

PUNTA GORDA ISLES FISHING CLUB FROM THE HELM



President: Jude Panetta

I wanted to take time in this newsletter to address the decision last month to delay our general meetings for two more months. I understand there was a lot of mixed views on the decision to cancel the January and February meetings because of the increase in COVID numbers. I just hope that everyone in the club understands the decision was not made without input from club members and the board. There were members who wanted to continue the meetings but a majority who felt we should wait. I believe that the 2-month delay was a good compromise based on the assumptions we were able to make and we will stick with the plan created which we believed had merit. Therefore, the next general monthly meeting for the club will be on March 9th. We will follow the COVID procedures we created in October and November and continue those procedures until instructed otherwise.

I want to continue to remind members about our other regular events. The club meets at the Tiki Bar on Wednesdays from 5 PM until at least 6 PM. We have been getting 20 to 30 members to attend each week. Also, club members (men and women) meet for breakfast on Tuesday and Friday at Elena's. It is suggested that members that want to meet for breakfast arrive around 6:45 AM.

I wanted to acknowledge and thank Mike Dougherty for putting on his first successful tournament at the end of January. Mike had to make some last-minute decisions based on weather issues and was able to pull it off.

In last month's newsletter, I appealed to the club about the need for volunteer captains to take new members fishing as a part of the new member outreach. This is where each month a new member gets to fish with one of our experienced members. So far, I haven't received any new volunteers. This is a great chance to help a new member learn the harbor and feel like a part of the club. It also gives our experienced members a chance to meet new people and it is a simple way to help out the club. Please email me or call me if you want to volunteer and let me know if you have a preference for a month. I really need volunteers to fill the gaps in 2021.

My parting shot for the month deals with things that are new. Just because something is new doesn't mean it won't let you down.

Please reach out if you have any questions, comments, ideas or concerns.

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PUNTA GORDA ISLES FISHING CLUB CLUB LEADERSHIP

| Officers: | 0 | ff | i | C | е | r | S | : |
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Our club currently has **190** 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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PUNTA GORDA ISLES FISHING CLUB FISH OF THE MONTH CALENDAR

JANUARY: SHEEPSHEAD

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FEBRUARY: GROUPER



MARCH: SPANISH MACKEREL



APRIL: SNOOK



June: Jack Crevalle



JULY: SHARK



AUGUST: TARPON



SEPTEMBER: SEATROUT



OCTOBER: REDFISH



November: Mangrove Snapper



DECEMBER: BLACK DRUM



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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 NO JANUARY CLUB MEETING DUE TO COVID-19

PGI FISHING CLUB – 2020 MASTER ANGLER TOURNAMENT AND ISLES TROPHY AWARDS

Many thanks to Bill Guenther once again for designing and printing off all of our clubs' award certificates. Since there was no January or February club meetings, we had an impromptu distribution of some of the award certificates and gift cards at TT's Tiki Bar on January 20, 2021. The remaining awards were distributed in person. Congrats to all members who earned an award. Some pics from that night for your enjoyment. We hope to resume club meetings in March.



Award Distribution begins by Jan Holm and Mike Dougherty
Clockwise from top right: Bobby Bretts and Randy Douet, 3-way tie, 1st Place Seatrout, both with nice 23" trout. Next bottom right is Donna Sullivan 3rd Place in the Snook category with her 38". Bottom left is Fred De Mella 1st Place tie with his 44" King Mackerel.

Award Night Photos (continued)



Clockwise from top right: Elaine Bretts 1st Place Tie with a 26" Spanish Mackerel along with her 1st Place Tie with her 23" Seatrout.

Next Fred De Mella 1st Place with his 21.5" Sheepshead

Top right: Julie Kale, 2nd Place Tie with her 21" Sheepshead

Bottom left is Jude Panetta 3rd Place tie with his 22" Seatrout.

Bottom center we have Paul Whiting 3rd Place tie with his 22" Seatrout

Bottom right Tony Destefano 3rd Place with his 24.5" Spanish Mackerel

PUNTA GORDA ISLES FISHING CLUB RICHY'S FISHING REPORT



Vice President: Richy Kale

It was the last day of January 2021, dawn broke early. The first hints of pink sky broke to the east as the 23' Skeeter, on full plain, slid under the 75 bridge. Ten more miles to go, my mind started reflecting on the past month and what a month it was. Our fish filled harbor did not disappoint again!

The Grouper pics I had the privilege to see, great big fish and lots of them make me think maybe I'll get a bigger boat. What a great January offshore it was. Maybe someday my heart will take me there. The reef donkeys and snappers also did their best to be noticed. The near shore reefs did not disappoint with cobia, sheepshead, and even a few hogfish for a lucky few. Great job guys!

Now for my love, inshore. This harbor never disappoints. Snook, like I said in my last article. Snook fishing is just lights-out, for a quick example on January 27th I needed 500 points to finish my GMA star by the end of the month, (I wanted to set a personal record). I put 5 slot snook in the boat in the last 2 days of January and finished up my star. The snook lights in the canals are loaded for the night stalkers and the deep channels in the harbor are loaded with snook holding in their winter haunts, lots of snookzillas out deep. Use a multiple of swim baits, fish painfully slow on the bottom. That seems to do the trick. Just ask Bud Johnston "LOL".

Redfish, this hard pulling gamester loves the upper harbor, most all creek mouths, bridges and even the canals all have wintering fish. There is great red fishing in the Peace plus Shell Creek, all the way up to the Navigator. DOA, paddle tail, grubs, jerk baits, gold spoons, and gulp curly tails seem to keep my rod bent on these beautiful golden red creatures.

Trout, if you want to find and catch trout in this harbor, if I were you guys, I would put a GPS tracker on the Bretts and follow them around. Seriously, the trout fishing seems to be very consistent all over the harbor. From Pine Island Sound, Bull and Turtle bays and little known but extremely good the 41 and 75 bridges. Also, the big power lines just east of the 41 bridge always holds fish. Example: after a successful tarpon and snook morning up the river, my partner and I stopped on the northern side of the 75 bridge and stuck a couple of nice trout, not big but plentiful before heading home. Most soft plastics work well. So, do popping corks and multiple baits, including shrimp, white bait, and even small crabs.

Sheepshead, a little disappointing for me this month. With only catching smaller fish in the canals and the weather not cooperating on my inshore wreck runs left the freezer shelves bare. Oh well, next year God willing!

PUNTA GORDA ISLES FISHING CLUB RICHY'S FISHING REPORT



Vice President: Richy Kale

Silver King, boy I love these fish, the Hit! It's all about the Hit! So hard it's unmistakable BAM! I'm on the silver rockets out of the water, repeat, again bait busters fly back at you, line slack, WOW, what excitement. Please Lord let that happen again. Very addicting, so much so I personally ran up the river 31 days straight and all but 3 of those days the silver kings obliged. With rod bent to the max and line disappearing from the reel I realize this is exactly where I am supposed to be and I thank my maker for that every day! Bait busters, terrorize, and storm swim shads make up most of our arsenal but swimmers and live bait will also work. Soon the kings will make an appearance in the pass, be ready I know Rick and Jude will be. If you decide to pursue the tarpon in the two rivers remember the rivers are long and deep, the fish move fast and have no boundaries. So, fill up your gas tank and start looking the hunt is worth the catch.

I must cut my article short now, for it's getting to be late evening and there are leaders to be tied and hooks to be sharpened. Of course, it's walk time for Brandy! So once again, I end my article by asking everyone to go out and enjoy our beautiful fish filled harbor and, on those days, when the wind is blowing 15 to 20 and the bay looks like a mogul field turn your boat east and go prowl the banks of the Peace and Myakka rivers. For those rivers are hidden golden secrets. You, like myself, after experiencing the wonders of the rivers may find it hard to go West again.

P.S. I set a personal best mark in the month of January. If you ask me what it was, I'll smile my "best smile" and gladly tell you all about it. So, remember pull right when they pull left. It's easy.

Tight Lines, Richy Kale



Events Director: Mike Dougherty

Introduction: Mike Dougherty, I'm your new Events Director taking over the reins from Dennis Krausman who taught me how to fish for Grouper, AJ's, and ARS. I still have lots to learn. I moved to PGI from Lake Sherwood, Missouri a bit over 6 years ago with Debi my wife of nearly 48 years. Likes include Boating, Fishing, Diving along with living in Paradise closer to our kids and grandkids. Along with relaxing around the pool and seeing Florida sights.

January seems like its been windy and colder than usual. Members get offshore every chance they can. Lots of nice Red Groupers have been caught, many North of 25" to as large as 33" so far. AJ's also were included as well as a couple of unusual catches: Banded Rudderfish and a Rabbitfish. Inshore bites have been good including plenty of juvenile tarpon 30-50" and some nice slot Snook in the 28-31" range. Missing in action are Black Drum and Redfish. Only a few Black Drum and Redfish have been caught and submitted.

The January Tournament was moved up a few days as Another Cold Front descended to SWFL. The 3-day, 5-Species Tourney ended up being a 3-day 2-Species affair since no Black Drum, Grouper, or Redfish were submitted.

Grouper is February's FOM so plan accordingly and pick your days to go offshore. Some really nice sized Trout over 20" are being caught in the Harbor. Look for healthy grass in 2-3' of water and you should find trout.

Following is info on your Ladder of Achievements (LOA), Fish of the Month (FOM), the January Tournament along with select Member Catches in January. At this writing we hope to resume Fishing Club meeting in March. In the meantime, we hope to keep you informed and up-to-date through Blast email's. My email: MikeFishEvents@gmail.com



Events Director: Mike Dougherty

Ladder of Achievement Club Hats – January 2021



Ron Kruse 12" Sheepshead



Tracey Landon 36" Bonnethead



James Tanner 29" Snook



Events Director: Mike Dougherty

Ladder of Achievement

Jan Holm – Gold Star January 2021



29" Red Grouper



15.5" Sheepshead



10" Whiting - Brrr, it's cold



Events Director: Mike Dougherty

Ladder of Achievement Jan 2021 Doug Du Fresne – Lifetime Level 1 Snook



23" Red Grouper



17" Sheepshead



Events Director: Mike Dougherty

Ladder of Achievement – January 2021 Richy Kale #4 GMA Star

On a roll with Tarpon & Snook, earns GMA Start #4 (2000 points) – 3 notable pics







Richy brought multiple Tarpon & Snook to the boat in January - Congratulations Richy



Events Director: Mike Dougherty

Fish of the Month – Sheepshead

January 2021

- Sheepshead activity was good, lots of shorts and some respectable over 15" specimens submitted with several 17" & 18". Congrats!
- Ladies 1st Place Diana McKenna with an 18"
- Ladies 2nd Place Jan Holm with a 15.5"
- Ladies 3rd Place Cathy Hunt with a 13.5"
- Men's 1st Place Dennis McKenna with an 18"
- Men's' 2nd Place Doug Du Fresne with a 17"
- Men's 3rd Place TIE Fred De Mella with a 15"
- Men's 3rd Place TIE Jeff Wilson with a 15"
- Each Angler Above Earned a \$25 Bass Pro Gift Card Congrats to all



Events Director: Mike Dougherty

Fish of the Month – Sheepshead - Jan 2021







Ladies, left to right 1st Place Diana McKenna 18", 2nd Jan Holm 15.5" & 3rd Cathy Hunt 13.5"



Events Director: Mike Dougherty

Fish of the Month – Sheepshead

Men's January 2021









Men's 1st Dennis McKenna 18", 2nd Doug Du Fresne 17" 3rd TIE Fred De Mella 15" & 3rd TIE Jeff Wilson 15"



Events Director: Mike Dougherty

January 2021 Tournament Results

- Ladies Category
- Cathy Hunt 1st 12.5" Mangrove Snapper
- Diana McKenna 2nd 11" Mangrove Snapper



Cathy on the left, Diana on the right Both earned \$25 Gift Cards from Bass Pro Shops





Events Director: Mike Dougherty

January 2021 Tournament Results – Men's

Men's Category - Mangrove Snapper \$25 Gift Cards Awarded to each 1st Place Dennis McKenna 13" and 2nd Place Jack Howarth with a 12" Mangrove







Events Director: Mike Dougherty

January 2021 Tournament Results – Men's

Men's Category – Snook \$25 Gift Cards awarded to each 1st Place Bud Johnston 31" Snook and Richy Kale with his 30" Snook







Events Director: Mike Dougherty

January 2021 Tournament Results New Member Category

New Member Mangrove Snapper and Snook \$25 Gift Cards Awarded to each Mangrove Snapper 1st Place Mike Dougherty 11"

Snook – Larry Kissner (center) with his 28" Snook and Snook – Al Wade (right) with his 21" Snook







STATISTICS & REPORTS

The Month in Review (January)

Record Keeper: Paul Whiting



Tidbits

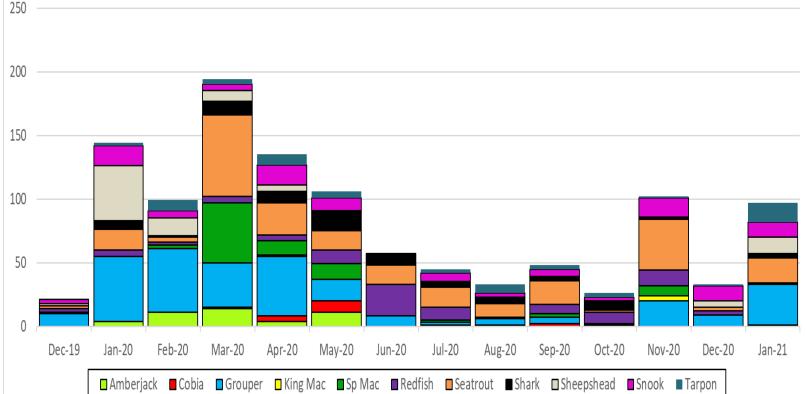
Red Grouper, Snook, Seatrout, and smaller 40" Tarpon were our main catches reported this month making up nearly 75% of all species caught. The reported grouper were running 20-33" and the snook were running a respectable 20-36" in size. Richy Kale has been rounding up the juvenile Tarpon and has already earned his 4th GMA Star (2000 points) with the addition of several snook over 30". Giving chase is Bobby Bretts with a respectable 1100 points in January as well. The Fish of the Month, Sheepshead, had a better showing than in December with fish up to 18" reported. NO Redfish and only one Spanish Mackerel were reported and only 1 Tripletail was turned in.

Recorder's Data

Monthly Performance

| | NOVEMBER | DECEMBER | JANUARY | |
|------------------------|----------|----------|---------|------------|
| Anglers | 45 | 22 | 44 | ↑ |
| LOA Awards | 12 | 4 | 6 | ↑ |
| Fish Recorded | 124 | 45 | 126 | ↑ |
| Points Recorded | 5800 | 3,700 | 9,100 | \uparrow |

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



STATISTICS & REPORTS

LADDER OF ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS **2021 STANDINGS (JANUARY)**

Record Keeper: Paul Whiting



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| BRONZE | SILVER | GOLD | SNOOK | REDFISH | TARPON | GMA | TOTAL STARS | |
| Sherry Barrett | Paula Arnold | Gary Adams | Doug Arnold | Rick Brown | Frank Barrett | Jeff Barnhart | | |
| Trudi Baxter | Jeff Bellairs | Theresa FitzGerald | Mike Dougherty | Bill Guenther | Fred Benson | Ron Baxter | | |
| Joanna Boeckl | Todd Brooks | Christine Fontaine | Doug Dufresne | Ken Hardesty | Dick Conant | Larry Benz | * | |
| Marc Boeckl | Anne Careau | Ken Garden | Jenny Goodell | Julie Kale | Dave Dyke | Rich Brennan | ***** | |
| Tori Brown | Yvette Du Fresne | Bill Hess | Mary Heins | Marty McCaffrey | Marv Dyrstad | Donnie Brennan | * | |
| Colleen De Mella | Kathy des Enfants | Jan Holm | Chuck Henry | Rose Anne McCaffrey | John Fitzgerald | Bob Bretts | **** | |
| Tom des Enfants | Tamara Dillman | Karen Lodge | Tom Hunt | Dennis McKenna | Carl Leicher | Elaine Bretts | *** | |
| Sharon Dyke | Joanell Dyrstad | Steve Trego | Jim LaRocca | Diana McKenna | Bob Mays | Dianne Bukowski | * | |
| Mike Endres | Richard Embury | Allen Wade | Marie LaRocca | Gary Moerke | Bill Muir | Joe Bukowski | ** | |
| Richard Farmer | Gary Frost | Paul Whiting | Mark Lee | John Saitta | Lynn Reeves | Jim Crawley | | |
| Chris Gibbons | Art Goodell | Sheree Wolfinger | Tom Lodge | Rich Willingmyre | Jack Spies | Fred De Mella | * | |
| Frank Grazier | Randy Hall | - | Sherry Moerke | , , , | Mark Storm | Mark Dillman | | |
| Renee Gibbons | Roz Hickey | | John Simonieg | 1 | Gretchen Sunderland | Dick Doster | | |
| Tim Gibbons | Larry Hofmeister | | Ed Verminski | 1 | Jeff Wilson | Randy Douet | ** | |
| Bob Giffin | Lisa Kellythorne | | Ted Wierzbanowski | 1 | Karen Udwari | Bob Gariepy | ** | |
| Sheryl Hatch | Larry Kissner | | 1 | 4 | | John Gettinger | *** | |
| David Hatch | Denys LaChance | | | | | Mike Gilger | * | |
| Tom Hay | Jonathan Landon | | | | | Tom Hickey | * | |
| Jack Hinnenthal | John McFarland | | | | | Jim Hoffman | * | |
| Jack Howarth | Mike Nalipi | | | | | Margie Hoffman | | |
| Dennis Jones | William Neff | | RED = Awards This Month | | | Cathy Hunt | * | |
| Fran Krausman | Sonia Nelson | | TEB = 7 Wards Tills World | | | Bud Johnston | | |
| Buddy Krauss | Wayn Nelson | | | | | Cindi Johnston | | |
| Richard Larson | Cheryl Panetta | | | 1 | | Rich Kale | *** | |
| Patricia Nalipi | Nancy Pearson | | Club Hats | | | Dennis Krausman | *** | |
| Chuck Pearson | Kim Pflaum | | Ron Kruse | <u> </u> | | Kel Krotzer | *** | |
| Chris Pflaum | Hezzie Samons | | Tracey Landon | | | Joe Maillet | | |
| Mark Schruer | Mike Sandling | | James Tanner | | | Pete McGregor | ** | |
| Alan Schulman | Deb Sarkisian | | Vallies Talliel | | | Jude Panetta | ** | |
| Jess Searle | Gary Skillicorn | BCI EIGHN | C CLUB LADDE | R OF ANGLING A | CHIEVEMENT | Tom Parsons | ** | |
| Miriam Taylor | Lynne Stockinger | PGIFISHN | G CLUB LADDE | A OF ANGLING A | CHIEVEIVIENT | Gary Reeves | | |
| Patti Topper | Don Taylor | | NUMBER OF | | | Rick Sarkisian | *** | |
| Greg Widney | Mike Wagner | | SFECIES | NEEDEL | , | John Stockinger | * | |
| Tom Youngblood | Stella Wagner | | ll Entry 1 onze 5 | None None None None | Club Hat Pin | Donna Sullivan | | |
| Tom Tourigoloou | Sandy Wierzbanowski | | lver 5 | Eligible Size 300 | Pin | Ron Topper | **** | |
| | Sandy Wielzbanowski | 1 | old 7 | Eligible Size 700 | Pin Canaly Bin | Joe Udwari | ***** | |
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| | | LifeTim | e Level III 18 | Eligible Size 1700 | Tarpon Pin | | ** | |
| | | | Master 23 | Eligible Size 2000 | Club Shirt | Mike White | | |
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STATISTICS & REPORTS

ISLES TROPHY RACE 2021 STANDINGS (JANUARY)

Record Keeper: Paul Whiting

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| OVERALL CLUB RECORD | SPECIES NAME | MEMBER NAME | RECORD LENGTH in INCHES | LENGTH IN DATE CAUGHT MEMBER INCHES | | 2021 LENGTH in INCHES | DATE CAUGHT | % OF RECORD |
| × | Amberjack | Joe Udwari | 53.5 2019 F | | Ron Topper | 34.5 | 1/23/2021 | 64.5% |
| х | Cobia | Rich Kale | 56.0 | 2020 | | | | 0.0% |
| х | Grouper | Tom Hamilton | 39.0 | 2003 | Dennis Krausman | 33.0 | 1/23/2021 | 84.6% |
| х | King Mackerel | John MacLeman | 52.0 | 2012 | | | | 0.0% |
| х | Redfish | Mike White | 47.0 | 2020 | | | | 0.0% |
| ., | 0 4 4 | Rich Brennan | 29.0 | 2009 | Bobby Bretts | 22.0 | 1/11/2021 | 75.00/ |
| × | Seatrout | Aaron Wagner | 29.0 | 2012 | | | | 75.9% |
| × | Sheepshead | Vinnie Madsen | 24.0 | 2016 | Dennis McKenna | 18.0 | 1/12/2021 | 75.0% |
| х | Snook | Vinnie Madsen | 45.0 | 2014 | Richy Kale | 32 | 1/31/2021 | 71.1% |
| х | Spanish Mackerel | Carl Leicher | 30.0 | 2012 | Chuch Pearson | 12.5 | 1/10/2021 | 41.7% |
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| OVERALL | SPECIES NAME | MEMBER NAME | RECORD | DATE CAUGHT | MEMBER NAME | 2021 | DATE | % OF | |
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| | Amberjack | Darlene Madsen | 40.0 | 2017 | | | | 0.0% | |
| | Cobia | Joanne Landaker | 50.0 | 2008 | | | | 0.0% | |
| | Соыа | Marilyn McGregor | 50.0 | 2013 | | | | 0.078 | |
| | Grouper | Dianne Bukowski | 37.0 | 37.0 2018 | | 29.0 | 1/23/2021 | 78.4% | |
| | Grouper | Dialifie Bukowski | 37.0 | 2018 | Kathy Hunt | 29.0 | 1/23/2021 | 70.476 | |
| | King Mackerel | Karen Lodge | 38.0 2014 | | | | | 0.0% | |
| | King Wackerer | | 30.0 | 2014 | | | | 0.078 | |
| | Redfish | Donnie Brennan | 38.0 | 2008 | | | | 0.0% | |
| | Realisit | Missy Becker | 38.0 | 2008 | | | | 0.070 | |
| | Seatrout | Joanne Landaker | 26.5 | 2011 | Elain Bretts | 23.0 | 1/11/2021 | 86.8% | |
| | - Countries | odame Editable: | 20.0 | 2011 | | | | 00.070 | |
| | Sheepshead | Darlene Madsen | 22.0 | 2018 | Diana McKenna | 18.0 | 1/27/2021 | 81.8% | |
| | Onecponeda | Darierie Maaseri | 22.0 | 2010 | | | | 01.070 | |
| | Snook | Missy Becker | 42.0 | 2013 | Julie Kale | 36.0 | 1/23/2021 | 85.7% | |
| | C.130K | iiiiooy Deckei | | 2313 | | | | 00.770 | |
| | Spanish Mackerel | Missy Becker | 28.0 | 2007 | | | | 0.0% | |
| | Opanisii Mackerei | Lynn Reeves | 28.0 | 2019 | | | | 0.076 | |

This Year's LEADERS are in BLUE

★★ Denotes New Club Record

New Entries This Month are in RED

Past Winners Isles Trophy Race

| 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 |
|------------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------------|----------------|----------------|-------------|---------------------|----------------|-----------------|-------------|-----------------|
| Rich Brennan | Kel Krotzer | Greg Chestnut | Jim Qurollo | Steve Landaker | Vinnie Madsen | Bob Mays | Gary Reeves | Rich Kale | Joe Udwari | Joe Udwari | Mike White |
| Christine Jordan | Margie Hofman | Joanne landaker | Rose Anne McCaffrey | Missy Becker | Margie Hoffman | Karen Lodge | Rose Anne McCaffrey | Darlene Madsen | Dianne Bukowski | Lynn Reeves | Dianne Bukowski |

2021 STANDINGS (JANUARY)

| | AMBERJA | CK | COBIA | GROUPER | | KING MACKEREL | REDFISH | | SEATROUT | | SHEEPSHEA | ,D | SNOOK | | SPANISH MACKE | EREL |
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| 1st Place | Ron Topper | 34.5 | | Dennis Krausman | 33.0 | | | | ElainemBretts | 23.0 | Dennis McKenna | 18.0 | Julie Kale | 36.0 | Chuck Pearson | 12.5 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | Diani McKenna | 18.0 | | | | |
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| 2nd Place | | | | Ken Garden | 32.0 | | | | Boby Bretts | 22.0 | Doug DuFresne | 17.0 | Rich Kale | 32.0 | | |
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| 3rd Place | | | | Joe Udwari | 31.5 | | | | Art Goodell | 20.0 | Jan Holm | 15.5 | | 31.0 | ~ - | |
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| Membership Stats | | | | | | | | |
|------------------|---------|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Total | Active | | | | | | | |
| Households | Members | | | | | | | |
| 194 | 367 | | | | | | | |



Membership Director: Donna Sullivan



Thank you all who mailed your renewal dues in.

For those who have not renewed, please mail your dues to me before the end of February, otherwise you will be dropped from our membership.

Make your check for \$30.00 payable to PGIFC and send it with your renewal form to me:

DONNA SULLIVAN, Membership 1323 MEDITERRANEAN Dr. Unit 123 Punta Gorda FL 33950

I look forward to meeting you all at the March meeting. I will be handing out your new name tags.

We are always looking to increase our membership, so please let me know if someone moves into your area. I'd be happy to stop by and welcome them and drop off a fishing club new member packet.

Have a great day and stay safe!

SOCIAL EVENTS

Social Events Directors: Julie Kale, Cheryl Panetta, Stella Wagner, and Susan Brooks



Hi Members,

Hope everyone had a good January. It was a quiet month with no meeting or social events for the club but don't forget there is always Tiki on Wednesday evenings at 5!

Unfortunately, we don't have anything planned for February either. Hopefully, come March we can have a get together of some type, until then be happy and stay healthy.

Happy Valentine's Day!

Julie

Julie Kale 908-202-3959 Cheryl Panetta 908-295-5844 Stella Wagner 303-594-1999 Susan Brooks 704-905-7214

CLUB CALENDAR

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

Breakfast: Tuesday and Friday mornings, 6:45am at Elena's.

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

PUNTA GORDA ISLES FISHING CLUB SUNSHINE LADY





Hey everyone, I am the new "Sunshine Lady." Donnie Brennan has

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

relinquished her duties to me.

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) <u>g2873477@hotmail.com</u>

Gretchen Sunderland (Harbor Only; Especially, Beginner Women) gretchensun2@gmail.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

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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.



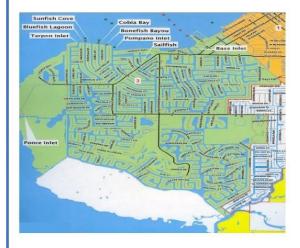
What do our members do?

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, contact
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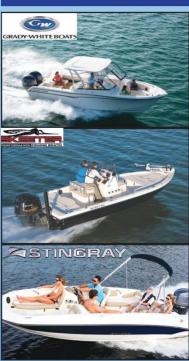
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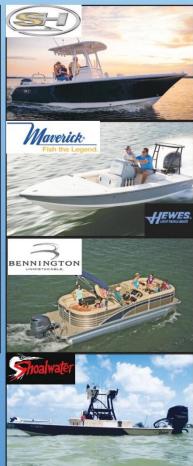
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Member Catches – January 2021













Red Groupers Galore

Clockwise from top: Joe Udwari 30", Ron Topper 29.5", Mike Gilger 27", Rick Brown, Cathy Hunt, Jeff Wilson all >25", Bobby Bretts with a 27" & a 30", Rich Brennan 30"

Member Catches – January 2021







More Red Groupers -Clockwise from bottom left: Ken Garden 32", Dennis Krausman 30", Joe Udwari 31.5", Group photo, this is what 200" of Red Grouper look like: Mike Newman 24+28, Carl Leicher 22+26, Bob Dollar 24+26 and Boston Smitty 21+29"













Clockwise top left Julie Kale 36" Snook, Mike Gilger Rabbitfish, Art Goodell 20" Seatrout, Richy Kale 39" Black Drum, Ron Topper 34.5" Amberjack

Member Catches – January 2021





with his 31" Black Drum.

On the Right is Jonathon Landon with his 33" Bonnethead Shark



Left is Wayn Nelson 22" Bluefish, Right is Jack Howarth with his 14" Sheepshead.







Elaine Bretts looking happy with her nice sized Bonnethead Shark









From Left to right: Sandy Wierzbanowski 13" Spadefish, Gary Frost 12"
Sheepshead, Debi Dougherty 9" Mangrove Snapper and Tracey Landon with her 11" Seatrout