

PUNTA GORDA ISLES FISHING CLUB FROM THE HELM



President: Randy Douet

The days are finally getting shorter, but we have had no heat relief. Water temperature while fishing yesterday was 91.8 degrees at some places. The tannic water issues this year are far less than previous summers...that should lead to an earlier-than-normal clearing process later this fall. A small relief in high gas prices has a few of us offshore more frequently now. Most reports are that the targeted species are a bit further out than previous, but they're there. No red tide anywhere in SW Florida. That's also great news. Speaking of red tide, the long closure of redfish harvest ended on September 1st when the FWC fixed the limit back to "one red". But a vessel limit of two reds were introduced, along with a prohibition of using your guide's personal catch limit. Snook on the other hand was NOT reopened. FWC is receiving lots of flack about "changing their mind" two days before it was set to open. I personally like the idea of keeping Snook closed, but I deplore the fickleness of the FWC decision making.

Couple of big community assistance events coming up: the International Coastal Beach Cleanup occurs on September 17th, and the 2022 Charlotte County Cast 4 Kids event is October 22nd. More info on both will be at our September 13th General meeting and Facebook.

As the calendar year begins to get busy with the beginning of Season, please consider helping out in leadership roles in our Fishing Club. There are several KEY needs for next year. President, Vice President, Events Director, and Newsletter Editor. If you happen to be a Snowbird and feel that somehow disqualifies you, you're incorrect! If the position needs it, we can find you an "assistant" to help out. Please consider helping. Many of our members have been in the Club for years and are waiting on their situation to improve where they feel that they can help. That time is now. All of the current offgoing Directors are eager to help you out next year...making a smooth transition.

September is Trout month; October is Redfish month. We're organizing a tournament event in October. Details for the tourney will be communicated at the September 13th General meeting. Save the Dates: Chili cook-off is November 6th, and the Christmas party is December 14th.

Tight lines, Randy

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The PGI Fishing Club is a club of the Punta Gorda Isles Civic Association.

REMEMBERING BEVAN RUCKER

Bevan Rucker passed away on Friday July 29th, 2022.

Bevan was born in Cleveland, Ohio on September 23rd, 1945, to Jane and William Hay. She graduated from Collinwood High School, and then worked at Lincoln Electric Co from 1967 to 1986 as a Lab. Tech.

Bevan married Patrick B. Clarke, a Cleveland Police Officer, on November 10th, 1967. They loved Boating and belonged to Northeast Yacht Club in Cleveland for 17 years. Pat died on July 8th, 1985.

Bevan then moved to Toledo, Ohio where she met and married her beloved husband Rex Rucker, a retired Marine. They belonged to the River View Yacht Club, were she served as President of the International Satin Gavel. Bev and Rex loved Boating, fishing and golf. Rex passed away on June 10th, 2002.

In December of 2003, Bevan's friends of 40 years, Jim and Margie Hoffman, moved to Punta Gorda, Fl. She visited them several times, liked the area and stayed with them for a few months at the end of 2004, while looking for a condo. She found one at Fountain Court and purchased it in January of 2005. Bev joined the Punta Gorda Isles Fishing Club where Jim and Margie were members and got involved in offshore fishing which she really loved. She was the 2nd woman to get her Grand Master Fishing Title in 2007, which she was very proud of.

Bev loved to swim with the Dolphins on the way to Key West.

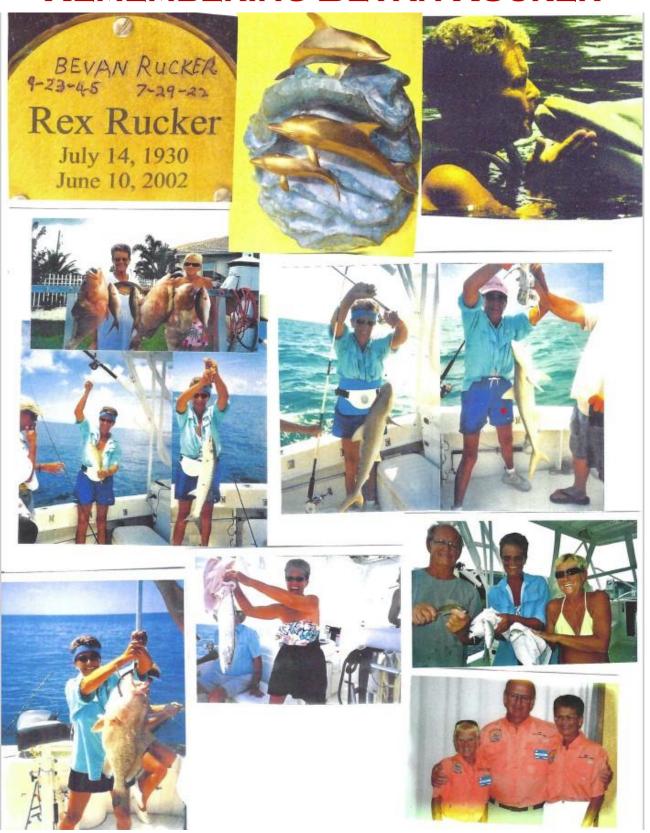
Her and Rex's ashes will be place in a bronze urn with Dolphins on it and dropped onto the USS MOHALK WPG 78, a 165 ft. Navy ship that was christened in 1934. It was sunk in the Gulf of Mexico as a Veterans Memorial Reel in 90 feet of water, 30 miles off of Sanibel Island, FI, on July 2nd, 2012. Coordinates are N26 33.075 W82 43.481. Her and Rex will be together forever and can swim with the dolphins for eternity.

I will miss her greatly. Her and Margie were like sisters for 55 years. Now they are both gone to the Great Fishing Boat in the Heavens. I know they will be looking out for me together.

This was written with Love and Sorrow for both of them,

Jim Hoffman

PUNTA GORDA ISLES FISHING CLUB REMEMBERING BEVAN RUCKER





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Our club currently has **190** members on Facebook. It is exclusively for members. It's a great place to share your catches and experiences with other members in the club.

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



PUNTA GORDA ISLES FISHING CLUB FISH OF THE MONTH CALENDAR

JANUARY: SHEEPSHEAD

FEBRUARY: GROUPER

MARCH: SPANISH MACKEREL

APRIL: SNOOK

May: Cobia

JUNE: JACK CREVALLE

JULY: SHARK

AUGUST: TARPON

SEPTEMBER: SEATROUT

OCTOBER: REDFISH

NOVEMBER: MANGROVE SNAPPER

DECEMBER: BLACK DRUM

























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 AUGUST CLUB MEETING

DOOR PRIZE WINNERS



Starting at the top, from left to right are 1st place \$75 – Ed Verminski, 2nd place \$50 – Jan Holm (*missing photo*), and 3rd place \$25 – Colleen De Mella (*missing photo*)

50/50 WINNERS





From left to right are 1st place – Elaine Bretts (*missing photo*), 2nd place – Ron Deroche, and 3rd place – Fred De Mella

Name That Fish Winner Jeff Wilson- 'Barracuda'

PUNTA GORDA ISLES FISHING CLUB AUGUST CLUB MEETING

GUEST SPEAKER - RICK SARKISIAN

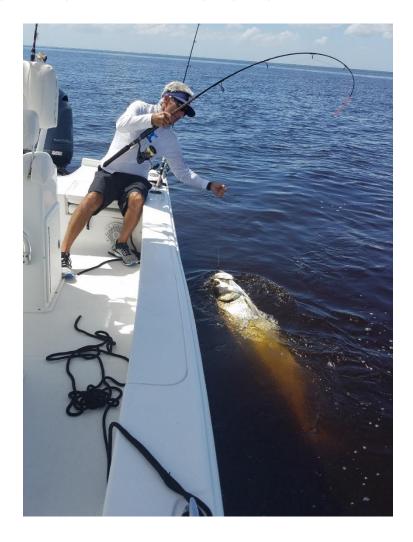
Fishing Club member Rick Sarkisian spoke on how to catch Tarpon in the harbor, where to look, how to locate them, bait/lures to use, and techniques. He also spoke about safety, fish handling, and etiquette.



For additional information on Tarpon fishing, Rick has a Tarpon fishing tutorial in the July-August newsletter.

PUNTA GORDA ISLES FISHING CLUB AUGUST CLUB MEETING

LADDER OF ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS



Rick Sarkisian earned his 6th GMA Star. Congratulations Rick!

PUNTA GORDA ISLES FISHING CLUB VP's FISHING REPORT

Vice President: Dennis Krausman

NOTHING TO REPORT



PGI FISHING CLUB – SEPT 2022 MEETING FISHING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

- □ SEPTEMBER FISH OF THE MONTH IS SPOTTED SEATROUT, LOOK FOR HEALTHY
 TURTLE GRASS AND FLOWING WATER, SEATROUT USUALLY FOUND IN 2-5' WATER
- □ OCTOBER FOM IS REDFISH, AKA RED DRUM. NOW THAT SEASON IS OPEN REMEMBER SLOT IS 18-27" TOTAL LENGTH, BAG LIMIT 1, VESSEL LIMIT 2, HIRED CAPTAINS ZERO BAG, FISH MUST BE KEPT WHOLE TILL ASHORE, CPR ENCOURAGED
- ☐ THE FAMOUS FISH RULES APP, DOWNLOAD NOW IF YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY
- □ 2023 LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNTIES AVAILABLE IN YOUR FISHING CLUB, IF INTERESTED LET ONE OF YOUR CURRENT LEADERS NOW SO WE CAN BEGIN THE TRANSITION PROCESS OR SEND AN EMAIL TO THE REGULAR ADDRESS: fishphotos@pgifishingclub.org
- STAY TUNED FOR DETAILS OF THE PLANNED OCTOBER FISHING CONTEST EVENT
- ☐ AUGUST HOT AIR & HOT WATER TEMPS, 22 ANGLERS TURNED IN 60 LOA/FOM FISH
- □ SEPTEMBER AIR & WATER TEMPS STARTING TO LESSEN STILL WATCH FOR STORMS
- □ AUGUST LOA 8 ADVANCES CLUB HAT GOES TO DON CUMMINS

 BRONZE PIN BOB MUELLER GOLD PIN MIKE KNIPE & CHIP PETERSON

 SNOOK PIN CHIP PETERSON (2nd pin in one month) TARPON PIN RICK BROWN

 GMA STAR #3 CATHY HUNT GMA STAR #9 JOE UDWARI (the most ** ever earned in our club)
- □ AUGUST FOM WAS TARPON MEN'S CATEGORY WAS 4 WAY TIE FOR FIRST PLACE
- □ LARGE BLACK DRUM 35-42" SCHOOLING & STILL BEING CAUGHT IN THE CANALS -



Events Director: Mike Dougherty

PGI FISHING CLUB – SEPT MEETING

AUGUST FOM WAS TARPON – AKA the SILVER KING

4 ANGLERS TURNED IN 6 FISH – 4 WAY TIE FOR 1ST PLACE MENS CATEGORY
FOM TARPON WINNERS DETERMINED BY POINTS,

1 POINT FOR UNDER 5' LENGTH THEN 3 POINTS FOR 5' AND LONGER



ON THE LEFT IS

JUDE PANETTA'S

60"+ TARPON

CAUGHT 8/8/22

ON RIGHT IS A
CLOSEUP OF
RICK SARKISIAN'S
66" TARPON
CAUGHT 8/23/22







PGI FISHING CLUB – SEPT MEETING



MIKE DOUGHERTY'S 60"+ TARPON CAUGHT 8/24/2022

(Btw FOLLOWING RICK SARKISIAN'S LAST MONTHS TEACHING ON GEAR – TACKLE INCLUDING SUCESSFUL RELEASE)





Events Director: Mike Dougherty

PGI FISHING CLUB – SEPT MEETING



RICHY KALE – 3 TARPON
155" OF SILVER KING
CAUGHT IN ONE OUTING
FIRST A 50", THEN ANOTHER 50" AND
THEN A 55" SILVER KING
ENOUGH IN ONE DAY TO WEAR A GUY OUT





CONGRATS TO ALL

PUNTA GORDA ISLES FISHING CLUB LADDER OF ACHIEVEMENT



Events Director: Mike Dougherty

PGI FISHING CLUB – SEPT MEETING

WELCOME TO THE PGI FISHING CLUB DON CUMMINS - DON EARNED HIS CLUB HAT 12" GRUNT & 12" LANE SNAPPER - KEEP ON CATCHIN DON





STATISTICS & REPORTS

The Month in Review (August 2022)

Record Keeper: Paul Whiting

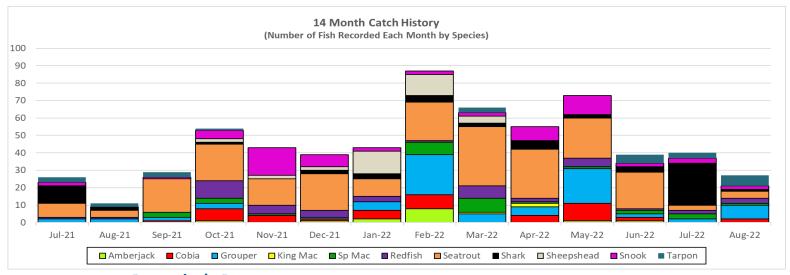


Tidbits

Our Fish of the Month, Tarpon, were reported by only 4 anglers totaling 6 fish. Several large Black Drum (23) were caught in our canals ranging from 35" to 42". Three anglers were able to get offshore dodging the storms to catch the last of the red grouper (8) whose season is being closed early at the end of this month. Chip Peterson earned both his Gold and Snook Pins in one month. Cathy Hunt earned her Third GMA Star and veteran angler Joe Udwari proved why he is still a Master angler by earning his NINETH GMA Star – the most ever earned in the club -- Congratulations!

Rich Kale broke his old club record for Cobia set last year by a full 10 inches, recording a huge 66" monster that now leads the Isles Trophy for men with a score of 117.9% of the old record.

What's Bite'n Chart



Recorder's Data

Monthly Performance

	June	July	August	
Anglers	33	22	22	\iff
LOA Awards	7	8	8	\iff
Fish Recorded	98	68	60	$\mathbf{\downarrow}$
Points Recorded	7100	6,000	6,200	\uparrow

STATISTICS & REPORTS

LADDER OF ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS 2022 STANDINGS (AUGUST)

Record Keeper: Paul Whiting

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(BOLD star = earned this year)



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				FETIME LEVEL I	LIFETIME LI	E\/E	I IEETIME	LEVEL III	GRAND MAST	ER ANGLER
BRONZE	SILVER	GOLD	-"	SNOOK	REDF			PON	GMA	TOTAL STARS
Sherry Barrett	Jeff Bellairs	Gary Adams	;	Paula Arnold	Doug Arn	old	Frank	Barrett	Jeff Barnhart	**
Trudi Baxter	Joanna Boeckl	Ken Garden		Mary Heins	Mike Doug	herty	Rick	Brown	Ron Baxter	
Jack Botbyl	Marc Boeckl	Bill Hess		Chuck Henry	Doug Du Fr	esne	Dick (Conant	Fred Benson	
Tori Brown	Todd Brooks	Larry Kissne	r	Tom Hunt	Theresa Fitz	Gerald	Dave	. Dyke	Larry Benz	*
Bob Critchfield	Anne Careau	Michael Knip	е	Jim LaRocca	Ed Girz	zi	Marvi	Dyrstad	Rich Brennan	*****
Colleen De Mella	Carl Cucco	Karen Lodge	Э	Marie LaRocca	Jenny God	odell	Bob	Mays	Donnie Brennan	*
Tom des Enfants	Yvette Du Fresne	Cheryl Panett	ta	Tom Lodge	Bill Guent	her	Bill	Muir	Bob Bretts	*****
Sharon Dyke	Kathy des Enfants	Nancy Pearso	on	Sherry Moerke	Ken Hard	esty	Lynn I	Reeves	Elaine Bretts	*****
Mike Endres	Tony Destefano	Chip Peterso	n	William Neff	Jan Hol	m	Jack	Spies	Dianne Bukowski	*
Richard Farmer	Tamara Dillman	Gary Selzer		Chip Peterson	Jack How	arth	Mark	Storm	Joe Bukowski	**
Steve Fritz	Joanell Dyrstad	Steve Trego)	John Simonieg	Julie Ka	le	Gretchen	Sunderland	Jim Crawley	*
Chris Gibbons	Richard Embury	Sheree Wolfing	ger	Ed Verminski	Jonathan La	andon	Karen	Udwari	Fred De Mella	**
Frank Grazier	Gary Frost	Joseph Zura	d	Paul Whiting	Mark Le	e	Allen	Wade	Mark Dillman	
Renee Gibbons	Tim Gibbons			Ted Wierzbanowski	Marty McCa	affrey	Rich Wi	llingmyre	Dick Doster	
Bob Giffin	Art Goodell				Rose Anne Mo	Caffrey			Randy Douet	***
Sheryl Hatch	Dale Hall				Dennis Mck	(enna			John Fitzgerald	
David Hatch	Randy Hall				Diana McK	enna			Christine Fontaine	
Tom Hay	Roz Hickey				Gary Moe	rke			Bob Gariepy	**
Jack Jonaitis	Jack Hinnenthal				John Sai	tta			John Gettinger	***
Dennis Jones	Larry Hofmeister		RED) = Awards This Month					Mike Gilger	*
Fran Krausman	Dave Joe								Tom Hickey	*
Buddy Krauss	Lisa Kellythorne		_		A				Jim Hoffman	*
Ron Kruse	Mike Knipe			Club Hats					Margie Hoffman	
Kevin LaPoint	Denys LaChance			Club Hats					Cathy Hunt	***
Richard Larson	John McFarland			Don Cummins					Bud Johnston	
Bob Mueller	Mike Nalipi	BOLEIC	LINO O	LUDIADDE	OF ANOL	INIO AC	SUIEVEN	AENIT	Cindi Johnston	
Patricia Nalipi	Sonia Nelson	PGIFIS	DANG C	LUB LADDEF	(OF ANGL	ING AU	PIEVER	IENI	Rich Kale	***
Chuck Pearson	Wayn Nelson								Dennis Krausman	***
Chris Pflaum	Randy Page			NUMBER OF		POINTS			Kel Krotzer	***
Mark Schruer	Kim Pflaum		LEVEL		SIZE LIMITS		AWARD		Carl Leicher	
Alan Schulman	Paul Robinson			SPECIES		NEEDED			Joe Maillet	
Jess Searle	Hezzie Samons		Initial Entry	1	None	None	Club Hat		Pete McGregor	**
Miriam Taylor	Mike Sandling			_					Jude Panetta	***
Patti Topper	Deb Sarkisian		Bronze	5	None	None	Pin		Tom Parsons	**
Roxie Trost	Gary Skillicorn		Silver	5	Eligible Size	300	Pin		Gary Reeves	
Greg Widney	Lynne Stockinger		Gold	7	Eligible Size	700	Pin		Rick Sarkisian	*****
Joanne Widney	Don Taylor			'	-				John Stockinger	*
Lenny Zimka	Mike Wagner		ifeTime Lev	ell 9	Eligible Size	1000	Snook Pin		Donna Sullivan	
	Stella Wagner	L	ife Time Leve	el II 13	Eligible Size	1400	Redfish Pin		Ron Topper	*****
	Sandy Wierzbanowski		ifeTime Leve		-	1700			Joe Udwari	******
	Tom Youngblood				Eligible Size		Tarpon Pin		Aaron Wagner	
			Grand Maste	er 23	Eligible Size	2000	Club Shirt		Mike White	***
		G	rand Master	Star -		2000	Star		Jeff Wilson	
							-181		John Wolfinger	1

For complete ILadder of Angling Achievement Program rules, detailed information on elgible angler achievment

spieces, and point earned based on length, please see the PGI Fishing Club Website (www.pgifishingclub.org)

Ladder of angling achievement page.

STATISTICS & REPORTS

ISLES TROPHY RACE 2022 STANDINGS (AUGUST)

Record Keeper: Paul Whiting



MEN'S DIVISION

OVERALL CLUB RECORD	SPECIES NAME	MEMBER NAME	RECORD LENGTH in INCHES	DATE CAUGHT	R NAME+G6:I46B3	2022 LENGTH in INCHES	DATE CAUGHT	% OF RECORD
					Jim Crawley		2/7/2022	
					Carl Cucco		1/18/2022	
x	Amberjack	Joe Udwari	53.5	2019	Mike Gilger	38.0	1/20/2022	71.0%
					Gary Selzer		2/8/2022	
х	Black Drum	Mike White	51.5	2019	Mike White	51.0	6/23/2022	99.0%
×					Rich Kale **	66.0	8/3/2022	
^	Cobia	Rich Kale	56.0	2021	Rich Kale ***	00.0	6/3/2022	117.9%
х	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%
х	Seatrout	Rich Brennan	29.0	2009	Mike Knipe	24.0	5/4/2022	82.8%
^	Seatrout	Aaron Wagner	29.0	2012				02.076
x	Sheepshead	Vinnie Madsen	24.0	2016	Mike White **	26.0	2/3/2022	108.3%
	0	Vinnie Madsen	45.0	2014	William Muir	36.0	5/3/2022	00.00/
х	Snook	Tim Gibbons	45.0	2021				80.0%
					Marv Dyrstad	24.0	2/25/2022	
х	Spanish Mackerel	Carl Leicher	30.0	2012	Mark Storm	24.0	2/26/2022	80.0%
					Jeff Wilson	24.0	3/4/2022	
			WOMEN'S DIV	/ISION				
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	ristine Fontaine Wh	52.0	6/16/2022	113.0%
	Black Brain				**			
	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%
	D - 40-1-	Donnie Brennan	38.0	2008	Donna Sullivan	32.0	1/7/2022	04.00/
	Redfish	Missy Becker	38.0	2008				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	35.0	8/16/2022	83.3%
			20.0	2007	Karen Weeden	22.5	4/16/2022	
	Spanish Mackerel	Missy Becker Lynn Reeves	28.0 28.0	2007 2019	Karen weeden	22.5	4/10/2022	80.4%

MASTER ANGLER TOURNAMENT 2022 STANDINGS (AUGUST)

2015

Bob Mays

Karen Lodge

2016

Gary Reeves

Rose Anne McCaffrey

2014

Vinnie Madsen

Margie Hoffman

Jim Crawley 38.0 ristine Fontaine Wit 52.0 Rich Kale 66.0 Mike White 33.0 Gary Selzer 45.0 Donna Sullivan 32.0 Elaine Bretts 24.0 Mike White 26.0 William Muir 36.0 Mike Gilger 38.0 Gary Selzer 38.	Marv Dyrstad 24.0 Mark Storm 24.0 Jeff Wilson 24.0 Karen Weeden 22.5
Mike Gilger 38.0 Gary Selzer 38.0 Joe Udwari 36.5 Mike White 51.0 Paula Arnold 42.0 Ed Girzi 32.0 Nancy Pearson 40.0 Cathy Hunt 31.0 Marie Knipe 22.5 Mike Knipe 22.0 Bob Mueller 35.5	Jeff Wilson 24.0
Gary Selzer 38.0 Joe Udwari 36.5 Milke White 51.0 Paula Arnold 42.0 Ed Girzi 32.0 Nancy Pearson 40.0 Cathy Hunt 31.0 Marie Knipe 22.5 Milke Knipe 22.0 Bob Mueller 35.5	
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Gretchen Sunderland 31.0 William Muir 22.5	
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Mark Dillman 36.0 Fred De Mella 48.0 Mike White 41.0 Joe Udwari 31.0 Carl Cucco 35.5 Rick Brown 30.0 Bobby Bretts 22.0 Cathy Hunt 21.0 Donna Sullivan 35.0	Jim Crawley 22.0
Allen Wade 22.0 Jack Hinnenthal 21.0 PAGE	- 17
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Denotes New Club Record Entries This Month are in RED

2018

Joe Udwari

Dianne Bukowski

2019

Joe Udwari

Lynn Reeves

2020

Mike White

Dianne Bukowski

Rich Kale & Tim Gibbons

Diane Bukowski

2017

Rich Kale

Darlene Madsen

2013

Steve Landaker

Missy Becker

2009

Rich Brennan

Christine Jordan

2010

Kel Krotzer

Margie Hofman

2011

Greg Chestnut

Joanne landaker

2012

Jim Qurollo

Rose Anne McCaffrey

PUNTA GORDA ISLES FISHING CLUB MEMBERSHIP



Membership Director: Bill Muir

NOTHING TO REPORT

PUNTA GORDA ISLES FISHING CLUB SOCIAL EVENTS

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Hoping this finds everyone well and enjoying time out on the water. It's almost time to welcome back our snowbirds so our social committee is gearing up for more fun for our members beyond fishing.

Our next general meeting is *Tuesday, September 13th*. If you would like to show off your baking skills and share some goodies with our members for our social after the meeting, they are always welcomed and thoroughly enjoyed by our members.

International Coastal Clean-up is being held on *Saturday, September 17th* at Laishley Park. We hope many of our members will join the cause, and help clean up our local waters by boat, kayak or walking the shoreline. Check in is at 8:30am, and you return at 12pm for Lunch, Music and Raffle Baskets. Help us keep Florida Beautiful and particularly, our little piece of paradise. Call 941-815-3111 if you are interested in taking part.

Bunco continues to be a tremendous success for the ladies, and we are starting up again in September, with Debra Guido welcoming our members to her lovely home on *Tuesday, September 20th*. Always a great time with good food, great laughs, and yes, some Bunco! No skill or prior experience is needed so please come and join us. Sign up on Fishing Club page on the PGICA website. Looking for hosts the next few months so please let me know if you are interested- you choose the date and number of attendees!

We are going to try our Sunset Sunday in October and hope that rain storms stay away. Please join us the first Sunday of every month at Ponce DeLeon Park for a BYOB Happy Hour, and sunset. Bring chairs and possibly any games (cornhole anyone?) that you might want to get a rousing game started. Sunset is projected to be at 7:26pm on *Sunday, October 2nd*, so feel free to come join us around 6pm and swap some fishing stories.

Please consider volunteering, either as a Shore Volunteer or a Captain, for the C.A.S.T 4 Kids event at Laishley Park on *Saturday, October 22, 2022*. This is a C.A.S.T. for Kids event designed to provide children with disabilities, ages 6 – 18, the opportunity to enjoy a quality outdoor recreational experience through the sport of fishing. Take to the water with C.A.S.T. for an unforgettable morning of fishing and boating! Many of us did it last year and it was extremely inspiring and a fun event to take part in. Sign in at this link. https://castforkids.org/event/charlotteharbor/

Social Events Director: Christine White

CLUB CALENDAR

Happy Hour at Elks Club in 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.

International Coastal Clean-Up: Saturday, September 17th 8:30 am @ Laishley Park

Ladies' Bunco: Tuesday, September 20th, 6 pm @ Debra Guido's home

Sunset Sunday: First Sunday of every month (October 2nd), 6 pm at Ponce DeLeon Park, BYOB Happy Hour

C.A.S.T. 4 Kids: Saturday, October 22nd @ Laishley Park

Chili Cook Off: Sunday, November 6th, 4 – 7 pm, @ PGICA clubhouse

Christmas Party: Wednesday, December 14th @ Isles Yacht Club

SOCIAL EVENTS

Our Fall Picnic will be **Sunday, November 6**th, at the PGICA clubhouse, from 4pm to 7pm. This will be a Chili Cook off, which will include prizes, including gift cards for the best chili! So, get out your recipes and show us your best chili recipe. We are hoping to have some live music as well, so plan on getting some dancing in as well to work off all the good food. More on sign up and cost will be available at the September meeting.

Save the date for our Christmas party on *Wednesday, December* **14**th, 5pm at the Isles Yacht Club. It's always a fabulous time. More to come on cost and sign up.

We have moved our *Happy Hour to the Elks club every Wednesday-* We have had some great turnouts and its 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 aid 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.

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 subcommittee 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 supply 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.

Social Events Director: Christine White



CLUB CALENDAR

Happy Hour at Elks Club in 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.

International Coastal Clean-Up: Saturday, September 17th 8:30 am @ Laishley Park

Ladies' Bunco: Tuesday, September 20th, 6 pm @ Debra Guido's home

Sunset Sunday: First Sunday of every month (October 2nd), 6 pm at Ponce DeLeon Park, BYOB Happy Hour

C.A.S.T. 4 Kids: Saturday, October 22nd @ Laishley Park

Chili Cook Off: Sunday, November 6th, 4 – 7 pm, @ PGICA clubhouse

Christmas Party: Wednesday, December 14th @ Isles Yacht Club

Paula Arnold

PUNTA GORDA ISLES FISHING CLUB

SUNSHINE LADY





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

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.

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
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MEETING MINUTES

AUGUST 9, 2022

Meeting start time: 7:02 pm

President: Randy Douet

Location: PGICA Auditorium

Members in attendance: 36

June General Meeting Minutes approved (no July meeting)

Treasurer report: \$14,978.20

Name that Fish winner: Jeff Wilson – Barracuda - \$15 Fishin Franks GC

Social Update: Chili cook off 11/6, C.A.S.T. for Kids 10/22, Christmas Party 12/14.

Ladies game night to resume when seasonal residents return.

Guest Speaker: Rick Sarkisian – Fishing Club member spoke on how to catch Tarpon in the harbor, where to look, how to locate them, bait/lures to use, and techniques. He also spoke about safety, fish handling (recommended Kevlar work gloves on Amazon), and etiquette.

Door Prize Winners – Carmelo's GC – 1st \$75 Ed Verminski, 2nd \$50 Jan Holm, and 3rd \$25 Colleen De Mella

FOM Winners July (Shark) – Fishin Franks GC - Women's – 3-way tie for 1st – \$35 2 points - Cathy Hunt, Donna Sullivan, and Roxie Trost. Men's – 1st \$35 10 points Bobby Bretts, 2nd \$25 6 points Paul Whiting, and 3rd \$15 5 points Mike Trost

LOA: Club Hat - Jack Botbyl, Mary Girzi; Bronze Pin - Jack Botbyl, Roxie Trost; Snook Pin - Paula Arnold, William Neff; Redfish Pin - Doug Arnold; GMA Star - Rick Sarkisian - #6

50/50 Winners: 1st Elaine Bretts, 2nd Ron Deroche, 3rd Fred De Mella

Meeting adjourned: 7:56 pm

Respectfully by:

Cathy Hunt - PGI Fishing Club Secretary

CLASSIFIED ADS

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PUNTA GORDA ISLES MARINE WATCH HELP US TO HELP YOU



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

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



marine equipment, as well as illegal netting activity. Since its inception in 2009, the PGI Marine Watch has been an active part of reducing marine crime in Punta Gorda Isles.



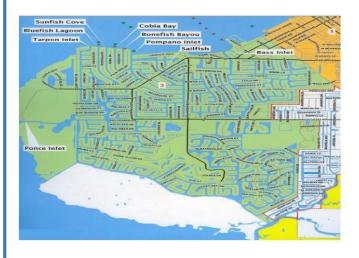
What do our members do?

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

What is required to volunteer with the PGI Marine Watch?

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





How can I join?

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

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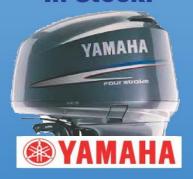
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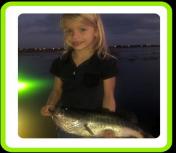














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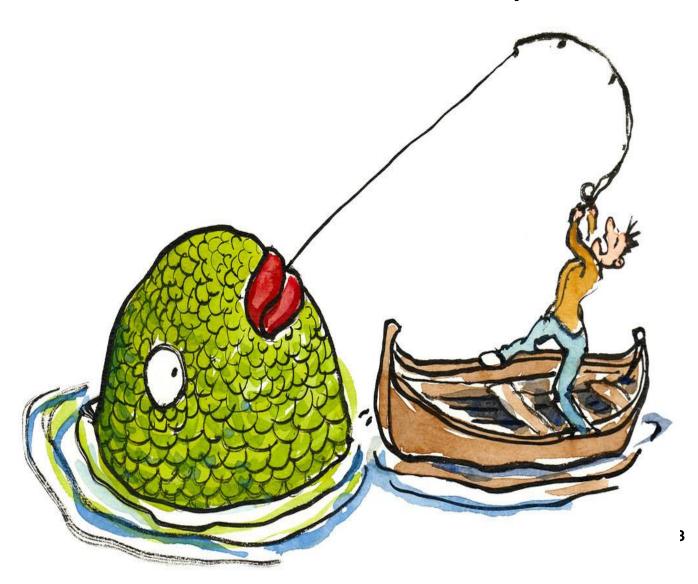
RECOMMENDED FISHING GUIDES

The following few guides are referred by our members – they are honest, reliable and will give you a great fishing experience!

By using a guide, you can learn about some great fishing spots.

Guides can also help you refine your technique and teach you the best bait/lures to use with various species of fish.

Give them a call and find out their specialties!



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!





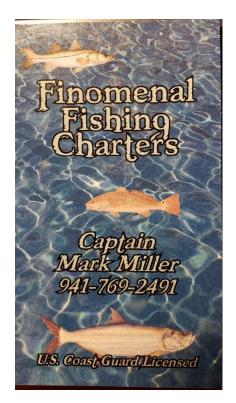


"From the time we stepped on the boat until the time we stepped back on the dock, Captain Steve and his mate Paul were great. Set expectations early and fulfilled them all. Would highly recommend!!" Tracy S.

"Best charter we have ever been on. They made sure our grandson caught the 1st fish. Very knowledgeable and great guys." Eric H.

"Captain Steve is very knowledgeable of places to fish and works hard to put fish in the boat had a great time caught Snook, Tarpon and Jacks" Rich P.

Captain Mark Miller - Finomenal Fishing Charters



About Your Captain – Captain Mark Miller will do all in his ability to give you the saltwater fishing experience of a lifetime! Captain Mark has lived his entire life in Punta Gorda and has spent most of that time fishing every inch of the Charlotte Harbor area. He has competed in most of the local tournaments and many national tournaments, which has only expanded his experience and area knowledge.

"I believe that there is no such thing as a bad day on the water, and I pride myself in giving a calm, relaxing, and fun day of fishing for all!"

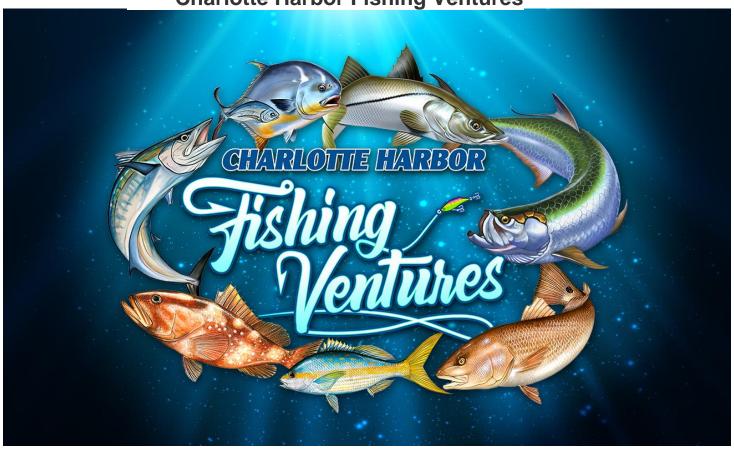
About the Equipment – Captain Mark's boat is a Bay Skiff customized to meet all your fishing and comfort needs. All rods and reels are able to meet or exceed any angling situation.

Types of Fish Encountered – Snook, Redfish, Trout, Cobia, Tarpon, Snapper, Shark, Jack, Crevalle, Kingfish, Spanish, Mackerel, and Flounder. These fish are all encountered at various times of the year.



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* See Note 1

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NOTES:

* 1) Must present PGIFC card at time of purchase

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BRAGGIN & CATCHIN FROM AUGUST 2022, plus a few



ABOVE CHIP PETERSON'S 6.5' SHARK - JULY FOM





ABOVE IS MIKE TROST'S NICE 28" BLACKTIP SHARK ALSO JULY FOM

PGI FISHING CLUB – SEPT MEETING

BRAGGIN & CATCHIN FROM AUGUST 2022, plus a few

bonus photos from late July 2022

Bill NEFF – BELOW LEFT 27.5" RED GROUPER





ABOVE CENTER
BOBBY BRETTS
6' SHARK – ALSO JULY FOM

FUN FUN FUN CATCHING

BELOW RIGHT

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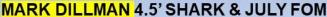
25" RED GROUPER



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A NICE 43: BLACK DRUM
CAUGHT BY
DONNA SULLIVAN

CONGRATS

BELOW IS
DOUG ARNOLD WITH HIS
36" BLACK DRUM





CATHY HUNT 30" BLACKTIP JULY FOM

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CLOCKWISE FROM ABOVE: CATHY HUNT 36" BLACK DRUM, 30" SHARK CAUGHT BY DONNA SULLIVAN, A 17.5" SEATROUT BY JACK BOTBYL







FRED DEMELLA'S 16" POMPANO BOTTOM CENTER

WAY TO GO !!!

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CLOCKWISE FROM ABOVE LEFT:

CATHY HUNT 42" BLACK DRUM, DONNA SULLIVAN 33 BLACK DRUM
DALE HALL 40" BLACK DRUM, BILL MUIR 48" SHARK

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TOP LEFT – A 6" SHARK BY BOBBY BRETTS, CENTER, BILL MUIR 33"

SNOOK, DALE HALL WITH A 17 SPANISH MACKEREL, CATHY HUNT WITH A NICE 40" BLACK DRUM

GET OUT AND GO CATCH FISH, IT'S FUN

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DONNA SULLIVAN – NOW WITH A 39" BLACK DRUM

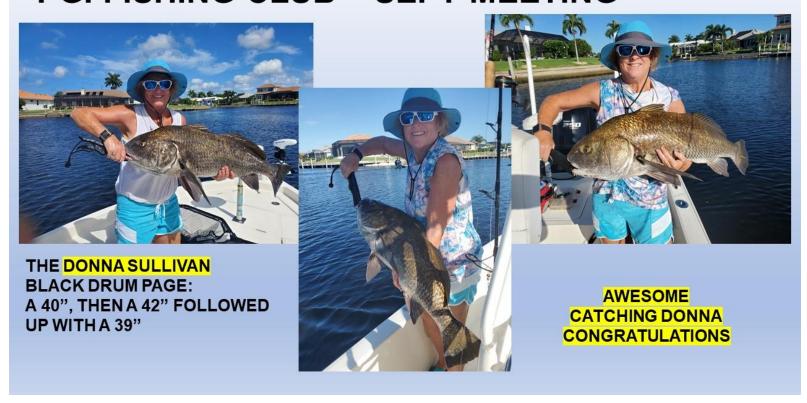
TO THE RIGHT – JAN HOLM HOLDING HER NICE

25" REDFISH

PGI FISHING CLUB LADY ANGLERS ARE ON THE FISH FOR SURE-WOW



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AMAZING CATHCES – TOP LEFT
CHIP PETERSON 35" & 37" THEN
FAR LEFT CATHY HUNT WITH A
37 (CATHY HAD MULTIPLE
LARGE BLACK DRUMS, TOO
MANY TO COUNT – TOP LEFT &
BOTTOM CENTER JEFF WILSON
WITH 35 AND 34" BLACK DRUM

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A GREAT OFFSHORE DAY

JOE UDWARI WITH 3 RED GROUPERS BEFORE SEASON

CLOSED, THE 3RD SAFELY RELEASED. JOE'S RED GROUPERS

WERE 25", 26" AND 28" OH, AND WITH THESE CATCHES JOE

EARNED HIS 9TH, YES 9TH GMA STAR – MORE THAN ANYONE

ELSE IN THE CLUB – CONGRATULATIONS JOE – NICE JOB!

JIM CRAWLEY WITH A HUGE & TOOTHY 6" BARRACUDA

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WITH A 19" YELLOWTAIL – CENTER IS BOB MUELLER
WITH A 23" RED GROUPER, RIGHT DONNA SULLIVAN
WITH HER 35" SNOOK, THEN FAR LEFT IS
TOM YOUNGBLOOD WITH 12" MANGROVE SNAPPER DINNER

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CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT WE HAVE BILL MUIR WITH HIS 29" REDFISH, JEFF WILSON 36" BLACK DRUM, JIM CRAWLEY 18.5" REDFISH, AND THEN DIANA MCKENNA WITH HER SPOTTY 27" REDFISH

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TOP LEFT IS
BOBBY BRETTS
WITH HIS 21"
SEATROUT,
CATHY HUNT
WITH HER 39"
BLACK DRUM
BOTTOM RIGHT
IS RICK BROWN
WITH HIS 37"
BLACK DRUM,

BOTTOM LEFT
IS JEFF WILSON
WITHANOTHER
37" BLACK
DRUM
GREAT CATCHES
EVERYONE

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19" SEATROUT BY DENNIS KRAUSMAN





CENTER: RICK BROWN'S 42" BLACK DRUM TOP RIGHT IS BOBBY BRETTS WITH HIS NIGHTIME SNOOK, LOTS OF FISH TO CATCH

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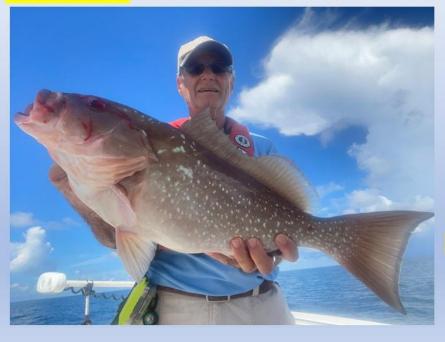
JEFF WILSON HOISTING UP HIS 36" BLACK DRUM

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CLUB RECORD FOR COBIA BROKEN AGAIN – NEW RECORD 66" RICHY KALE BROKE HIS LAST YEAR CLUB RECORD FOR COBIA BY A FULL 10" WITH A 66" COBIA. WOW, THAT'S QUITE A FISH, RICHY ALSO CAUGHT A 60" COBIA (WHICH ALSO BROKE LAST YEARS CLUB RECORD.

PGI FISHING CLUB – SEPT MEETING

JOE UDWARI'S RED GROUPER CAUGHT END OF AUGUST – ANOTHER GREAT OFFSHORE DAY



31"

28"

25"

GMA STAR #9



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MOVIING UP THE LADDER OF ACHIEVEMENT IS LENNY ZIMKA AND STEVE FRITZ FAR LEFT LENNY WITH 12" GRUNT, STEVE WITH A 12" GRUNT, THEN LENNY WITH A 12" LANE SNAPPER AND STEVE WITH A 14" LANE SNAPPER – KEEP ON CATCHING !!!

PGI FISHING CLUB – SEPT MEETING CATCHIN AND BRAGGIN







HERE'S THE LAST OF BLACK DRUM PICTURES FOR AUGUST 2022

MIKE DOUGHERTY (LEFT) WITH A 38", THEN CHIP PETERSON (CENTER & RIGHT) WITH A 36" AND A 37" BLACK DRUM – NICE CATCHING – FUN CATCHING!!!

PGI FISHING CLUB – SEPT MEETING

CARL CUCCO, AKA CARL SKINNY G SENT US SOME PICS FROM UP NORTH THIS IS CARL'S CATCHIN AND BRGGIN PAGE:

