

Happy 4th!

PUNTA GORDA ISLES Fishing Club



JULY 2015 Newsletter



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Bob and Elaine
Brettps with their
winning 36” and
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July 2015

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Next CLUB MEETING:
Tuesday, June 9th,
@ 7:00 PM

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

Happy Hour
 every
 Wednesday at
The Tiki Hut
 5:30 PM

July 16th
PGIFC
July Fishing
Tournament

Breakfast at
Elena's
at 6:30 AM
every Friday

Ladies Nite Out @
El Jalisco
July 30th at
 6 PM

Ladies Lunch @
Mainly Seafood Cafe
July 16th at
 noon

From the Helm

Hello fellow fishermen and fisherwomen.

Welcome to our July Newsletter.

Looks like the summer rains might be starting to pick up. It seemed like we had a force field around PGI for the last couple months and the rains all went around us. I know I may regret this but I'm looking forward to getting some good rains on the yard.

At last months meeting I increased the value of the door prizes and the Name This Fish Awards. In July I plan to add more door prizes allowing more of our members a chance win.

Be sure to have your club identification badge or GMA shirt on when collecting your door prize tickets. This way we know only members are getting enrolled in the door prize drawings.

Guests are always welcome to buy 50/50's and if so can also participate in the Name This Fish contest. Remember in order to participate in the name this fish contest, you need to buy 50/50's at the beginning of the meeting. 50/50's are a great way to win some quick cash and it also helps our club which ultimately comes back to the membership.

Lastly, during our last meeting I shared with the club all the positions that will be opening up next year. If you have a interest in any of these positions, please send me an email or give me a call.

Until next month, be safe and happy fishing!

Vinnie Madsen
President



Fishing Club Member Benefits

Sea Tow

Club Members qualify for a 13 month membership at the 12 month price (\$169)

Laishley Marine

Laishley Marine will donate 5% of all purchases every year for members who present their Fishing Club ID prior to purchase.

Kennebago Fly Fishing

If members are headed to Maine this summer, PGI fishing club member Bill Stevens offers a 20% discount on his 4 or 8-hour Fly Fishing Tours.

Boat US

50% membership discount from Boat US for your next renewal with discount code: GA802745.

For even more discounts

As members of the Punta Gorda Isles Civic Association you are eligible for the civic association discounts. See the PGICA Commentator for even more discounts.



Joe Udvari
Fishing Events
Director

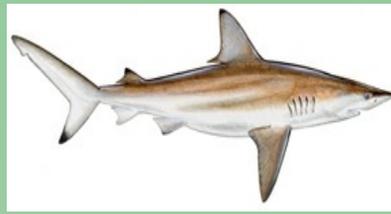
Fishing Events

OK, so here's the deal. I'm leaving for Canada momentarily and have to keep this short. Hold the applause please. The months not completely over so I can only comment on the first 25 days of the month. Karen, with John McFarland's help (who by the way, is doing a really good job as our new records keeper) , will hopefully update the snook FOM results as necessary.

First, second and third place winners receive \$35, \$25 and \$15 gift certificates, respectively, to Fishin' Franks, Laishley Marine or Rio Villa Bait & Tackle. Congratulations go out to:

FOM Winners		
Place	Men	Length (in)
1st	Bob Bretts	36.0
2nd Tie	John Solinger	35.0
2nd Tie	Jim Qurollo	35.0
3rd	Gary Moerke	33.0
Place	Women	Length (in)
1st	Elaine Bretts	32.0
2nd	Lynn Reeves	28.0
3rd	Darlene Madsen	27.0

Red grouper fishing continued to be great offshore, but more points were again accumulated inshore from redfish, snook, tarpon and shark. A good number of big red grouper were caught from 65' to 85' of water depth and that definitely saved on gas. Tarpon were more active near the passes and along the beaches, but made a fair showing in the upper Harbor and at the bridges.



Our July FOM contest is for shark, same as the past couple of years. 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 these fish 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 16th outing. So sign up if you haven't already for another chance to win a gift certificate from one of our local shops.

Fishing Events, cont.

Through June 25, we had 30 anglers submitting 69 entries. We have new Master Angler Tournament leaders for cobia (**John Solinger**), king mackerel (**John Gettinger**) and redfish (**Pete McGregor**).

Also, **Rich Brennan** earned his GMA Star by accumulating over 2000 points for the year. All results are nicely summarized later in this Newsletter, and awards achieved for June will be handed out at our next general meeting on July 14.

If you did catch a FOM in June and didn't submit it, you may have missed out on a great prize. So make sure that if you do have an entry, 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 respective rules for these events. The rules can be found on the Club's great website at pgifishingclub.org.

As always, help your fellow anglers out by posting your pictures on the Club's Facebook page so we can all get a real time idea of what's biting.

Always make sure and check the latest applicable regulations in effect for where you are fishing and for what you are catching, especially if you plan to keep your catch. Also remember that you can't use a paid guide for any contests except the Ladder of Angling

Achievement (LOA) Program, and your July FOM entries are due no later than August 1.

Come before 7 PM on July 14 to leave enough time to pick up your raffle and 50/50 tickets, and to grab a good eat. C U then!

P.S. I thought it would be shorter. Sorry.

P.P.S. (Update - after Joe left for Canada)

Congratulations goes out to **Bob Bretts** on his Achievement of Grand Master Angler.

July 16th

Rain date: July 17th

PGIFC July Fishing Tournament



SHARK

Measure/estimate to the fork. Leader touch for large shark.



REDFISH

Measure total length.



STINGRAY

Measure /estimate wingspan. Leader touch for large rays.



TARPON

Measure /estimate size. Leader touch for large Tarpon.



Be sure to take a picture with your fish!



Meet at Harpoon Harry's for a beverage or two and to check out the competition. You must be present to win!

Things to Know

1. Federal Waters - The **red grouper** bag limit is now 2 fish per person per day. **Gag grouper** season opens July 1, 2015. **Greater amberjack** season stays closed until August 1st. Also remember that if you are fishing for **highly migratory species** (HMS) like shark, tuna and billfish, you need a recreational HMS permit for your vessel which can be obtained for \$20 from NOAA's National Marine Fisheries service (NMFS) at <https://hmspermits.noaa.gov/permitlist.asp>. The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council publishes rules governing recreational fishing in federal waters (9 nautical miles off the west coast of FL). Check their rules and updates periodically to stay current with seasons and limits for harvesting all saltwater fish at: <http://www.gulfcouncil.org>

2. State Waters - The **red grouper** bag limit is also 2 fish per person per day. **Gag grouper** season also opens July 1, 2015. FWC recently approved raising the minimum size limit of **Amberjack** to a 34" fork length pending similar Federal regulatory changes. The Florida Fish & Wildlife Commission (FWC) governs recreational saltwater fishing rules in state waters. Check FWC rules and updates periodically to stay current with seasons and limits for harvesting all saltwater fish at: <http://www.myfwc.com>

3. Reef Fish Angler Registration- As of April 1st, everyone must have a FWC reef fish permit even if you are currently not required to have a saltwater fishing license. It is a no cost permit intended to help establish a better data collection system for FWC regarding reef fish catches. It is for anglers (including those 65 and older) fishing in the Gulf of Mexico (excluding Monroe County) from a private boat, who plan to harvest, possess or land any of the following reef fish: red and vermilion snapper; gag; black and red grouper; gray triggerfish; greater and lesser amberjack; banded rudderfish; and almaco jack. You can sign up now online at <https://license.myfwc.com> or at stores selling licenses.

4. Snook Season - Snook season is closed, and is scheduled to reopen September 1.

5. Red Snapper - Recreational regulations for state and federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico

Red Snapper	2015 Open Harvest Season	Min. Size Limit	Daily Bag Limit
State and Federal Waters	<p>State waters: Open May 23 through July 12, and will reopen for Saturdays and Sundays in September and October including Labor Day and Sunday, Nov.1.</p> <p>Federal waters: Private Anglers: June 1-11, 2015 (Now CLOSED)</p> <p>Federal For-Hire Vessels: June1-July 15, 2015.</p>	16" total length	<p>2 per harvester per day (bag limit not changing)</p> <p>*(included in the 10 per harvester per day state snapper aggregate bag limit)</p> <p>Gear rules apply.</p>

*Zero daily bag and possession limit for captain and crew on for hire vessels.

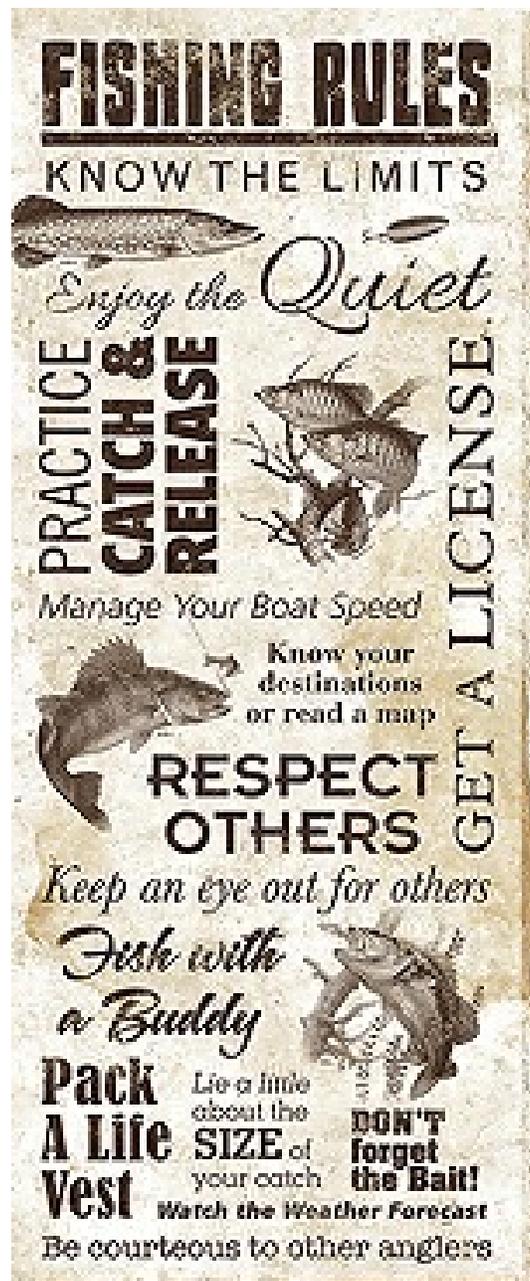
Recreational and commercial fishers in Gulf waters off Florida are **required to use circle hooks and dehooking devices** when fishing for reef fish, including red snapper. Visit the reef fish [gear rules page](#) for more information.

6. Points-Fish Catches - We continue to accumulate points for large fish being caught, and since March, more than half of the monthly points have come from inshore rather than offshore catches. The point fish charts will be updated for our next meeting. Through June 25th, we've accumulated 6900 points in June compared to 4300 points last year for the entire month, even though not all fish caught are being submitted to fishphotos.

Things to Know, cont.

7. **June 25 Charlotte Harbor Fisheries Forum** - The 7th Forum focused on reassessing the groups goals, perceived problems and potential solutions. This frustrated many since it was believed to represent a detour to completing the discussion on pole and troll zones for the purpose of protecting fish habitats. No new stakeholders were in attendance, and there were 31 attendees excluding the Forum facilitators. Next month's Forum may include presentations to better inform attendees about water quality, sea grasses and/or algae in the Harbor. The facilitators will also consider informing FWC of the issues identified to date in the Forum for their awareness and possible use in their July 7th Marine Fisheries Public Workshop in Punta Gorda at City Hall, Council Chambers from 6 to 8 pm.

8. **No-Harvest Fish** - Members should be aware that there are numerous species in our waters that are legally protected and designated as no-harvest fish. Familiarize yourselves with both state and federal regulations governing such species. One is not allowed to remove such species from the water when dehooking them. Also refer to our website for articles concerning proper handling of fish intended for release, which PGIFC encourages.



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Fishing Program Report

Capt Rhett Morris gave an informative and passionate talk on saving the fishery in Charlotte Harbor.

Capt Rhett has over 30 years fishing experience in the Harbor and gave many details on how the fishing has diminished over that period. He mentioned how he use to have charters that would guarantee at least one 10 pound snook in the late 90's and how the snook and redfish fishing have decreased since that period. Much of this is due to the increase in fisherman in the Harbor area. Fishing licenses have tripled since the year 2000. Also, Hurricane Charley was a factor as it destroyed many mangrove areas.

Capt Rhett feels strongly that we can bring the fish back the way they were with proper fish management. He believes there should be a closure period for redfish similar to snook. He stated that the snook moratorium since the winter kill of 2010 has brought about a significant rebound in snook fishing. He also feels strongly that we should have Regional Management rather than state wide management for Florida. He stated that the water quality in the Harbor is good and we need to enact stricter fish limits to let the fish grow and multiply.

He ended the talk by stating that he would like to get more PGI members involved in the process by contacting him and stating that you would like to receive more information on saving the fishery in Charlotte Harbor. Capt Rhett can be reached by sending him an email at : Contact@beyondbordersoutfitters.com or at his website:

www.beyondbordersoutritters.com



July Speaker

Our speaker for the month of July will be PGI Fishing Club Member Pete McGregor. Pete will speak on how to protect your boat during a Hurricane.





HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY!

Enjoy your freedom!

July is best known for the 4th - but it is also known as part of "The Dog Days of Summer" - mainly because of it's hot & sultry weather. That may be why Elvis Presley made his debut as a public performer in July. He was hot & sultry, right? I'm not really sure that's true. It was in 1954 - I wasn't old enough to be in school or really like boys let alone know what hot & sultry meant ! Now if you want to ask me about "The Rock" - I might have a more definitive answer.

Sigh - so anyway, it's probably going to be too hot to go running around outside this month. But no matter ! JULY is also "Anti - Boredom" Month. WE CAN PARTY INDOORS!

We'll start the month with a short trip south for OUT TO LUNCH on Thursday - JULY 16 @ 12. Our destination is Turtle Crossing Plaza at 16500 Burnt Store Road. First we'll enjoy lunch at **Mainely Seafood Cafe & Fresh Fish Market**. They do have chicken fingers if you don't like any fish! Then we can pop into the Sandman Book Company.



They have a very cool archway made out of books & carry lots of new, used & rare books - plus mags & other small items. I know some of you said you'd like to visit it. A few other new stores might be open by then, too. If you want to carpool down, we can meet in the Bal Harbor parking lot @ 11:30 am.



GIRLS NITE OUT might be cool but with a with a little of spice. By request - (see, all you have to do is ask!) we will be trying out the newest Mexican restaurant in the area -



Thursday - July 30 6:00 pm

Located 3492 Tamiami Trail, Port Charlotte. It's where Morales Cuban Restaurant used to be. We may have missed Cinco de Mayo, but I'm sure a few margaritas might be on order!

In June we enjoyed Lunch in Gilchrist Park



and dinner at The Royal Thai.

Any questions, ideas or need a ride - pastadiva@comcast.net

Look forward to seeing you soon!

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Reel



SECOND PLACE

John Gettinger

3000 Penn Pursuit Reel

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Terminal Tackle Plus



THIRD PLACE

Elaine Bretts

Bubba Blade

Knife

Drawing
&
50/50
Winners

1st Place - \$65

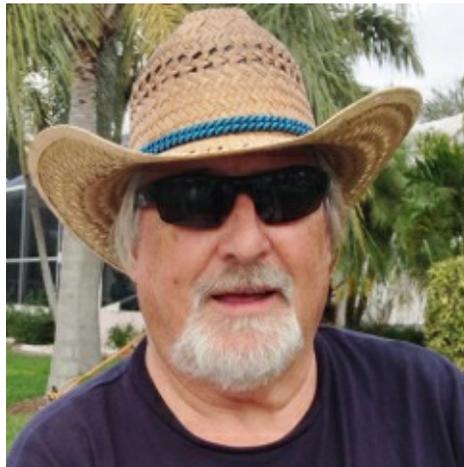
John Stockinger

2ND Place - \$40

Bob Bretts

3RD Place - \$27

Tom Parsons

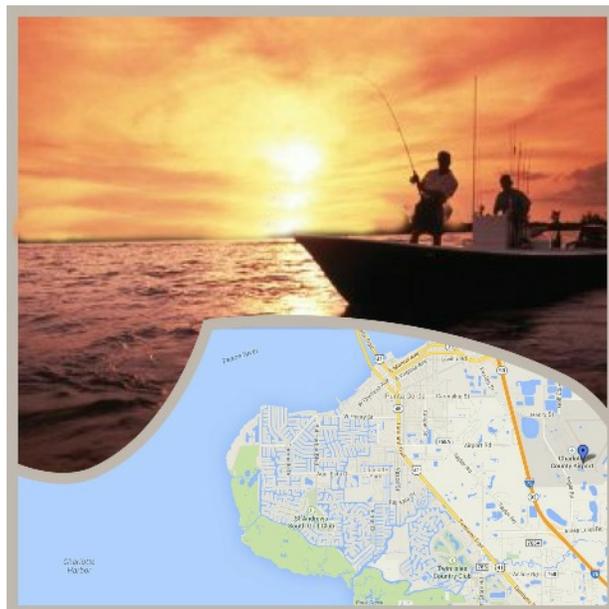


2015 FISH OF THE MONTH



January	Sheepshead
February	Spotted Seatrout
March	Redfish & Spotted Seatrout
April	Spanish Mackerel
May	Cobia
June	Snook

July	Shark
August	Mangrove Snapper
September	Tarpon
October	Redfish
November	Grouper
December	Black Drum



June Fish of the Month Snook

Male Anglers



Bob Bretts



Congratulations
to our winners!

Female Anglers



Elaine Bretts



John Solinger



Lynn Reeves



Jim Quorollo



Gary Moerke



Darlene Madsen

Ladder of Angling Achievement

Club Hat
First Fish

Fran Krausman



New this month in RED

Bronze

Tom desEnfants	Paul Land	Duane Hilgendorf	David Hatch
Dick Nieberline	Alan Schulman	Gretchen Sunderland	Randy Douet
Jessica Poe	Tom Lengauer	Don Taylor	Alan Hall
Darryl Pricco	Walt Zink	Mike Peters	Mike Petkus
Ron Stafford	Cindi Johnston	Randy Burchacki	Bob Gariepy
Rodger Will	Jerry Morningstar	Trudi Baxter	Miriam Taylor
Mark Kline	Anne Careau	Andy Nikitich	John Bothwell
Barbara Brunner	Janice Anderson	Sandy Nikitich	Dennis Krausman
Deny LaChance	Peter Meier	Sandy Wierzbanowski	
Fred Lamon	Bill Damour	Ed Stevenson	
John Morehouse	Gary Skillicorn	Kathleen Stevenson	
	Patti Topper		

Silver

Marie D'Ambrosio	Joanell Dyrstad	Randy Hall	Ted Wierzbanowski
Kathy desEnfants	Janice Wiscombe	Mary Heins	Lynne Stockinger
Mike Gulvezan	Ron Stenberg	Bud Johnston	Lynn Reeves
Christine Jordan	Hezzie Samons	Bob Gariepy	
Larry Okray	Ted Perrin	Roz Hickey	
Mike Sandling	Jane Stenberg		

Gold

Joe Longo	Don Ross	Tom Hunt	Gary Reeves
Gary Adams	Karen Lodge	Bud Johnston	
Gary Moerke	Dave Dyke	Bob Mayes	
Sheree Wolfinger	Sherry Moerke	Ken Hardesty	

Ladder of Angling Achievement, cont.

 Lifetime Level I Snook	Tom Lodge	Marv Dyrstad	John Simonieg
	Ed Verminski	Ray Brunner	Gary Moerke
	Jim LaRocca	George Remick	
	Marie LaRocca	Matti D'Ambrosio	

 Lifetime Level II Redfish	Marty McCaffrey	Ron Baxter	
	Missy Becker	Fred Benson	
	Rose Anne McCaffrey	Elaine Bretts	
	Bill Guenther	Mark Storm	
		Karen Udvari	

 Lifetime Level III TARPON	Jack Spies	Bob Bretts
	Bob Rand	Darlene Madsen
	John MacLeman	Rick Sarkisian
	Carl Leicher	Jim Crawley

New this month in RED



Missy Becker with a BIG Snook in 2006

Ladder of Angling Achievement, cont.

GRAND MASTER ANGLER CLUB (Star Points)

	Donnie Brennan	
★ ★	Rich Brennan	(2300)
	Bob Busler	(400)
	Jim Hoffman	(1900)
	Margie Hoffman	(600)
★	Kel Krotzer	(1300)
	Joanne Landaker	(100)
	Steve Landaker	(400)
	Joe Maillet	
★	Pete McGregor	(800)
	Mike Quinn	
	Bev Rucker	
	John Solinger	(1600)
	John Wolfinger	(300)
	Tom Parsons	
★ ★	Joe Udvari	(3200)
★ ★	John Gettinger	(4000)
	Pam Solinger	
	Bill Bonham	(200)
	Tom Hickey	(400)
	Aaron Wagner	(600)
	Jim Qurollo	(500)
	Dick Doster	(600)
	Mike Gilger	(200)
	Vinnie Madsen	(700)
	John Stockinger	(1700)
	Ron Topper	(1800)

Bob Bretts

New this month in **RED**



*PGI Fishing Club Programs
are easy to enter*

Just email a .jpg photo of you
and your fish with:

- ▶ your name
- ▶ date caught
- ▶ fish species
- ▶ length
- ▶ indicate if you used a guide
- ▶ Email:

fishphotos@pgifishingclub.org

2015 Master Angler Standings

Revised 6/2/15



Amberjack

Karen Lodge 38.0
Tom Lodge 38.0
John Stockinger 36.5
Randy Burchacki 35.0



Spanish Mackerel

John Gettinger 26.0
Roz Hickey 26.0
Wally Jachimek 24.5
Karen Udvari 24.0



Cobia

J. Solinger 38.0
Don Ross 36.5
Rich Brennan 35.0
John Gettinger 35.0



Spotted Seatrout

Rich Brennan 25.0
Darlene Madsen 22.0
Janice Wiscombe 21.5



Grouper

John Gettinger 33.5
Jerry Peal 33.0
Jim Qurollo 33.0
Gary Reeves 32.5
John MacLeman 32.5

New this month are shown in Red



King Mackerel

John Gettinger 41.5
Bud Johnston 30.5
Bob Bretts 30.0



Redfish

Pete McGregor 33.0
Rich Brennan 32.0
Bob Gariepy 32.0
Bob Busler 32.0
Dick Doster 31.0



Snook

Jerry Morningstar 41.0
Rick Sarkisian 40.0
John Solinger 38.0
Bob Bretts 38.0

2015 Isles Trophy Race

The year long Isles Trophy Race allows the male and female winner to obtain the traveling "Isles Trophy" for one year.



PGI FISHING CLUB'S TRAVELING TROPHY RECORDING SPREAD SHEET MEN'S DIVISION

Revised 6/26/15

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	Tom Lodge	38.0	04/16/15	83.52%
X	Cobia	Bob Busler	54.0	2007	John Solinger	38.0	06/12/15	70.37%
X	Grouper	Tom Hamilton	39.0	2003	John Gettinger	33.5	04/01/15	85.90%
X	King Mackerel	John MacLeman	52.0	2012	John Gettinger	41.5	06/18/15	79.81%
X	Redfish	Bob Busler	42.0	2005	Pete McGregor	33.0	06/04/15	78.57%
X	Seatrout	Rich Brennan	29.0	2009	Rich Brennan	25.0	05/15/15	86.21%
		Aaron Wagner	29.0	2012				
X	Snook	Vinnie Madsen	45.0	2014	Jerry Morningstar	41.0	01/06/15	91.11%
X	Spanish Mackerel	Carl Leicher	30.0	2012	John Gettinger	26.0	03/09/15	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	Karen Lodge	38.0	04/16/15	115.15%
	Cobia	Joanne Landaker	50.0	2008	Deb Sarkisian	33.0	04/11/15	66.00%
		Marilyn McGregor	50.0	2013	Elaine Bretts	33.0	05/23/15	66.00%
	Grouper	Margie Hoffman	34.0	2014	Elaine Bretts	29.0	04/01/15	85.29%
	King Mackerel	Karen Lodge	38.0	2014				
	Redfish	Donnie Brennan	38.0	2008	Joanne Landaker	28.0	3/17/15	73.68%
		Missy Becker	38.0	2008				
	Seatrout	Joanne Landaker	26.5	2011	Darlene Madsen	22.0	02/28/15	83.00%
	Snook	Missy Becker	42.0	2013	Elaine Bretts	33.0	04/17/15	78.57%
	Spanish Mackerel	Missy Becker	28.0	2007	Roz Hickey	26.0	04/13/15	92.86%

This Year's Leaders are in RED

New 2015 Records this Month are in BLUE

Past Isles Trophy Winners

2009 Rich Brennan Christine Jordan	2010 Kel Krotzer Margie Hoffman	2011 Greg Chestnut Joanne Landaker	2012 Jim Qurollo Rose Anne McCaffrey	2013 Steve Landaker Missy Becker	2014 Vinnie Madsen Margie Hoffman
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Summer weather on the Harbor as veiwed from the Island Sun

Louis Rios boat umbrella!



The newest fad - Boat Umbrellas!

Mike Gilger's lost rod located!



Great Days on the Water

The following pages show just some of the groups that shared some extraordinary days of fishing.



More great days
on the Hoffman's
Island Sun!





Grouper fun
on
Lynne
and John
Stockinger's
new Boston
Whaler





Maria and her grandparents
Fran & Dennis Krausman
had some great days
on the water this past month!





NOTES:

Steve Landaker with a nice 25-30 lbs Yellowtail

Jim Quorollo with a 46" Ling Cod

Joe and Alex Udvari with nice Muskies



Aaron Wagner 28" Snook



Bill Guenther Shark



Bob Busler 31" Redfish



John Gettinger
41.5 King Mackerel



Bob Mayes 26.5" Snook



Dick Nieberline 29" Cobia



Rich Brennan 60" Shark



Deb Sarkisian 6' Tarpon



Bob Bretts 15" Pompano



John Bothwell with Tree Bass



Ted Wierzbanowski
15" Flounder



Tom Hickey 28.5" Redfish



Vinnie Madsen 25.5" Snook



John Solinger 38" Cobia



Pete McGregor 33" Redfish

Even more photos
can be found on the
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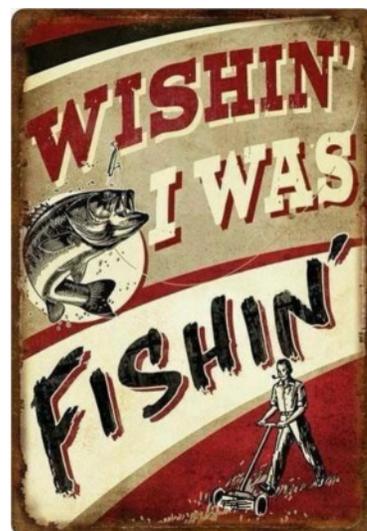
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The juice from many species of agave can cause acute contact dermatitis. It will produce reddening and blistering lasting one to two weeks. Episodes of itching may recur up to a year thereafter, though the rash is no longer visible! Just ask Capt. Margie Hoffman!



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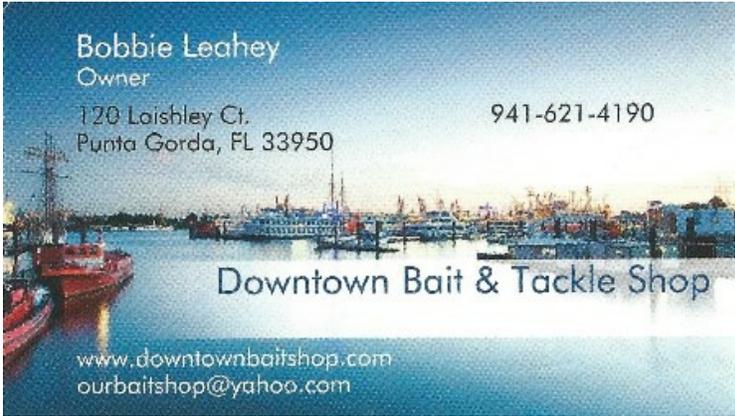
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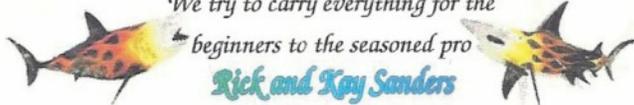
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Provided signage identifying their vessel as a NMW patrol boat. Patrol locations will coincide with the each members "home dock".

(3) Our patrols sit on each of the nine (9) inlets into our canal system. The dates and times for our patrols are confidential.

(4) After a soft background check by the PGPD, each member is issued a personal I.D. card/number, a copy of the NMW Group "On-The Water Conduct & Procedures", and a map of all inlets to the PGI canal system. **(5)** I will personally "Crew" with all new members on their first patrol.

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