

HOPEFULLY YOU'VE HAD A CHANCE TO GET OUT AND FISH RECENTLY. JANUARY WAS ONE COLD FRONT AFTER THE OTHER WITH STRONG NORTH WINDS "EMPTYING" OUT THE HARBOR ON TOP OF EXTREMELY LOW WINTER-TIDES. GOOD NEWS IS THAT IF YOU CAN GET OUT WITH THE SUPER-LOW WATER, YOU CAN LEARN A LOT ABOUT THE INSHORE AREAS AND FLATS. STORE THAT INFO FOR GOING BACK WITH NORMAL LEVELS LATER!

THE BOARD HAS AGREED TO MOVE THE TIME OF THE MONTHLY GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS TO 6PM (VERSUS 7PM). WE'LL START THAT WITH OUR UPCOMING FEBRUARY 14TH MEETING. WE'LL SEE HOW THAT WORKS. GIVE US YOUR FEEDBACK AFTER A FEW MEETINGS. THE ANNUAL CCA BANQUET FUNDRAISER THIS YEAR IS MARCH 30TH. BOB MAYS WILL HAVE TICKETS AVAILABLE AT NEXT MEETING. OUR CLUB ALWAYS SUPPORTS THIS WELL AND IT'S A GREAT EVENING! THE CLUB ALSO SUPPORTS THE ANNUAL PGICA HOME TOUR FUNDRAISER. AS WITH PREVIOUS YEARS, THE CLUB DONATED A "FISHING EQUIPMENT BASKET" TO BE RAFFLED OFF AS PART OF THAT PROGRAM.

WE REMAIN IN NEED OF A NEWSLETTER EDITOR TO HELP OUT. WE'RE USING "EMERGENCY PLANNING" TO GET THIS ONE OUT. IF YOU CAN HELP, EVEN PART TIME, WE WILL ENSURE YOU'RE COMFORTABLE. AND IT'S A GREAT ROLE FOR A "SNOWBIRD" SINCE IT'S "WORK FROM HOME" STUFF.

SEE YOU AT THE NEXT HAPPY HOUR OR GENERAL MEETING!

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# FROM THE HELM

THE PGI FISHING CLUB IS A CLUB OF THE PUNTA GORDA  
ISLES CIVIC ASSOCIATION

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**FOR ADDITIONAL  
INFORMATION ABOUT  
JOINING THE PUNTA  
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CLUB, PLEASE CONTACT  
OUR MEMBERSHIP  
DIRECTOR AT EMAIL:**

**MEMBERSHIP@PGIFISHINGCLUB.ORG.**

Meetings are held at the PGI Civic Center, the second Tuesday of each month and begin at 7:00 p.m. (Arrive by 6:45 to get your door prize ticket, purchase 50/50 tickets, meet members, etc.)

# CLUB LEADERSHIP

PUNTA GORDA ISLES FISHING CLUB

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**JANUARY: SHEEPSHEAD**  
**FEBRUARY: GROUPER**  
**MARCH: SPANISH MACKEREL**  
**APRIL: SNOOK**  
**MAY: COBIA**  
**JUNE: JACK CREVALLE**  
**JULY: SHARK**  
**AUGUST: TARPON**  
**SEPTEMBER: BLACK DRUM**  
**OCTOBER: REDFISH**  
**NOVEMBER: MANGROVE  
SNAPPER**  
**DECEMBER: SEATROUT**



# FISH OF THE MONTH CALENDAR

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## FEBRUARY FISH OF THE MONTH - GROUPER

RED AND GAG GROUPER ARE THE MOST COMMON TYPES TO CATCH IN OUR AREA. AN OCCASIONAL SCAMP IS KNOWN TO BE CAUGHT. FOR THE MOST PART THESE ARE BOTTOM OR NEAR BOTTOM DWELLERS; OFTEN HIDING UNDER LEDGES OR OTHER HARD STRUCTURE AND HARD BOTTOM. THE CLUB RECORD WAS SET IN 2003 AT 39" BY TOM HAMILTON, BUT DIANE BUKOWSKI HAD A FEW GREAT YEARS AT CATCHING THE BIG ONES AND IN 2018 REPORTED A 37" RED GROUPER. DUE TO THE WEATHER, THERE HAVEN'T BEEN MANY OFF-SHORE GROUPER SUBMITTED THIS YEAR.

WHEN MY HUSBAND AND I MOVED HERE AND BOUGHT AN OFF-SHORE BOAT WE HAD NO IDEA HOW TO FISH. SOME CLUB EXPERTS AT OFF-SHORE FISHING TOOK US UNDER THEIR WING TO TEACH US THE ROPES; JIM HOFFMAN, JIM MCCARTY, JOE UDWARI, AND JOHN GETTINGER TO NAME A FEW. IF YOU ARE SERIOUS ABOUT LEARNING TO FISH OFF-SHORE FOR GROUPER AND OTHER SPECIES YOUR BEST BET IS TO REACH OUT TO EXPERIENCED CLUB MEMBERS. OFF-SHORE TECHNIC AND GEAR:

MOST OFFSHORE ANGLERS WILL DRIFT OR ANCHOR OVER HARD BOTTOM LOOKING FOR LEDGES, CRATERS IN THE BOTTOM, AND CHANGES IN DEPTH. DEPTHS CAN RANGE FROM 80' - 130' PLUS FEET FOR KEEPER SIZE FISH. THERE ARE KEEPERS THAT HAVE BEEN CAUGHT IN THE 40' RANGE, BUT MANY SHORTS WILL BE THROWN BACK.

A STOUT 5' - 6' CONVENTIONAL ROD AND REEL WITH 30 - 40LB BRAID WILL GET THE JOB DONE. USE ENOUGH WEIGHT TO KEEP THE LINE VERTICAL TO THE BOAT, IT'S NOT UNCOMMON TO USE 8 - 12 OUNCES OF LEAD. USE A DRIFT SOCK OR 5-GALLON BUCKET IF NEEDED AND ADJUST WEIGHT AS NEEDED BASED ON THE DRIFT. USE A SIZE 8 IN-LINE CIRCLE HOOK FOR LIVE BAIT, GROUPER HAVE BIG MOUTHS. FISHIN FRANKS CAN SET YOU UP WITH THE PROPER GEAR.

### BAIT:

LIVE SQUIRRELFISH, PINFISH, SMALL GRUNTS (ONE OF MY FAVORITES), FROZEN SARDINES, SQUID, AND OCTOPUS WILL WORK; I DON'T THINK GROUPER ARE FUSSY EATERS. LATELY THE LIVE BAIT HAS BEEN IN 35' - 50' OF WATER AND CAUGHT USING A SABIKI RIG.

### THE BITE:

THE BITE IS A HARD TUG ON THE LINE. NOT A TUG AND RUN, BUT A TUG. REEL 5 OR 6 CRANKS TO GET THE FISH OFF THE BOTTOM AND YOU ARE SET. IT'S KEY THAT ENOUGH WEIGHT IS USED TO KEEP THE LINE VERTICAL, IF YOUR LINE IS TELESCOPING AWAY FROM THE BOAT THAT GIVES THE FISH A BETTER CHANCE TO SWIM BACK INTO STRUCTURE.

### IN-SHORE/NEAR SHORE:

SMALLER GAG GROUPER CAN BE CAUGHT THROUGHOUT THE HARBOR BY STRUCTURE; ALLIGATOR REEF, THE ROCKS BY FISHERMAN'S' VILLAGE/LASHLEY, DOCKS BY BOCA, AND CHANNEL MARKERS. PITCH A SHRIMP.

TROLLING A STRETCH 30 OR 15 ON THE REEFS, THE PASS, ORANGE ROCKS BY CAYO COSTA, AND NEAR SHORE BY STRUCTURE HAS ALSO BEEN SUCCESSFUL; WITH SEVERAL RESULTS IN KEEPER SIZE GAGS.

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## Fishing Report

For 2023 I have a goal to be a better angler and catch more fish. Not sure about you, but for the average angler like myself the fishing has been tough. The combination of high winds, low tides, and cold temperatures have made it tough to get out; and catching nice fish even harder. I decided the best way to achieve my goal is to fish different areas more often. The upper portion of the of the Peace River by shell creek and the powerlines is a good place for me to start based on the time of year. There's protection from the wind, lots of deep holes, and if the fish aren't biting the scenery is nice with the Roseate Spoonbills and Wood Storks starting to roost.

The fishing (catching) has been most consistent up the Peace River, Turtle and Bull Bay, and in Gasparilla Sound/Three Sisters' area. Chances of getting an in-shore slam is within reach. Redfish and Snook are by the bushes and trout by the grassy bars. Shrimp and paddle tails are getting the most bites.

The Trout bite continues to be the best bet, fishing by grassy areas with deeper pot holes given the cooler water temperatures. Our club expert, Randy Douet, uses a 3" DOA "red glitter shrimp" with an egg-shaped popping cork in the winter.

Decent size Black Drum have been out and about in the canals. Some that have been seen by Mike White are in the 48" range; seen not hooked. Can you hear them "drumming" at night? If Drum are the fish of choice, try pitching shrimp several feet from the dock or in a deep hole.

There's a school of nice size Pompano swimming around to the south and have been caught on the lower west wall, Cape Haze, Gasparilla Sound, pilings by the phosphate docks, beaches, and Burnt Store bar/2 pines area. If fishing areas by a sand bar to the south, run the outside of the bar and look for them jumping behind the wake of the boat. It's always worth a try to silly jig or a jighead with a paddletail and bounce it off the bottom. Jim McCarty heard similar reports and ran the bars on the east wall with no luck. Jim confirmed nice size Pompano being caught by the docks at Boca.

Don't be surprised if the Sheepshead bite picks up in-shore for February; both is quantity and size.

Amberjack have been caught at Box Car eating Grunts. Not huge ones, but a lot of them (probably other bait too).

# FEBRUARY FISHING REPORT

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Welcome new and existing members to the 2023 Fishing Club. The number of members this year is 224, down 40% from last years total of 375. Much of this reduction is most likely due to members who have not paid their annual dues. If you have not paid your dues, there is still time.

The Social and Events Directors have many great activities planned for the coming year, don't miss out on these wonderful events.

Bill Muir

PGI Fishing Club Membership Director



Bill Muir

Membership Director

# MEMBERSHIP

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Happy New Year!

I hope that all of you had a wonderful holiday season (surviving the cold-BRRR!) and a very Happy New Year.

Best wishes to all for a happy and healthy 2023, and of course, successful fishing and lots of fun this year.

As you know, we have moved our Happy Hour to the Elks club every Wednesday at 5pm- We have had some great turnouts and it is great to see old friends and meet new ones. 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. Right now, they only have outside facilities but have put up a tent and are cooking in their outside kitchen/grill and have secured a nice portable bathroom. They are very appreciative of our support as they recover from Ian, and as they continue to support local charities as well, so please come and have some fun!

What a great turnout for our annual Christmas party- completely sold out! Thanks to all of you who helped check in, sell raffle tickets. What a tremendous response for Toys for Tots and we were grateful to host our marine, Jamie and his wife, to thank them for their service. We donated \$515 to them as well. Thank you all for bringing joy to children in our area this holiday season. Hold the date for December 19th, 2023, for our party next year.

Thank you to Debra Guido for opening her lovely home for a very successful Ladies Holiday Ornament Exchange. Some wonderful ornaments were brought, clearly some thought was put into them, and everyone enjoyed great food, and getting to know some new friends as well. We even had many of the men join us after 5pm to gather around the Tiki Bar on a beautiful night. We look forward to doing this again next year. Thanks to all that contributed to the Homeless Coalition drive- very much needed.



Social Events  
Christine White

# SOCIAL EVENTS

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Social Events  
Christine White

Bunco continues to be a tremendous success for the ladies. Rosanne Kruse has kindly offered to host Bunco on Monday, January 16th at her lovely condo in Vivante. You must sign up on the Club website as maximum is 16 attendees- we will have a waitlist and will open that up to 20 if we have enough interest. Looking for hosts for the next few months so please let me know if you are interested- you choose the date and number of attendees!

Cast 4 Kids has been rescheduled for January 28, 2023, with registration starting on January 2nd. They greatly appreciated our donation of \$150, which was from our Visani comedy show last year. Please consider getting involved- for those of us that did it in 2021, we cannot even describe the joy on these children's faces when they are out there fishing. Registration link here: [C.A.S.T. for Kids](#)  
- Charlotte Harbor | CAST for Kids Foundation

We have agreed to sponsor Michael and Debra Guido's' home for the Beyond Ourselves Home Tour, scheduled for February 4th, with a preview for volunteers on the 3rd. We will need volunteers to 1 2-hour shift Friday night, and 3 2-hour shifts on Saturday. All those that volunteer will be welcome back to the home that evening for some fun and music by Rudy Cox. How can you go wrong with volunteering for a great cause and a party! Please sign up on the club website.

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There has been interest in starting Ladies Lunches again this year, once a month. If you and some friends are interested in serving as a subcommittee for that, please let me know- a nice way to get to know some new members in a smaller setting. Looking for a subcommittee to plan a boat trip during the week to Cayo Costa or another location if you have interest in helping coordinate it would be greatly appreciated.

We have some promising ideas already in the works for 2023 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](mailto: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. Happy Holidays to you all and best wishes for a Happy New Year.



Social Events  
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.**

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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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Paula Arnold

Sunshine Lady

# SUNSHINE LADY

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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](mailto:g2873477@hotmail.com)

Gretchen Sunderland (Harbor Only; Especially, Beginner Women)

[gretchensun2@gmail.com](mailto:gretchensun2@gmail.com)

Fred De Mella (Inshore/Offshore)

[fdemella@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:editor@pgifishingclub.org)

# MEMBERS HELPING MEMBERS

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Club Website: <http://pgifishingclub.org>

Club Facebook: <http://facebook.com>

Search for “pgi fishing club”

Contest Rules:

[http://pgifishingclub.org/wordpress/?page\\_id=30](http://pgifishingclub.org/wordpress/?page_id=30)

General Information:

[http://pgifishingclub.org/wordpress/?page\\_id=101](http://pgifishingclub.org/wordpress/?page_id=101)

## CLUB LINKS

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Al Wade 12" Flounder



Bob Bretts 18" Trout



Diana McKenna 12.5" Sheepshead



Al Wade 21" Sheepshead



Christine White 20" Trout



Donna Sullivan 18" Trout



Al Wade Grunt



Cathy Hunt 13.5" Sheepshead



Elaine Bretts 18" Trout

# FISH PHOTOS JANUARY

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Fred DeMella Jack



Janet Holm 32" Black Drum



Gretchen Sunderland 18" Sheepshead



Jeff Barnhart 22" Grouper



Janet Holm 32" Black Drum



Jeff Wilson 15" Sheepshead

# FISH PHOTOS JANUARY

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Jenn Pollinger 24" Jack



Joanne Widney Pin Fish



John Fitzgerald 12"  
Sheepshead



Joanne Widney 27" Amber Jack



John Fitzgerald 27" Redfish



Nancy Pierson 14" Yellowtail

# FISH PHOTOS JANUARY

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Paul Whiting 20" and 25" Sea Trout



Rick Brown 17" Sheephead



Ron Kruse Gag Grouper



Ron Kruse 25" Trout



Sonia Nelson  
48" Cobia



Chip Peterson Amberjack

# FISH PHOTOS JANUARY

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Dave Dyke 24" Grouper



Mike Dougherty 24.5 Amberjack



Christine White 33" Drum



Janet Holm

13.5 Sheepshead



Mike White 32" Drum



Jack Howarth

17.5 Sheepshead



Donna Sullivan

13.5 Sheepshead



Fred DeMella 27" Grouper

# FISH PHOTOS JANUARY

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Tom Schmitt  
37" Snook



Tom Schmitt  
27" Redfish



Tom Schmitt 26" Jack



Tom Schmitt 31" Cobia

# FISH PHOTOS JANUARY

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# PGI FISHING CLUB EVENTS REPORT



January 2023



# *PGI Fishing Club – January 2023 Events & Member Fishing Activities*

The January Fish of the Month FOM was Sheepshead. January 2023 saw an increase in points eligible fish, participants, and quantity of fish compared to last month!

Fish/People facts:

- There were four impressive catches including a 37” snook by new member **Tom Schmitt**.
- Also, a 25” Sea Trout by **Ron Kruse**, 21” sheepshead by **Allen Wade** and a 48” Cobia by **Sonia Nelson** (she also earned her gold pin)
- Off-shore was a bit slow as to the many January cold-fronts passing through

Thanks to Paul Whiting for his ongoing amazing record keeping and reporting!



# FOM – Sheepshead

## January Winners

### Women:

1<sup>st</sup>- **Gretchen Sunderland** (18")

2<sup>nd</sup> – **Jan Holm** (13.5") tie

**Cathy Hunt** (13.5") tie

**Donna Sullivan** (13.5") tie

3<sup>rd</sup> – **Dianna McKenna** (12.5")

### Men:

**Allen Wade** (21")

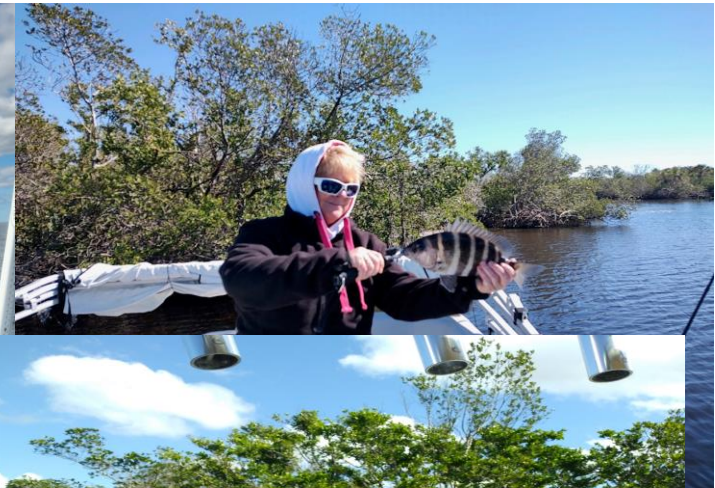
**Jack Howarth** (17.5")

**Rick Brown** (17")



# January Winners FOM/Women – Sheepshead

Gretchen Sunderland – 1<sup>st</sup> Place (18”) J. Holm, Cathy Hunt, Donna Sullivan (tie 2<sup>nd</sup> Place)  
(13.5”)





# January Winners – FOM/Men – Sheepshead

Allen Wade – 1<sup>st</sup> Place (21”), Jack Howarth – 2<sup>nd</sup> (17.5”), Rick Brown – 3<sup>rd</sup> (17”)

Will add Allen and Jack’s photos coming in next version....Rick Brown’s Sheepy





# Final Results – January 2023

Please let me know if anything does not look quite right or if I missed anything.

## **FISH** as of 01/31/23

- 32 total fish turned in (2400 points) by 24 different anglers
- FOM (Sheepshead):

### ○ Women

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Gretchen Sunderland – 18.0"
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Jan Holm – 13.5"  
Cathy Hunt – 13.5"  
Donna Sullivan – 13.5"
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Diana McKenna – 12.5"

### ○ Men –

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Allen Wade – 21.0"
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Jack Howarth – 17.5"
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Rick Brown – 17.0"

## Tidbits

Points fish and participants as well as quantity of fish submitted this month have nearly doubled with the holidays behind us. Our fish of the month, sheepshead, was the most common catch with 10 fish reported. There were four very impressive catches including new member Tom Schmitt with a 37" snook and Ron Kruse with a 25" seatrout. A very respectable 21" sheepshead was also reported by Allen Wade and Sonia Nelson earned her Gold Pin when she boated a 48" cobia. Off-shore species were hard to come by with cold fronts restricting those long runs to the grouper grounds.

- **Club Hat**  
Jen Pollinger  
Tom Schmitt
- **Bronze Pin**  
NONE
- **Silver Pin**  
Ron Kruse
- **Gold Pin**  
Sonia Nelson
- **Snook Pin**  
NONE
- **Redfish Pin**  
NONE
- **Tarpon Pin**  
NONE
- **GMA**  
NONE
- **GMA Star**  
NONE



## MEN'S DIVISION

WOMEN'S DIVISION

**This Year's LEADERS are in BLUE**

★★ Denotes New Club Record

**New Entries This Month are in RED**

Past winners of the Trophy Race													
2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Rich Brennan	Kel Krotzer	Greg Chestnut											
Christine Jordan	Margie Hoffman	Joanne Jankelak	Jim Quella	Steve Landman	Minnie Hoffman	Bob Vays	Gary Reeves	Darlene Madson	Dianna Buzowski	Joe Udvari	Debra Wilson	Rich Kale & Tim Gibbons	Christine Mohn
			Rene Amyr McCallum	Melvin Beckler		Kagor Loden	Rene Amyr McCallum			Lynn Bennett	Dianna Sylvester	Dianna Sylvester	



## LADDER OF ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS 2023 STANDINGS (JANUARY)

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

RED = Awards This Month

### Club Hats

**Jen Pollinger**  
**Tom Schmitt**

(BOLDstar = earned this year)

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](http://www.pgifishingclub.org)) Ladder of angling achievement page.



MASTER ANGLER TOURNAMENT  
2023 STANDINGS (JANUARY)

	AMBERJACK	BLACK DRUM	COBIA	GROUPER	KING MACKEREL	REDFISH	SEATROUT	SHEEPSHEAD	SNOOK	SPANISH MACKEREL
1st Place	Joanne Widney 27.0	Miko White 33.0	Sonia Nelson 46.0	Fred De Meits 27.0		John Fitzgerald 27.0	Ron Kruse 25.0	Allen Wade 21.0	Tom Schmitt 37.0	
2nd Place		Christine Fontaine 32.0		Jeff Barnhart 22.0			Christine Fontaine 20.0	Gretchen Sunderland 18.0		
		Jan Holm 32.0								
3rd Place				Ron Kruse 25.0			Bobby Bretts 18.0	Jack Howarth 17.5		
							Glaine Bretts 18.0			
							Donna Sullivan 18.0			

New this month are shown in Red

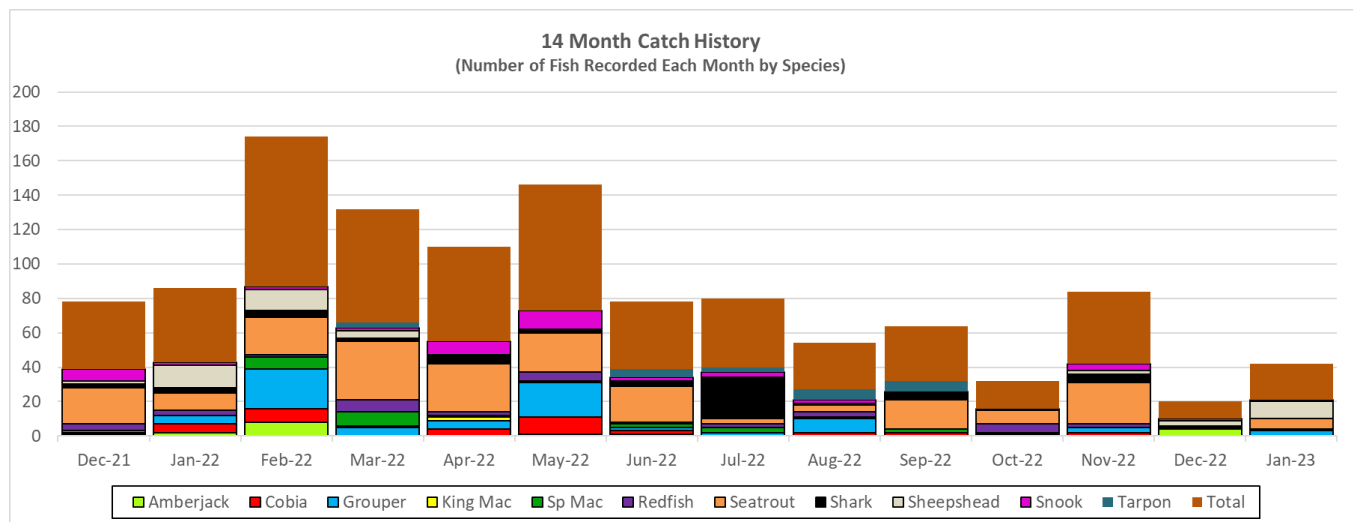


# The Month in Review (January 2023)

## Tidbits

. Points fish and participants as well as quantity of fish submitted this month have nearly doubled with the holidays behind us. Our fish of the month, sheepshead, was the most common catch with 10 fish reported. There were four very impressive catches including new member Tom Schmitt with a 37" snook and Ron Kruse with a 25" seatrout. A very respectable 21" sheepshead was also reported by Allen Wade and Sonia Nelson earned her Gold Pin when she boated a 48" cobia. Off-shore species were hard to come by with cold fronts restricting those long runs to the grouper grounds.

## What's Bite'n Chart



## Recorder's Data

### Monthly Performance

	November	December	January	
Anglers	23	12	24	↑
LOA Awards	7	3	4	↑
Fish Recorded	56	19	32	↑
Points Recorded	3100	1,200	2,400	↑



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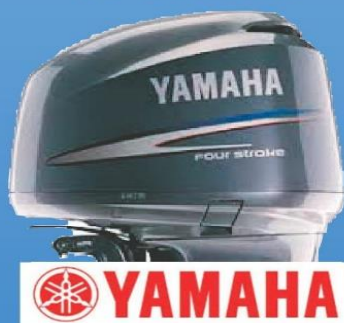
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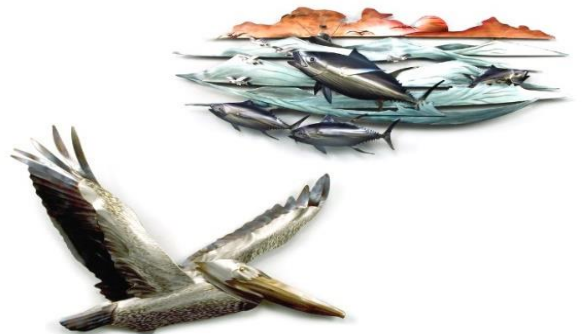
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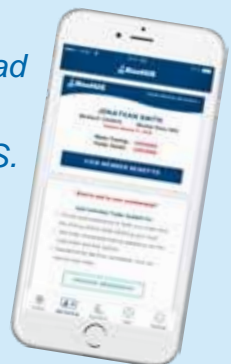
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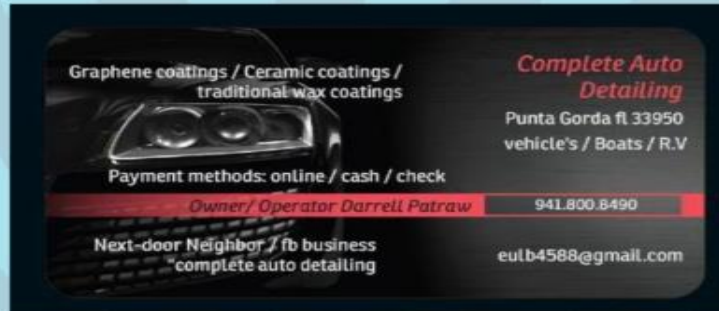
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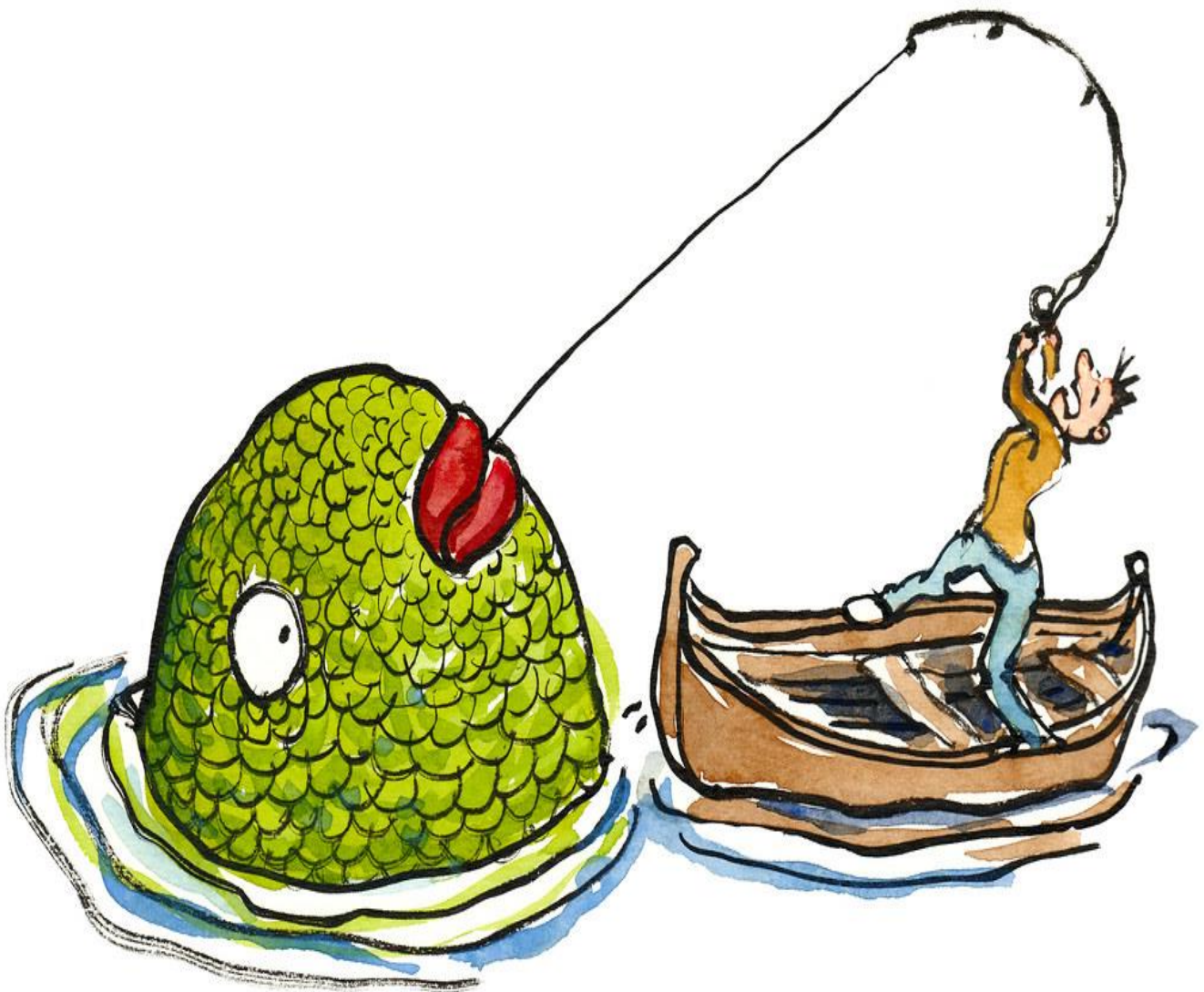


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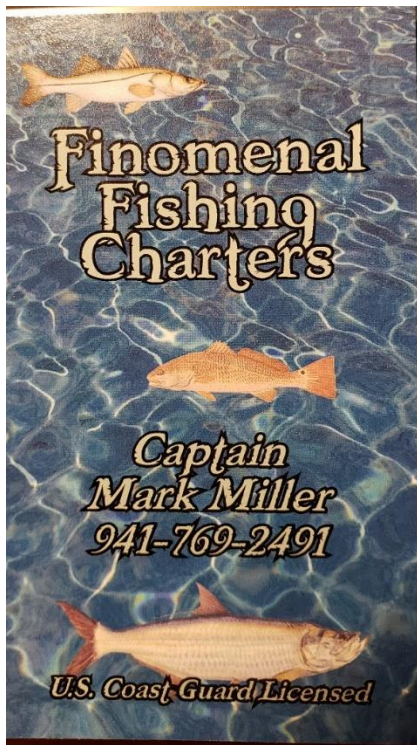
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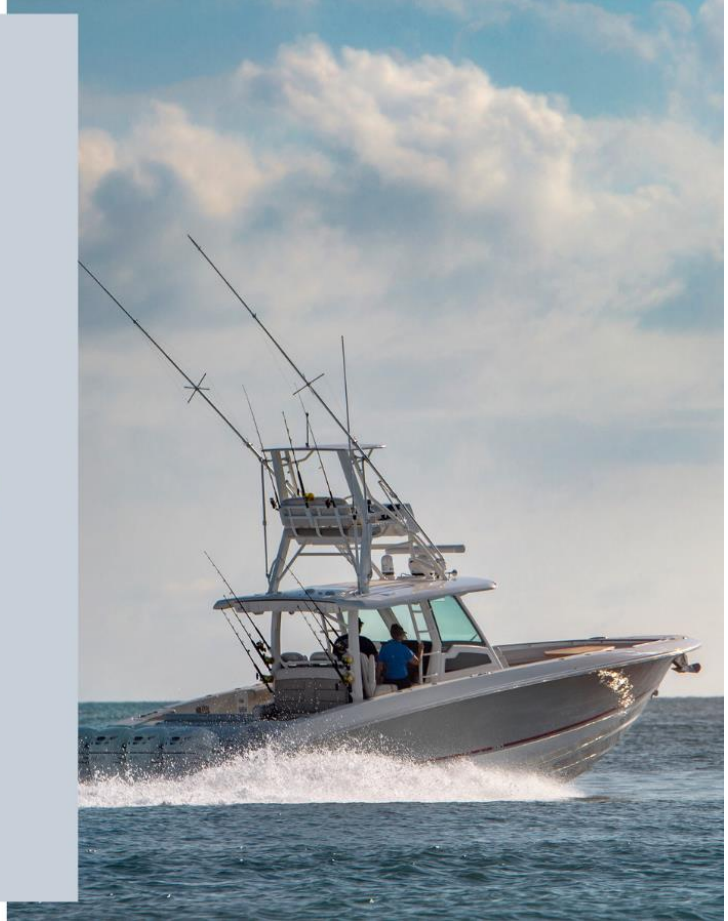


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