.0	03/02/14	86.67%
WOMEN'S DIVISION								
OVERALL CLUB RECORD	SPECIES NAME	MEMBER NAME	RECORD LENGTH IN INCHES	DATE CAUGHT	MEMBER NAME	LENGTH IN INCHES	DATE CAUGHT	% OF RECORD
	Amberjack	Margie Hoffman	33.0	2010				#VALUE!
	Cobia	Joanne Landaker	50.0	2008	Jane Stenberg	35.0	04/12/14	70.00%
		Marilyn McGregor	50.0	2013				
	Grouper	Margie Hoffman	31.0	2006	Margie Hoffman	34.0	01/25/14	109.68%
		Bev Rucker	31.0	2008				
	King Mackerel	Margie Hoffman	37.0	2007	Karen Lodge	38.0	03/23/14	102.70%
	Redfish	Donnie Brennan	38.0	2008	Joanne Landaker	30.0	3/3/14	78.95%
		Missy Becker	38.0	2008				
	Seatrout	Joanne Landaker	26.5	2011	Joanne Landaker	23.0	02/19/14	86.79%
	Snook	Missy Becker	41.0	2006	Elaine Bretts	34.0	05/17/14	82.93%
	Spanish Mackerel	Missy Becker	28.0	2007	Darlene Madsen	25.0	04/29/14	89.29%

ISLES TROPHY RACE LEADERS FOR 2014

MEN

Vinnie Madsen



WOMEN

Capt. Margie Hoffman



PAST ISLES TROPHY RACE WINNERS

2009 Winners

Rich Brennan
Christine Jordan

2010 Winners

Kel Krotzer
Margie Hoffman

2011 Winners

Greg Chestnut
Joanne Landaker

2012 Winners

Jim Qurollo
Rose Anne McCaffrey

2013 Winners

Steve Landaker
Missy Becker

Member Catches



Bill Bonham 28" Gag Grouper



Bob Mayes with 29.5" Snook



Capt. Margie Hoffman 28" Red Grouper



Ron Topper's 4' Shark



Dave Dyke 35" Cobia



Dick Doster 30" Redfish



Frank Barrett's 46" Mahi-Mahi



Jim Crawley with 28" Jack Crevalle



Jim Quorllo 31" Snook



Mike Gilger Croaker



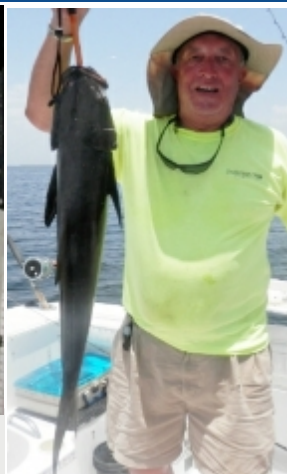
John Gettinger Spotted Seatrout

Member Catches

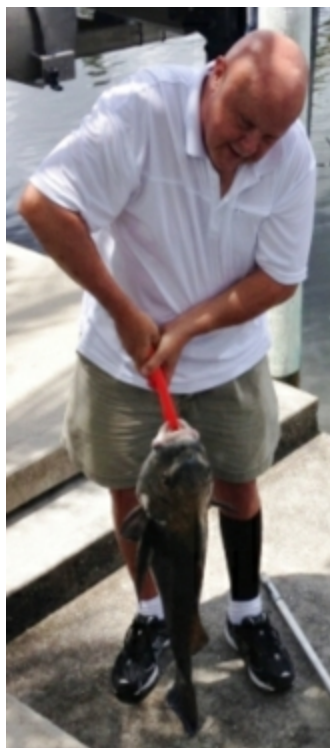
Island Sun's Big Haul of Grouper and Snapper!



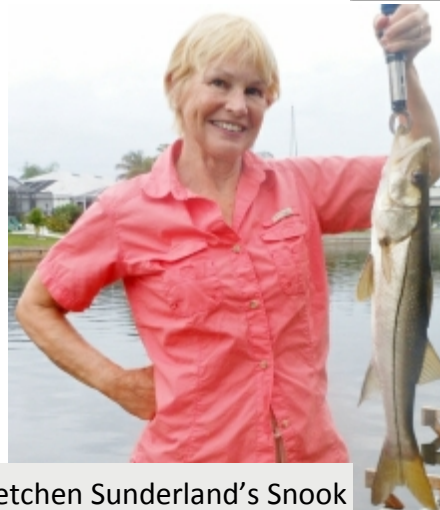
Elaine Bretts with snook



Mike Gilger's Cobia



Ken Hardesty and Mary Heins Black Drum



Gretchen Sunderland's Snook



Darlene Madsen with a 25" Redfish



Joe Udvari's Cobia



Pete McGregor and 38" Snook

Go to our photo gallery on our website at www.pgifishingclub.org for more pictures

Member Catches

Vinnie Madsen's Blue Runner
and 9' Nurse Shark



Rich Brennan's 29.5" Redfish



Bob Bretts with a 29" Snook



Sharon Dyke's Bonnet Head Shark



Ron Baxter's Jack Crevalle



Trudi Baxter's Pompano



John Solinger's 32" Snook



Jane Stenberg's 6.5' Lemon Shark



Tom Lodge with Pinfish



Jim Hoffman's 28" Red Grouper



Rick Sarkisian's Tarpon Leader Touch

Several members of the PGI Fishing Club have been following the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's (FWC) efforts for improving the quality of data used by them, and ultimately by the U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), in assessing the recreational harvest of several reef fish species in the Gulf of Mexico. Reliable quantitative data are vital to setting appropriate limits and seasons for these fish for both commercial and recreational anglers.

Many fishermen and women recently questioned the basis for NOAA's decision to limit red snapper to a 9 day season (compared to a 40 something day season last year) for recreational anglers when the health of the red snapper stock off the coast of Southwest Florida seemed to be strong. NOAA's decision to cut the red grouper limit from 4 to 3 per person was also considered questionable by many of us given the abundance of red grouper in Federal waters off our coast. Other reef fish under NOAA's scrutiny that have had or will have their limits and/or seasons reduced or closed include: vermillion snapper; gag grouper; black grouper; gray triggerfish; and greater amberjack (including lesser amberjack; banded rudderfish and almaco jack).

It is believed by many, including FWC, that NOAA's basis for these decisions is founded on incomplete data, data biased toward commercial fishermen and/or estimates not based on fact. Therefore, at their June 18, 2014 meeting in Ft. Myers, FWC approved the implementation of a system to collect better data from recreational saltwater anglers intending to fish for reef fish.

It's a start! It's not perfect yet, but it should eventually lead to more quantitative data produced by the people who actually fish for these species in our waters, and not via a random sampling of Florida residents who may not have any inkling about these species. We encourage our Club members to embrace this effort and help supply the needed data to result in better and more fair State and Federal decision making in the future.

What can you do? First, resist the urge to complain about this being a mandatory program requiring a no cost permit (a processing fee of around \$2 may apply) if you intend to fish for these reef fish. If you're used to fishing in saltwater without a permit of any sort or

bought a lifetime permit when you were still shy of 65 years young you may have the urge to gripe, but please don't. It won't do you any good at this point. For most, this requirement becomes effective April 1, 2015. There apparently will also be an early registration period if you need to buy a saltwater license between July 1, 2014 and April Fool's Day, 2015. This effort sunsets on June 30, 2020 when currently appropriated grant funding is depleted.

What was not made clear at FWC's June 18 meeting was the manner in which the hard data will eventually be collected once you declare your intent to fish for these species. Through the mandatory permitting process, FWC will first be able to more reliably identify the population of anglers fishing for these species. Perhaps they will be able to better estimate the number of fish caught by knowing the number of people fishing for them and applying scientific algorithms based on past observational data and selected interviews of anglers, but I for one am somewhat skeptical about that.

I would hope besides selected in-person, on the water interviews and targeted telephone surveys with permitted reef fish anglers, FWC will also develop a simple to use pre-paid paper mail-in form and/or an online reporting system where reef fish anglers can easily record their trip catch as well as caught-and-released fish totals (per subject species) as soon as possible after each trip. These bright but young whipper snappers (not a reef fish species) writing these laws need to remember that our memories can no longer hold too much information, and we sometimes find it hard to remember what we caught the day after our trip unless we took pictures. Few of us write a fishing log, and if it becomes too cumbersome, time-consuming or difficult for most to accurately record the information, the quality of collected data will suffer.

Perhaps it will be better than it was, but not as good and reliable as it could be with just a little more FWC effort. I hope this is on FWC's agenda and the necessary funding to implement and maintain an automated record keeping system is made available. Other states do it, so why can't we? We're the 4th most populous state with about 19.5 million residents and whose economy is largely impacted by recreational fishing? That's enough justification, I think.

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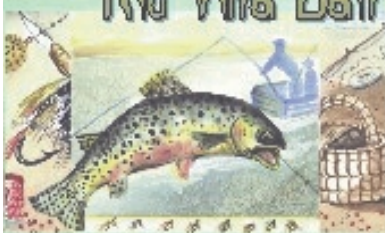
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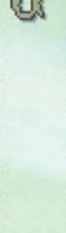
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If you are interested in joining the PGI NMW group, and providing no more than 2-hours of your time each month to this worthwhile program, (Snowbird's are welcome to join us during their stay in "Paradise".)

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