

President: Gary Skillicorn

At last we're really seeing Spring as it should be. Looking at the fish photos coming into the club photo site, the fish are finally waking up. In easy reading format here's some items of interest. Please take note. <u>Some comments may have significant impact to you.</u>

- 1. Don and Judy Markowski have announced their intentions to move back to Illinois shortly to be closer to family. We'll certainly miss them and wish them well. Since Don is currently the club VP we're in desperate need for a replacement. In addition Judy volunteered to serve as Secretary during the summer absence of Doug DuFresne. Although we've been able to fill some gaps in the board it's becoming more apparent that keeping "business as normal" might not be possible with a number of board positions filled with snowbirds. At the April 3 board meeting we <u>will</u> <u>discuss the possibility of suspending club meetings and activities May</u> <u>through September.</u> It's up to you to step up to the task.
- Bill Guenther received front page recognition in the Punta Gorda Herald on March 23rd as founder of the PGI Marine Watch Program. Bravo Zulu Bill. At the same time I understand Bill had heart bypass surgery. We wish him a speedy recovery.
- 3. Another good tournament was organized by Dick Conant on March 26th. I was out of town but I hear it was a great turnout.
- 4. Chris Pflaum continues to develop a mentoring outreach program for Crossroads Academy. He's assembled a group of volunteer club members to serve as captains and mates. Thank you! A kick-off event will be scheduled shortly with quarterly events planned. Contact Chris if you'd like to assist.

PUNTA GORDA ISLES FISHING CLUB **FROM THE HELM**

Gary Skillicorn

President:

- 5. At the April 10th club meeting we'll have our second drawing for a new member to have an opportunity for a fishing outing with a seasoned member. I understand Rich Brennan has volunteered this month. Other volunteers are sought for future months.
- 6. Thank you to Patti Topper and Paula Arnold for stepping in, assisting as co-Social Events directors. For those attending the March 3rd picnic you'll agree it was a success. Thanks to Bill Muir and the many helpers for making it a success.
- 7. Mike Gilger wanted me to pass along the contact point for vessel safety inspections by Coast Guard Auxiliary Examiner Dick Brown @ 941-661-3528.
- 8. The PGICA is participating in the "Giving Challenge" where your donation to the PGICA will be matched for double benefit. This will be conducted May 1 and May 2 only. More information is available at the end of the advertising section of this newsletter, just before "Member Catches" and at: www.givingpartnerchallenge.org
- 9. I'd like to encourage members to join and use the club Facebook site. This is only for club members.

https://www.facebook.com/groups/238181049606050/

See the March Picnic Pictures at the end of the newsletter

Fair Winds and Following Seas to All, Gary Skillicorn

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Our club currently has **140** members on Facebook. It is exclusively for members. It's a great place to share your catches and experiences with other members in the club.

If you have a Facebook account and want to join, just search for "PGI Fishing Club" in Facebook and select the join button. One of our Facebook administrators will get you added.

PUNTA GORDA ISLES FISHING CLUB **FISH OF THE MONTH CALENDAR**

JANUARY: SHEEPSHEAD

FEBRUARY: GROUPER

MARCH: SPANISH MACKEREL

APRIL: SNOOK

MAY: COBIA

JUNE: FLOUNDER

JULY: SHARK

AUGUST: TARPON

SEPTEMBER: SPOTTED SEATROUT

OCTOBER: REDFISH

NOVEMBER: MANGROVE SNAPPER



_____ Fine Print: See "Fish of the Month Contest Rules" here: http://pgifishingclub.org/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2012/10/2016-Fish-of-the-Month-Contest-Rules-Rev-5-Mar-2016.pdf _____

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DOOR PRIZE WINNERS



Starting at the top, from left to right are Aaron Wagner, Rich Brennan (Name That Fish), Sherry Barrett, Rich Larsen (New Member Contest; Fish with John Gettinger), and Jim Diver.

50/50 WINNERS



From left to right are John McFarland, Jim Hoffman, and Tom Lodge.

FISH OF THE MONTH WINNERS

FEBRUARY: GROUPER





From left to right are John Gettinger and Tom Lodge.

GUEST SPEAKER



Fishin' Frank provided us with a very entertaining and informative talk about fishing in the harbor in general and more specifically about fishing for Spanish Mackerel. Frank said he'll eat Spanish Mackerel caught that day but never the next.

LADDER OF ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS



Club Hat: Yvette Du Fresne, Doug Du Fresne, John Fitzgerald, and Rich Willingmyre.

Silver Pin: Dick Conant



PUNTA GORDA ISLES FISHING CLUB DON'S FISHING REPORT

Vice President: Don Markowski



Hello All,

Wow, what a great presentation by Fishin Frank at our March meeting. He is so knowledgeable about the area when it comes to fishing and Charlotte Harbor. I'm sure many of you will agree with me when I say he is truly a likable gentleman who loves to fish and share what he knows about fishing.

<u>April's Fish of the Month is Snook.</u> I have asked Captain Danny Latham to be our speaker in April. He will be discussing Snook and how to catch them and where you may find them. Captain Latham is born and raised in the area and has spent his entire life fishing these waters. I am looking forward to his presentation and I highly encourage everyone to attend.

Many of you may have heard that my wife and I have decided to sell our home to move back to our family in Illinois. We will be flip flopping our time here in Punta Gorda so instead of leaving Florida during the summer months we now anticipate coming to Florida during the winter months. Because of this change, I will have to step down from my position as Vice-President. If you are interested in helping on the board, please contact President Gary Skillicorn.

Good fishing to all of you.

Don

Events Director Dick Conant



March Fishing Report

What happened to the great February weather? March was more like January. Not a lot of good days to get offshore. Even so, the grouper kept coming in. The tarpon and whitebait that everyone expected to show up early are still MIA.

Spanish mackerel are in the harbor, but spotty. John Gettinger and I found quite a few one day a couple of weeks ago trolling off Cape Haze and the north end of Pine Island. Silver spoons in about 5' to 6' of water.

Inshore fishing remains spotty with the best reports still coming from the canals.

<u>Congratulations to Bud Johnston our next Grand Master!</u> A real nice snook put him over the top. As for the rest of the club, we had another good month. 100 fish were entered (up slightly from last month) and 5400 points (down from February's 6500) were awarded in spite of the windy weather. This month six (6) members will be getting their 1st Fish Hats at the monthly meeting along with that will be the awarding of a Gold pin, 2 Bronze pins and a Lifetime Master Angler - Redfish Pin.

Hats –	Theresa Fitzgerald Gary Frost Dennis Jones	Bob Griffin Jack Hinnenthal Wayn Nelson
Bronze Pins -	Sherry Barrett	Yvette Du Fresne
Gold Pin -	Dick Conant	
Redfish Pin -	Lynn Reeves	
GMA Shirt -	Bud Johnston	

Our March tournament was a great success lots of entrants, we had 42 signup. The Awards Ceremony at Beef 'O' Brady's was well attended, with over 30 people by my count. The Winners:

Events Director Dick Conant



- Snook 1st place Ted Wiezrbanowski
- Cobia 1st place Richy Kale
- 2nd Mark Dillman

2nd – Mark Storm

2nd – Ron Baxter

- Spanish 1st place Fred Benson
- Tarpon No entries

Most Species – 1st place Doug & Yvette DuFresne

2nd place Joe Udwari & Ron Topper

Interesting Notes:

- Jim McCarty finished up his run on the Tripletail in early March. A BIG Thanks to Jim for introducing a lot of us to "Tripletailing". His boat's total was over 100 for the season.
- Richy Kale won the Cobia Division of the March Tournament with a monster 45" fish.
- The Redfish drought seems to have continued. We only had a handful of fish entered, Rich Brennan had a couple, one was a 36" fish and Bill Hess entered a 27" fish.

One final, but very important item.

As many of you may know I was the "Volunteer Coordinator" for Fishin' Frank's Tent Sale. Well, I stopped in a couple of days after the sale and met with Frank and Robert to get their opinions on how everything went. They spoke almost in unison and could not tell me how much the effort of our Club members and the other volunteers meant to them. To quote Frank,

"The Tent Sale could not happen without the effort and support of the PGI Fishing Club and the other volunteers. Not just as volunteers but as loyal customers also. Please thank them all."

Events Director Dick Conant



I left the store feeling very proud of our relationship with Fishin' Franks and the respect Frank and Robert have for our Club and its members. I would like to echo that feeling, my job as the "coordinator" was easy. Each and every volunteer came to work whether they could stay for a couple of hours or all day as many did. No one grumbled, no one complained and everyone was there to make it a great event.

Frank and Robert both wanted me to personally thank all that came, not only those that volunteered but also those who have been loyal customers as well. To that, I would like add my personal thank you. I met and worked with some great people that day, for me it was truly an enjoyable day. Tiring, but rewarding. THANK YOU ALL FROM FRANK, ROBERT, THE FISHIN' FRANKS STAFF AND ALSO FROM ME!

With that said you all have some Great Weather ahead. Get out, fish, and catch one for me while I'm suffering through spring in Upstate New York.

Events Director Dick Conant





March FOM – Spanish Mackerel Ladies

No Entries this Month

What Happened?





March FOM – Spanish Mackerel Men



Dick Conant - 21.5" 1st Place



Fred Benson - 21.0" 2nd Place



Dick Conant

Alan Schulman - 20.0" 3rd Place (Tie)



Jeff Barnhart- 20.0" 3rd Place (Tie)





Ladder of Achievement March



Lynn Reeves-Lifetime - Redfish



Dick Conant -Gold Pin



Dick Conant

Bronze Pin



Sherry Barrett-Bronze Pin



Dick Conant



Ladder of Achievement March





Bud Johnson -**Grand Master Angler**

PUNTA GORDA ISLES FISHING CLUB STATISTICS & REPORTS

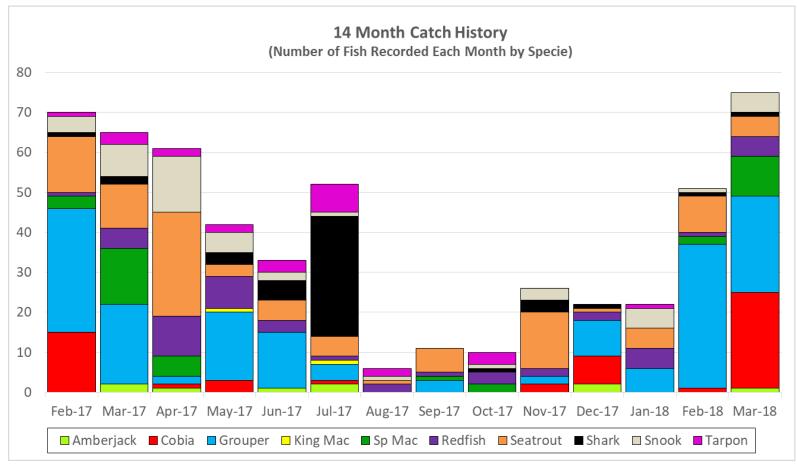
Record Keeper: Gary Reeves

The Month in Review (MARCH)

Even with a few challenging weather days, March was another great month (with even better numbers than February in 3 out of the 4 categories!!!). We can only hope the good weather holds and we continue the positive pattern through April. Let's go fishing.

Recorder's Data

Monthly Performance March January February 1 38 Anglers 29 34 ↑ LOA Awards 8 8 11 ↑ Fish Recorded 55 97 103 Points Recorded 5400 $\mathbf{1}$ 2000 6100





PUNTA GORDA ISLES FISHING CLUB **STATISTICS & REPORTS**

LADDER OF ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS 2018 STANDINGS (MARCH)

Record Keeper:

Gary Reeves

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Janice Anderson	Anne Careau	Dick Conant	RayBr	unner	Bill Guenther		Larry Benz	Bill Bonham	
Doug Arnold	Marie D'Ambrosio	Roger Davis	Matti D'Ar	mbrosio	Ken Hardesty		Mark Dillman	Rich Brennan	****
Paula Arnold	Kathy des Enfants	Ken Garden	Dave	Dyke	Bob Mays		Randy Douet	Donnie Brennan	
Sherry Barrett	Tamara Dillman	Karen Lodge	MaryH	leins	Marty McCaffrey		Marv Dyrstad	Bob Bretts	**
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Barbara Brunner	Hobbs Goodwin	Don Ross	Jim Lal	Rocca	Gary Moerke	D	ennis Krausman	Dianne Bukowski	
Randy Burchacki	Lou Graham	Sheree Wolfing	er Marie La	aRocca	Lynn Reeves		Carl Leicher	Joe Bukowski	
Bill Damour	Mike Gulvezan		Tom L	odge	-	J	ohn MacLeman	Bob Busler	
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Yvette Du Fresne	Roz Hickey		Ed Vern	<u> </u>		(George Remick	John Gettinger	**
Sharon Dyke	Larry Hofmeister		20101				Jack Spies	Mike Gilger	*
Richard Farmer	Christine Jordan						Mark Storm	Tom Hickey	*
Wayne Goode	Denys LaChance						Karen Udwari	Jim Hoffman	*
Sheryl Hatch	Jonathan Landon							-	-
David Hatch	Johan McFarland							Margie Hoffman Bud Johnston	
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Fred Lamon	Hezzie Samons		Bob G	riffin				Joe Maillet	
Paul Land	Mike Sandling		Jack Hin	nenthal				Pete McGregor	**
Tom Lengauer	Deb Sarkisian		Dennis	Jones				Tom Parsons	
Don Markowski	Ron Stenberg		Wayn N	lelson				Jim Qurollo	
Peter Meier	Jane Stenberg							Rick Sarkisian	*
John Morehouse	Ed Stevenson							John Solinger	
Jerry Morningstar	Lynne Stockinger							Pam Solinger	
Catherine Nichols	Gretchen Sunderlar	nd						John Stockinger	*
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Andy Nikitich	Stella Wagner							Joe Udwari	***
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Alan Schulman									
Gary Skillicorn			NUMBER OF	SIZE LIMITS	POINTS				
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Jan Stevens		-	1	None	None	Club Hat			
Kathleen Stevenson		Bronze	5	None	None	Pin			
Don Taylor		Silver	5	Eligible Size	300	Pin			
Miriam Taylor		Gold	7	Eligible Size	700	Pin			
Patti Topper		LifeTime Level I	9	Eligible Size	1000	Snook Pin			
		LifeTime Level II	13	Eligible Size	1400	Redfish Pin			
		LifeTime Level III	18	Eligible Size	1700	Tarpon Pin			
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Sandy Wierzbanowski Rodger Will Frank Wyatt		Grand Master	23	Eligible Size	2000	Club Shirt		PAGE 1	R

spieces, and point earned based on length, please see the PGI Fishing Club Website (www.pgifishingclub.org) Ladder of angling achievement page.

PUNTA GORDA ISLES FISHING CLUB STATISTICS & REPORTS

ISLES TROPHY RACE 2018 STANDINGS (MARCH)



Record Keeper
Garv Reeves

OVERALL CLUB RECORD	SPECIES NAME	MEMBER NAME	RECORD LENGTH in INCHES	DATE CAUGHT	MEMBER NAME	2018 LENGTH in INCHES	DATE CAUGHT	% OF RECORD
Х	Amberjack	Gary Reeves	48.0	2016				0.0%
Х	Cobia	Bob Busler	54.0	2007	Richy Kale	45.0	03/26/18	83.3%
Х	Grouper	Tom Hamilton	39.0	2003	Joe Bukowski	36.0	02/17/18	92.3%
Х	King Mackerel	John MacLeman	52.0	2012				0.0%
Х	Redfish	Bob Busler	42.0	2005	Rich Brennan	36.0	03/18/18	85.7%
х	Seatrout	Rich Brennan Aaron Wagner	29.0 29.0	2009 2012	Rich Brennan	23.0	02/27/18	79.3%
Х	Snook	Vinnie Madsen	45.0	2014	Richy Kale	42.0	01/29/18	93.3%
Х	Spanish Mackerel	Carl Leicher	30.0	2012	Dick Conant	21.5	03/15/18	71.7%

WOMEN'S DIVISION

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OVERALL CLUB RECORD	SPECIES NAME	MEMBER NAME	RECORD LENGTH in INCHES	DATE CAUGHT	MEMBER NAME	2018 LENGTH in INCHES	DATE CAUGHT	% OF RECORD	
	Amberjack	Darlene Madsen	40.0	2017				0.0%	1
	Cobia	Joanne Landaker Marilyn McGregor	50.0 50.0	2008 2013	Gretchen Sunderland	32.0	03/16/18	64.0%	
	Grouper	Margie Hoffman	34.0	2014	Dianne Bukowski	37.0	02/17/18	108.8%	**
	King Mackerel	Karen Lodge	38.0	2014					
	Redfish	Donnie Brennan Missy Becker	38.0 38.0	2008 2008	Darlene Madsen	15.5	1/21/18	40.8%	
	Seatrout	Joanne Landaker	26.5	2011	Donnie Brennan	19.0	01/21/18	71.7%	
	Snook	Missy Becker	42.0	2013				0.0%	
	Spanish Mackerel	Missy Becker	28.0	2007				0.0%	

This Year's Leaders are in BLUE ★★ Denotes New Club Record New Entries This Month are in RED

MASTER ANGLER TOURNAMENT

2018 STANDINGS (MARCH)

	AMBERJACK	COBIA	GROUPER	KING MACKEREL	REDFISH	SNOOK	SPANISH MACKEREL	SPOTTED SEATROUT
	NONE	Richy Kale 45.0	Dianne Bukowski 37.0	NONE	Rich Brennan 36.0	Rich Kale 42.0	Dick Conant 21.5	Rich Brennan 23.0
1st Place								
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2nd Place		Bud Johnston 35.5	Joe Bukowski 36.0		Bill Hess 27.0	Rich Brennan 32.0	Fred Bensen 21.0	
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3rd Place		Carl Leicher 34.5	Rich Willingmyre 33.5		Jeff Barnhart 25.0	Bob Bretts 30.5	Jeff Barnhart 20.0	Steve Lamdaker 21.0
							Alan Schulman 20.0	
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PUNTA GORDA ISLES FISHING CLUB MEMBERSHIP

Membership Stats					
Total	Active				
Households	Members				
206	391				

Membership Director Donnie Brennan



Good day, everyone ...

I think I can safely say that winter is finally over. This has been one crazy season. In all the years I've lived in PGI, I've never seen a winter last so long with so many cold days. Glad it's finally over. It's now time to put away the jeans and pull out the shorts! Yea!!

Since Spring is finally here, many of our winter club members will be heading back to their northern homes. We'll miss you. Have a safe drive and we'll look forward to seeing you again, come Fall.

That said, let's welcome our new members: ED DISLER & KATHY WENGEL JOE ESPOSITO & KAREN LaRUSSO BILL & DEBBIE LEMMINK TIM & JOANNE SULLIVAN

With so many new houses being built in the area, please keep a keen eye out for your new neighbors. Tell them about us. Invite them to a meeting. I know they'll really enjoy it.

Also, don't forget to keep an eye out for the newbies in the club. Let's make them feel welcome. Remember, you were new once, too. You know the rule: each new member's badge displays a star indicating their new membership. Let's give them all a GREAT BIG welcome.

Go introduce yourselves.

Take a new guy or gal fishing.

Make a new friend. Remember my motto: "any new friend you make just might turn out to be your new best friend."

Donnie

Social Events Directors: Patti Topper & Paula Arnold

The Social Events Director(s) officially changed this month to Patti Topper and Paula Arnold. Bill Muir will be a tough one to follow after the annual picnic he set up for the Fishing Club this month. The picnic was a big success and fun time for all!

The weekly Happy Hour at the Tiki Hut, Wednesday evenings at 5pm continues to be a hit. The new larger Tiki Hut allows for more seating and comfortable dining. After Happy Hour many choose to go out to eat as a group, which we have managed quite well considering the availability of restaurant seating this time of year. As the season progresses, we will have more choices.

Don't forget to stop in the kitchen after the monthly meeting. Have some cookies, homemade baked goods and join in for some good conversation!



Tiki Hut: Every Wednesday at 5pm followed by dinner around 6pm, for those wanting to join.

Breakfast: Tuesday and Friday mornings, 7am at Elena's.

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

Ladies Lunch and Dinner: Scheduled by Sherry Barrett. See details in the 'Ladies Liaison' section.



Ladies Liaison Sherry Barrett



Hi Ladies,

As we step into April, I hope that you all enjoyed the Easter weekend with family, loved ones, or good friends...

For Lunch this month, I have made reservations at Zoet's Sweet Boutique for High Tea at noon, on April 12th...They do reservations for 6 or more, and if there are no shows, we are responsible for the cost of their lunch cost. Please let me know as soon as possible if you are interested. If you need to cancel, I need to know at least two days in advance. The cost is \$15.00 for the basic lunch, which is delightful.

I will be making a reservation for a private table at Perch 360 on April 26th, which is at the top of the Wyvern. To do a private table there is a minimum, and the size of the party dictates the cost. Please let me know if you are interested as soon as possible. The view is lovely, and the tapas are great.

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Thank You,

Sherry Barrett

Ladies Liaison

PUNTA GORDA ISLES FISHING CLUB SUNSHINE LADY



Donnie Brennan Sunshine Lady



There were two Get Well cards sent in at the end of March. One went to Bill Guenther who spent a few days in the hospital with heart problems.

The second went to Joe Bukowski who suffered leg problems while skiing in Colorado.

If you'd like to personally wish them well, email me and I'll send you either their email addresses or snail mail addresses. Your choice.

But please remember, whether or not names are announced, the purpose of the "Sunshine Lady" is to bring a bit of sunshine to those who are feeling a bit "under the weather".

Each person gets a personalized, hand-created card to brighten their day.

However, there's only so much I can do.

I need you to call or email me and let me know if there is someone who needs a card. The reason doesn't matter, it could be get well, sympathy, or a funny birthday card ... whatever it is, it can't be sent unless I know about it so, that said

You can either notify me by phone (941-626-4903) but email is the best way.

Thank you and have a great April.

My email address is: <u>sunshine@pgifishingclub.org</u>

CELEBRATION

Donnie Brennan Sunshine Lady



CELEBRATION TIME, COME ON!

There's 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.

Time once again to send good wishes to our APRIL birthday celebrants.

Let's all sing Happy Birthday to: DARLENE MADSEN DICK DOSTER DONNETTE SAMONS PATTY GETTINGER PATTY NALIPI JONATHAN LANDON



When you see these people at our next meeting, I think it would be a great idea to wish them each very happy birthday.

Hope you all have the time to party, party, party!

There are no wonderful anniversaries to celebrate this month. Happy

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

Anniversary

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 (Offshore) jimhoffman59@embarqmail.com

Chris Pflaum (Inshore/Offshore) <u>ccpflaum@hotmail.com</u>

Gary Burgress (Harbor Only) <u>g2873477@hotmail.com</u>

Jeff Wilson & Cathy Hunt (Inshore/Offshore) jjwilson9908@hotmail.com

Gretchen Sunderland (Harbor Only; Especially, Beginner Women) gretchen@coachgretchen.com

CONTACT THEM THROUGH EMAIL TO ARRANGE A TRIP

If you want to take another member out on your boat, please send your contact information to <u>editor@pgifishingclub.org</u>

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Club Photos:
Club Facebook:
Contest Rules:
General Information:

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MARCH 13, 2018

The meeting was called to order by Gary Skillicorn at 7:00 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of the January meeting were approved and 2nd as submitted.

Gary Skillicorn covered.

- 1 New members introduced themselves.
- 2 Bill Muir needed to resign do to family responsibilities.
- 3 Thanks to Patti Topper and Paula Arnold. They have stepped up to handle the Social Events Director duties.
- 4 Doug Du Fresne will be going north and Judy Markowski will be secretary until he returns in the fall.
- 5 Dick Conant will be going north but will still be in the loop.
- 6 Encouraged all club members to step up and be part of the board.
- 7 All members are encouraged to join Facebook and provide information about where, how and when their fish were caught. It will help newcomers.
- 8 Chris Pflaum went over the Crossroads fishing program. Sign-up sheets were available for boat owners and crew members that want to be involved with Crossroads. Contact Chris for more information.

Chris Pflaum gave the bank balance of \$16,000.00.

Wednesday night social at the Tiki Hut at 5pm.

Dick Conant, Don Markowski and Gary Skillicorn handled all the door prizes, 50/50 and name that fish.

50/50 1st Prize \$75.00 John McFarland 2nd Prize \$55.00 Jim Hoffman 3rd Prize \$40.00 Tom Lodge

MARCH 13, 2018

New Member Contest Joann Larsen. Picked up by Rich Larsen

Door Prize Winners Date 3/13/18 1st Aaron Wagner 2nd Sherry Barrett 3rd Jim Driver

<u>Speaker Award</u> Frank Homemma (Fishin' Frank)

<u>Fish Of The Month Winners (Male)</u> 1st Joe Bukowski 2nd John Gettinger 3rd Tom Lodge

<u>Fish Of The Month Winners (Female)</u> 1st Diane Bukowski 2nd Lynn Reeves 3rd Darlene Madsen

Name That Fish Rich Brennan

<u>Hats.</u> Yvette and Doug Du Fresne, Rich Willingmyre, Willy Volk, and John Fitzgerald.

Pin Winner Dick Conant Silver

Don Markowski covered the fishing intel. Several members added information about their recent fishing experience. Don also went over information on Fish of The Month=Spanish Mackerel. Fish of the Month Contest is month long. The winning fish will be based on total length.

Fishing Frank went over his sale on March 24. Anyone that can volunteer at the sale will be appreciated. (Volunteers are needed to fill line on reels, golf cart drivers, security, and cashiers.)

MARCH 13, 2018

Dick Conant discussed the following points

- 1. Fish of the month awards.
- 2. Ladder of Achievement.
- 3. Next PGIFC Fishing Tournament announced. See newsletter for exact date and information.
- 4. New award for new members only. The rules are.
 - 1. Members in the club less than 1 year.
 - 2. Must be at monthly meeting to win.
 - 3. Day fishing trip with John Gettinger for the day.

Fishing Frank did a presentation on Spanish Mackerel.

Motion to adjourn accepted.

Respectfully submitted, Doug Du Fresne, Secretary



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PGI MARINE WATCH



Bill Guenther

Group Coordinator



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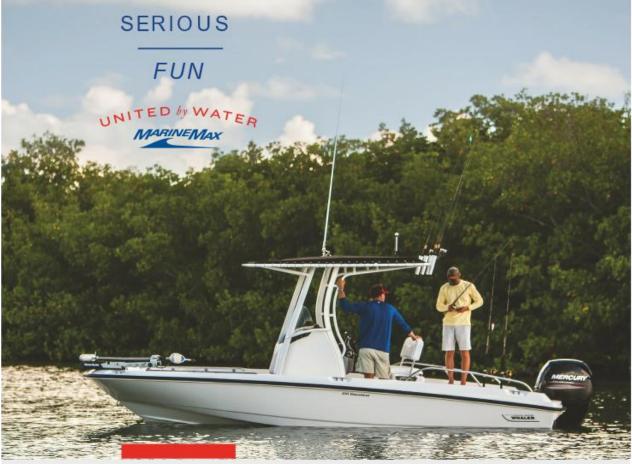
We prefer all members have a boat that they can use for their monthly patrol. However, you do not have to own a boat to become a member. You can act as "crew" during any other members patrol or, in the event of inclement weather or other unsafe "on-the-water" conditions, perform your 2-hour patrol at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

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* 1) Must present PGIFC card at time of purchase

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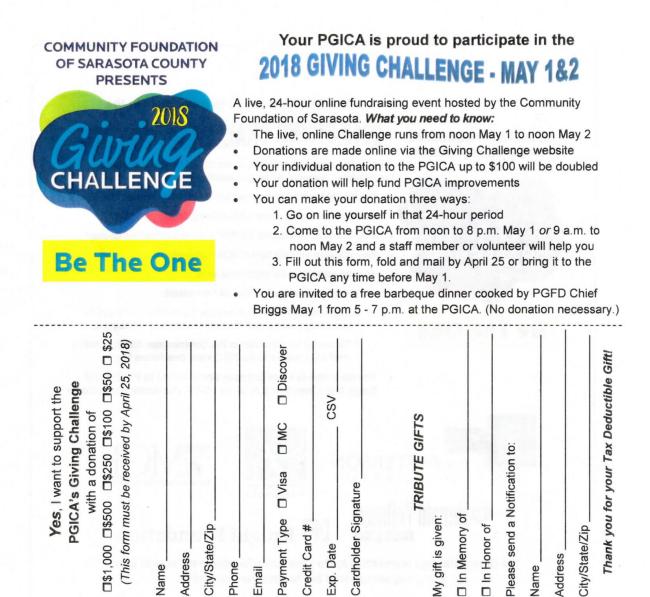
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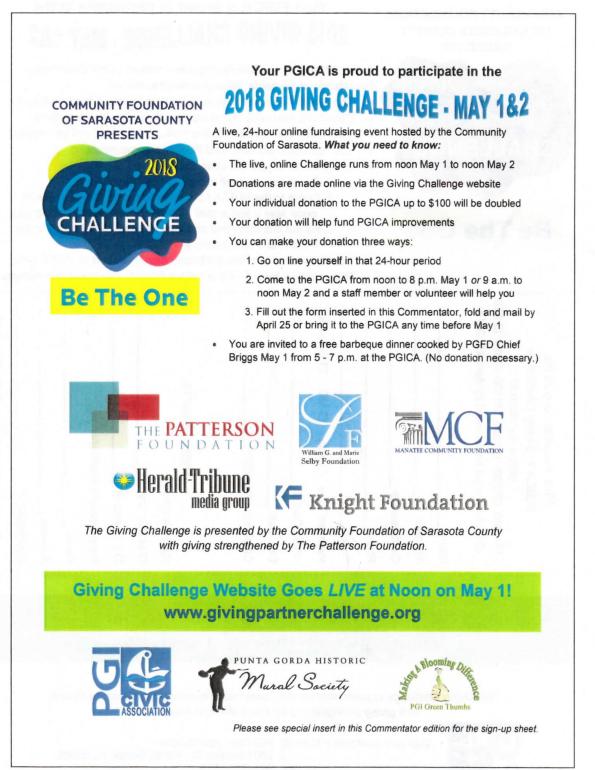
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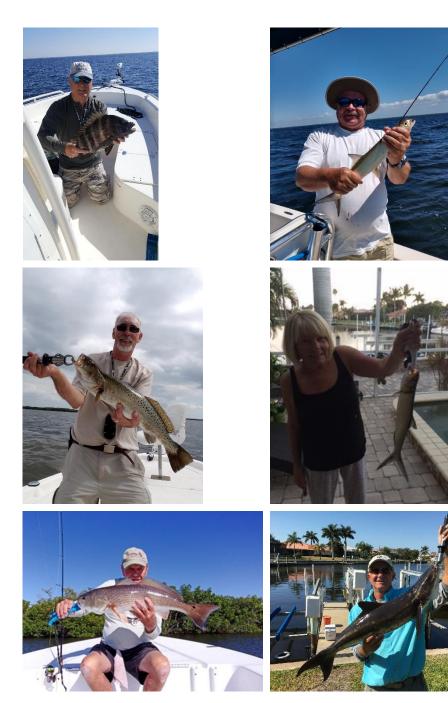
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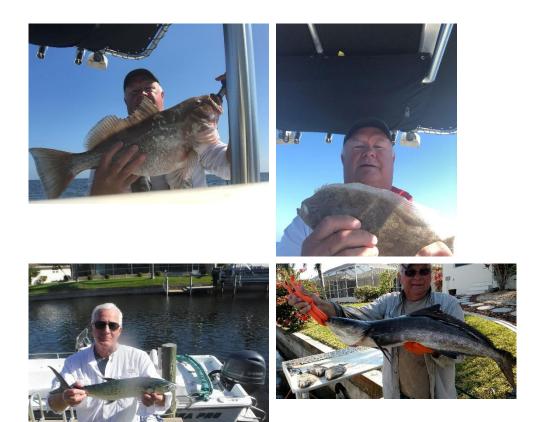
















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