



PUNTA GORDA ISLES FISHING CLUB

FROM THE HELM



President:
Jude Panetta

As I write this newsletter, we are in the midst of the COVID–19 pandemic. I think it is safe to say that none of us have ever experienced anything like this before so we are all charting new waters. Regardless of your opinion on the topic and how it is being handled by our leaders, we as the club have to get along as best as we can. We will try and keep everyone informed of the status of events as soon as possible. The club will resume its normal functions as soon as we are authorized to use the PGICA facility and the Tiki Bar reopens.

We are all very fortunate to live where we do and have access to Charlotte Harbor and the Gulf. I know I have been spending significantly more time on the water than is even normal for me. Please understand I am not complaining although I do miss pickleball a little. The point I wanted to make is that when this is all over, we need to remember how lucky we were and focus even harder on protecting what we have and what lives in it.

We just completed another successful fishing tournament. I know Dennis will be talking about it in the newsletter so I won't bother you with the details. I do want to thank Dennis once again for doing an outstanding job on the tournament. The timing couldn't have been better. It gave everyone who participated a reason to get out of the house and have fun. Recently the club has been trying to get the membership to focus on proper fish handling. I want to thank everyone in the club who is doing their best. Don't hold me to the accuracy of this next statement, but in my simple mathematic calculations, it appeared that greater than 95% of the fish in the pictures submitted for the tournament were handled reasonably well at least when the picture was taken. I want to single out Cindi Johnston (46" Barracuda) and Cathy Hunt (44" Black Drum) for proper handling even on monster fish. Please keep it up. We will pick up the training as soon as we can resume meetings.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to me. I continue to get input, comments, and feedback which is a good thing. It will only make the club better. Also, please volunteer when you can. The club functions better when people get involved. Take a new member fishing. There has been a lot of that recently and it also makes the club stronger.

My parting shot for this month is poking fun at myself. Be careful of unwanted guests on your boat. They can be messy and smelly. Just ask Rick Sarkisian. Luckily, I have a very hard head.

Everyone please be safe.

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Our club currently has **175** 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.

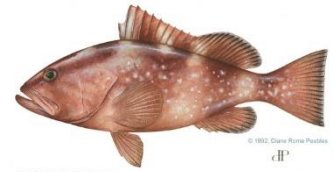
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FISH OF THE MONTH CALENDAR

JANUARY: SHEEPSHEAD



FEBRUARY: GROUPER



MARCH: SPANISH MACKEREL



APRIL: SNOOK



MAY: COBIA



JUNE: JACK CREVALLE



JULY: SHARK



AUGUST: TARPON



SEPTEMBER: SEATROUT



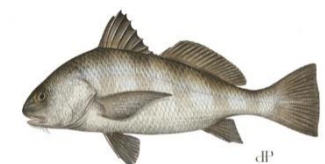
OCTOBER: REDFISH



NOVEMBER: MANGROVE SNAPPER



DECEMBER: BLACK DRUM



Fine Print: See "Fish of the Month Contest Rules" here:

<http://pgifishingclub.org/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/Fish-of-the-Month-Contest-Rules-Rev-7-021220.pdf>

PUNTA GORDA ISLES FISHING CLUB

MARCH CLUB MEETING

DOOR PRIZE WINNERS



Starting at the top, from left to right are Fred De Mella (Name That Fish), Jude Panetta, Stella Wagner, and Ron Topper.

50/50 WINNERS



From left to right are Larry Kissner, Chuck Mohr, and Fred De Mella

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MARCH CLUB MEETING

GUEST SPEAKER



Larry Todd from the Jig Shop manufactures Silly Jigs and Spoke to us about how to properly work a silly jig and the different types Primarily, used to catch pompano. Thanks Larry!

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MARCH CLUB MEETING

LADDER OF ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS



Our latest Grand Master Angler (GMA) Star winners are Bob Gariepy (Star #2), Ron Topper (Star #5), and Joe Udvari (Star #7).

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RANDY'S FISHING REPORT



Vice President:
Randy Douet

Now that the winds have abated, lots of us are getting out there. A few Harbor comments:

- 1)The harbor water is as clean as I've ever seen it (12 years). There are many areas in Pine Island Sound that are far dirtier than the harbor.
- 2)Water temp is at 80 degrees in many areas now.
- 3)No red tide...not even background concentrations.
- 4)Much of the previously pristine turtle grass areas are now coated with clear-amber muck (I'm sure you smart people know what the official name for this snot is).
- 5)And finally, fishing pressure is very high due to the virus.

Even with the grass conditions, there are plenty of reports of trout, spanish mackerel, snook, jacks, and huge Ladyfish. I see bait gathering every morning just out from the Ponce Inlet Canal markers, Jug Creek Shoal, and a few boats at Bokeelia Reef.

April is Snook month. I see guides combing the canal exits with live greenbacks doing well. With the clear water, keep a good distance from your targeted spots.

I'm writing this on the eve of our March Club tournament. I applaud the leadership of Dennis and Jude to make the rewards ceremony "virtual" in light of the social distancing rules in effect. Get out there and have fun! We'll still distribute the "door" prizes!

Best place to self-quarantine is on a boat...

Tight lines
Randy

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FISHING EVENTS



Events Director:
Dennis Krausman

It is very satisfying to see the constant increase in the participation in fishing events. We all recognize the impact that participation by lady anglers and newer members has on the monthly results. It is also notable the number of longer-term members who are jumping back in to report their catches and achieve the next level in the Ladder of Achievement.

The tournament was a big success despite the virus issues we are dealing with. All tournament awards, including door prizes and Fish of the Month Awards have been mailed to the members. Many thanks to Jan Holm and Donna Sullivan who took care of the organization and mailing of the gift cards while I was busy thinking fishing strategies.

Paul Whiting addresses monthly highlights in his section. A few additional notable items:

- Randy Douet represents less than 2% of the anglers reporting fish in March, However, he accounted for about 9% of the fish reported, and 11% of the points awarded for larger fish. Other than a modest 19.5" Spanish Mackerel, all of his reported fish were – Spotted Seatrout. He had about 27% of all trout reported for the month. He achieved his goal of 2000 points for his second GMA (Seatrout) Star.
- Cindi Johnston earned her Grand Master Angler level and along the way landed a 46-inch barracuda.
- Dave Dyke was chasing his 6 ½ year personal best Spanish Mackerel at 22.5 inches. He caught TWO 22-inch fish in one day, in a tie for 1st place in Fish of the Month.
- Wayn Nelson caught a 32-inch Blackfin Tuna on a near-shore reef.
- Jan Holm caught a 21-inch Flounder at Ponce Park.
- In early April Dick Doster just turned in a 31-inch Bluefish.

We will be announcing a new Fishing Event soon.

Your participation makes this one of the best clubs in PGI.

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APRIL FISH OF THE MONTH

SNOOK



Appearance

- Large mouth with a protruding lower jaw
- Jaw reaches below the rear portion of the eye
- Sloping forehead
- High dorsal fin that is divided
- Black lateral line extends onto tail
- Pelvic fin yellow in color

Similar Species: Other snook species

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MARCH FISH OF THE MONTH WINNER



1ST PLACE – MIRIAM TAYLOR – 21”

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MARCH FISH OF THE MONTH WINNER



2ND PLACE — SONIA NELSON — 20.5"

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MARCH FISH OF THE MONTH WINNER



3RD PLACE —CINDI JOHNSTON — 19.5"

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MARCH FISH OF THE MONTH WINNER



1ST PLACE TIE— MIKE DOUGHERTY — 22"

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MARCH FISH OF THE MONTH WINNER



1ST PLACE TIE — DAVE DYKE — 22"

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MARCH FISH OF THE MONTH WINNER



1ST PLACE TIE— RICK SARKISIAN — 22”

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MARCH FISH OF THE MONTH WINNER



2ND PLACE TIE— MARK LEE — 21.5"

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MARCH FISH OF THE MONTH WINNER



**2ND PLACE TIE— GARY SKILLICORN —
21.5"**

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MARCH FISH OF THE MONTH WINNER



3RD PLACE TIE— MARK DILLMAN— 21"

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MARCH FISH OF THE MONTH WINNER



3RD PLACE TIE— RON TOPPER— 21"

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LADDER OF ACHIEVEMENT

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Grand Master Star			2000	Star

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Club Hat



Denise Holwarth

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Events Director:
Dennis Krausman

Club Hat



Rolf Simonson

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Events Director:
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Bronze Award



Tom Hay

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Events Director:
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Silver Award



Mike Dougherty

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Silver Award



Mark Lee

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Silver Award



Sonia Nelson

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Silver Award



Wayne Nelson

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Silver Award



Cheryl Panetta

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Silver Award



Gary Skillicorn

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Silver Award



Allen Wade

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Events Director:
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Gold Award



Doug Du Fresne

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Gold Award



Bill Muir

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Events Director:
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Gold and Snook Awards



Rick Brown

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Events Director:
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Snook Award



John Saitta

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Events Director:
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Snook and Redfish Award



Julie Kale

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Redfish Award



Dave Dyke

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Events Director:
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Tarpon Award



Jeff Barnhart

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Events Director:
Dennis Krausman

Grand Master Angler



Fred De Mella

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Grand Master Angler



Cindi Johnston

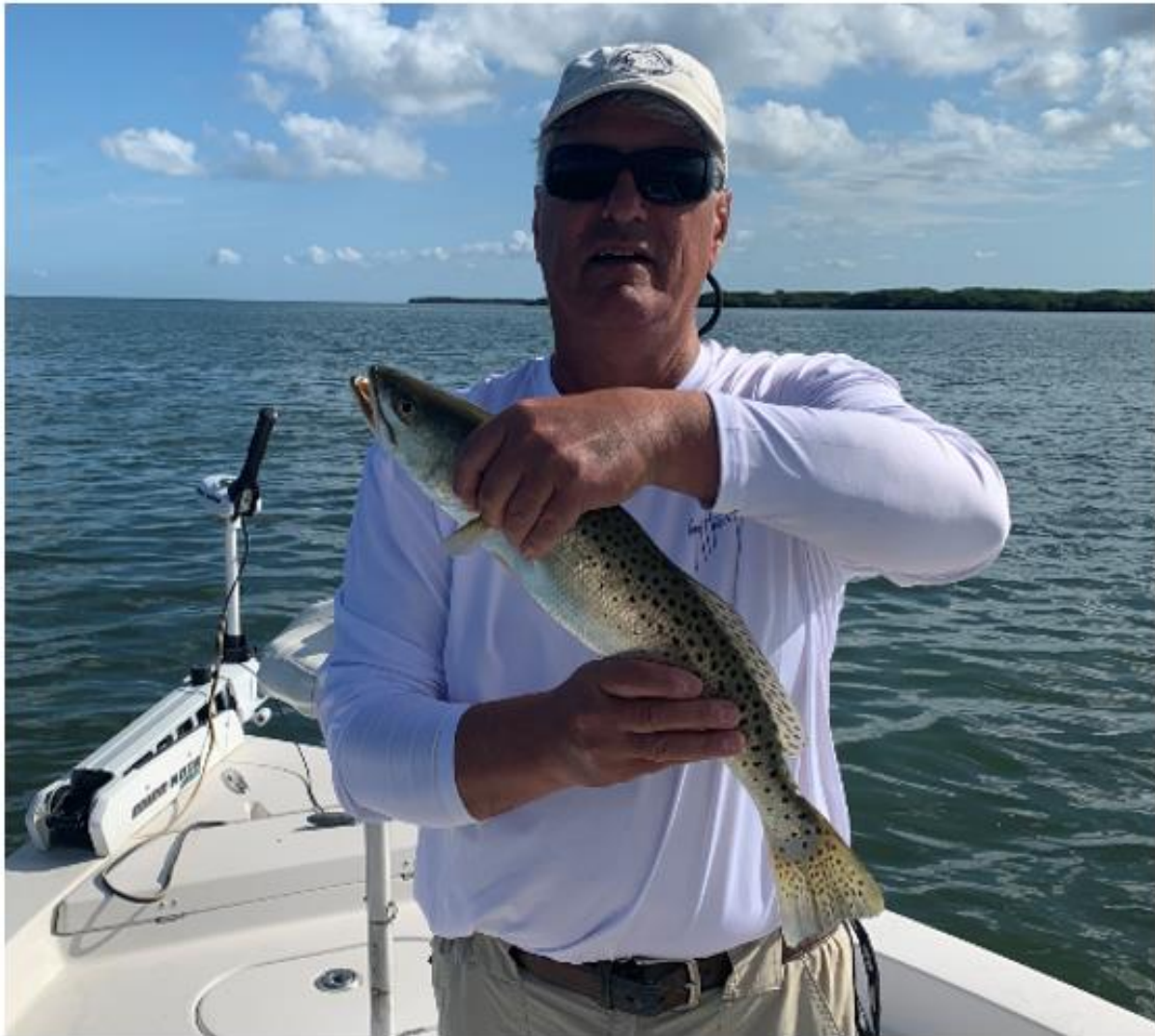
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2nd GMA Star



Randy Douet

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2nd GMA Star



Jude Panetta

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7th GMA Star



Rich Brennan

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STATISTICS & REPORTS



Record Keeper:
Paul Whiting

The Month in Review (March)

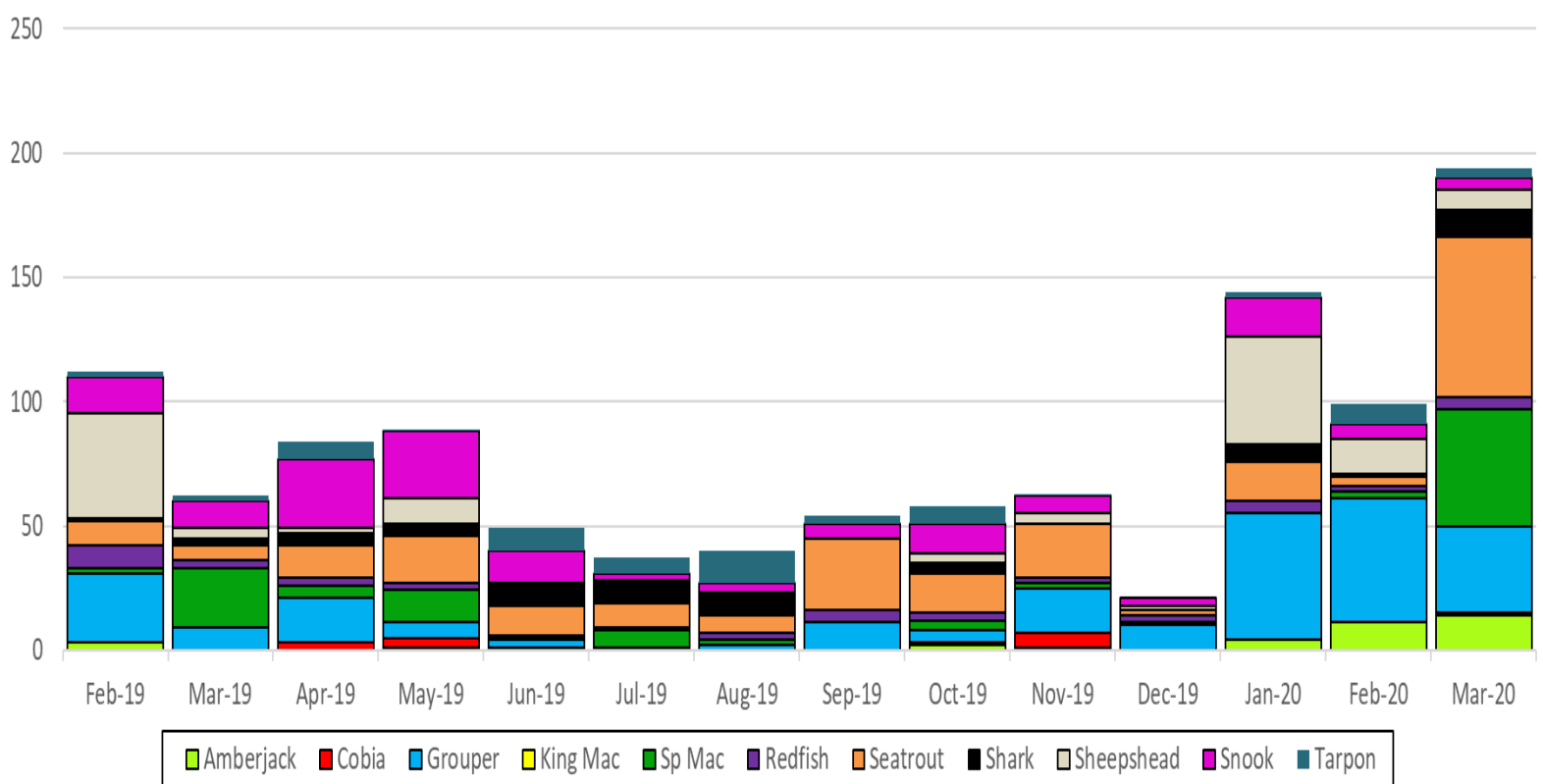
Thanks in part to cooperative weather with strong high pressure over the Gulf holding off the cold fronts, and our 2-day tournament, there were more than 267 fish reported amassing over 18,100 points for larger fish. The FOM – Spanish Mackerel – proved to be a cooperative species bending the rods of male and female anglers alike with 47 catches reported by 33 anglers. Numerous seatrout were reported with 63 fish reported by 31 anglers. Red grouper continued to cooperate offshore with 20 anglers accounting for 35 catches and 4900 points. Two of our anglers achieved TWO levels on their LOA in the same month: Rick Brown – Gold & Snook Pins & Julie Kale – Snook & Redfish Pins. There were 20 new names in the MAT with larger fish being reported. Congratulations to Rich Brennan who earned GMA Star #7 and to Fred De Mella and Cindi Johnston who proudly achieved their GMA status as a part of the 21 anglers who achieved a new rung on the LOA. Two more anglers, Randy Douet, and Jude Panetta earned their next GMA Star. Joe Udvari has already achieved 3000 points in the first 3 months of this season

Recorder's Data

Monthly Performance

	January	February	March	
Anglers	52	44	78	↑
LOA Awards	17	11	21	↑
Fish Recorded	210	136	267	↑
Points Recorded	12000	11400	18,100	↑

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



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LADDER OF ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS 2020 STANDINGS (MARCH)

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BRONZE	SILVER	GOLD	LIFETIME LEVEL I SNOOK	LIFETIME LEVEL II REDFISH	LIFETIME LEVEL III TARPON	GRAND MASTER ANGLER	
						GMA	TOTAL STARS
Ian Adams	Doug Arnold	Gary Adams	Rick Brown	Dick Conant	Jeff Barnhart	Ron Baxter	
Rick Adams	Jeff Bellairs	Rick Brown	John Fitzgerald	Dave Dyke	Frank Barrett	Larry Benz	★
Paula Arnold	Anne Careau	Doug De Fresne	Mary Heins	Bill Guenther	Fred Benson	Rich Brennan	★★★★★
Sherry Barrett	Yvette Du Fresne	Ken Garden	Chuck Henry	Ken Hardesty	Marv Dyrstad	Donnie Brennan	
Trudi Baxter	Kathy des Enfants	Karen Lodge	Tom Hunt	Julie Kale	Carl Leicher	Bob Bretts	★★★★
Colleen De Mella	Tamara Dillman	Bill Muir	Julie Kale	Marty McCaffrey	Bob Mays	Elaine Bretts	★★★
Tom des Enfants	Mike Dougherty	Sheree Wolfinger	Jim LaRocca	Rose Anne McCaffrey	Lynn Reeves	Dianne Bukowski	★
Sharon Dyke	Joanell Dyrstad		Marie LaRocca	Gary Moerke	Jack Spies	Joe Bukowski	★
Mike Endres	Richard Embury		Tom Lodge		Mark Storm	Jim Crawley	
Richard Farmer	Jenny Goodell		Sherry Moerke		Donna Sullivan	Fred De Mella	
Theresa FitzGerald	Lou Graham		John Saitta		Gretchen Sunderland	Mark Dillman	
Christine Fontaine	Mike Gulvezan		John Simonieg		Jeff Wilson	Dick Doster	
Gary Frost	Randy Hall		Ed Verminski		Karen Udvari	Randy Douet	★★★
Chris Gibbons	Bill Hess		Ted Wierzbowski			Bob Gariepy	★★★
Art Goodell	Roz Hickey		Rich Willingmyre			John Gettinger	★★★
Frank Grazier	Larry Hofmeister					Mike Gilger	★
Renee Gibbons	Jan Holm					Tom Hickey	★
Bob Giffin	Lisa Kellythorne					Jim Hoffman	★
Sheryl Hatch	Larry Kissner					Margie Hoffman	
David Hatch	Denys LaChance					Cathy Hunt	
Tom Hay	Dave Lafo					Bud Johnston	
Jack Hinnenenthal	Jonathan Landon					Cindi Johnston	
Jack Howarth	Mark Lee					Rich Kale	★★
Dennis Jones	John McFarland					Dennis Krausman	★★
Fran Krausman	Dennis McKenna					Kel Krotzer	★★★
Buddy Krauss	Dianne McKenna					Joanne Landaker	
Richard Larson	Mike Nalipi					Steve Landaker	
Tom Lengauer	Sonia Nelson					Darlene Madsen	
Peter Meier	Wayn Nelson					Vinnie Madsen	
Patricia Nalipi	Cheryl Panetta					Joe Maillet	
Mike Petkus	Nancy Pearson					Pete McGregor	★★
Chris Pflaum	Kim Pflaum					Jude Panetta	★★★
Alan Schulman	Bob Pierro					Tom Parsons	
Jess Searle	Hezzie Samons					Gary Reeves	
Bill Stevens	Mike Sandling					Jim Qurollo	
Jan Stevens	Deb Sarkisian					Rick Sarkisian	★★★
Kathleen Stevenson	Gary Skillicorn					John Stockinger	★
Miriam Taylor	Ed Stevenson					Ron Topper	★★★★★
Patti Topper	Lynne Stockinger					Joe Udvari	★★★★★
Paul Whiting	Don Taylor					Aaron Wagner	
Tom Youngblood	Allen Wade					Mike White	★★★
	Mike Wagner					John Wolfinger	
	Stella Wagner						
	Sandy Wierzbowski						

RED = Awards This Month

Club Hats

Denise Howarth
Rolf Simonson

PGI FISHING CLUB LADDER OF ANGLING ACHIEVEMENT

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For complete Ladder of Angling Achievement Program rules, detailed information on eligible angler achievement pieces, 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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ISLES TROPHY RACE 2020 STANDINGS (MARCH)



Record Keeper:
Paul Whiting

MEN'S DIVISION

OVERALL CLUB RECORD	SPECIES NAME	MEMBER NAME	RECORD LENGTH in INCHES	DATE CAUGHT	MEMBER NAME	2020 LENGTH in INCHES	DATE CAUGHT	% OF RECORD
X	Amberjack	Joe Udvari	53.5	2019	Mike Newman	39.0	2/18/20	72.9%
X	Cobia	John Gettinger	55.5	2019				0.0%
X	Grouper	Tom Hamilton	39.0	2003	Marty McCaffrey	34.0	3/14/20	87.2%
X	King Mackerel	John MacLeman	52.0	2012				0.0%
X	Redfish	Bob Busler	42.0	2005	Allen Wade	29.0	2/7/20	69.0%
X	Seatrout	Rich Brennan Aaron Wagner	29.0 29.0	2009 2012	Rich Brennan	22.5	3/11/20	77.6%
X	Sheepshead	Vinnie Madsen	24.0	2016	Fred De Mella	21.5	2/11/20	89.6%
X	Snook	Vinnie Madsen	45.0	2014	John Fitzgerald Bill Muir	35.0 35.0	1/23/20 3/8/20	77.8%
X	Spanish Mackerel	Carl Leicher	30.0	2012	Mike Dougherty Dave Dyke Rick Sarkisian	22.0 22.0 22.0	3/22/20 3/27/20 3/18/20	73.3%

WOMEN'S DIVISION

OVERALL CLUB RECORD	SPECIES NAME	MEMBER NAME	RECORD LENGTH in INCHES	DATE CAUGHT	MEMBER NAME	2020 LENGTH in INCHES	DATE CAUGHT	% OF RECORD
	Amberjack	Darlene Madsen	40.0	2017	Elaine Bretts	36.0	3/23/20	90.0%
	Cobia	Joanne Landaker Marilyn McGregor	50.0 50.0	2008 2013				0.0%
	Grouper	Dianne Bukowski	37.0	2018	Dianne Bukowski	36.0	2/17/20	97.3%
	King Mackerel	Karen Lodge	38.0	2014				
	Redfish	Donnie Brennan Missy Becker	38.0 38.0	2008 2008	Theresa FitzGerald	18.0	3/24/20	47.4%
	Seatrout	Joanne Landaker	26.5	2011	Donna Sullivan	24.0	3/21/20	90.6%
	Sheepshead	Darlene Madsen	22.0	2018	Julie Kale	21.0	3/13/20	95.5%
	Snook	Missy Becker	42.0	2013	Julie Kale	32.0	2/9/20	76.2%
	Spanish Mackerel	Missy Becker Lynn Reeves	28.0 28.0	2007 2019	Miriam Taylor	21.0	3/14/20	75.0%

This Year's LEADERS are in BLUE

★ ★ Denotes New Club Record

New Entries This Month are in RED

Past Winners:

2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Rich Brennan	Kel Krotzer	Greg Chestnut	Jim Qurollo	Steve landaker	Vinnie Madsen	Bob Mays	Gary Reeves	Rich Kale	Joe Udvari	Joe Udvari
Christine Jordan	Margie Hofman	Joanne landaker	Rose Anne McCaffrey	Missy Becker	Margie Hoffman	Karen Lodge	Rose Anne	Darlene	Dianne	Lynn Reeves

MASTER ANGLER TOURNAMENT

2020 STANDINGS (MARCH)

	AMBERJACK	COBIA	GROUPE	KING MACKEREL	REDFISH	SEATRUT	SHEEPSHEAD	SNOOK	SPANISH MACKEREL
1st Place	Mike Newman 39.0		Dianne Bukowski 36.0		Allen Wade 29.0	Donna Sullivan 24.0	Fred De Mella 21.5	John Fitzgerald 35.0 Bill Muir 35.0	Mike Dougherty 22.0 Dave Dyke 22.0 Rick Sarkisian 22.0
2nd Place	Ron Topper 37.0 Joe Udvari 37.0		Marty McCaffrey 34.0		Dick Conant 28.0	Elaine Bretts 23.0	Julie Kale 21.0	Julie Kale 32.0	Mark Lee 21.5 Gary Skillicorn 21.5
3rd Place	Elaine Bretts 36.0 Mark Lee 36.0		Rich Brennan 33.0 Lynn Reeves 33.0 Mike White 33.0		Fred De Mella 25.0 Bob Gariepy 25.0	Rich Brennan 22.5	Larry Kissner 19.5	Frank Barrett 31.0	Mark Dillman 21.0 Miriam Taulor 21.0 Ron Topper 21.0

PUNTA GORDA ISLES FISHING CLUB

Membership Stats	
Total Households	Active Members
232	440

MEMBERSHIP

Membership Director:
Donnie Brennan



Amid the health crisis that we are now facing, please know that while we cannot hold physical meetings, we are still doing what is necessary to keep our club working. Your board is dedicated to keeping you informed on matters regarding health, fishing, and camaraderie.

Whatever news we have will be passed to you via email blasts.

Please, if you have nowhere super important to go, stay home. Stay safe. Stay well and we'll see you when this is all over.

In the meantime, before all this took place, we had a number of new people join our club. Once we meet again, we can give all of them a wonderful welcome.

Our newbies are:

DEAN & SANDY DAVIDSON

from Lilesville NC

TED & SUSAN OLDS

from Hibbing MN

HAROLD & MARTI WELCH

from St Paul MN

We are always looking to increase our membership, so please keep your eyes out for new neighbors. Let me know if someone moves into your area. I'll send them a welcome letter and a brochure.

Have a great day and I'll see you at the next meeting.

PS... PLEASE DON'T FORGET, IF YOU HAVE NOT YET PICKED UP YOUR BADEGES, YOU NEED TO DO SO. Thanks.

Donnie — membership@pgifishingclub.org

PUNTA GORDA ISLES FISHING CLUB

SOCIAL EVENTS

Social Events Directors: Julie Kale, Stella Wagner,
Cheryl Panetta, and Rose Anne McCaffrey



Hi Friends,

Hope you are well and staying safe in this difficult time.
Obviously, there are no scheduled events for this month.
Miss seeing you all.

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Stella Wagner 303-594-1999
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Rose Anne McCaffrey 941-268-1839

CLUB CALENDAR

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

Breakfast: Tuesday and Friday mornings, 6:50am at Elena's.

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

Above events cancelled until further notice.

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SUNSHINE LADY



Sunshine Lady:
Paula Arnold



Hey everyone, I am the new "Sunshine Lady." Donnie Brennan has relinquished her duties to me.

If you or someone you are aware of in the club needs a card for any reason (birthday, sympathy, encouragement, congratulations, etc.) please let me know.

I can also provide a meal or a visit if someone is in need. Please call or email me.

Paula Arnold
724-504-5347
1207swanct@gmail.com

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CELEBRATION

Membership Director:
Donnie Brennan



CELEBRATION TIME, COME ON!

*There's a party goin' on right here.
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So bring your good times and your laughter too
We're gonna celebrate and party with you.*

It's that time again to wish a few of our members a wonderful birthday.

I'm sorry if I missed any birthday celebrant. If I have, please let me know asap.

Now for our APRIL celebrants; happy birthday to:

DICK DOSTER

PATTY GETTINGER

JONATHAN LANDON

DONNETTE SAMONS

PATTY NALIPI

ELAINE BRETTS



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

ALSO



I have one anniversary listed for April.

If you want to send a birthday or anniversary wish to someone, just email me (membership@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 date and 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.

Below are members willing to take you out on their boats.

Chris Pflaum (Inshore/Offshore)

ccpflaum@hotmail.com

Gary Burgress (Harbor Only)

g2873477@hotmail.com

Gretchen Sunderland (Harbor Only; Especially, Beginner Women)

gretchen@coachgretchen.com

Fred De Mella (Inshore/Offshore)

fdemella@gmail.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 editor@pgifishingclub.org

CLUB LINKS

Club Website:	http://pgifishingclub.org
Club Facebook:	http://facebook.com Search for "pgi fishing club"
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General Information:	http://pgifishingclub.org/wordpress/?page_id=101

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MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 10, 2020

Meeting start time: 7:05 pm

Feb Meeting Minutes approved

Attendance count: 91 people

Item voted on: Richard Embury fill the open position as Web Master – approved

Treasurer Report: \$14,785.83 in the bank

Social Update: May 16th is the tentative date for a picnic. The event will be catered

Name That Fish winner: Fred DeMella

New Member Outreach Winner – Chuck Thompson – hosted by Fred DeMella

Proper fish handling do's and don'ts – Randy Douet

Guest Speaker – Larry Todd – manufactures Silly Jigs and runs The Jig Shop – spoke about how to properly work a silly jig and the different types – used to catch pompano

Door Prize winner #1 – Jude Panetta - \$75

Door Prize winner #2 – Stella Wagener - \$50

Door Prize winner #3 – Ron Topper - \$25

FOM for March: Spanish Mackerel

March fishing tournament announced – details to follow

FOM Winner:

Women: 1st – Dianne Bukowski - 36", 2nd – Cathy Hunt – 29.5", 3rd – Rose Anne McCaffrey – 24"

Men: 1st – Jeff Barnhart – 32", 1st – Carl Leicher – 32", 1st – Joe Udvari – 32", 2nd – Mike Newman – 31", 3rd – John Saitta – 30.5", 3rd – Rich Willingmyre – 30.5

LOA:

Club Hat: Debby Cotellessa and Britt Saitta

Bronze Pin: Colleen De Mella, John Saitta, Jess Searle

Silver Pin: John Saitta

Gold Pin: John Saitta

Snook Pin: Ted Wierzbowski and Rich Willingmyre

GMA Star: Bob Gariepy – Star #2, Ron Topper – Star #5, Joe Udvari – Star #7

50/50 Winners:

Larry Kissner - \$83

Chuck Mohn - \$66

Fred DeMella - \$37

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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.

There are no ads at this time...

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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PUNTA GORDA ISLES MARINE WATCH

HELP US TO HELP YOU



What is Punta Gorda Isles Marine Watch ("PGI Marine Watch")?

PGI Marine Watch is a volunteer on-the-water and land surveillance program like no other in Southwest Florida. The program was founded over ten years ago by Bill Guenther, a PGI resident, when he identified a need for increased security in the canals because of the increasing number of homes being built and residents moving to Punta Gorda Isles. Our group works in conjunction with the Punta Gorda Police Department, as a watch and report program. We act as a deterrent to those individuals who may be considering the theft of a boat or other marine equipment, as well as illegal netting activity. Since its inception in 2009, the PGI Marine Watch has been an active part of reducing marine crime in Punta Gorda Isles.

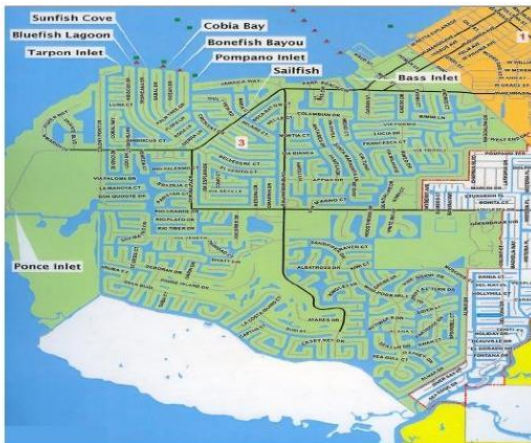


What do our members do?

The volunteer members of the PGI Marine Watch use their own boats to patrol once a month for a two hour period. Some of our members partner with another PGI Marine Watch member and complete their patrol together, alternating boats. Some of our members patrol with a friend or their spouse. The patrol dates are flexible to fit your schedule and once your patrol is complete you email your report for the program records.

What is required to volunteer with the PGI Marine Watch?

The only requirement to volunteer with the PGI Marine Watch is a desire to help your community. The PGI Marine Watch program provides you with signage for your boat and works with you to determine which patrol area works best for you based upon where you reside. The preferred boat size is at least 19 feet in length due to the occasional rough waters in Charlotte Harbor, with either a T-top or bow rail to display the "PGI Marine Watch" sign. Our PGI Marine Watch volunteers also are authorized to receive a 5% fuel discount at Fisherman's Village Marine.



How can I join?

If you can volunteer two hours each month, then you may want to consider becoming a member of one of the most unique community volunteer groups in Southwest Florida. Contact us to receive more information and an application:

**For more information about the
Punta Gorda Isles Marine Watch Program,
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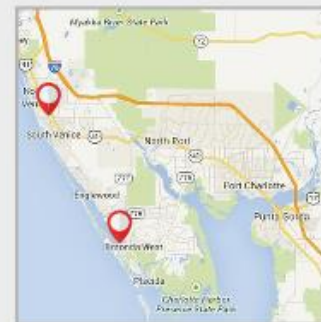
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* See Note 1

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- * 1) Must present PGIFC card at time of purchase

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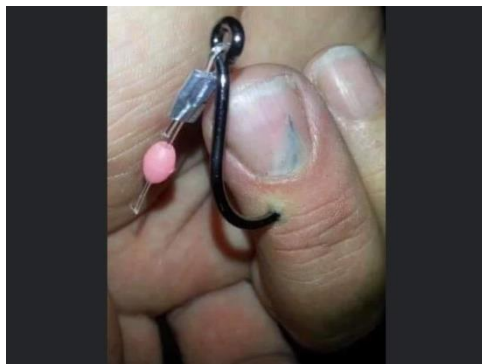
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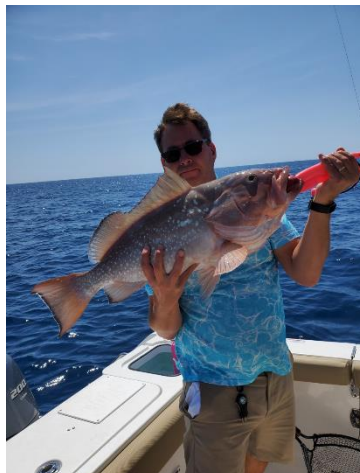
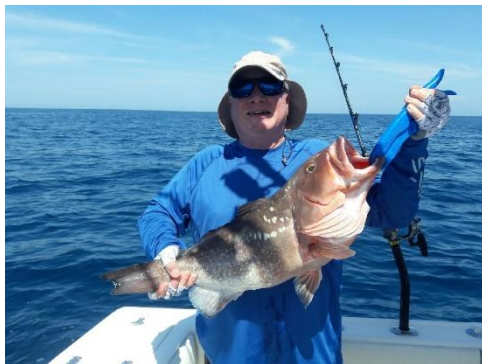
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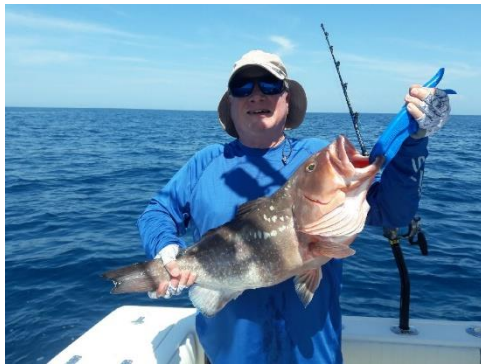
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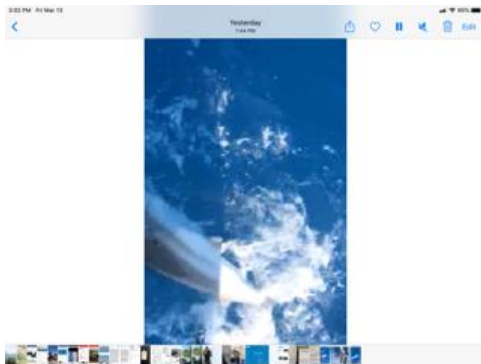
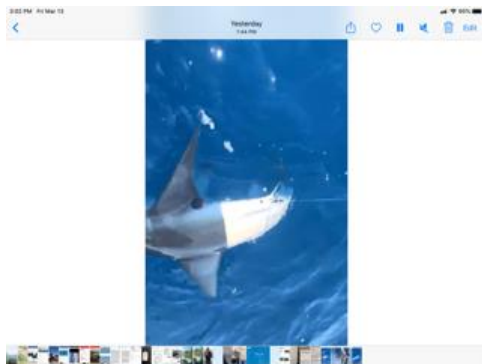
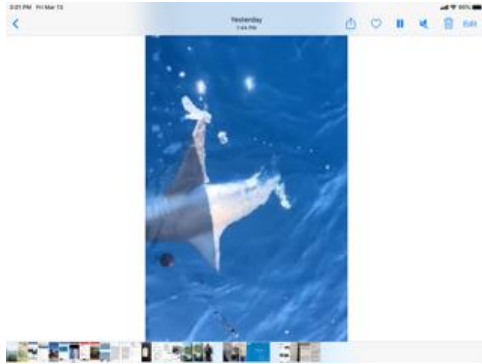
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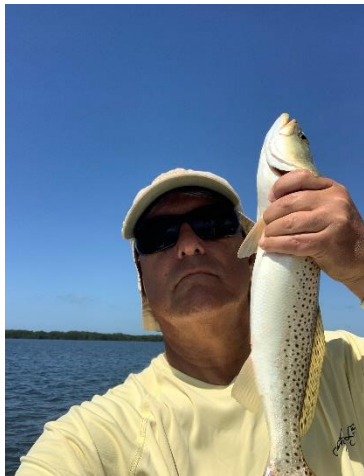
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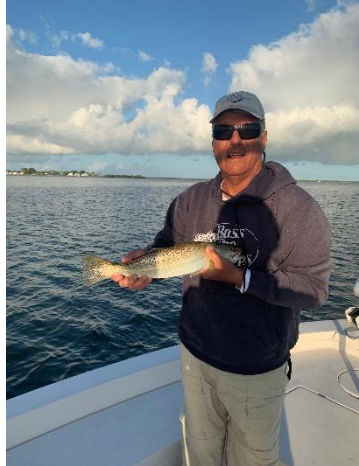
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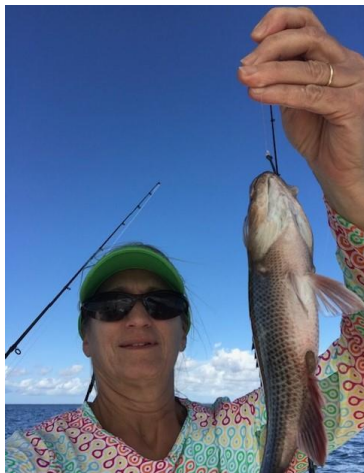
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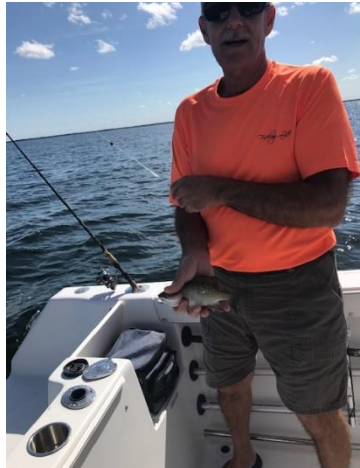
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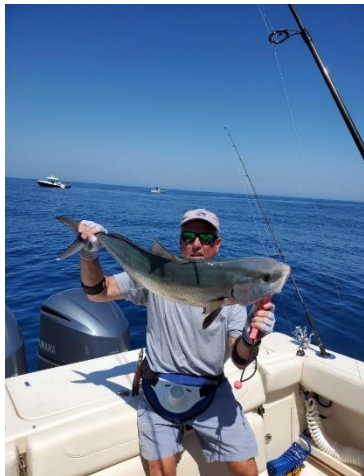
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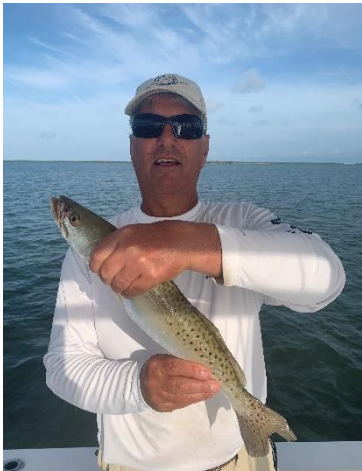
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