



PUNTA GORDA ISLES FISHING CLUB NEWSLETTER

Meet Gary Reeves

Club Record Keeper



Gary and his wife Lynn have lived in Punta Gorda and been members of our fishing club since late 2014. Gary recently took on the task as club Record Keeper. In this role he often records 100+ fish submissions a month and also tracks individual members performance for Ladder of Achievement, Fish of the Month, and other club sponsored programs. In addition to enjoying a technical challenge and working hard to simplify the overall recording process, he is also working hard to improve his angling skills. Gary is just one of the many volunteers that keep our club running smoothly.

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FROM THE HELM

President
Vinnie Madsen



This month we have made several changes to the newsletter. Our goal is to make the content relevant and meaningful to our members. Let us know how we can improve the value of this newsletter.

As our club becomes more involved in the overall health and well being of the harbor I wanted to report that our Vice President Jim Crawley met last month with the Marine Advisory Board and shared our concerns about the quality of fishing in the harbor. Jim mentions this meeting in his section but will provide more information at our next club meeting. Jim will continue to represent us and report back monthly. For more information regarding plans for our backyard waters, go to <http://dep.state.fl.us/coastal/sites/charlotte/plan.htm> to view the current and future plans underway by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection.

I'd also like to add a big thank you to all the volunteers that keep this club running. Without them, we have no club.

Lastly, I thought I would share this picture from last summer as a reminder to everyone to be watchful of the summer storms. The stormy season has begun. Be safe.

Until Next Month, Happy Fishing



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Positions Open for 2017

President

Vice President

Editor

A selection committee is being formed to assist in the selection process. They will be named in July.

If you are interested in any of the open positions, please email Vinnie Madsen at president@pgifishingclub.org.

CLUB LINKS

Club Website:	http://pgifishingclub.org/wordpress/
Club Photos:	http://pgifishingclub.org/wordpress/?page_id=226
Club Facebook:	http://facebook.com Search for pgi fishing club
Contest Rules:	http://pgifishingclub.org/wordpress/?page_id=30
General Information:	http://pgifishingclub.org/wordpress/?page_id=101

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MAY CLUB MEETING

Last month during the May meeting the following lucky members received awards for Fish of the Month, Door Prizes, 50/50 cash awards and Name this Fish. Congratulations to all.

April FOM Winners



Above from left to right is Bob Bretts, Elaine Bretts and Darlene Madsen who received their April Fish of the Month Awards

Door prize Winners



Above from left to right is Tom DesEnfants, Karen Lodge and Kim Halford who were the lucky door prize winners

50/50 Winners



Above from left to right is Sandy Foland, Rich Brennan and Roz Hickey who were the 50/50 winners.

Capt. Josh Greer



Capt. Josh Greer spoke to the group about techniques he uses to catch the May Fish of the Month, Cobia

Congratulations to all. Hope to see everyone at the next meeting on June 14.

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FISHING REPORT

Vice President
Jim Crawley



June's Fish of the month is flounder. We have two varieties, the Southern and Gulf Flounders, with the Gulf being the more common in our area. These tasty treats can be found in relatively shallow areas on soft or sandy bottom and near bars, rubble, edges of channels, and holes in grass beds. Shrimp, jigs, and paddle tails are your best bait bets.

This is the time of year the best fishing is going to be down in Pine Island Sound and near the passes. Snook will be down near the beaches and inter-coastal for spawning. You'll also be able to find Spanish mackerel, pompano, and snappers.

Of course this is the prime time for TARPON! They should be stacked up in Boca Grande pass and begin to move into the harbor in the deeper holes. They are primarily feeding on crabs, but the old standby, ladyfish also work. Following the tarpon in are large hammerheads and bull sharks.

With so many fishermen trying to hook up on tarpon and snook, it will be a good time to hunt for redfish and trout. Look up around the bushes behind Cayo Costa, Bull Bay, and Turtle Bay when the tide is half high and better. Remember, the reds have been real spooky, so you need to shut down your outboards early and sneak in on them.

For the offshore fishermen, red snapper season opens in federal waters June 1 thru 9. Wow, a whole 9 days! We won't mention the state open season since there aren't any here in our state waters. Other snappers are open though and should be biting from the pass out to 20 plus miles. Look for the bigger amberjack on wrecks that are out 30 to 35 miles. Red Grouper reports that they are 40 to 45 miles out the pass. It's a long run for only 2 fish per person, but they are out there waiting for us to visit.

There is no doubt fishing has been tough this year. El Nino has changed the times migrating species have come into the harbor. It may have also effected the fishing. But fishing has not been what it should have been. We've been discussing other factors that could impact our fishing, such as commercial shrimping, damage to sea grass from high speed running behind the bars, commercial mullet fishing, and too many tournaments. I brought these concerns to the Marine Advisory Board. They recommended I talk to FWC and to FL Dept. of Environmental Protection, who happened to have a representative at the meeting. They also recommended we work with the Fisheries Forum. I will be giving an update from talking with all these groups at our club meeting in June.

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FISHING EVENTS

Events Director
Frank Barrett



The May fish of the month, Cobia proved to be a bit elusive since we only had one winner for the women and only a few submissions from the men. Just watch, we will see dozens of Cobia turned in for the month of June.

We have added a section to the newsletter that Gary Reeves will cover where he will share our current status for Ladder of Achievement, Master Angler Summary, Isles Trophy Status and a general report showing historical information by month on what our anglers have been catching. Everyone keep turning in your catches. That way our historical data gets better by the year.

Coming up this month is our next Fishing Tournament which will be held on **Thursday, June 16, 2016**. We will be fishing for:

Snook
Redfish
Sea Trout
Jack Crevalle
Flounder

Note that we decided to target inshore fish and added Jack Crevalle and Flounder which we haven't had in the tournament in the past. We added flounder since it is our Fish of the Month for June.

We have over 30 people signed up and room for more. If you have not signed up yet and would like to participate please email me at frankjbarrett@icloud.com.

A \$25 gift certificate will be awarded for the largest fish for each of the above species. Please give yourself enough time get to Harpoon Harry's no later than 4pm with a picture of you with your fish. Any submissions after 4pm will not be eligible for prizes.

Also, please stick around after the awards so we can take a group photo which we will post on Home Screen of our Facebook page.

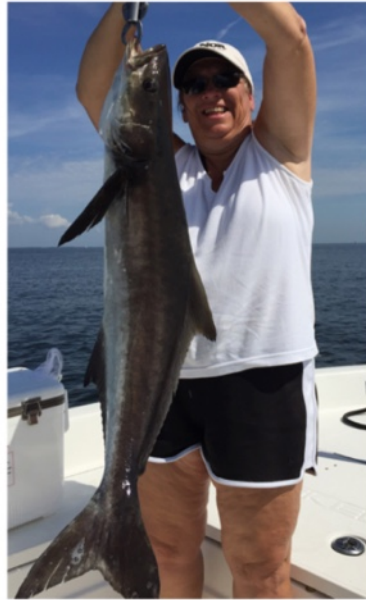
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1st place Women's FOM



Darlene Madsen
36 inch Cobia

Note, there were no other Cobia submitted for FOM from the women in May so we only had one award.

I just want to highlight Darlene who always has a hook in the water and is searching for the next big fish. Looking back from January 2014 thru May 2016, she has placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd for 22 FOM Awards.



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1st Place Men's FOM



Robert Busler
37 Inch Cobia

2nd Place Men's FOM



Rick Sarkisian
33 inch Cobia

2nd Place Men's FOM



John Stockinger
33 inch Cobia
(John was taking a selfie
with a Cobia gone wild)

WE HAD A TIE FOR SECOND PLACE

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I thought I would look forward a couple months so everyone will know what our upcoming Fish of the Month species will be.

June Fish of the Month: Flounder

Florida State Record is 20 lb. 9oz.

Bag Limit is 10 per day per person

Fishing Notes: Found on sandy bottoms, aggressive feeder which will chase a passing bait or lure. Generally caught within a few feet of bottom. Live shrimp and small bait fish make excellent bait as do jigs and spoons.

July Fish of the Month: Shark

Excellent sense of smell. In summer they are easily attracted by chumming the water.

They will scavenge dead baits but prefer live.

This time of year can they be found throughout the harbor but best success is normally middle to southern half of the harbor.

Steel leaders highly recommended.

FOM FOR REMAINDER OF 2016

AUGUST:	TARPON
SEPTEMBER:	SPOTTED SEA TROUT
OCTOBER:	REDFISH
NOVEMBER:	MANGROVE SNAPPER
DECEMBER:	BLACK DRUM

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STATISTICS & REPORTS

Record Keeper
Gary Reeves



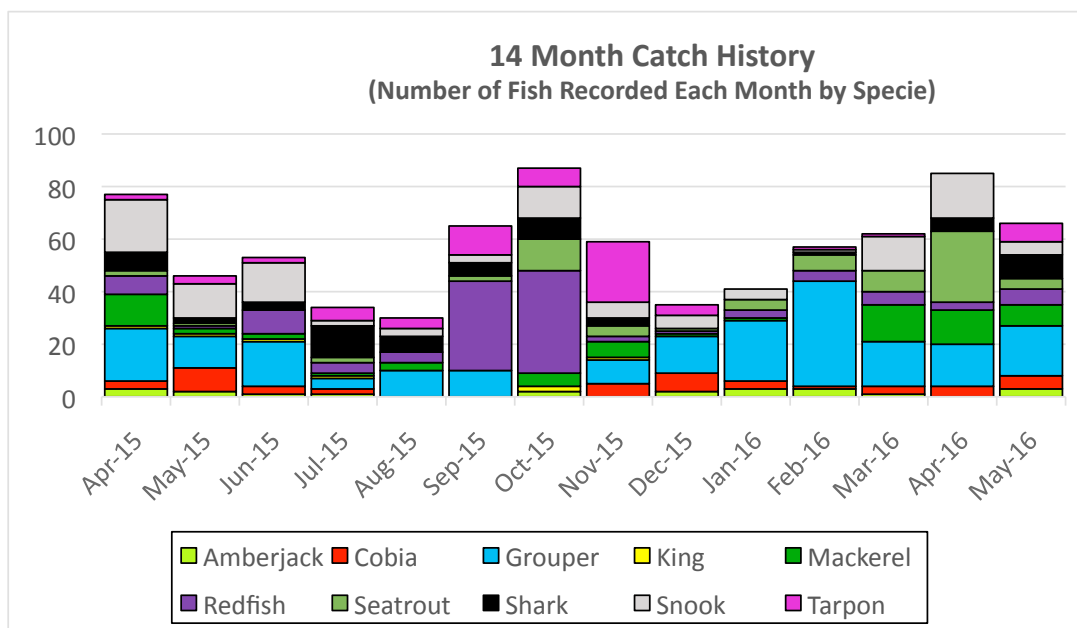
The Month in Review

*"The total fish catch and points in May were down slightly from April but still a **great month** none-the-less!"*

Recorder's Data

Monthly Performance

	March	April	May	
Anglers	36	43	44	↑
LOA Awards	8	15	15	-
Fish Recorded	74	116	108	↓
Points Recorded	3900	8600	7200	↓



What's Bite'n Chart

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LADDER OF ACHIEVEMENT AWARD SUMMARY - MAY 2016

REVISED 6/1/16

BRONZE	SILVER	GOLD	LIFETIME LEVEL I SNOOK	LIFETIME LEVEL II REDFISH	LIFETIME LEVEL III TARPON	GRAND MASTER ANGLER	G M STAR
Janice Anderson	Marie D'Ambrosio	Gary Adams	Ray Brunner	Ron Baxter	Fred Benson	Bill Bonham	
Max Achtai	Kathy desEnfants	Roger Davis	Dianne Bukowski	Missy Becker	Elaine Bretts	Rich Brennan	***
Frank Barrett	Tamara Dillman	Randy Douet	Matti D'Ambrosio	Joe Bukowski	Marv Dyrstad	Donnie Brennan	
Trudi Baxter	Joanell Dyrstad	Ken Hardesty	Mark Dillman	Bob Gariepy	Carl Leicher	Bob Bretts	
Barbara Brunner	Hobbs Goodwin	Mary Heins	Dave Dyke	Bill Guenther	John MacLeman	Bob Busler	
Randy Burchacki	Lou Graham	Tom Hunt	Bud Johnston	Bob Mays	Bob Rand	Jim Crawley	
Anne Careau	Mike Gulvezan	Karen Lodge	Jim LaRocca	Marty McCaffrey	George Remick	Dick Doster	
Bill Damour	Randy Hall	Joe Longo	Marie LaRocca	Rose McCaffrey	Rick Sarkisian	John Gettinger	**
Bebe Davis	Roz Hickey	Lynn Reeves	Tom Lodge	Gary Moerke	Jack Spies	Mike Gilger	*
Tom desEnfants	Christine Jordan	Don Ross	Sherry Moerke	Gary Reeves	Karen Udvari	Tom Hickey	
Sharon Dyke	Dennis Krausman	Sheree Wolfinger	John Simonieg	Mark Storm		Jim Hoffman	*
David Hatch	Tom Murray		Ed Verminski			Margie Hoffman	
Chuck Henry	Larry Okray					Kel Krotzer	**
Duane Hilgendorf	Ted Perrin					Joanne Landaker	
Cindi Johnston	Hezzie Samons					Steve Landaker	
Mark Kline	Mike Sandling					Darlene Madsen	
Buddy Krauss	Deb Sarkisian					Vinnie Madsen	
Denys LaChance	Ron Stenberg					Joe Maillet	
Fred Lamon	Jane Stenberg					Pete McGregor	**
Paul Land	Ed Stevenson					Tom Parsons	
Tom Lengauer	Lynne Stockinger					Jim Qurollo	
John McFarland	Mike Wagner					John Solinger	
Peter Meier	Stella Wagner					Pam Solinger	
John Morehouse	T. Wierzbanski					John Stockinger	*
Jerry Morningstar	Janice Wiscombe					Ron Topper	*
Mike Nalipi						Joe Udvari	***
Dick Nieberline						Aaron Wagner	
Andy Nikitich						John Wolfinger	
Sandy Nikitich							
Mike Peters							
Mike Petkus							
Jessica Poe							
Darryl Pricco							
Alan Schulman							
Gary Skillicom							
Ron Stafford							
Bill Stevens							
Jan Stevens							
Kathleen Stevenson							
Gretchen Sunderland							
Don Taylor							
Miriam Taylor							
Patti Topper							
Sandy Wierzbanski							
Rodger Will							
Frank Wyatt							
Walt Zink							

RED = Award This Month

Hats

Jeff Barnhart
Wayne Goode
Bob Neerman
Bob Nichols
Catherine Nichols

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2014 MASTER ANGLER STANDINGS - May 2016

Revised 6/2/2016

AMBERJACK	COBIA	GROUPER	KING MACKEREL	REDFISH	SNOOK	SPANISH MACKEREL	SPOTTED SEATROUT
Jim Crawley 45.0	Bob Busler 37.0	Jim Crawley 33.0		Bob Busler 33.5	Bob Bretts 36.0	Marv Dyrstad 26.5	Dave Dyke 24.0
		Bob Gariepy 33.0					
Joe Udvari 44.5	Mark Dillman 36.0	RoseAnn McCaffrey 32.5		Steve Landaker 33.0	Jim Crawley 35.0	Fred Benson 24.5	Bob Bretts 23.0
	Paul Buchanan 36.0						Ron Topper 23.0
	Ken Hardesty 36.0						Mike Wagner 23.0
	Darlene Madsen 36.0						
	John Stockinger 36.0						
Jerry Peal 43.5	George Remmick 35.0	Rich Brennan 32.0		Rich Brennan 32.0	Tom Hickey 33.5	Tom Hickey 23.0	Rich Brennan 22.0
		Jim Qurollo 32.0				Lynne Stockinger 23.0	Elaine Bretts 22.0
						Stella Wagner 23.0	

2016 PGI FISHING CLUB - ISLES TROPHY - May 2016

REVISED 6/2/16

MEN'S DIVISION

OVERALL CLUB RECORD	SPECIES NAME	MEMBER NAME	RECORD LENGTH IN INCHES	DATE CAUGHT	MEMBER NAME	2016 LENGTH IN INCHES	DATE CAUGHT	% OF RECORD
X	Amberjack	John MacLeman	45.5	2012	Jim Crawley	45.0	05/13/16	98.9%
X	Cobia	Bob Busler	54.0	2007	Bob Busler	37.0	05/26/16	68.5%
X	Grouper	Tom Hamilton	39.0	2003	Jim Crawley	33.0	04/13/16	84.6%
					Bob Gariepy	33.0	04/13/16	
X	King Mackerel	John MacLeman	52.0	2012				
X	Redfish	Bob Busler	42.0	2005	Bob Bustler	33.5	03/15/16	79.8%
X	Seatrout	Rich Brennan	29.0	2009	Dave Dyke	24.0	04/20/16	82.8%
		Aaron Wagner	29.0	2012				
X	Snook	Vinnie Madsen	45.0	2014	Bob Bretts	36.0	05/10/16	80.0%
X	Spanish Mackerel	Carl Leicher	30.0	2012	Marv Dyrstad	26.5	04/26/16	88.3%

WOMEN'S DIVISION

OVERALL CLUB RECORD	SPECIES NAME	MEMBER NAME	RECORD LENGTH IN INCHES	DATE CAUGHT	MEMBER NAME	2016 LENGTH IN INCHES	DATE CAUGHT	% OF RECORD
	Amberjack	Karen Lodge	38.0	2015				
	Cobia	Joanne Landaker	50.0	2008	Darlene Madsen	36.0	05/13/16	72.0%
		Marilyn McGregor	50.0	2013				
	Grouper	Margie Hoffman	34.0	2014	RoseAnn McCaffery	32.5	01/01/16	95.6%
	King Mackerel	Karen Lodge	38.0	2014				
	Redfish	Donnie Brennan	38.0	2008	Donnie Brennan	31.0	4/26/16	81.6%
		Missy Becker	38.0	2008				
	Seatrout	Joanne Landaker	26.5	2011	Elaine Bretts	22.0	04/13/16	83.0%
	Snook	Missy Becker	42.0	2013	Elaine Bretts	31.0	04/27/16	73.8%
	Spanish Mackerel	Missy Becker	28.0	2007	Lynne Stockinger	23.0	03/15/16	82.1%
					Stella Wagner	23.0	04/15/16	

This Year's Leaders are in BLUE

New 2014 Records this Month are in RED

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Gary Reeves



How you doing???
...just ask Gary

If you're curious as to what your "catch summary" looks like in our club spreadsheet, just let me know via email at fishphotos@pgifishingclub.org and I'll send you a snapshot of your catch data similar to the following:

MEMBER NAME	SPECIES	LENGTH	INITIAL SPECIES TRACI	LEGAL SPECIES TRACI	POINTS EARNI	DATE CAUGI	PROGRAM LEVEL AWARD	AWARD DATE	Notes	Species Tracker
Holder, Rodney	Tarpon	29.5	1	1	200	10/11/13	Club Hat	11/12/13		Fish Species List
	Tarpon	25.0			200	10/13/13	Bronze	07/08/14		Rodney Holder
	Spanish Mackerel	22.5	1	1	100	10/11/13	Silver	07/08/14		Amberjack
	Grouper, Red	22.0	1	1		06/04/14	Gold	04/14/15		Barracuda
	Black Drum	26.0	1	1		06/04/14	Snook	04/20/16		Black Drum
	Redfish	25.0	1	1		06/04/14				Bluefish
	Shark	37.0	1	1		06/04/14				Blue Runner
	Jack Crevalle	17.0		1		06/04/14				1
	Cobia	35.0		1		06/04/14				Bonita
	Snapper, Mangrove	12.0		1		06/07/14				Catfish
	Ladyfish	14.5		1		09/27/14				1
	Catfish	22.0		1		10/17/14				Cobia
	Seatrout	15.0		1		12/20/14			with guide	1
	Spinner Shark	77.0			300	03/04/15				Croaker
	Snook	28.0		1		04/19/15	FOM			Flounder
	Cobia	30.0				05/08/15				Grouper
	Barracuda	41 & 38		1		10/12/15			2 fish recorded	1
	Blue runner	11.5		1		10/12/15				Grunt
	Amberjack	23.0				10/30/15				Jack Crevalle
	Seatrout	18.0				02/03/16				King Mackerel
	Bonnethead Shark	36.0				04/20/16				Ladyfish
	Seatrout	24.0			200	04/20/16			Snook Pin	1
	Red Grouper	24.0			100	05/12/16				Permit
										Pompano
										Redfish
										1
										Seatrout
										1
										Shark
										1
										Sheepshead
										1
										Snapper (all)
										1
										Snook
										1
										Spanish Mackerel
										1
										Stingray
										Tarpon
										1
										Tripletail
										Whiting
										Yellowtail Snapper
										1
TOTALS			6	15	1100					Total 29 Species
										Member's Total Species
										15

Member Catch Summary

PUNTA GORDA ISLES FISHING CLUB

MEMBERSHIP



Membership Director
Donnie Brennan

Membership Stats

Total Households	Active Members
276	528

Hi again, It's me!

Anyway, just a quick note. I will NOT be at June's meeting. I'll be in Connecticut celebrating my grandson's graduations. So please behave and meet and greet our new members.

I will make arrangements for badges to be given out in my absence so there's nothing to worry about.

However, if you aren't going to be at the meeting to receive your 2016 ID Badge, please send me a self-addressed STAMPED envelope so I can mail it to you. Send me an email and I will give you my address to mail the envelope to. You have no idea how many badges I end up tossing in the garbage because dues are paid and then badges forgotten. Get me those envelopes – please!

So, let's welcome our newest members:

Robert & Cathy Remeikis
Pat & Debby Morlachetta
Ray Zechender
Tom & Bobbie Youngblood

ONE MORE REMINDER BEFORE I FORGET



The PGI Fishing Club currently has 124 members active on our club's Facebook. Facebook has been a great way for us to share information, pictures and activities going on in and around the club.

I've invited several of you so far. Let's see if we can get more to sign up!

Yes, you need to be a member of Facebook to access our page.

Email me at membership@pgifishingclub.org to get access to our Facebook page or search for "pgi fishing club" on Facebook and select the join button and I will get you connected.

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SOCIAL EVENTS

Social Events Director
Ellen Wagner



I would like to invite anyone that would care to join our group on Wednesday evenings at the Tiki Hut behind the Four Points Hotel to come on over around 5:00 when we get the party started. From there we go to a selected restaurant for dinner at 6:30. If you are interested in going to dinner please e-mail me at ew1536@hotmail.com to find out where we are going and let me know if you are joining us for dinner so I can add you to our weekly e-mails that I send out to everyone. We are such a large group that we usually need a to make a reservation so that we can all have dinner together. So please come to the Tiki Hut and join in.

Also for our monthly meetings we have been bringing in home baked desserts to share after our meetings. If you would like to contribute please let me know at (941) 916-9470 or just drop them off in the kitchen before the meeting.

Calendar

Every Wednesday at 5:00 at the Tiki Hut. Those interested meet for dinner following Tiki Hut at 6:30.

Mens Breakfast every Friday morning at 7am at Elaina's Cafe

Ladies Lunch Scheduled by Diane Bukowski. See details in Diane's section

Club Meeting at PGICA every 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7pm.

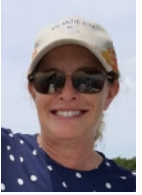
Christmas Party. 13 Dec 2016

Next Fishing Tournament is Thursday June 16. Meet at Harpoon Harry's for awards by 4pm.

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LADIES LIAISON

Dianne Bukowski
Ladies Liaison



This past month the ladies had a great time with lunch at Cilantros and Mexican food for dinner at the Brunt Store Grille.



Dianne Bukowski, Stella Wagner, Darlene Madsen, Debby Morlachetta

For the month of June, we will be having lunch at *A Perfect Caper* on June 9th and dinner at *Carmelo's Italian Ristorante* on June 23rd.

I know many of you caught the May's Fish of the Month Cobia! Here is one of my favorite ways to prepare Cobia. I have been asked for this recipe many times by people who have enjoyed it prepared at my house.

Marinated and Grilled Cobia

3 lbs Cobia
1/3 cup Olive Oil
1/3 cup Fresh Squeezed Lemon Juice
1 ½ teaspoons dry mustard
1 clove Garlic, Minced
1 teaspoon Sea Salt
¼ teaspoon Freshly Ground Pepper

Cut fillets into serving size pieces and place in a bowl. Combine olive oil and lemon juice. Add all remaining spices to oil and lemon juice and mix. Pour mixture over the fish steaks. Marinate for 5 minutes. Remove from marinade and barbecue for about 8 minutes. (Keep checking, do not overcook!) Turn as necessary, basting several times with marinade. Serve hot off the grill.

Source: www.epicurious.com

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SUNSHINE LADY

Donnie Brennan
Sunshine Lady



*a party goin' on right here.
A dedication to last throughout the year.
So bring your good times and your laughter too
We're gonna celebrate and party with you.*

Everyone likes to be remembered one time or another. That's what I try to do in this celebration column. So, here are some reasons to celebrate.

Let's all wish a grand happy birthday to:

Bob Gariepy
Judy Markowski
Diane Bukowski

And a great happy anniversary to:

Patty & Mike Nalipi

While I may not be sending you a card, I can at least send you a shout out wishing you a good day. If you'd like to get in with my Celebration Time article, all you need to do is email me the month in which you were born. If you'd like to put your entire birthday, for instance May 18, that's fine but not necessary. There is one person I think I may have forgotten last month. I do have conflicting dates for a birthday so just in case I didn't wish her happy birthday, happy birthday

Elaine Bretts

Remember - if you want to send a birthday or anniversary wish to someone, just email me (sunshine@pgifishingclub.org) and I'll be sure to get it. All I need is the name and birth month.

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MEMBERS HELPING MEMBERS

One of the great things about our club are the members we have willing to take new members out for a day of fishing to help them learn our waters.

Below are members willing to take you out on their boats.

Jim Hoffman

jimhoffman@embarqmail.com

Hobbs Godwin

govmigo@gmail.com

Contact them through email to arrange a trip.

If you are willing to take another member out on your boat, please send your contact information to editor@pgifishingclub.org

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PGI MARINE WATCH

Bill Guenther
Group Coordinator



If you can volunteer no more than 2-hours each month and have a boat , then you may want to consider becoming a member of one of the most unique community volunteer groups in Southwest Florida. Each day of the month PGI NMW members rise up in the night and early morning hours, launch their personal boats and go “On Patrol” to observe and report all suspicious boating or land activity to the Punta Gorda Police Department night dispatcher.

We prefer all members have a boat that they can use for their monthly patrol. However, you do not have to own a boat to become a member. You can act as “crew” during any other members patrol or, in the event of inclement weather or other unsafe “on-the-water” conditions, perform your 2-hour patrol at pre-designated land locations in your vehicle.

The preferred boat size is 17 to 23 feet, with either a T-top or bow rail to display “Patrol Boat” signage that identifies your vessel as a PGI Neighborhood Marine Watch Patrol Boat.

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Florida Recreational Saltwater Fishing Regulations

Issued: January 2016

New regulations are highlighted in red
Regulations apply to state waters of the Gulf and Atlantic
(please visit: MyFWC.com/Fishing/Saltwater/Recreational
for the most current regulations)

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Reef Fish

Snapper (Gulf reef fish anglers — see page 8)

General Snapper Regulations:

- Within state waters of the Atlantic and Gulf, the snapper aggregate bag limit is 10 fish per harvester unless the species rule specifies that it is not included in the aggregate. This means that a harvester can retain a total of 10 snappers in any combination of species. Exceptions are noted below.
- If no season information is included, the species is open year-round.

All Other Snapper ▲◆◆

Minimum Size Limits:

- Atlantic and Gulf - 12"

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- Atlantic and Gulf - 10 per harvester

Remarks

- Includes: Blackfin, Dog, Mahogany, Queen, Silk and Yellowtail



Snapper, Cubera ▲◆◆

Minimum Size Limits:

- Atlantic and Gulf - 12" (see remarks)

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- Atlantic and Gulf - 10 per harvester

Remarks

- May possess no more than 2 over 30" per harvester or vessel per day, whichever is less. 30" or larger not included within the snapper aggregate bag limit.



Snapper, Red ▲◆◆

Minimum Size Limits:

- Atlantic - 20"
- Gulf - 16"

Season:

- Atlantic - Open year-round
- **Gulf - See MyFWC.com for 2016 season**

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- Atlantic and Gulf - 2 per harvester

Remarks

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



Snapper, Vermilion ▲◆◆

Minimum Size Limits:

- Atlantic - 12"
- Gulf - 10"

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- Atlantic - 5 per harvester
- Gulf - 10 per harvester

Remarks

- **Not** included within the snapper aggregate bag limit.



Snapper, Lane ▲◆◆

Minimum Size Limits:

- Atlantic and Gulf - 8"

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- Atlantic - 10 per harvester
- Gulf - 100 pounds (see remarks)

Remarks

- Gulf not included within the snapper aggregate bag limit.



Snapper, Gray (Mangrove) ▲◆◆

Minimum Size Limits:

- Atlantic and Gulf - 10"

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- Atlantic and Gulf - 5 per harvester



Snapper, Mutton ▲◆◆

Minimum Size Limits:

- Atlantic and Gulf - 16"

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- Atlantic and Gulf - 10 per harvester



Snapper, Schoolmaster ▲◆◆

Minimum Size Limits:

- Atlantic and Gulf - 10"

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- Atlantic and Gulf - 10 per harvester



Snapper, Black & Wenchman ▲◆◆

Minimum Size Limits:

- Atlantic and Gulf - None

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- Atlantic and Gulf - 10 per harvester

Grouper

Atlantic Grouper

General Regulations:

- Atlantic grouper regulations apply to all state waters of the Atlantic and all state waters off Monroe County (Gulf and Atlantic sides).
- Atlantic grouper aggregate bag limit is 3 fish, which means that no harvester shall retain more than 3 Atlantic groupers in any combination of species.

Gulf Grouper

General Regulations:

- Gulf grouper regulations apply to all state waters of the Gulf except off Monroe County (where Atlantic rules apply).
- Gulf grouper aggregate bag limit is 4 fish which means that no harvester can retain more than 4 Gulf grouper in any combination of species.
- Zero bag limit for captain and crew of for-hire vessels applies to gag, black, and red grouper only.

Season Information:

- If no season information is provided, the species is open year-round.



Grouper, Black ▲◆◆

Minimum Size Limits:

- Atlantic - 24"
- Gulf - 22"

Season:

- Atlantic - Closed Jan. 1-April 30
- Gulf - Open year-round

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- Atlantic - 1 per harvester. Only 1 fish can be gag or black
- Gulf - 4 per harvester



Grouper, Scamp ▲◆◆

Minimum Size Limits:

- Atlantic - 20"
- Gulf - 16"

Season:

- Atlantic - Closed Jan. 1-April 30
- Gulf - Open year-round

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- Atlantic - 3 per harvester
- Gulf - 4 per harvester



Grouper, Snowy ▲◆◆

Minimum Size Limit:

- Atlantic and Gulf - None

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- Atlantic - 1 per harvester
- Gulf - 4 per harvester



Gag ▲◆◆

Minimum Size Limits:

- Atlantic - 24"
- Gulf - 22"

Seasons:

- Atlantic - Closed: Jan. 1-April 30
- Gulf - State waters off Franklin, Wakulla, Jefferson and Taylor counties: Open April 1-June 30
- Gulf - State waters off all other counties: Open July 1-Dec. 3

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- Atlantic - 1 per harvester. Only 1 fish can be gag or black
- Gulf - 2 per harvester



Grouper, Red ▲◆◆

Minimum Size Limits:

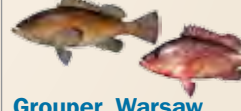
- Atlantic and Gulf - 20"

Season:

- Atlantic - Closed Jan. 1-April 30
- Gulf - Open year-round

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- Atlantic - 3 per harvester
- Gulf - 2 per person



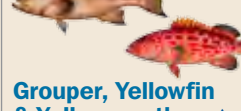
Grouper, Warsaw & Speckled Hind ▲◆◆

Minimum Size Limits:

- Atlantic and Gulf - None

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- Atlantic and Gulf - 1 per vessel per day of each species



Grouper, Yellowfin & Yellowmouth ▲◆◆

Minimum Size Limits:

- Atlantic and Gulf - 20"

Season:

- Atlantic - Closed Jan. 1-April 30
- Gulf - Open year-round

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- Atlantic - 3 per harvester
- Gulf - 4 per harvester

Other Grouper ▲◆◆

Other Grouper includes:

- Tiger, Rock Hind, Red Hind, Coney and Graysby

Minimum Size Limit:

- Atlantic and Gulf - None

Season:

- Atlantic - Closed Jan. 1-April 30
- Gulf - Open year-round

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- Atlantic - 3 per harvester
- Gulf - 4 per harvester

Other Reef Fish (If no season information is provided, the species is open year-round)



Amberjack, Greater ▲●

Minimum Size Limits:

- Atlantic - 28" fork length
- Gulf - 34" fork length

Season:

- Atlantic - Open year-round
- Gulf - Closed June 1-July 31

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- Atlantic and Gulf - 1 per harvester



Red Porgy ▲◆●

Minimum Size Limits:

- Atlantic - 14"
- Gulf - None

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- Atlantic - 3 per harvester
- Gulf - 100 pounds



Amberjack, Lesser & Banded Rudderfish ▲●

Minimum Size Limits:

- Atlantic and Gulf - Cannot be less than 14" or greater than 22" fork length

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- Atlantic and Gulf - 5 per person aggregate of the two species



Tilefish, Golden ▲●

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- Atlantic - 1 per harvester
- Gulf - 4 per harvester

Remarks

- Golden tilefish included within Atlantic and Gulf Grouper aggregate bag limits



Black Sea Bass ▲◆●

Minimum Size Limits:

- Atlantic - 13"
- Gulf - 10"

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- Atlantic - 5 per harvester
- Gulf - 100 pounds per harvester



Great Barracuda ▲◆■

Minimum Size Limits:

- None

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- 2 per person and 6 per vessel applies only in state and federal waters off Collier, Monroe, Miami-Dade, Broward, Palm Beach and Martin counties.
- Unregulated in all other areas.



Triggerfish (Gray) ▲●

Minimum Size Limits:

- Atlantic - 12" fork length
- Gulf - 14" fork length

Season:

- Atlantic - Open year-round
- Gulf - Closed June 1-July 31

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- Atlantic - 10 per harvester
- Gulf - 2 per harvester



Hogfish ▲●

Minimum Size Limits:

- Atlantic and Gulf - 12" fork length

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- Atlantic and Gulf - 5 per harvester

Pelagics



Billfish ▲

Minimum Size Limits:

- Sailfin 63";
- Blue Marlin 99";
- White Marlin 66";
- Roundscale Spearfish 66"

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- 1 per harvester per day aggregate bag limit

Remarks

- Measured tip of lower jaw to fork. All landed fish must be reported to NOAA within 24 hours 800-894-5528 or hmspermits.noaa.gov.
- HMS permit required in federal waters.



Wahoo ▲

Minimum Size Limits:

- None

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- 2 per harvester per day



Swordfish

Minimum Size Limits:

- 47" lower jaw fork length with head attached or 25" cleithrum to keel length if head removed

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- 1 per harvester per day, not to exceed a maximum of 4 per recreational (not for-hire) vessel or 15 per for-hire vessel per day

Remarks

- All landed fish must be reported to NOAA within 24 hours 800-894-5528. HMS permit required in federal waters. Zero daily bag and possession limit for captain and crew of for-hire vessels.



Cobia (Ling) ▲

Minimum Size Limits:

- 33" fork length

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- 1 per harvester per day, not to exceed 6 per vessel per day



Mackerel, King ▲

Minimum Size Limits:

- 24" fork length

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- 2 per harvester per day

Remarks

- Bag limit reduced to 1 in some state waters if federal waters are closed to recreational harvest.



Tripletail ▲◆†

Minimum Size Limits:

- 15"

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- 2 per harvester per day

Remarks

- Hook and line only. No snatch hooks.



Mackerel, Spanish ▲

Minimum Size Limits:

- 12" fork length

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- 15 per harvester per day



Dolphinfin ▲

Minimum Size Limits:

- Atlantic - 20" fork length
- Gulf - None

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- 10 per harvester per day, not to exceed 60 per vessel per day. Vessel limit does not apply to for-hire vessels.



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Crustaceans and Mollusks

Bay Scallops



Season:

- Open June 25–Sept. 24, 2016

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- 2 gallons whole or 1 pint meat per harvester per day; no more than 10 gallons whole, or ½ gallon meat per vessel anytime

Remarks

- Harvest allowed only in state waters of the Gulf of Mexico from the Pasco-Hernando county line, to the west bank of the Mexico Beach Canal in Bay County. It is illegal to harvest, possess and land bay scallops on waters outside open harvest area.



Shrimp

Closed Season:

- April & May closed in Nassau, Duval, St. Johns, Putnam, Flagler & Clay counties

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- 5 gallons heads on per harvester or vessel per day, whichever is less

Remarks

- Visit: MyFWC.com/Fishing and select "Saltwater", "Regulations" and "Shrimp" for additional regulations specific to Dade, Nassau and Duval

Spiny Lobster



Minimum Size Limit:

- Carapace must be greater than 3" measured in the water

Seasons:

- Sport Season Open July 27–28, 2016
- Regular Season Closes on March 31, 2016 Reopens Aug. 6, 2016

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- Sport Season: 6 per harvester per day in Monroe County and Biscayne National Park, 12 per day in all other harvest areas.
- Regular Season: 6 per harvester in all areas

Remarks

- Recreational trapping prohibited. Spiny lobster permit required when license required. Harvest of egg-bearing females prohibited.



Clams (Hard)

Minimum Size Limits:

- 1" thick across hinge

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- One 5 gal. bucket per harvester or 2 per vessel (whole in shell)

Remarks

- Illegal to harvest from closed areas.
- Go to www.FloridaAquaculture.com for allowable harvesting areas.
- May not harvest half hour after official sunset until half hour before official sunrise.

Crab, Stone



Minimum Size Limits:

- 2¾" claw

Closed Season:

- May 16–Oct. 14

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- 1 gal. claws per harvester or 2 gal. per vessel, whichever is less

Remarks

- 5 traps maximum. Visit MyFWC.com for statewide trap construction requirements and specific requirements that apply in Miami-Dade, Monroe and Collier. Illegal to possess whole crab. Harvest of egg-bearing crabs prohibited.



Crab, Blue

Closed Season:

- Regional trap closures apply. See MyFWC.com for 2016 trap closure dates and locations.

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- 10 gallons whole per harvester per day

Remarks

- 5 traps maximum. Trap requirements apply. Harvest of egg-bearing crabs prohibited.

Oysters



Minimum Size Limit:

- 3"

Closed Season:

- June, July, Aug. in Dixie, Wakulla, Levy counties.
- July, Aug., Sept. in all other areas except Apalachicola Bay which has open areas year-round.

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- 2 bags per harvester or vessel except Apalachicola Bay

Remarks

- **Apalachicola Bay: special bag limits and other harvest restrictions apply. See MyFWC.com for detailed information.**
- Apalachicola Bay has summer & winter seasons/areas.
- Harvest from approved shellfish areas during daylight hours only.
- Go to FloridaAquaculture.com to determine the Open or Closed status of shellfish harvesting areas.
- May not harvest half hour after official sunset until half hour before official sunrise.
- 1 Bag = 60 lbs. or two 5 gal. buckets (whole in shell)
- Harvest prohibited in any harvest area that is in the Closed status as determined by the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

Sharks

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- 1 per harvester or 2 per vessel per day, whichever is less.

Remarks

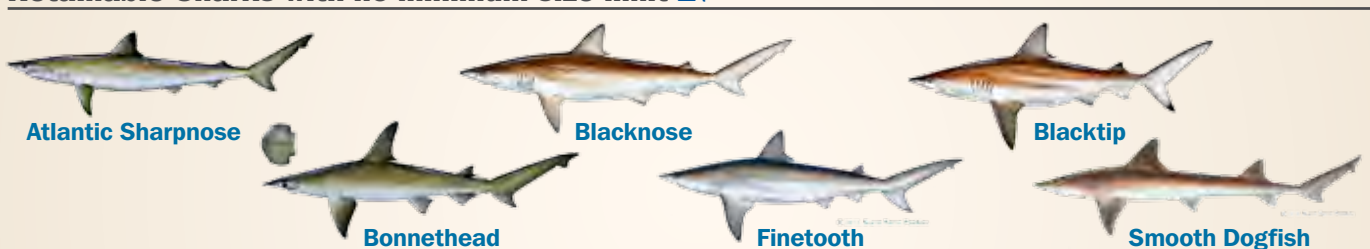
- The retainable sharks are managed as a group for bag limit purposes. In other words, you can only harvest one shark per day and the shark that you harvest must be one of the retainable species.
- Hook-and-line gear only.
- See list of prohibited species below.

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Retainable Sharks with no minimum size limit ▲†



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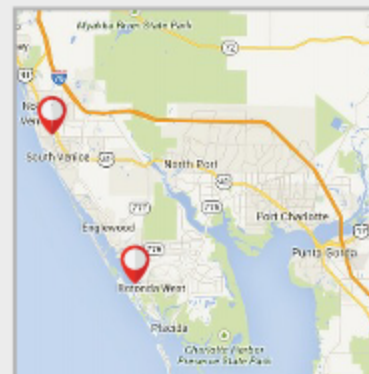
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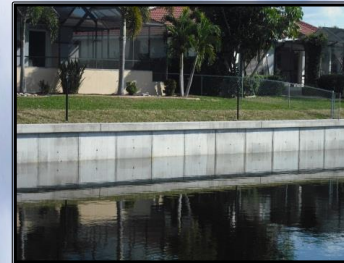
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