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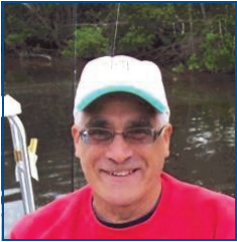
NEXT CLUB MEETING
Tuesday, July 10, 2012
7:00 p.m.



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PGI Fishing Club, join the group.

ON THE COVER—Ponce Inlet
Blue shirt in the mirror is Bob Mayes.



Some busy doin's on Casey Key Dr. Part of a seawall collapsed, well, a better estimate would be about 80% of it collapsed and now the barge is in the area putting in a new one. While the noise

is tolerable to us humans, I can't even imagine what it's doing to the fish. I know several of our Suzi St. members like to fish in that canal (it's right across from the Brennan's house and they do fish off their dock) and I'm sure the rattling, roaring noise from the barge and its engine are driving the fish elsewhere. Makes me glad I'm not a fish!

I do have some really good news for the club. While we're still trying to get used to the fact that Bill Guenther is no longer our editor (he resigned for personal reasons), Jim Quorollo has stepped up to the plate (maybe I should say computer). He has volunteered his time, expertise and energy to keep our newsletter going. So, let's stand up and applaud our newest Board Member. ("CLAP" "CLAP" "CLAP") While we're still going to miss Bill, I know Jim will do an excellent job and we're lucky to have him.

There are a few things going on with the club as well as the PGI Civic Association. As you probably know, the PGICA is celebrating their 50th anniversary this year! What an accomplishment! So, in order to celebrate in a manner befitting the PGICA, they've asked each club to host an event. These events are held once a month. The PGI Fishing Club volunteered to host a Sock Hop which is scheduled for November. Please keep reading Sherry's article for more details. I'm hoping many of you will show up to support your club supporting the PGICA.

Also coming up is another day-long contest-outing that our Fishing Director, John is planning. You don't want to miss out on a chance to join this fun group and their day on the water.

Speaking of the water, I'm going to switch gears here a bit. I know this is July (well, I'm writing this in June) but are you aware of the fact that we have had three named storms in the Atlantic already?

Three in June! That's a busy month. Just stay alert and safe on the water. Have your fun, catch your fish but most of all, stay safe.

As for fishing, I know many people are on the water these days. It's good to see so many of our new members turning in their photos. Due to required space, we can't use them all in the newsletter, but our editor does try to find the best quality photos and those containing the larger fish plus fish caught by our newer members for the newsletter. We try to accommodate everyone but try to remember, the more photos in the newsletter, the longer it'll take for you to download on your computer – which we all know can be very annoying. I hope this clears up why certain photos are chosen and others not.

Now on to fishing:

I've been lucky to be able to get on the water in between raindrops and have been able to bring home dinner on most of those occasions. I know of a few other members who have been on the water and their input has been that the fish are hungry and biting on just about anything. While most of us fish the east wall, I heard that the west wall is offering larger fish and more of it. That's my next goal. Get out there and bring home dinner for two nights!

On the news recently, I heard that our resident reptiles, Florida's alligators are being spotted more and more roaming around more populated areas, i.e., backyards, roads, our very own canals...keep alert! These guys don't care if you're a small dog or a larger human. When they're hungry, they want to eat and they won't care who you are. Don't just assume that because we're in a residential area that we're safer than the everglades. And one more thing! These reptiles that can be dated back to prehistoric times, have been spotted in the shallows of our very own Charlotte Harbor so if you're into wad fishing, remember, it's not just the sharks you need to watch out for. Be careful! That said, let's move on to something calmer.

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For those who may have forgotten but especially for our newbies, I want to remind you that the PGIFC now has a page on FaceBook. This page will offer you the chance to share your photos with the club even before they're in the newsletter. If you want to learn how to be a part of this page, email Donnie Brennan (L3th@comcast.net) or John Wolfinger (johnwolfinger@comcast.net) and they'll explain it

much better than I could. OR just go to www.FaceBook.com and look up PGI Fishing Club Group and click the link to request to be added.

Well, that's all I got for this month. Be sure to read the rest of the newsletter because I know our other Board members have information you'll want to read.

Happy Fishing!



Q-Tips

Editor's Notes

As the new editor for our PGI Fishing Club Newsletter, most of you know I have some big shoes to fill. After eight years as editor, Bill Guenther had it all down to a science and could probably publish in his sleep. He gave me a detailed turnover, provided templates, files of previous newsletter versions, general club advice and has been ready to answer my questions...and I've had more than a few questions.

During our turnover, one of Bill's last comments to me was, "Jim, you're the editor now, do whatever you want with this newsletter." So, not wanting to reinvent the wheel, I have made only minor changes. You will find mostly the same features now as were apparent in past issues. Some format tweaks and slightly different content, but mostly you will recognize it. One change you might appreciate is a smaller digital size. I have made an effort to crop and downsize photos and other graphics which are major contributors to megabyte growth. Hopefully, the newsletter "viewability" on your computer has not been noticeably affected, and routine printing should be OK for most purposes. It should download fairly fast.

That being said, I now make an appeal to PGI Fishing Club members for some new and fresh newsletter content. By that I mean input for articles or

subjects that you would like to see regularly, along with your specific, personally produced inputs.

For a few examples, how about articles along the lines of some I included with this issue:

- Our "Recipes of the Month" can be ways to prepare fish that club members found...or created...and especially like with our great Charlotte Harbor and Gulf fish.
- Local area fishing tips similar to what is on page 18 this month. I am sure many of you have found particular methods/tackle/bait/locations that have worked well for you. We can share those ideas and recommendations in the newsletter.
- We could have a "letters to the editor" feature where you might air pet peeves or look for answers or provide answers to fishing questions.

With email so easy to use these days, it should be a simple task for club members to provide newsletter input. If you have a fishing tip that works for you; a fish recipe you like; a new feature you would like to see; a question; a gripe...send me an email. It might or might not end up in the newsletter, but that is something I would welcome (I think).

Well, as Bill said last month, old editors pens might "just run out of ink," but hopefully I'm not quite to that point...yet. If lucky, and with your help, I may last as long as Bill has.



The month of June had some really good fishing days and also had many days that were a complete washout. Tropical storm Debby sure dumped a lot of rain on us during the month. I read that the official amount rain in Punta Gorda was close to 8

inches. All that rain combined with the strong south winds gave us the highest tides many people in PGI had ever seen. Most all docks were underwater and the low tides were higher than our normal highest high tides. This was one time where you didn't need a flats boat; you could have gone just about anywhere you wanted with a deep V hull. The problem was you would have had to deal with 30 mph winds and 3-4' waves in the harbor. For that reason, there wasn't much fishing going in the harbor during the storm. I think everyone was suffering from cabin fever and they had "tropical depression" because they didn't see the sun for almost a week.

The water in the Harbor now looks like strong coffee from all the rain because there is a lot of fresh water out there; and more coming down from the rivers every day as they drain. I'm not sure how this will affect fishing but when you fish, you may need to think a little differently than prior to the storm. Fish that may have been holding in certain areas before the storm may have moved after the storm. Time will tell.

Despite the bad weather, our Fish of the Month contest for SNOOK finished up June 30th with four winners for the top three places and we had a total of 8 submissions. Congratulations go out to:

- Pete McGregor, 1st place (\$35 gift certificate), 37" total length
- Bob Busler, 2nd place tie (\$25 gift certificate), 31" total length
- Jim Quorllo, 2nd place tie (\$25 gift certificate), 31" total length
- Missy Becker, 3rd place (\$15 gift certificate), 30" total length

Thanks go out to all of the members that submitted pictures of their SNOOK catches. If you caught a big 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 PGIFishingClub@pgica.org or drop off a picture with the same information at the PGICA office. *(This also applies to Master Angler, Ladder of Achievement and Isles Trophy Race entries.)*

The July Fish of the Month will be SHARK. We're giving awards in July based on the number of sharks caught. But there will be a little twist. Since catching a big shark is an achievement, any shark 5 feet or longer to the fork will count as "3". Pictures are still needed but you can take the picture of the shark in the water. For example, if you catch three, 3' sharks and one, 5' shark during the month of July; your total will equal 6. It's that simple.

One additional reminder; if you are working on your Ladder of Achievement, a 5 foot shark is also worth 300 points; a 50 inch shark is worth 200 points and a 40 inch shark is worth 100 points. So if you need points for your Ladder of Achievement, be sure to send in the estimated length to the fork with the photo. All species of sharks get credit, so you don't need to be concerned with identifying the species. Bob Rand will make sure you get credit for both the monthly contest and the Ladder if he gets the correct information.

FWC finally made their decision about the snook season for 2012. They decided to keep the season closed for one more year. So you can still fish for snook but you can't keep any until September 2013. Catch and release only! In my opinion, this is a good thing for the snook population that is coming back strong. If we have a mild winter in 2013, the snook fishing should be incredible next year.

Gag grouper opened July 1 so for those of you that like to fish for them you have the next 4 months to do it. These are a very popular fish and are excellent table fare. The downside is, most Gag grouper are further offshore right now and usually don't move into the harbor in big numbers until later in the year when the season will be closing. The FWC size limit in the Gulf is 22 inches and you can keep two.

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

June, 2012
FISH OF THE MONTH CONTEST
SNOOK



Pete McGregor, 1st place (\$35 gift certificate),
37" total length



Bob Busler (left) and
Jim Quorllo (below), tied
2nd place (\$25 gift cer-
tificates), 31" total
length



Missy
Becker, 3rd
place (\$15
gift certi-
cate), 30"
total length

Congratulations to all our winners!

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Fish of the Month**



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PROGRAMS

John Simonieg



Our June meeting featured Captain Andrew Medina as our guest speaker. Snook was our fish of the month, and Andrew told of everywhere in Charlotte Harbor that snook have been caught, from the I-75

bridge piers to outside Boca Grande. He also spoke of the various baits and tackle that he has used over his 35 years on the harbor. We also had a nice geography lesson. Thanks for a very good presentation.



PGI Fishing Club President Aaron Wagner presents Captain Andrew Medina with a certificate of appreciation at the June PGIFC meeting.

Our speaker for July is Robert Lugiewicz, a legend in his own time. Robert has worked at Fishin' Frank's fifteen years and "hung around" there since he was a kid visiting his grandparents. Robert and Fishin' Frank's have had a symbiotic relationship with the PGICA Fishing Club for many years.

Sharks are the fish of the month for July, and Robert is very well qualified to speak on the subject. Remember, sharks are not only the Fish of the Month, but a good way to build points for the Ladder of Achievement. Don't miss this one.

(Randy Hall is filling in for John Simonieg through the summer months, writing this article and setting up each month's speaker.)

LADIES WHO FISH

Also Do Lunch



The Ladies Who Fish - and Also Do Lunch enjoyed a relaxed lunch at La Fontana Restaurant on Thursday, June 14.



From the left: Gena Davis, Bev Rucker, Cris Scheib, Marie La Rocca, Marie D'Ambrosio, Dawn Quinn, Margie Hoffman, Donnie Brennan and Mary Harucki (Donnie's mother).

All women in the Fishing Club are invited to join us for our next lunch on **Thursday, July 12 at 11:30 AM** at The Thai Cafe in Port Charlotte, and for our Ladies' Night Out at JD's Bistro in Port Charlotte at **6:00 PM on Wednesday July 25**. If you plan to attend either or both, please contact Gena Davis at 941-639-5555 or at tinkffh@aol.com, or sign up at the general meeting on July 10.

Thank You for voting us #1 for 15 years straight!

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I remember when I was in grade school and the weather turned foul. At 3:00pm, school would be dismissed for the day and the nuns didn't care whether or

not we had raincoats, umbrellas and galoshes or nothing at all. Their favorite expression was, "It's only water! You're not a lump of sugar and you won't melt!"

Well, as sweet as I'd like to think I am (don't fall down laughing now), I sure am glad that I don't melt in the rain. Yes, our rainy season did begin earlier than usual (May to be exact) and that's because of the warmer weather in the Gulf. And because of that warmer weather, we are now experiencing heavier and more frequent rainfalls in June. I can't even wonder what July and August will bring but in any case, it's time to invest in a larger umbrella. Those little fold-up thingies just don't keep you dry down here. They might keep your head dry but that's about it! I'd get a beach umbrella but they're a bit hard to carry around when they're open.

Anyway, as for our membership, I'm very happy to say that the weather isn't affecting that one bit. We're still getting new members each month and that really puts a smile on my face.

Due to unforeseen circumstances and a busier-than-normal time span in my life, there were a few errors in my column last month. I apologize deeply for messing up the names of our new members. So please bear with me while I introduce our previous new members – again – but this time, correctly!

Here are the new members (for May and June) I'd like to introduce to you. When you see them at our next meeting on July 10th, please make them feel welcome.

BILL BONHAM
ROY EBERS & BEV DESKINS
BRAD & RANDA STANIUS
BERNADETTE KLEIN & MARTY SAKUYA
LARRY & CAROL KESSINGER
MIKE & MARY JO PETERS

Remember, all members who have joined since January, will have a star on their badges so please go out of your way to say hello. We are a large group and there is nothing worse than walking into a large group of people who know each other when you don't know anyone. Part of what we brag about is our camaraderie so let's make sure all our new members feel like one of us.

Many of the clubs in the PGICA produce and hand out a club telephone directory. With all the members we have (224 families), that makes a directory (because of the cost) impossible. So, what I do instead of worry about a directory, is ask our members if they'd like a copy of our roster emailed to them. So, I'm asking. If you'd like a copy of our roster, just email (L3th@comcast.net) me and I'll get it to you.

Now, as I just said, we have 224 FAMILIES in our little fishing club but let's break it down a bit more. With that many families, our total number of individual members is a whopping 433! Can you imagine that? Four hundred-thirty-three members! Hey, let's see if we can even this out and make it 450! Whaddya say? Can we do this? You bet! Just bring a friend or new neighbor to our club. Or if you know a new neighbor or two but haven't yet met them, get me their addresses and I'll do the rest.

That said, it's time to move on. I'm running out of space so, in closing let me just say ...

THE PGIFC ROCKS!

SOCIAL EVENTS

Sherry Moerke



Here is an update on our next social function.

We are hosting a sock hop for the 50th anniversary of the PGI Civic Association. The date is Friday October 12th from 7:00 to 10:00 PM. We have lined up George the DJ for the night. There will be contests with prizes. The evening is free for Association members and \$10 for non-members.

Just bring a snack to share and BYOB. You can sign up at the July fishing club meeting or anytime at the Civic Association office.

Have a great summer.
Sherry .

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RECIPE

Of The Month

Grilled Redfish



This recipe comes from a New Orleans friend. When he discovered we were moving to SW Florida, he said here's a great redfish recipe that is easy and delicious. We have used this recipe numerous times this past year, and he was not kidding!



Ingredients:

- One or more redfish...18"—27"
- Extra Virgin Olive oil
- Lemons or oranges or limes.—about one per redfish—I like the lemons best.
- Seasoning of your choice—Weber's Lemon Pepper is fairly mild but is our favorite

Preparation:

Fillet the redfish and remove any bones you find in the fillets. You can leave the skin on or remove it if you want. I've done it both ways and the skinned fillet is easiest (no scaling required) and just as good.

Warm up your gas grill or start the charcoal.

Place fillets on a plate and rub both sides with olive oil, then with skin side down sprinkle seasoning on top.

Slice lemons or oranges or limes into about 1/8" slices and cover each fillet with a layer of slices.

Cooking:

Put the fillets on grill, citrus slices on top. With a gas grill, you need to be able to turn off a burner so the fillets can cook with indirect heat, not directly above a lighted burner. Turn remaining burner(s) to low setting. If you use charcoal, you need to separate the briquettes to the sides so fillets will not be over direct heat.

Close the top of grill and cook for 17—20 minutes depending on fillet thickness (I lean toward 17). You could probably fix this same recipe in your oven for same times at around 250 degrees, but I haven't tried it.

Remove citrus slices and enjoy a delicious SW Florida fish! Goes great with rice and salad...and it's even good for you. By the way, this same cooking method works very nicely with other fish fillets like Spanish mackerel.

PGI FISHING CLUB LADDER OF ANGLING ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM

LEVEL	NUMBER OF SPECIES	SIZE LIMITS	POINTS NEEDED	EARNED AWARD
BRONZE	5	NONE	NONE	BRONZE PIN
SILVER	5	LEGAL	300	SILVER PIN
GOLD	7	LEGAL	700	GOLD PIN & CLUB BB CAP
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

THE FOLLOWING FISH AND POINTS EARNED (BASED ON LENGTH OF ENTRY) QUALIFY

SIZE IN INCHES AND POINTS EARNED				
	POINTS - 100	200	300	
AMBERJACK	32-39	40-45	46+	
BARACUDA	No points			
BLACK DRUM	No points			
BLUEFISH	No points			
BLUE RUNNER	No points			
BONITA	No points			
CATFISH (ALL)	No points			
COBIA	38-39	40-43	44+	
CROAKER	No points			
FLOUNDER	No points			
*GROUPE	24-27	28-31	32+	
GRUNT	No points			
JACK CREVELLE	No points			
KING MACKEREL	32-35	36-39	40+	
LADYFISH	No points			
PERMIT	No points			
POMPANO	No points			
REDFISH	28-29	30-35	36+	
STINGRAY	No points			
SEATROUT	21-22	23-24	24+	
SHARK (Any species)	40-49	50-59	60+	
SHEEPSHEAD	No points			
SNAPPER	No points			
SNOOK	29-33	34-39	40+	
SPANISH MACKEREL	21-22	23-24	25+	
TARPON (any size)	No points			
TRIPLETAIL	No points			
WHITING	No points			
YELLOWTAIL SNAPPER	No points			

***The Grouper classification is restricted to Black, Gag and Red Grouper. Goliath Grouper may not be used as a "Species" catch for Grouper.**

LADDER OF ACHIEVEMENT GOALS REACHED

BRONZE/PIN:	Cunningham, Bruce; desEnfants Tom; Drystad, Joanell; Lodge, Karen; Neiberline, Dick; Poe, Jessica; Pricco, Darryl; Stafford, Ron; Tassia, Joe; Will, Roger; Wolfinger, Sheree; Moerke, Sherry; Moerke, Gary; Stringer, Bill; Kline, Mark; Udwari, Karen; Brunner, Barbara; Caputo, Richard; Lachance, Deny; Lamon, Fred; Mayes, Bob; Morehouse, John; Wiscombe, Janice; Land, Paul; Schulman, Alan; Hall, Randy; Lengauer, Tom
SILVER/PIN:	D'Ambrosio, Marie; desEnfants, Kathy; Drystad, Marv; Ferguson, Pete; Gulvezan, Mike; Jordan, Christine; Okray, Larry; Sandling, Mike; Remick, George; McKinnon, Ron; Bensen, Fred; Quorollo, Jim; Storm, Mark; Udwari, Joe
GOLD/with hat:	D'Ambrosio, Mattie; Guenther, Bill; Longo, Joe; Simonieg, John; Wagner, Aaron; Brunner, Ray
LIFETIME/Snook Pin:	Lodge, Tom; Verminski, Ed; LaRocca, Jim; LaRocca, Marie; Doster, Dick; Leicher, Carl
LIFETIME LEVEL II with Redfish Pin:	McCaffrey, Marty; Rand, Bob; Becker, Missy; McCaffrey, Rose Anne
LIFETIME LEVEL III with Tarpon Pin:	Spies, Jack; Gettinger, John; Solinger, Pam; Hickey, Tom
GRAND MASTER with club shirt:	Brennan, Donnie; Brennan, Rich; Busler, Bob; Hoffman, Jim; Hoffman, Margie; Krotzer, Kel; Landaker, Joanne; Landaker, Steve; Maillet, Joe; McGregor, Pete; Quinn, Mike; Rucker, Bev; Solinger, John; Wolfinger, John; Parsons, Tom

MASTER ANGLER TOURNAMENT 2012 STANDINGS


(If you see an error, please contact the Fishing Events Director at (pgifishingclub@pgica.org) or Editor at (jimqinfl@gmail.com))

<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> JIM HOFFMAN & RAY BRUNER 32.0 INCHES	<u>FIRST PLACE</u> AARON WAGNER 29.0 INCHES	<u>FIRST PLACE</u> JOHN SOLINGER & BOB BUSLER 35 INCHES	<u>FIRST PLACE</u> ROSE ANNE McCAFFREY 43.5 INCHES	<u>FIRST PLACE</u> JIM QUROLLO 44.5 INCHES	<u>FIRST PLACE</u> CARL LEICHER 30.0 INCHES	<u>FIRST PLACE</u> JIM HOFFMAN 31.0 INCHES
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<u>THIRD PLACE</u> TOM LODGE 26.5 INCHES	<u>THIRD PLACE</u> JOHN WOLFINGER 25.5 INCHES	<u>THIRD PLACE</u> TOM HICKEY 33.0 INCHES	<u>THIRD PLACE</u> BOB BUSLER 40.0 INCHES	<u>THIRD PLACE</u> JOHN SIMONIEG & JOHN GETTINGER 35.0 INCHES	<u>THIRD PLACE</u> WALT ZINK 22.5 INCHES	<u>THIRD PLACE</u> XX

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 (pgifishingclub@pgica.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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FIRST PLACE—Don Kidwell



SECOND PLACE—Mike Sandling



THIRD PLACE—Pete Ferguson



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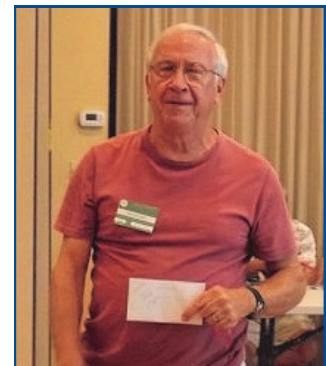
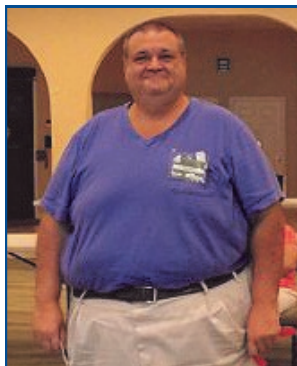
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ISLES TROPHY 2012



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				0.00%
	Cobia	BOB BUSLER	54	2007				0.00%
	Grouper	TOM HAMILTON	39	2003				0.00%
	King Mackerel	TOM LODGE	50	2009				0.00%
	Redfish	BOB BUSLER	42	2005				0.00%
	Sea trout	RICH BRENNAN	29	2009				0.00%
	Snook	KEL KROTZER	42	2007				0.00%
	Spanish Mackerel	GREG CHESNUT	29	2009				0.00%
					Jim Qurollo	44.5	02/21/12	105.95%

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				0.00%
	Cobia	JOANNE LANDAKER	50	2008				0.00%
	Grouper	MARGIE HOFFMAN	31	2006				0.00%
		BEV RUCKER	31	2008				0.00%
	King Mackerel	MARGIE HOFFMAN	37	2007				0.00%
	Redfish	DONNIE BRENNAN	38	2008				0.00%
		MISSY BECKER	38	2008				0.00%
	Sea trout	JOANNE LANDAKER	26.5	2011				0.00%
	Snook	MISSY BECKER	41	2006				0.00%
	Spanish Mackerel	MISSY BECKER	28	2007				0.00%
					Missy Becker	24.5	06/03/2012	92.45%

*PGIFC Male and Female records are based on the nine "measured" points scoring fish in the Ladder of Achievement

ISLES TROPHY RACE LEADERS FOR 2012

MEN

Jim Qurollo

LADY ANGLER

Captain Missy Becker

BEST THINGS ANYBODY EVER SAID

In America, there is no native criminal element...except Congress.

Mark Twain



Rose Anne McCaffrey with her 28 inch red grouper caught 25 miles off shore. Same trip produced 24.5 and 27.5 inch red groupers...all caught on natural baits. Dinner anyone?



Walt Zink with a nice snook.



Here's Rose Anne McCaffrey again with a 43.5 inch cobia caught bottom fishing with dead bait on the same trip she caught the red groupers mentioned above. Her freezer must be full now...what a day!



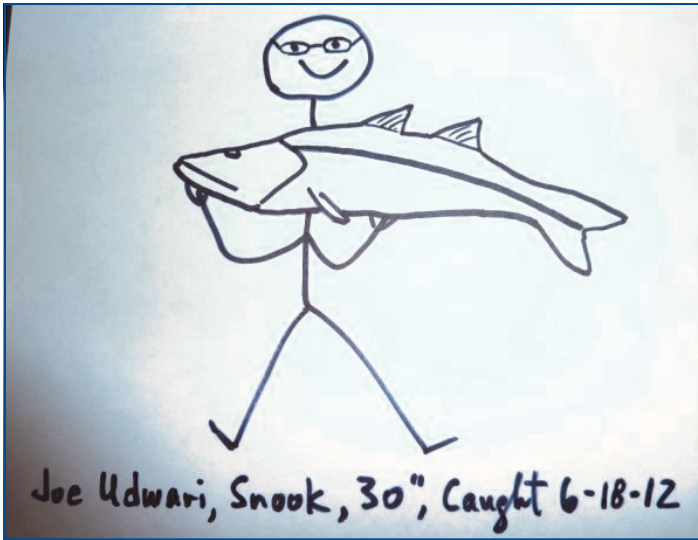
Joe Udvari with 26.5 inch snook caught on a Rapala Skitter-walk near Alligator Creek.



Bob Busler with a very nice "slot" (someday) redfish, a 29 inch snook.



Gary Adams with a 45 inch black drum. Must have weighed more than just a few pounds!



Joe Udwari's "official" entry for fish of the month. He caught a 30 inch snook but left his camera at home so thought he would try this entry. Sorry Joe, but rules are rules.



Pete McGregor with an exceptional 31 inch redfish caught June 22 in Charlotte Harbor...too big to grill though!



Karen Udwari with a 15 inch jack crevalle caught on a live shrimp on the west wall.



...and this is Rose Anne's second largest grouper of the day!



Six club members after a recent charter trip for dolphin. They put up with 6—12 ft waves to bring these in. (Couldn't even fit all the fish in the photo!)



Bob Mayes with nice 28.5" snook caught on a threadfin. A keeper if the season ever opens. He added a couple of fish to his ladder of achievement this trip.



Walt Zink with a 22.5" Spanish mackerel. This one puts Walt into the Master Angler Standings.



Bob Busler with a great redfish. It measured 35" and must have been a fun one to catch, and tied for first in Master Angler Standings.



Mystery angler? No, Missy Becker shows off her 24.5" trout. Looks like she just out did herself in the Isles Trophy race.

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MEMBER CATCHES



Pam Solinger's beautiful 33.5" redfish. Puts her into the Master Angler Standings.



John Gettinger, fishing by himself, needed to photograph his snook for a Fish of the Month entry...laid on the deck and he got it done!



Grandsons with small snook caught on Father's Day. Oldest baited his own threadfin, cast under the mangroves and wrestled this snook out to the boat unassisted. (Thinks he's about ready to be a fishing guide now!)



Paul Land with a stingray he caught in early June. Looks like he was fishing from the Laishley pier?



Jim Qurollo with 27 and 29 inch snook caught while fishing with son and grandsons on Father's Day. Guess that saying about the older you are, the bigger the snook...no, wait, that's nose isn't it.



Ray Bruner's 97.5" nurse shark beside the boat. Bet that was fun trying to measure!

Cut Bait Fishing by Jim Qurollo

If you are after redfish, one of the best methods I've found is to fish cut bait under the mangroves on either side of Charlotte Harbor, around Turtle or Bull Bays and Pine Island Sound. Ladyfish has been an excellent choice for me, but some local fishermen swear by cut mullet, crab chunks or pieces of larger threadfins. Use what you have, but remember that reds like the shade when the tide is in and they can reach it.

Try cutting an average size ladyfish, mullet, etc. into 1" to 1.5" steaks. Use a circle hook of around 5/0 size and hook the cut bait steak from flesh side out through the skin. Be sure and leave plenty of hook point exposed. Normally you would not use any weight because the cut bait steak should be plenty heavy enough to cast easily.

Anchor a comfortable casting distance from overhanging mangroves during incoming high, through high tide or the first part of outgoing tide. Toss the

cut bait as far under the mangroves as you can. If your fishing spot has quite a bit of current, you may want some weight added up your leader to keep the bait from washing out from under the shade of the mangroves. Put your pole into a holder, sit back and relax.

When your rod doubles over and the drag starts complaining, grab it, point it about 90 degrees away from the direction the redfish is running—most likely he'll be trying to get further into the mangroves—hold the rod tip low to the water—to try and keep the line out of the down hanging mangroves—while you pull and reel like hell. If you're lucky, you get the red out into open water before he breaks you off. I did not mention "set the hook" because with circle hooks, you just want to put a good bend in your rod and start reeling, no hook set necessary or desired.



This sounds like a lazy way to fish, especially if you prefer tossing lures, but some days it is the most productive.

The Loop Knot by Jim Qurollo

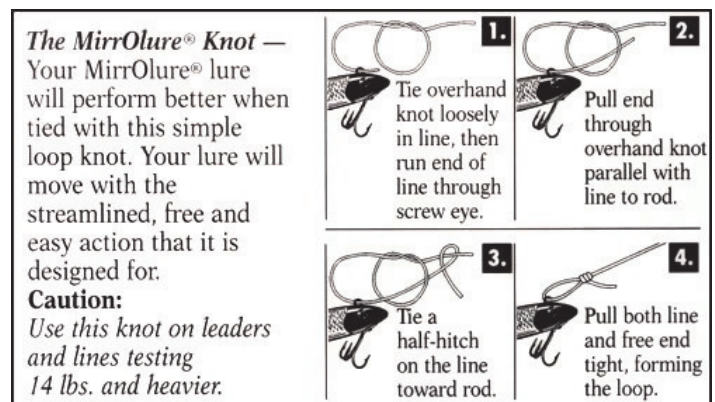
One of the very best and easiest to tie terminal tackle knots for most Charlotte Harbor fishing is a loop knot. A no slip loop knot has some advantages over knots like the clinch, improved clinch, Palomar, uni-knot, etc.

Although a loop knot may not be an exceptionally high line strength knot, when using fluorocarbon leader that is routinely heavier than your main line, a loop knot tied to a live bait hook or to most lures gives the bait or lure much better action than a "clinched down tight" knot. A loop knot is almost a necessity for most top water lures like the Zara Spook and similar.

For me, an unforeseen advantage is the fact that, when desired, you can often break the loop knot before you break the line to leader knot (e.g. double uni-knot or Sebile knot) used to tie the fluoro-

carbon leader to the main line. This can save time when you hang your circle hooked white bait in the mangroves and need to break it loose to continue fishing.

One of the best loop knots is the MirrOlure knot. I've used it for years...easy to tie and reliable. Here's a graphic from *Polk Outdoors.com* that gives a pretty good illustration of how to tie a MirrOlure knot.



MEMBERS Fishing Together and Sharing Expenses

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

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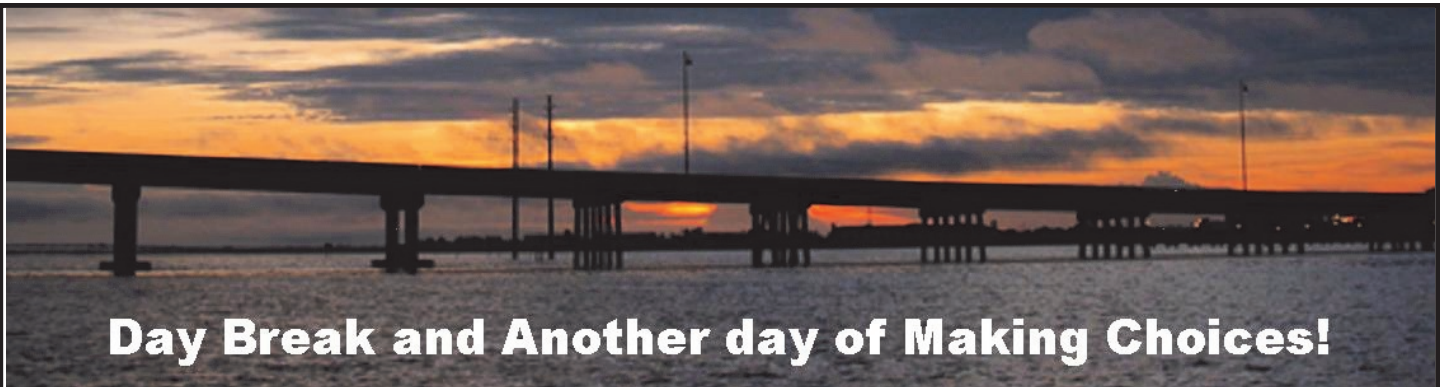
Bruce Cunningham 941.639.4401 21' CC	John Gettinger 941.505.8186 22' CC	Mike Gilger 610.996.5375 22.5' CC	Hans Gross 973.222.2211 22' CC	Bob Lunsden 706.817.0703 19' CC Bay Boat	Jim Quorllo 941.347.8467 22' CC Bay Boat
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OFF-SHORE:

Hans Gross 973.222.2211 22' CC	Jim Hoffman 941.575.7867 33' Rampage Twin Diesels—Stand-up Head
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- I am looking for a high quality, damaged 3/8" net that I can cut out a panel about 2 ft square to repair my net. If anyone in the club has one, just have them call me at 941-661-6720 and I will pick it up. Thanks—Dick Doster



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