

# PGI Fishing Club FEATURES Newsletter

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Next CLUB MEETING: Christmas Party Tuesday, December 10, 2013 @ 5:30 p.m.



Go to your facebook page, search for PGI Fishing Club, join the group.

ON THE COVER—Christmas redfish.



## From the Helm Aaron Wagner

ell, Folks, the time has come for me to finally pass the torch of Presidency to someone else.

I've had a really great time being your President but yes, it's time for me to step down.

I want to thank my Board for first of all, doing the job they volunteered for and doing so well, they made a huge difference in how the club was run. They all did an outstanding job and I applaud them heartily. (Standing Ovation!!)

Honestly, without them, and I mean each and every one of them, the Presidency would never run as smooth as it does. I had an exceptional group of people to work with. They kept my head on straight and together, we moved the club to being the great club it is today.

MY Board presented me with great ideas that we implemented which only improved in the quality of the contests available for each member. My Board made it easier to enter each contest. My Board made being your President fun!

But, as I said, a new year is approaching and you now will have a new Board with newer ideas to enhance the membership of such a great club.

For those of you who were not able to make our last meeting when we held our elections, here are the results.

Your new Board of Directors as of January 1, 2014 is:

President: Mike Gilger

Vice President: Bill Guenther

Secretary: Randy Hall

Treasurer: Jack Spies

Those who have stepped forward and have been appointed to serve as Committee Directors are:

Editor: (returning) Jim Qurollo

Advertising: (returning) Missy Becker

Membership: (returning) Donnie Brennan

Programs: (returning) John Simonieg

Social Events: (new) Sandy Rosen and

Darlene Rosen

Fishing Events: (new) Joe Udwari

Fishing Events Records: (returning) Bob Rand

CCMAC Rep: (returning) Mike Quinn

Ladies' Liaison: (returning) Cris Scheib and

Jane Stenberg

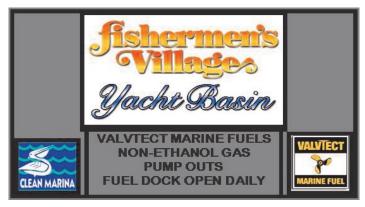
Sunshine Lady: (returning) Donnie Brennan

Past President: Aaron Wagner

So without further ado, I will bid all of a fond farewell by saying::::::: "Th Th Th That's all folks!"

Aaron

PGIFC Past President as of December 31, 2013



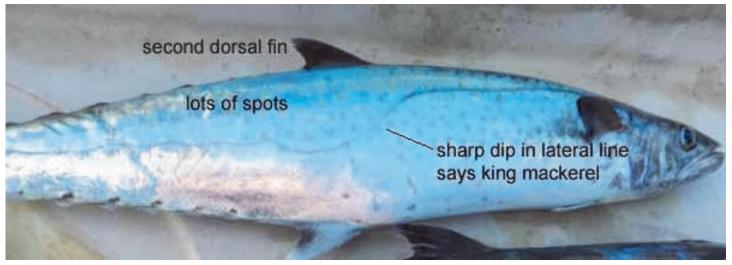




## **Spanish or King Mackerel?**

arge Spanish mackerel and juvenile king mackerel (around 30-inches) are sometimes difficult to tell apart. Young "kingfish" will often have numerous yellow spots and at first glance look very much like a very large Spanish.

This past month, some young king mackerel were initially submitted to fishphotos@pgifishingclub.org as Spanish mackerel. Here's an easy way to tell the difference. Pay close attention the lateral line that runs along the side of both species. It takes a sharp dip just below the second dorsal fin of the king but just wanders aft on the Spanish. Here's one photo taken from a recent fishphotos submission initially ID'd as a Spanish mackerel. I've annotated the lateral line, second dorsal and spots:



A juvenile king mackerel showing lots of spots like a Spanish mackerel, but the sharp dip in lateral line is a give away.

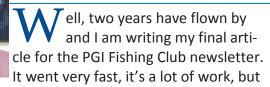
And here's a Web site that explains the two primary means to tell the difference, lateral line and first dorsal fin:

http://forshorefishing.blogs.theledger.com/11278/juvenile-king-mackerel-vs-spanish-mackerel-easy-id/ The first dorsal fin on a Spanish is very dark, while on a king it is light gray or even white.

In many Spanish mackerel photos both the lateral line and first dorsal fin are difficult to see (first dorsal is often folded down in both king and Spanish photos). Here's a photo from the Web that clearly shows how the Spanish lateral line just wanders toward the tail, and it also shows the dark first dorsal fin:



So, pay attention to the two main difference next time you catch a "larger" mackerel. If it's a king, the lateral line stands out, and if it's a smoker king, you'll have no problem with the ID!



it is a very rewarding job. I learned so much, met so many people and thoroughly enjoyed working with the club members. Whether it's awarding members their Ladder of Achievement awards, handing out gift certificates to Fish of the Month winners, keeping everyone up to date with our Master Angler contest or providing guidance to members on fish identification, it is all very rewarding. Watching the club succeed and grow makes me proud. When I'm asked what I'll do now with all of the extra time I'll have, my answer is: go fishing!

Our November Fish of the Month contest was GROUPER. The wind was a big factor during the month of November and kept many members from going into the Gulf in search of those big grouper. Despite the weather, there were some days that were very nice and our members were able to submit 14 entries for grouper. For the 11th month in a row we had winners and congratulations go out to:

- Dick Doster, 1st place (\$35 gift certificate), 30.0" grouper
- Gary Moerke, 2nd place (\$25 gift certificate), 29.0" grouper
- Rose Anne McCaffrey, 3rd place (\$15 gift certificate), 27.0" grouper

The winning fish was caught in Charlotte Harbor and not the Gulf so this goes to show members that grouper can be caught close to home without going offshore.

Thanks go out to the members that submitted pictures of their GROUPER catches. If you caught one and didn't submit it, you may have missed out on a great gift certificate. It's easy to submit entries; just

e-mail a picture of you with the fish along with your name, date caught, length and type of fish to the club's e-mail address for submissions, fishphotos@pgifishingclub.org. We no longer are accepting paper photos so if you need help submitting a photo via e-mail, let us know.

Our December Fish of the Month is BLACK DRUM. Black drum can get very big and it's not unusual to see them reach 30, 40 or even 50+ pounds. Make sure you bring the heavy rods/tackle to handle these big boys. Members have been successful catching them using crabs, shrimp and chumming them using oysters/barnacles scraped from pilings. Black drum are TOTAL LENGTH; tip of the nose to the tip of the squeezed tail. I don't know many people that enjoy eating black drum, especially the large ones. If you want to keep your catch make sure you read the FWC regulations so you are up to date on the requirements. Also, just a reminder that fish you catch with a paid guide do not qualify for this contest. Make sure that you get photos of you with the fish submitted no later than January 1st.

A quick update on recent changes: Snook season is now closed as of November 30; gag grouper closes for us on the Gulf side December 4; there won't be a closed season on spotted seatrout this year; and there won't be a FWC closed season on red grouper in early 2014 like there has been in previous years.

Lastly, I want to welcome Joe Udwari as your new 2014 PGI Fishing Club Fishing Events Director. Joe has really been active with the club and earned his Grand Master Angler shirt in 2013. He is a great fisherman and will do an excellent job for you. Give him your support as he takes on the new job. Thanks Joe and best wishes!

Now take advantage of living in one of the best fishing areas in the country and GO FISH!

December Fish of the Month, black drum..



## November, 2013 Fish of the Month Contest Grouper



Dick Doster, 1st Place (\$35 gift certificate), 30-inch gag grouper



Gary Moerke, 2nd place (\$25 gift certificate), 29-inch red grouper



Rose Anne McCaffrey, 3rd place (\$15 gift certificate), 27.5-inch red grouper

Congratulations to our winners! (There were a total of 14 grouper entered.)

#### Fish of the Month 2013 Schedule

January	SHEEPSHEAD
February	SPOTTED SEATROUT
March	PG) SPRING SLAW: REDFISH and SPOTTED SEATROUT
April	SPANISH MACKEREL
May	COBIA
June	SNOOK
July	SHARK
August	MANGROVE SNAPPER
September	TARPON
October	REDFISH
November	GRØUPER
December	BLACK DRUM

### **Programs**

**John Simonieg** 

ur November speaker was Dan Cambern of Hammerhead Fishing Charters out of Gasparilla Fishing Boat Docks. Dan's experience of diving our

waters helped him get a fast start at guiding.



In fishing for Groupers he checks the bottom offshore for structure of any kind. He says you can use pinfish, squirrelfish, bluefish, squid or sardines and

cut bait works well. He suggested to chum with frozen bait, then fish with live bait for the best success. Set up a drift of the boat over an area for the Red Grouper. Gag Groupers are usually found around wrecks. Use braided line to eliminate stretch and eight foot of leader since you may be fishing in 50 to 100 ft of water.

We had a good turnout with 114 attending and Dan kept their attention throughout. He will offer a discount for members if you mention it. He can be reached at 941-625-6226 or 941-380-6226.

Christmas party time is almost here so we will not have a guest speaker for December. The same goes for January, since that meeting will be awards night. Our next speaker will be Dannie Lathem in February.

Have a good Holiday.







## **Ladies Liaison**

Cris Scheib and Jane Stenberg

appy Holidays to everyone! We had a fun year & are looking

forward to even more good times in the New Year. We don't have any planned events for this month since everyone is so busy, but don't forget that our Holiday Party is on Tuesday, December 10. If you have some free time check out some of the following events. "Stuff A Shoebox For the Homeless" on Thursday, 12/5 @ 2 PM at PGICA to support the Homeless Coalition, the Garden Club's "Holly Home Tour" with their beautifully decorated homes on 12/6 & 7 and the Boat Parades on 12/15 & 12/21. With everything going on, you probably won't have time to even bake cookies!

The Fish Girls had a great time in November. We had some yummy Thai food at The Thai Cafe in Port Charlotte for Out To Lunch.





Girls Nite Out found us at Whiskey Creek for dinner, followed by The Charlotte Players production of "The Hallelujah Girls."

We're planning some new venues for the new year, so if you have someplace or some project you want to try, just let us know!

Happy Holidays! Have Fun!



A s I'm sure, by now, you are aware, I am keeping my position as Membership Director for

your PGI Fishing Club. This is task of which I can honestly say is fun and rewarding. Fun because I get to meet so many people and rewarding because I have seen our club grow and grow and grow.

I'd gotten and email from our Editor reminding me that I'd been slacking off in getting this article ready for print.....he was absolutely right! Between Thanksgiving and hauling out my Christmas decorations, I completely lost track of the time.

So before I write a novel and lose myself in words, let me introduce to you our newest members:

**DUANE & MARY HILGENDORF** 

**CLINT & SUSAN KOHLBACK** 

**RALPH & PAT LEADBETTER** 

JOE & LUCILLE PRUDDEN

**JOE & JOAN THOMAS** 

**HEZZIE & DONNETTE SAMONS** 

Please keep in mind ALL new members will have stars on their badges. Please go out of your way to say hello. Take a new member fishing. Teach him the ropes of harbor fishing....or should I say, "lines" of harbor fishing. Make a friend.

Never forget....each new friend you make might turn out to be your new BEST friend.

In the meantime, have a GREAT CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

Donnie

## **Sunshine Lady**

i Everyone,

**Donnie Brennan** 

I'm glad to say that November was a very quiet month. Unfortunately, one card was sent. A sympathy card went to Peggy Parson who lost her father right around Thanksgiving. Our

prayers and thoughts are with Peggy who will be going through a rough holiday season.

Remember, it only takes a smile to make someone feel better but I go a step further and send cards so if you know of someone who might need some

cheering up, just email me and let me know who it is and why and an appropriate card will be sent.

I'll even send a birthday card if that's your wish.

Enjoy your holidays and have a safe New Years Eve.

See you next year.

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

Donnie

The doors will open at 5:30 PM for the Fishing Club Christmas Party. Please bring your ticket ets and have them ready to be collected as you arrive. Volunteers will be taking your ticket and tearing off the stubs to enter you in the drawing for a guy or gals door prize. There will

also be helpers taking your appetizers or desserts from you (whichever is circled on the back of your ticket). Please bring all items in a disposable dish. There will be a table setup for 50/50 tickets. This is also where you will pick up your place cards with your name and table number.

Sherry

Moerke

The club will provide soda, water and coffee. It is BYOB for alcoholic beverages. Latitude is providing the music for the evening and Coco's is catering the dinner.

I wish everyone a very joyous holiday season!



## **Last Month's Drawing Prize Winners**

## **DOOR PRIZE WINNERS**

**FIRST PLACE SECOND PLACE**  **Dianne Lomas Rick Farmer** 

**Redbone Spinning Rod** Okuma EF30b reel

THIRD PLACE

**Ron Baxter** 

\$25 Gift Certificate to Terminal Tackle



**FIRST PLACE Dianne Lomas** 



**SECOND PLACE Rick Farmer** 



**THIRD PLACE Ron Baxter** 



## **50/50 WINNERS**

**FIRST PLACE** WINNER Joe Longo \$85

**SECOND PLACE WINNER** Liz Hickey \$72

**THIRD PLACE WINNER Bob Bretts \$60** 







## **PGI Fishing Club Ladder of Angling Achievement Program**

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

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

REVISED 12/1/2013			LIFETIME LEVEL I	LIFETIME LEVEL II	LIFETIME LEVEL III	GRAND MASTER	
BRONZE	SILVER	GOLD	SNOOK	REDFISH	TARPON	CLUB SHIRT	
Tom desEnfants	Marie D'Ambrosio	Mattie D'Ambrosio	Tom Lodge	Marty McCaffrey	Jack Spies	Donnie Brennan	
Karen Lodge	Kathy desEnfants	Joe Longo	Ed Verminski	Missy Becker	Bob Rand	Rich Brennan	
Dick Nieberline	Pete Ferguson	John Simonieg	Jim LaRocca	Rose Anne McCaffrey	John MacLeman	Bob Busler	
Jessica Poe	Mike Gulvezan	Karen Udwari	Marie LaRocca	Marie LaRocca Bill Guenther Dick Dos		Jim Hoffman	
Darryl Pricco	Christine Jordan	Fred Bensen	Mary Drystad	Mary Drystad Carl Leicher Jim		Margie Hoffman	
Ron Stafford	Larry Okray	Mark Storm	Ray Brunner	Aaron Wagner		Kel Krotzer	
Joe Tassia	Mike Sandling	Ron Topper	Mike Gilger	S LIKE A		Joanne Landaker	
Rodger Will	George Remick	Gary Adams	8778			Steve Landaker	
Sherry Moerke	Ron McKinnon	Darlene Madsen				Joe Maillet	
Bill Stringer	Gary Moerke	Vinnie Madsen				Pete McGregor	
Mark Kline	Joanell Drystad					Mike Quinn	
Barbara Brunner	Sheree Wolfinger					Bev Rucker	
Deny LaChance	Janice Wiscombe					John Solinger	
Fred Lamon	Ron Stenberg	R	ED = Award This Mon		John Wolfinger		
Bob Mayes	E I					Tom Parsons	
John Morehouse						Joe Udwari	
Paul Land						John Gettinger	
Alan Schulman						Pam Solinger	
Randy Hall						Bill Bonham	
Tom Lengauer						Tom Hickey	
Walt Zink						4	
Bud Johnston		Club Hat for First Fish:					
Cindi Johnston		Jane Stenburg, Ron Stenburg, Linda Essex, Rick Farmer, Steve Ferra, Marilyn McGregor,					
Jerry Morningstar		Ed Stevenson & Kathle	een Stevenson				
Anne Careau							
Jim Crawley							
Janice Anderson		Jane & Ron Stenburg e	arned their club hats	in August 2013 but wer	e not awarded then.		
Roger Davis							
Roz Hickey							
Bebe Davis							
Jane Stenburg							

#### **FUN THINGS SOMEBODY SAID**

"If all politicians fished instead of spoke publicly, we would be at peace with the world."

- Will Rogers

#### **Master Angler Tournament 2013 Standings**

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

COBIA		GROUPER		KING MACKEREL		REDFISH		SEATROUT		SNOOK		SPANISH MACKEREL	
Marilyn McGregor	50.0	Jim Hoffman	35.5	Tom Hickey	40.0	Pete McGregor	38.0	Steve Landaker	27.5	Missy Becker	42.0	Mike Gilger	24.
Joe Maillet	47.0	John Gettinger	34.5	John Gettinger	36.0	Joe Mailet	37.0	Joanne Landaker	26.5	John Solinger	36.0	Sheree Wolfinger	23.
Tom Lodge	39.0	Bob Rand	33.5	Joe Udwari	30.0	Kel Krotzer	34.0	John Solinger	26.0	Rich Brennan	35.5	John Solinger	23.
			$\vdash$					John Gettinger	26.0		+	Kel Krotzer	23.

Certificate Award — Three awards will be given for each fish species. The first will be the first place angler with the longest length fish in species. The second award will be for the next longest and third place for the angler with the third longest. Important Note: Only pictures of the caught fish are accepted for entry into the Master Angler or Ladder of Angling Achievement.

#### **PGI FISHING CLUB FISHING PROGRAMS ARE EASY TO ENTER**

Entering our fishing programs is simple. Just email a photo of you and your fish along with your name, date caught, fish species, and length to fishphotos@pgifishingclub.org.











## Isles Trophy Race 2013



### **PGI FISHING CLUB'S ANNUAL ISLES TROPHY STANDINGS**

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CLUB RECORD	SPECIES NAME	MEMBER NAME	RECORD LENGTH IN INCHES	DATE CAUGHT	MEMBER NAME	LENGTH IN INCHES	DATE CAUGHT	% OF RECORD
×	Amberjack	John MacLeman	45.5	2012	Jim Qurollo	35.00	05/10/13	76.92%
×	Cobia	Bob Busler	54.0	2007	Joe Maillet	47.00	04/15/13	87.04%
×	Grouper	Tom Hamilton	39.0	2003	Jim Hoffman	35.50	04/01/13	91.03%
X	King Mackerel	John MacLeman	52.0	2012	Tom Hickey	40.00	10/16/13	76.92%
×	Bedfish	Bob Busler	42.0	2005	Pete McGreggor	38.0	09/30/13	90.48%
X	Seatrout	Rich Brennan	29.0	2009	Steve Landaker	27.5	05/03/13	94.83%
	110001120000000	Arron Vagner	29.0	2012		12.5.15		
X	Snook	Jim Qurollo	44.5	2012	John Solinger	36.00	04/10/13	80.90%
X	Spanish Mackerel	Carl Leicher	30.0	2012	Mike Gilger	24.00	04/16/13	80.00>
CLUB RECORD	SPECIES NAME	MEMBER NAME	RECORD LENGTH IN INCHES	DATE CAUGHT	MEMBER NAME	LENGTH IN INCHES	DATE CAUGHT	% OF RECORE
	Amberjack	Margie Hoffman	33.0	2010	Cindi Johnston	16.00	01/16/13	48.48%
	Cobia	Joanne Landaker	50.0	2008	Marilan McGrregor	50.00	11/19/13	100.007
	Grouper	Margie Hoffman	31.0	2006	Margie Hoffman	31.00	10/31/13	100.002
		Bev Bucker	31.0	2008	1-largic Horrison	01.00	10101110	
	King Mackerel	Margie Hoffman	37.0	2007				
	Redfish	Donnie Brennan	38.0	2008	Joanne Landaker	28.00	05/11/13	73.68%
		Missy Becker	38.0	2008				
	Seatrout	Joanne Landaker	26.5	2011	Joanne Landaker	26.50	05/11/13	100.002
	Snook	Missy Becker	41.0	2006	Missy Becker	42.00	05/16/13	102.442
	Spanish Mackerel	Missy Becker	28.0	2007	Sheree Volfinger	23.5	03/30/13	83.937

#### **ISLES TROPHY RACE LEADERS FOR 2013**

MEN Steve Landaker



WOMEN
Missy Becker



#### **PAST ISLES TROPHY RACE WINNERS**

2009 Winners
Rich Brennan
Christine Jordan

2010 Winners Kel Krotzer Margie Hoffman 2011 Winners Greg Chestnut Joanne Landaker 2012 Winners
Jim Qurollo
Rose Anne McCaffrey

## **Member Catches**



Bill Damour, black drum



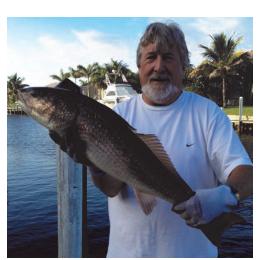
Candy Wood & Grandson Ryan, sheepshead



Darlene Madsen, sand bream



Tom Lodge, 25-inch king mackerel



Bob Bretts, 32-inch redfish



Sherry Moerke, 24-inch red grouper



Rick Farmer, 19.5-inch ladyfish

## **Member Catches**



Marv Dyrstad, 21-inch red grouper



Elaine Bretts, 16-inch mangrove snapper



Bob Bretts, 14-inch mangrove snapper



Jane Stenberg, 26-inch jack crevalle



Joe Maillet, 37-inch redfish



Gary Moerke, 27-inch red grouper



Marilyn McGregor, 50-inch cobia



Mike Sandling & Granddaughter Frenchie, mangrove snapper



Darlene Madsen, 33 cobia



Joe Udwari, 30-inch king mackerel

## **Member Catches**



Jim Crawley, 32-inch snook



Bill Bonham, Marge Hoffman, Jim Hoffman, Joe Udwari and Rich Brennan, red groupers



Ed Stevenson, jack crevalle



John Stockinger, seatrout



Linda Essex, Spanish mackerel



Janice Wiscombe, stingray



John Gettinger, 36-inch king mackerel



Ron Topper, 36-inch black drum



Aaron Wagner, 24-inch seatrout



Peter Meier, sheepshead



Tom Hickey, 48-inch black drum



Kathleen Stevenson, jack crevalle



Jane Stenberg, 24-inch redfish

See more Member Catches fish photos on your club Web site: www.pgifishingclub.org

#### **Club Members Fishing Together and Sharing Expenses**

John Gettinger 941.505.8186 22' CC **Mike Gilger** 610.996.5375 22.5' CC

IN-SHORE: Hans Gross

973.222.2211

22' CC

**Bob Lunsden** 706.817.0703 19' CC Bay Boat Jim Qurollo 941.347.8467 22' CC Bay Boat

Here are some of our club members willing to take other members fishing on their boat.

Hans Gross 973.222.2211 22' CC OFF-SHORE:

Jim Hoffman
941.575.7867

33' Rampage Twin Diesels—Stand-up Head

PGI Liquors

Fine Wine

**941.833.2615** 615 Cross Street

and Spirits

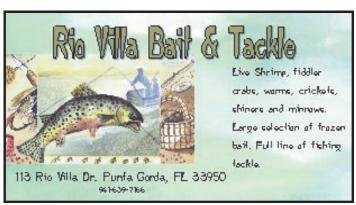
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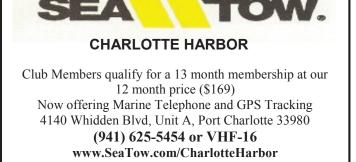








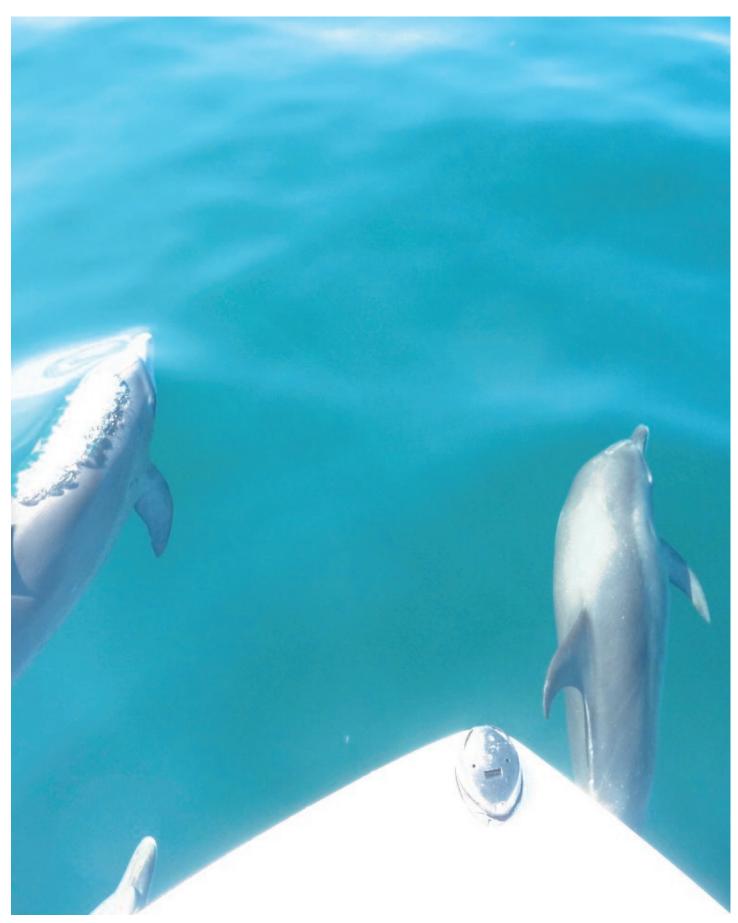












A great "porpoise escort" photo from John Gettinger that would have been the cover photo this month...but I decided on something with more Christmas spirit for the December issue.