



PUNTA GORDA ISLES FISHING CLUB

FROM THE HELM



President:
Randy Douet

We had a great send-off for our Snow-Bird members at the Luau in March. Great party, great people. I even learned a lot about the hidden musical talents of some of our members (deeply hidden). Our Social Committee keeps scoring touchdowns. Great work!

Some of us may have seen or heard about the dates for 2022 Red Snapper season: 57 total days. June 17-July 31st. Then the fall quick seasons are 12 days total: October 8-9, 15-16, and 22-23, plus November 11-13 (Veteran's Day weekend), and November 25-27 (weekend after Thanksgiving). Surely, we'll get a few calm days out of that! Right??!

The move of the Happy Hour venue appears to be a big success. Reminder that it's every Wednesday at 5pm at the Elks Club in Punta Gorda. The Elk's staff has been great, and it's nice having two large bars.

The Fishing Club has agreed to help out with a kids' fishing event at the Elks Club on Saturday, June 11th. More info later, but they need about 20 volunteers to assist the kids out on the long pier there. They are planning to draw about 200 kids, so it'll be a great opportunity for us to give a bit back to the community. On a similar subject, the Club has agreed to help out with the Home Tour process sponsored by the Beyond Ourselves Club (part of PGICA) this fall.

It's been very windy, but there have been one and two-day spells where you can leave the canals. Snook, Cobia, Tarpon, and Trout have been finding their way to our hooks. I've been fishing near Useppa Island, Cabbage Key, and Broken Islands in Pine Island Sound (west side of Pine Island). I'm a very thorough observer of grass health around there, and I'm very happy with recent growth. Lush turtle grass isn't abundant, but it's not hard to find. Six months ago, it was dismal. Turtle Bay grass has a long way to go, but it'll get better too. No red tide ANYWHERE!

Tight lines!
Randy



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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

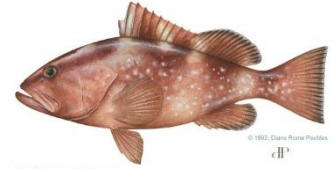
JANUARY: SHEEPSHEAD



SHEEPSHEAD (Archamia proleptophyllus)

dP

FEBRUARY: GROUPER



RED GROUPE (Epinephelus morio)

dP

MARCH: SPANISH MACKEREL



SPANISH MACKEREL (Scomberomorus audleyi)

dP

APRIL: SNOOK



COMMON SNOOK (Centropomus undecimalis)

dP

MAY: COBIA



COBIA (Rachycentron canadense)

dP

JUNE: JACK CREVALLE



JULY: SHARK



BLACKTIP SHARK (Carcharhinus limbatus)

dP

AUGUST: TARPON



TARPON (Megalops atlanticus)

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SEPTEMBER: SEATROUT



SPOTTED SEATROUT (Anchoa mitchilli)

dP

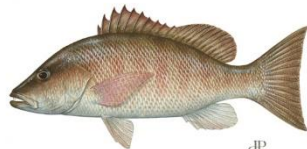
OCTOBER: REDFISH



RED DRUM (Sciaenops ocellatus)

dP

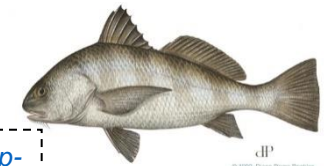
NOVEMBER: MANGROVE SNAPPER



GRAY (MANGROVE) SNAPPER (Lutjanus griseus)

dP

DECEMBER: BLACK DRUM



BLACK DRUM (Pogonias cromis)

dP

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>

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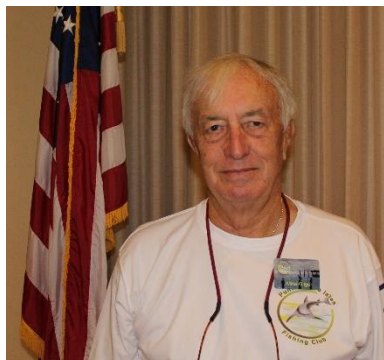
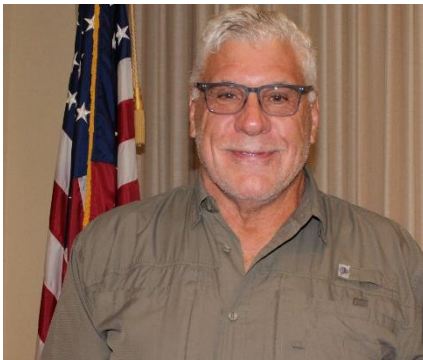
APRIL CLUB MEETING

DOOR PRIZE WINNERS



Starting at the top, from left to right are 1st place \$75 – Mike Knipe, 2nd place Rosanne Kruse

50/50 WINNERS



From left to right are 1st place - Chuck Pearson, 2nd place - Mike Gilger, and 3rd place - Nancy Pearson

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APRIL CLUB MEETING

GUEST SPEAKER



Captain Kyle Potts was the guest speaker, who provided a presentation on snook fishing techniques, including snook migration, habitat, and bait. Snook is the April fish of the month.

Captain Kyle Potts of *Tow Boat U.S.* is an advertiser for the Punta Gorda Isles Fishing Club.

PUNTA GORDA ISLES FISHING CLUB

APRIL CLUB MEETING

LADDER OF ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS



Christine White is our newest Grand Master Angler. Congratulations Christine!

PUNTA GORDA ISLES FISHING CLUB

VP's FISHING REPORT

Vice President:
Dennis Krausman



There are several potential areas where our Fishing Club may be able to contribute to efforts for improving the Charlotte Harbor fishery.

I have been representing PGIFC at the Coastal and Heartland National Estuary Program (CHNEP), where we are developing plans to evaluate the salt ponds which are part of the habitat for Snook and Tarpon until they can survive in open water. Initial evaluations in the Cape Haze area establish some procedures for evaluations along the East Wall. Since the East Wall is one of our most accessible areas for Snook and Redfish, we are particularly interested in how PGICA members can assist in this assessment.

Several outcomes from the last CHNEP workshop led to probable roles working with the FWC and local groups addressing Charlotte Harbor issues.

We have some initial plans supporting an FWC Cobia Project. We will provide several Cobia carcasses to FWC for evaluation of sexual maturity during the Cobia spawning season. Additionally, within several weeks we will take FWC personnel out to tag Cobia. This collaboration is expected to last for 2022 and 2023.

Several members will be supporting the University of Florida Sea Grant Program for Eyes on Seagrass. We will survey multiple locations in Charlotte Harbor during May and July to identify types of seagrass present, % of cover in a half-meter grid, types of algae present, and collection of soil samples. We have also recruited several Charlotte County High School students to participate.

Charlotte County created a new position for Harbor Water Quality Management. The manager is also part of the CHNEP workshops that I participate in. He is interested in community support in evaluating and monitoring the water quality, particularly along the East Wall. Currently, the Charlotte Harbor Estuary Management office has a monitoring site near Alligator Creek and another near Pirate Harbor, but they have no visibility on what is happening on the East Wall in between.

While these initiatives are focused on data collection for research, the CHNEP Workshops are specifically addressing how to connect the research and the decision makers early in the process to initiate corrective action on a shorter time scale.

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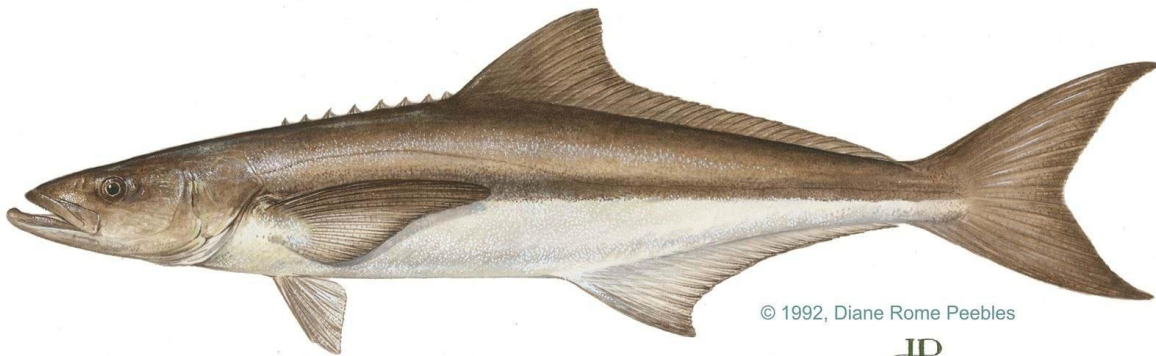
FISH OF THE MONTH - MAY



Vice President:
Dennis Krausman

Cobia – Fish of the Month

Appearance



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COBIA (*Rachycentron canadum*)

Also known as ling or lemonfish.

- Long, slim fish with a broad, depressed head
- Brown in color, fading to a whitish belly
- Dark lateral stripe extending through eye to tail
- Lower jaw projects past upper jaw
- Young have alternating black and white horizontal stripes

State Record: 130 lb 1 oz, caught near Destin

Men's Club Record: Richy Kale, 56", 2021

Ladies' Club Record: Joanne Landaker, 2008, Marilyn McGregor, 2013, 50"

Legal size limit for Cobia changes to 36" Fork Length on July 1, 2022.

Currently, 33" fork length is eligible for keeping fish and count for LOA species.

Fishin' Frank will be the Guest Speaker for May and will share information on techniques for catching Cobia.

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FISHING EVENTS

Events Director:
Mike Dougherty



PGI FISHING CLUB – APRIL 2022

- ✓ KING MACKEREL TOURNAMENT – 3 CATCHES AWARDED
- ✓ APRIL FOM WAS SNOOK - - 5 CATCHES - GIFT CERTIFICATES
- ✓ LADDER OF ACHIEVEMENT – 6 AWARDS EARNED IN APRIL
- ✓ CLUB HATS – SUZ GRILLO, MARIE KNIPE & GLEN RANFOS
- ✓ LOA AWARDS – 2 ADVANCEMENTS UP THE RANKS
- ✓ LOA BRONZE PIN – BOB CRITCHFIELD – WAY TO GO BOB
- ✓ LOA GOLD PIN – NANCY PEARSON – WAY TO GO NANCY
- ✓ GMA STAR – BOBBY BRETT'S STAR #7 – GOOD CATCHING
- ✓ MASTER ANGLER TOURNAMENT – 9 ADVANCES IN APRIL
- ✓ 24 ANGLERS SUBMITTED PHOTOS – 14 AWARDS TOTAL
- ✓ EMAIL FISH PICS TO: fishphotos@pgifishingclub.org
- ✓ SEND IN PICS ON TIMELY BASIS, NO LATER THAN END OF MONTH TO BE SURE YOUR CATCHES ARE RECORDED!

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KING MACKEREL TOURNAMENT STANDINGS



1ST PLACE LADIES – LEFT – **NANCY PEARSON** – 40" ON APRIL 4TH, 2022 (\$75)

1ST PLACE MENS – CENTER – **GARY SELZER** – 45" ON MARCH 29TH, 2022 (\$75)

2ND PLACE MENS – RIGHT – **CARL CUCCO** – 35.5" ON APRIL 18TH, 2022 (\$50)

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APRIL 2022 FOM

LADIES SNOOK CATEGORY

SNOOK

**1ST
PLACE
32"
(\$35)**



**NICE
CATCHING
LADIES
CONGRATS!**

MARIE KNIPE



**NANCY
PEARSON
2ND PLACE
24" SNOOK
(\$25)**

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MENS CATEGORY, SNOOK FOM

1ST PLACE TOP LEFT

JOE ZURAD 34.5" SNOOK (\$35)

THEN 2ND PLACE BOTTOM LEFT

BILL MUIR 34" SNOOK (\$25)

THEN 3RD PLACE BOTTOM RIGHT

MARK STORM 23" SNOOK (\$15)



**NICE
CATCHING
GUYS
CONGRATS !!**



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LOA – **CLUB HATS** FOR FIRST FISH, WELCOME TO YOUR PGI FISHING CLUB



SUZ GRILLO, 1st FISH,
an ARMS LENGTH
BONNETHEAD SHARK



MARIE KNIPE – 1st FISH WAS HER 32' SNOOK,
ALSO 1st FOM & ALSO 3RD IN OUR MAT – **SETTING THE BAR HIGH**



GLEN RANFOS 1st FISH
14" SEATROUT

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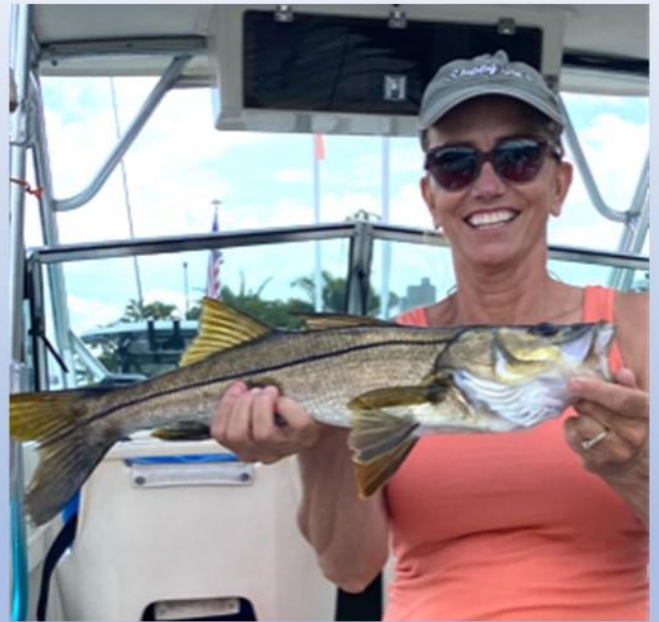


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PINS – BRONZE AND GOLD



BOB CRITCHFIELD – 19" SEATROUT
BRONZE PIN – 5 FISH OF ANY SIZE



NANCY PEARSON – 24" SNOOK (YEP, IT'S
HER SAME 2ND PLACE FOM SNOOK)
GOLD PIN – 7 FISH ELIGIBLE SIZE + 700 POINTS

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PGI FISHING CLUB – APRIL 2022

**BOBBY
BRETT'S**

**20" SPOTTED
SEATROUT
APRIL 13TH**



**GMA
STAR
#7**

CONGRATS !!!

NICE FISH

PUNTA GORDA ISLES FISHING CLUB

STATISTICS & REPORTS

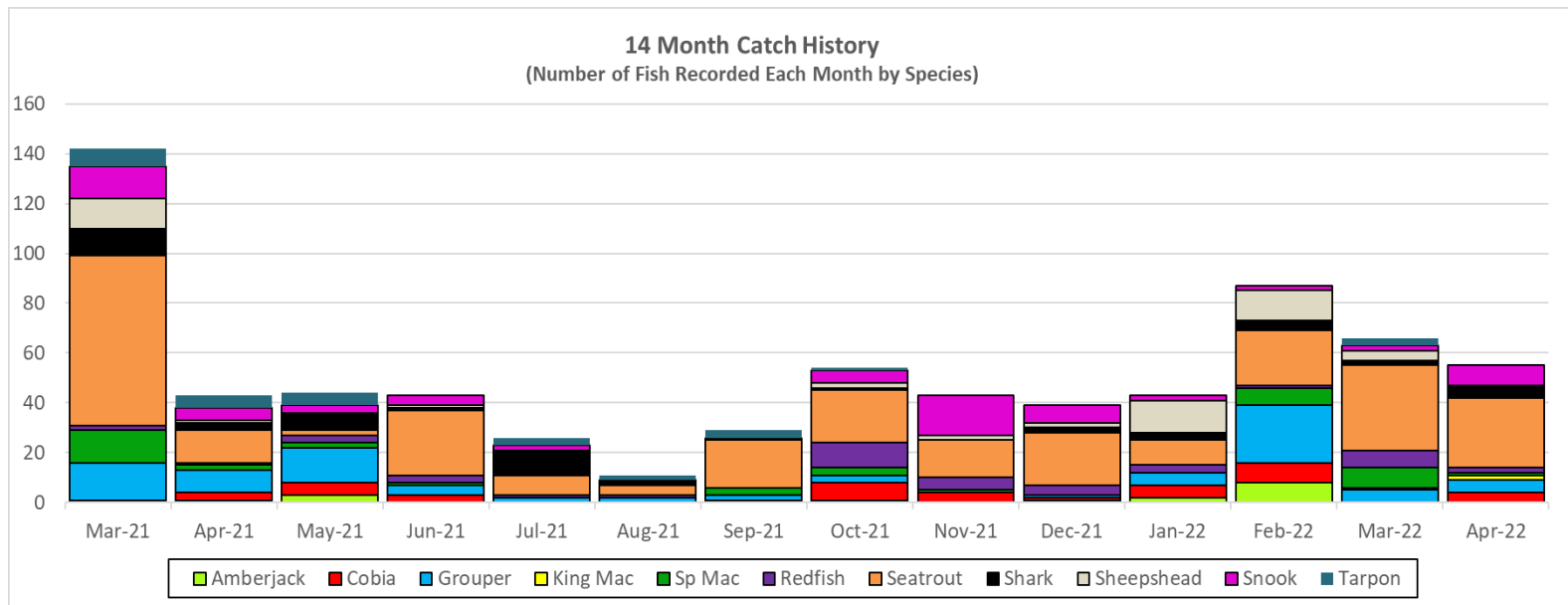
The Month in Review (April 2022)

Record Keeper:
Paul Whiting



Our Fish of the Month, Snook, were in limited supply with only 6 anglers reporting a total of only 8 fish. Seatrout were very prolific (28), and the red grouper offshore continued to be found by those able to get there between cold fronts. A few cobia (4) were still around this month as well. Three new members earned their Club hats, and Bobby Bretts became the 3rd Master Angler to earn a GMA Star so far this year – his 7th! In the Isles Trophy race, two lady anglers reported new club records: Dianne Bukowski with a 47.5 black drum at 103.3% of the old record; Nancy Pearson did even better with a King Mackerel catch that is 105.3% of the old record. Way to go, ladies!

What's Bite'n Chart



Recorder's Data

Monthly Performance

	February	March	April	
Anglers	45	39	24	↓
LOA Awards	4	10	6	↓
Fish Recorded	115	74	60	↓
Points Recorded	7500	7,600	5,700	↓

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LADDER OF ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

2022 STANDINGS (APRIL)

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

RED = Awards This Month

Club Hats

Suzanne Grillo

Marie Knipe

Glenn Ranfos

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 (APRIL)

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	38.0	2/7/2022	71.0%
					Carl Cucco		1/18/2022	
					Mike Gilger		1/20/2022	
					Gary Selzer		2/8/2022	
X	Black Drum	Mike White	51.5	2019	Bob Critchfield	28.0	4/27/2022	54.4%
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	29.0	2009	William Muir	22.5	4/29/2022	77.6%
		Aaron Wagner	29.0	2012	Allen Wade		2/27/2022	
X	Sheepshead	Vinnie Madsen	24.0	2016	Mike White **	26.0	2/3/2022	108.3%
X	Snook	Vinnie Madsen	45.0	2014	Joseph Zurad	34.5	4/29/2022	76.7%
		Tim Gibbons		2021				
X	Spanish Mackerel	Carl Leicher	30.0	2012	Marv Dyrstad	24.0	2/25/2022	
					Mark Storm	24.0	2/26/2022	80.0%
					Jeff Wilson	24.0	3/4/2022	

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	Dianne Bulowski	47.5	4/13/2022	103.3%
	Cobia	Joanne Landaker	50.0	2008	Christine Fontaine	38.0	2/12/2022	76.0%
		Marilyn McGregor	50.0	2013				
	Grouper	Dianne Bukowski	37.0	2018	Christine Fontaine	28.0	2/27/2022	75.7%
	King Mackerel	Karen Lodge	38.0	2014	Nancy Pearson	40.0	4/4/2022	105.3%
	Redfish	Donnie Brennan	38.0	2008	Donna Sullivan	32.0	1/7/2022	84.2%
		Missy Becker	38.0	2008				
	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	Marie Knipe	32.0	4/13/2022	76.2%
	Spanish Mackerel	Missy Becker	28.0	2007	Donna Sullivan	19.0	2/26/2022	67.9%
		Lynn Reeves	28.0	2019				

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 (APRIL)

AMBERJACK	BLACK DRUM	COBIA	GROUPE	KING MACKEREL	REDFISH	SEATRUT	SHEEPSHEAD	SNOOK	SPANISH MACKEREL
Jim Crawley 38.0	Dianne Bukowski 47.5	Mike White 41.0	Mike White 33.0	Gary Selzer 45.0	Donna Sullivan 32.0	William Muir 22.5	Mike White 26.0	Joseph Zurad 34.5	Marv Dyrstad 24.0
Carl Cucco 38.0									Mark Storm 24.0
Mike Gilger 38.0									Jeff Wilson 24.0
Gary Selzer 38.0									
Joe Udvari 36.5	Bob Critchfield 28.0	Carl Cucco 38.0	Ed Girzi 32.0	Nancy Pearson 40.0	Cathy Hunt 31.0	Bobby Bretts 22.0	Mike Knipe 22.0	Bill Muir 34.0	Jim Crawley 22.0
		Christine Fontaine 38.0			Gretchen Sunderland 31.0	Allen Wade 22.0			
Mark Dillman 36.0		Mark Dillman 37.0	John Gettinger 30.0	Carl Cucco 35.5	Rick Brown 30.0	Elaine Bretts 21.0	Cathy Hunt 21.0	Marie Knipe 32.0	Allen Wade 20.5
			Joe Udvari 30.0			Dick Conant 21.0	Jack Hinnenthal 21.0	Bob Mueller 32.0	
						John Fitzgerald 21.0			

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PUNTA GORDA ISLES FISHING CLUB

MEMBERSHIP

Membership Stats
Total Households
185

Membership Director:
Bill Muir



Please welcome our newest members:

Kenneth Balkovic, Ron and Suzanne Deroche, Mark and Norma Gossart, Gregory and Nicki Hicks, Dave and Christine Joe, Chip and Vicki Peterson, & Robin and Glenn Boylston.

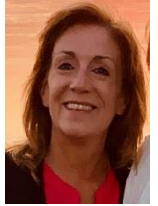
Please join us at the May 10th general meeting. I will be out of town for that meeting, but I look forward to meeting our members at the Social on May 18th at the Elks Club. The best way to become part of the group is to attend the weekly socials.

Tight Lines,
Bill Muir

PUNTA GORDA ISLES FISHING CLUB

SOCIAL EVENTS

Social Events Director:
Christine White



Hoping this finds everyone doing well and out there enjoying the fabulous fishing.

We had a fond farewell to many of our snowbirds that are leaving us for the season. Plenty of pig to enjoy and the food that was brought by our members were fabulous! Jeff Hughes got many of the members up and joining the band, and lot of great dancing. It is fair to say that a good time was had by all! Sincere thanks to all of you who helped us get the clubhouse into the Luau mood by helping decorate and set up, and to all that helped us clean up- lots of hands make for easy work.

Bunco continues to be a tremendous success for the ladies. Linda Grossman agreed to host us in her lovely home and as always, a great time was had by all, and we enjoyed some great appetizers and desserts. We have another one planned for May, hosted by Karol Fritz. 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 have moved our Happy Hour to the Elks club every Wednesday based on feedback from the club. We have had some great turnouts, and it's great to see old friends and meet new ones. Look for the Happy Hour Fishing Flag and members in their GMA shirts. You do not have to be a member to attend, and Elk members will wear their Elks nametags as well so they can help assist in getting drinks. They do have food there and many members stay for some great music and dancing. We hope to see many of you there in the future.

CLUB CALENDAR

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Punta Gorda: Every
Wednesday at 5pm**

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

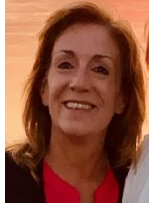
Club Meeting: At PGICA
every 2nd Tuesday of the
month at 7pm.

Ladies' Bunco: At Karol
Fritz's home on Monday, May
9th

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SOCIAL EVENTS

Social Events Director:
Christine White



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 on looking into assorted options so if you would like to work on a subcommittee that focuses on club fishing events, please reach out to me and I will 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!

There has been 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 ones 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
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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)

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

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GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 12, 2022

Meeting Location: PGICA Auditorium

President: Randy Douet

Meeting start time: 7:00pm

Treasurer Report: \$13,160.59

Members in attendance: 51

New Member Outreach Winner: no new members

Door Prize Winners: Mike Knipe and Rosanne Kruse

Guest Speaker: Captain Kyle Potts from Tow Boat U.S. He spoke on snook fishing techniques. Snook is the April fish of the month. He shared lots of info on: snook migration, habitat, and bait.

Fishing Events:

FOM: Spanish Mackerel: Fishin Franks Gift Card: Women – 1st Joanne Widney 17.5" \$35, 2nd Jan Holm 15" \$25, 3rd no one. Men - 1st place tie Mark Storm and Jeff Wilson – 24" \$35, 2nd Jim Crawley 22" \$25 - 3rd Allen Wade 20.5" \$15
LOA: Club Hat; Ron DeRoche, Joe Esposito, Barry Fink, Dan Fox and Chip Peterson - Gold Pin; Gary Selzer - Redfish Pin; Mike Dougherty, Doug Du Fresne and Jack Howarth – GMA; Christine Fontaine (White)

50/50 Winners: Chuck Pearson, Mike Gilger and Nancy Pearson.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted by
Cathy Hunt – PGI Fishing Club Secretary



PUNTA GORDA ISLES MARINE WATCH

HELP US TO HELP YOU



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

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

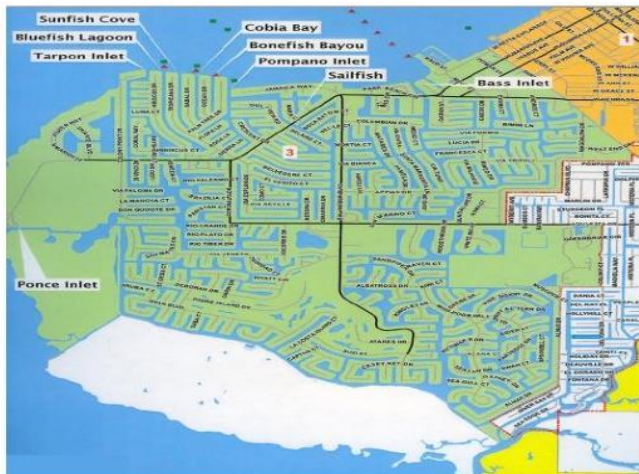


What do our members do?

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

What is required to volunteer with the PGI Marine Watch?

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



How can I join?

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

**For more information about the
Punta Gorda Isles Marine Watch Program,
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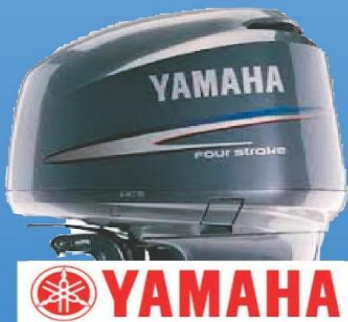
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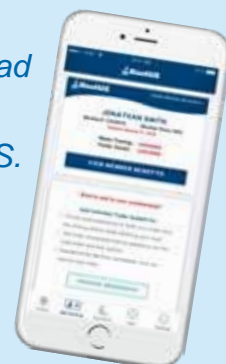
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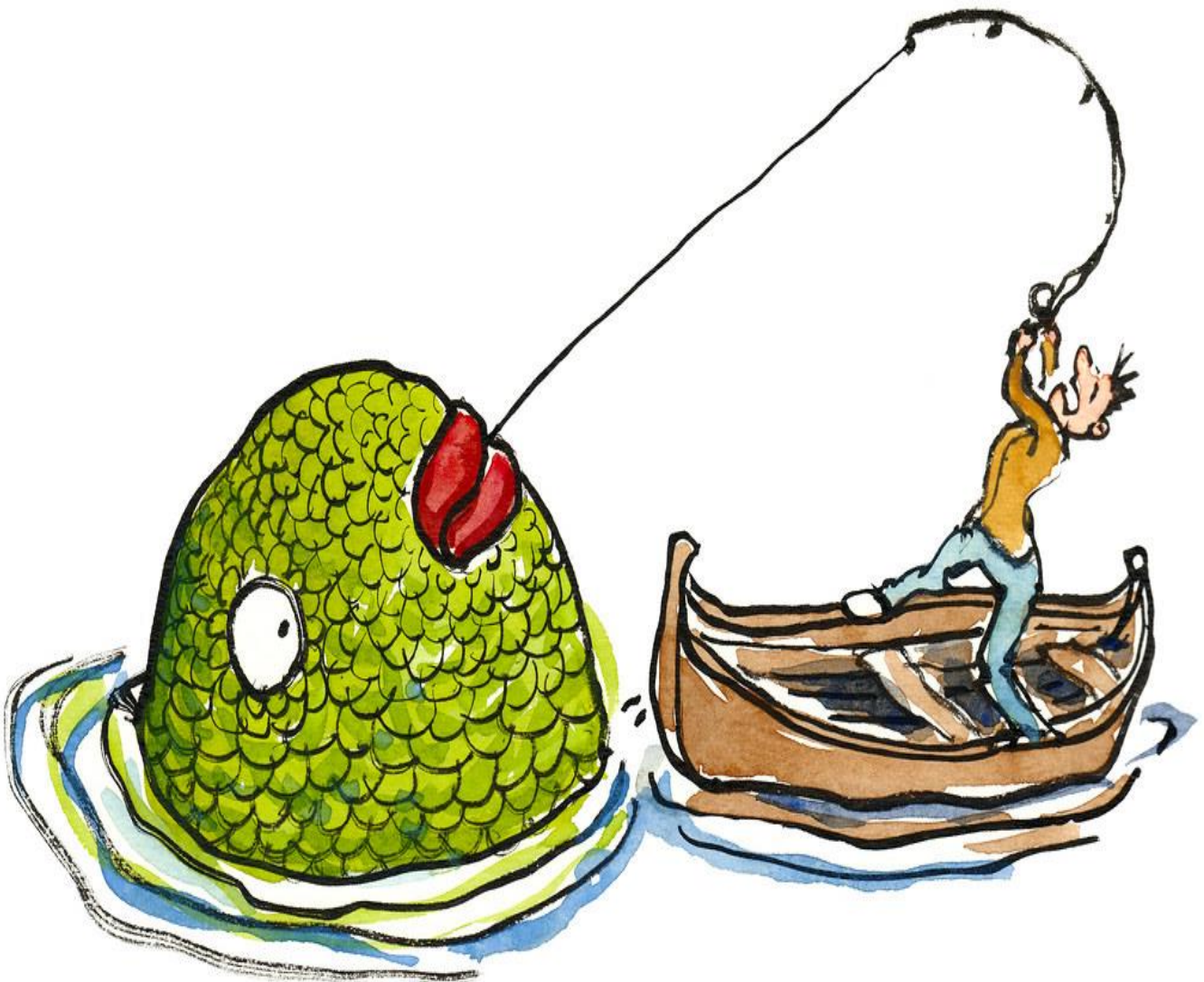
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Give them a call and find out their specialties!



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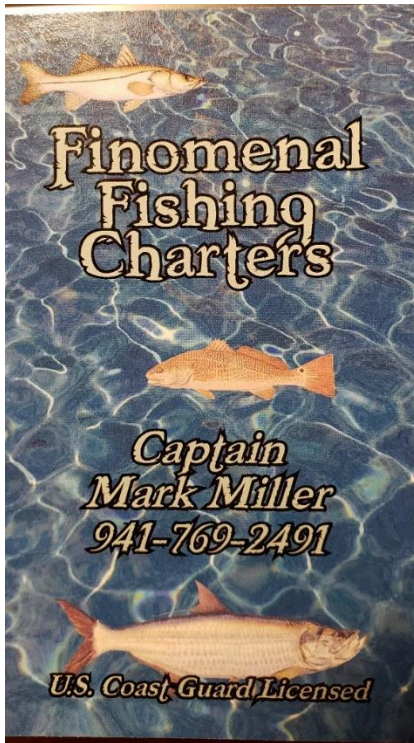
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BILL MUIR 33" SNOOK,
JONATHAN LANDON 19" SEATROUT &
PAUL ROBINSON 15" SPANISH
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CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT:
SUZ GRILLO STRIPED
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BRENNAN** 26" REDFISH,
BOB BRETTS 19" SEATROUT,
CHIP PETERSON 22" SNOOK
JEFF BARNHART 8" NURSE

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JEFF BARNHART 29" RED GROUPE



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TOP IS MARK LEE
TOP RIGHT IS
GLEN RANFOS
AND BOTTOM RIGHT IS
RANDY DOUET**



FUN CATCHES – FUN TIMES

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JOE UDWARI (TOP LEFT)
25" RED GROUPER
RANDY DOUET (TOP RIGHT)
WITH HIS 20.5" SEATROUT
MIKE DOUGHERTY (BELOW)
WITH HIS 18" SEATROUT
BOTTOM LEFT IS
BILL MUIR & HIS 29" COBIA



**KEEP ON
CATCHIN**

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CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT:

MIKE KNIPE 24" JACK CREVALLE
JONATHAN LANDON PINFISH
BILL MUIR 14" FLOUNDER
BOB MAYES 32.5" COBIA
BOB BRETT'S 20" SEATROUT
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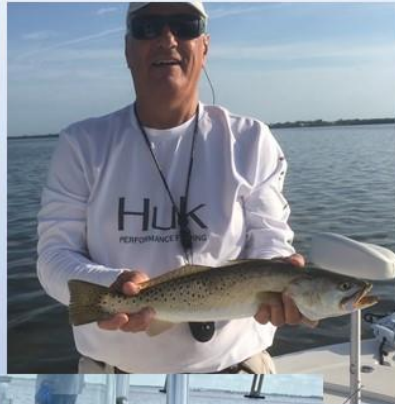
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CLOCKWISE FROM BOTTOM LEFT:

BILL MUIR – 22.5" SEATROUT – VERY NICE

RICK BROWN - FIRST BONNETHEAD 30"

RANDY DOUET - 19.5" SEATROUT

MIKE KNIPE - 25" REDFISH

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