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PUNTA GORDA ISLES CIVIC ASSOCIATION
(PGICA)

OCTOBER 2024



Good News! Fred De Mella has agreed to become our Advertising Director for this year and was approved by the board. Thank you, Fred!

The slate for the Board of Directors of next year is nearly complete. These include

President	Bill Muir	Vice President	Glenn Ranfos
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The only position that remains open is Secretary. The Secretary's duties are relatively light, primarily involving the recording and distribution of actions taken by the FC Board. Additionally, the Secretary directly participates in shaping the direction of the Fishing Club through their input. The time requirement is about 2 hours per month. If you are interested or know someone who might be, please reach out!

Fall Picnic Fun

Our Social Director, Jennifer Huey, organized a fantastic Fall picnic that included a chili contest and a scarecrow-making contest. Participants had a blast creating various likenesses, including Daisey May among others. It was a wonderful event that brought our community together and showcased our creativity and culinary skills.

Membership Drive

The Club membership is down from previous highs, a trend experienced by most of the clubs in the PGICA. You can help by encouraging your neighbors and friends to join, even if they don't know how to fish. A major mission of the Fishing Club is to teach new members how to fish in our local waters. Let's work together to grow our community and share the joy of fishing with others.

Thank you for your continued support and participation in the Fishing Club. We look forward to seeing you at our next event!

Tight lines, Bill Muir, Interim-President

October Meeting is Cancelled. Next Meeting is: Tuesday November 12 @ 6 pm at PGICA

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FISHING REPORT For SEPTEMBER

**DUE TO HURRICANE MILTON, THERE IS NO FISHING REPORT
THIS MONTH.**

STAY SAFE—SEE YOU SOON.

Editor

FISH of the MONTH

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: SPOTTED SEA TROUT



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>

Fish of the Month For OCTOBER

Location, Description, Tips, Tackle and Bait

REDFISH



General:

- Charlotte harbor regional slot 18" – 27"; 1 per vessel, 2 per boat
- Points fish 25"=100, 30"=200, 35"= 300
- Have 1 or more black spots near the tail

Locations:

- Bars/bushes by burnt store and east wall, pine island sound, turtle bay, bull bay, and Gasparilla sound
- Just off the beaches – look for dark area in water, birds, and fish feeding
- Drifting near mangroves and over grass flats
- Often found with schools of mullet
- The Passes and nearby sounds

Gear/Technique

- An 8 – 14 rod with a 3,000 spinning reel
- 15lb – 20lb 4' leader
- If targeting "bull reds" consider beefing up the gear and leader; especially when fishing around structure
- The fish spook easily; keep quiet. Many folks drift or pole into the school
- Can be very picky eaters. White bait, crabs, shrimp, gold spoon, and soft plastics
- A soft plastic on a popping cork (spotted seatrout set up) and topwater lures are also good choices
- The bite is solid, when it takes the bait, you know it, set the hook, and have fun

Copied from last year 's submission by Cathy Hunt

SEPTEMBER RESULTS

Club & Individual Fishing Statistics



REPORTED CATCHES as of 9/30/2024 and FISH OF THE MONTH (FOM) RESULTS

25 total fish turned in (2800 points) by 16 different anglers

FOM (BLACK DRUM)

Women

1st - Cathy Hunt, 38"

2nd - Donna Sullivan, 21"

3rd - None

Men

1st - Jeff Barnhart, 39.5"

2nd - Jeff Wilson, 36"

3rd - Dennis McKenna, 17"

Interesting Tidbits

September was probably our last month to have our northern members away as many will begin coming down next month. Our number of catches, points, and anglers nearly doubled our August totals. Our FOM, Black Drum, had a reporting of 5 catches up to 39.5". The weather this month was quite warm and nearby Hurricane Helene brought its own set of high-water problems to PGI. Thankfully, our storm surge, though rather high for a storm 300 miles to our west, came and went quickly, unlike our neighbors in the mountains of North Carolina and Tennessee who faced devastating flooding from Helene's rain swollen rivers. Boats on our lifts behind our condo were all floating above their lifts, but tie-off lines prevented most of them from drifting away. Seatrout, sharks, and a few up-Harbor Tarpon also added to our total catches along with a few yellowtail snapper from those able to get offshore. Congratulations to Jeff Barnhart who earned his 4th GMA Star this month and to Steve Fritz and Greg Widney who earned their Gold pins.

Club Hat

None

Silver Pin

None

Snook Pin

None

Tarpon Pin

None

GMA Star

Jeff Barnhart—#4

Bronze Pin

None

Gold Pin

Steve Fritz and Greg Widney

Redfish Pin

None

GMA

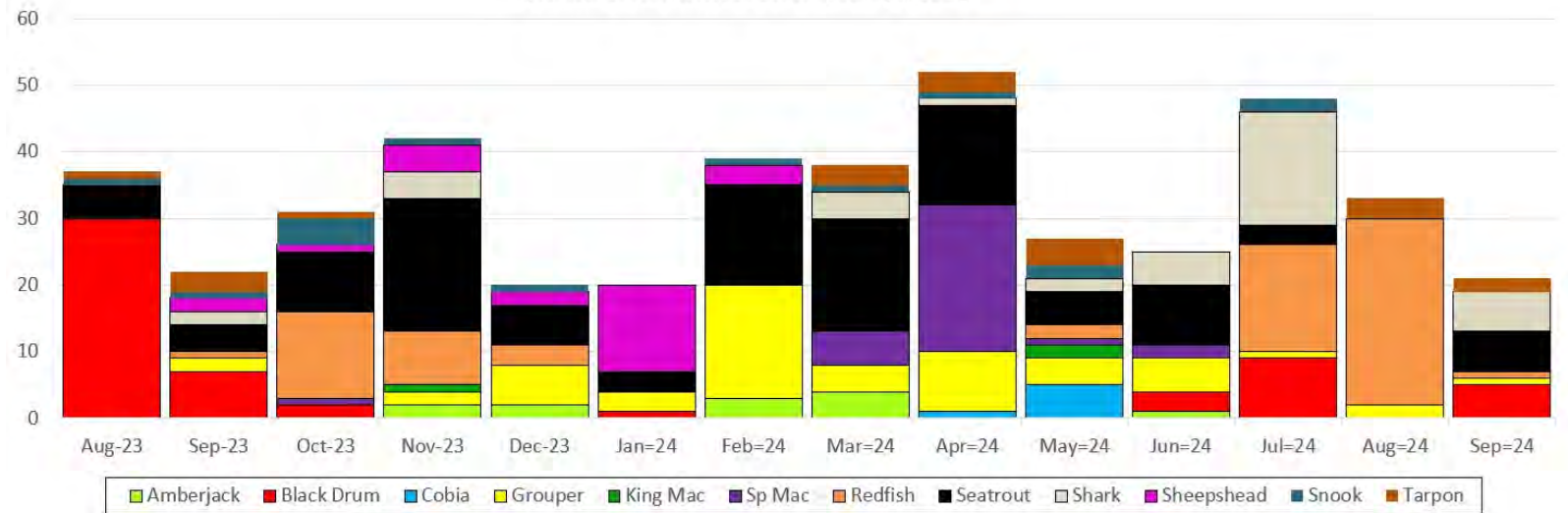
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ACHIEVEMENTS!

WHAT'S BITE'N



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



Recorder's Data

Monthly Performance

	July	August	September	
Anglers	12	8	16	↑
LOA Awards	3	0	3	↑
Fish Recorded	52	11	25	↑
Points Recorded	4700	500	2,800	↑

TROPHY RACE (Men)

OVERALL CLUB RECORD	SPECIES NAME	MEMBER NAME	RECORD LENGTH in INCHES	DATE CAUGHT	MEMBER NAME	2024 LENGTH in INCHES	DATE CAUGHT	% OF RECORD
X	Amber Jack	Joe Udvari	53.5	2019	Tim Locke Bill Muir Fred De Mella	37.0	3/3/24 2/15/24 3/3/24	69.2%
X	Black Drum	Mike White	51.5	2019	Jeff Barnhart	39.5	9/12/24	66.0%
X	Cobia	Rich Kale	66.0	2022	John FitzGerald	38.0	5/1/24	57.6%
X	Grouper	Tom Hamilton	39.0	2003	Rick Brown	34.0	3/17/24	87.2%
X	King Mackerel	John MacLeman	52.0	2012	Mike White **	59.0	5/25/24	113.5%
X	Redfish	Mike White	47.0	2020	Rich Brennan	29.0	7/5/24	61.7%
X	Seatrout	Rich Brennan	29.0	2009	Mike White	24.5	2/28/24	84.5%
		Aaron Wagner	29.0	2012				
X	Sheepshead	Mike White	26.0	2022	Mike White	24.0	2/26/24	92.3%
X	Snook	Mike White	49.0	2023	Carl Cucco	39.5	5/25/24	80.6%
X	Spanish Mackerel	Carl Leicher	30.0	2012	Joe Esposito	25.0	4/14/24	83.3%

This Year's LEADERS are in BLUE

★★ Denotes New Club Record

New Entries This Month are in RED

TROPHY RACE (Women)

OVERALL CLUB RECORD	SPECIES NAME	MEMBER NAME	RECORD LENGTH in INCHES	DATE CAUGHT	MEMBER NAME	2024 LENGTH in INCHES	DATE CAUGHT	% OF RECORD
	Amberjack	Darlene Madsen	40.0	2017	Roxie Trost	35.0	3/5/24	87.5%
	Black Drum	Christine Fontaine White	52.0	2022	Cathy Hunt Donna Sullivan	42.0	6/17/24 6/4/24	80.8%
	Cobia	Joanne Landaker	50.0	2008	Diana McKenna	26.0	5/3/24	52.0%
		Marilyn McGregor	50.0	2013				
	Grouper	Dianne Bukowski	37.0	2018	Cathy Hunt	33.5	6/7/2024	90.5%
	King Mackerel	Nancy Pearson	40.0	2022				0.0%
	Redfish	Donnie Brennan	38.0	2008				0.0%
		Missy Becker	38.0	2008				
	Seatrout	Joanne Landaker	26.5	2011	Donna Sullivan	22.0	3/29/24	75.5%
	Sheeps-head	Dianne Bukowski	22.5	2021	Cathy Hunt	19.5	4/6/24	71.1%
	Snook	Missy Becker	42.0	2013	Donna Sullivan	26.5	4/4/24	86.7%
	Spanish Mackerel	Missy Becker	28.0	2007	Theresa Fitzgerald	24.0	4/19/24	85.7%
		Lynn Reeves	28.0	2019				

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PAST WINNERS OF ISLES TROPHY RACE

2009	Rich Brennan, Christine Jordan	2017	Rich Kale, Darlene Madsen
2010	Kel Krotzer, Margie Hofman	2018	Joe Udvari, Dianne Bukowski
2011	Greg Chestnut, Joanne Landacre	2019	Joe Udvari, Lynn Reeves
2012	Jim Quorollo, Rose Ann McCaffrey	2020	Mike White, Dianne Bukowski
2013	Steve Landacre, Missy Becker	2021	Rich Kale / Tim Gibbons, Dianne Bukowski
2014	Vinnie Madsen, Margie Hofman	2022	Rich Kale, Christine White
2015	Bob Mays, Karen Lodge	2023	Mike White, Wanda Zimka
2016	Gary Reeves, Rose Ann McCaffrey	2024	

SEPTEMBER RESULTS—LADDER OF ACHIEVEMENT

BRONZE	SILVER	GOLD	LIFETIME LEVEL I SNOOK	LIFETIME LEVEL II REDFISH	LIFETIME LEVEL III TARPON	GRAND MASTER ANGLER GMA	TOTAL STARS	
Andy Athens	Jeff Bellairs	Gary Adams	Paula Arnold	Doug Arnold	Frank Barrett	Jeff Barnhart	★★★★★	
Sherry Barrett	Joanna Boeckl	Jack Botbyl	Carl Cucco	Mark Cummins	Rick Brown	Ron Baxter		
Trudi Baxter	Marc Boeckl	Carl Cucco	Mark Cummins	Mike Dougherty	Dick Conant	Fred Benson		
Tori Brown	Todd Brooks	Steve Fritz	Mary Heins	Doug Du Fresne	Marv Dyrstad	Larry Benz	★	
Bob Critchfield	Anne Careau	Ken Garden	Chuck Henry	Jenny Goodell	Theresa FitzGerald	Rich Brennan	★★★★★★★★★★ ★★	
Colleen De Mella	Don Cummins	Dale Hall	Tom Hunt	Bill Guenther	Ed Girzi	Donnie Brennan	★	
Ron Deroche	Ron Deroche	Bill Hess	Larry Kissner	Ken Hardesty	Bob Mays	Bob Bretts	★★★★★★★★★★	
Tom desEnfants	Yvette Du Fresne	Karen Lodge	Michael Knipe	Jack Howarth	Diana McKenna	Elaine Bretts	★★★★★★★	
Sharon Dyke	Kathy desEnfants	Joe Lombardi	Jim LaRocca	Julie Kale	Bill Muir	Dianne Bukowski	★	
Mike Endres	Tony Destefano	Sonia Nelson	Marie LaRocca	Jonathan Landon	Nancy Pearson	Joe Bukowski	★★	
Richard Farmer	Tamara Dillman	Cheryl Panetta	Tom Lodge	Mark Lee	Lynn Reeves	Jim Crawley	★	
Steve Fritz	Joanell Dyrstad	Glenn Ranfos	Sherry Moerke	Marty McCaffrey	Jack Spies	Fred De Mella	★★★★	
Chris Gibbons	Richard Embury	Gary Selzer	William Neff	Rose Anne McCaffrey	Mark Storm	Mark Dillman		
Frank Grazier	Gary Frost	Steve Trego	John Simonieg	Dennis McKenna	Gretch Sunderland	Dick Doster		
Renee Gibbons	Tim Gibbons	Greg Widney	Ed Verminski	Gary Moerke	Karen Udvari	Randy Douet	★★★★★	
Bob Giffin	Art Goodell	Sheree Wolfinger	TWierzbanowski	Chip Peterson	Allen Wade	Dave Dyke		
Sheryl Hatch	Jim Gregory	<div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 0 auto; width: 100px;"> <p style="text-align: center;">Club Hats</p> <hr style="border: 1px solid black;"/> <p style="text-align: center;">None</p> </div>		John Saitta	Rich Willingmyre	John Fitzgerald		
David Hatch	Randy Hall				Paul Whiting		Christine Fontaine	★
Tom Hay	Roz Hickey				Joseph Zurad		Bob Gariepy	★★
Scott Hutchins	Jack Hinnenthal						John Gettinger	★★★
Jack Jonaitis	Larry Hofmeister						Mike Gilger	★★
Dennis Jones	Dave Joe					Tom Hickey	★	
Fran Krausman	Lisa Kellythorne					Jim Hoffman	★	
Buddy Krauss	Mike Knipe					Margie Hoffman		
Jim Kunard	Ron Kruse					Jan Holm		
Patti Kunard	Denys LaChance					Cathy Hunt	★★★★	
Richard Larson	Kevin LaPointe					Bud Johnston		
Tim Locke	John McFarland					Cindi Johnston		
Bob Mueller	Mike Nalipi					Rich Kale	★★★★★	
Patricia Nalipi	Wayn Nelson					Dennis Krausman	★★★★★	
Ann Northen	Randy Page					Kel Krotzer	★★★	
Connie Nowicki	Kim Pflaum					Carl Leicher		
Tony Nowicki	Paul Robinson					Joe Maillet		
Chuck Pearson	Hezzie Samons					Pete McGregor	★★	
Bruce Peterson	Mike Sandling					Jude Panetta	★★★★	
Chris Pflaum	Deb Sarkisian					Tom Parsons	★★	
Chris Pollinger	Tom Schmitt					Gary Reeves		
Doug Salminen	Gary Skillicorn					Rick Sarkisian	★★★★★★★★	
Mark Schruer	Lynne Stockinger					John Stockinger	★	
Alan Schulman	Don Taylor					Donna Sullivan	★★	
Jess Searle	Mike Trost					Ron Topper	★★★★★★	
Miriam Taylor	Roxie Trost					Joe Udvari	★★★★★★★★★★	
Patti Topper	Mike Wagner					Aaron Wagner		
Beth Watkins	Stella Wagner					Mike White	★★★★★	
Joanne Widney	Greg Widney					Jeff Wilson	★	
Wanda Zimka	S Wierzbanowski					John Wolfinger		
	Tom Youngblood							
	Lenny Zimka							
	Wanda Zimka							

(BOLD star = earned this year)

SEPTEMBER RESULTS

MASTER ANGLER

MASTER ANGLERS TOURNAMENT, 2024 STANDINGS

	AMBER JACK	BLACK DRUM	COBIA	GROUP-ER	KING MACKEREL	RED-FISH	SEA-TROUT	SHEEPS-HEAD	SNOOK	SPANISH MACKEREL										
1st Place	Tim Locke	37.0	Cathy Hunt	42.0	John Fitzgerald	38.0	Rick Brown	34.0	Mike White	59.0	Rich Brennan	29.0	Mike White	24.5	Mike White	24.0	Carl Cucco	39.5	Joe Esposito	25.0
	Bill Muir	37.0	Donna Sullivan	42.0																
	Fred De Mella	37.0																		
2nd Place	Glen Ranfos	36.0	Jeff Barnhart	39.5	Larry Kissner	36.0	Cathy Hunt	33.5			John Fitzgerald	27.0	Ken Balkovic	22.0	Fred De Mella	21.0	Mike White	39.0	Theresa FitzGerald	24.0
													Randy Douet	22.0					John FirzGerald	24.0
													Donna Sullivan	22.0						
												Ron DeRoche	18.0							
3rd Place	Jeff Barnhart	35.0	Jeff Wilson	36.0	Ron Deroche	34.0	John Gettinger	33.0					Anton Benvin	21.0	Cathy Hunt	19.5	Bobby Bretts	36.0	Fred Benson	23.0
	Roxie Trost	35.0											Bobby Bretts	21.0						
													Elaine Bretts	21.0						



Meeting Highlights For SEPTEMBER

9/12/24 Meeting

Location: PGICA Auditorium

Start time: 6:00 pm

Interim President: Bill Muir

Members in attendance: 53

Treasurer: Balance at end of August: \$9,994.97

Door Prize Winners: Glenn Ranfos and Gary Skillcorn

Social:

Fall Picnic, Chili Contest, and Scarecrow- Building Contest - Friday, September 27 at PGICA pavilion at 5:00; \$5 per person; Prize for best scarecrow:

Bunco – 1st game Tuesday, October 1, 6:00 pm; details and signup coming soon!

Christmas Party - Wednesday, December 11th 5:00 – 10:00 pm; tickets \$70 pp; email blast and sign up coming soon

Ladies Gift Exchange & Ugly Sweater Party – Friday, December 13 at 6:00 pm; more details to follow

News: Possible change to the PGICA: A Boundary expansion to anyone in the PG city limits. Approximately 600 new members expected; fish club is about 10% of PGICA membership so our numbers could increase as well

Fishing: Eleven fish turned in for August. No advancement for LOA. September Tournament - September 26-29; Amberjack & Red Fish; let Greg Widney know if you want to participate. No advancements for the LOA.

Speaker: Captain Brock Horner, Tarponcoastfishing.com, 941-822-5908

Trolling for Wahoo & Mahi – make sure to be out and dawn or dusk and are at least 70 miles offshore at 8-10 knots with deep-diving lures; look for white birds and water color changes. Red Snapper are biting on chunks of squid and sardine. Tarpon are back in the harbor; if you see ladyfish, you'll more than likely see tarpon.

FOM AUGUST Winners (Tarpon)

Men: 1st - Rick Sarkisian

Women: 1st - Elaine Bretts 2nd Donna Sullivan

Adjourned 6:50 pm

Submitted by Nancy Pearson, Secretary

Membership Report For SEPTEMBER

At the end of September the club enjoyed having 309 members from 160 households. Our membership numbers usually reflect about 10% of the PGICA overall membership. Our current numbers are slightly lower at 9.2%. However, the snow birds return in November and will boost our number some. Nevertheless, this year so far, we attracted 50 new member to our ranks which demonstrates the continued popularity of our club to the fishing community.

Tight Lines
Bill Muir
Membership Director



SUNSHINE LADY

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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

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CLUB LEADERSHIP



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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

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