



PUNTA GORDA ISLES FISHING CLUB

FROM THE HELM



President:
Randy Douet

Hello Friends,

Long stretches of windy days have crimped the perfect weather we've been having. But many of us snuck out during the few fishable days, or they fished the many canal options available, regardless of wind.

The Fishing Club Seminar was a big success. Putting those on is a lot of coordination work. Dennis and his team did a great job...thank him next time you run into him! And remember, I plan on being available at 6pm on our meeting night (April 12th) to answer general questions on tackle or harbor locations.

The Club's Happy Hour survey is closed, and the results are being compiled by Christine and her team. Goal is to announce our Happy Hour plans at the April 12th General Meeting.

The FWC has contacted our club to try and partner with us for a large Cobia study spanning the next two years. I've asked Dennis to take the lead to communicate the scope and the practical pieces of what they need so that we can help. Much more information coming later. This is a great way to help the community. Stay tuned.

The CCA banquet on March 24th was a big success. Our Club was well-represented with over 65 in attendance! Special thanks to Bob Mayes, our representative/coordinator.

Remember that the Club's King Mackerel tournament runs to April 21st. Looking forward to seeing those pics!!

Tight lines
Randy



PUNTA GORDA ISLES FISHING CLUB

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Our club currently has **183** members on Facebook. It is exclusively for members. It's a great place to share your catches and experiences with other members in the club.

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

PUNTA GORDA ISLES FISHING CLUB

FISH OF THE MONTH CALENDAR

JANUARY: SHEEPSHEAD



SHEEPSHEAD (Archamia proleptophyllus)

FEBRUARY: GROUPER



RED GROUPER (Epinephelus morio)

MARCH: SPANISH MACKEREL



SPANISH MACKEREL (Scomberomorus audleyi)

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



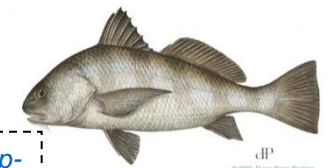
RED DRUM (Sciaenops ocellatus)

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

MARCH CLUB MEETING

DOOR PRIZE WINNERS



Starting at the top, from left to right are 1st place \$75 – Butch Abelseth, 2nd place \$50 – Terry Moeller, 3rd place \$25 – Carl Cucco.

50/50 WINNERS



From left to right are 1st place – Cindi Johnston, 2nd place -Jonathan Landon, and 3rd place – Mark Dillman

NAME THAT FISH WINNER LARRY KISSNER— ‘BALLYHOO’

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MARCH CLUB MEETING

GUEST SPEAKERS

Captain Mark Miller

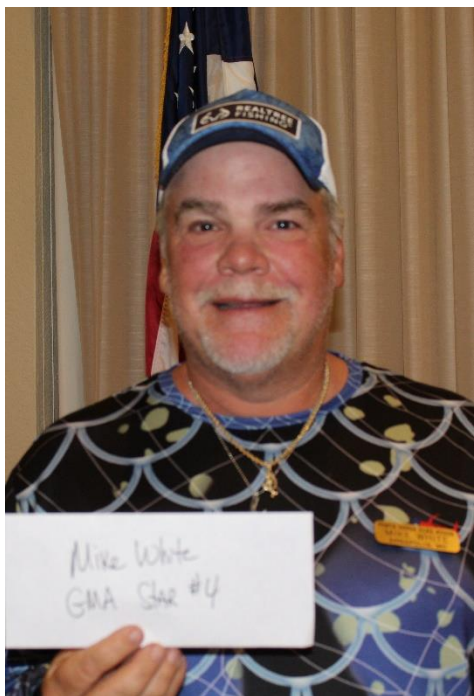


Captain Mark Miller spoke about targeting King Mackerel, trolling speed for lures and live bait, types of lures and knots, trolling around structure, and boating etiquette when approaching fish feeding on bait. Captain Miller of Finomenal Fishing Charters is an advertiser for the Punta Gorda Isles Fishing Club.

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MARCH CLUB MEETING

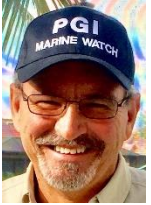
LADDER OF ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS



Mike White earned his 4th GMA star. Christine White is our newest Grand Master Angler. **Congratulations to both Mike and Christine!**

PUNTA GORDA ISLES FISHING CLUB

FISHING EVENTS



PGI FISHING CLUB – MARCH 2022

HIGHLIGHTS FOR MARCH 2022

- MARCH FOM = SPANISH MACKEREL, 2 LADIES & 3 MEN AWARDS
- 5 CLUB HATS EARNED FOR FIRST FISH
- 1 GOLD PIN EARNED – WHAT A CATCH !!!
- 3 REDFISH PINS EARNED – KEEP ON CATCHING
- 1 GRAND MASTER AWARD ACHIEVED – WAY TO GO
- FISHING SEMINAR OF MARCH 19TH DEEMED VERY SUCCESSFUL
- KING MACKEREL TOURNAMENT EXTENDED & UNDERWAY
- LAST DAY TO CATCH A KING MACK FOR TOURNAMENT IS APRIL 21
- APRIL 12TH MEETING – HEAR CAPTAIN KYLE POTTS w/TowBoatUS
- APRIL FOM IS



PUNTA GORDA ISLES FISHING CLUB

FISHING EVENTS

Events Director:
Mike Dougherty



PGI FISHING CLUB – FOM - MARCH 2022

MARCH 2022 FOM SPANISH MACKEREL

1ST PLACE LADIES \$35
JOANNE WIDNEY 17.5"



MEN'S 1ST PLACE (TIE) \$35
MARK STORM (ABOVE) 24"
JEFF WILSON (RIGHT) 24"



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Events Director:
Mike Dougherty



PGI FISHING CLUB – FOM - MARCH 2022

LADIES CATEGORY – FOM - SPANISH MACKEREL

JAN HOLM - ALL SMILES
2ND PLACE \$25 GIFT CERT.
15" SPANISH MACKEREL

CONGRATS TO 1st PLACE
JOANNE &
2nd PLACE JAN
FOR THEIR
MACKEREL CATCHING !!



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PGI FISHING CLUB – FOM - MARCH 2022

MEN'S CATEGORY 2ND & 3RD PLACES

JIM CRAWLEY 2ND PLACE
22" SPANISH MACKEREL



**CONGRATS
TO EACH
FOM WINNER**

\$35 for 1st
\$25 for 2nd
\$15 for 3rd

ALLEN WADE 3RD PLACE
20.5" SPANISH MACKEREL



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Events Director:
Mike Dougherty



PGI FISHING CLUB – LOA - MARCH 2022

CLUB HATS FOR 1ST FISH, A TOTAL OF 5 CLUB HATS EARNED IN MARCH



**KEEP
CATCHIN**



**CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT:
RON DEROCHE 16" SEATROUT
JOE ESPOSITO 18" SEATROUT
BARRY FINK 16" SEATROUT
DAN FOX 22" SEATROUT
CHIP PETERSON
16.5" SHEEPSHEAD**



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Events Director:
Mike Dougherty



PGI FISHING CLUB – LOA - MARCH 2022

1 GOLD PIN, NEED 7 FISH, 700 PTS.

GARY SELZER EARNED HIS GOLD PIN WITH THIS FINE LOOKING 45" KING MACKEREL



CHRISTINE FONTAINE WHITE EARNED HER GMA (23 FISH & 2000 PTS) WITH THIS 28" RED GROUPER



(PIC might be a carryover from last month)

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FISHING EVENTS

Events Director:
Mike Dougherty



PGI FISHING CLUB – LOA - MARCH 2022

3 REDFISH PINS
MASTER ANGLER II
NEED 13 FISH, 1400 PTS



MIKE DOUGHERTY
PINFISH



DOUG DE FRESNE TARPON 60"+

LOA LEVEL TARPON PIN IS NEXT

**KEEP ON
CATCHING**



JACK HOWARTH
PINFISH

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PGI FISHING CLUB – KING MACKEREL

OUR KING MACKEREL TOURNAMENT WAS MARCH 21-26 WHICH WAS THEN EXTENDED FOR A FULL MONTH, YES, A FULL MONTH TO CATCH SOME KINGS.

**KING MACK TOURNEY NOW ENDS ON APRIL 21ST
ALL PHOTOS MUST BE SUBMITTED NO LATER THAN 11:59PM
ON APRIL 21ST. PICS MUST BE SENT IN ON A TIMELY BASIS.**

**WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN THE MAY NEWSLETTER,
AWARDS AT THE MAY 10TH MEETING**

GOOD LUCK AND TIGHT LINES, KEEP ON CATCHING !!!

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STATISTICS & REPORTS

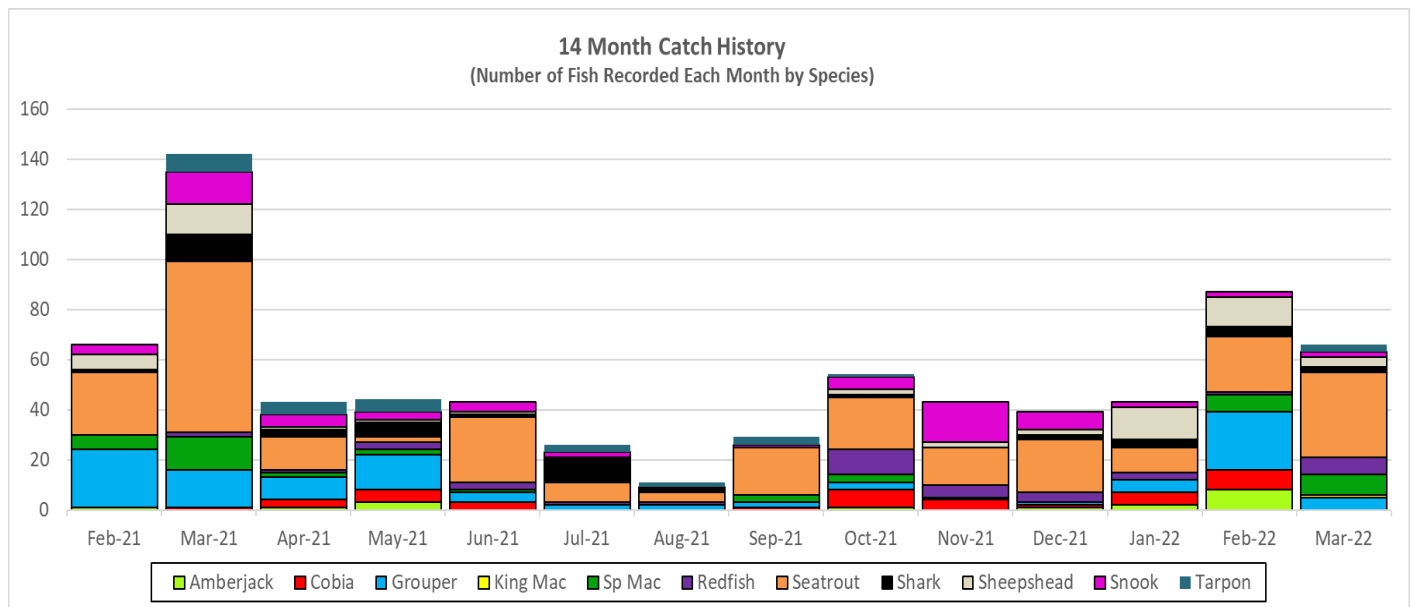
The Month in Review (March 2022)

Record Keeper:
Paul Whiting



Our Fish of the Month, Spanish Mackerel, cooperated nicely for those who targeted them. Seatrout were very prolific with 34 catches reported and the red grouper offshore continued to be found by those able to get there between cold fronts. A few tarpon began to show in the mix boding well for the upcoming season. 7 redfish, most around the 30" mark, were also reported. Five new members earned their Club hats, three anglers advanced closer to the GMA status earning their Redfish pins, and Christine Fontaine (White) became our newest Grand Master Angler. Congratulations Christine!

What's Bite'n Chart



Recorder's Data

Monthly Performance

	January	February	March	
Anglers	28	45	39	↓
LOA Awards	4	4	10	↑
Fish Recorded	48	115	74	↓
Points Recorded	3900	7,500	7,600	↑

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LADDER OF ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS 2022 STANDINGS (MARCH)

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

RED = Awards This Month

Club Hats

Ron DeRocche
Joe Esposito
Barry Fink
Dan Fox
Chip Peterson

PGI FISHING CLUB LADDER OF ANGLING ACHIEVEMENT

LEVEL	NUMBER OF SPECIES	SIZE LIMITS	POINTS NEEDED	AWARD
Initial Entry	1	None	None	Club Hat
Bronze	5	None	None	Pin
Silver	5	Eligible Size	300	Pin
Gold	7	Eligible Size	700	Pin
LifeTime Level I	9	Eligible Size	1000	Snook Pin
LifeTime Level II	13	Eligible Size	1400	Redfish Pin
LifeTime Level III	18	Eligible Size	1700	Tarpon Pin
Grand Master	23	Eligible Size	2000	Club Shirt
Grand Master Star	-	-	2000	Star

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

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(BOLD star = earned this year)

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ISLES TROPHY RACE 2022 STANDINGS (MARCH)

Record Keeper:
Paul Whiting



MEN'S DIVISION

OVERALL CLUB RECORD	SPECIES NAME	MEMBER NAME	RECORD LENGTH in INCHES	DATE CAUGHT	NAME+G6:I46B3	2022 LENGTH in INCHES	DATE CAUGHT	% OF RECORD
X	Amberjack	Joe Udvari	53.5	2019	Jim Crawley Carl Cucco Mike Gilger Gary Selzer	38.0	2/7/2022 1/18/2022 1/20/2022 2/8/2022	71.0%
X	Black Drum	Mike White	51.5	2019				0.0%
X	Cobia	Rich Kale	56.0	2021	Mike White	41.0	2/11/2022	73.2%
X	Grouper	Tom Hamilton	39.0	2003	Mike White	33.0	2/27/2022	84.6%
X	King Mackerel	John MacLeman	52.0	2012	Gary Selzer	45.0	3/29/2022	86.5%
X	Redfish	Mike White	47.0	2020	Rick Brown	30.0	3/30/2022	63.8%
X	Seatrout	Rich Brennan Aaron Wagner	29.0 29.0	2009 2012	Bobby Bretts Allen Wade Mike White **	22.0 22.0 26.0	3/15/2022 2/27/2022 2/3/2022	75.9%
X	Sheepshead	Vinnie Madsen	24.0	2016				108.3%
X	Snook	Vinnie Madsen Tim Gibbons	45.0	2014 2021	Bob Mueller	32.0	3/24/2022	71.1%
X	Spanish Mackerel	Carl Leicher	30.0	2012	Marv Dyrstad Mark Storm Jeff Wilson	24.0 24.0 24.0	2/25/2022 2/26/2022 3/4/2022	80.0%

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	Christine Fontaine	38.0	2/12/2022	76.0%
	Grouper	Dianne Bukowski	37.0	2018	Christine Fontaine	28.0	2/27/2022	75.7%
	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	21.0	3/28/2022	79.2%
	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	Donna Sullivan	19.0	2/26/2022	67.9%

Isles Trophy Race

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

2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Rich Brennan	Kel Krotzer	Greg Chestnut	Jim Qurollo	Steve Landaker	Vinnie Madsen	Bob Mays	Gary Reeves	Rich Kale	Joe Udvari	Joe Udvari	Mike White	Rich Kale & Tim Gibbons
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	Diane Bukowski

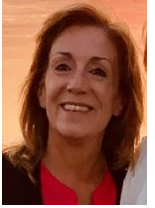
MASTER ANGLER TOURNAMENT 2022 STANDINGS (MARCH)

AMBERJACK	BLACK DRUM	COBIA	GROUPE	KING MACKEREL	REDFISH	SEATRUT	SHEEPSHEAD	SNOOK	SPANISH MACKEREL
Jim Crawley 38.0		Mike White 41.0	Mike White 33.0	Gary Selzer 45.0	Donna Sullivan 32.0	Bobby Bretts 22.0	Mike White 26.0	Bob Mueller 32.0	Marv Dyrstad 24.0
Carl Cucco 38.0						Allen Wade 22.0			Mark Storm 24.0
Mike Gilger 38.0									Jeff Wilson 24.0
Gary Selzer 38.0									
Joe Udvari 36.5		Carl Cucco 38.0	Ed Girzi 32.0		Cathy Hunt 31.0		Mike Knipe 22.0	Larry Kissner 28.0	Jim Crawley 22.0
		Christine Fontaine 38.0			Gretchen Sunderland 31.0	Elaine Bretts 21.0			
						Dick Conant 21.0			
						John Fitzgerald 21.0			
Mark Dillman 36.0		Mark Dillman 37.0	John Gettinger 30.0		Rick Brown 30.0	Randy Douet 20.5	Cathy Hunt 21.0	Ken Hardesty 27.0	Allen Wade 20.5
						Mark Storm 20.5	Jack Hinnenthal 21.0		

PUNTA GORDA ISLES FISHING CLUB

SOCIAL EVENTS

Social Events Director:
Christine White



Hope this finds everyone doing well and enjoying the season. We have thoroughly enjoyed seeing many of you back for the season and joining us for our fishing and social events.

Bunco continues to be a tremendous success for the ladies. Ellen Wade agreed to host in her lovely home in March and we all had a fabulous time. We have another one planned for April, hosted by Linda Grossman. If anyone is willing to host, please let me know date/time/max number and we can get the event set up. Other games as well are welcome if you would like to share your favorite with your fishing friends. It is a fantastic way to meet new members!

We had a nice group join us for an informative and tasty tour of Alligator Rum Distillery Tour. They have a great tour, and they are truly knowledgeable. Some of us enjoyed some delicious daquiris as we toured the facility, and then followed up with tasting three of their rums- quite a few walked away with bottles to take home.

Thank you to all of you that responded to the survey, and your patience as we learn to navigate Club Express for events and surveys such as this. Many of you also responded with some great feedback on not just Happy Hour, but thoughts on events we can do as a club, and charities we can support. The Social Committee has compiled the results and have presented those to Randy to review and share with the club.

There were quite a few suggestions that we do more fishing events together as a group. I would love to have someone take the lead in looking into assorted options. So, if you would like to work on a sub-committee that focuses on club fishing events, please reach out to me, and I'll certainly be happy to support you from an administrative/sign up functions, etc. The more the merrier to join this sub-committee would be great!

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.

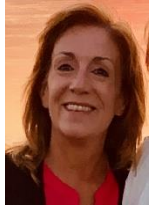
Ladies' Bunco: At Linda Grossman's home on Monday, April 11th

Farewell party to our Snowbirds (luau theme): Sunday, April 24th.

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SOCIAL EVENTS

Social Events Director:
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April 24th will be our farewell party to our Snowbirds that will be leaving us for the summer. We will be having a pig roast, and Jeff Hughes will be entertaining us. So, bring your dancing shoes as he is known to get people up and dancing. Cost will be \$20 per person, and we will be asking for either a side dish or dessert, or assistance in getting things set up and cleaned up. As always, bring your drink of choice. Getting into the spirit of a Luau is highly encouraged, and there may even be prizes for the best costumes. I have been sending emails out with the link, but if you have trouble signing in, let me know. I will also be having sign-up at the April General meeting, as well.

There has been an 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 must work while living in Paradise, so I will not 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 would like to get involved and help with the social committee, the more the merrier.

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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

PUNTA GORDA ISLES FISHING CLUB

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)

g2873477@hotmail.com

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

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

President: Randy Douet

MARCH 8, 2022

Location: PGICA Building

Meeting start time: 7:03 pm

80 members in attendance

February General Meeting Minutes approved

CCA Banquet tickets on sale – March 24th, 2022, event at PG Convention Center

Toys for Tots December (Holiday Party) fundraiser appreciation certificate shared with members

Treasurer Report - \$13,908.92 bank balance

New club sponsor – Charlotte Harbor Tow Boat US

Social Update – last month's Visani fund raiser raised \$300; \$150 donated to CAST for Kids and remaining \$150 will be used for future donations asked for by the club. Events planned: 3/18

Alligator Rum Distillery tour (free) 3:00 pm, 4/11 Ladies Bunco, and 4/24 pig roast with live entertainment (tickets \$20)

New Member Outreach Winner – Ron DeRoche

New opportunity for members to learn more about fishing the harbor – members welcome to attend a session at 6:00 – 6:30 pm April 12th (before the General Meeting) to learn about “what's in the tackle bag” and get tips for fishing Charlotte Harbor – hosted by Randy Douet.

Door Prize Winners – Tamiami Tavern Gift cards – 1st - \$75 Butch Abelseth, 2nd - \$50 Terry Moeller, 3rd - \$25 Carl Cucco

Fishing Seminar 3/19 9:00 am – 2:00 pm – free - newer club members encouraged to attend, guests welcome and must be eligible to join PGICA; seating limited and subject to approval by Dennis

Guest Speaker – Captain Mark Miller – spoke about targeting King Mackerel; trolling speed for lures and live bait, types of lures and knots, trolling around structure, and boating etiquette when approaching fish feeding on bait

Fishing Events:

New Kingfish Tournament announcement: 3/21 – 3/26 – Ladies and Men's awards - \$75, \$50, and \$25

Feb FOM Grouper - Women's – 1st Christine White 28", 2nd Cathy Hunt 21", no 3rd. Men's 1st Mike White 33", 2nd John Gettinger 30", 3rd Jeff Barnhart 29.5"

LOA: Club Hat - Karol Fritz, Bronze Pin – Jack Jonaitis, Tarpon Pin – Allen Wade, GMA – Christine White, GMA Star – Mike White

February Tournament – 61 members registered, 42 fish submitted, 20 awards given

Name That Fish: Ballyhoo – winner – Larry Kissner

50/50 Winners: 1st Cindi Johnston, 2nd Jonathan Landon, 3rd Mark Dillman

Submitted by – Secretary – Cathy Hunt

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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.

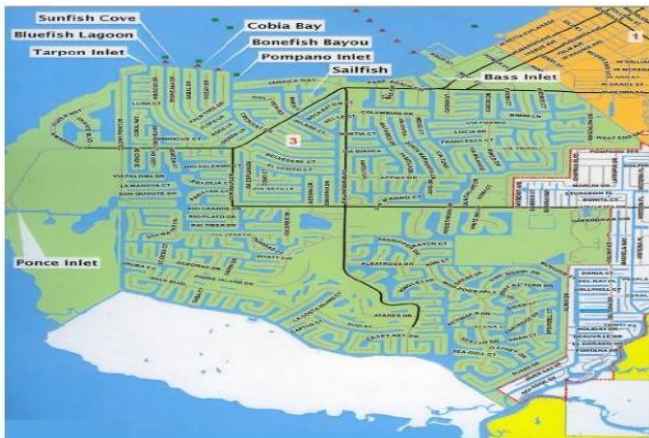


What do our members do?

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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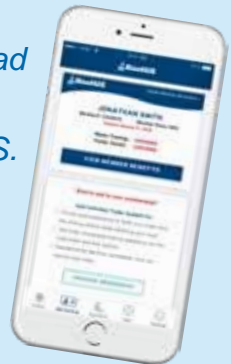
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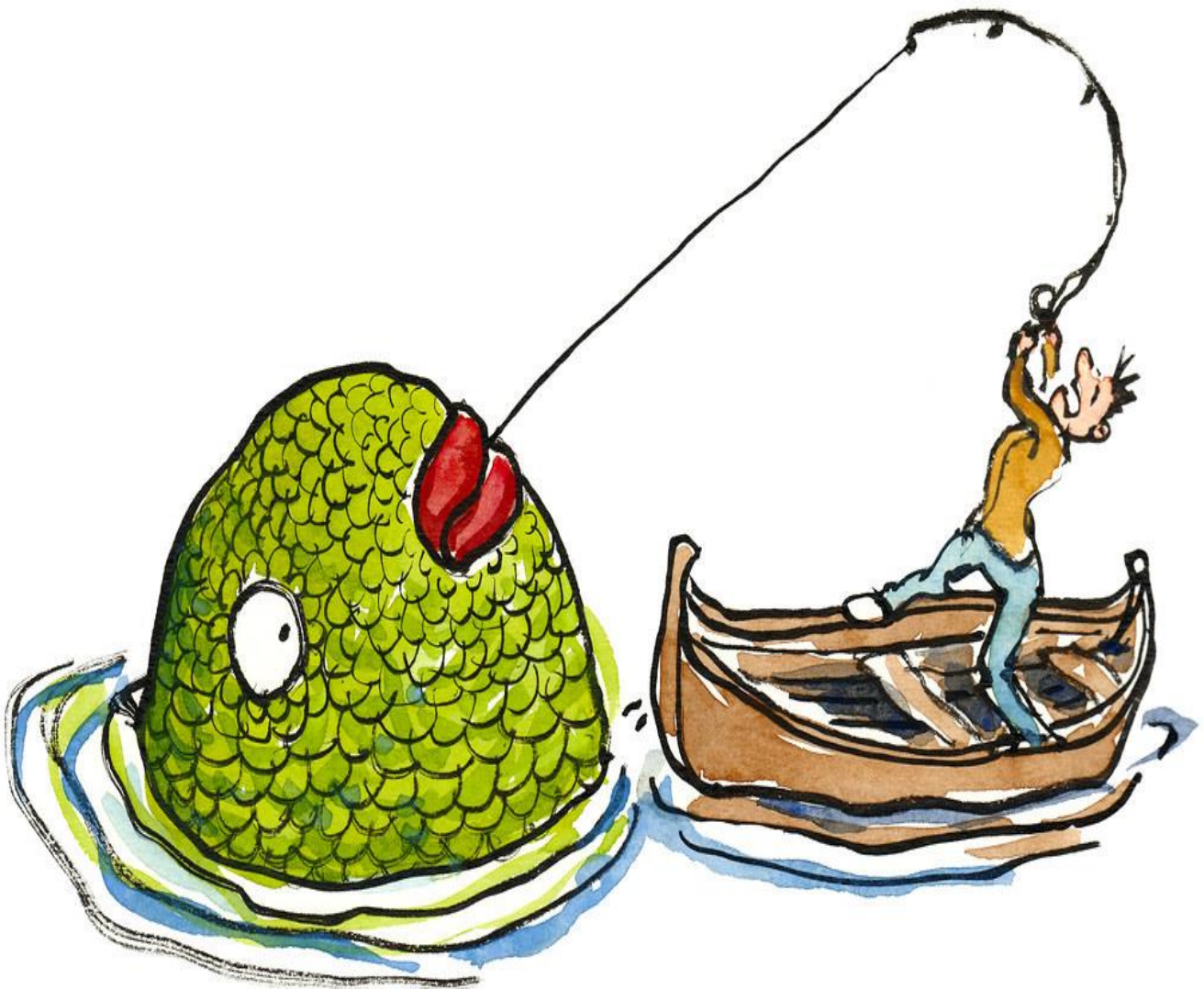
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RECOMMENDED FISHING GUIDES

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Give them a call and find out their specialties!



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Captain Steve Phillips – Southern Charm Charters



Fish the beautiful waters of Charlotte harbor and enjoy the local wildlife! Southern Charm Charters is here to show you the variety of fish species you can find in the area and, more importantly, how to catch them. Captain Steven has been in the business long enough to know all of the tricks you won't find in any tutorial. Learn from an experienced guide and fill out your bucket with the tastiest fish meat!



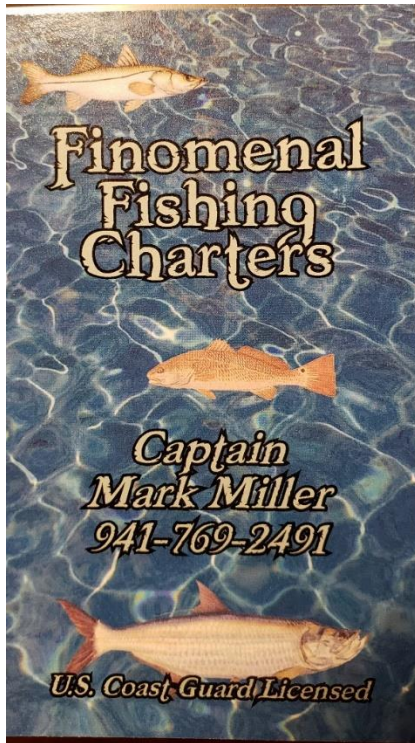
"From the time we stepped on the boat until the time we stepped back on the dock, Captain Steve and his mate Paul were great. Set expectations early and fulfilled them all. Would highly recommend!!" Tracy S.

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Captain Mark Miller – Finomenal Fishing Charters



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MEMBER CATCHES FOR MARCH

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FROM LEFT TO RIGHT:

NANCY PERSON (LADYFISH), **STEPHEN FRITZ** (BLUE RUNNER),
MARK DILLMAN (36" AFRICAN POMPAÑO),
ROSANNE KRUSE (14" REFISH), **JUDE PANETTA** 60"+ TARPON

IT'S ALWAYS FUN TO CATCH FISH – GOOD LUCK AND TIGHT LINES !!!

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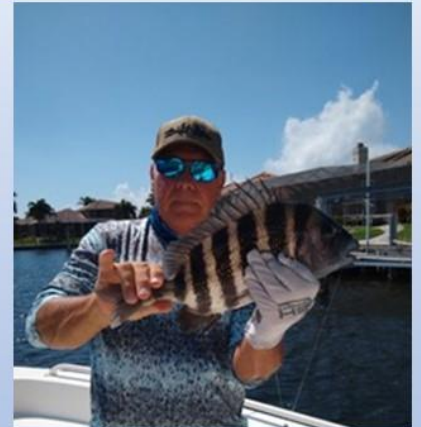
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BILL MUIR (32" SNOOK),
ED GIRZI (29" RED GROUPER),
FRED DEMELLA (PINFISH),
ELAINE BRETTS 18" SEATROUT,
BOB BRETTS (20" SEATROUT)

CONGRATS ANGLERS !!!

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PGI CATCHIN & BRAGGIN – MARCH 2022



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT:
JUDE PANETTA (60+” TARPON),
NANCY PEARSON (SHARK),
ROSANNE KRUSE (RAY),
GARY FROST (18” SHEEPSHEAD)
LARRY KISSNER (19” SPANISH),
MIKE DOUGHERTY (19” LADYFISH)

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MARCH

PGI CATCHIN & BRAGGIN – MARCH 2022



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FISHING
WHAT A
CATCH !!

RIGHT:
JOHN
FITZGERALD
18" SEATROUT



AL WADE 19"
SHEEPSHEAD,
ABOVE GRETCHEN
SUNDERLAND
31" REDFISH,
LEFT IS BOB
BRETT'S
22" SEATROUT



ELAINE
BRETT'S
19"
SEATROUT

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YOUR OFFICIAL SEATROUT PAGE
COUNTERCLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT:

JUDE PANETTA 19",
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ELAINE BRETT'S 21",
RON DEROCHÉ 19.5",
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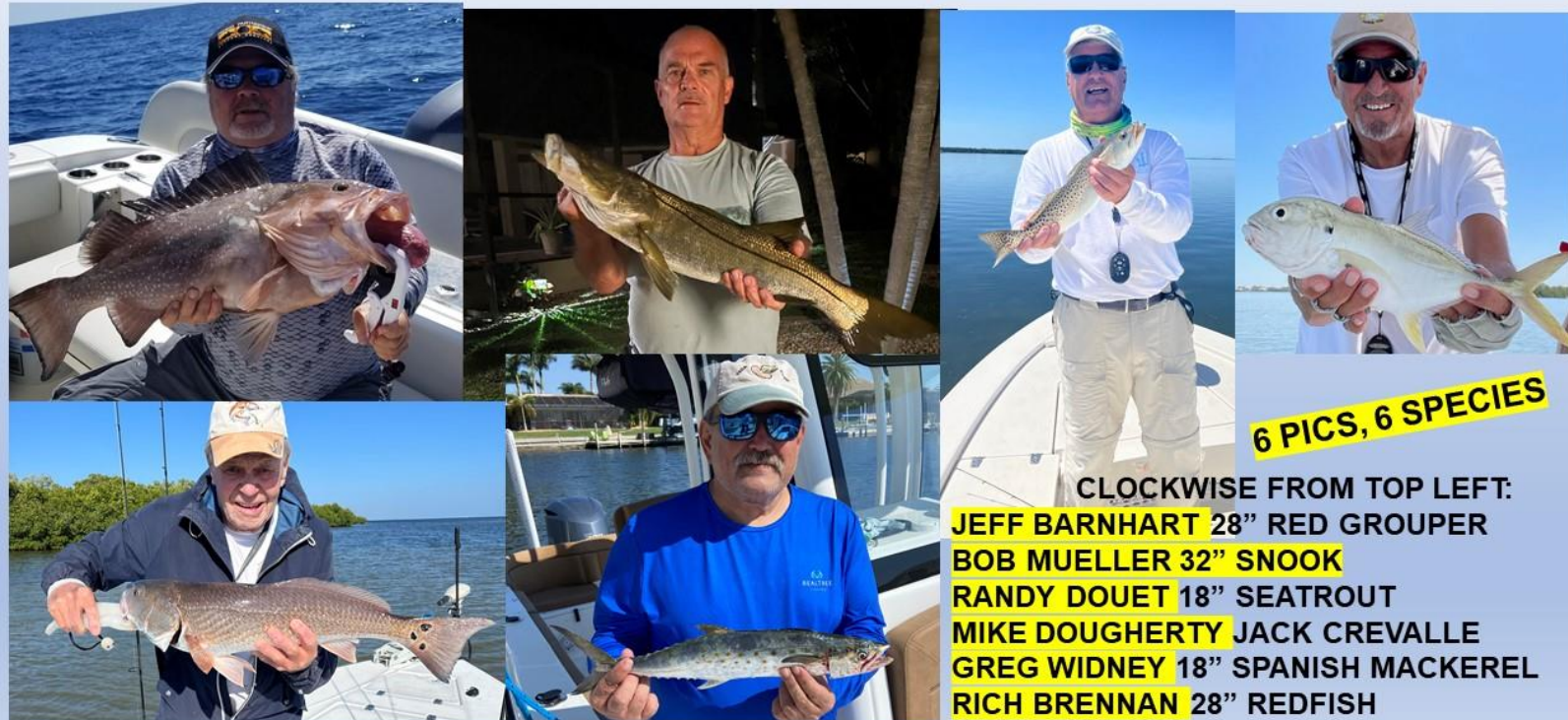
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6 PICS, 6 SPECIES

CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT:
JEFF BARNHART 28" RED GROUPER
BOB MUELLER 32" SNOOK
RANDY DOUET 18" SEATROUT
MIKE DOUGHERTY JACK CREVALLE
GREG WIDNEY 18" SPANISH MACKEREL
RICH BRENNAN 28" REDFISH

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CLOCKWISE FROM BOTTOM LEFT:
ELAINE BRETT'S 21" SEATROUT, **BOB BRETT'S** 20" TROUT
JEFF BARNHART 28" RED GROUPER
RANDY DOUET 18" SEATROUT

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**RON DEROCHE
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**CHIP PETERSON
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**DONNA SULLIVAN
19" SEATROUT**

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JOE ZURAD
30" REDFISH

**GOOD TO SEE
FLOUNDER
AGAIN**



JACK HOWARTH
12" FLOUNDER



DALE HALL
30" REDFISH

NICE CATCHING GUYS !!!