

# Punta Gorda Isles Fishing Club Newsletter



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Christmas Party...  
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...and a Happy New Year  
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**NEXT CLUB MEETING**  
**Tuesday, January 8, 2013 @ 7:00 p.m.**



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PGI Fishing Club, join the group.

**ON THE COVER**—And a good time was had  
by all...especially Rich.



## From the Helm

Aaron Wagner

Hey, wasn't that a great Christmas/Holiday party? I know some of you were disappointed when our tickets sold out as quickly as they did but here is a suggestion for this year. Call or email Sherry Moerke in October; ask her how much the party tickets will cost and get her your money quickly! Don't forget, we have over 400 members in our club and we are limited to set seating arrangement.

Please don't ask or suggest that we move our party to another facility. We did that years ago and no one wanted to pay the required \$39.00 per person for dining and dancing. By keeping the party at the PGICA, we can keep the ticket price to a much less fee per person. So if you'd like to attend, please contact Sherry early.

Now, here we are at the beginning of another year and yet, it seems as though not much has changed. But, we are all full of surprises and that means you just never know what you'll find – especially in the Fishing Club.

Just when you think things are set, something turns everything upside down. Take our Isles Trophy race, for instance. The statistics for the winner changed rapidly throughout the last three months of the year and now, you'll just have to read the newsletter to find out who won.

We're going to try and shake things up a bit this year with the door prizes. I'm sure many of you are tired of seeing the same old stuff month after month. So are we. So, each month, we plan to eliminate one prize in order to add a new one. This is one of our many brainstorms we discussed at our Board meetings.

Speaking of your Board, I'm sure you'll be happy with the new additions for this year. We have a great crew, as usual and we're really looking forward to working with each other to keep your Club as strong and great as it is.

While your Board does work tirelessly to keep things interesting, we are always open to suggestions from our members so if you have an idea that you'd like your Board to consider, just call or email me and your idea will be presented to the Board at our next meeting. We're a reasonable group of people and are always inclined to listen to new ideas and suggestions.

Our newsletter holds a trove of information so I'd like to suggest that you read every article. We have a great Board and they have some really great information. I read it all every month and as long as you don't confuse me with facts, I enjoy every word.

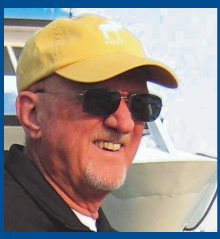
So, just for grins and giggles, I thought you might like the cartoon I found. Kind of reminds me of some of MY fishing days!



**"So I figured, hey, as long as I'm stealing his bait, I might as well go all the way."**

And on that note, happy fishing.

Aaron  
PGIFC President



## Editor's Notes

Jim Quorllo

I've been lamenting my lack of a boat for over two months now, but no longer. The Friday before Christmas, a phone call from Ray of the Maverick Boat Company, Fort Pierce, Florida saying my repaired Pathfinder 2200V bay boat was ready to be picked up sure brightened my Christmas celebrations.

My Pathfinder experience really began in the late 1990's while visiting our son in Cape Coral and fishing inshore many times from his original Pathfinder 2200V. After moving to the Charlotte Harbor area in 2010, I already knew the Pathfinder would be ideal for most all the fishing I planned to do. A great compromise fishing boat for our area, it can fish inside the harbor bars, the flats, about anywhere inland, and can safely go off-shore as long as the weather isn't too bad. We spent many hours looking at pre-owned Pathfinders and finally found one at Ingman Marine that had been well kept and maintained, had a good four-stroke engine, jack plate, power pole, trolling motor, etc....pretty much everything necessary or nice to have for our area. We've enjoyed fishing it now, about weekly, for over two years.

But this "repair" story began late this past October when I discovered that my ten year old Pathfinder had a gel coat problem on the bottom of the hull. The gel coat was starting to delaminate from the fiberglass in one area. The hull was long out of warranty, but I called Ingman Marine, described the problem and emailed photos. Ingman suggested that I send the photos to a customer representative at Maverick by the name of Ray, and see what they

might do.

Once Ray received the photos, he called and suggested that I bring the boat to Fort Pierce so they could inspect it. Judging from the photos, he was confident they could repair it. The earliest appointment was just after Thanksgiving, so I towed the boat to the factory. I was impressed with their facility and felt good about their ability to fix it, even though they indicated they hadn't seen a gel coat problem like mine before.

After they were able to put the boat onto their "capsizing machine" and inspect it properly, Ray called to say they could fix it and would let me know when it was ready. He estimated about three weeks.

Sure enough, in about three weeks he called to say it was repaired and ready for me to pick up. That was great news, but the exceptional news as far as I was concerned was his comment that "it would be considered a warranty repair and there would be no charge!" Of course the fact that the boat was repaired so well the hull looks brand new, even though it was originally made in 2003, is no small Christmas present either.

So, you can probably tell why it's a Happy New Year already for me. And after my recent experience with Maverick (maker of Maverick, Hewes, Pathfinder and Cobia boats), it seems they are a company that not only makes good, well designed boats, but stands behind what they make.

That's not always the case these days.

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## Fishing Events

John Wolfinger

**I**t's hard to believe it but we are officially in the year 2013. If I can sum up the fishing for December 2012 it would be with one word: SLOW. For the first time in over a year, we had no winners for our Fish-of-the-Month contest. The black drum remained elusive, although from personal experience, I saw them in the canals but couldn't get them to eat. Maybe they knew they were targeted as the Fish-of-the-Month and all they had to do was hold out eating until January and they'd be safe! Well, let's hope the sheep-head don't get any ideas this month.

Our January Fish of the Month will be SHEEPSHEAD. These fish are TOTAL LENGTH; tip of the nose to the tip of the squeezed tail. Sheepshead like the cooler water so they are a great fish to catch in the winter. Look for them around structure like the artificial reefs, pilings and docks. They are notorious bait thieves so catching them can be difficult and frus-

trating. Shrimp and crabs are great bait to use. These are a great eating fish so if you plan to keep them they must be at least 12 inches and you can keep 15 per day. If you catch one, take a photo of yourself with the fish and submit it along with the length and information to [fishphotos@pgifishingclub.org](mailto:fishphotos@pgifishingclub.org). As always, fish caught using a paid in-shore guide do not qualify for this contest.

At our Tuesday, January 8, 2013 Fishing Club meeting we will be handing out the 2012 awards for our Master Angler contest and the Isles Trophy. We will also be presenting awards to the November grouper Fish-of-the-Month winners that night. It's a BIG night for the Fishing Club so make sure you come out! The meeting is at 7 PM in the PGICA building. Get there early since it will be crowded.

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

### Yes, GO FISH...but be careful out there during 2013!



**December, 2012**  
**Fish of the Month Contest**  
**Black Drum**

**As John said, "For the first time in over a year, we had no winners for our Fish-of-the-Month contest."**

But, we should have better luck this month fishing for sheepshead. They are being seen many places in the Harbor and canals. Check out the Local Area Fishing Tip on page 19 for some information on catching your own sheepshead bait. But, the bait you need is much easier to obtain from two of our club sponsors shown below.

**Fishin' Babe**  
**of the Month**  
**With a January**  
**Fish of the Month**



**Fish of the Month 2013 Schedule**

<b>January</b>	<b>SHEEPSHEAD</b>
<b>February</b>	<b>SPOTTED SEATROUT</b>
<b>March</b>	<b>PGI SPRING SLAM—REDFISH &amp; SPOTTED SEATROUT</b>
<b>April</b>	<b>SPANISH MACKEREL</b>
<b>May</b>	<b>COBIA</b>
<b>June</b>	<b>SNOOK</b>
<b>July</b>	<b>SHARK</b>
<b>August</b>	<b>MANGROVE SNAPPER</b>
<b>September</b>	<b>TARPON</b>
<b>October</b>	<b>REDFISH</b>
<b>November</b>	<b>GROUPER</b>
<b>December</b>	<b>BLACK DRUM</b>




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## Programs

John Simonieg

There was no speaker for December because of the Christmas Party, and there is no speaker for January because of the 2012 awards presentations.



## Ladies Liaison

Cris Scheib

**H**appy New Year! I hope everyone had a nice holiday season. Now we have 365 days to fill with fun, friends & family. I'm looking forward to it! Stepping into Gena's shoes will be tough after the great job she's done, but I'm going to try!

Our first outing of the year will be on Thursday, January 17 so everyone has a chance to take a little breather after the holidays. Lunch will be at The Big Cheese Eatery, one of the newest places in town, at 11:30 am. With a variety of specialty sandwiches & salads, there should be something yummy for everyone. Please try to RSVP by Jan 15 so I can reserve the tables.

January is also International Creativity Month. Plan on going to The Creative Circle Studio & Gallery on the 30th for a night of fun! Lise will help you create a unique piece of art that you'll love! Projects range from \$5 up. The studio fee covers paints & firing of ALL the pieces you design. BYOB & we'll order in some pizza or snacks. You can even bring a blender if you want! We need at least 6 people, so bring your friends! The studio fee is \$7 pp with 6 / \$5 pp with 8 / only \$4 pp over 8. Please try to RSVP by the 24th, but as long as we have 6 signed up you can join in up to the last minute. Meet @5:30 pm.  
(<http://www.thecreativecirclestudio.com/>)

Next month we will visit the Golden Krust at lunch for an authentic taste of the islands. GNO will be enjoying the harbor view with piano music & delectable food @ the Captain's Table.

Questions or suggestions? Email me at [pastadiva@comcast.net](mailto:pastadiva@comcast.net) Just put Fish Girls in the subject line.

Thanks - Cris



December's lunch was held at Limoncello's. Those enjoying lunch were: Karen Udvari, Bev Rucker, Marie LaRocca, Janice Wiscombe, Mary Harucki and Donnie Brennan

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## Membership

Donnie Brennan

As many of you know, the articles for your newsletter are written a few weeks before you actually get to read them so by the time you do see them, some of our news is a bit old. But that's okay. News is news and it's always interesting.

By the time you read this, Christmas and the annual New Year's Eve celebration have come and gone so I hope all you had a very safe and extremely pleasant holiday season. However, keeping in mind that this article is being written a few days before Christmas, I can hardly wait for my honey to see what mom and I got him. Uh, I mean, what Santa is bringing him. I'm going to try and get a picture of the look on his face when he opens his gifts.

Anyway, enough of Christmas past! Let's move on to the present.

Yes, it's true that we always lose a few members at the end of the year. But we always seem to make up for that loss in the gaining of new membership. For instance, so far, we've lost two memberships (four people) but we've gained four memberships (seven people) in December alone! Word's getting out that we are a super club and everyone wants in. And that's a good thing since everyone is welcome to join.

So, without further ado, please help me welcome our newest members:

RANDY BURCHACKI  
DAVE & BARBARA BECK  
WAYNE & VICTORIA PETTIPAS  
TOM & MARY KING

Please remember that all new members will have a star on their badges. Make them feel welcome. Go

out of your way to place nice and make friends.

Speaking of making friends...when my husband and I moved here 13 years ago, we didn't know anyone so we joined the fishing club. I've lost count of the "personal" friends we now have. I'm not talking about casual acquaintances either. I'm talking about real caring friends – people you hang out and have a good time with, people you socialize with, people who would go out of their own way to help you if needed.

So you see? You never know what a simple "hello" will bring. That new member just might turn out to be your newest best friend.

Say hello. Strike up a conversation. It's more fun than you'd think.

Now, as I said, this is being written before Christmas and in a few hours, we'll be heading to Orlando to have Christmas with my son and his family so I'd better get a move on.

See you in 2013!

Happy and safe fishing!

One more very important thing, please be sure to attend the next meeting to pick up your 2013 badge. If you can't make the meeting and you'd like your badge mailed to you, please send me a self-addressed, stamped envelope and I'll be happy to send it.

You can email me for my address.

Thanks.

Donnie

## Web Site News

If you haven't visited the PGI Fishing Club Web site, you should check it out. It has new items and pages. There is one page titled "Member Inputs and Comments" which we can use to post things like, well, member inputs and comments. If you have some, try emailing them to [editor@pgifishingclub.org](mailto:editor@pgifishingclub.org) and we'll try to put them up.





## Sunshine Lady

Donnie Brennan

**A**s we begin a new year, I hope all of had a great ending to our previous one.

While we've seen a few accidents and illnesses, from what I've learned, they weren't too serious; more on the inconvenient side of life.

Yet, we did have a few heartaches and scares.

The biggest heartache happened to Bill Stringer who lost his son due to a chronic illness. Our hearts go out to you, Bill and your wife.

Margie Hoffman landed herself in the hospital with severe pains in her stomach but now is recovering nicely and Tom Lodge suffered a heart attack and thank God, he's now recuperating.

Tom Lengauer had knee surgery and Stan Rosen fell and bruised his ribs.

As you can see, the role of a Sunshine Lady can become quite full but hey, everyone needs a bit of sunshine so here I am to spread the smiles.

In order to do that, I need your help. Everyone feels a bit better when they receive a card in the mail – just to let them know others are wishing them well.

So how about it? Know someone who could use a smile? Call (575-8808) or email ([L3th@comcast.net](mailto:L3th@comcast.net)) me and I'll get the appropriate card in the mail. Just be sure to tell me what's going on so I'll know what to send.

See? How much easier could that be?

My sister often says about me, "Give Donnie lemons and she'll make lemonade." And you know it's true. There is always a silver lining around every dark cloud...all you need to do is look for it.

So, I'll be your silver lining and you won't have to look far. Just let me know who needs a card and it'll be sent.

Hey, even if you know someone to whom you'd like to send a funny birthday card, I'll do it. Even turning 65 or 70 can be a bit traumatic to some so I can try to brighten up their days, too.

Remember, I'm the eternal optimist. No smile is too small to share.

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

Donnie

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## Social Events

Sherry  
Moerke

I hope everyone had an enjoyable evening at the Christmas Party. I would like to thank all those that helped setup, decorate, checked people in, with selling 50/50 and cleanup. The volunteers include:

Bill Bonham  
Rich Brennan  
Tom des Enfants  
Randy Hall  
Jim Hoffman  
Heather Kline  
Howard and Susie Means  
Gary Moerke  
Tom Parsons  
Jim Qurollo  
Bob Rand  
Lou and Jeannie Reeck  
George and Colleen Remick  
Lin and Chris Schepperly  
Gary Skillicorn  
Trudy and Frank Tyson  
Joe and Karen Udvari  
John and Marlene Vandehei  
Ed and Bonnie Verminski  
Aaron Wagner  
John Wolfinger

Hopefully I did not inadvertently leave someone off this list. If I did your help was much appreciated also.

A special thanks to Sheree Wolfinger who created the beautiful centerpieces and helped with all the planning to make this a successful party. Donnie Brennan did a great job designing and printing the tickets and table place cards. Thank you to Santa (Jim Steciw) for dropping by with your bag of goodies and holiday cheer.

The Uptown Express and Coco's Catering both did a wonderful job making the party an enjoyable evening.

Mark your calendars for the annual picnic which will be held Saturday March 9<sup>th</sup> at noon at the PGICA pavilion.

I wish you all a Happy New Year!

Sherry Moerke  
Social Director

## Recipe of the Month

### Lime Grilled Fish (of Your Choice)



This is the lime grilled cobia recipe from the April 2012 newsletter.

I originally used the recipe on cobia last May after catching some keeper cobia. It was so good, I used it a number of times in the next few months. It is one of the fish recipes that got one of my finicky grandsons to liking fish.

This just past Christmas we decided to have some variety for our Christmas dinner so that all the kids and grandkids would have a choice: surf, turf and barnyard (lime grilled fish, beef brisket and oven roasted turkey). Fresh out of cobia, I used this recipe on Publix-bought mahi-mahi, and it was a real hit!

#### INGREDIENTS:

- Pieces of any firm, white fish (cobia and mahi-mahi I know, but many of our other area fish like redfish or pompano should do well)
- Salt
- Pepper
- Old Bay seasoning
- Garlic powder
- Limes
- Bottle of Newman's Light Lime Vinaigrette Dressing (I found it at Publix)

#### DIRECTIONS:

Season the fish with salt, pepper, old bay and garlic powder and place in a bowl or baking dish. Cover fillets with the Lime Vinaigrette Dressing and marinate in the refrigerator for one hour more or less.

Turn the grill to high heat (if using propane) and wipe the grate with vegetable oil to keep the fish from sticking. Grill for 5 to 6 minutes per side.

Squeeze fresh lime juice over fillets and serve.



# Christmas Party Drawing Prize Winners

## DOOR PRIZE WINNERS

Women's Drawing  
Men's Drawing

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Betty Adams  
José Jiménez

\$50 Shopping Card  
Okuma Spinning Reel



Women's Drawing  
Betty Adams



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## 50/50 WINNERS

FIRST  
PLACE  
WINNER  
Pat Berry \$60

SECOND  
PLACE  
WINNER  
Walt Zink \$50

THIRD  
PLACE  
WINNER  
Joe Maillet \$40



## PGI Fishing Club Ladder of Angling Achievement Program

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

**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](http://www.pgifishingclub.org)) Ladder of Angling Achievement page.**

LADDER OF ACHIEVEMENT AWARD SUMMARY						
REVISED 1/1/2013						
BRONZE	SILVER	GOLD	LIFETIME LEVEL I SNOOK	LIFETIME LEVEL II REDFISH	LIFETIME LEVEL III TARPON	GRAND MASTER CLUB SHIRT
Cunningham, Bruce	D'Ambrosio, Marie	D'Ambrosio, Mattie	Lodge, Tom	McCaffrey, Marty	Spies, Jack	Brennan, Donnie
desEnfants, Tom	desEnfants, Kathy	Guenther, Bill	Verminski, Ed	Rand, Bob	Gettinger, John	Brennan, Rich
Drystad, Joannell	Ferguson, Pete	Longo, Joe	LaRocca, Jim	Becker, Missy	Solinger, Pam	Busler, Bob
Lodge, Karen	Gulvezan, Mike	Simonieg, John	LaRocca, Marie	McCaffrey, Rose Anne	Hickey, Tom	Hoffman, Jim
Neiberline, Dick	Jordan, Christine	Wagner, Aaron	Leicher, Carl	Doster, Dick	Udwari, Joe	Hoffman, Margie
Poe, Jessica	Okroy, Larry	Brunner, Ray	MacLeman, John			Krotzer, Kel
Pricco, Darryl	Sandling, Mike	Bonham, Bill				Landaker, Joanne
Stafford, Ron	Remick, George	Udwari, Karen				Landaker, Steve
Tassia, Joe	McKinnon, Ron	Drystad, Marv				Maillet, Joe
Will, Roger	Bensen, Fred					McGregor, Pete
Wolfinger, Sheree	Quorollo, Jim					Quinn, Mike
Moerke, Sherry	Storm, Mark					Rucker, Bev
Stringer, Bill	Moerke, Gary					Solinger, John
Kline, Mark						Wolfinger, John
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Lamon, Fred						
Mayes, Bob						
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Wiscombe, Janice						
Land, Paul						
Schulman, Alan						
Hall, Randy						
Lengauer, Tom						
Zink, Walt						
Topper, Ron						
Gilger, Mike						

RED = Award This Month

Club Hat for First Fish: Butt, Hank; Kessinger, Larry



## Master Angler Tournament 2012 Standings

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

<u>Grouper</u>	<u>Seatrout</u>	<u>Redfish</u>	<u>Cobia</u>	<u>Snook</u>	<u>Spanish Mackerel</u>	<u>King Mackerel</u>
<u>FIRST PLACE</u> <b>JOHN MACLEMAN 34.0 INCHES</b>	<u>FIRST PLACE</u> <b>AARON WAGNER 29.0 INCHES</b>	<u>FIRST PLACE</u> <b>BOB BUSLER 36.0 INCHES</b>	<u>FIRST PLACE</u> <b>ROSE ANNE McCAFFREY 43.5 INCHES</b>	<u>FIRST PLACE</u> <b>JIM QUROLLO 44.5 INCHES</b>	<u>FIRST PLACE</u> <b>CARL LEICHER 30.0 INCHES</b>	<u>FIRST PLACE</u> <b>JOHN MACLEMAN 52.0 INCHES</b>
<u>SECOND PLACE</u> <b>MARTY McCAFFREY 33.5 INCHES</b>	<u>SECOND PLACE</u> <b>RICH BRENNAN 28.0 INCHES</b>	<u>SECOND PLACE</u> <b>JOHN SOLINGER 35.0 INCHES</b>	<u>SECOND PLACE</u> <b>JOE MAILLET 43.0 INCHES</b>	<u>SECOND PLACE</u> <b>PETE McGREGOR &amp; BOB BUSLER 37.0 INCHES</b>	<u>SECOND PLACE</u> <b>JOHN MACLEMAN 27.0 INCHES</b>	<u>SECOND PLACE</u> <b>GARY MOERKE 33.0 INCHES</b>
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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 competition.

### 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](mailto:fishphotos@pgifishingclub.org), or drop off a photo with this information printed on the back at the PGICA office (they will place it in the Club's mailbox).

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# ISLES TROPHY 2012



## PGI FISHING CLUB'S ANNUAL ISLES TROPHY STANDINGS

### MEN'S DIVISION

OVERALL CLUB RECORD	SPECIES NAME	MEMBER NAME	RECORD LENGTH IN INCHES	DATE CAUGHT	2012 MEMBER NAME	2012 LENGTH IN INCHES	DATE CAUGHT	% OF RECORD
	Amberjack	RICH BRENNAN	44	2008	John MacLeman	45.5	11/13/12	103.41%
	Cobia	BOB BUSLER	54	2007	Joe Maillet	43.0	04/17/12	79.63%
	Grouper	TOM HAMILTON	39	2003	John MacLeman	34.0	12/11/12	87.18%
	King Mackerel	TOM LODGE	50	2009	John MacLeman	52.0	09/20/12	104.00%
	Redfish	BOB BUSLER	42	2005	Bob Busler	36.0	01/25/12	85.71%
	Sea trout	RICH BRENNAN	29	2009	Aaron Wagner	29.0	04/03/12	100.00%
	Snook	KEL KROTZER	42	2007	Jim Qurollo	44.5	02/21/12	105.95%
	Spanish Mackerel	GREG CHESNUT	29	2009	Carl Leicher	30.0	04/01/12	103.45%

### WOMEN'S DIVISION

OVERALL CLUB RECORD	SPECIES NAME	MEMBER NAME	RECORD LENGTH IN INCHES	DATE CAUGHT	2012 MEMBER NAME	2012 LENGTH IN INCHES	DATE CAUGHT	% OF RECORD
	Amberjack	MARGIE HOFFMAN	33	2010	Rose Anne McCaffrey	43.5	06/12/12	0.00%
	Cobia	JOANNE LANDAKER	50	2008	Rose Anne McCaffrey	30.5	10/18/12	87.00%
	Grouper	MARGIE HOFFMAN	31	2006				98.39%
		BEV RUCKER	31	2008				0.00%
	King Mackerel	MARGIE HOFFMAN	37	2007				0.00%
	Redfish	DONNIE BRENNAN	38	2008	Pam Solinger	33.5	06/06/12	88.16%
		MISSY BECKER	38	2008				0.00%
	Sea trout	JOANNE LANDAKER	26.5	2011	Missy Becker	24.5	06/03/12	92.45%
	Snook	MISSY BECKER	41	2006	Karen Udvari	36.0	10/16/12	87.80%
	Spanish Mackerel	MISSY BECKER	28	2007	Missy Becker	22.0	04/28/12	78.57%

\*PGIFC MEN'S and WOMEN'S records are based on eight of the "measured" points scoring fish in the Ladder of Achievement.

## ISLES TROPHY RACE LEADERS FOR 2012

### MEN

**Jim Qurollo**

### WOMEN

**Rose Anne McCaffrey**

## GOOD THINGS SOMEBODY SAID

**A picture is worth a thousand words,  
but it uses up three thousand times the memory.**

- Maxine



## Member Catches



Here's John MacLeman with a 34-inch gag grouper that moved him into first place in the grouper category of the 2012 Master Angler Tournament standings.



Joe Udvari and a 30-inch amberjack. Looks like Joe is going all out working on his Ladder of Angling Achievement.



Fred Benson with a 24-inch keeper redfish.

### REMINDER

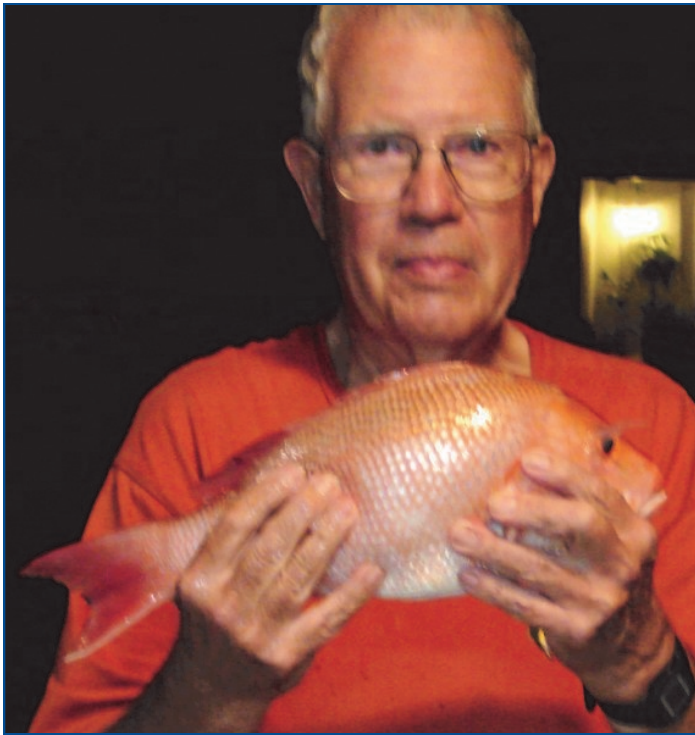
A photo is your entry form for all club fishing events (Master Angler Tournament, Ladder of Achievement Program, Fish of the Month Contest, and Isles Trophy Race). The photo of you with the fish, your name, fish species, length and date caught noted on the back of the photo, or in the body of your email will be your official entry form.

Eligibility for each program will be determined by the Club's appointed recorder.

**All entries should be emailed to the Fishing Events Director at [fishphotos@pgifishingclub.org](mailto:fishphotos@pgifishingclub.org), or dropped off at the PGICA facility for placement in the fishing club's folder, or handed in at one of the monthly club meetings.**



## Member Catches



Bob Rand caught one we don't often see on our Member Catches pages, a nice vermilion snapper.



Here is Hank Butt with a great eating 16-inch sheepshead.



Dick Doster and a 14-inch bluefish.



John Solinger holding a pretty 22.5-inch spotted seatrout.

### Another Reminder

When removing a fish from the water that you are going to release (either because it is not in season, not of legal size or you just want to practice catch and release) you should always try to hold the fish horizontally, not hanging vertically from the mouth or tail. Holding a fish, especially a large one, for photographs in a vertical position can injure it and reduce its chance of survival after release.



## Member Catches



Here's Joe Udvari again. Looks like he finally caught his whiting, this one 12-inches.



Nice photo of an 8-foot nurse shark. John Gettinger claims to be on the other end of the line.



Mike Gilger with a 13.5-inch Florida flounder. There's been quite a few of these caught this year.



Fred Benson and a 30-inch snook. Looks like it might have been caught in Ponce Inlet.



## Member Catches



And here is Karen Udvari with her own whiting. This one is an inch longer than Joe's though.



Larry Kessinger and a 28-inch red grouper.



Joe Udvari and his 30-inch bonita.



Dick Doster and a 14-inch permit. Might be a Pompano though...difficult to tell the difference when a permit is pompano size.



## Local Area Fishing Tips

### Gathering “Other” Bait by Jim Qurollo

Need some varied bait for your sheepshead fish-of-the-month fishing this month? The simplest thing is to drive north across the bridge to Fishin’ Franks or south to Rio Villa Bait and Tackle, buy a few dozen fiddler crabs and support one of our sponsors. But, what can be a more fun alternative is to catch some local mud or rock crabs (the names “mud” and “rock” seem to be used interchangeably from what I’ve read and heard) along the Harbor shoreline, especially if you have a kid or two along to help.

Try taking some gloves, a small bucket or other container to hold the small crabs and maybe a small tool like a potato rake or similar and heading to the harbor shoreline at low tide. The gloves are to prevent cuts from the very sharp (voice of experience speaking here for sure) oyster shell encrusted shoreline rocks, and the potato rake makes it easier to turn those rocks over. In order to find the crabs, you need to be on a shoreline that has lots of exposed rocks with oysters.

As you move through the low tide uncovered shoreline rocks—being very careful to not trip/slip/fall—turn them over and watch for the small 1-inch to 2-inch dark gray mud crabs that hide under the rocks.

Be sure to look on the bottom of the upended rocks too because the little crabs will cling there and you’ll miss them. The crabs are not very evasive or quick and pretty easy to catch with your hands. Drop them into the bucket and before very long you will have a nice mess of crab bait that sheepshead and other Harbor fish like.

If you’re not familiar with using small crabs like mud crabs or fiddler crabs for bait, Fishin’ Franks will provide a good description of how to hook them, type of hooks to use and how to fish with them.

#### A couple of words of caution:

- Baby stone crabs look similar to the mud crabs. It is illegal to possess a stone crab of any size and can result in a ticket. Before you go collect mud crabs, be sure and Google something like “mud crab versus baby stone crab” and read some of the results on how you tell the difference.
- The larger (2-inch or so) mud crabs can pinch pretty hard, so be careful with them.

Give it a try. Gathering the bait crabs can be a fun experience, and some fishermen swear by them as one of the best native baits.



## PGI NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

The Punta Gorda Isles Neighborhood “Marine” Watch program  
Is looking for a few good men and/or women.



**YOUR COMMITMENT TO THE MARINE WATCH PROGRAM IS ONLY 2-HOURS EACH MONTH, AND YOU WILL BE ABLE TO CHOOSE FROM A SPREAD OF DAYS TO PERFORM YOUR PATROL. I WILL GO OUT WITH YOU ON YOUR INITIAL PATROL. YOU CAN ALSO ACT AS “CREW” DURING ANY OTHER MEMBERS PATROL.**

If you are interested in volunteering a couple hours each month to this worthwhile program, contact: Bill Guenther — Neighborhood Marine Watch program coordinator — Home Phone: 941.505.5099 Cell Phone: 941.661.9702, or email at: [radioman3029@comcast.net](mailto:radioman3029@comcast.net)

# Neighborhood Marine Watch Day Declared by City of Punta Gorda

Here is a quote from Bill Guenther on December 12, 2012 in an email to all Neighborhood Marine Watch members:

"I have attached a copy of the Proclamation that was issued for the NMW group this morning in the City Council Chambers. I want to thank all members for their great volunteer work in 2012. With a special thank you to my two group leaders, Rich Brennan (group III) and Ted Perrin (group II). Also in attendance at the presentation was Don Gordon and Donnie Brennan. I accepted the proclamation on behalf of every member of our group....Well done. Stay safe, Bill"

## **PROCLAMATION**

### ***City of Punta Gorda, Florida***

**WHEREAS**, the Punta Gorda Isles Neighborhood Marine Watch was formed in May of 2009 with 12 members of the Punta Gorda Isles Fishing Club, under the guidance of Bill Guenther with a mission to provide watch and report surveillance for all Punta Gorda Isles homeowners; and

**WHEREAS**, the PGI Neighborhood Marine Watch, the only nighttime on-the-water patrol in the Punta Gorda Isles canal system had its first patrol on June 10, 2009 and continues to patrol for marine crime such as theft of vessels and equipment, crimes against individuals, fraud, drugs, boating offenses and wildlife violations; and

**WHEREAS**, membership has now grown to 42 members who perform a two hour patrol each month, many with their wives riding along as crew; and

**WHEREAS**, the 50+ mile PGI canal system has been divided into 3 patrol groups with an assigned group leader to ensure complete nighttime surveillance in coordination with the Punta Gorda Police Department to observe and report any suspicious boating activity or those on land; and

**WHEREAS**, along with the on-the-water surveillance, the PGI Neighborhood Marine Watch has 20 members who perform watches in their surrounding canals from their docks, bringing the total marine watch roster to 81 Punta Gorda Police Department approved members; and

**WHEREAS**, on average, members spend approximately 23 hours on the water in nighttime patrol and a total of 32 volunteer man hours, thus providing homeowners a sense of increased security and safety;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, The City Council of the City of Punta Gorda, Florida does hereby proclaim December 12, 2012 as

### ***PGI NEIGHBORHOOD MARINE WATCH DAY***

throughout the City and recognizes the outstanding efforts of this group to promote safety in the canal system by their donation of many hours while the residents are sleeping.

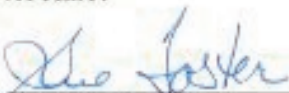
**PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED** in regular session this 12<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2012.

**CITY OF PUNTA GORDA, FLORIDA**



William Albers, Mayor

**ATTEST:**



Sue Foster, City Clerk





## Members Fishing Together and Sharing Expenses

(Club members willing to take other members fishing on their boat)

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22' CC

Bob Lunsden  
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Jim Quorllo  
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