



PUNTA GORDA ISLES FISHING CLUB

FROM THE HELM

President:
Randy Douet



You may be familiar with the old fishing thumb rule about waiting three days to fish after a major cold front. Well, that's a tough order when we're getting a new cold front every three days! The origin of that thumb rule is that fish hate a rising barometric pressure. Post-front, the barometer is typically rising for a couple of days...then settles. So by the third day, the pressure is stable (good fishing) or decreasing again in front of the next weather event (excellent fishing).

Harbor water temps have plummeted in January. That's a motivator for fish to move to their winter habitat. Cobia and Tarpon leave the main harbor and trout come into it...especially lagoons, and backwaters like Turtle Bay and east wall back country. It's hard to imagine the Snook improving, but they love this time period.

So bundle up and fork over \$4.80 a gallon for rec gas and get out there! No red tide (anywhere) which is great. The big blows we've had did a major improvement by sending it out to sea again. Extreme low tides make things tricky but paradise awaits you.

FWC is discussing opening Redfish and Snook again mid-year (2022) but still being debated.

We are tentatively planning a Fishing Seminar at the PGICA on March 19th. The seminar will be free including a pizza lunch and geared toward the novice fisherman. Dennis is heading the coordination. More details later.



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The Club took over “ownership” of one of the PGI entrance signs. We now keep up the sign on Marion at Breakers Street. That’s by Fishville, right at the merge point of Marion and Henry Street. We have a bunch of excited volunteers so we’re very pleased to be able to support our community.



And let’s remember John Goodman, one of our long-term members who passed away on January 23rd. A great guy and avid angler who will be missed.

Tight lines!

Randy



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CLUB LEADERSHIP

Our club currently has **176** 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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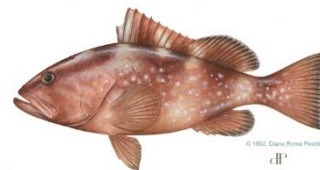
FISH OF THE MONTH CALENDAR

JANUARY: SHEEPSHEAD



SHEEPSHEAD (Archamia proles proles)

FEBRUARY: GROUPER



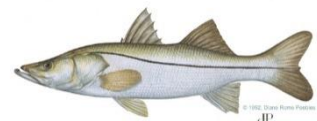
RED GROUPER (Epinephelus morio)

MARCH: SPANISH MACKEREL



SPANISH MACKEREL (Scomberomorus commerson)

APRIL: SNOOK



COMMON SNOOK (Centropomus undecimalis)

MAY: COBIA



COBIA (Rachycentron canadense)

JUNE: JACK CREVALLE



JULY: SHARK



BLACKTIP SHARK (Carcharhinus limbatus)

AUGUST: TARPON



TARPON (Megalops atlanticus)

SEPTEMBER: SEATROUT



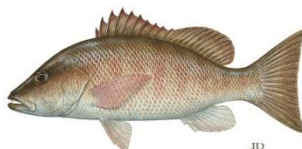
SPOTTED SEATROUT (Anchoa mitchilli)

OCTOBER: REDFISH



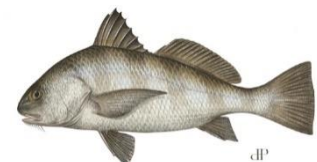
RED DRUM (Sciaenops ocellatus)

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/2020/02/Fish-of-the-Month-Contest-Rules-Rev-7-021220.pdf>



PUNTA GORDA ISLES FISHING CLUB

JANUARY CLUB MEETING

DOOR PRIZE WINNERS



Starting at the top, from left to right are \$75 – John Bieg (*missing from photo*), \$50 Connie Nowicki, \$25 Ron Kruse

50/50 WINNERS



From left to right are 1st Jonathan Landon, 2nd Dick Conant, 3rd Sandy Wierzbanski



PUNTA GORDA ISLES FISHING CLUB

JANUARY CLUB MEETING

GUEST SPEAKER

There was no guest speaker attending the January meeting due to recognition and award night.



PUNTA GORDA ISLES FISHING CLUB

JANUARY CLUB MEETING

LADDER OF ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS



Jeff Wilson is our newest Grand Master Angler. **Congratulations Jeff!**



GMA Star – 1st star Jim Crawley (right) and 2nd star Cathy Hunt (left).
Congratulations to both Jim and Cathy!

Bronze and Silver pin – Gary Selzer (*missing from photo*). **Congratulations to Gary!**



PUNTA GORDA ISLES FISHING CLUB

JANUARY CLUB MEETING

MASTER ANGLER TOURNAMENT AWARDS

Amberjack – 1st Joe Udvari 41.5" (*missing from photo*), 2nd Rick Brown 39", 3rd Ron Topper 34.5" (*missing from photo*).



Cobia – 1st Richy Kale 56" (*right*), 2nd Bobby Bretts 47" (*left*), 3rd Carl Leicher 45" (*missing from photo*).





PUNTA GORDA ISLES FISHING CLUB

MASTER ANGLER TOURNAMENT AWARDS

Grouper – 1st Jerry Peal 36.5", 2nd John Gettinger 36", two-way tie for 3rd – Cathy Hunt and Dennis Krausman 33".



King Mackerel - No King Mackerel submissions.

Redfish – 1st Cathy Hunt 37.5" (left), 2nd Christine Fontaine 33" (*missing from photo*), two-way 3rd place tie Allen Wade (right picture) and Joseph Zurad 31" (left picture)



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MASTER ANGLER TOURNAMENT AWARDS

Seatrout – 1st Jim Crawley 26", 2nd place Bobby Bretts 25", four-way tie for 3rd place Elaine Bretts, Mark Dillman (*missing from photo*), Richy Kale, and Paul Whiting 23" (*missing from photo*).



Sheepshead – 1st Mike White 23.5" (*missing from photo*), 2nd Dianne Bukowski 22.5" (left) 3rd Jack Hinnenthal 22" (right)





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MASTER ANGLER TOURNAMENT AWARDS

Snook – 1st Tim Gibbons 45" (*missing from photo*), 2nd Richy Kale 41"(right), 3rd Theresa Fitzgerald 39"(left).



Spanish Mackerel – 1st Fred Benson 24.5" (right), 2nd Mike Gilger 23" (left), 3rd Elaine Bretts 22" (middle)



Congratulations to all Master Angler Tournament winners!



PUNTA GORDA ISLES FISHING CLUB

JANUARY CLUB MEETING

2021 ISLES TROPHY WINNERS



Women's – Dianne Bukowski's 22.5" Sheepshead



Men's Tie – Tim Gibbons' 45" snook and Richy Kale's 56" Cobia

Congratulations to the Isle Trophy winners Dianne, Tim and Richy!



PUNTA GORDA ISLES FISHING CLUB

VP's FISHING REPORT



Vice President:
Dennis Krausman

Save the Date – March 19, 2022

Fishing Club Seminar

We will have a seminar on Saturday, March 19th from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. The focus will be on introducing newer members to fishing strategies for Charlotte Harbor and offshore success. Our slightly different format should also provide new ideas for even the seasoned anglers.

In addition to our overview of the harbor and near-shore locations, we will cover proper fish handling, tools for monitoring tides, currents, and weather, and fish species identification.

There will be 13 specific species discussed by members with demonstrated success in each area. Participants are encouraged to ask questions and contribute supplemental knowledge on each topic, making this an interactive event.

Perhaps the seminar will also encourage members to target Permit, King Mackerel, Shark, and Amberjack more often.

Suggestions for the seminar are welcome.

Lunch will be provided. Please register for this event by emailing dennis@krausman.net

The presentation at the meeting on February 8th will be the CEO of Reaper Rods and Austin Phillips, discussing the different characteristics of rods and when you would use different rod designs. This will be very informative for everyone attending the meeting.



February 2022

PUNTA GORDA ISLES FISHING CLUB

FISHING EVENTS



Events Director:
Mike Dougherty

PGI FISHING CLUB – JANUARY 2022

- **JANUARY MEETING – WAS RECOGNITION & AWARD NIGHT**
- **2022 – FISHING FRANKS GIFT CERTIFICATES**
- **2022 – AWARDS PAY \$35 1ST PLACE**
 - \$25 2ND PLACE**
 - \$15 3RD PLACE**
- **APPLIES TO FOM & TOURNAMENTS, (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)**
- **BLACK DRUM POINTS FISH, PINFISH NOW LOA SPECIES**
- **SEATROUT 18"=100 PTS, 21"=200 PTS, 24"= 300 PTS**
- **COMPLETE UPDATED LOA RULES ON FC WEBSITE**
- **JANUARY FOM SHEEPSHEAD – SOME NICE CATCHING**
- **GREAT CATCH TOURNAMENT FEB 14-19, REGISTER NOW**



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Events Director:
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PGI FISHING CLUB – JANUARY 2022



LOA AWARDS FOR JANUARY INCLUDE:

1. MIKE KNIPE CLUB HAT WITH A 22" SHEEPSHEAD
2. CARL CUCCO BRONZE PIN WITH A 38" COBIA
3. CUCCO SILVER PIN WITH A 38" AMBERJACK

**WAY TO GO
KEEP CATCHING
CONGRATS !!!**



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Events Director:
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PGI FISHING CLUB – JANUARY 2022

GRAND MASTER ANGLER (GMA) AWARD

FRED BENSON #55 GMA
23 SPECIES – 3200 POINTS

DON'T LET THE PIC FOOL YOU
PINFISH CAN BE HARD TO BOAT

CONGRATULATIONS FRED !!!





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Events Director:
Mike Dougherty

PGI FISHING CLUB – JANUARY 2022

SHEEPSHEAD – JANUARY FISH OF THE MONTH (FOM)

LADIES: **CATHY HUNT 1ST PLACE 21" = \$35**



GRETCHEN SUNDERLAND
CENTER PHOTO 2ND PLACE 19" = \$25



DIANA MCKENNA
ABOVE RIGHT PHOTO
3RD PLACE 15" = \$15



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Events Director:
Mike Dougherty



PGI FISHING CLUB – JANUARY 2022

SHEEPSHEAD – JANUARY FISH OF THE MONTH (FOM)

MENS – MIKE KNIPE 1ST PLACE 22" = \$35



JACK HINNENTHAL, CENTER
2ND PLACE 19.5" = \$25

NICE CATCHING GUYS



DENNIS MCKENNA
3RD PLACE 18" = \$15



PUNTA GORDA ISLES FISHING CLUB

FISHING EVENTS



Events Director:
Mike Dougherty

THE GREAT CATCH TOURNEY

THE GREAT CATCH - VALENTINES DAY+ TOURNAMENT
FEBRUARY 14-19, 2022 - REGISTRATION IS OPEN

GET A BUDDY, YOUR SPOUSE OR SIGNIFICANT OTHER
GET OUT & GO FOR YOUR GREAT CATCH – JOIN THE FUN
OUR FIRST TOURNEY FOR 2022

6 SPECIES - ONE SPECIES FOR EVERYONE

AMBERJACK, LANE SNAPPER, SPANISH MACKEREL
SEATROUT, MANGROVE SNAPPER, SHEEPSHEAD

CHECK YOUR TIDES & SOLUNAR TABLES



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FISHING EVENTS



Events Director:
Mike Dougherty

THE GREAT CATCH TOURNEY, page 2.

MEMBERS ONLY - NO REGISTRATION FEE

3 CATEGORIES IN EACH OF THE 6 SPECIES

WOMEN - MEN - NEW MEMBER (THOSE JOINED ON OR AFTER 1/1/2020)

1ST PLACE = \$35 AWARD, 2ND PLACE = \$25 AWARD, 3RD PLACE = \$15 AWARD

EACH CATEGORY - EACH SPECIES - AS ALWAYS ONE AWARD PER PERSON

REGISTER NOW - BEFORE FEBRUARY 14TH

REGISTER BY EMAIL TO: MikeFishEvents@gmail.com

EMAIL YOUR FISH PICS TO BE AWARD ELIGIBLE

FISH PHOTOS MUST INCLUDE YOU & YOUR FISH

DATE CAUGHT - SPECIES & LENGTH

EMAILED TO: fishphotos@pgifishingclub.org

NO LATER THAN 11:59PM FEBRUARY 19TH



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Events Director:
Mike Dougherty

FEBRUARY FISH OF THE MONTH

RED
GROUPE



RED
GROUPE

RED GROUPE (*Epinephelus morio*)

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BROWNISH RED IN COLOR, SCARLET ORANGE INSIDE MOUTH, IRREGULAR WHITE BLOTCHES ON SIDES, UP TO 42", 20" ARE COMMON, FISH 1-6 YEARS OLD OCCUPY NEARSHORE REEFS, SPAWN APRIL-MAY, PREFER WATER TEMP 66-77F, FEED ON A VARIETY OF BAITFISHES, FL RECORD 42# ST. AUGUSTINE



PUNTA GORDA ISLES FISHING CLUB

STATISTICS & REPORTS

The Month in Review (January 2022)

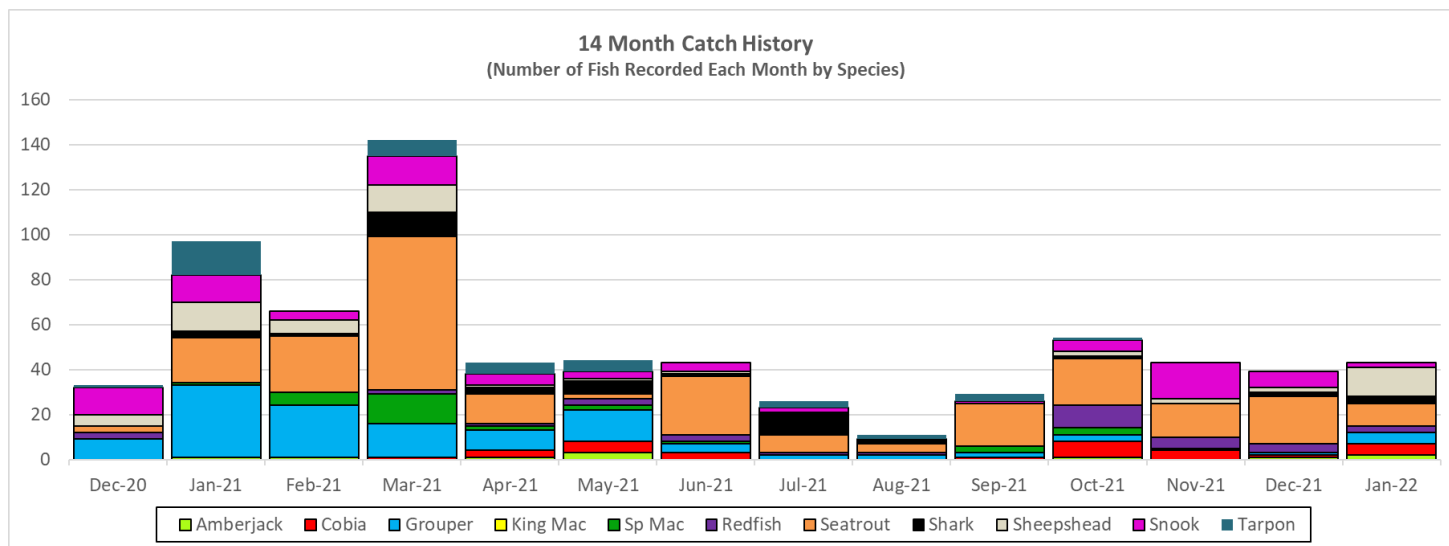
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Paul Whiting



Tidbits

Our Fish of the Month, Sheepshead, cooperated very nicely with 13 catches reported. Many more anglers took to the waters in January than in December. Trout, redfish, and snook were found by those few anglers who targeted them this month, Offshore anglers seeking red grouper and amberjack also reported good catches. 5 cobia helped to sweeten the pot of harbor fishes caught. Congratulations to Carl Cucco who earned both Bronze and Silver Pins in the same month. A special hats-off to Fred Benson who became our 55th GRAND MASTER ANGLER earning the coveted Club Shirt.

What's Bite'n Chart



Recorder's Data

Monthly Performance

	November	December	January	
Anglers	34	16	28	↑
LOA Awards	8	5	4	↓
Fish Recorded	73	50	48	↓
Points Recorded	1600	4,300	3,900	↓



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LADDER OF ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS 2022 STANDINGS (JANUARY)

Record Keeper:
Paul Whiting


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

RED = Awards This Month

Club Hats

Mike Knipe

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

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(BOLD star = earned this year)

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.



February 2022

PUNTA GORDA ISLES FISHING CLUB

STATISTICS & REPORTS

ISLES TROPHY RACE 2022 STANDINGS (JANUARY)

Record Keeper:
Paul Whiting



MEN'S DIVISION

OVERALL CLUB RECORD	SPECIES NAME	MEMBER NAME	RECORD LENGTH in INCHES	DATE CAUGHT	MEMBER NAME	2022 LENGTH in INCHES	DATE CAUGHT	% OF RECORD
X	Amberjack	Joe Udvari	53.5	2019	Carl Cucco Gary Selzer	38.0	1/18/2022 1/20/2022	71.0%
X	Black Drum	Mike White	51.5	2019				0.0%
X	Cobia	Rich Kale	56.0	2021	Carl Cucco	38.0	1/18/2022	67.9%
X	Grouper	Tom Hamilton	39.0	2003	Dennis Krausman	26.0	1/20/2022	66.7%
X	King Mackerel	John MacLeman	52.0	2012				0.0%
X	Redfish	Mike White	47.0	2020				0.0%
X	Seatrout	Rich Brennan Aaron Wagner	29.0 29.0	2009 2012	Randy Douet	20.5	1/5/2022	70.7%
X	Sheepshead	Vinnie Madsen	24.0	2016	Mike Knipe	22.0	1/20/2022	91.7%
X	Snook	Vinnie Madsen Tim Gibbons	45.0	2014 2021	Ken Hardesty	27	1/10/2022	60.0%
X	Spanish Mackerel	Carl Leicher	30.0	2012				0.0%

WOMEN'S DIVISION

OVERALL CLUB	SPECIES NAME	MEMBER NAME	RECORD	DATE CAUGHT	MEMBER NAME	2022 LENGTH in INCHES	DATE CAUGHT	% OF RECORD
	Amberjack	Darlene Madsen	40.0	2017				0.0%
	Black Drum	Christine Fontaine	46.0	2019				0.0%
	Cobia	Joanne Landaker Marilyn McGregor	50.0 50.0	2008 2013	Jenny Goodell	32.0	1/7/2022	64.0%
	Grouper	Dianne Bukowski	37.0	2018				0.0%
	King Mackerel	Karen Lodge	38.0	2014				0.0%
	Redfish	Donnie Brennan Missy Becker	38.0 38.0	2008 2008	Donna Sullivan	32.0	1/7/2022	84.2%
	Seatrout	Joanne Landaker	26.5	2011	Elaine Bretts	19.0	1/12/2022	71.7%
	Sheepshead	Dianne Bukowski	22.5	2021	Cathy Hunt	21.0	1/7/2022	93.3%
	Snook	Missy Becker	42.0	2013				0.0%
	Spanish Mackerel	Missy Becker Lynn Reeves	28.0 28.0	2007 2019				0.0%

This Year's LEADERS are in BLUE

★★ Denotes New Club Record
New Entries This Month are in RED

Isles Trophy Race

2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Rich Brennan Christine Jordan	Kel Krotzer Margie Hofman	Greg Chestnut Joanne Landaker	Jim Qurollo Rose Anne McCaffrey	Steve Landaker Missy Becker	Vinnie Madsen Margie Hoffman	Bob Mays Karen Lodge	Gary Reeves Rose Anne McCaffrey	Rich Kale Darlene Madsen	Joe Udvari Dianne Bukowski	Joe Udvari Lynn Reeves	Mike White Dianne Bukowski	Rich Kale & Tim Gibbons Diane Bukowski

MASTER ANGLER TOURNAMENT 2022 STANDINGS (JANUARY)

AMBERJACK	BLACK DRUM	COBIA	GROUPE	KING MACKEREL	REDFISH	SEATRUT	SHEEPSHEAD	SNOOK	SPANISH MACKEREL
Carl Cucco 38.0 Gary Selzer 38.0		Carl Cucco 38.0	Dennis Krausman 26.0		Donna Sullivan 32.0	Randy Douet 20.5	Mike Knipe 22.0	Ken Hardesty 27.0	
		Mark Dillman 37.0	Jeff Barnhart 25.5 Joe Udvari 25.5		Cathy Hunt 31.0	Bobby Bretts 20.0	Cathy Hunt 21.0	John Fitzgerald 21.0	
		Ken Hardesty 33.0	Ron Kruse 22.5			Elaine Bretts 19.0	Jack Hinnenthal 19.5		

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New this month are shown in Red



PUNTA GORDA ISLES FISHING CLUB

MEMBERSHIP

Membership Stats	
Total Households	Active Members
156	297

Membership Director:
Bill Muir



I am happy to be the new Membership Director and it is a great way to meet all the great people in the Fishing Club.

Please welcome our newest members:

Mike and Marine Knipe

Tom Schmitt and Deborah Renzi

Please join us at the February 8th general meeting. I will be handing out the remainder of our new name tags. Please remember to wear your name tags at all Fishing Club events to help others remember your name and to get familiar with you. The best way to become part of the group is to attend the socials on Wednesday's, outside the Village Brewhouse.

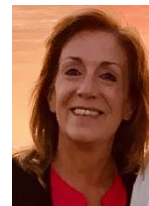
Tight Lines,

Bill



PUNTA GORDA ISLES FISHING CLUB

SOCIAL EVENTS



Social Events Director:
Christine White

Welcome to Winter in PGI

Season is in full swing, and we survived our 3 days of winter. Here is to hoping that was the extent of it, and we are now moving on to warmer weather. I know many of you are still out there fishing in the nipplier weather, but I prefer sunshine and blue skies – although sometimes I get talked into going out in the cold, but all worth it to get some good fishing in.

Luckily, one of the cooler days we had was also our Wine-O Bingo at Coastal Expressions on January 16th. It appeared that everyone had a great time, enjoyed some good libations and fabulous charcuterie (fancy name for wine and cheese!) and some lucky folks went home with wine after getting Bingo (some were more vocal than others in their joy in winning as well! You know who you are 😊)

The ladies are going to try their hand at Bunco on February 7th, again at the gracious Linda Grossman's home. It should be a lot of fun, and if interested in the future, we'll try to hold it monthly and will look for hostesses to open their homes to our members. Typically, it's a maximum of 16, 4 tables of 4. It takes no skill set but is a game of dice, it's all luck, and we'll enjoy some appetizers, desserts and our libations of choice. Should anyone wish to host a game night at their home, and do another game, we'd love to hear from you.

Thanks to Rosanne Kruse for coordinating the efforts for our fundraising event at Visani Comedy Club on Wednesday, February 9th. Unfortunately, we were unable to get more than 30 tickets as another fundraiser was booked before we got all of our reservations secured. We'll get feedback from all that attended to see if we'd like to do this again. I know the food is excellent there, and the comedy is top notch.

CLUB CALENDAR

Village Brewhouse (in Fisherman's Village): Every Wednesday at 5pm followed by dinner around 6pm, for those wanting to join.

Breakfast: **Monday** and Friday mornings, 6:30am at Elena's.

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

Ladies' Bunco: At Linda Grossman's home on Monday, February 7th

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SOCIAL EVENTS



Social Events Director:
Christine White

Our club is stepping up and has agreed to maintain and pretty up the landscaping at the Welcome to PGI Sign at the corner of Marion and Breakers, near Fishville. Jan Holm has agreed to coordinate the crew, and is being helped by Sonia Nelson, Chuck Pearson, Liz McIntyre, Ellen Wade and Alan Shulman. If I missed anyone my sincere apologies. They have already planted some beautiful new flowers and plants so take notice of it when you drive by. Should you wish to participate, please reach out to Jan.

Many of our members are celebrating Happy Hour at the Village Brewhouse and then setting up dinner plans every Wednesday at 5pm.

There has been some interest in renewing the Ladies Lunches. If you would be interested in attending and potentially helping coordinate, please reach out to me. Unfortunately, I am one of the unlucky one's that still has to work while living in Paradise, so I won't be able to coordinate these lunches at this time.

We have some good ideas already in the works for 2022 but we can always use more involvement as well. We are committed to ensuring we meet the needs of our members so please provide feedback on what events you would like to try. Please reach out to me with your invaluable input. My email is chf0729@aol.com and my phone below is 443-534-7890. If you'd like to get involved and help with the social committee, the more the merrier.

CLUB CALENDAR

Village Brewhouse (in Fisherman's Village): Every Wednesday at 5pm followed by dinner around 6pm, for those wanting to join.

Breakfast: **Monday** and Friday mornings, 6:30am at Elena's.

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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
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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 Burgess (Harbor Only)

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Fred De Mella (Inshore/Offshore)

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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"

Contest Rules:

http://pgifishingclub.org/wordpress/?page_id=30

General Information:

http://pgifishingclub.org/wordpress/?page_id=101



PUNTA GORDA ISLES FISHING CLUB

MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 11, 2022

Location: PGICA Auditorium

President: Randy Douet

Meeting Start time: 7:03 pm

November Meeting Minutes approved

Club doing more community outreach via donations; clubs dues can't be used for donations per the by-laws. Club will use some Advertising revenue for donations as well as ask members for donations. Basket passed to raise money for Home Tour donation

Reminder to renew PGICA dues based on renewal date and the Fishing club renewals are on the first of the year. Fishing Club members must be in good standing with PGICA to be a member of the fishing club

Members need to send highest quality of their catches so they can be used for the Commentator

Club members were reminded to thank advertisers for advertising with the fishing club when using that vendor and asked to provide Gretchen Sunderland ideas for additional advertisers

76 Members in attendance

Treasurer report: \$12,866.87 in the bank. ~ 70 households haven't renewed and we are hoping for more renewals

Fishing Report: using the Navionics phone application to look for ledges, drop off, etc vs what is on the boat version of Navionics to identify spots. The phone version shows more detail

Social Update: 50 people signed up for wine tasting/WINO Bingo. 2 tickets were remaining for Visani Comedy Club Feb event; \$10 is being donated to charity and more tickets can be reserved. Groups that want to be seated together need to show up as a group to be seated



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Dick Conant new shirt “blanks” he has that can be customized with PGICA Fishing logo and art work.

Door Prize Winners: \$75 – John Bieg, \$50 Connie Nowicki, \$25 Ron Kruse

Fishing Events:

FOM: no submissions

LOA: Bronze and Silver pin – Gary Selzer, GMA – Jeff Wilson, GMA Star – 1st star Jim Crawley and 2nd star Cathy Hunt

Master Angler Tournament Awards: First Amberjack – 1st Joe Udvari 41.5”, 2nd Rick Brown 39”, 3rd Ron Topper 34.5”. Cobia – 1st Richy Kale 56”, 2nd Bobby Bretts 47”, 3rd Carl Leicher 45”. Grouper – 1st Jerry Peal 36.5”, 2nd John Gettinger 36”, two-way tie for 3rd – Cathy Hunt and Dennis Krausman 33”. No King Mackerel submissions. Redfish – 1st Cathy Hunt 37.5”, 2nd Christine Fontaine 33”, two-way 3rd place tie Allen Wade and Joseph Zurad 31”. Seatrout – 1st Jim Crawley 26”, 2nd place Bobby Bretts 25”, four-way tie for 3rd place Elaine Bretts, Mark Dillman, Richy Kale, and Paul Whiting 23”. Sheepshead – 1st Mike White 23.5”, 2nd Dianne Bukowski 22.5”, 3rd Jack Hinnenthal 22”. Snook – 1st Tim Gibbons 45”, 2nd Richy Kale 41”, 3rd Theresa Fitzgerald 39”. Spanish Mackerel – 1st Fred Benson 24.5”, 2nd Mike Gilger 23”, 3rd Elaine Bretts 22”

Isles Trophy Winners – Woman’s – Dianne Bukowski 22.5” Sheepshead – 102.3% of the record, Men’s - tie with Richy Kale matching his last year record of 100% with a 56” Cobia, and Tim Gibbons the previous record at 100% for his 45” snook

50/50 Winners: 1st Jonathan Landon, 2nd Dick Conant, 3rd Sandy Wierzbanski

Meeting adjourned 8:01 pm



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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, we do not have any ads.



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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
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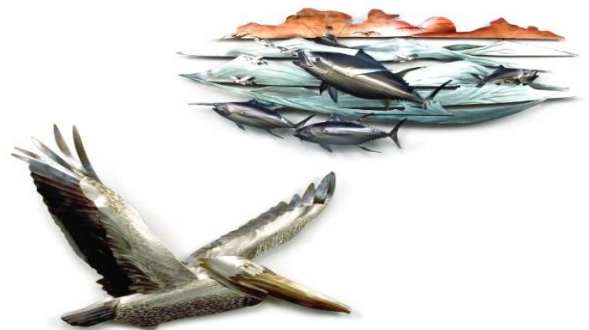
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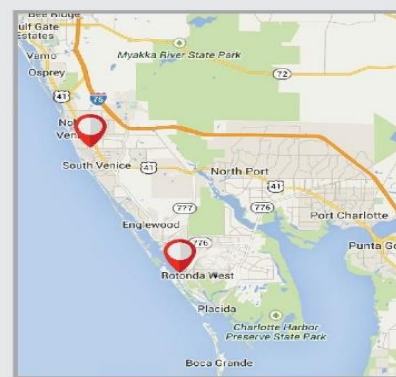
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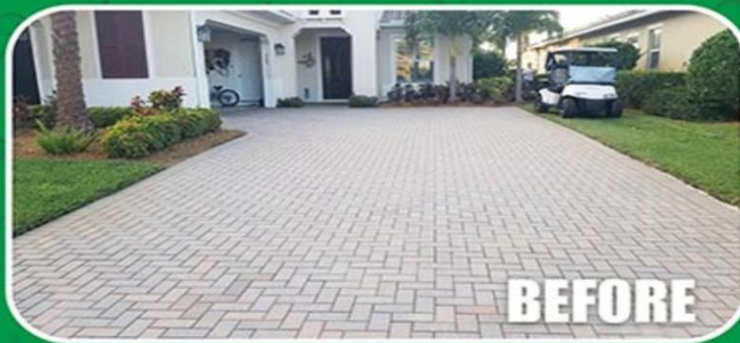
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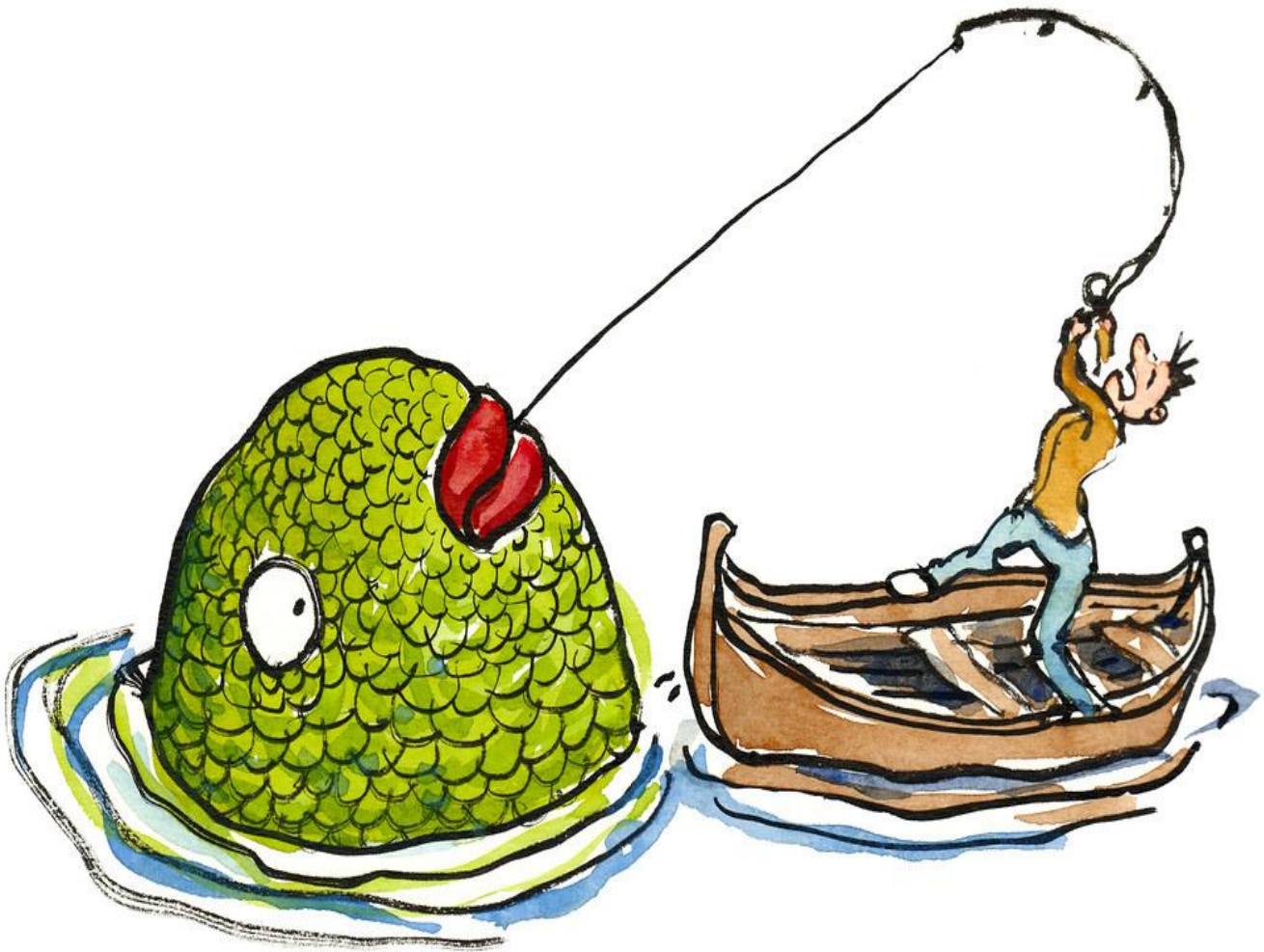
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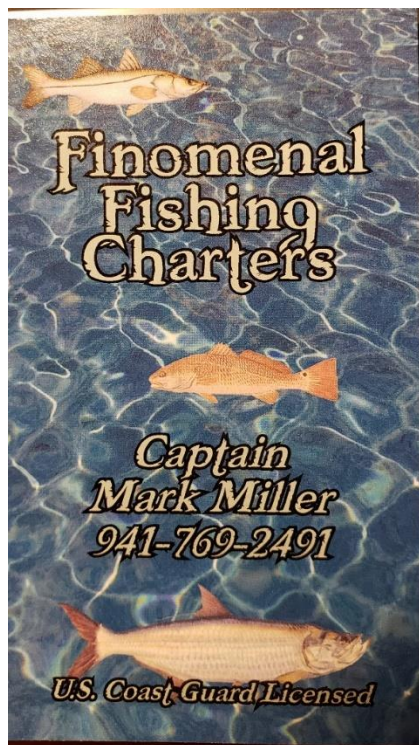
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CATHY HUNT
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JACK JONAITIS
14" HARDHEAD
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CLOCKWISE FROM
TOP LEFT: RICK BROWN 16" SHEEPSHEAD
ELAINE BRETTS 18" SEATROUT
RANDY DOUET 19" SEATROUT
BILL MUIR 23" BLUEFISH



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BOB BRETTS (ABOVE)
19" SEATROUT

KEEP ON CATCHING



JEFF BARNHART (CENTER)
25.5" RED GROUPER



RANDY DOUET (FAR LEFT) WITH HIS 20.5" SEATROUT



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**BOB BRETT'S
(TOP LEFT)
20" SEATROUT**

NICE CATCHIN



**ABOVE IS JOE UDWARI
25.5" RED GROUPEr,
FAR LEFT BOTTOM IS
ART GOODELL 31" COBIA,
MARK LEE (CENTER)
18" SEATROUT**





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**CATHY HUNT
(BELOW) WITH HER
NICE 21" SHEEPSHEAD**



**CENTER PIC IS JACK JONAITIS WITH HIS
24" BONNETHEAD, TOP RIGHT IS DONNA
SULLIVAN WITH HER 32" REDFISH**



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CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT:
JEN GOODELL 32" COBIA
CATHY HUNT 30" REDFISH
ELAINE BRETT'S 19" SEATROUT
JOHN FITZGERALD 21" SNOOK

FUN CATCHING, CONGRATS !!!



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**CATHY HUNT ABOVE WITH
HER 31" REDFISH**

**JOHN FITZGERALD (RIGHT)
18" SPOTTED SEATROUT**

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ABOVE LEFT IS KEN HARDESTY 27" SNOOK
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**JOE BUKOWSKI (ABOVE)
14" SHEEPSHEAD, CENTER
JOHN FITZGERALD PINFISH
FAR RIGHT IS
DONNA SULLIVAN WITH
HER 17" SHEEPSHEAD**





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**CLOCKWISE FROM BOTTOM LEFT
GARY FROST 18" SEATROUT
CARL CUCCO 38" COBIA
DENNIS MCKENNA 17" SHEEPSHEAD
JONATHAN LANDON 14" SHEEPSHEAD
AL WADE 18" SEATROUT:**





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3 FIGHTING FISHES CAUGHT BY:

ABOVE LEFT IS KEN HARDESTY 33" COBIA

CENTER IS DENNIS KRAUSMAN 26" RED GROUPE

RIGHT IS GARY SELZER WITH HIS 38" AMBERJACK

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NICE CATCHING



ABOVE IS CARL CUCCO WITH A 38" AMBERJACK
TOP CENTER IS DENNIS MCKENNA 18" SHEEPSHEAD
FAR RIGHT IS DENNIS KRAUSMAN'S 45" SHARK



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**LEFT IS BOB BRETTS
18" SEATROUT, ON RIGHT
IS MARK DILLMAN
SHOWING OFF 37" COBIA**



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