

# FROM THE HELM

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PUNTA GORDA ISLES CIVIC ASSOCIATION (PGICA)

JULY 2026



We hope your 4th of July was as loud,  
bright, and full of joy as this milestone  
deserves!

*Happy America's 250th!*



Long May It Wave

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# FISHING REPORT

**By Glenn Ranfos**

The summer weather pattern has arrived, with afternoon thunderstorms forming both inshore and offshore and drifting very quickly. Stay safe out there!

Offshore, the Grouper fishing has been good, with nice size specimens being reported, however, it's been slow for Red Snappers, with few keepers for dinner. Florida Pompano are biting, but there have been no reports on African Pompano

Inshore, the Sea Trout fishing is right where we expect it.

Our globally recognized Tarpon spot at the Boca Grande inlet has been productive, and also in the harbor.



From our June Meeting, left to right

Mark and Jackie Majestic, Larry Kissner, Fred DeMella, Jeff Barnhart and Greg Widney

# 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 JULY

*Location, Description, Tips, Tackle and Bait*

## SHARK



### **Introduction:**

- Sharks are cruising the harbor and lower rivers in the summer. They are a good species to target if you have patience and the strength to fight and land the big ones in our area. This technique focuses on trolling live ladyfish.

### **Identification:**

- They range in length and specific markings. Generally, they are all greyish in color and have very sharp teeth that want to mess you up when you hook and land one 🐡

### **Location / Behavior:**

- “Clean” side of tide lines; they will be taking cover and looking for bait flowing through.
- Start at marker 2 towards marker 1, stay outside the tire reef on the way to marker 1. Hang a right towards marker 7 in the Myakka River. Stay in the deeper water.
- On an out-going tide go to the west side of Alligator Reef to the west wall/marker 5 area. Stay in the deeper water and look for the tide line.
- Outside the bars on east and west wall; in 6 to 8’ of water.
- Shoals by Two Pines.
- Deeper water near “the hill”.
- Aggressive feeders, feed based on scent, fast swimmers.
- They will follow the scent to find the bait.

### **Rigging:**

- Long 8’ or so of leader 80 – 100lb; monofilament or fluorocarbon. Tie the leader to the braid.
- 1’ – 3’ wire leader (Tooth Proof 100 lb) with a swivel at one end and a 8 – 12 inline circle hook to the other end. Use a haywire twist knot when making your wire leader. Don’t make the wire leader too long as you need to grab the line to unhook the fish.
- Tie the leader to the barrel swivel that is on the wire leader.

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# Fish of the Month For JULY

*Location, Description, Tips, Tackle and Bait*

## SHARK

***(Rigging, continued)***

- Use a large float (so you can see where your bait is).
- Rig the ladyfish through the nostril and lip or “bridle” through the eyes. Bridling through the eyes can yield great success as the ladyfish will not be as active when the shark is nearby and the bait won’t get caught up in other lines when trolling more than 1 line.

**Technique:**

- This is a slow controlled troll with a trolling motor. Ideal speed is 8 mph. Can also try drifting. Troll against the current.
- Keep the extra live ladyfish in the livewell. The water circulating in the well goes into the water providing scent to the shark; it acts as chum.
- The bait should be ~150’ behind the boat.
- The combination of the ladyfish in the livewell, going against the current, and the bait far behind the boat is key; the scent is permeating the water.
- If trolling more than 1 live bait, use extension arms if you have them to keep the baits as far away from each other as possible. Also stagger the baits at least 20’ apart behind the boat; 1 bait at 140’ and the other at 160’. That will reduce the fish getting tangled.
- Trolling the weed line of the tide will result in the lines getting tangled; troll the clear side. The shark tend to be on the dirty side waiting for bait to go by.

**The Bite:**

- Hard, strong, and get ready for the drag to peel off the reel.
- Get other rods reeled in and stowed for the fight.
- It’s hard to miss a shark (or other large fish) that take your bait.

**Safety:**

- Release the shark as soon as possible.
- Don’t boat the shark; even the small ones. A picture of the shark in the water with estimated fork length is all that is needed for Ladder of Achievements and Fish of the Month.
- Always have a good pair of protective gloves on board to grab the leader.
- Do not wrap the leader around your hand.

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# Fish of the Month For JULY

*Location, Description, Tips, Tackle and Bait*

## SHARK

*(Safety, continued)*

- Have a good pair of long handled wire/hook cutters and dehooking device.
- Always best to fish with a partner.
- Large sharks are known to get pissed after getting hooked, just ask long time club member Joe Udvari about the shark that bit the back of his boat after landing it. It did a number on his fiberglass.
- Have good first-aid supplies on boat just in case; a good tourniquet at the least.

Thanks to Mike White for providing his expertise on this write up.

*Jeff Barnhart's Nurse Shark, June 2026*



# TOURNAMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

By Larry Kissner



The **CREVALLE CANAL CARNIVALE** tournament is in the books.  
(Awards will be mailed or delivered)

Place	Angler	FISH	INCHES
1 <sup>st</sup> NEW MEMBER	MARK CROSS	BULL SHARK	52
1 <sup>st</sup> TIE MEN	RICH ROMANO	BLACK DRUM	37
1 <sup>st</sup> TIE MEN	JEFF WILSON	BLACK DRUM	37
2 <sup>nd</sup> MEN	LARRY KISSNEER	GOLIATH GROUPE	34
2 <sup>nd</sup> NEW MEMBER	MICHAEL EGAN	GAFFTOP SAILCAT	26
3 <sup>rd</sup> MEN	JIM GREGORY	SNOOK	21
3 <sup>rd</sup> NEW MEMBER	JEFF JOHNSON	BLACK DRUM	15
1 <sup>st</sup> TIE WOMEN	JANET HOLM	JACK CREVALLE	14
1 <sup>st</sup> TIE WOMEN	DONNA SULLIVAN	JECK CREVAKKE	14

## ISLES TROPHY RACE

### MEN:

JEFF BARNHART closed the last remaining open category with a 48 inch KING MACKEREL that is 81.4% of the largest ever caught by a club member

**CURRENT LEADER is THOMAS CHRISTL with a 25 inch SHEEPSHEAD at 96.2% of LARGEST**

### WOMEN:

NO CHANGES

**CURRENT LEADER is DONNA SULLIVAN with a 31 inch GROUPE that is 83.8% of the LARGEST**  
AMBERJACK, COBIA, BLACK DRUM, KING MACKEREL, and REDFISH, all remain open.

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# TOURNAMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS



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## FISH OF THE MONTH = JACK CREVALLE

MEN:

**1<sup>st</sup> MIKE DOUGHERTY 12.5**

WOMEN:

**1<sup>st</sup> Tie JANET HOLM 14**

**1<sup>st</sup> Tie DONNA SULLIVAN 14**

## LADDER OF ACHIEVEMENT

### PINS

BRONZE, SILVER and GOLD: **MARK CROSS**

SILVER: **JACKIE MAJESTIC**

## MASTER ANGLER CHANGES

*TOP 3 FISH BY ANY FISHING CLUB MEMBER CAUGHT IN 2026*

BLACK DRUM = MARK CROSS moved into 2nd PLACE with a 40.0 incher

# TOURNAMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

By Larry Kissner



## JULY TOURNAMENT HOT, HOT, HOT – 10 lb test

1. 25 days of JULY will be HOT, HOT, HOT. Fish as much as you can 7/1/2026 through 7/25/2026. All entries must be submitted by JULY 26, 2026.
2. Main line must be 10 lb test. Leader can be any pound test, but can NOT EXCEED THE LENGTH of your rod. Fly rods are the exception if the main line exceeds 10 lb test then the leader must be 10 lb test. Bimini Twists are allowed (doubles up 10 lb mainline) but is LIMITED to 10 FEET.
3. Single LONGEST FISH WINS. No length estimates allowed, so Sharks, Tarpon, Rays, and Barracudas may be entered if you can safely and legally obtain a measurement.
4. Fish ANYWHERE you want, just use 10 lb test.
5. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> prizes will be awarded for MENS, WOMENS, and NEW MEMBER.
6. When submitting to [fishphotos@pgifishingclub.org](mailto:fishphotos@pgifishingclub.org) please use "HOT ENTRY" in the subject line

## Remaining 2026 Tournaments

JULY – HOT, HOT, HOT 10 lb test  
JULY FOM – SHARKS (FORK)  
AUGUST FOM – TARPON (FORK)  
SEPTEMBER FOM – BLACK DRUM  
OCTOBER – DECEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup> – Q4 FISCAL FIASCO 33  
OCTOBER FOM – REDFISH (RED DRUM)  
NOVEMBER FOM – MANGROVE SNAPPER  
DECEMBER FOM – SPOTTED SEATROUT  
ISLES TROPHY FISH – Highest % of BIGGEST FISH caught  
MASTER ANGLER FISH – Top 3 fish caught by species

# Club & Individual Fishing Statistics



## REPORTED CATCHES as of 6/30/2026 and FISH OF THE MONTH (FOM) RESULTS

52 total fish turned in (4500 points) by 19 different anglers

### FOM (CREVALLE JACK)

Women

**1st - Jan Holm - 14.0"**

**TIE - Donna Sullivan - 14.0"**

Men

**1st - Mike Dougherty - 12.5"**

No other entries

### *Interesting Tidbits*

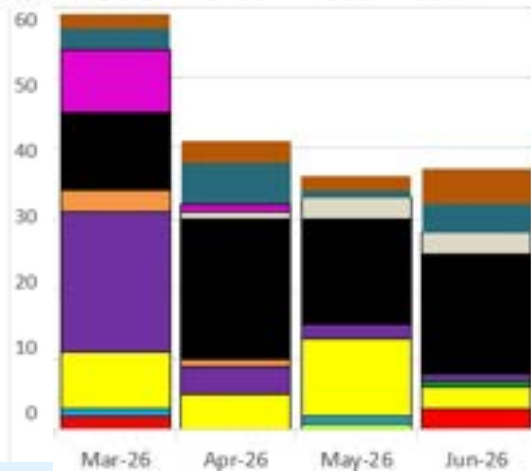
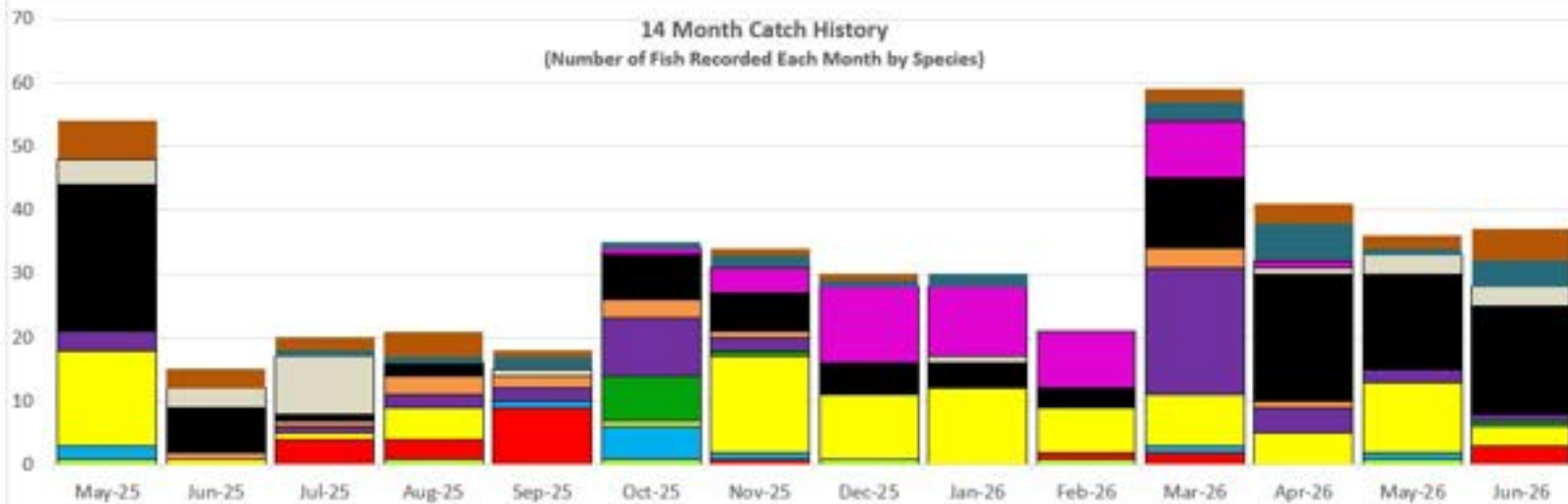
Summer vacations are calling and we have some members traveling in this hot part of the year so our submissions are a bit lower than last month; nevertheless, our Canal Tournament did seem to encourage more participation among our anglers. A big thanks to Fishing Events Director, Larry Kissner, for his creative fishing contests! Seatrout dominated our catches with 17 reported up to 21". There are still catches of Red Grouper being reported for those who dare to risk the afternoon storms on the way back from offshore. Three Red Grouper up to a respectable 30" were turned in. We had our first King Mackerel of the year reported – a nice 300 point 48" King that hit a grouper rod in the hands of Jeff Barnhart. Jeff often encounters unintended species including at least four 10' sharks offshore this season while grouper fishing. Snook are into their pre-spawning staging areas near the passes and beaches while 4 smaller ones up to 28" were caught mostly in our canals. Rick Sarkisian continues to master the Silver Kings (Tarpon) with 5 reported releases up to 6.5'. Three Black Drum were reported, mostly canal catches, which bodes well for their continued influx for the next few months including a 40" heavyweight caught by newer member, Mark Cross, off his dock. Mark is smoking his LOA with Bronze, Silver, and Gold Pins all earned this month!



# WHAT'S BITE'N



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



Last 4 months



## Recorder's Data

### Monthly Performance

	April	May	June	
Anglers	23	22	19	↓
LOA Awards	6	9	4	↓
Fish Recorded	51	62	52	↓
Points Recorded	3900	4,900	4,500	↓

# TROPHY RACE (Men)

OVERALL CLUB RECORD	SPECIES NAME	MEMBER NAME	RECORD LENGTH in INCHES	DATE CAUGHT	MEMBER NAME	2026 LENGTH in INCHES	2026 DATE CAUGHT	% OF RECORD
X	Amber Jack	Joe Udvari	53.5	2019	Mark Cummins	40.0	May 6	74.8%
	Black Drum	Mike White	51.5	2019	Mark Majestic	40.5	Mar 26	78.6%
X	Cobia	Rich Kale	66.0	2022	Jeff Johnson	34.0	April 30	51.5%
X	Grouper	Tom Hamilton	39.0	2003	Richard Romano	32.0	Feb 11	82.1%
X	King Mackerel	Mike White	59.0	2012	Jeff Barnhart	48.0	June 22	81.4%
X	Redfish	Mike White	47.0	2020	Tim Locke	30.0	Mar 27	63.8%
X	Seatrout	Rich Brennan	29.0	2009	Dave Joe	24.0	April 17	82.8%
		Aaron Wagner	29.0	2012	Dave Morgan		May 15	
X	Sheepshead	Mike White	26.0	2022	Thomas Christl	25.0	Feb 27	96.2%
X	Snook	Mike White	49.0	2023	Mike White	44.0	May 3	89.8%
X	Spanish Mackerel	Carl Leicher	30.0	2012	Mark Cross	23.0	May 20	76.7%

This Year's Leaders in BLUE

XX 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	2025 LENGTH in INCHES	DATE CAUGHT	% OF RECORD
	Amberjack	Darlene Madsen	40.0	2017				0%
X	Black Drum	Christine Fontaine White	52.0	2022				0%
	Cobia	Joanne Landaker	50.0	2008				0%
		Marilyn McGregor	50.0	2013				
	Grouper	Dianne Bukowski	37.0	2018	Donna Sullivan	31.0	Jan 7	83.8%
	King Mackerel	Nancy Pearson	40.0	2022				0%
	Redfish	Donnie Brennan	38.0	2008				0%
		Missy Becker	38.0	2008				
	Seatrout	Joanne Landaker	26.5	2011	Elaine Bretts	19.0	Feb 27	71.7%
	Sheepshead	Dianne Bukowski	22.5	2021	Donna Sullivan Jan Holm	12.0	Jan 6 Jan 17	53.3%
	Snook	Missy Becker	42.0	2013	Donna Sullivan	24.0	Apr 10	57.1%
	Spanish Mackerel	Missy Becker	28.0	2007	Joanne Widney	20.0	Mar 7	71.4%
		Lynn Reeves	28.0	2019				

This Year's LEADER in BLUE

XX Denotes New Club Record

New Entries This Month are in RED

2009	Rich Brennan, Christine Jordan	2018	Joe Udvari, Dianne Bukowski
2010	Kel Krotzer, Margie Hofman	2019	Joe Udvari, Lynn Reeves
2011	Greg Chestnut, Joanne Landacre	2020	Mike White, Dianne Bukowski
2012	Jim Quorollo, Rose Ann McCaffrey	2021	Rich Kale / Tim Gibbons, Dianne Bukowski
2013	Steve Landacre, Missy Becker	2022	Rich Kale, Christine White
2014	Vinnie Madsen, Margie Hofman	2023	Mike White, Wanda Zimka
2015	Bob Mays, Karen Lodge	2024	Mike White, Cathy Hunt
2016	Gary Reeves, Rose Ann McCaffrey	2025	Mike White, Elaine Bretts, Donna Sullivan
2017	Rich Kale, Darlene Madsen		

# LADDER OF ACHIEVEMENT

## JUNE 2026

BRONZE	BRONZE	SILVER	SILVER
Andy Athens	Fran Krausman	Jeff Bellairs	Ron Kruse
Kathlene Avila	Buddy Krauss	Joanna Boeckl	Denys LaChance
Sherry Barrett	Jim Kunard	Marc Boeckl	Kevin LaPointe
Trudi Baxter	Patti Kunard	Todd Brooks	Tim Locke
Rick Booth	Richard Larson	Anne Careau	<b>Jackie Majestic</b>
Tori Brown	Bob Mueller	<b>Mark Cross</b>	Mark Majestic
Bob Critchfield	Patricia Nalipi	Don Cummins	John McFarland
<b>Mark Cross</b>	Ann Northen	Ron Deroche	Mike Nalipi
Colleen De Mella	Connie Nowicki	Yvette Du Fresne	Randy Page
Tom desEnfants	Tony Nowicki	Kathy desEnfants	Kim Pflaum
Sharon Dyke	Chuck Pearson	Tony Destefano	Paul Robinson
Mike Endres	Bruce Peterson	Tamara Dillman	Lyle Ross
Richard Farmer	Chris Pflaum	Joanell Dyrstad	Hezzie Samons
Chris Gibbons	Chris Pollinger	Richard Embury	Mike Sandling
Frank Grazier	Dan Roda	Joe Esposito	Deb Sarkisian
Renee Gibbons	Doug Salminen	Ted Flanders	Tom Schmitt
Bob Giffin	Mark Schruer	Gary Frost	Gary Skillicorn
Sheryl Hatch	Alan Schulman	Tim Gibbons	Lynne Stockinger
David Hatch	Jess Searle	Art Goodell	Don Taylor
Tom Hay	Miriam Taylor	Jim Gregory	Mike Trost
Scott Hutchins	Patti Topper	Randy Hall	Roxie Trost
Raymond Iannucci	Jim Waters	Roz Hickey	Mike Wagner
Jeff Johnson	Beth Watkins	Jack Hinnenthal	Stella Wagner
Jack Jonaitis	Joanne Widney	Larry Hofmeister	Sandy Wierzbowski
Dennis Jones	Wanda Zimka	Shep Johnson	Tom Youngblood
		Lisa Kellythorne	Wanda Zimka
		Mike Knipe	
<b>CLUB HATS</b>			
None This Month		<b>Red = Awards This Month</b>	

# LADDER OF ACHIEVEMENT

## JUNE 2026

<b>GOLD</b>	<b>LIFETIME LEVEL I SNOOK</b>	<b>LIFETIME LEVEL II REDFISH</b>	<b>LIFETIME LEVEL III TARPON</b>
Gary Adams	Paula Arnold	Doug Du Fresne	Doug Arnold
Jack Botbyl	Carl Cucco	Jenny Goodell	Frank Barrett
<b>Mark Cross</b>	Mark Cummins	Bill Guenther	Dick Conant
Steve Fritz	Mary Heins	Ken Hardesty	Mike Dougherty
Ken Garden	Chuck Henry	Jack Howarth	Marv Dyrstad
Dale Hall	Tom Hunt	Julie Kale	Theresa FitzGerald
Don Harter	Larry Kissner	Jonathan Landon	Ed Girzi
Bill Hess	Michael Knipe	Mark Lee	Bob Mays
Dave Joe	Jim LaRocca	Marty McCaffrey	Diana McKenna
Karen Lodge	Marie LaRocca	Rose Anne McCaffrey	Nancy Pearson
Joe Lombardi	Tom Lodge	Dennis McKenna	Lynn Reeves
David Morgan	Sherry Moerke	Gary Moerke	Jack Spies
Sonia Nelson	William Neff	Chip Peterson	Mark Storm
Wayn Nelson	Gary Selzer	John Saitta	Gretchen Sunderland
Cheryl Panetta	John Simonieg	Craig Setter	Karen Udvari
Glenn Ranfos	Ed Verminski	Greg Widney	Allen Wade
Steve Trego	Ted Wierzbanowski	Joseph Zurad	Rich Willingmyre
Sheree Wolfinger			
Lenny Zimka		<b>Red = Awards This Month</b>	



# JUNE RESULTS

## MASTER ANGLER

### MASTER ANGLERS TOURNAMENT, 2026 STANDINGS

PLACE	AMBER JACK	BLACK DRUM	COBIA	GROUP-ER	KING MACKEREL	RED-FISH	SEA-TROUT	SHEEPS-HEAD	SNOOK	SPANISH MACKEREL
1st	Mark Cummins 40.0	Mark Majestic 40.5	Jeff Johnson 34.0	Richard Romano 32.0		Tim Locke 30.0	Dave Joe 24.0 Dave Morgan 24.0	Thomas Christl 25.0	Mike White 44.0	Mark Cross 23.0
2nd	Glen Ranfos 35.0	Mark Cross 40.0		Donna Sullivan 31.0 Jeff Barnhart 31.0		Allen Wade 27.0	Bob Bretts 22.0	Fred DeMella 19.5	Ken Balkovic 35.0	Bobby Bretts 21.0
3rd		Allen Wade 38.0		Greg Widney 30.5		Dave Joe 21.0	Mike Dougherty 21.5	Mike White 19.0	Craig Setter 33.0	Bobby Bretts 21.0

New this month are shown in Red



# SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

## JULY 2026

**HAPPY HOUR!  
WEDNESDAYS**

**at the ICEHOUSE PUB**

408 TAMiami TRAIL #111, Punta Gorda

**5 PM**

**COLD BEVERAGES, GOOD FRIENDS  
BIG FISH STORIES**



# Meeting Notes From June 2026

## PGI Fishing Club June 9, 2026

### General Meeting Minutes

**Location:** PGICA Auditorium

**Start time:** 6:03 pm

**President:** Fred DeMella

**Members in attendance:** 52

**Speaker:** *Captain Steve “Peg Leg” Phillips – Summer Fishing*

- Current & depth more important than structure this time of year
- Deep moving water is where to look, canal fishing best
- Observe for 10 minutes before dropping line, look for ripples
- Be prepared – have spoon or paddle tail ready at all times
- Watch the birds, they scout for you
- Incoming tide cooler, west side of harbor is ideal
- Salinity – fish can adapt but bait cannot

**Door Prize:** \$25.00 gift card to Rio Villa (Mark Cummins)

**50/50 Winners:** \$79.00 (Jeff Johnson) - \$52.00 (Greg Selzer)

**Name That Species Winner:** Crevalle Jack (Glenn Ranfos)

*Fishing Events Report, Membership Report, Financial Report, Social info - on meeting slides and in Newsletter.*

### **FOM April winners (Cobia)**

Only 1 entry: Men: 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Jeff Johnson - 34.0”

### **FOM for JUNE is CREVALLE JACK**

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# Meeting Notes From June 2026

## **PGI Fishing Club June 9, 2026**

### **General Meeting Minutes**

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#### Tournament Results – Gift Cards Awarded

##### **Gulf of America 3 Fish**

Women: 1<sup>st</sup> – Donna Sullivan – 52" (24" Grouper, 14" Lane, 14" Lizard)  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Joanne Widney – 49.5" (24" Grouper, 15.5" Lane, 10" Squirrel)

Men: 1<sup>st</sup> – Fred De Mella – 63" (30" Grouper, 16" Lane, 17" Mangrove)  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Greg Widney – 53" (25" Grouper, 15" Lane, 13" Mangrove)  
& Jeff Barnhart – 53" (29.5" Grouper, 12" Grunt, 11.5" Lizard)  
3<sup>rd</sup> – Larry Kissner – 37" (14" Lane, 12" Grouper, 11" Grunt)

New Members: 1<sup>st</sup> – Mark Majestic – 60.5" (27" Grouper, 18" Lesser Amberjack,  
15.5" Spade)  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Jackie Majestic – 46" (18" Sailcat, 16" Spade, 12" Jack)

**\*CREVALLE CANAL CARNIVALE TOURNAMENT\***  
Now through June 26, 2026 – see newsletter for details

**\*HOT HOT HOT TOURNAMENT\***  
July 1, 2026 through July 25, 2026 – see newsletter for details

Tournaments for the remainder of 2026 were presented on slides  
Isles trophy race update on slides

### **AWARDS**

Club Hat – Mark Cross, Jackie Majestic, Ken Schell  
Bronze Pin – Jeff Johnson, Jackie Majestic  
Silver Pin – Mark Majestic  
Gold Pin – Dave Morgan  
GMA Star – #11 Bob Bretts, #6 Jeff Barnhart, #8 Mike White

Meeting adjourned: 7:03 p.m.  
Submitted by Patti Kunard

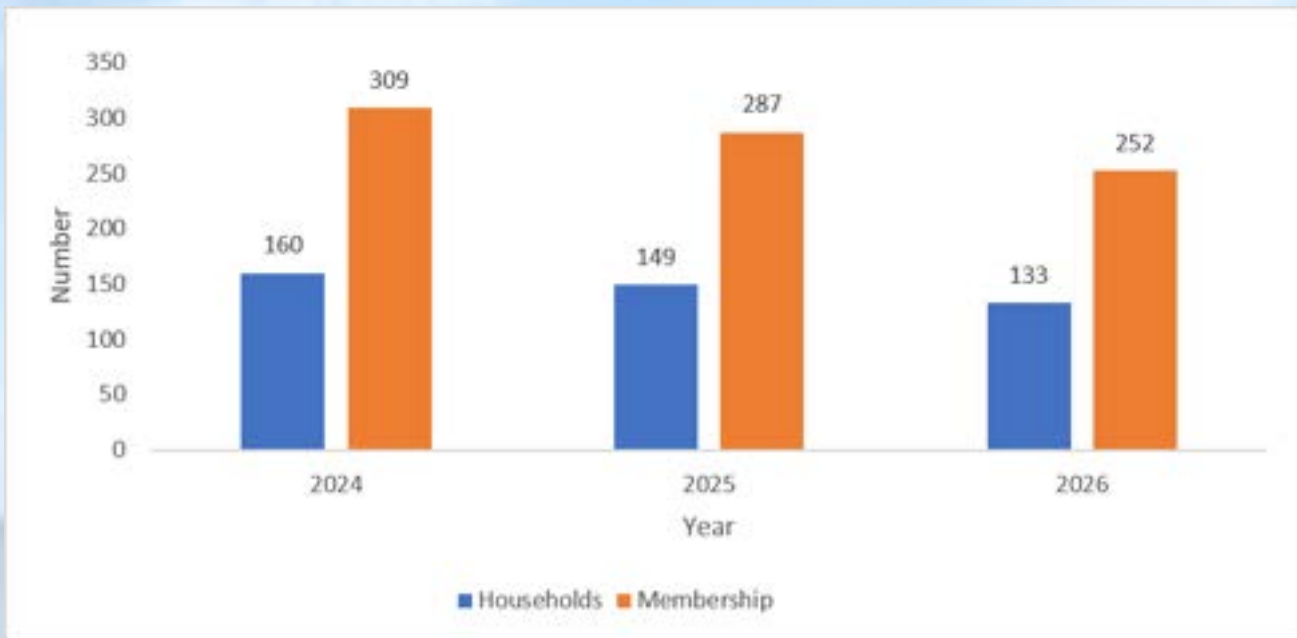
# Membership Report For June 2026

We sent out a reminder to the dues delinquent, email reminders, and four renewals were received. Thank you. Approximately 35 members from 2025 who have not renewed are dropped.

If you are not getting your 1 to 3 emails a week from Fishing Club please check your profile at the PGICA webpage by logging in and checking your email addresses and make sure you did not check the box opting out of emails.

We have brought the PGICA Club Express into the PGI Fishing Club so now you can renew membership with a credit card by logging into the PGICA website. You can reset your password if you have forgotten your previous one. Members can also renew by check or cash at a Fishing Club meeting or by dropping off payment at the PGICA Club House at 2001 Shreeve.

If you owe payments to any PGICA club or event, then a red \$ will appear at login. Click the red \$ and pay the dues you might owe. Please let me know if you think there might be an error.



Our membership count is down from previous years as you can see in the above. The numbers from 2024 and 2025 are end of the year values while 2026 is year to date.

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.

Questions or corrections? Contact:

Membership director, [membership@pgifishingclub.org](mailto:membership@pgifishingclub.org)

Tim Locke

# MEMBER WELFARE

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 reach-out for any reason, please let the Board know.

*Your family of friends care about you.*



# CLUB LEADERSHIP



## OFFICERS:

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# MEMBERS HELPING MEMBERS



It's 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](mailto:g2873477@hotmail.com)**
- **Gretchen Sunderland (Harbor Only, especially for beginner women), [gretchensun2@gmail.com](mailto:gretchensun2@gmail.com)**
- **Fred De Mella (Inshore or Offshore) [fdemella@gmail.com](mailto: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: [president@pgifishingclub.org](mailto:president@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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**FISHING CONTEST RULES: [http://  
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# PERSONAL AD—CRUISE

The Castaways Club cruise to Nova Scotia and Bermuda is now open to the Fishing Club! If interested in the cruise, \$150 deposit is required per cabin and is fully refundable up to February 6, 2027, when final payment is due. Deposit deadline is July 16, 2026, in order to hold these prices!

Please contact Darlene Smith for booking the cruise!



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- Day 5: Royal Naval Dockyard, Bermuda  
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- Day 6: Royal Naval Dockyard, Bermuda  
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At Sea
- Day 8: Boston, Massachusetts  
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Contact Donna Sullivan via email ([donnaosully@gmail.com](mailto:donnaosully@gmail.com)) or Karol Fritz via email ([kdfritz1115@gmail.com](mailto:kdfritz1115@gmail.com)) for any questions regarding the cruise, or if interested in a fishing charter in Bermuda. Donna and Karol will be the travel coordinators on behalf of the Castaways club.

To reserve your cabin with a **\$150 deposit per cabin**, please contact travel agent Darlene Smith at 603-556-1485. **Deposit deadline is July 16, 2026**, and final payment is due February 6, 2027. When booking, please advise Darlene if interested in a Boston pre-cruise stay and optional travel insurance.

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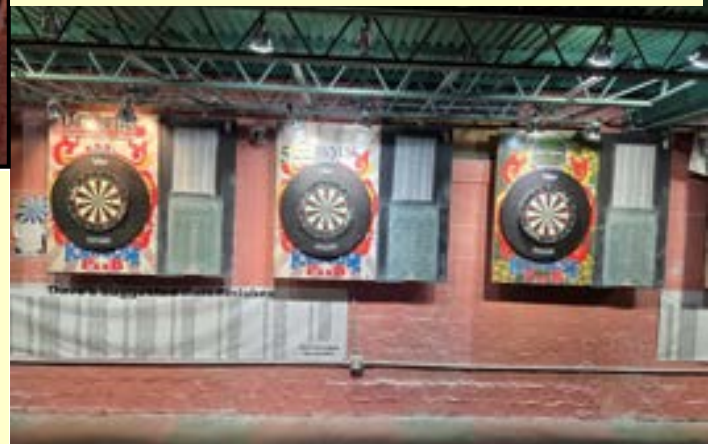
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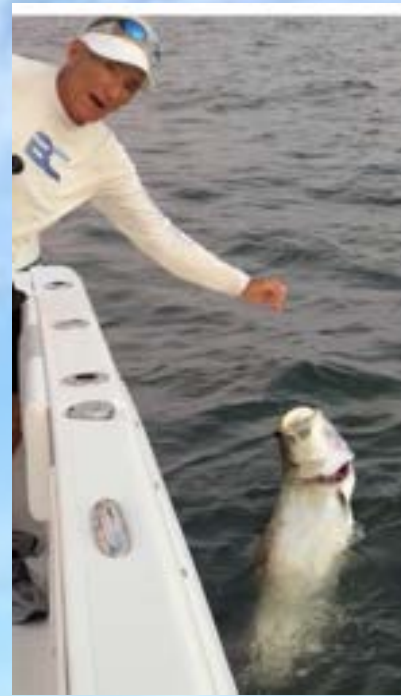
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