# FROM THE HELM

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

JUNE 2023

### Greetings from the President,

Hope your summer is going well. For those of us with hurricane damage, I hope it is also going well. The fishing has been good for most species and with low to just back ground concentrations of Red Tide it will continue to get better. Seems Cath Hunt an Chip Peterson have been doing well offshore for grouper with vertical jigging. I hope every one in the 3 Species Tournament does well. Unfortunately I am out because of knee surgery on May 24. However I did make it to the annual Venice fishing trip with Randy Douet, Chip Peterson and 6 others on May 17-19. What a great time for all , We targeted Trout, Flounder, Sheep Head, Drum, and of course Red Fish, and plenty of them. On the last day we targeted Bull Reds and had a great time. We had multiple hook ups with fish in the 40 to 45 inch class. Thanks to Randy for setting it up!!

Hope to see everyone at the next meeting on June 13, I will probably be on the cane by then.

Go fishing!!
Ron Deroche. President



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# FISHING REPORT



Fishing reports have slowed down due to the number of anglers having great success catching tarpon in the pass; it's that time of year. The water temperatures are rising and the salinity is decreasing as we approach rainy season; our fishing is changing. Lucky for us, we have many species that migrate in this time of year. We just need to change our technique, slow down the retrieve, and revive fish as needed.

For those not interested in "combat fishing" in the pass for tarpon there are still fish to be caught.

Cobia have been caught at the 41 bridge, live oak park, port charlotte beach pier, off the bars on both walls, and alligator reef.

Spanish Mackerel are on Cape Haze Bar, Cape Haze/Danger Reef, Bokeelia Bar, and have moved into the lower part of the rivers.

Smaller sharks are in the same location as Spanish Mackerel and bigger sharks are near "the hill".

Permit have been caught, but catches and locations not shared. I would guess boxcar reef in the early morning with crabs, identifying the depth, and using a bobber stopper.

Most folks know American Red Snapper season is extended this summer and weekends in October and November. The closing of red grouper during ARS opening is a real disappointment.

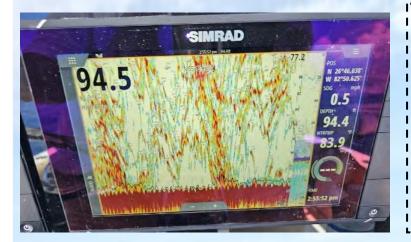
There is still a lot of fun stuff to target off-shore. The summer months can bring lower wave heights; making off-shore obtainable for folks that normally wouldn't go.

Check out the Bayronto ship wreck. It's ~35 miles from the pass and doable for many boats on a calm summer day. Catching AJ's and barracuda can be a lot of fun. Sharks and goliath groper are also a likely catch; or will eat your catch as you are fighting it.

# FISHING REPORT



We rarely fish directly over the wreck. We tend to troll the area with a cuda tube and a cedar plug as we look for fish on the electronics; searching for the pelagics and fish busting on the surface. If you see something like the below picture, you have hit the jack pot with AJ's. Get ready to get hooked up and have a great fight.



You can see the AJs in various water columns. Drop a blue runner, leather jack, grunt, pinfish, cigar minnow, squirrel, or whatever you have and get ready. Best to use heavy gear with at least 50lb line and 50lb leader. The weight will vary based on current, but usually 8oz or less will be more than enough. Remember AJs are measured to the fork.

Be quick to release the fish! There are many sharks in this area and don't get the fish sharked at the boat and put yourself in danger.

Cathy Hunt - VP

# FISH of the MONTH

JANUARY: SHEEPSHEAD

FEBRUARY: GROUPER

MARCH: SPANISH MACKEREL

APRIL: SNOOK

Мау: Совіа

JUNE: JACK CREVALLE

JULY: SHARK

AUGUST: TARPON

SEPTEMBER: SEATROUT

OCTOBER: REDFISH

**NOVEMBER: MANGROVE SNAPPER** 

DECEMBER: BLACK DRUM













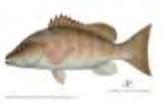














## Fish of the Month For JUNE

# Location, Description, Tips, Tackle and Bait





### Gear, Tackle, Rigging, and Technique:

- Medium to light rod with a 3,000 spinning reel or whatever you have will work.
- 20-pound braid tied to 20-pound leader will get the job done. Jacks don't seem to be line shy when they are feeding. If fishing around a lot of structure you may want to go heavier.
- X-rap, spoons, Wild Eyed Storm Shads, and most other lures work when they are feeding. Always crimp the bards when using tremble hooks, or replace treble hooks with a single hook.
- A lure with some weight will increase casting distance and increase chances of a hook up. That's why I like storm shads; they are heavy and have a single hook.
- Look for "boiling water"; that signifies something is feeding on bait pods. Cast through the bait pod and retrieve fast. They are very aggressive when feeding.
- Trolling can also be productive.

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### Fish of the Month For JUNE

# Location, Description, Tips

### Tackle and Bait



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### **Summer Locations:**

- Look for schools of mullet, other baitfish, and birds diving.
- Troll off the sandbars and near the beaches this time of year.
- Can be found off shore, but not common.

### **Additional Information:**

### Fork length measurement.

- Black spot on their gill and pectoral fin.
- They put up a good fight for their size.
- Not very good eating; but some people do eat them.
- Make excellent shark bait. Keep it alive and use a sinker on a shark set up outside
   Turtle Bay or "the hill"; you'll get great results!

### Cathy Hunt – VP



# FISHING EVENTS





# PGI Fishing Club 2023 Upcoming Fishing Tournaments

<u>FIVE FISH Tournament</u> (October 27 – 30, 2023) Winners for longest fish in each species for Women, Men, New Members. Five species: Redfish, Mangrove Snapper, Snook, \*Permit, Yellowtail Snapper.

<u>HOLIDAY Tournament- 3 FOR 30</u> (November 25 – 29, 2023) Catch three different species for total of at least 30". Six species: Mangrove Snapper, Spotted Seatrout, Redfish, \*Jack Crevalle, \*Shark, Grouper.

### **Tournament Particulars:**

- All events award three categories- Women, Men, New Members Men & Women (joined since 9/15/21)
- 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> places for each category (\$35, \$25, \$15 gift certs)
- Registration closes at 11:59 the night before the tournament.
- All fish pics must be submitted by 4:00PM the last day of tournament.
- Weigh-In: not a true weigh-in, do not bring dead fish. You in your fish photo is proof of your catch.
- Max of one award per member per event.
- PGIFC members only, no charter caught entries please, fish caught within 50 miles of Charlotte Harbor. Event dates subject to conditions.
- Fish of the Month entries count as tournament entries.

\*Fork Length- From FWC: "Fish regulated by fork length are measured from tip of the jaw or tip of snout with closed mouth to the center of the fork in tail."

Questions, Concerns, Comments – Contact Events Director, Chuck at chuckpearson431@gmail.com

### MAY RESULTS

### Club & Individual Fishing Statistics



REPORTED CATCHES as of 5/31/2023 and FISH OF THE MONTH (FOM) RESULTS

38 total fish turned in (2700 points) by 23 different anglers

### FOM (COBIAS):

<u>Women</u> <u>Men</u>

1st – Jan Holm– 31.0" 1st – John FitzGerald – 35.0"

2nd – None 2nd - None

3rd - None 3rd - None

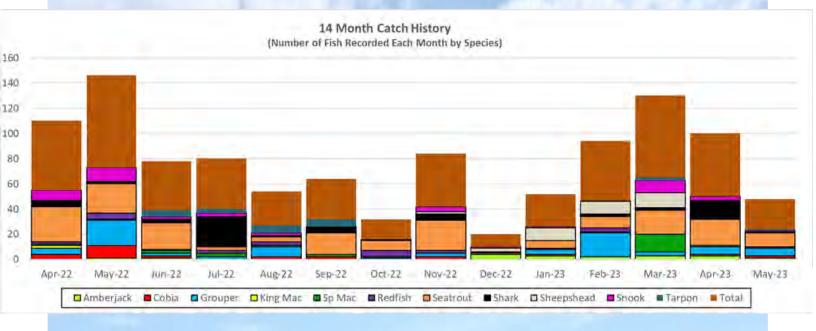
### **Interesting Tidbits**

As we move into the early summer months, the number of our anglers who have northern homes or are traveling continues to lessen our overall number of fish reported with 23 anglers submitting 38 catches this month. Our FOM, Cobia, had a meager showing with only two fish reported. Seatrout were cooperative with 11 catches up to 23" reported. Only a few folks got out to the grouper grounds this month to report 6 catches. Oddly, only one tarpon was reported even though we are in the pinnacle of their season. My guess is, very few of us want to do the Tarpon dance with our boats among those many tarpon guides currently drifting Boca Pass. Fred De Mella caught a nice African Pompano in 90' out of Boca Grande as his "Patriotic Duty" the day after Memorial Day – check out the photo in our newsletter.

<u>Club Hat</u>		Bronze Pin
Beth Watkins		None
<u>Silver Pin</u>		Gold Pin
None		Jack Botbyl
Snook Pin		Redfish Pin
None		Chip Peterson
<u>Tarpon Pin</u>		<u>GMA</u>
None	ACHIEVEMENTS	None
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None		

# WHAT'S BITE'N





### Recorder's Data

### **Monthly Performance**

	March	April	May	
Anglers	35	25	23	$\downarrow$
LOA Awards	4	11	3	<b>V</b>
Fish Recorded	79	59	28	<b>4</b>
<b>Points Recorded</b>	3800	7,900	2,400	<b>4</b>

# TROPHY RACE (Men)

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OVERALL CLUB RECORD	SPECIES NAME	MEMBER NAME	RECORD LENGTH in INCHES			2023 LENGTH in INCHES	DATE CAUGHT	% OF RECORD
					Jeff Barnhart		2/28/2023	
X	Amberjack	Joe Udwari	53.5	2019		40.0		74.8%
						-		
Х	Black Drum	Mike White	51.5	2019	Mike White	32.0	1/29/2023	62.1%
X	Cobia	Rich Kale	66.0	2022	Mike Trost	35.0	4/6/2023	53.0%
	1				<b>Bob Gariepy</b>	,	2/21/2023	
					Joe Udwari	- 79.0	2/20/2023	
X	Grouper	Tom Hamilton	39.0	2003	Andy Athens	29.0	4/4/2023	74.4%
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x	King Macke- rel	John MacLeman	52.0	2012+F17: I53F17:I51 F17F17:H				0.0%
х	Redfish	Mike White	47.0	2020	Allen Wade	30.0	2/22/2023	63.8%
3.4	-	Rich Brennan	29.0	2009	Mike White		2/2/2023	
X	Seatrout	Aaron Wagner	29.0	2012		26.0		89.7%
V	Charachae d				Mike White	24.5	2/2/2023	0.4.00/
X	Sheepshead	Mike White	26.0	2022		24.5		94.2%
Х	Snook	Vinnie Madsen	45.0	2014	Mike White	49.0	3/11/2023	108.9%
		Tim Gibbons		2021		1		
	Spanish				Fred Benson		4/15/2023	
X	Mackerel	Carl Leicher	30.0	2012	Mark Storm	21.5	3/22/2023	71.7%
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# TROPHY RACE (Women)

OVERALL CLUB RECORD	SPECIES NAME	MEMBER NAME	RECORD LENGTH in INCHES		MEMBER NAME	2023 LENGTH in INCHES	DATE CAUGHT	% OF RECORD
	Amberjack	Darlene Madsen	40.0	2017	Joanne Widney	27.0	1/10/2023	67.5%
	Black Drum	Christine Fontaine White	52.0	2022	Jan Holm	42.0	5/7/2023	80.8%
	Cobia	Joanne Landaker	50.0	2008	Sonia Nelson	48.0	1/10/2023	96.0%
	Grouper	Marilyn McGregor Dianne Bukowski	50.0 37.0	2013	Cathy Hunt	31.5	4/2/2023	85.1%
	King Mackerel	Nancy Pearson	40.0	2022				0.0%
	Redfish	Donnie Brennan Missy Becker	38.0 38.0	2008 2008				0.0%
	Seatrout	Joanne Landaker	26.5	2011	Elaine Bretts	23.0	5/12/2023	86.8%
	Sheeps- head	Dianne Bukowski	22.5	2021	Cathy Hunt	21.0	3/4/2023	93.3%
	Snook	Missy Becker	42.0	2013	Donna Sullivan	37.0	3/21/2023	88.1%
	Spanish Mackerel	Missy Becker	28.0	2007	Gretchen Sunderland		3/20/2023	80.4%
	Mackerer	Lynn Reeves	28.0	2019				

This Year's LEADERS are in BLUE

★★ Denotes New Club Record New Entries This Month are in RED

### PAST WINNERS OF ISLES TROPHY RACE

2009	Rich Brennan, Christine Jordan	2016	Gary Reeves, Rose Ann McCaffrey
2010	010 Kel Krotzer, Margie Hofman		Rich Kle, Darlene Madsen
2011	2011 Greg Chestnut, Joanne Landacre		Joe Udwari, Dianne Bukowski
2012	Jim Quorollo, Rose Ann McCaffrey		Joe Udwari, Lynn Reeves
2013	Steve Landacre, Missy Becker	2020	Mike White, Dianne Bukowski
2014 Vinnie Madsen, Margie Hofman		2021	Rich Kale / Tim Gibbons, Dianne Bukowski
2015	Bob Mays, Karen Lodge	2022	Rich Kale, Christine White

MAY RESULTS—LADDER OF ACHIEVEMENT									
BRONZE	SILVER			LIFETIME LEVEL III	GRAND N	MASTER ANGLER			
				TARPON	GMA	TOTAL STARS			
Sherry Barrett	Jeff Bellairs	Gary Adams	Paula Arnold	Doug Arnold	Frank Barrett	Jeff Barnhart	**		
Trudi Baxter	Joanna Boeckl	Jack Botbyl	Mary Heins	Mike Dougherty	Rick Brown	Ron Baxter			
Tori Brown	Marc Boeckl	Ken Garden	Chuck Henry	Doug Du Fresne	Dick Conant	Fred Benson	•		
Bob Critchfield	Todd Brooks	Dale Hall	Tom Hunt	Theresa FitzGerald	Dave Dyke	Larry Benz	*		
Colleen De Mella	Anne Careau	Bill Hess	Larry Kissner	Jenny Goodell	Marv Dyrstad	Rich Brennan	*****		
Tom desEnfants	Carl Cucco	Karen Lodge	Michael Knipe	Bill Guenther	Ed Girzi	Donnie Brennan	*		
Sharon Dyke	Don Cummins	Sonia Nelson	Jim LaRocca	Ken Hardesty	Bob Mays	Bob Bretts	*****		
Mike Endres	Yvette Du Fresne	Cheryl Panetta	Marie LaRocca	Jack Howarth	Diana McKenna	Elaine Bretts	****		
Richard Farmer	Kathy desEnfants	Gary Selzer	Tom Lodge	Julie Kale	Bill Muir	Dianne Bukowski	*		
Steve Fritz	Tony Destefano	Steve Trego	Sherry Moerke	Jonathan Landon	Lynn Reeves	Joe Bukowski	**		
Chris Gibbons	Tamara Dillman	Sheree Wolfinger	William Neff	Mark Lee	Jack Spies	Jim Crawley	*		
Frank Grazier	Joanell Dyrstad		Nancy Pearson	Marty McCaffrey	Mark Storm	Fred De Mella	***		
Jim Gregory	Richard Embury		John Simonieg	Rose Anne McCaf- frey	Gretchen Sunder- land	Mark Dillman			
Renee Gibbons	Gary Frost		Ed Verminski	Dennis McKenna	Karen Udwari	Dick Doster			
Bob Giffin	Tim Gibbons		Paul Whiting	Gary Moerke	Allen Wade	Randy Douet	***		
Sheryl Hatch	Art Goodell		Ted Wierzbanowski	Chip Peterson	Rich Willingmyre	John Fitzgerald	•		
David Hatch	Randy Hall			John Saitta		Christine Fon- taine	*		
Tom Hay	Roz Hickey			Joseph Zurad		Bob Gariepy	**		
Scott Hutchins	Jack Hinnenthal					John Gettinger	***		
Jack Jonaitis	Larry Hofmeister					Mike Gilger	*		
Dennis Jones	Dave Joe		RED = Awards This Month			Tom Hickey	*		
Fran Krausman	Lisa Kellythorne					Jim Hoffman	*		
Buddy Krauss	Mike Knipe					Margie Hoffman			
Richard Larson	Ron Kruse					Jan Holm			
Bob Mueller	Denys LaChance		Club Hats			Cathy Hunt	***		
Patricia Nalipi	Kevin LaPointe		Beth Watkins			Bud Johnston			
Chuck Pearson	John McFarland					Cindi Johnston			
Chris Pflaum	Mike Nalipi					Rich Kale	****		
Chris Pollinger	Wayn Nelson					Dennis Krausman	****		
Doug Salminen	Randy Page					Kel Krotzer	***		
Mark Schruer	Kim Pflaum					Carl Leicher	•		
Alan Schulman	Paul Robinson					Joe Maillet			
Jess Searle	Hezzie Samons					Pete McGregor	**		
Miriam Taylor	Mike Sandling					Jude Panetta	***		
Patti Topper	Deb Sarkisian					Tom Parsons	**		
Mike Trost	Tom Schmitt					Gary Reeves			
Roxie Trost	Gary Skillicorn					Rick Sarkisian	****		
Greg Widney	Lynne Stockinger					John Stockinger			
Joanne Widney	Don Taylor						*		
	Mike Trost					Ron Topper	****		
	Mike Wagner		(BOLD st earned th			Joe Udwari	*****		
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Mike White

Jeff Wilson

John Wolfinger

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Sandy Wierzban-owski

Tom Youngblood

Lenny Zimka

# MAY RESULTS

### **MASTER ANGLERS TOURNAMENT, 2023**

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1st Place	Jeff Barn- hart	40.0	Jan Holm	42.0	Sonia Nelson		Cathy Hunt	31.5			Allen Wade	30.0	Mike White	26.0	Mike White	24.5	Mike White	49.0	Gretchen Sun- derland	22.5
2nd Place	Joe Udwari	38.0	Christine Fontaine	33.0	Mike Trost	35. 0	Andy Athens	29.0			John Fitz- Gerald	27.0	Jim Crawley	25.0	Cathy Hunt	21.0	Tom Schmitt	37.0	Nancy Pearson	22.0
							Bob Gariepy	29.0					Ron Kruse	25.0	Allen Wade	21.0	Donna Sullivan	37.0		
							Joe Udwari	29.0					Joe Zuad	25.0						
			<u> </u>								Jim Greg- ory	23.0						I		1
3rd Place	Chip Peter- son	34.5	Mike White	32.0	Jan Holm	31. 0	Chip Peter- son	28.5					Bobby Bretts	23.0	Mark Dillman	20.0	Rick Brown	34.0	Fred Benson	21.5
													Elaine Bretts	23.0	Dennis Mc- Kenna	20.0			Mark Storm	21.5
															Donna Sullivan	20.0				

New this month are shown in Red

# MAY RESULTS

### **MASTER ANGLER ACHIEVEMENTS**



**RICH BRENNAN'S 10TH STAR** 

**BOBBY BRETTS 8TH STAR** 



# MAY MEETING MINUTES



President: Ronald Deroche Location/Time: PGICA auditorium, 5/9/23, 6:00 p.m.

Attendees: 67 Notes By Nancy Pearson

Treasurer: \$12,787 in the bank

**Door Prize Winner: JACK HINNENTHAL** 

50/50 Winners: BOB GARIEPY (1st), BRITT SAITA (2nd), JOE LOMBARDY (3rd)

Fishing Events: FOM April Winners - Snook - Fishin' Franks gift cards

Women: \$35 1st - Donna Sullivan 20"

Men: \$35 1st - Rick Brown 34", 2nd - Jim Gregory 23.5"

THREE SPECIES TOURNAMENT was announced. 3 species, catch at least two of the following: Mangrove Snapper, Jack Crevalle, Spotted Seatrout. Tournament Dates: June 2 to 5, 2023. Winners: 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places for each category (\$35, \$25, \$15 gift certs). Prizes awarded for each species caught. Lots of awards offered! Registration: Send entry email to chuckpearson431@gmail.com. Pictures Due: 4pm, the last day of the tournament at fish-photos@pgifishingclub.org. Photo submissions must include name, date caught, length of fish, with a pic of you and your entire fish. Weigh-In Celebration: Last day of tournament, 6pm sharp at Beef O'Brady's (Punta Gorda). Door Prizes!

### **Tournament Particulars**

- Event awards three categories- Women, Men, New Members (joined since 9/15/21). Please indicate new member when you enter.
- All fish photos must include you, date caught, fish length.
- Weigh-In Celebration 6pm sharp at Beef O'Brady's, 1105 Taylor Rd. Punta Gorda, 33950. (941) 505-2333.
- Great Door Prizes too. You'll be entered when you register. Must be present to win door prizes.
- Max of one award per member. This is a no-kill tournament. PGIFC members only event.
   Fish must be caught in Charlotte Harbor and/or within 50 miles, no charter caught fish please.
- Event dates are subject to change due to weather.
- Questions? Concerns? Email Chuck at chuckpearson431@gmail.com

# MAY MEETING MINUTES



Meeting Notes, Continued

LOA: Club Hat - Andy Athens, Jim Gregory, Jim Kunard, and Tony Norwicki
Bronze Pin- Jim Gregory, Dug Salminen, Tom Schmitt
Silver Pin – Tom Schmitt
Gold Pin – none
Snook Pin – none
Redfish Pin – Joseph Zurad
Tarpon Pin – none
GMA – none
GMA – none
GMA Star – Rich Brennan #10
Bobby Bretts #8

Guest Speaker: Karl Butigian

**KB Back Country Charters** 

941-565-7325

Meeting adjourned 7:08 pm

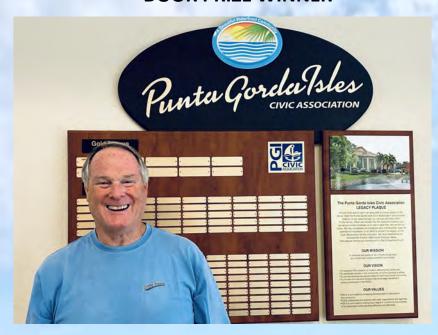
**Submitted by Nancy Pearson** 



# RAFFLES



### **DOOR PRIZE WINNER**



**JACK HINNENTHAL** 

### 50-50 DRAWING WINNERS



BOB GARIEPY (1st), BRITT SAITA (2nd), JOE LOMBARDY (3rd)

# SOCIAL EVENTS



Hoping this finds everyone well and enjoying the slower pace of the summer months here in Paradise.

We have formally moved our general meeting to start at 6pm, with Happy Hour from 7-8pm. Beer, wine, soda and snacks will be served. Please join us for an informative meeting and come share some fishing stories over cocktails. We've even seen a movement from cookies to some nice appetizers and that is very welcome by the club. Feel free to bring an appetizer, or dessert to share- it is greatly appreciated. We have had some HH's with lots of members staying behind to socialize and meet new folks!

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.

If anyone is interested in hosting Bunco in the next few months, please let me know- always a fun time and a great way to get to know the ladies of the club and make new friends!

We'll be looking for volunteers to help with the Elks Kids fishing event on June 10th. We'll need help checking in, baiting lines, recording fish caught, and helping the kids reel in the fish! Volunteers should be at the Elks by 7:30am to make sure we are ready when the kids arrive at 9am. If you have friends, neighbors, and family nearby that would like to participate, please let them know about the event. Kids from everywhere are invited- as long as they are accompanied by an adult- they do not need to be an Elk! All kids will get their own fishing kit, along with their own pole to take home. Fishing is followed by lunch and awards. Hope to see many of you there!

Save the date for December 19th for our annual Christmas party. Registration will open up in the fall but put it in your calendar now.

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 and my phone is 443-534-7890. If you would like to get involved and help with the social committee, the more the merrier.

Christine White, Social Director

# SUNSHINE LADY

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



We care! If you become aware of someone in the club that needs a card for any reason, please let me know. I can also provide a meal for or visit someone who is in need. Please call or email me

Paula Arnold

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# CLUB LEADERSHIP



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# MEMBERSHIP REPORT



Membership for May is holding steady with 337 members.

### New members for May.

Beth Watkins with home on Francesca Ct. Please welcome her to the Club

### **Name Tags**

Good news, we are now able to provide Name Tags for those who wish to purchase them. These are great, especially for our new members, and all of us who cannot remember names. For your reference, to see what it looks like, below is a copy of my official Fishing Club name tag. If you have a prior version, or even a name tag from another club, those are fine, please wear these at club functions to help us all get acquainted.



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# MEMBERS HELPING MEMBERS



Its fun to succeed! One of the great things about our club are the members we have who are willing to take new members out for a day of fishing to help them learn our waters. Below is a list of members that are willing to host you for a fishing trip in our local waters:

- Gary Burgess (Harbor Only), g2873477@hotmail.com
- Gretchen Sunderland (Harbor Only, especially for beginner women), gretchensun2@gmail.com
- Fred De Mella (Inshore or Offshore) fdemella@gmail.com



Contact them through email to arrange a trip.

Members, if you want to take another member out on your boat, please send your contact information to: editor@pgifishingclub.org

# CLUB LINKS

THE PGI FISHING CLUB IS A CLUB OF THE PUNTA GORDA
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**CLUB WEBSITE**: http://pgifishingclub.org

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# CLASSIFIED ADS



### 2010 Grady White 366 Canyon, \$250,000

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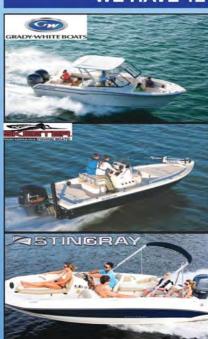
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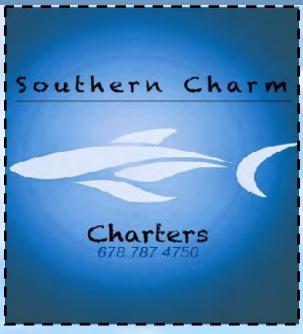
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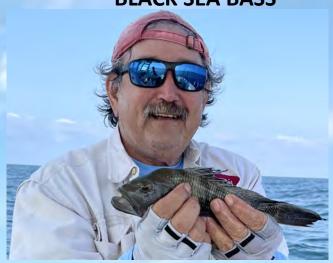




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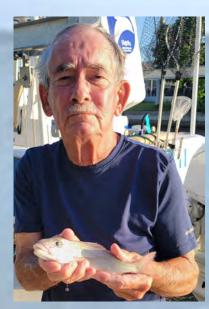


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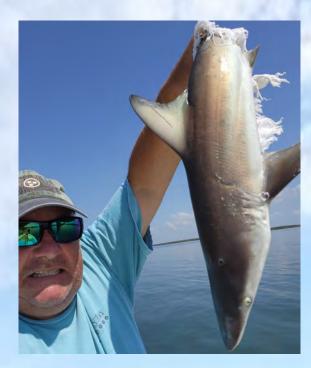
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