



PUNTA GORDA ISLES FISHING CLUB

FROM THE HELM

President:
Gary Skillicorn



We've been fortunate that the rains, bringing fresh water down the rivers, have kept the Red Tide largely clear of the harbor. It's easy to keep the blinders on and ignore the obvious. We're a boating community with the risk of water quality issues impacting our hobbies, value of properties, and life styles. As a club of 400 or individually we need to be looking for opportunities to influence those decision makers that may have the key. Our speaker at the August meeting, Josh Greer, showed us what even a single individual can do to set the course.

Here are some items of interest:

1. An issue was raised a number of weeks ago concerning the 50 mile limited associated with catches. There was considerable debate at happy hours and the Facebook site. The large consensus was to retain the 50 mile limit and leave unchanged. The board agreed.
2. Especially for the newcomers to these waters, starting October 24th Capt. Ralph Allen will again be conducting his fishing class, a 6 evening series of classes, covering everything from A to Z. The PGI Civic Association office is taking reservations. I believe the class is \$45. Call 941-637-1655.
3. Mark your calendar for the Fall Club Picnic; Sunday October 21st from 1-4pm in the PGICA picnic grove. We'll be recognizing our many advertisers who will join us. Should be fun and a good chance to engage in discussion with our vendors. Tickets will be available at the September meeting. Contact Paula Arnold for more info.

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4. I've taken a personal interest in looking for opportunities to reduce fish loss (largely grouper) associated with bringing fish up from the depths and then not facilitating their safe release. Joe Udwari is our resident expert and has shared his experiences with us before. Even FWC vacillates on methods e.g. venting tool. Other than venting, that brings hazards, there are also some "kludges" available to get a fish back down. I'd hate to have to mess with. With my engineer hat I was impressed by a simple device called "SeaQualizer", with jaws like a "grabber" that will release at a preset depth. Not that expensive, I purchased one to rotate around to some of our off-shore folks to get their experiences. I'll let you know the outcome. From my limited offshore experiences I hated seeing small grouper floating belly-up. We are complaining about having to go further out. Maybe there's a little something we can do about it.
5. Our nominating committee is closing in on a slate of officers and board members for 2019. If you may have an interest and haven't been contacted let Paula Arnold, Tom Parsons, or Bob Mayes know.
6. The Wednesday 5 pm Happy Hour at the Sheraton Tiki Hut is a good way to meet fellow members and swap stories. Come on out and join us! Often a group will go out to dinner afterward.
7. ***We have added a new section to our website named "Meeting Presentations". We will be uploading various meeting presentations of interest to this section. Here is a link to the section:*** http://pgifishingclub.org/wordpress/?page_id=2594
8. I'd like to encourage members to join and use the club Facebook site. This is only for club members. I hope you've noticed the "photo of the week", recognizing one or more of our members.
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/238181049606050/>

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UNITED STATES COAST GUARD
U.S. Department of Homeland Security

MARINE SAFETY ALERT *Inspections and Compliance Directorate*

August 15, 2018
Washington, DC

Safety Alert 13-18

Let us enlighten you about LED lighting! **Potential interference of VHF-FM Radio and AIS Reception.**

The U.S. Coast Guard has received reports from crews, ship owners, inspectors and other mariners regarding poor reception on VHF frequencies used for radiotelephone, digital selective calling (DSC) and automatic identification systems (AIS) when in the vicinity of light emitting diode (LED) lighting on-board ships (e.g., navigation lights, searchlights and floodlights, interior and exterior lights, adornment).

Radio frequency interference caused by these LED lamps were found to create potential safety hazards. For example, the maritime rescue coordination center in one port was unable to contact a ship involved in a traffic separation scheme incident by VHF radio. That ship also experienced very poor AIS reception. Other ships in different ports have experienced degradation of the VHF receivers, including AIS, caused by their LED navigation lights. LED lighting installed near VHF antennas has also shown to compound the reception.



Strong radio interference from LED sources may not be immediately evident to maritime radio users. Nonetheless, it may be possible to test for the presence of LED interference by using the following procedures:

1. Turn off LED light(s).
2. Tune the VHF radio to a quiet channel (e.g. Ch. 13).
3. Adjust the VHF radio's squelch control until the radio outputs audio noise.
4. Re-adjust the VHF radio's squelch control until the audio noise is quiet, only slightly above the noise threshold.



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5. Turn on the LED light(s).
 - If the radio now outputs audio noise, then the LED lights have raised the noise floor. (Noise floor is generally the amount of interfering signals / static received beyond the specific signal or channel being monitored.)
6. If the radio does not output audio noise, then the LED lights have not raised the noise floor.

If the noise floor is found to have been raised, then it is likely that both shipboard VHF marine radio and AIS reception are being degraded by LED lighting.

In order to determine the full impact of this interference, the Coast Guard **requests** those experiencing this problem to report their experiences to [Coast Guard Navigation Center](#)¹. Select "Maritime Telecommunications" on the subject drop down list, then briefly describe the make and model of LED lighting and radios effected, distance from lighting to antennas and radios effected, and any other information that may help understand the scope of the problem.

This Safety Alert is provided for informational purposes only and does not relieve any domestic or international safety, operational, or material requirement. Developed by the U.S. Coast Guard, Spectrum Management and Telecommunications Policy Division. Distributed by the Office of Investigations and Analysis. Questions may be sent to HQS-PF-flidr-CGF-INV@uscg.mil.

¹ <https://www.navcen.uscg.gov/?pageName=contactUs>

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Our club currently has **154** 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.

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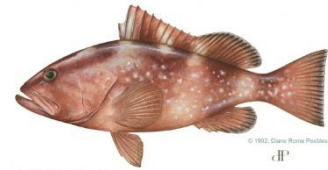
FISH OF THE MONTH CALENDAR

JANUARY: SHEEPSHEAD



SHEEPSHEAD (Archamia proles)

FEBRUARY: GROUPER



RED GROUPER (Myxopristiceles muriei)

MARCH: SPANISH MACKEREL



SPANISH MACKEREL (Scomberomorus unicolor)

APRIL: SNOOK



COMMON SNOOK (Centropomus undecimalis)

MAY: COBIA



COBIA (Rachycentron canadense)

JUNE: FLOUNDER



GULF FLOUNDER (Paralichthys oblongus)

JULY: SHARK



BLACKTIP SHARK (Carcharhinus limbatus)

AUGUST: TARPON



TARPON (Megalops atlanticus)

SEPTEMBER: SPOTTED SEATROUT



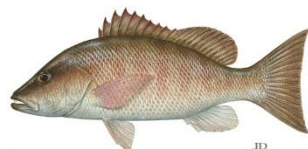
SPOTTED SEATROUT (Anchoa mitchilli)

OCTOBER: REDFISH



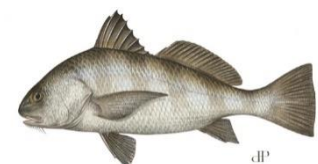
RED DRUM (Sciaenops ocellatus)

NOVEMBER: MANGROVE SNAPPER



GRAY MANGROVE SNAPPER (Lutjanus griseus)

DECEMBER: BLACK DRUM



BLACK DRUM (Sciaenops ocellatus)

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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AUGUST CLUB MEETING

SMART TIPS



Rick Sarkisian provided us with some great information regarding catching Tarpon. You can see the slides from his presentation in the “Meeting Presentations” section of our website, see below for details. Thanks Rick!

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AUGUST CLUB MEETING

DOOR PRIZE WINNERS



Starting at the top, from left to right are Marie Rinfret (New Member Contest: Fish with Rick Sarkisian), Patti McFarland, Julie Kale (Name That Fish), Aaron Wagner, and Cathy Hunt.

50/50 WINNERS



From left to right are Joe Udvari, Julie Kale, and Paula Arnold (Perhaps, Paula is contemplating how to spend her winnings?☺).

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AUGUST CLUB MEETING

FISH OF THE MONTH WINNERS

JULY: SHARK



Elaine Bretts



Paula Arnold



Joe Udwari



Bob Bretts

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AUGUST CLUB MEETING

GUEST SPEAKER



Captain Josh Greer talked to us about various Environmental Issues that our Harbor is facing. Josh was an advocate in bringing people together to help influence the Planning Commission of DeSoto County to deny the request of Mosaic Mining to expand their Phosphate mining in areas that could affect Charlotte Harbor.

Josh mentioned a new Facebook group of, potential, interest to us: PREACH- Peace River-Charlotte Harbor Environmental Awareness Group. Search PREACH on Facebook to learn more OR try <https://www.facebook.com/PReaCHFL/>.

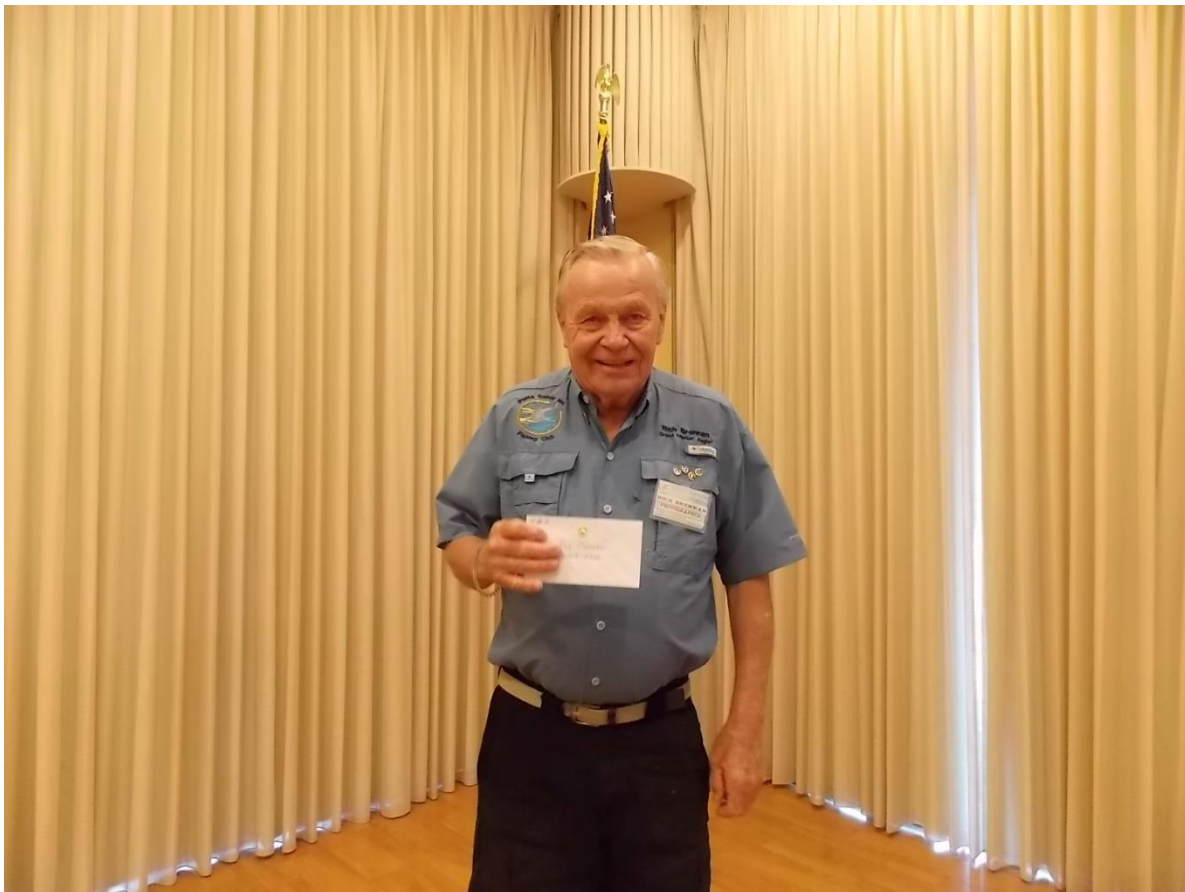
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AUGUST CLUB MEETING

LADDER OF ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS



From left to right are Cheryl Panetta (Hat), Jude Panetta (Hat & Bronze Pin), and Jeff Wilson (Lifetime - Snook Pin).



Grand Master Angler Star (GMA Star): Rich Brennan

This is Rich's 5th GMA Star!

There are only two members in our club with 5 Stars: Rich Brennan and Joe Udwari.

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JOHN'S FISHING REPORT



Vice President:
John McFarland



Dead fish floating on the water and cluttering beaches. Signs posted on beaches cautioning against swimming. Blue green algae along our coast line large enough to be visible from space. Red tide fueled by nutrient pollution reaching unparalleled levels of severity and duration. And the worst could still be ahead if Mosaic's appeal efforts to mine in the Peace River tributary are approved.

These are examples of how our elected officials have failed us, or at least ignored solutions that could have mitigated the problems we are now facing. An example is the overly lengthy plan our county officials have undertaken to stem the onslaught of phosphate, nitrogen and fecal coliform being deposited in our harbor. The majority of the 24,000 septic systems surrounding our harbor were installed 45 years ago. Seventy percent of them leak and would not meet the states minimum standards that were set 20 years ago. The plan put forth to resolve this problem is an overly lengthy 15-years. 15 years!

I recently spoke to one of the community organizers from Desoto County that successfully crafted a grass roots answer to Mosaics attempts to re-zone land for mining phosphate in the Peace River tributary. I asked for suggestions on how we may be able to convince our local elected officials to better address the pollution problems that are putting such great pressure on our fish stocks. Below are his suggestions:

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JOHN'S FISHING REPORT

Vice President:
John McFarland



- It's not just about your fishing club. It's about everyone else in the community- especially those directly affected by what is happening to fish stocks. Without the voice of community members, the movement has no heart.
- Define a narrative based upon facts. Describing how much better fishing once was is an opinion and opinions are easily dismissed. Facts describing how devastating pollution is to fisheries are indisputable.
- Educate the community on your narrative. Hashtags, social media, newspaper articles, and presentations to community groups brings the community together around a common theme.
- Bring community members together with local elected officials to discuss needed policy changes required to support a healthy estuary.

The real nitty gritty isn't so much how to organize a grass roots community movement. Rather, it is the likelihood of starting a steering group within our club. How many from our club are willing to become involved in the effort? If there is a significant participation we can make a measurable contribution. If only a few, the results most likely will be frustrating.

I'm interested in hearing your thoughts.

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FISHING EVENTS



Events Director
Dick Conant

August Fishing Report

Call this the month of the red tide! Just because I can't see it from up here doesn't mean that I haven't been sharing your pain. And, the result for this month's entries sure show the issue. When I received Gary Reeves' preliminary statistics on the 28th I was shocked. At that time Rick Sarkisian was the only member to post an entry for the FOM. Overall only 24 fish had been posted.

The last few days saw a stronger showing with tarpon posted by Jude Panetta, Fred DeMella and even Mike Gilger got in the act. Total postings jumped to 44 with 3800 points awarded. Not a great month, but it finished better than it looked like it would.

More Good News!

A GMA Star for Rick Sarkisian this month. And some great fish posted by Richy Kale. Other awards were down overall. Congratulations to the award winners, especially Fred DeMella who earned his Club Hat, Bronze & Silver this month along with tying for Second in the FOM Contest.

Hats –	Fred DeMella	
Bronze Pins -	Fred DeMella	
Silver Pin -	Fred DeMella	Jude Panetta
GMA Star -	Rick Sarkisian	

Stay safe on the water and watch out for the Thunderstorms.

Good Luck and Good Fishing.

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Ladder of Achievement July



Fred DeMella
Club Hat, Bronze &
Silver Pins



Jude Panetta
Silver Pin

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Ladder of Achievement July



Rick Sarkasian
GMA Star #1

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August FOM – Tarpon Ladies

No Entries

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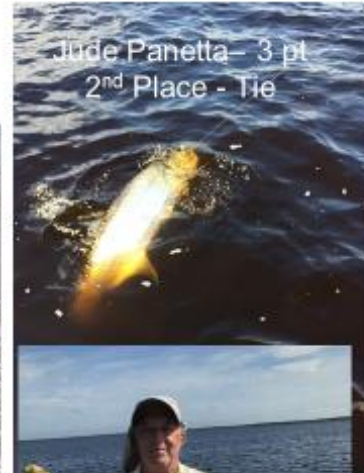
August FOM – Tarpon Men



Rick Sarkasian– 15 pts
1st Place



Fred Demella – 3 pt
2nd Place - Tie



Jude Panetta – 3 pt
2nd Place - Tie



Mike Gilger – 1 pt
3rd Place

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STATISTICS & REPORTS



Record Keeper:
Gary Reeves

The Month in Review (AUGUST)

Monthly Tidbit = Fish Submission 101... Remember to include the basic "4 W's" when submitting your fish pictures via "Fishphotos" → **Who** (angler's name), **What** (specie plus fork or total length), **When** (date caught), and **Where** (in the harbor, in the gulf, etc.)

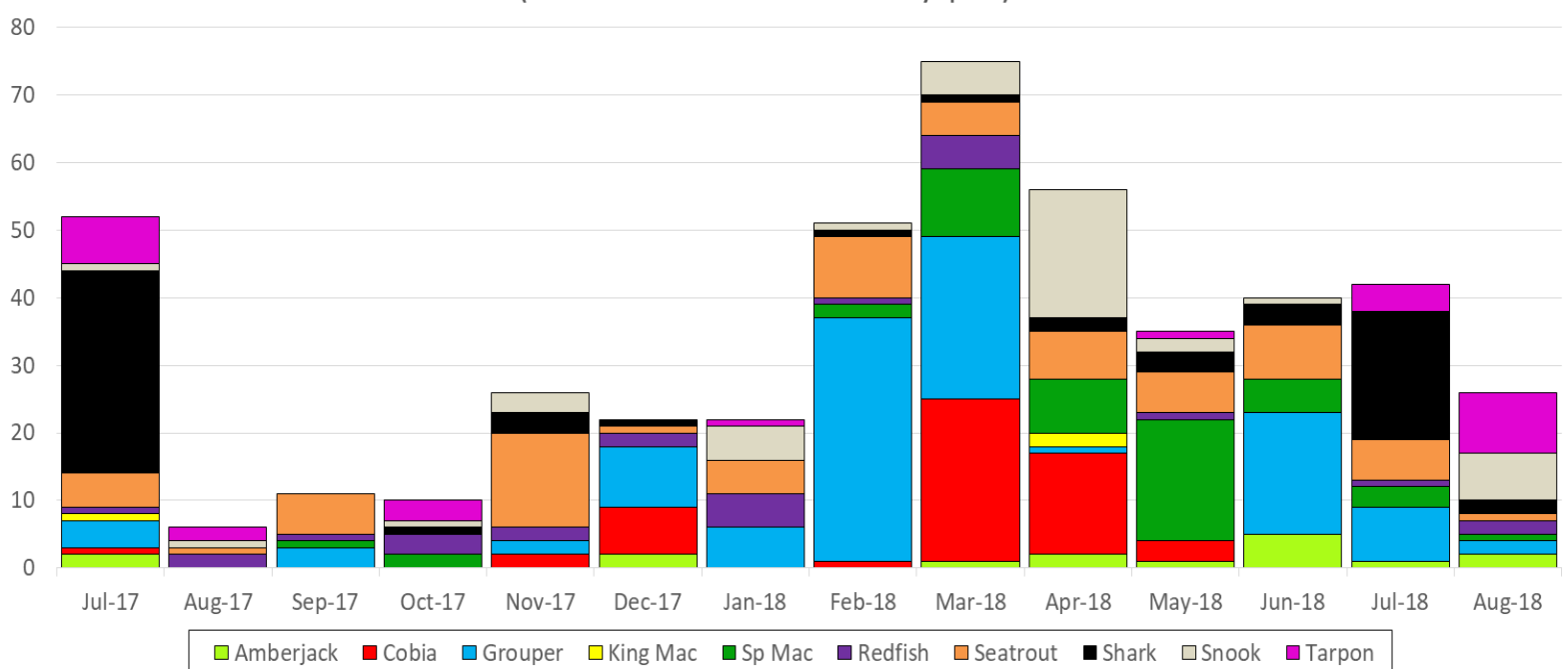
In summary, August was a better month. There were some fun success stories in both the harbor and the gulf but the rain, thunderstorms, and red tide all continue to affect our fishing and overall catch data.

Recorder's Data

Monthly Performance

	June	July	August	
Anglers	31	18	12	↓
LOA Awards	10	6	5	↓
Fish Recorded	76	51	44	↓
Points Recorded	4600	2100	3800	↑

14 Month Catch History
(Number of Fish Recorded Each Month by Specie)



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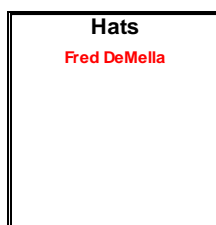
LADDER OF ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS 2018 STANDINGS (AUGUST)

Record Keeper:
Gary Reeves



BRONZE	SILVER	GOLD	LIFETIME LEVEL I SNOOK	LIFETIME LEVEL II REDFISH	LIFETIME LEVEL III TARPON	GRAND MASTER ANGLER	
						GMA	TOTAL STARS
Max Achtau	Frank Barrett	Gary Adams	Jeff Barnhart	Missy Becker	Fred Benson	Ron Baxter	
Janice Anderson	Anne Careau	Dick Conant	Ray Brunner	Bill Guenther	Larry Benz	Bill Bonham	
Doug Arnold	Marie D'Ambrosio	Roger Davis	Matti D'Ambrosio	Ken Hardesty	Randy Douet	Rich Brennan	★★★★★
Paula Arnold	Fred DeMella	Ken Garden	Dave Dyke	Bob Mays	Marv Dyrstad	Donnie Brennan	
Sherry Barrett	Kathy des Enfants	Cindi Johnston	Mary Heins	Marty McCaffrey	Carl Leicher	Bob Bretts	★★
Trudi Baxter	Tamara Dillman	Karen Lodge	Tom Hunt	Rose Anne McCaffrey	John MacLeman	Elaine Bretts	★
Barbara Brunner	Joanell Dyrstad	Joe Longo	Jim LaRocca	Gary Moerke	Bob Rand	Dianne Bukowski	
Randy Burchacki	Hobbs Goodwin	Don Ross	Marie LaRocca		Lynn Reeves	Joe Bukowski	
Bill Damour	Lou Graham	Sheree Wolfinger	Tom Lodge		George Remick	Bob Busler	
Bebe Davis	Mike Gulvezan		Sherry Moerke		Jack Spies	Jim Crawley	
Fred DeMella	Randy Hall		John Simonieg		Mark Storm	Mark Dillman	
Tom des Enfants	Bill Hess		Jeff Wilson		Karen Udvari	Dick Doster	
Yvette Du Fresne	Chuck Henry		Ed Verminski			Bob Garipey	
Sharon Dyke	Roz Hickey					John Gettinger	★★★
Richard Farmer	Cathy Hunt					Mike Gilger	★
Theresa FitzGerald	Larry Hofmeister					Tom Hickey	★
Wayne Goode	Christine Jordan					Jim Hoffman	★
Art Goodell	Denys LaChance					Margie Hoffman	
Jenny Goodell	Jonathan Landon					Bud Johnston	
Sheryl Hatch	John McFarland					Rich Kale	★
David Hatch	William Muir					Dennis Krausman	
Duane Hilgendorf	Tom Murray					Kel Krotzer	★★★
Jack Hinnenenthal	Mike Nalipi					Joanne Landaker	
Mark Kline	Larry Okray					Steve Landaker	
Fran Krausman	Jude Panetta					Darlene Madsen	
Buddy Krauss	Ted Perrin					Vinnie Madsen	
Fred Lamon	Bob Pierro					Joe Maillet	
Paul Land	Hezzie Samons					Pete McGregor	★★
Tom Lengauer	Mike Sandling					Tom Parsons	
Don Markowski	Deb Sarkisian					Gary Reeves	
Peter Meier	Ron Stenberg					Jim Qurollo	
John Morehouse	Jane Stenberg					Rick Sarkisian	★★
Jerry Morningstar	Ed Stevenson					John Solinger	
Catherine Nichols	Lynne Stockinger					Pam Solinger	
Dick Nieberline	Gretchen Sunderland					John Stockinger	★
Andy Nikitich	Mike Wagner					Ron Topper	★★
Sandy Nikitich	Stella Wagner					Joe Udvari	★★★★★
Mike Peters	T. Wierzbowski					Aaron Wagner	
Mike Petkus	Rich Willingmyre					John Wolfinger	
Chris Pflaum	Janice Wiscombe						
Kim Pflaum							
Jessica Poe							
Darryl Pricco							
Alan Schulman							
Gary Skillicorn							
Ron Stafford							
Bill Stevens							
Jan Stevens							
Kathleen Stevenson							
Don Taylor							
Miriam Taylor							
Patti Topper							
Paul Whiting							
Sandy Wierzbowski							
Rodger Will							
Frank Wyatt							
Walt Zink							

RED = Awards This Month



PGI FISHING CLUB LADDER OF ANGLING ACHIEVEMENT

	LEVEL	NUMBER OF SPECIES	SIZE LIMITS	POINTS NEEDED	AWARD
	Initial Entry	1	None	None	Club Hat
	Bronze	5	None	None	Pin
	Silver	5	Eligible Size	300	Pin
	Gold	7	Eligible Size	700	Pin
	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
	Grand Master	23	Eligible Size	2000	Club Shirt
	Grand Master Star	-	-	2000	Star

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

(BOLD star = earned this year)

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STATISTICS & REPORTS

ISLES TROPHY RACE 2018 STANDINGS (AUGUST)

Record Keeper:
Gary Reeves



OVERALL CLUB RECORD	SPECIES NAME	MEMBER NAME	RECORD LENGTH in INCHES	DATE CAUGHT	MEMBER NAME	2018 LENGTH in INCHES	DATE CAUGHT	% OF RECORD
X	Amberjack	Gary Reeves	48.0	2016	Joe Udvari	45.0	08/22/18	93.8%
X	Cobia	Bob Busler	54.0	2007	Rich Kale	45.0	03/26/18	83.3%
X	Grouper	Tom Hamilton	39.0	2003	Joe Bukowski	36.0	02/17/18	92.3%
X	King Mackerel	John MacLeman	52.0	2012	Joe Udvari	40.5	04/30/18	77.9%
X	Redfish	Bob Busler	42.0	2005	Rich Brennan	36.0	03/18/18	85.7%
X	Seatrout	Rich Brennan Aaron Wagner	29.0 29.0	2009 2012	Tom Hickey	27.0	06/27/18	93.1%
X	Snook	Vinnie Madsen	45.0	2014	Rich Kale	42.0	01/29/18	93.3%
X	Spanish Mackerel	Carl Leicher	30.0	2012	John Gettinger	24.0	04/18/18	80.0%

WOMEN'S DIVISION

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	Rose Anne McCaffrey	34.0	06/21/18	85.0%
	Cobia	Joanne Landaker Marilyn McGregor	50.0 50.0	2008 2013	Cindi Johnston	42.0	04/10/18	84.0%
	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	Elaine Bretts	20.0	04/10/18	75.5%
	Snook	Missy Becker	42.0	2013	Elaine Bretts Gretchen Sunderland	28.0 28.0	04/26/18 05/11/18	66.7% 66.7%
	Spanish Mackerel	Missy Becker	28.0	2007	Elaine Bretts	23.0	05/10/18	82.1%

This Year's Leaders are in BLUE

★ ★ Denotes New Club Record

New Entries This Month are in RED

MASTER ANGLER TOURNAMENT 2018 STANDINGS (AUGUST)

	AMBERJACK	COBIA	GROUPE	KING MACKEREL	REDFISH	SNOOK	SPANISH MACKEREL	SPOTTED SEATRUT
1st Place	Joe Udvari 45.0	Rich Kale 45.0	Dianne Bukowski 37.0	Joe Udvari 40.5	Rich Brennan 36.0	Rich Kale 42.0	John Gettinger 24.0	Tom Hickey 27.0
2nd Place	Dennis Krausman 44.0	Rick Sarkisian 43.0	Joe Bukowski 36.0	Gary Reeves 36.5	Chuck Henry 28.0	Rick Sarkisian 40.5	Frank Barrett 23.0	Rich Brennan 23.0
							Rich Brennan 23.0	
							Elaine Bretts 23.0	
3rd Place	Lary Benz 38.0	Cindi Johnston 42.0	Rich Willingmyre 33.5		Bob Critchfield 27.0	Randy Douet 36.0	Marv Dyrstad 22.0	Mark Storm 22.0
					Bill Hess 27.0			
					Tom Lemmink 27.0			

PUNTA GORDA ISLES FISHING CLUB

MEMBERSHIP

Membership Stats	
Total Households	Active Members
220	419

Membership Director:
Donnie Brennan



Good day, everyone ...

Are you melting yet? I feel like the wicked witch after Dorothy tossed a bucket of water on her. "Oooooo, I'm melting, I'm melting!" When I'm not melting, I feel like I'm swimming only I'm not in the pool. Oh to be a duck!

Rich and I had a wonderful time with the Toppers in Alaska for two weeks. What a vacation!! If you've never been, GO! What a beautiful state.

But, we're back now, so it's time to get back to normal, whatever that is.

All that said, it's time now to get to business and introduce our new members:

RICK & PAULA ADAMS AND THEIR SON IAN

JIM & PATTI ENNIS

BERT & KATHY LEITSCH

JUDE & CHERYL PANETTA

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."

PUNTA GORDA ISLES FISHING CLUB

SOCIAL EVENTS

Social Events Directors:
Patti Topper & Paula Arnold



I can't believe it is September already! Soon our roads and restaurants will be filling up. It has been great being able to get large groups into restaurants on Wednesdays after Tiki Hut. Please come join us Wednesday's, 5 pm, at the Tiki Hut behind the Sheraton. We meet in the bar. The men usually go out and sit at a picnic table. The women stay at the high top tables at the bar. If you're new to the club, just look for a large group of people. Don't be shy, just come and meet some new fishing friends!

We have a picnic scheduled October 21st. Our advertisers will be our guests.

When: October 21st (Sunday), 1-4 pm

Where: PGI Civic Association pavilion

Cost: \$5.00 per person

Provided: hamburgers, hotdogs, potato salad, and nonalcoholic beverages.

Please bring a side dish or a dessert to share. If you prefer adult beverages, it is BYOB. Tickets will be on sale at the monthly meetings, or call Paula at 724-504-5347.

Please come and show our advertisers they are appreciated. They help to keep our costs low.

DECEMBER 11th!!!!!! Our annual Christmas party will be at Twin Isles Country Club.

It is a catered meal, cash bar, door prizes, and great music! Tickets will be on sale starting at the October monthly meeting. Thanks to Ellen Wagner for all her help in planning this great event!!!

We hope to plan some gatherings, in addition to our Wednesday nights, starting in September. Watch for emails with the details (that rhymed).

Don't forget to stop by the kitchen after our monthly meetings to enjoy a sweet treat and beverage. THANKS TO WHOEVER BROUGHT THE YUMMY BROWNIES LAST MONTH!

Hope everyone is catching fish!

Paula and Patty

CLUB CALENDAR

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.

Fall Picnic: Sunday, October 21st at 1pm. Picnic will be at PGICA Pavilion.

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LADIES LIAISON



Ladies Liaison
Sherry Barrett

Hi Ladies,

It looks as though fall is fast approaching, and our friends from the north and west will soon be returning.

This month, a number of us enjoyed lunch at the Perfect Caper on the 23rd, and the food was delicious as always, and the conversation very enjoyable.

I am going to make reservations on the 20th for dinner at The Blue Turtle, at 6:30, and husbands are welcome.

So, please mark your calendars, and let me know if you are interested.

Sherry Barrett

Ladies Liaison

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SUNSHINE LADY



Donnie Brennan
Sunshine Lady



No cards were sent out in August. Guess that's a good thing. Either no one needed a card, which is a good thing or no one told me someone needed one, and that's a bad thing.

I'm hoping all is well but if it isn't, 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-crafted card to brighten their day.

However, there's only so much I can do. Here's how you can help me.

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 September.

My email address is: sunshine@pgifishingclub.org

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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.*

Donnie Brennan
Sunshine Lady



Stormy weather!! Listen to the rhythm of the falling rain. Raindrops keep falling on my head.

Don't know about you but I don't mind the rain but these storms are getting worse every year. Be careful out there. Lightning travels. Our neighbor's tree was hit by a bolt and it traveled through the ground into his house and our garage! When a storm hits, if at all possible, stay inside and off the water.

Now, a few things about those born in September:

- 1. Those born in September are over thinkers.**
- 2. They like to be as perfect as possible and sulk if things they do go wrong.**
- 3. They get bored easily!**
- 4. They have a tendency to be overcritical.**
- 5. They thrive on helping others and get offended when told their help isn't needed.**
- 6. They are hardworking.**

While we take in a few points of the September born, let's take a moment to wish them all best wishes for their special day.

Our September celebrants are:
TERRY MOELLER
MIKE GILGER
MIKE SANDLING

Happy
Birthday 

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

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

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There is just one special couple on my list of those celebrating their anniversary in September.

Let's wish a happy 51st celebration to:
JIM & MARGIE HOFFMAN

Happy

Anniversary

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

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MEMBERS HELPING MEMBERS

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

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

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MEETING MINUTES

AUGUST 14, 2018

Meeting start time: 7:03 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

July meeting minutes approved

53 member in attendance

Treasurer report - \$12,500

Marie Rinfret – new member fishing with existing club member winner

Door Prize #1 – Patti McFarland - \$100

Name that Fish winner – Julie Kale

Door Prize #2 – Aaron Wagner - \$75

FOM Ladies – Shark

1st place tie - Karen Udvari and Elaine Bretts

2nd place – Paula Arnold

FOM Men – Shark

1st place - Joe Udvari

2nd place – Bob Bretts

Club Hats – Cheryl Babian, Cheryl Panetta, and Jude Panetta

Bronze Pin – Jude Panetta

Snook Pin – Jeff Wilson

GMA Star – Rich Brennan

Club Speaker – Rick Sarkisian provided us with information regarding catching Tarpon.

Guest Speaker – Captain Josh Greer spoke to us regarding environmental issues facing our Harbor.

Door Prize #3 – Cathy Hunt

50/50 Winners

Joe Udvari - \$40

Julie Kale - \$30

Paula Arnold - \$20

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CLASSIFIED ADS



Items listed in this section are for sale from active members of the PGI Fishing Club Exclusively. Also, any upcoming events from our sponsors are listed for those interested.

***** Currently, there are no items for sale. *****

If you have any items you would like to sell, send your ad to editor@pgifishingclub.org and we will get it in the next newsletter.

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PGI MARINE WATCH



Bill Guenther
Group Coordinator



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

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

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

For additional information and to become a member of the PGI Neighborhood Marine Watch program, contact: Bill Guenther, Group Coordinator, (radioman3029@comast.net) for additional information.

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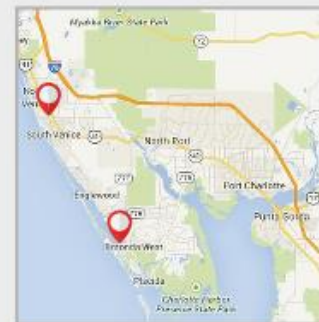
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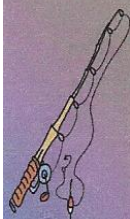
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