



PUNTA GORDA ISLES FISHING CLUB

FROM THE HELM



President:
Randy Douet

Hello again friends,

This edition of the newsletter will look different. We're combining July and August into one edition, and we chose to change it up with a series of short tutorials on a few summer sought-after species. And if you missed the June meeting, I'm going to revisit and include a small article on preparing your boat lift and boat for a heavy storm.

A few comments on changing FWC regulations: starting July 1st, Cobia minimum fork length changes to 36" (versus the old 33"). The Fishing Club has revised the "points spread" for Cobia up for each interval (100 points is 37", 200 points for a 40" Cobia and 300 points for a 43" fish). Snook and redfish remain catch and release for now but there are plans to re-open redfish harvest back to one per person but only two per vessel. Also changing...Charter Captains will no longer be allowed to "gift" their limit to the customers. WHEN these redfish changes go into effect remains unclear. Another positive change is that the redfish management "zones" are going from 3 to 9 with Charlotte Harbor forming its own zone. That should lead to more custom management for us.

Red tide, while not yet in the harbor, is in the area. Some red tide is being detected south of us in Lee and Collier counties, and evidence of minor fish kills are being reported. I haven't seen or smelled it yet here.

Offshore has been popular since the red snapper season opened, but I'm told that they are FAR out (around 160') and with the boat-gas prices, many are sticking with red grouper.

Please consider helping out on the Board of Directors next year. We formed a Nominating Committee to put structure in the searches but get involved! Let me know if you're interested. The pay and benefits are awesome!

See you at the next General meeting on August 9th or at the Happy Hours till then!

Tight lines

Randy



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Our club currently has **191** 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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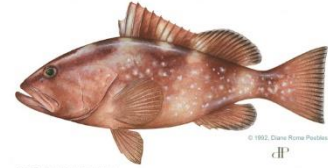
FISH OF THE MONTH CALENDAR

JANUARY: SHEEPSHEAD



SHEEPSHEAD (Archamia proleptogalea)

FEBRUARY: GROUPER



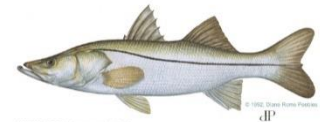
RED GROUPER (Epigonus telescopus)

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



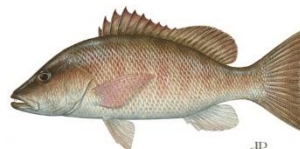
SPOTTED SEATROUT (Anchoa mitchilli)

OCTOBER: REDFISH



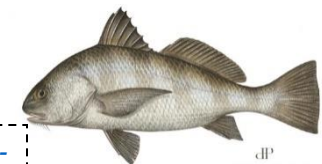
RED DRUM (Sciaenops ocellatus)

NOVEMBER: MANGROVE SNAPPER



GREAT MANGROVE SNAPPER (Lutjanus griseus)

DECEMBER: BLACK DRUM



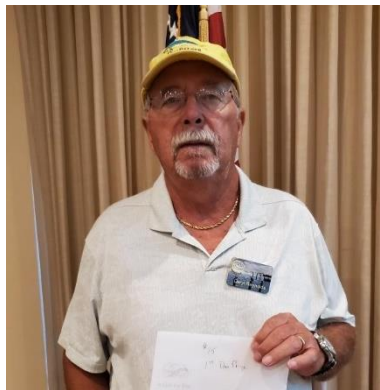
BLACK DRUM (Sciaenops ocellatus)

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>

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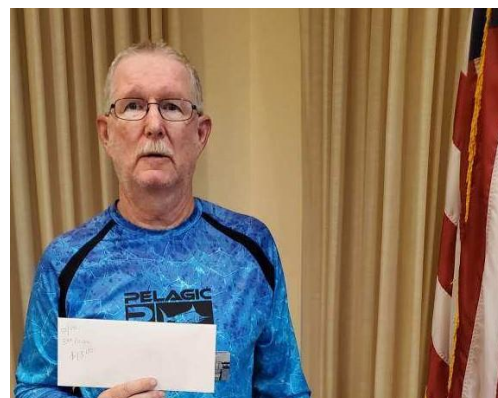
JUNE CLUB MEETING

DOOR PRIZE WINNERS



Starting at the top, from left to right are 1st place \$75 – Daryl Reynolds, 2nd place \$50 – Steve Fritz, 3rd place \$25 – Christine White.

50/50 WINNERS



From left to right are 1st place – Ted Wierzbanski, 2nd place – Ed Girzi, and 3rd place – Gary Selzer

NAME THAT FISH WINNER CHIP PETERSON – ‘PERMIT’

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JUNE CLUB MEETING

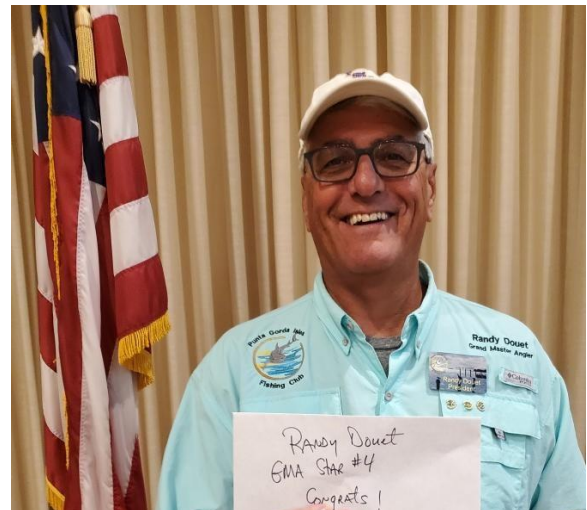
GUEST SPEAKER

Kate Rose, Charlotte County Seagrass Agent, spoke about seagrass health in the harbor and opportunities for members to help monitor and report on seagrass. There is a training session for seagrass monitoring on July 7th, 4 pm – 6 pm, at the Laishley Crabhouse Restaurant.

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JUNE CLUB MEETING

LADDER OF ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS



Jeff Barnhart earned his 2nd GMA Star (left), Randy Douet earned his 4th GMA Star (right), and Elaine Bretts earned her 6th GMA Star (missing photo).
Congratulations Jeff, Randy, and Elaine!

PUNTA GORDA ISLES FISHING CLUB

VP's FISHING REPORT

Vice President:
Dennis Krausman



Looking over the fishing results for the first six months, a pretty important result stands out. The women anglers are doing awesome!

- Christine White recently set a new Club record with a 52" Black Drum.
- Paula Arnold is in first place with a 42" Cobia.
- Nancy Pearson is in 2nd place with a 40" King Mackerel.
- Donna Sullivan is 1st with a 32" Redfish.
- Cathy Hunt and Gretchen Sunderland are tied for 2nd with 31" Redfish.
- Elaine Brett's is tied for 1st with a 24" Seatrout.
- Marie Knipe is tied for 2nd with a 22.5" Seatrout.
- Cathy Hunt is tied for 3rd with a 21" Sheepshead.
- Karen Weeden is 2nd with a 22.5" Spanish Mackerel.

Congratulations to the ladies for being great anglers!

PUNTA GORDA ISLES FISHING CLUB

FISHING EVENTS

Events Director:
Mike Dougherty



PGI FISHING CLUB – JUNE/JULY 2022

- JUNE 2022 FISHING EVENT – RESULTS TALLIED, STANDINGS ARE IN
- 38 ANGLERS REGISTERED, 20 FISH PICS SUBMITTED, 7 AWARDS EARNED
- JACK CREVALLE JUNE FOM – 16 CATCHES – 6 AWARDS EARNED
- LOA AWARDS – CLUB HAT EARNED BY CHRIS POLLINGER
- BRONZE PINS EARNED BY STEVE FRITZ & MIKE KNIPE
- SILVER PIN EARNED BY MIKE KNIPE
- REDFISH PINS EARNED THERESA FITZGERALD & ED GIRZI
- GMA STAR – STAR #4 EARNED BY JUDE PANETTA
- BLACK DRUM ARE BACK – 10 MONSTERS CAUGHT IN CANAL SYSTEM
- COBIA FWC RULE CHANGES – NOW 36" FORK MEASUREMENT
- FISHING OFFSHORE? CHECK OUT returnemright.org TO REVIEW BEST PRACTICES & RECEIVE FREE DESCENDING GEAR, (ONLY TAKES 15 MINUTES)
- EMAIL PICS TO: fishphotos@pgifishingclub.org preferably same day, or within 24 hours and in any event no later than end of month. Thank you!

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PGI FISHING CLUB – JUNE 2022

JUNE FISHING EVENT – LADIES - 1ST PLACE 43" – **JEN GOODELL \$35**



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PGI FISHING CLUB – JUNE 2022

JUNE FISHING EVENT – LADIES – 2ND PLACE 26" – **CATHY HUNT** \$25



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PGI FISHING CLUB – JUNE 2022

JUNE FISHING EVENT – MEN'S – 1ST PLACE 51.5" **JACK HOWARTH \$35**



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PGI FISHING CLUB – JUNE 2022

JUNE FISHING EVENT – MEN'S – 2ND PLACE 43.5" – **LARRY KISSNER \$25**



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PGI FISHING CLUB – JUNE 2022

JUNE FISHING EVENT – MEN'S – 3RD PLACE 33" – **BOBBY BRETT'S** \$15



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PGI FISHING CLUB – JUNE 2022

JUNE FISHING EVENT – NEW MEMBERS 1ST PLACE 54.5" **MIKE KNIPE** \$35



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PGI FISHING CLUB – JUNE 2022

JUNE FISHING EVENT – NEW MEMBERS 2ND PLACE 51” **MARIE KNIPE** \$25



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LADDER OF ACHIEVEMENT

Events Director:
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PGI FISHING CLUB – JUNE 2022

JUNE 2022 LADDER OF ACHIEVEMENT ADVANCES



CLUB HAT
CHRIS POLLINGER
LADYFISH



STEVE FRITZ (ABOVE)
BRONZE PIN
SPANISH MACKEREL



MIKE KNIPE
BRONZE PIN
MANGROVE SNAPPER

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LADDER OF ACHIEVEMENT

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JUNE 2022 LADDER OF ACHIEVEMENT ADVANCES



MIKE KNIPE

18" SEATROUT FOR
BRONZE & HELPED
1ST PLACE JUNE
FISHING EVENT



THERESA FITZGERALD

REDFISH PIN
21" SEATROUT



ED GIRZI

REDFISH PIN
38" BLACK DRUM

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LADDER OF ACHIEVEMENT

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JUNE 2022 LADDER OF ACHIEVEMENT ADVANCES



JUDE PANETTA

GMA STAR #4

21" SEATROUT

**CONGRATS TO
JUDE, WAY TO GO !!!**

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PGI FISHING CLUB – JUNE 2022

JUNE 2022 FOM JACK CREVALLE – LADIES



1ST, 2ND AND 3RD – FROM LEFT TO RIGHT
CHRISTINE WHITE 27.5" 1ST PLACE \$35
DIANA MCKENNA 21" 2ND PLACE \$25
MARIE KNIPE 18.5" 3RD PLACE \$15

CONGRATS LADIES
NICE CATCHING

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FISHING EVENTS



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PGI FISHING CLUB – JUNE 2022

JUNE 2022 FOM JACK CREVALLE – MEN'S



1ST PLACE
MIKE KNIPE
22" JACK \$35



LARRY KISSNER
2ND PLACE 21" \$25



JACK HOWARTH
3RD PLACE
20" \$15

PUNTA GORDA ISLES FISHING CLUB

FISH OF THE MONTH

Events Director:
Mike Dougherty



PGI FISHING CLUB – JULY & AUGUST 2022 FISH OF THE MONTH CONTEST

JULY FISH OF THE MONTH IS SHARK

(NO NEED TO BOAT SHARKS – THEY ARE STRONG AND
HAVE PLENTY OF SHARP TEETH)

READ UP IN FISH RULES ON ID'ing YOUR SHARKS, KNOW THE
MINIMUM SIZES (FORK LENGTH) AND KNOW WHICH SHARKS
ARE PROTECTED, IF YOU DON'T KNOW – LET IT GO.

AUGUST FISH OF THE MONTH IS TARPON, CATCH & RELEASE
ONLY, REMEMBER NO TARPON 40" OR MORE (FORK LENGTH)
SHALL BE REMOVED FROM THE WATER, TAKE PICS IN WATER
ONLY.

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STATISTICS & REPORTS

Month in Review (June 2022)

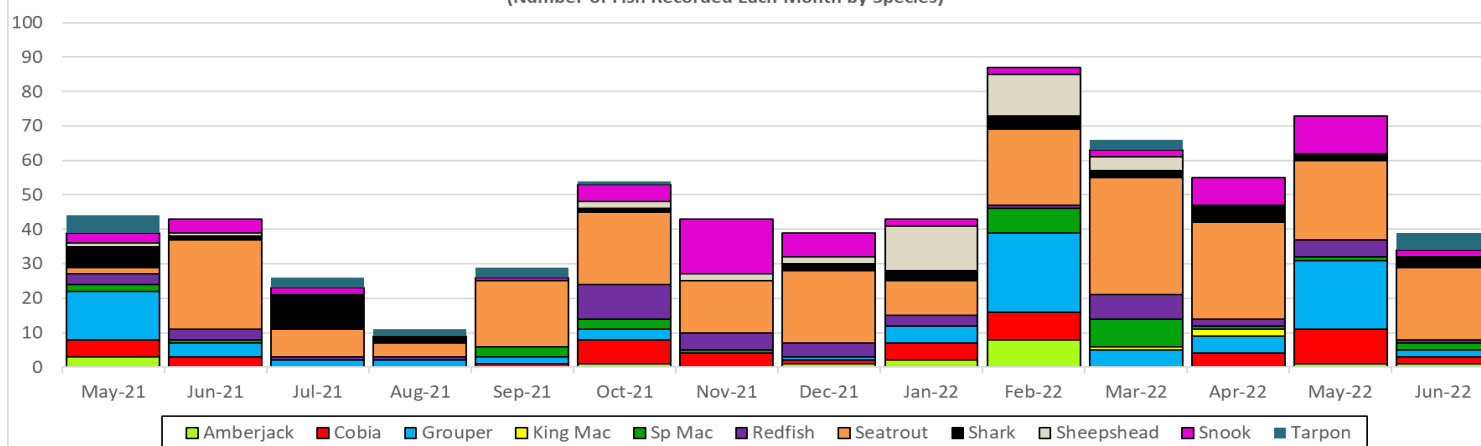
Tidbits

Record Keeper:
Paul Whiting

Our Fish of the Month, Jack Crevalle, were reported by 13 anglers totaling 16 fish up to 27.5". Seatrout remained a reliable quarry with 21 catches submitted. A few tarpon (5) were reported as well. Several large Black Drum (10) were caught in our canals saving a lot of high-priced boat fuel. The largest of these were monsters caught by the husband-and-wife team of Mike and Christine White at 52" and 51" with Christine's larger fish setting a new club record, beating her husband's old record by ½ inch. Jude Panetta earned his fourth GMA Star, becoming the 6th angler to earn a star this year so far. Mike Knipe earned both his Bronze and Silver Pins in the same month.

What's Bite'n Chart

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



Recorder's Data

Monthly Performance

	April	May	June	
Anglers	24	43	33	↓
LOA Awards	6	16	7	↓
Fish Recorded	60	96	98	↑
Points Recorded	5700	7,400	7,100	↓

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LADDER OF ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

2022 STANDINGS (JUNE)

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

RED = Awards This Month

Club Hats

Chris Pollinger

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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STATISTICS & REPORTS

ISLES TROPHY RACE 2022 STANDINGS (JUNE)

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	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	Mike White	51.0	6/23/2022	99.0%
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	Mike Knipe	24.0	5/4/2022	82.8%
X	Sheepshead	Vinnie Madsen	24.0	2016	Mike White **	26.0	2/3/2022	108.3%
X	Snook	Vinnie Madsen Tim Gibbons	45.0	2014 2021	William Muir	36.0	5/3/2022	80.0%
X	Spanish Mackerel	Carl Leicher	30.0	2012	Marv Dyrstad	24.0	2/25/2022	80.0%
					Mark Storm	24.0	2/26/2022	
					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	Christine Fontaine Wh	52.0	6/16/2022	113.0%
	Cobia	Joanne Landaker Marilyn McGregor	50.0 50.0	2008 2013	Paula Arnold	42.0	5/21/2022	84.0%
	Grouper	Dianne Bukowski	37.0	2018	Beth Costa	28.5	5/14/2022	77.0%
	King Mackerel	Karen Lodge	38.0	2014	Nancy Pearson	40.0	4/4/2022	105.3%
	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	24.0	5/4/2022	90.6%
	Sheepshead	Dianne Bukowski	22.5	2021	Cathy Hunt	21.0	1/7/2022	93.3%
	Snook	Missy Becker	42.0	2013	Donna Sullivan	34.0	6/6/2022	81.0%
	Spanish Mackerel	Missy Becker Lynn Reeves	28.0 28.0	2007 2019	Karen Weeden	22.5	4/16/2022	80.4%

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 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 (JUNE)

AMBERJACK	BLACK DRUM	COBIA	GROUPE	KING MACKEREL	REDFISH	SEATRUT	SHEEPSHEAD	SNOOK	SPANISH MACKEREL
Jim Crawley 38.0	Christine Fontaine Wh 52.0	Paula Arnold 42.0	Mike White 33.0	Gary Selzer 45.0	Donna Sullivan 32.0	Elaine Bretts 24.0	Mike White 26.0	William Muir 36.0	Marv Dyrstad 24.0
Carl Cucco 38.0						Mike Knipe 24.0			Mark Storm 24.0
Mike Gilger 38.0									Jeff Wilson 24.0
Gary Selzer 38.0									
Joe Udvari 36.5	Mike White 51.0	Mike White 41.0	Ed Girzi 32.0	Nancy Pearson 40.0	Cathy Hunt 31.0	Marie Knipe 22.5	Mike Knipe 22.0	Bob Mueller 35.5	Karen Weeden 22.5
					Gretchen Sunderland 31.0	William Muir 22.5			
Mark Dillman 36.0	Fred De Mella 48.0	Dave Joe 40.0	John Gettinger 30.0	Carl Cucco 35.5	Rick Brown 30.0	Bobby Bretts 22.0	Cathy Hunt 21.0	Joseph Zurad 34.5	Jim Crawley 22.0
			Joe Udvari 30.0			Allen Wade 22.0	Jack Hinnenthal 21.0		

PUNTA GORDA ISLES FISHING CLUB

MEMBERSHIP



Membership Director:
Bill Muir

Membership Stats	
Total Households	Active Members
189	363

Please welcome all the new members joining this year including:

Butch and Shirely Abelseth
John and Linda Balicki
Kenneth Balkovic
Anton and Lois Benvin
Don and Marcia Cummings
Mike and Lori Davila
Ronald and Suzanne Deroche
Ron and Tammy Ellsworth
Barry and Bernice Fink
Jack and Judy Gardner
Mark and Norma Gossart
Suzanne Grillo
Mick and Debra Guido
Gregory and Nicki Hicks
Scott and Janet Hutchins
Dave and Christine Joe
Mike and Marie Knipe
Chris and Jen Pollinger
Don Rainville
Antonio and Deborah Randazzo
Glenn Ranfos and Robin Boylston
Thomas Schmitt and Deborah Renzi
Bruce and Angie Peterson

Our website link is [Punta Gorda Isles Fishing Club | Punta Gorda, Florida](http://PuntaGordaIslesFishingClub.com)
(pgifishingclub.org)

To find the recent Fishing Club Seminar on how to catch various species of fish in Charlotte Harbor and the Gulf click on [Fishing Club Seminar presentation 5.11.2002](#)

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We also have a very active social program. To view upcoming social events just sign into your PGICA account at

[Home - Punta Gorda Isles Civic Association, Inc. \(pgica.org\)](http://pgica.org)

then click on the following link to view the Social calendar, the ladies will be especially interested in these exciting events.

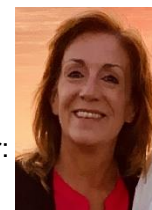
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Lastly, we hope to see you at our weekly social held at the Punta Gorda Elks Club every Wednesday at 5pm. Look for a group of people sitting at an outside table with Fishing Club shirts, hats, and membership ID's. Most of us are members of the Elks Club and can facilitate orders from the Tiki Hut style bar (ordering does require membership, but non-members order as our guests). Also consider staying at the Elks Club for Dinner, they have great and inexpensive eats!!

Tight Lines
Bill Muir
Membership Director

PUNTA GORDA ISLES FISHING CLUB

SOCIAL EVENTS



Social Events Director:
Christine White

Happy Fourth of July to all! Hopefully, you had the opportunity to see at least one of the fireworks shows during the weekend- what a gem of a town we are lucky to live in!

Bunco continues to be a tremendous success for the ladies. Joanne Widney hosted us in June and as always, a wonderful time was had by all in her beautiful home, with plenty of great food and fun. Due to conflicts and quite a few folks being out of town, we are going to not have Bunco in July, but will look at restarting it in either August or September. Always looking for other game nights as well.

Thanks to all that volunteered at the Elks on the 11th- what a fabulous event it was, thanks to many of our members helping hands- getting folks registered, helping the kids bait hooks, taking pictures and recording catches. So many smiling faces on the dock that day. We finished the morning with a barbeque and watched them get their awards and all walked out with a goody bag and a fishing rod- my grandkids could not wait for Grandpa Mike to get those rods ready and fished the rest of the afternoon off our dock- I think they are hooked. We hope to continue to support this event the next time as well.

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- we are seeing many folks joining us for the first time and coming back weekly. 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 (order by 6:30) and many members stay for some great music and dancing. We hope to see many of you there in the future. During hot or rainy weather, we can go inside as well.

We had a nice happy hour at UnWINEd Punta Gorda on June 21st- if you have not tried this hidden gem, please go check it out and support our local businesses.

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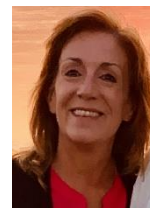
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SOCIAL EVENTS

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Christine White



Save the dates!

Sunday, November 6th, at the PGICA Clubhouse: Chili Cook off with Music and Dancing 4pm to 7pm

- ✓ *Join us as we welcome back our Snowbirds and find out who has the best chili in the club!*

Wednesday December 14th, Annual Christmas Party at the Isles Yacht Club, happy hour starting at 5pm

- ✓ *Always a sell out so put it on your calendar to join your fishing friends, enjoying great food, and dancing the night away!*

There were quite a few suggestions that we do more fishing events together as a group. I would love to have someone take lead on looking into assorted options, such as day trips on our boats to Cayo Costa, 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!

We have some promising 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 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.

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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

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PUNTA GORDA ISLES FISHING CLUB

MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 14, 2022

President: Randy Douet
Location: PGICA auditorium
Meeting start time: 7:02 pm
31 members in attendance

Bill Guenther thanked for his work and paying the costs for the new Fishing Club brochure; his contributions saved the several hundred dollars.

2023 Board of Directors Nominating Committee in place: open 2023 positions – President, Vice President, Events Director, Treasurer, Editor and Advertising. Volunteers are needed to fill the roles.

Treasurer Report: \$15, 521.16 in the bank account; membership under budget, advertising is exceeding budget, so all is well.

Boat on lift hurricane preparation discussed; strapping boat tight to pilings to reduce sway, prepare for high water, close/tape/shrink wrap all hatches to reduce water taken on and tape covers on electronical covers.

Social update: Elks Kids Derby volunteers thanked. CAST for kids event later this year. July 14th ladies Bunko. A fall event will be planned to welcome back out seasonal members. HOLD the date of Dec 14, 2022 for the annual Holiday Party.

Door Prize Winners: 1st – \$ 75 Daryl Reynolds, 2nd \$50 Steve Fritz and 3rd \$25 Christine White.

Name that Fish Winner – Chip Peterson – Permit.

Guest Speaker: Kate Rose – Charlotte County Seagrass Agent – spoke about seagrass health in the harbor and opportunities for members to help monitor and report on seagrass. Training July for seagrass monitoring July 7th 4:00 – 6:00 pm at Laishley Crabhouse Restaurant.

50/50 Winners: 1st - Ted Wierzbanski, 2nd - Ed Girzi, 3rd – Gary Selzer.

Fishing Events: Cobia FOM Women's - 1st –Paula Arnold – 42", 2nd – Donna Sullivan – 36", 3rd – Theresa Fitzgerald – 33". Men's 1st – Dave Joe – 40", 2nd – Kevin LaPointe – 35", 3rd – John FitzGerald – 33"

LOA: Club Hat - Scott Hutchins, Dave Joe and Connie Nowicki. Bronze Pin - Dale Hall, Dave Joe, Kevin LaPointe, Chip Peterson. Silver Pin - Dale Hall, Dave Joe, Chip Peterson. Gold Pin - Paula Arnold. Snook Pin - Ed Girzi, Joseph Zurad. GMA Star - Jeff Barnhart (#2), Elaine Bretts (#6), Randy Douet (#4).

Meeting adjourned at 8:08 pm

Respectfully submitted by,
Cathy Hunt – PGI Fishing Club Secretary

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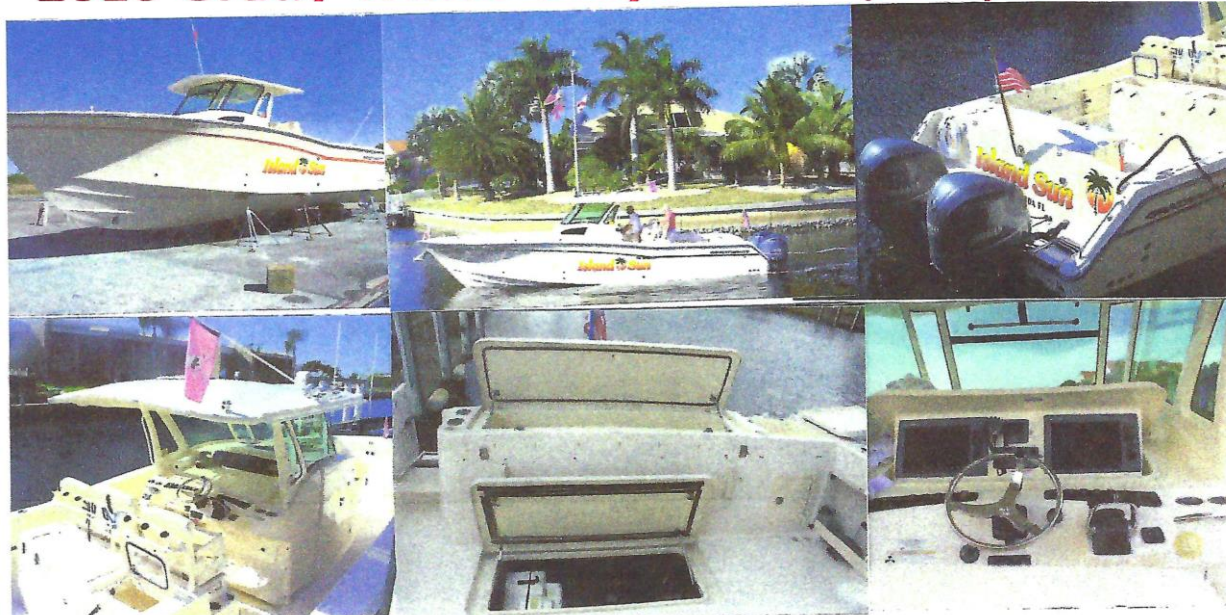


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Type Power Yamaha T350

Seller Info: Jim Hoffman

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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:

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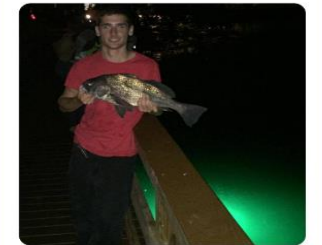
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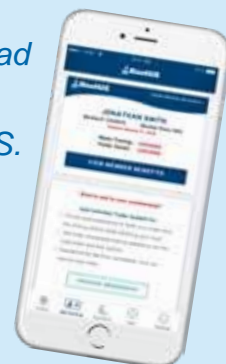
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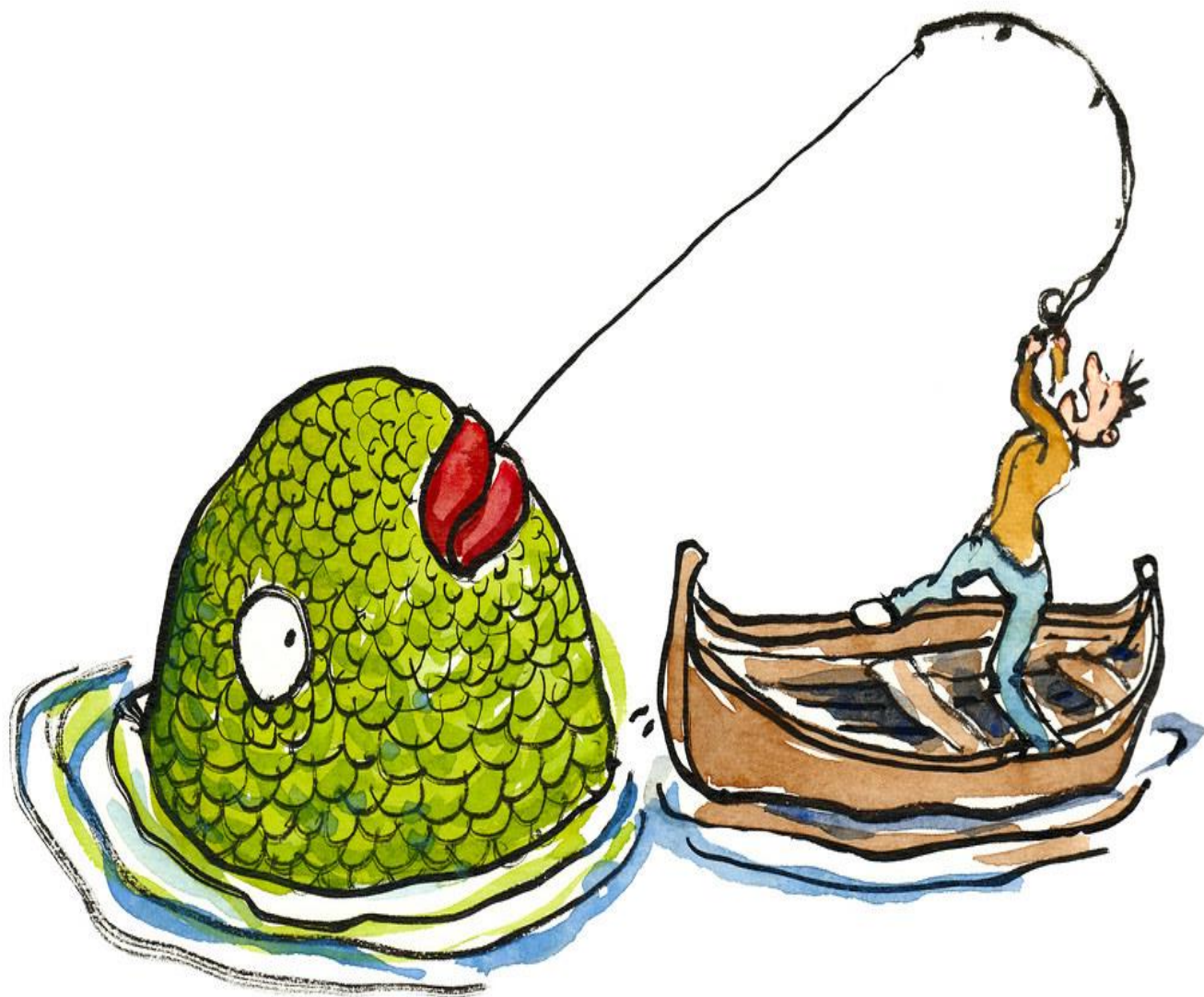
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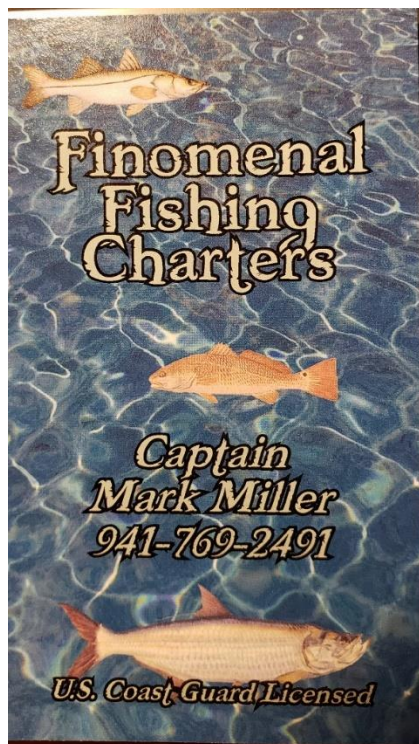
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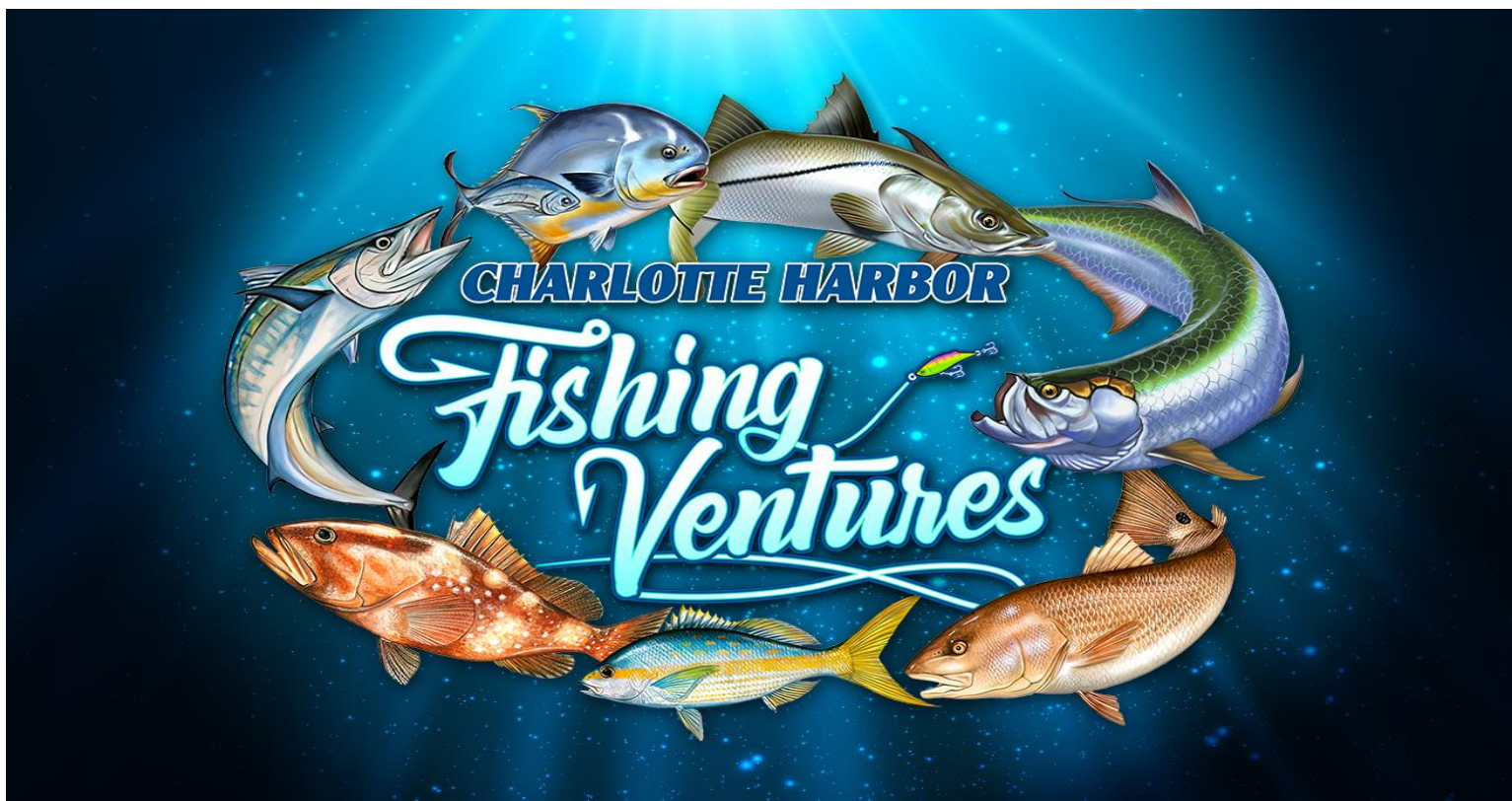
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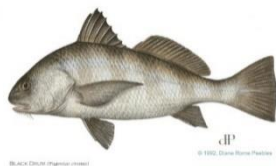
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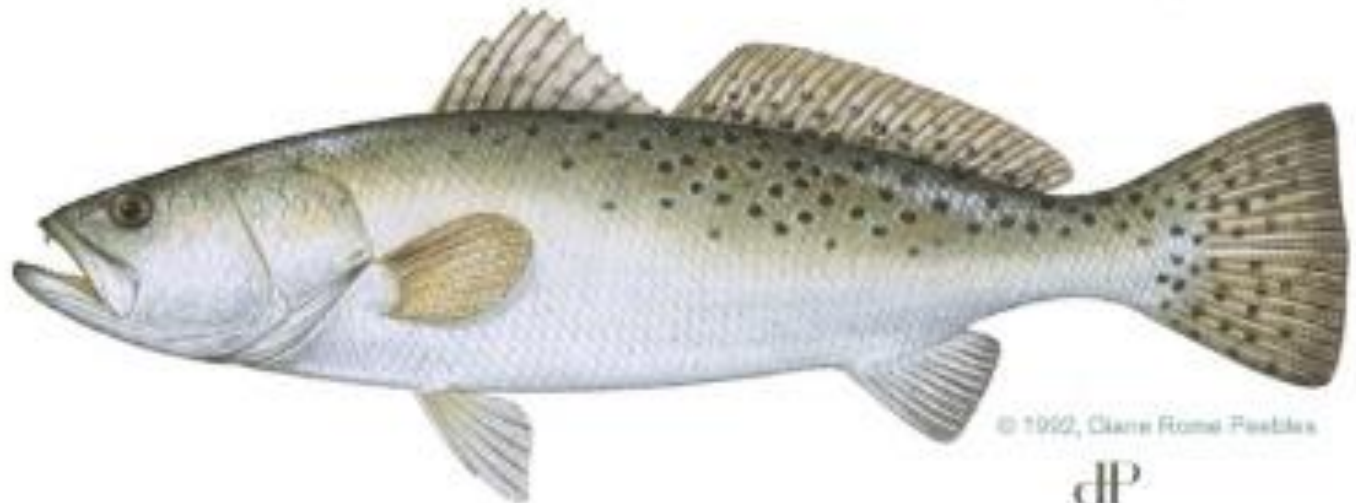


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The summer is a great season for trout fishing! So, let's take a few minutes and go over details that can increase your chances at success. I'll cover basics as well as a few tips for experienced members too.

TACKLE

My favorite rod and reel are a 7' medium action spinning rod with a quality 2500 or 3000 series sized reel. I use 15# braid with a popping cork and 20-25# fluorocarbon leader line. Terminal tackle is usually a 3" DOA shrimp or a paddle-tail lure on a 1/16 oz or up to an 1/8 oz jig head. My two favorite colors are "clear red glitter" and white (or pearl). The red glitter is year-round while the white is better in the summer months. My favorite popping corks are the "Cajun Thunder" brand (egg-shaped style).



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TROUT – LOCATIONS & CONDITIONS

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For trout to be active, they have to have moving water. I prefer a slow rising tide. The heavy fast tides tend to stir up bottom debris and cloud up the water or worse; suspend debris up into your lure. A rising tide is also safer in unfamiliar areas since you will have more water if you lose track of time. But as long as the water is moving, you're in good shape. Two ways to discern moving water (besides your tide tables): Look down at the grass and ensure the long tips are "bent over" and secondly, look at the shaft of your trolling motor where it enters the water for indication of flow.

Like most fish species, they bite MUCH better when barometric pressure is low or dropping...like a few hours before a front moves in. But in our long summers, we get very few fronts, so the next best thing to help guide you on better days (and times) are the solunar tables. They will generally steer you to fish around full moons or new moons BUT I prefer new-moon fishing days since the trout feed all night on full-moon days...making them a bit too satisfied at sun-up.

Locate healthy grass beds in 2.5-3.5 feet of water NEAR DEEP WATER. Trout have to have an exit plan when they are being chased around by dolphins and sharks. The nearby deep water gives them comfort enough to hang around during predator drive-by's. Turtle grass is my favorite grass species to fish although they prefer spawning in the "string-grass" which is sometimes mixed in with the turtle grass.



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TROUT - TECHNIQUE

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Set up your leader at 18-24" long. That'll allow the lure to dance just at the grass tips. Try to always tie a loop knot at your jig head (or DOA shrimp). That helps its action and allows it to dance a bit better. Trout almost exclusively strike at bait ABOVE them...usually from being bedded in the grass. That's what makes popping corks so efficient. Make long casts and retrieve slowly with repetitive strong pops of your cork. Vary the popping action but don't be afraid to pop it hard...enough to spray water a bit. The cork is designed to "clack" when jerked. This simulates distressed bait fish (a huge advantage over other techniques).



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TROUT - TIPS



TIPS

- 1) Trout hate direct sunlight. So, I like to fish with a slight breeze to break up slick water. If the breeze is too much...then it's very difficult to see and finesse your cork. You can fish successfully on windy days but search out protected areas that have a ripple in the water.
- 2) A corollary to the first tip is to "fish the slick". In breezy conditions, a ribbon slick is often formed and may remain for many minutes at a time. If you're close enough, concentrate on fishing the edges of the slick. Trout love to hover under the ripple edge and ambush bait swimming through the slick (easily detected and captured).
- 3) When fishing small grass beds, you'll have better luck positioning yourself on the windward side of the grass bed. This is the side that will tend to wash up bait for them to feed on.
- 4) Don't be afraid to move frequently, even on the same grass bed. 20 feet makes a big difference at times.
- 5) The harbor and surroundings have multiple tide times. So, to prevent being forced to fish through a slack tide, plan your trip spots to always catch moving water.
- 6) A good popping cork ("clacker" as we call them in Louisiana) can "call in" fish 50' away. So be patient when you first arrive at a spot. Give the cork a few casts to get them in your area.
- 7) Don't be afraid to cast over the edge of the grassbeds into the trough or channel (recall that you should pick a grass bed NEAR deep water). At times, the bigger trout hang there.
- 8) Keep an eye on your leader line condition. Chaffed line is not only weaker, but as important is that the chaff is easily visible to the trout.
- 9) A rule-of-thumb is when you're catching a bunch of Ladyfish, then you're fishing a grassbed that's too deep.
- 10) QUIET! When nearing your waypoint, stop the big engine and quietly troll into position. Don't slam hatch covers or jump down from casting decks. Some friends of mine even turn off their sonar once anchored (power poled).

The Red Tide closure has been effective for the population and size, but fish handling is still important. And to prevent dolphins from stealing your throwbacks, try to release them UNDERWATER. The dolphins "wait" for the splash...if there is none, then the fish has a chance. ENJOY. See you out there!!

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RICK SARKISIAN



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TARPON – YOUR SAFETY

▪ YOUR SAFETY

- › BIG animals
- › Don't go alone
- › Start with guide or experienced companion



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TARPON— THEIR SAFETY

■ THEIR SAFETY

- › MUST revive
- › Best option for beginners is “tow and cut”
- › Boat in reverse for pictures and revival
- › For PGIFC submittals a picture of the fish only is acceptable
- › Be aware of potential sharks when fighting or releasing
- › Try and limit fight to 30 minutes or less



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TARPON FISHING BASICS

■ Deep hole always good

- › Fish are there April to Halloween
- › BGP area is best April through June but much more technical
- › Harbor is best place in the state from August to Oct/Nov

■ Bait Buster method

- › Simple and effective
- › Any boat
- › Any time
- › Bobber or not

■ Free-lining method (best)

- › Use live ladyfish
- › Requires good livewell
- › Messy



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TARPON - TACKLE

▪ Standard “tarpon rod”

- › 8' spinning rod
 - Shimano Teramar TMS-X80XH (\$129)
- › 5000-10000 reel
 - Daiwa BG5000 (\$120)
 - Quantum Cabo 60 (\$200)
- › 50 to 65# braid
 - DO NOT use less than 50#
- › 6' of 60 or 80# fluorocarbon leader
 - Note: Your “grouper rod” will work with ladyfish or BaitBuster dangles IF it has a good drag and min 65 # braid

▪ Knots

- › Spider hitch or Bimini Twist to double the braid
- › Albright, FG or Double Uni for braid to leader
- › Loop knot for Bait Buster

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TARPON WITH DOA BAITBUSTER

“How to catch a tarpon from your deck boat”

▪ Rig

- › Keep hook **sharp!**
- › Loop knot
- › 4 to 6' leader 60 or 80 lb. fluorocarbon
- › Trolling model Bait Buster in root beer, silver/black or purple
- › Lure must run true

▪ Retrieve

- › No sink or drop to bottom
- › Steady retrieve, no action
- › SLOW
- › Throw at rolling fish
- › Also, dead stick (dangler) with or without bobber

▪ TAP!

- › Hard hook set
- › Bow to the silver king



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TARPON FREE-LINING

- **Standard tarpon rod**
 - › 6' to 8' leader 80# fluorocarbon
 - › 8/0 or 9/0 circle hook (Trokar Lancet offset CK3 or offset TK3)
- **Hook live ladyfish thru mouth and nostril**
 - › Catch trolling in 3-5'
 - › Walmart crappie jigs or small spoons
- **Drift behind boat**
 - › Trolling motor control best
 - › One or two rods (float w/ two)
 - › 30' to 100' back
- **Watch for rolling fish**
- **Rod in holder**
 - › No free spool
 - › No hookset
 - › Bow to the silver king



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HARBOR ETIQUETTE

- Tarpon are easily “put down” by boats.
- Do not run your outboard any closer than ¼ mile from a group of boats fishing for tarpon.
- Only enter a group of boats fishing for tarpon with your trolling motor. (If you don’t have a trolling motor, stay outside “the pack.” Tarpon schools in the harbor are large and scattered so you don’t need to be in the middle of the group.)
- Unless invited, stay 100 yards away from other boats.
- Do not block the drift of other boats.

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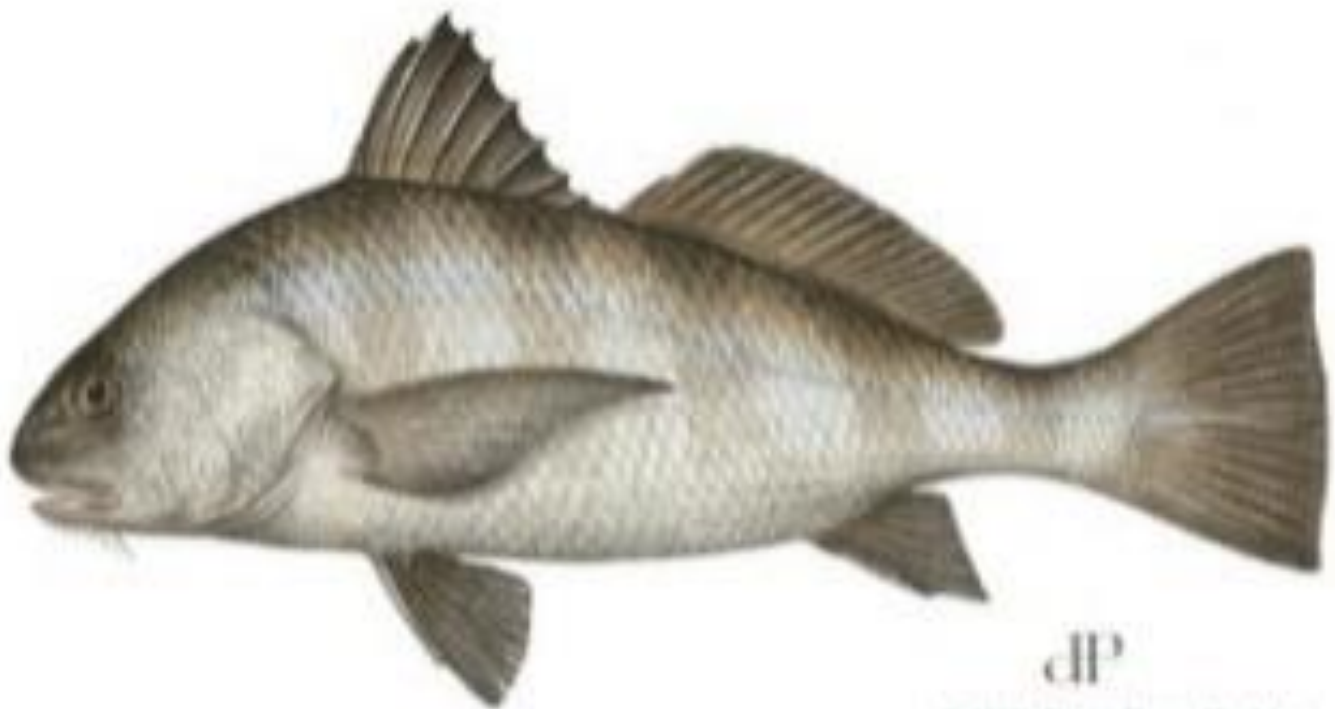
RECOMMENDED HARBOR TARPON GUIDES

- Tarpon are large and dangerous. It is best to go out first with an experienced angler or guide.
- **Captain Scott Hughes 941-628-4247**
- **Captain Karl Butigan 941-565-7325**
- **Captain Brock Horner 941-822-5908**



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BLACK DRUM TUTORIAL

***CATHY HUNT &
JEFF WILSON***



BLACK DRUM (Myxisthus chrysops)

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SUMMERTIME BIG BLACK

DRUM FUN IN THE CANALS

Introduction:

Targeting big Black Drum in mid to late summer will yield fun and productive catches! Black Drum are a LOA species, a points fish and hanging out in our backyard in the summer.

The Black Drum school up by the hundreds in the PGI canals, are easy to find, catch, and lot of fun.



Gear – terminal tackle:

Drum don't require heavy or special gear like Tarpon and Shark. A 6–14 or 8 – 17 rod that's 7' – 7'6" paired with a 3000 reel is ideal. 15lb or 20lb braid and 20lb 3 - 4' leader will get the job done. For terminal tackle; a 1/16 – 1/8 jig head with a strong hook and a 4" Berkley Gulp white swimming mullet or Berkley Shrimp. DOA TerrorEyz have also produced good results. Any soft plastic will likely work; try the soft plastics you have before buying anything new. Putting some scent on the soft plastics seems to get more hook-ups.



Live bait isn't the bait of choice for Black Drum in the summer. We caught snapper and catfish when using live bait while on the school.

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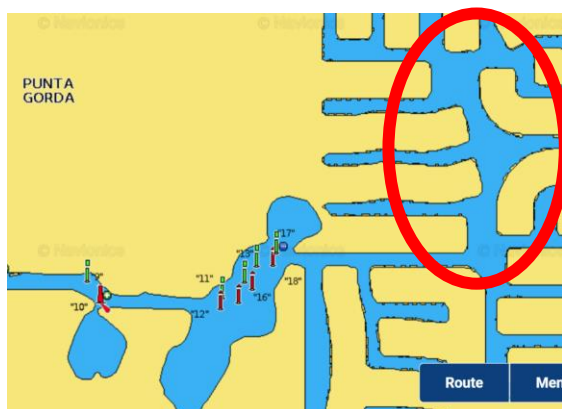
SUMMERTIME BIG BLACK DRUM FUN IN THE CANALS

Location/timing:

Finding schools is key.

The last few years they have been schooled in the canals late July through the **first** cold front in October. Tide doesn't seem to matter, the morning hours until 1:00pm or so have been most productive. They tend to school up in the canals the same time Tarpon move to the harbor/rivers. They gravitate near larger bodies of water at intersecting canals. They move around from area to area.

Ponce Inlet: come in through Ponce and check the larger bodies of water on the left (Sea Trout Strait) and several hundred feet of the interesting canals.



Bass Inlet: from Fisherman's Village go under the bridge and turn left at the "lighthouse". Go down to the third canal on your left.



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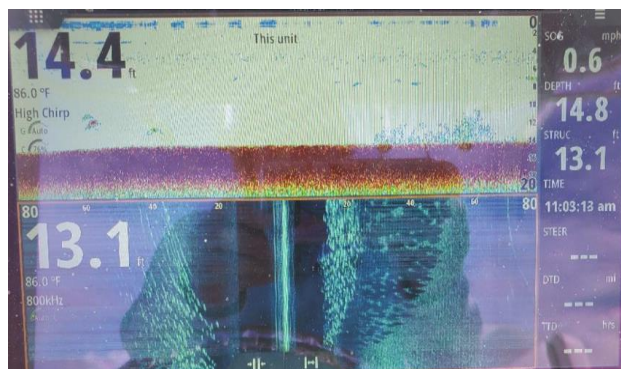
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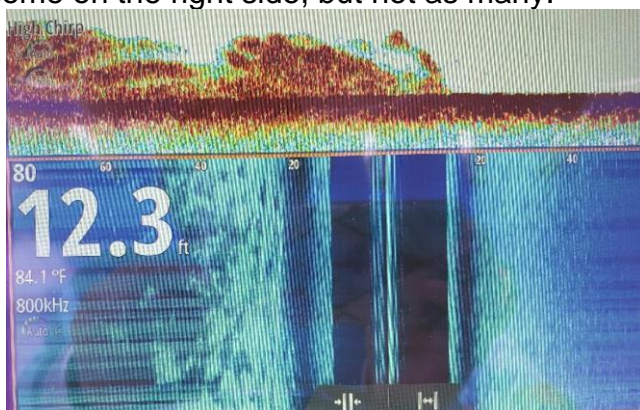
How to find the Drum:

Set Side-scan at 80' and do search patterns. The schools are easy to find. If you don't have side-scan, think about partnering with another boat that does to scout for the school.

This image shows the drum are heavily concentrated behind the boat. The drum are on both sides behind the boat, more fish on the right side out to 60', there are many fish on the left side, and the fish are on the move.



This image shows the drum are directly below the boat and heavily concentrated on the left. There are some on the right side, but not as many.



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In the absence of side scan look for disturbances on the top of the water and the water color to be darker. The school frequently stir up the bottom but can be hard to see in the summer with the darkness of the water.



Technique/bite:

A **very** slow retrieve will produce hook ups. When you get a bite let the fish take it, set the hook, the fish will immediately make a run. Hold on and enjoy the fight.

Slow down the retrieve if you are on the school and haven't hooked up! The retrieve is VERY slow, it's so slow you feel your lure skimming over the school or dragging on the bottom.

Etiquette:

It's common for a few boats to be fishing the same school. There's plenty of fish for everyone. They don't scatter when a boat approaches like other species. Some of the best results are when boats are working together to track the school. There have been up to four boats fishing the same school and each boat hooking up. It's great fun to see that.



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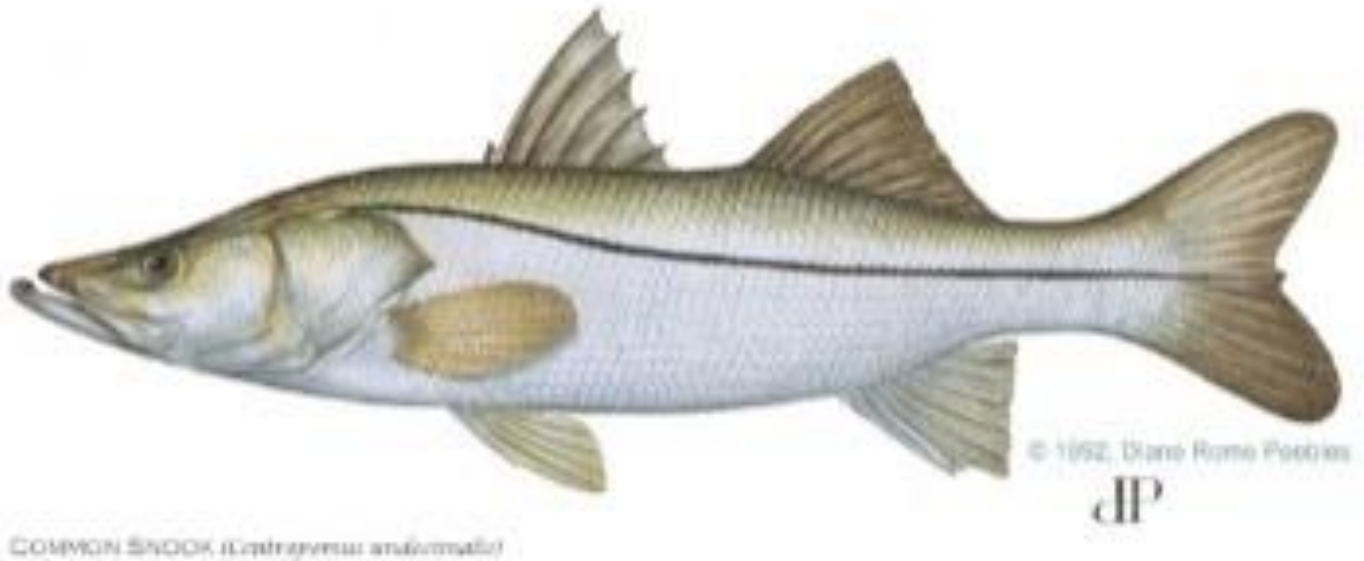
Considerations:

- Plan to revive the fish when using light gear and the high-water temperatures. Proper fish handling is critical given the temperatures and low oxygen level in the water. Bring multiple plastic fish grabbers to revive more than one fish at time. For more details look at: <https://myfwc.com/license/saltwater/redfish-tournament/best-practices/#:~:text=If%20the%20fish%20is%20gut,water%20flow%20over%20the%20gills.>
- Heavier gear is ok to bring the fish in faster; use what you have.
- The school will move a few hundred feet when a fish is hooked; keep looking for the school for the next opportunity to hook up. This is when multiple boats fishing the same school can be more productive; by the time you revived the fish the other boat(s) many have relocated the school.
- Provide feedback to the fishing club on your experiences so we can keep information on the topic up to date.

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SNOOK FISHING TUTORIAL

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SNOOK – LOCATIONS & CONDITIONS

Snook are temperature limited in their range, becoming very lethargic in the winter and are limited to regions where water temperature is greater than 60F year-round, i.e. Southern Florida. Also, Snook are able to move between fresh and salt water, so can be found upstream in the Peace and Myakka rivers, in the brackish waters of Charlotte Harbor, and in the Gulf on near shore reefs.

Snook are ambush predators waiting for prey fish to come to them. I search out areas where water movement is high (which brings the prey fish in range) where they can hide waiting to ambush. These areas are primarily eddy's created by obstructions in fast water movement behind supports under bridges and docks, or ledges washed over by waves on flats of the East Wall (that area on the East side of the harbor). In backwater slower moving water areas, e.g. the islands of the East Wall, Turtle Bay, Bull Bay, or Placida Sound, they hide in shady spots under low overhanging mangrove branches, particularly at leading or trailing points of islands or inner bays. The Peace and Myakka rivers are great in the Winter when rainfall is limited due to fast running water. However, limited in the Summer due to daily rain that causes tannin's and silt to leach into the water, limiting site distance and creating difficult fishing conditions for snook.



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SNOOK – BAIT FISH

Snook primarily (70%) feed on small fish, commonly known to anglers as white bait, consisting of pinfish, scaled sardines (green backs), and threadfin herring among others. They will also feed on shrimp year-round but primarily when small fish are scarce.

Snook can be caught by using lures that look or act like bait fish, or by using bait fish directly. Lures commonly used are paddle tails (swim bait) affixed to a jig head. Popular among these are Berkely Gulp, Strike King, D.O.A. “Electric Chicken”, Z-man slam shady. These all work great but require some practice to create an action the triggers the snook to bite.

Alternatively, using live bait does not require practice to use effectively but does require some skill to catch the bait. Catching white bait can be accomplished using a sabiki rig (a string of small hooks on a line with a weight on the end), or with a cast net. There are 2 primary kinds of cast nets, those thrown on shallow water flats (1’ to 4’) and those thrown in deep water (4’ to 20’ radius). The usual mesh size for both is between 1/4” and 3/8”. Flats nets are usually 1 pound per foot of radius or less, while deep water nets are 1.25 to 1.66 pounds per foot. Both range in size from 4’ to 12’ radius; the larger the size the more skill, strength, and balance required to throw. Both require the use of chum to lure the bait fish in range. Chum is a mixture of dried fish protein and oil. Sand is added for deep water chumming to get the mixture down to the bait fish. This is thrown on the water repeatedly until the white bait show up at the surface. Chum is available at all local bait shops.



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SNOOK – BAIT LOCATION

Common flats areas where white bait can be caught include the areas outside Pirates Harbor, Burnt Store, and Jug Creek Shoals outside Bokeelia. Common deep-water sites are channel markers 1 and 2 in Charlotte Harbor. The latter requires proper etiquette while throwing amongst other guides and fishermen, i.e., waiting your turn outside the marker until a “spot” opens up, know how to throw the net before you get there so your bait can be quickly caught and others can move in. Finally, a good live well is needed. These clog regularly in flats areas due to intake of grass by the pump, so keep an eye on.



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BOAT-ON-LIFT STORM PREPARATIONS

President:
Randy Douet



Now that we're in hurricane season, it's time to review how to prepare your boat for a blow. There are many opinions and costly ways to do this, but I'm describing a cheap and simple, few steps to hedge your bets on boat survivorship. You'll need **two 3300# cargo straps**. These are the yellow, 2 or 3" wide straps with a ratchet (pictured below).



Also, **four 5" stainless steel eyebolts**.

And finally, a **couple of small cargo ratchet straps**. These are the **1" orange-colored straps**. All of this is available at Tractor Supply on Kings Highway.

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Follow these steps:

- Install the eyebolts into each of the four main boat lift pilings. If you have concrete pilings, then you'll need to wrap the straps into a choke knot around all four pilings. The eyebolts (two pics below) should be installed on the boat-side of all four pilings, about midway up between the dock level and the top of your pilings.



- Remove EVERYTHING in your boat that isn't strapped down.
- Ensure your batteries are fully charged and empty (pump out or drain) your bilge. If you drain it, make sure to replace the plug so the boat doesn't reverse flood during a surge.
- Ensure your fuel tank is FULL.

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- Raise the boat lift ALMOST as far as it'll raise. Hook the yellow cargo straps to the eyebolts. One cargo strap forward and one aft. Try to provide a clear unobstructed path across your boat for the straps to lie. You may need to remove seats, ice chests or pads. Tighten the ratchets. No need to over tighten and hurt yourself or your boat gunnels! After the straps are secure, carefully raise the boat lift electrically to tighten everything up. This is typically only another inch or two. Don't allow the eyebolts to bend or warp with the force. If they easily deform, you may need heavier ones. On my boat lift, the eyebolts never deformed even with the lift tight up against the straps.



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- Using the small orange straps, secure the boat lift carriage to the two aft or forward pilings by wrapping them. The intent here is to prevent any swing.
- The PRIORITY on the preparations is to prevent or limit all movement. Any bit of movement causes resonance with extreme winds. A sloshing bilge or fuel tank worsens the resonance. Movement causes mechanical damage, which is your most likely result even if the boat “survives”. Many owners tie down their boats to the lift’s carriage instead of the pilings. Not a good idea. The buoyancy of a typical boat will easily lift the whole carriage in the event of a surge...leading to damage as it bangs around.
- Take a photo of your “prepared” boat. It MAY come in handy with your insurance company.
- Finally, turn off power to your lift and dock.

These steps only help your boat make it through...they don’t guarantee it. If we get “the big one” again, you’ll have other worries.

Tight lines
Randy

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CATCHIN AND BRAGGIN



FRED DEMELLA
38" BLACK DRUM



RICK SARKISIAN
6' TARPON



JOE UDWARI'S
5' BLACKTIP

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LEFT TO RIGHT:

CHIP PETERSON 24" SAILCAT
DONNA SULLIVAN 34" SNOOK
FRED DEMELLA SPADEFISH

NICE CATCHIN

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JOHN FITZGERALD 15" JACK



LENNY ZIMKA 12" LANE SNAPPER



MIKE DOUGHERTY 19" SEATROUT

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NICE CATCHIN

LEFT TO RIGHT: **CHIP PETERSON** 19" BLUEFISH
JIM CRAWLEY 29" RAINBOW RUNNER AND **BOB BRETT'S** 20" SNOOK

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KEEP ON CATCHIN



LEFT TO RIGHT: **FRED DEMELLA 48" BLACK DRUM**
RICK SARKISIAN 48" TARPON & CHIP PETERSON 14" JACK CREVALLE

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COOL CATCHIN – HERE'S TO TIGHT LINES !!!

LEFT TO RIGHT: JOHN FITZGERALD 17" JACK CREVALLE,
RICH BRENNAN 5 FT SHARK, BILL MUIR 20" SEATROUT

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COOL CATCHIN – GET OUT AND FISH



FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: THERESA FITZGERALD 34" COBIA
CHRISTINE WHITE 45" BLACK DRUM, GREG WIDNEY 28" AMBERJACK

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LEFT TO RIGHT: **JOANNE WIDNEY** 16.5" SEATROUT
DIANA MCKENNA 24" BARRACUDA, **GREG WIDNEY** 16" SEATROUT

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THAT'S **CHRISTINE WHITE** WITH HER 49" BLACK DRUM
CENTER PIC IS **CHRIS POLLIONGER'S** SHARK,
JOHN FITZGERALD WITH A 14" MANGROVE SNAPPER

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LEFT IS **JOHN FITZGERALD** 22" SPANISH MACKEREL
CENTER IS **MARK LEE'S** RIM CANAL BARRACUDA
RIGHT IS **TED WIERZBANOWSKI** 17.5" SEATROUT

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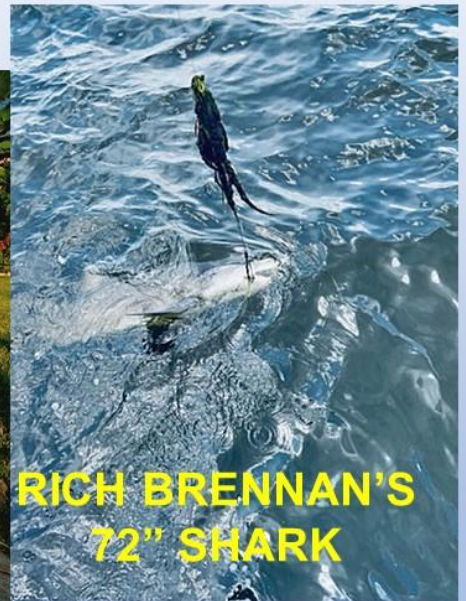
ART GOODELL 12" MANGROVE, CENTER IS
CHRISTINE WHITE 50" BLACK DRUM, ABOVE RIGHT **FRED DEMELLA** 30" ARS

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ABOVE **MARK LEE** 12" MANGROVE, CENTER **MIKE WHITE** 51" BLACK DRUM

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FRED DEMELLA LEFT & CENTER
27" RED GROUPER, 40" TARPON



TOP RIGHT **DON TAYLOR** 11" JACK CREVALLE

BOTTOM RIGHT **MIKE DOUGHERTY** 9" SPADEFISH

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WAYN NELSON 38" TARPON



LEFT IS **MIKE WHITE 30" ARS** AND ALSO WITH
A NICE SIZED PORGY, NICE CATCHING !!!