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On the Cover  
Grand Master Angler  
John Gettinger  
with his 35.0” Cobia

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# June 2015 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 	4	5	6
7	8	9 Fishing Club Meeting	10 	11 Gilchrist Park Pavilion	12	13
14 Father's Day	15	16	17 	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 	25 Royal Thai	26	27
28	29	30				

**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

*Ladies Lunch @*  
**Gilchrist Park Pavilion**

*June 11th at*  
 11:30 am

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

*Ladies Nite Out @*  
**Royal Thai**  
*June 25th at*  
 6 PM

# From the Helm

Hello fellow fishermen and fisherwomen.

Welcome to our May Newsletter.

May proved to be a good month for fishing with Tarpon, Snook and Cobia on the scene. It also appears the Spanish Mackerel reappeared this month after disappearing for a few weeks.

Get ready for our June monthly meeting where I plan to increase the value of our Door prizes. Normally I award a Rod and Reel separately but this month I intend to award a nice Rod and Reel combo for our 1<sup>st</sup> door prize and a higher value Reel for our 2<sup>nd</sup> door prize with a gift card and assorted terminal tackle for third. Also I plan to have a nicer award for 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.

Lastly, I ordered our clubs front license plate covers and they should be available for sale at our June meeting. I hope many of you buy one so we can proudly display our club logo on the front of our vehicles.



Until next month, be safe and happy fishing!

Vinie 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.

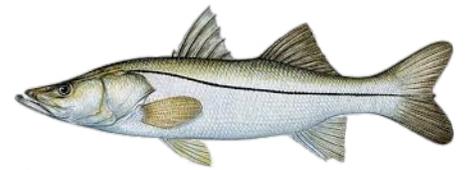
### Boat US

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

See next month's newsletter for more PGIFC member discounts.



Joe Udvari  
Fishing Events  
Director



## Fishing Events

I had an inkling cobia would play hard to get in May. Even though I read several fishing reports about cobia being all over our Harbor, I personally never even saw one until May 30th. Only nine members landed a total of 14 brown bombers, and we were one lady angler short of having a full suite of Fish of the Month (FOM) winners. 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	John Gettinger	35.0
2nd	Jim Quorollo	32.0
3rd	Dick Doster	31.0
Place	Women	Length (in)
1st	Elaine Bretts	33.0
2nd	Darlene Madsen	25.0

Overall, fishing in May slowed down considerably, partly due to the northward migration of our snowbirds and partly due to a lethargic bite. Snook, shark and tarpon were probably the most active species inshore, and red grouper were still abundant offshore even though the bag limit was cut in half. For May, we had 40 anglers submitting 74 entries, excluding the wonderful mahi pics sent in by some of us who went on the annual Keys crusade .

Our June FOM is snook. Since they are still out of season until September, make sure you handle them carefully while quickly measuring their total length and snapping a photo of you with your fish. Promptly get them back in the water and make sure any released fish is working its gills and is strong enough to swim away on its own before letting it go. Otherwise it may sink or later go belly up and die.

Although many snook have started their transition to the beaches to spawn, there are still plenty in the canals, around bridge pilings and along mangrove shorelines.

Snook can be readily caught on artificial lures, live bait and even cut bait. Chumming them up with white bait is common practice especially among guides who need to regularly put their clients on feeding fish. Also don't be afraid to use big baits like ladyfish, silver trout, mullet and pinfish if you are targeting quality over quantity. Make sure to use appropriately sized circle hooks to lessen the potential of gut hooking fish. If that happens, cut the leader close to its mouth instead of performing surgery to extract the hook.

Consider fishing in the dark around the shadow line of bridge lights or near snook or dock lights where many big snook are caught. But to me, when conditions permit, the most exciting way to catch snook is on topwater artificials around sunrise or sundown.

# Fishing Events, cont.

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We have new Master Angler Tournament leaders for amberjack (**Tom and Karen Lodge**) and seatrout (**Rich Brennan**). **Karen Lodge** also took over the lead for the ladies Isles Trophy Race with her 38" amberjack, which also set a new Club record for women anglers. All results are nicely summarized later in this Newsletter, and awards achieved for May will be handed out at our next general meeting on June 9.

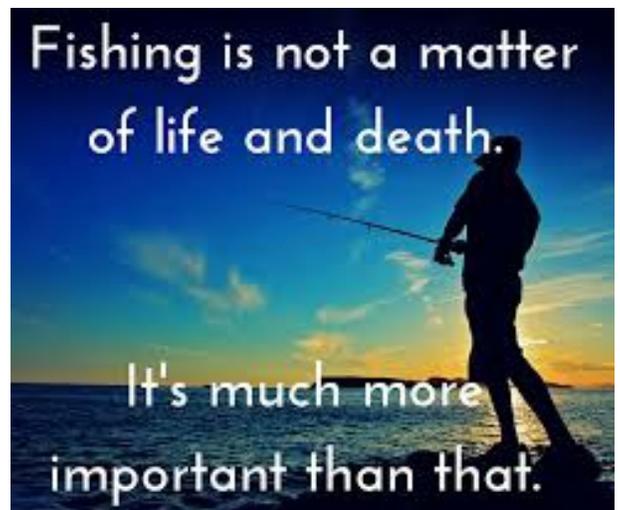
If you did catch a FOM in April and didn't submit it, you may have missed out on a great prize. So make sure that if you do have an entry, or any fish for that matter, attach a picture to an email identifying your full name, length and type of fish, date caught and a note if you used a paid guide, and send it to [fishphotos@pgifishingclub.org](mailto: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](http://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 June FOM entries are due no later than July 1.

Come before 7 pm on June 9 to leave enough time to pick up your raffle and 50/50 tickets, and to grab a good seat.

C U then!



# Things to Know

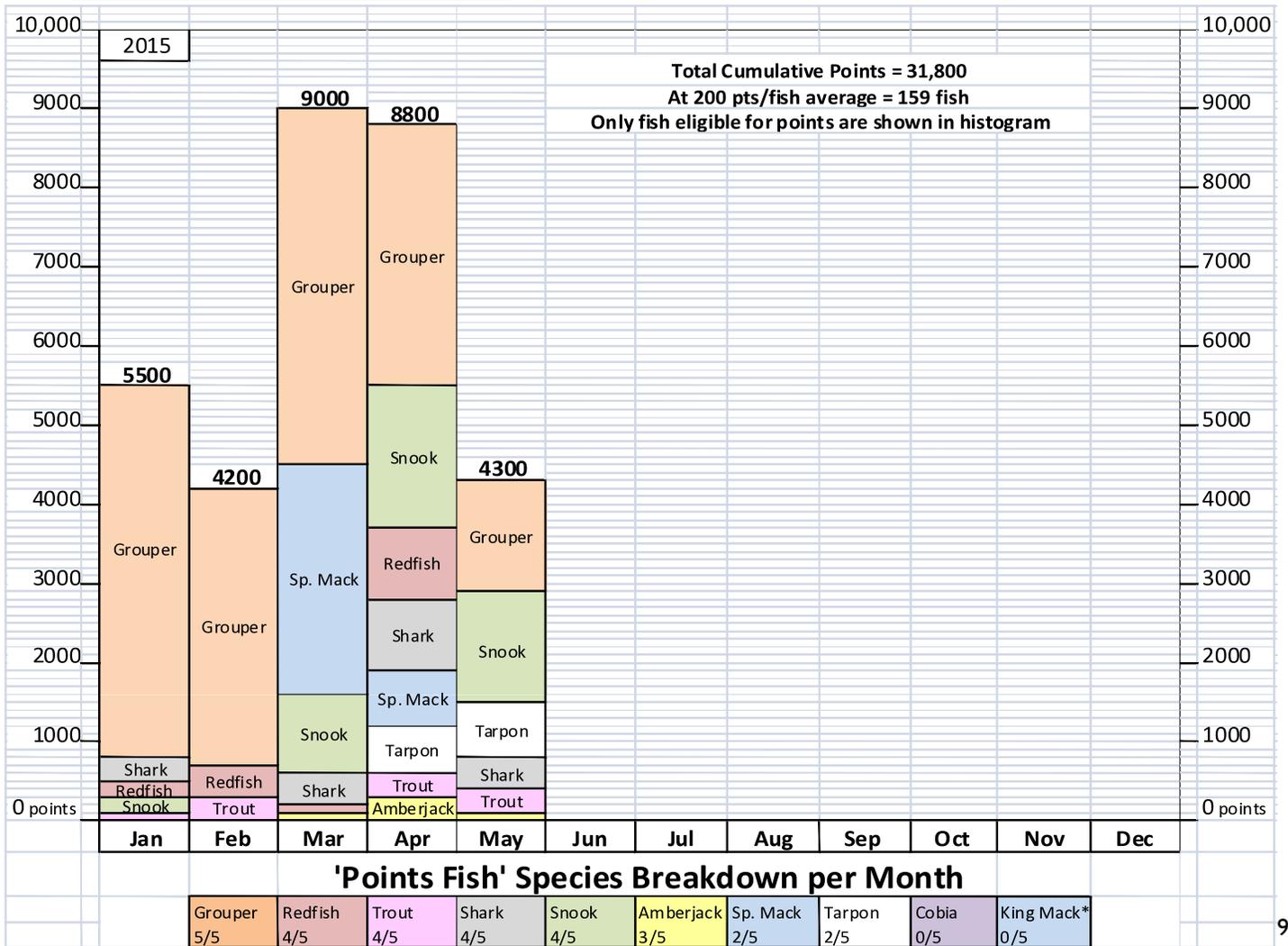
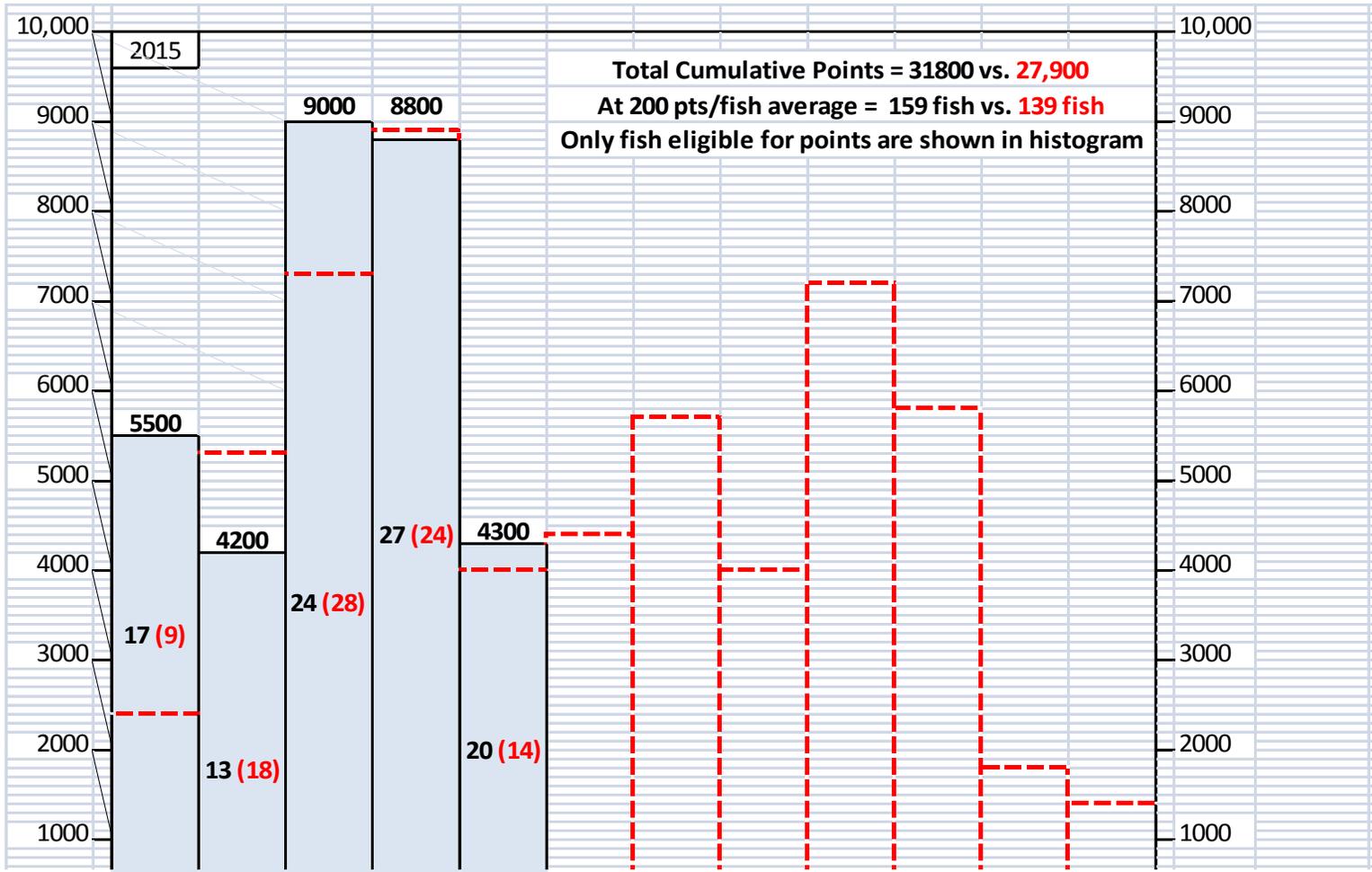
- 1. Federal Waters** - The **red grouper** bag limit is now 2 fish per person per day. **Gag grouper** season stays closed until July 1, 2015. **Greater amberjack** season closed June 1 for two months. Also remember that if you are fishing for **highly migratory species** (HMS) like shark, tuna and 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 is also closed until July 1, 2015. 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><b>State waters:</b> 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><b>Federal waters:</b>  <b>Private Anglers: June 1-11, 2015</b></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 beginning in March, more than half of the monthly points have come from inshore rather than offshore catches. As shown below, a good number of nice snook were still being caught in May, and tarpon continued to bite. Through May, we're 3900 points ahead of last year for a total of 31,800 points, even though not all fish caught are being submitted to fishphotos, including several really big tarpon.





Gina Russo, Environmental Specialist II of FWRI's SERF presenting stock enhancement case histories.

**7. May 7 Redfish Stock Enhancement Workshop** - The May 7<sup>th</sup> workshop to provide stakeholders with scientific information on the pros and cons of redfish stock enhancement in Charlotte Harbor was very informative. Stakeholders include recreational anglers, commercial fishermen, guides and charter captains and others benefiting from a healthy fishery. Scientists with FWC, the University of Florida and Mote Marine Laboratory presented data on local redfish monitoring and catch surveys; stock enhancement procedures and costs; fisheries management issues; and computer modeling results for various stocking scenarios. Answers to several follow up questions were subsequently provided by this panel of scientists and a local guide.

Key take-aways were as follows:

- There are plenty of natural baby (1"-3") redfish in our estuary based on the latest completed FWC stock assessment conducted in 2013/2014. This, however, does not necessarily translate to more juvenile, slot size or adult redfish in our estuary. Factors impacting this are predation, habitat, water quality, fishing pressure, food supply, and a myriad of other factors.
- It takes about 3 years for redfish to reach slot size in a healthy environment and about 4 to 5 years to reach a breeding size of 30" to 36". Breeding of wild redfish happens offshore in massive schools of large redfish.
- A bottle-neck appears to limit the number of baby redfish that reach juvenile size (~7") in nature, but this is not completely understood. The benefit of stocking would therefore be improved by releasing juvenile instead of baby sized redfish, as measured in terms of more total fish and catch rates in our estuary. A potential downside of stocking is that the number of adult wild redfish may be reduced as a result of the introduction of hatchery bred fish. Hatchery reared fish may differ from wild fish in their genetic makeup and fitness (survival, growth and reproduction). Good genetic management and hatchery rearing protocols can minimize such differences but is unlikely to completely eliminate them.
- Simulation modeling of stocking Charlotte Harbor with 250,000 7" redfish predicts an 81% increase in the total number of redfish and a 62% increase in the catch rate, but a ~55% decline in the wild redfish over a 10 year period. Model results for stocking only 2500 redfish predicts negligible impacts on our fishery. At an estimated order of magnitude cost of \$2 per 7" redfish, 250,000 redfish would cost \$500,000.

- There are currently no State run operational production hatcheries in Florida although one has been approved near Pensacola using funds from the BP Oil Spill Restoration Fund. This facility may take 4-5 years to permit, construct, staff and produce fish for release only in portions of the Gulf significantly affected by the oil spill. Private hatcheries could be used as long as they comply with all the federal, state, county and local regulations applicable to marine hatcheries. FWC's Stock Enhancement Research Facility (SERF) in Port Manatee last stocked redfish in large numbers in 2005, and currently lacks the funding for stocking Charlotte Harbor. Although lessons learned from previous SERF stocking efforts will result in more efficient and cost effective 'intensive' processes compared to the prior 'extensive' procedures, it is still expensive and requires private and/or public funding.

In summary, scientific analysis and modeling suggests significant improvements to our redfish fishery could be gained by sound fisheries management including stock enhancement, and FWC is not necessarily opposed to stocking redfish in Charlotte Harbor provided funding can be secured. Given the current status of production hatcheries in Florida, and the need to perhaps first implement measures to improve fish habitats and water quality in selected areas of our fishery, redfish stock enhancement in Charlotte Harbor will require a substantial collective effort by all stakeholders and may be a long way off.

**8. May 28 Charlotte Harbor Fisheries Forum** - The 6th Forum focused on poll & troll case-histories, as well as the delineation of potential areas in Charlotte Harbor where such measures (to protect aquatic habitats and ultimately improve our fishery) should and should not be considered and why. The PGIFC members in attendance, along with several other stakeholders thought that such an exercise was premature. This is because the potential reasons for the apparent decline of certain game fish like redfish and seatrout in our fishery had not yet been identified with confidence. Potential reasons include, but are not limited to: habitat destruction; water quality degradation; overfishing; overharvesting of food sources such as shrimp, mullet, blue crabs, white bait, etc. including fish mortality of accidental by-catch; toxic algae; or cyclic long term variability in nature.

Two new stakeholder groups attended: One represented our local commercial fishermen and women, and the other air boat operators that run guided bow-angling trips. They were very concerned since any large scale implementation of poll & troll zones in shallow water would put them out of business. Commercial fishing such as for mullet and jack crevalle is done in water generally less than 3 feet deep. Their nets cannot be used in deeper water, and admittedly result in more by-catch after regulatory changes required them to switch from gill nets that targeted only desired size fish to smaller mesh nets that also catch juvenile game fish. Bow-fishing generally occurs within 300 feet of the mangrove shoreline and it is not feasible to poll or troll such a craft. These boat/craft/motor configurations safely run shallower than most recreational fishing boats, and therefore cause less negative impact on seagrasses and fish habitat. Therefore, if poll & troll zones were implemented, most in attendance favored giving exemptions to such entities so as not to disrupt their livelihood. However, such exemptions would conflict with the goal of creating quiet fish sanctuaries that might otherwise hold less stressed and spooked fish that are more readily catchable.

**9. 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

Fishing Frank gave an informative and entertaining talk on the different methods/approaches to catching Cobia. He mentioned that Cobia grow almost 1 inch per month but added that he has mostly caught Cobia below the allowable catch limit of 33 inches to the fork of the tail. He felt that Cobia was difficult to find but one sure way was to look for Stingrays that are spawning. Follow the trail of the recently spawned stingrays and you will find Cobia feeding on the young stingrays. Best spots to try are the deeper holes in the harbor and you can use both bait (pinfish/ladyfish) and lures. He likes the Berkeley Eel soft lures as well as the DOA bait buster and bomber lures. Additionally, he suggested trolling in circles around the reefs in the Gulf.



## June Speaker

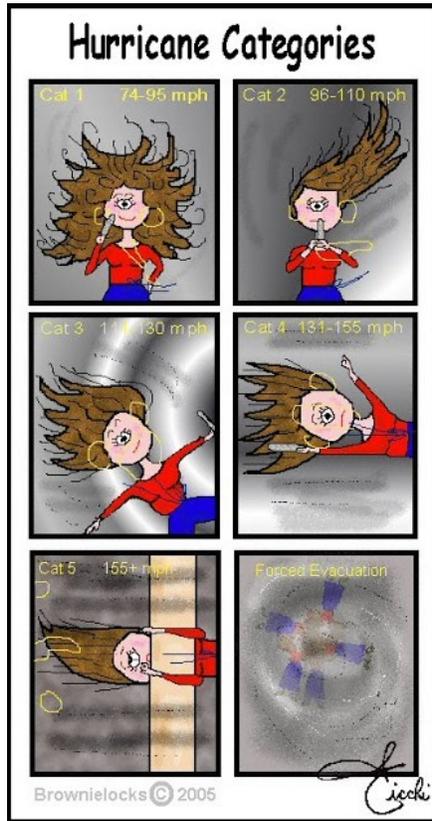


Capt. Rhett Morris will be our speaker for the June 9 meeting. His topic for the meeting will be to discuss saving the fishery in Charlotte Harbor. Capt. Rhett is very passionate in improving the fishery and it would be nice to get as many of our resident members to attend to listen to his talk. He is a lifelong resident with over 20 years as a Captain in the area. His website is [beyondbordersoutfitters.com](http://beyondbordersoutfitters.com) and his phone number is **941-505-8481**.



HI, FISH GIRLS !

Well, here it is. June already. It's the FIRST MONTH of summer - it has the longest day of the year in it - it's known as a great month to get married in & it's National Rose month, which is pretty convenient since the Rose is also the flower of the month. On the other hand it's NOT our favorite month since it's the beginning of Hurricane season! No matter - let's start to enjoy it!



OUT TO LUNCH



Our first outing will be a get together in **Gilchrist Park** where we can enjoy the breezes & views.

THURSDAY - JUNE 11 - 11:30 am

Bring your own lunch & beverage. Since it's National German Chocolate Cake day I might just bring one to share for dessert.

Meet at the first Pavilion.

RSVP to [pastadiva@comcast.net](mailto:pastadiva@comcast.net)

GIRLS NITE OUT

Try a little Thai! Remember - it's only spicy if you want it to be.



THURSDAY - JUNE 25 - 6 pm

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Just follow 17 east past the Route 75 overpass. It's the green building on the right.

Jane Stenberg will be your go to person that night.

Please RSVP her at [ronjane1@hotmail.com](mailto:ronjane1@hotmail.com)

May's OUT TO LUNCH found us enjoying a yummy lunch and efficient service at the Soup Jungle Cafe.



We had a great time at GIRLS NITE OUT. We started at Laishley Crab House with some excellent seafood & sushi & some killer margaritas & wine. Then we popped over to The Orange House & enjoyed the music & more chatting. I think we all felt a little crazy that night!

Any questions, ideas or need a ride -

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Look forward to seeing you soon!

# Membership

Always, ALWAYS proof read what you wrote before submitting anything!

I do that with my writing but last month's article proved that when I write my articles for our newsletter, I need to be more diligent. If I'm going to write at two in the morning, I cannot use Dragon unless I proof everything when I'm done.

What's Dragon? It's a program that allows you to convert your spoken words into written text. Supposedly!

Even though as you set up the program, you need to perform "voice recognition" in order to make it work, many times, your spoken words are still misconstrued. Yikes, what blunders!

So now, here it is 9:00am and I'm physically typing – so hopefully, there won't be any mistakes this month.

Speaking of mistakes: I went through our old newsletter for the year and realized there were a few newbies I forgot to welcome. I humbly apologize and will add them now.

Since January, here are the new members names I neglected to mention.

Let's all welcome:

MAX AND HEATHER ACHTAU

TIM & DEBBY CARTY

JERRY & BELINDA CAZZEL

RICH & LYNN DOBOSZ

LARRY FERNS

JIM & ELAINE FONSECA

STEVE & ELAINE HOWARD

MARTY & NANCY LeVAULT

JIM McCARTY

ED & GLORA PEABODY

BILL & DIANE VEREN

Donnie Brennan  
Membership Director  
Sunshine Lady



AND ..... OF ..... COURSE..... OUR MOST RECENT NEW MEMBERS:

JOE & DIANNE BUKOWSKI

JIM & PAT DIVER

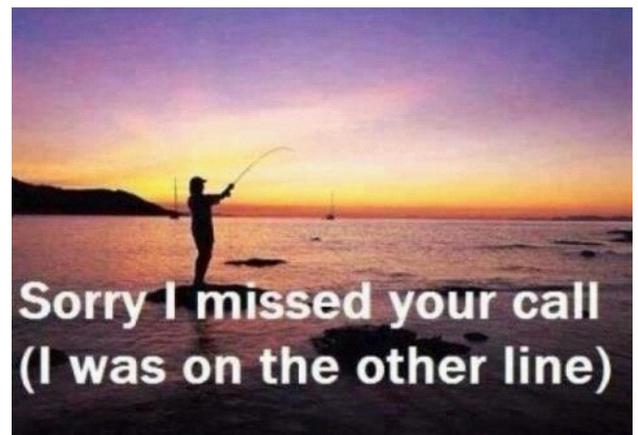
I've noticed quite a few new houses being erected so when you meet your new neighbors, please don't forget to mention the PGI Fishing Club. Our brochures are in the lobby of the PGICA. Grab a few and start handing them out. Let's see how many more new people we can get to join.

You get me names and I'll do the rest. We're not the greatest fishing club for nothing.

So with all this said and done, when you see new member go over and shake the hand, introduce yourself and just make a new friend. After all I have always said and will always say:

"That new friend you make just might be your next new best friend."

- Donnie



# Sunshine

*You just call out my name, and you know where ever I am. I'll come running to see you again.*

*Winter, spring, summer, or fall, all you have to do is call and I'll be there, yeah, yeah, you've got a friend.*

Only one card needed to be sent out in May and it's the type of card that while badly needed, the reason for it is sad.

A sympathy card was sent to Jack Spies who lost his dad at the end of May. While I didn't know Jack's dad, Jack Spies, Sr., from listening to Jack, Mr. Spies Sr. was a caring, loving and fun-loving dad – right to the end. Jack, we're here for you.



Hello again.

OMG, can you believe it? It's JUNE!!! Where did this year go? Six months and WHAMO!!! KAPUT!!

So for those May birthday's I didn't know about; just because it's now June, you're not off the hook.

Here are our other MAY celebrants:

**John Stockinger**

**Jean Maillet**

**Cathy Engimann**

**Brian O'Neil**

Moving on, now to our June honorees:

**Bob Gariepy**

**Judy Markowski**

If you want to send a birthday wish to someone, just email me, Donnie ([sunshine@pgifishingclub.org](mailto:sunshine@pgifishingclub.org)) and I'll be sure to get it. All I need is the name and birth month. We have six months left to surprise people with a great big Happy Birthday; so let me hear from you.

In the meantime, to all of you who are celebrating your special day:



## Important Facts to Remember as You Grow Older:

- Death is the number 1 killer in the world.
- Life is sexually transmitted.
- Good health is merely the slowest possible rate at which one can die.
- Give a person a fish and you feed them for a day. Teach a person to use the Internet and they won't bother you for weeks, months, maybe years.
- Health nuts are going to feel stupid someday, lying in the hospital, dying of nothing.
- All of us could take a lesson from the weather. It pays no attention to criticism.
- In the 60's, people took acid to make the world weird. Now the world is weird, and people take Prozac to make it normal.
- Don't worry about old age; it doesn't last that long.

I hope this has made you smile a little bit; remember smiles off free and they need to be passed around. So my words of wisdom are "when you see someone without a smile give him one of yours".

That said, have a great day and enjoy the sunshine. My email address is:

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- Donnie



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THIRD PLACE

Ron Baxter

Dry Storage Box

# Drawing & 50/50 Winners



Fourth PLACE

Sharon Dyke

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1<sup>st</sup> Place - \$70

Michael Wells

2<sup>ND</sup> Place - \$45

Lynne Stockinger

3<sup>RD</sup> Place - \$35

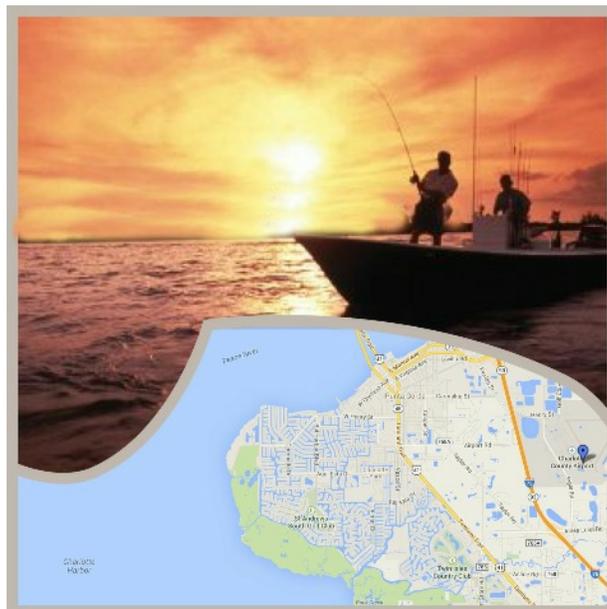
Donnie Brennan



# 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



# May Fish of the Month Cobia

## Male Anglers

Congratulations  
to our winners!

## Female Anglers



John Gettinger



Elaine Bretts



Jim Qurollo



Darlene Madsen



Dick Doster

# Ladder of Angling Achievement

Club Hat  
First Fish



Marion Carty  
Hobbs Goodwin  
Frank Barrett

New this month in RED

Bronze

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

Silver

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

Gold

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

# Ladder of Angling Achievement, cont.



Lifetime Level I  
Snook

Tom Lodge	Marv Dyrstad	Matti D'Ambrosio
Ed Verminski	Ray Brunner	
Jim LaRocca	George Remick	
Marie LaRocca	Karen Udvari	



Lifetime Level II  
Redfish

Marty McCaffrey	Ron Baxter
Missy Becker	Fred Benson
Rose Anne McCaffrey	Elaine Bretts
Bill Guenther	Mark Storm



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**



Bob Busler (right) getting help from Marty McCaffrey holding his 2007 Club record 54" cobia, with Joe Maillet holding a good one of his own.

# Ladder of Angling Achievement, cont.

## GRAND MASTER ANGLER CLUB (Star Points)

Donnie Brennan

★ Rich Brennan (1800)

Bob Busler

Jim Hoffman (1600)

Margie Hoffman (600)

★ Kel Krotzer (1300)

Joanne Landaker (100)

Steve Landaker (400)

Joe Maillet

★ Pete McGregor

Mike Quinn

Bev Rucker

John Solinger (1000)

John Wolfinger (300)

Tom Parsons

★★ ★ Joe Udvari (2300)

★★ ★ John Gettinger (3700)

Pam Solinger

Bill Bonham (200)

Tom Hickey (300)

Aaron Wagner (600)

Jim Qurollo (400)

Dick Doster (100)

Mike Gilger (200)

Vinnie Madsen (700)

John Stockinger (600)

Ron Topper (1800)



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New this month in **RED**

# 2015 Master Angler Standings

Revised 6/2/15

 Amberjack	<b>Karen Lodge 38.0</b>
	<b>Tom Lodge 38.0</b>
	<b>John Stockinger 36.5</b>
	Randy Burchacki 35.0

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

 Cobia	Don Ross 36.5
	Rich Brennan 35.0
	<b>John Gettinger 35.0</b>
	Jack Spies 34.0

 Spotted Seatrout	<b>Rich Brennan 25.0</b>
	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	Bud Johnston 30.5
	<b>Bob Bretts 30.0</b>
	Jim Hoffman 28+

 Redfish	Rich Brennan 32.0
	Bob Gariepy 32.0
	Steve Landaker 30.0
	John Solinger 29.0

 Snook	Jerry Morningstar 41.0
	Rick Sarkisian 40.0
	John Solinger 38.0
	<b>Bob Bretts 38.0</b>

# 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

Revised 6/2/15

### 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	Tom Lodge	38.0	04/16/15	83.52%
X	Cobia	Bob Busler	54.0	2007	Don Ross	36.5	04/11/15	67.59%
X	Grouper	Tom Hamilton	39.0	2003	John Gettinger	33.5	04/01/15	85.90%
X	King Mackerel	John MacLeman	52.0	2012	Bud Johnston	30.5	04/09/15	58.65%
X	Redfish	Bob Busler	42.0	2005	Rich Brennan	32.0	01/04/15	76.19%
					Bob Gariepy	32.0	04/09/15	76.19%
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 2014 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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Pete McGregor, John Wolfinger, Bob Mayes and Jim Quorllo on the Reel Deal



## Great Days on the Water

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



Mike Gilger sent in these pictures taken during a reconnaissance mission to secure and maintain his secret fishing spot.



When the fishing is slow,  
go swimming and draw in the fish.



John Stockinger took his NEW  
boat out into the Gulf with OLD  
friends, John Gettinger, Aaron  
Wagner and Joe Udvari



May was a good month on the Island Sun!

# Islamorada



Snazzy dressers Joe Udvari, Rich Brennan, & John Gettinger  
Joined by Mike Gilger, Vinnie Madsen & Jim Turlington on Boat 1

Rich doing his best to  
reel in a 13 lb lead weight from 1600'



Boat 1 with 5 GMA's  
only caught 18 Mahi-Mahi  
because they tried catching  
a big swordfish like the one  
John is eying and was  
caught the day before



John congratulating the swordfish angler



# Islamorada



New dehooking technique.



Bob Bretts, Randy Hall, John Bothwell, Gary Skillicorn, Ron Baxter, Arthur Rosen

Boat 2 had a great Keys Mahi excursion and showed Boat 1 how it's done. With 31 Mahi-Mahi, their 1<sup>st</sup> Mate had her hands (and legs) full dehooking fish.





Trudi Baxter 20.5" Snook



Tom Hickey 28" Red Grouper



Tom & Karen Lodge  
with twin Amberjack



Vinnie Madsen 34" Bull Shark



Ted Wierzbanowski 42" Black Drum



Sandy Wierzbanowski 29" Tarpon



Ken Hardesty 5' Tarpon



Lynn Reeves 12" Stingray



Mike Petkus 16" Spanish Mackerel



John Bothwell 4'-10" Tarpon



Dave Dyke 30" Cobia



Rose Anne McCaffrey Premier Grouper



Lynne Stockinger 18" Pompano



Gretchen Sunderland 27" Black Drum



Elaine Bretts 29" Snook



Pam Solinger's Dinner 16" Tripletail

If you don't see your fish picture here,  
check our website for more member catches.

Steve Landaker 27" Redfish



Dick Doster 31" Cobia



Hobbs Goodwin 31" Snook



Bob Mayes 42" Shark



Bob Bretts 38" Snook



John Bothwell 27" Snook



Rich Brennan 28" Cobia



Mark Hess 24" Cobia



George Remick 4' Tarpon



Gary Reeves 29.5" Snook



Lynne Reeves 35.5" Black Drum



Frank Barrett Bonnethead Shark



Bill Bonham 28" Red Grouper



Mike Gilger with Cobia



Rich Brennan 25" Seatrout



Marion Carty 13" Flounder



Darlene Madsen 13" Flounder



Mark Hess 2' Cobia



Jim Quorollo 32" Snook



Dick Doster 30" Snook



John Solinger 36" Snook



Don Ross 21" Red Grouper



Karen Lodge with Isles Trophy contender 38" AJ and new Women's Club record



Louie Rios' pet ducks (aka Snook bait)

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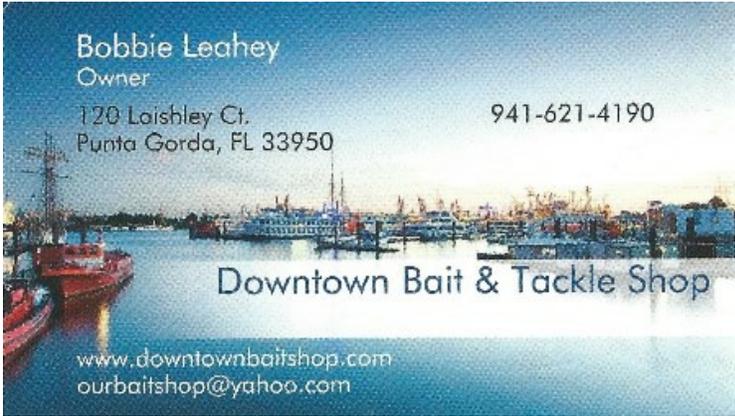
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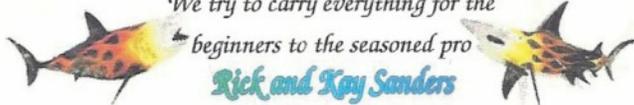
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