# FROM THE HELM

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### By BILL MUIR

Hope this note finds everyone doing well and staying cool out there—summer heat can be a lot, but there's still plenty of excitement to be had on the water. As temperatures rise, new species start making their appearance, keeping things interesting for all of us. I just wanted to share a few updates to help keep the momentum going.

With the water warming up, shark sightings have become more frequent—depending on how you feel about that, it's either thrilling or a little nerve-wracking. At our last meeting, Captain Steve Philips from Southern Charm Charters dropped some serious knowledge on catching both sharks and Jack Crevalle. If you were there, you know it was one of those "wish I'd taken notes" kind of talks. He runs charters on both his boat and yours, so if you're looking to put those tips to use, he's your guy.

On another note, the board has made a few fun updates to our Ladder of Achievement. We've added a few new species to the list—Spadefish, Grey Snapper, African Pompano, and Red Snapper—so now there are even more ways to work your way up. It's one of our most popular challenges for a reason. Plenty of members have put in the time over the years chasing that coveted Master Angler title—and of course, the Master Angler shirt that comes with it.

Also, after a long dry stretch, the evening rains have finally returned. The water's gotten darker thanks to tannins washing in—not the prettiest to look at, but great news for fishing. Murkier waters mean the fish can't see us quite as well, which gives us a bit of an edge.

Lately, we've seen some impressive catches—especially sharks and tarpon. And offshore, the red grouper bite has really picked up.

Here's to more great days, good company, and bent rods.

Tight lines! Bill

Next Meeting: Tuesday August 12, at 6:00 p.m., Followed by social time with drinks and snacks.

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# FISHING REPORT For JULY

### **By: Paul Whiting**

Sharks comprised two-thirds of our monthly submission as the Fish of the Month with most of them exceeding 55" in length.

Reports of black drum in the canals are showing up, but the schools might be harder to find this year. They should be around through September which is their FOM time. They are loads of fun on light tackle, but remember to release them quickly because the warm water temperatures can cause them to die quickly. Get your side-scanning sonar on and find them or you can also soak a half blue crab off your dock or around the bridges for them as well.



# FISH of the MONTH

JANUARY: SHEEPSHEAD

FEBRUARY: GROUPER

MARCH: SPANISH MACKEREL

**APRIL: SNOOK** 

Мау: Совіа

JUNE: JACK CREVALLE

JULY: SHARK

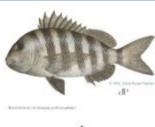
AUGUST: TARPON

SEPTEMBER: BLACK DRUM

OCTOBER: REDFISH

NOVEMBER: MANGROVE SNAPPER

**DECEMBER: SPOTTED SEA TROUT** 























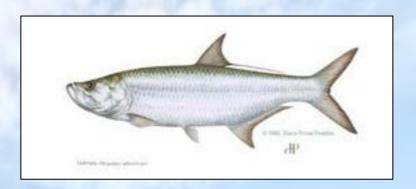


Fine Print: See "Fish of the Month Contest Rules" here: <a href="http://pgifishingclub.org/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/Fish-of-the-Month-Contest-Rules-Rev-7-021220.pdf">http://pgifishingclub.org/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/Fish-of-the-Month-Contest-Rules-Rev-7-021220.pdf</a>

# Fish of the Month For AUGUST

# Location, Description, Tips, Tackle and Bait

### **TARPON**



### **Description**

Tarpon are beautiful fish – affectionately known as "Silvers". They grow to about 4–8 ft long and weigh 60–280 lb. They have dorsal and anal soft rays and bluish or greenish backs. Tarpons possess shiny, silvery scales that cover most of their bodies, excluding the head. They have large eyes and broad mouths with prominent lower jaws that jut out farther than the rest of the face.

### **For Your Safety**

Bear in mind that Tarpon are big, strong animals. You are likely to need aid from someone aboard your vessel. So, do not go alone; bring a partner if you are targeting this species. They can expend more energy than you think they possibly could. They can hurt you in many ways. If you've not sought this prized catch before, it would be wise to start with a seasoned guide or an experienced companion.

### **For Their Safety**

You are obligated to revive them.

For beginners, the best option is to "tow and cut". Put your boat in reverse for pictures and for their revival.

Be aware of potential sharks when fighting or releasing.

Try to limit the fight to 30 minutes or less.

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### Location

- Boca Grande Pass is a deep pass connecting Charlotte Harbor to the Gulf of Mexico. It is renowned as a prime location for Tarpon fishing, often referred to as the "Tarpon Fishing Capital of the World". The best time to target Tarpon in Charlotte Harbor is during their migration, typically from April Through June, with post-spawn Tarpon available from July through October.
  - Because of the popularity of this location, you must have an experienced hand at navigation and cooperation among closely spaced fishing vessels!
  - See Harbor Etiquette below
- Deep holes in Charlotte Harbor. They are often found there between April and Halloween.
- There is a population of juvenile Tarpon in the Punta Gorda, Burnt Store and Port Charlotte canal systems.
- Observable Clues to finding Tarpon.
  - Birds
  - Ladyfish Schools
  - Bursting, rolling or surfacing Tarpon. (Tarpon are able to surface and ingest air when needed in low oxygen environments. Frequently, both the dorsal and tail fins break the surface.)
  - Side Scan sonar

### **Techniques**

- The Bait Buster method for Tarpon fishing involves using a DOA Bait Buster lure, a soft plastic bait with a curl tail and a weight in the head, to mimic a mullet. Sometimes used with a bobber. It's effective for catching tarpon, especially when they are feeding on smaller mullet. The lure comes in shallow, medium, and deep running versions, allowing anglers to target tarpon at different depths.
  - Don't let it get to the bottom.
  - Slow, steady retrieve, no jerking
  - Throw it at fish broaching or jumping
  - Dangle, with or without bobber
- Free-lining method. Slowly drifting or trolling live bait to present it naturally to the fish. Live Ladyfish are recommended, which requires a good livewell on your vessel. (You can catch Ladyfish by trolling in 3 to 5' deep water using crappie jigs or small spoons.)
  - Hook Ladyfish through mouth and nostril.
  - A Trolling Motor is best. Use one or two rods in holders, drag them 30' to 100' back. No free spooling. When you get a Tarpon hit, make a hard hook set.

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### Tackle

A "standard" Tarpon rod would include:

- An 8 Foot spinning rod, Shimano Teramar or equal.
- A large reel, typically sizes 5000 to 10000.
  - Commonly used are Daiwa and Quantum Cabo
- 50 to 65-pound braided line (do not use less than 50#).
   6 feet of 60 or 80-pound fluorocarbon leader.
- Knots to Use
  - Spider Hitch or Bimini Twist to double braid.
  - Albright, FG or Double Uni for braid to leader
  - Loop knot for Bait Buster
- Bait Buster Suggestions.
  - Keep the hook sharp
  - Root Beer, Silver/Black or Purple colors
- You can use an 8/0 or 9/0 Circle Hook

### **Harbor Etiquette**

- Tarpon react to fast-moving vessels by diving and scattering. Do not run your boat any closer than ¼ mile from a group of boats fishing for Tarpon.
- Only enter a group of boats fishing for Tarpon with your trolling motor. (If you don't have a trolling motor stay outside of the "pack". Tarpon schools in the harbor are large and scattered so you don't need to be in the middle of the group.)
- Unless invited, stay 100 yards away from other boats.
- Do not block the drift of other boats

(Sources: 2022 Newsletter, Wikipedia)

# JULY RESULTS

# Club & Individual Fishing Statistics



### REPORTED CATCHES as of 8/1/2025 and FISH OF THE MONTH (FOM) RESULTS

22 total fish turned in (3200 points) by 11 different anglers

### FOM (SHARK)

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

1st - Elaine Bretts, 6 Points1st - Wayn Nelson, 4 Points2nd - Donna Sullivan, 1 Point2nd - Jeff Barnhart, 3 Points

3rd - None TIE Bob Bretts, 3 Points
TIE Fred De Mella, 3 Points

3rd - Jim Kunard, 1 Point

### **Interesting Tidbits**

Sharks comprised 2/3 of our monthly submission as the Fish of the Month with most exceeding 55" to earn their anglers 3pts per catch. Next month the same rules for will apply to our August FOM – Tarpon. Remember, Tarpon, like sharks, are estimated fork length at boat side and the angler, for safety reasons, does NOT need to be in the photo.

Reports of black drum in the canals are showing up, but the schools might be harder to find this year. They should be around through September which is their FOM time. They are loads of fun on light tackle, but remember to release them quickly because the warm water temperatures can cause them to die quickly. Get your side-scanning sonar on and find them or you can also soak a half blue crab off your dock or around the bridges for them as well.

Congratulations to Elaine Bretts who earned her 9th GMA Star becoming the 6th angler to earn a star so far this year. Randy Douet earned his 7th GMA Star at the end of last month as well. Congratulations to both of these Master Anglers.

For those of you looking forward to chasing American Red Snapper, the Governor has announced the longest recreational season yet with 126 days beginning Memorial Day Weekend from May 24-26 and reopening June 1 through July 31. The fall season will include the following dates: Sept. 1-14; Sept. 19-21; Sept. 26-28; Oct. 3-5; Oct. 10-12; Oct. 17-19; Oct. 24-26; Oct. 31-Nov. 2; Nov. 7-9 & 11(Veterans Day); Nov. 14-16; Nov. 21-23; Nov. 27-30 (Thanksgiving weekend); Dec. 5-7; Dec. 12-14; Dec. 19-21; Dec. 25-28 (Christmas weekend)

### **Achievement Categories**

Club HatBronze PinNoneNoneSilver PinGold PinNoneNoneSnook PinRedfish PinNoneNoneTarpon PinGMA

None

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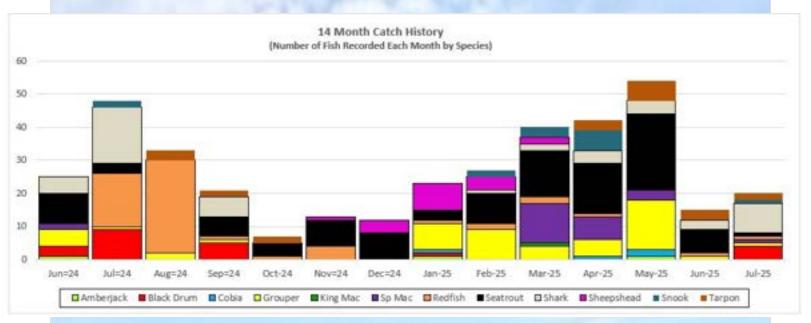
**GMA Star** 

Elaine Bretts #9, Randy Douet #7 (at end of June)

None

# WHAT'S BITE'N





| _ | Recorder's Data | D (     |         |       |                   |
|---|-----------------|---------|---------|-------|-------------------|
| _ | Monthly         | y Perfo | ormance |       | _                 |
|   |                 | May     | June    | July  |                   |
|   | Anglers         | 23      | 11      | 11    | $\Leftrightarrow$ |
|   | LOA Awards      | 7       | 3       | 2     | 4                 |
|   | Fish Recorded   | 65      | 25      | 22    | 4                 |
|   | Points Recorded | 7300    | 3,100   | 3,200 | 1                 |

# TROPHY RACE (Men)

| OVERALL<br>CLUB<br>RECORD | SPECIES<br>NAME     | MEMBER<br>NAME                    | RECORD<br>LENGTH<br>in INCH-<br>ES | DATE<br>CAUGHT | MEMBER<br>NAME               | 2025<br>LENGTH<br>in INCH-<br>ES | DATE<br>CAUGHT     | % OF REC-<br>ORD |
|---------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------|------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| X                         | Amber<br>Jack       | Joe Udwari                        | 53.5                               | 2019           | Fred De Mella                | 30.0                             | 1/29/25            | 56.1%            |
|                           | Black<br>Drum       | Mike White                        | 51.5                               | 2019           | Mike Dougherty               | 15.5                             | 1/28/25            | 30.1%            |
| Х                         | Cobia               | Rich Kale                         | 66.0                               | 2022           | Allen Wade                   | 32.0                             | 1/16/25            | 48.5%            |
| Х                         | Grouper             | Tom<br>Hamilton                   | 1 3011 70113 1 18                  |                | Kevin Huey                   | 34.0                             | 3/25/25            | 87.2%            |
| Х                         | King<br>Mackerel    | John<br>MacLeman                  | 52.0                               | 2012           | Mark Cummins                 | 26.0                             | 3/13/25            | 44.1%            |
| Х                         | Redfish             | Mike White                        | 47.0                               | 2020           | Bobby Bretts<br>Mark Dillman | 28.0                             | 2/18/25<br>2/18/25 | 59.6%            |
| X                         | Seatrout            | Rich Brennan<br>Aaron Wag-<br>ner | 29.0<br>29.0                       | 2009<br>2012   | Mike White                   | 25.0                             | 4/28/25            | 86.2%            |
| Х                         | Sheeps-<br>head     | Mike White                        | 26.0                               | 2022           | Jim Gregory<br>Carl Leicher  | 19.0                             | 1/28/25<br>1/29/25 | 73.1%            |
| Х                         | Snook               | Mike White                        | 49.0                               | 2023           | Allen Wade                   | 34.5                             | 3/18/25            | 70.4%            |
| Х                         | Spanish<br>Mackerel | Carl Leicher                      | 30.0                               | 2012           | Bobby Bretts                 | 23.0                             | 3/19/25            | 76.7%            |

This Year's Leaders in BLUE

★★ Denotes New Club Record

New Entries This Month are in RED

# TROPHY RACE (Women)

| OVERALL<br>CLUB REC-<br>ORD | SPECIES<br>NAME     | MEMBER<br>NAME                   | RECORD<br>LENGTH in<br>INCHES | DATE<br>CAUGHT | MEMBER<br>NAME     | 2025<br>LENGTH<br>in INCHES | DATE<br>CAUGHT | % OF REC-<br>ORD |  |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|----------------|------------------|--|
|                             | Amberjack           | Darlene<br>Madsen                | 40.0                          | 2017           |                    |                             |                | 0                |  |
| х                           | Black Drum          | Christine<br>Fontaine<br>White   | 52.0                          | 2022           |                    |                             |                | 0                |  |
|                             | Cobia               | Joanne Lan-<br>daker             | 50.0                          | 2008           | Dianne<br>Bukowski | 5/2/25                      |                | 75.0%            |  |
|                             |                     | Marilyn<br>McGregor              | 50.0                          | 2013           |                    |                             |                |                  |  |
|                             | Grouper             | Dianne Bu-<br>kowski             | 37.0                          | 2018           | Donna Sullivan     | 31.0                        | 2/2/25         | 83.8%            |  |
|                             | King Mackerel       | Nancy Pear-<br>son               | 40.0                          | 2022           |                    |                             |                | 0                |  |
|                             | Redfish             | Donnie<br>Brennan<br>Missy Beck- | 38.0                          | 2008           | Beth Watkins       | 15.0                        | 1/5/25         | 39.5%            |  |
|                             |                     | er                               | 38.0                          | 2008           |                    |                             |                |                  |  |
|                             | Seatrout            | Joanne Lan-<br>daker             | 26.5                          | 2011           | Donna Sullivan     | 24.0                        | 4/17/25        | 90.6%            |  |
|                             | Sheepshead          | Dianne Bu-<br>kowski             | 22.5                          | 2021           | Elaine Bretts      | 13.0                        | 1/30/25        | 57.8%            |  |
|                             | Snook               | Missy Beck-<br>er                | 42.0                          | 2013           | Donna Sullivan     | 36.0                        | 2/22/25        | 85.7%            |  |
|                             | Spanish<br>Mackerel | Missy Beck-<br>er<br>Lynn        | 28.0                          | 2007           | Britt Saitta       | 21.0                        | 4/15/25        | 75.0%            |  |
|                             |                     | Reeves                           | 28.0                          | 2019           |                    |                             |                |                  |  |

This Year's LEADER in BLUE

★★ Denotes New Club Record

**New Entries This Month are in RED** 

### PAST WINNERS OF ISLES TROPHY RACE

| 2009 | Rich Brennan, Christine Jordan   | 2017 | Rich Kale, Darlene Madsden               |
|------|----------------------------------|------|------------------------------------------|
| 2010 | Kel Krotzer, Margie Hofman       | 2018 | Joe Udwari, Dianne Bukowski              |
| 2011 | Greg Chestnut, Joanne Landacre   | 2019 | Joe Udwari, 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 Madsden, Margie Hofman    | 2022 | Rich Kale, Christine White               |
| 2015 | Bob Mays, Karen Lodge            | 2023 | Mike White, Wanda Zimka                  |
| 2016 | Gary Reeves, Rose Ann McCaffrey  | 2024 | Mike White, Cathy Hunt                   |

| BRONZE                      | SILVER                        |     |  |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|-----|--|
| Andy Athens                 | Jeff Bellairs                 | (   |  |
| Sherry Barrett              | Joanna Boeckl                 |     |  |
| Trudi Baxter                | Marc Boeckl                   |     |  |
| Tori Brown  Bob Critchfield | Todd Brooks Anne Careau       |     |  |
| Colleen De Mella            | Don Cummins                   |     |  |
| Ron Deroche                 | Ron Deroche                   | ŀ   |  |
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| Tom desEnfants              | Yvette Du Fresne              | J   |  |
| Sharon Dyke<br>Mike Endres  | Kathy desEnfants              | ۷ ر |  |
| Wike Endres                 | Tony Destefano Tamara Dillman | C   |  |
| Richard Farmer              | Joanell Dyrstad               |     |  |
| Steve Fritz                 | Richard Embury                | - ; |  |
| Ted Flanders                | Joe Esposito                  |     |  |
| Chris Gibbons               | Gary Frost                    | Sh  |  |
| Frank Grazier               | Tim Gibbons                   | 31  |  |
| Renee Gibbons               | Art Goodell                   |     |  |
| Bob Giffin                  |                               |     |  |
|                             | Jim Gregory                   |     |  |
| Sheryl Hatch                | Randy Hall                    |     |  |
| David Hatch                 | Roz Hickey                    |     |  |
| Tom Hay                     | Don Harter                    |     |  |
| Scott Hutchins              | Jack Hinnenthal               |     |  |
| Ray lannucci                | Larry Hofmeister              |     |  |
| Shep Johnson                | Dave Joe                      |     |  |
| Jack Jonaitis               | Lisa Kellythorne              |     |  |
| Dennis Jones                | Mike Knipe                    |     |  |
| Fran Krausman               | Ron Kruse                     |     |  |
| Buddy Krauss                | Denys LaChance                |     |  |
| Jim Kunard                  | Kevin LaPointe                |     |  |
| Patti Kunard                | John McFarland                |     |  |
| Richard Larson              | Mike Nalipi                   |     |  |
| Tim Locke                   | Wayn Nelson                   |     |  |
| Bob Mueller                 | Randy Page                    |     |  |
| Patricia Nalipi             | Kim Pflaum                    |     |  |
| Ann Northen                 | Paul Robinson                 |     |  |
| Connie Nowicki              | Hezzie Samons                 |     |  |
| Tony Nowicki Chuck Pearson  | Mike Sandling  Deb Sarkisian  |     |  |
|                             |                               |     |  |
| Bruce Peterson              | Tom Schmitt                   |     |  |
| Chris Pflaum                | Gary Skillicorn               |     |  |
| Chris Pollinger             | Lynne Stockinger              |     |  |
| Doug Salminen               | Don Taylor                    |     |  |
| Mark Schruer                | Mike Trost                    |     |  |
| Alan Schulman               | Roxie Trost                   |     |  |
| Jess Searle                 | Mike Wagner                   |     |  |
| Craig Setter                | Stella Wagner                 |     |  |
| Miriam Taylor               | Greg Widney                   |     |  |
| Patti Topper                | S Wierzbanowski               |     |  |
| Beth Watkins                | Tom Youngblood                |     |  |
| Joanne Widney               | Lenny Zimka                   |     |  |
| Wanda Zimka                 | Wanda Zimka                   |     |  |
|                             |                               |     |  |

EL II REDFISH **EL III TARPON** SNOOK Gary Adams Paula Arnold Doug Arnold Frank Barrett Jack Botbyl Carl Cucco Mark Cummins Rick Brown Steve Fritz Mark Cummins Mike Dougherty **Dick Conant** Ken Garden Mary Heins Doug Du Fresne Mark Cummins Dale Hall Chuck Henry Jenny Goodell Mary Dyrstad Bill Hess Tom Hunt Bill Guenther Theresa FitzGerald Karen Lodge Larry Kissner Ed Girzi Ken Hardesty loe Lombardi Michael Knipe Jack Howarth **Bob Mays** Sonia Nelson Jim LaRocca Julie Kale Diana McKenna heryl Panetta Jonathan Landon Bill Muir Marie LaRocca Glenn Ranfos Tom Lodge Mark Lee Nancy Pearson Gary Selzer Sherry Moerke Marty McCaffrey Lynn Reeves Rose Anne McCaffrey Steve Trego William Neff **Jack Spies** Greg Widney Gary Selzer Dennis McKenna Mark Storm neree Wolfinger John Simoniea Gary Moerke Gretch Sunderland Chip Peterson Karen Udwari Ed Verminski John Saitta Allen Wade TWierzbanowski Paul Whiting Rich Willingmyre Joseph Zurad **RED** = Awards This Month Club Hats None **LADDER** OF **ACHIEVEMENTS JULY** 2025

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Jeff Barnhart \*\*\* Ron Baxter Fred Benson Larry Benz \*\*\*\*\* Rich Brennan Donnie Brennan **Bob Bretts Elaine Bretts** Dianne Bukowski \* Joe Bukowski ★★ Jim Crawley Fred De Mella \*\*\*\* Mark Dillman Dick Doster Randy Douet | ★★★★★★ Dave Dyke John Fitzgerald Christine Fontaine **Bob Gariepy** \*\* John Gettinger ★★★ Mike Gilger \*\* Tom Hickey \* Jim Hoffman Margie Hoffman Jan Holm Cathy Hunt \*\*\*\* **Bud Johnston** Cindi Johnston Rich Kale \*\*\*\* Dennis Krausman \*\*\*\* Kel Krotzer \*\*\* Carl Leicher Joe Maillet Pete McGregor ★ ★ Bill Muir Jude Panetta \*\*\* Tom Parsons \*\* **Gary Reeves** \*\*\*\*\* Rick Sarkisian John Stockinger Donna Sullivan ★★ Ron Topper \*\*\*\*\* \*\*\*\*\* Joe Udwari Aaron Wagner Mike White \*\*\*\*\* Jeff Wilson \* John Wolfinger (BOLD star = earned this year)

**GRAND MASTER ANGLER** 

**GMA** 

**TOTAL** 

**STARS** 

# JULY RESULTS MASTER ANGLER

# **MASTER ANGLERS TOURNAMENT, 2025 STANDINGS**

| PLACE | AMBER<br>JACK    |      | BLACK<br>DRUM          |      | COBIA                  |      | GROUP-<br>ER   |      | KING<br>MACK-<br>EREL |       | RED-<br>FISH    |       | SEA-<br>TROUT     | E 1A | SHEEPS-<br>HEAD |      | SNOOK             |       | SPANISH<br>MACK-<br>EREL |      |
|-------|------------------|------|------------------------|------|------------------------|------|----------------|------|-----------------------|-------|-----------------|-------|-------------------|------|-----------------|------|-------------------|-------|--------------------------|------|
| 1st   | FRED DE<br>MELLA | 30.0 | MIKE<br>DOUGH-<br>ERTY | 15.5 | DIANNE<br>BUKOWS<br>KI | 37,5 | KEVIN<br>HUEY  | 34.0 | MARK<br>CUMMINS       | 26.0  | BOB<br>BRETTS   | 28.0  | MIKE<br>WHITE     | 25.0 | JIM<br>GREGORY  | 19.0 | DONNA<br>SULLIVAN | 36.0  | DONNA<br>SULLIVAN        | 25.0 |
|       |                  | l.   |                        |      |                        |      |                |      |                       |       | MARK<br>DILLMAN | 28.0  |                   |      | CAPL<br>LEICHER | 19.0 |                   |       |                          |      |
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| 2nd   |                  |      | , ,                    |      | WADE                   | 32.0 | WHITE          | 33.5 |                       |       | WADE            | 25.0  | DONNA<br>SULLIVAN | 24.0 | BOB<br>GARIEPY  | 18.5 | WADE              | 34.5  | BOBBY<br>BRETTS          | 23.0 |
|       |                  |      |                        |      |                        |      |                |      |                       |       |                 |       | ELAINE<br>BRETTS  | 24.0 |                 |      |                   |       |                          |      |
|       |                  |      |                        |      |                        |      |                |      |                       |       |                 |       |                   |      |                 |      |                   |       |                          |      |
| 3rd   |                  |      |                        |      | JOHN<br>SAITTA         | 310  | JOHN<br>SAITTA | 33.0 |                       |       | LENNY<br>ZIMKA  | 22.0  | CAPIL<br>CUCCO    | 230  | BOBBY<br>BRETTS | 18.0 | JANHOLM           | 28.0  | FRED<br>DEMELLA          | 22.0 |
|       |                  |      |                        |      |                        |      |                |      |                       |       |                 |       |                   |      |                 |      | BRITT<br>SAITTA   | 28.0  |                          |      |
|       |                  |      |                        |      |                        |      |                |      |                       |       |                 |       |                   |      |                 |      | GARY<br>SELZER    | 28.0  |                          |      |
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# SEPTEMBER FISHING TOURNAMENT

# Catch SPADEFISH and/or LANE SNAPPER

Tournament Dates: September 18th - 22nd
Registration is no longer required for members
(just submit fish caught during tournament dates)

Three Categories: Women, Men, and New Members (joined since 3/15/24)

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Submit a photo of you and your entire fish with your name, date caught, species and length of fish to **fishphotos@pgifishingclub.org**. Also indicate if you qualify as new member.

PGIFC members only event, no charter fish. Fish must be caught with in 50 miles of Charlotte Harbor. Event dates subject to change due to weather.

Questions or Concerns email me at: gawpgifc@gmail.com

Greg Widney, Fishing Event Coordinator

# SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT AUGUST 2025

# 2025 Winter Holiday Party Update!

- Plan Ahead -

Our Annual Party will be on **January 13, 2026** at the Isles Yacht Club

Holding it in January will allow more members to attend, and provide a bit of breathing space from the December social chaos. Mark your Calendars.



Whoop whoop!

# Membership Report For July — 2025



We are gaining a few new members over the summer, and we expect an increase as the snow birds return. We still have some of the 2024 members who have not renewed. Currently, 45 past members have not renewed from 2024. The non-renewing members will be dropped from the club membership so the tournaments and Ladder of Achievement gains will be stopped, unfortunately.



The household cost is \$30 per year and membership has benefits, including: tournaments, Ladder of Achievement, fishing contests, great social activities and education at our general meetings.

If you get a notice that your Fishing Club membership has dropped and you think that might be an error, please contact me by email or phone.

Questions or corrections? Contact the Fishing Club Membership Director: **Tim Locke**Membership@pgifishingclub.org

# 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

Paula Arnold

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# CLUB LEADERSHIP



### **OFFICERS:**

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|----------------|--------------|------------------------------|
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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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**CLUB WEBSITE**: http://pgifishingclub.org

CLUB FACEBOOK: http://facebook.com, then search for pgi fishing club

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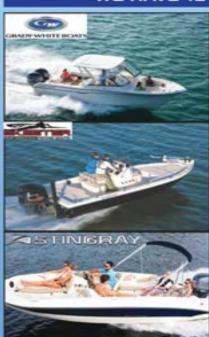
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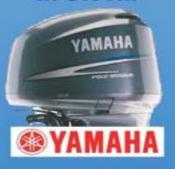
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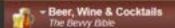
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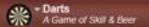
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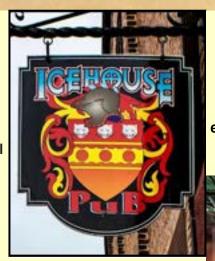






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