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THE CHUM LINE



SAVE THE DATES

JUNE FISH OF THE MONTH - ANY SNAPPER

June 5th: FSC Monthly Meeting, VFW, 7:00 p.m.
Quick Tips Seminar by Commander Steven J. Brooks.
See insert at right. →

Swap and Shop

7:30 Business Meeting

Guest Speakers: Bill Moore and Jeff Rafter. See right →

June 9th: FREE Club Kayak Tournament, see page 3.

June 23rd: FREE Club Guys & Gals Tournament, see page 4.

June 25th: Directors Meeting, 7:00 p.m. Realty Exchange

July 3rd: FSC Monthly Meeting, VFW, 7:00 p.m.

July 14th: FSC Kids Clinic, Bings Landing



Night Fishing

JUNE 5, 2018

Monthly Flagler Sportfishing Club Meeting



Come learn the tricks and techniques to successfully master the ART of Night Fishing. It's not the same as fishing in the day my friends. Hear from our own Experienced Members Bill Moore and Jeff Rafter.

Quick Tips - 7pm

Registering your Kayak

by Commander Steven J. Brooks

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Learn from our own!

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- Bill is renowned for Redfish
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- Tournament Winners
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Topics to be covered!

1. Handling your Boat
2. Lights
3. Preparation
4. Where to fish

MEETING PLACE
(PUBLIC WELCOME)

VFW Club
47 Old Kings Rd N
Palm Coast, FL 32137
(386) 448-8896
June 5, 2018 @ 7:30 PM



FROM THE HELM JUNE 2018

I hope you all enjoyed, helped at, or participated in our 22nd Spring Classic Tournament. We enjoyed great weather, healthy competition, some good fish and an overall good time. Most of all, we raised a chunk of money for the Disabled Veterans of Flagler County. You will have to wait until June's monthly meeting for the exact number but it's going to be big. Let me take a couple of sentences to touch on our new partnership with CCA of Florida that grew out of the spring tournament. CCA is one of the largest supporters of the recreational fishermen and women in the country. They are our watchdogs in Washington and work in other areas such as fish habitat restoration and reef building. They have also supported our tournaments over the last few years with some raffle, silent auction items and giveaways. This year they asked if we could supply them some live redfish for tagging for their STAR

tournament. We responded with 18 live fish that have been tagged and released in our waters. Catch one and you can win a new truck, boat or a college scholarship. Check CCA and STAR out on the web for all of the information. We signed up to do it again for next year's tournament as well.

Looking forward to July, mark off July 14th for our Kids Clinic at Bings Landing. We are going to teach 200 plus kids to fish that day and we will need all of the volunteers we can get. If you enjoy working with kids, like to fish or just get a charge out of organized chaos, this is for you. There will be more information in the Chum Line and it will be a June meeting topic so please get involved. I guarantee you will leave with a big smile on your face at the end of the day.

The trout bite is hot. Get out on the water!
Chuck

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June Fishing Forecast

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Offshore anglers, willing to brave the heat, should find a nice variety of species. Bottom fishermen will be able to target grouper, trigger, and black sea bass. Reports from local wrecks and reefs look promising for these species. Nice sized flounder should also compete for baits dropped down to these same areas. Trolling lures or ballyhoo along weed lines will continue to produce nice numbers of dolphin this month. In the absence of weed lines, try to locate flotsam or a congregation of birds. Black fin tuna should be plentiful in the same areas also. Nearshore waters will still be holding bait pods. The usual suspects, cobia, kingfish, sharks, and tarpon, should be lurking below the bait – ready to attack anything resembling an injured

pogie. Fishing from the piers or the surf during June, will yield bluefish, flounder, pompano, and whiting. Larger live baits may also tempt free swimming cobia or kingfish from the piers, as well. Inshore anglers will see a continued increase in the amount of sea trout and snook are available. The best bite will be pre-dawn and early morning fishing. On higher tides work grassy edges with your favorite topwater or subsurface plug. When the water is lower search drop-offs or under docks by drifting a live shrimp or small baitfish for these ambush predators. If redfish is your target, fish around oyster bars during periods of high water, and try fishing the banks of the ICW when the tide drops out. With kids getting out of school, June is a good month for targeting ladyfish and jacks also. While these fish are not good table fare, they can be a lot of fun, and can be caught from shore or in a boat.

Weigh Master, Rita Waddell Report**See page 11 for Point Standings as of April 30th**

Just a reminder...**Granada Pier Bait & Tackle** at the foot of the SR40 bridge in Ormond Beach is now an official weigh station for the club!

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Points for the **2018 Yearlong Tournaments** as of April 30, 2018 are....

It's still anybody's game! Species Leaders and Full Standings are available on the Website at <http://sportfishbase.com/members/> Printed copies are also available at the Members Club Meetings.

The Fish of the Month for May is Bluefish. Who will win that \$50 gift card? Our list of sponsors is growing & there is something for everyone. Is it your turn to collect? And looking forward to June where Any Snapper is the catch of the Month.

If you have any questions, please let me know...Rita Waddell,
Weighmaster...386.585.0148



FREE Club Kayak Tournament

Sponsored by the Flagler Sportfishing Club
Saturday, June 9, 2018

Launch from anywhere on the Morning of June 9th - No Check Outs.
Weigh-in starts promptly at 2:30 p.m. and ends promptly at 3:30 p.m. You must be in line before 3:30 p.m. to be able to weigh in fish.

Weigh-in Location: Bings Landing "S" Pavilion



PADDLE - PEDAL - OAR - POWER ONLY

Kayaks, Paddle Boards, or Row Boats

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You must paddle, row, or pedal. No pier, dock, power-boat or shore fishing permitted.

This is a TWO-SPECIES Tournament
REDFISH and TROUT with FOUR PLACES FOR EACH:

1st Place \$100.00 Each - 2nd Place \$80.00 Each -

3rd Place \$60.00 Each - 4th Place \$30.00

PLUS: \$50.00 awarded to heaviest Redfish/Trout Bucket.

\$25.00 Redfish with Most Spots

(In the event of a tie, first weighed in will win.)

AND everyone who attends the weigh in will be given a ticket for the drawing of a \$25.00 Sponsor Gift Card.



Raffles and 50/50 prizes will be awarded at the weigh-in. Tickets will be available for raffle items at the weigh-in and at the Monthly Meeting on June 5, 2018.

EXTRA! EXTRA! If no fish is entered for a Tournament cash payout spot for either species (also if no Bucket), you have *a chance to win without fishing!* A special raffle ticket will be given to all who attend the weigh in and will be used in a drawing for those prize amounts. **IMPORTANT:** Participants can only win one cash prize from winning cash places, bucket and spots. (50/50 is excluded as is the \$25.00 sponsor gift card.)

Kayak Tournament is **FREE** to Club Members. Sign up at the June 5th Monthly Meeting
Or call Tournament Directors: **Miguel Pandich 904-591-1536**

Tim Loftus 386-283-7353

Sign up **DEADLINE** is by noon June 7, 2018

\$20.00 entry fee for non Club members and must be registered by the Tournament deadline to weigh in any fish.

Please let the Tournament directors know by the deadline if you are coming to the weigh in so that enough food and water can be ordered.

All Florida State Fishing Regulations will be followed and complied with. No over or under slot fish will be allowed at the Weigh-in. This is **NOT** a Catch/Photo/Release Tournament. **Remember, only ONE Redfish per angler in Volusia County. That is the limit there!**



FLAGLER SPORTFISHING CLUB



FREE CLUB ANNUAL GUYS AND GALS FISHING TOURNAMENT

(Free to Junior Anglers 12 and Under)

Saturday, June 23, 2018 - Weigh In at Bings Landing from 2:00-3:00

- † Fish From Anywhere - No Boat Required - Fishing Starts at 6:00 a.m.
- † Weigh In By Team - Two Anglers Per Team - A Guy and a Gal or Kid (Either Gender)
 - † Same sex adult team must have one member in drag
- † Both Team Members Weighing Fish Must Come to Weigh In

SPECIES: FLOUNDER - REDFISH - TROUT - BLUES - WHITING - POMPANO

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Third Place	\$50.00	Third Place	\$50.00	Third Place	\$20.00
Fourth Place	\$25.00	Fourth Place	\$25.00		

(You can win only one cash prize with the exception of Most Creative Outfit. Tie goes to first weighed in.)



- Two Rod and Reel Combos
- Multiple Sponsor Gift Cards
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THE WEIGH IN SO THAT ENOUGH FOOD AND WATER CAN
BE ORDERED.**

FREE TO CLUB MEMBERS

- GUESTS: \$20.00 FISHING DONATION EACH, PAID IN ADVANCE, AND MUST FISH WITH A MEMBER.
- IF YOU ARE COMING TO THE WEIGH IN ONLY, YOU WILL ALSO NEED TO SIGN UP SO ENOUGH FOOD AND WATER CAN BE PURCHASED.
- GUESTS: \$10 FOOD DONATION IF COMING ONLY TO THE WEIGH IN

SIGN UP DEADLINE IS WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20th

Contact Club Tournament Chair, Andy Block at 914-557-6083

22nd Annual Spring Classic Tournament Captains Meeting at Beach Front Grill



The Silent Auction added to the fun at the Captains Meeting for the 22nd Annual Spring Classic.



Extreme left Mike Crotts and extreme right Chuck Radloff, Spring Classic Chairmen, with DAV representatives.



Ernie Morris from the DAV attended the Captains Meeting and thanked FSC for all the Club is doing to help veterans.



Weigh master Rita Waddell tips Leeland Raulerson for pulling her winning number in the 50/50.



No doubt about who won a raffle item at the Captains Meeting!



Norm Manley and Chris Christian help out at the Captains Meeting giving out Tournament shirts and angler buckets



Lisa Moravec and Bill May helped out at the Captains Meeting by answering anglers' questions.



Diana MacDonald was working with Treasurer Gary Fisher and Tim Miller in figuring the amount of the 50/50



Pat Gleichmann, Betty Christian, and Wanda Polatty check in registered Tournament anglers.

Boat For Sale



15' logic/triumph side console. Loaded - aluminum trailer, 55lb trolling motor, bimini top, marine radio, depth finder, gauges, spot light, 2 batteries, 2 boat covers (one still in box), live bait well, battery control switch, 40hp Yamaha, extra new tire and rim Roplene shallow draft \$6,500 Bob (386) 986-6135



Angler David Tucker, aka Pop Pop, enjoyed the Captains Meeting with Leeland, Lexi, and Auburn.

22nd Annual Spring Classic Tournament Day



Redfish Winners L to R: 1st Garrett Brown; 2nd Scott Cornelius; 3rd Randy Szlosek; 4th Tyler Ditton



Flounder Winners L to R: 1st Jeffrey Landermann; 2nd Ryan Dorsten; 3rd Tony Black; 4th Carl Chotas



Trout Winners L to R: 1st Dallas Moore; 2nd Nick Fiore; 3rd Shane Moore; 4th Tyler Ditton



Chris Lilly, center, won the Flagler Bucket. He was on Nick Sciara's boat with Nick and Joe Sciara.



Thank you Bob Cyr for helping post results on the leaderboard.



Mike Crotts and Chuck Radloff, Tournament Chairs with Leiza Fitzgerald, CCA STAR Director, and FSC Pres. Chuck Gleichmann.



Bob Murray was the lucky winner of the Cooler of Joy at the 22nd Annual Spring Classic Tournament.



Andrea Gillespie CCA STAR Assistant Director helped to sell raffles for the Cooler of Joy.



Chuck Radloff and Leiza Fitzgerald announced the winner of the \$500 Bulls Bay Rod & Reel - Tyler Ditton



The CCA STAR tanks were a safe haven for the 18 live Redfish donated to the program by willing Tournament anglers. Splish splash.



Chris Davy, MC for the Tournament complements Dallas Moore on his TBA 8.85lb First Place Trout!



Dana Syens, CCI Insurance, and Lisa Moravec, WorldWideSafety and ECP, donated contents of Cooler of Joy. TY



Ernie Morris from the DAV and Tournament Chair Chuck Radloff.



Michael Brandon with son Michael, Junior Angler. Congratulations!



Kevin Clymer with his son, AJ, Junior Angler. Congratulations!!!



Mark Goodman helped at the weigh in. Mike Hadden donated this Red to CCA



Redfish were not the only lucky fish in the sea on Tournament Day. Mitchell Dees also released his 2lb 2.4oz Trout.



Randy Szlosek won 3rd Place Redfish with this beautiful 7-pounder. Thank you Randy for donating her to CCA STAR!



Nice catch, Moore Family, L to R, Shane (3rd Place Trout), Wyatt with his 4.35 Trout (he also had a Red with 5 spots), and Erin.



Norm Manley and Andy Block never disappont! And somewhere in that net is Andy's winning 8-spot Redfish.



Travis Title was the first to bring in a Redfish and donate it to the CCA STAR program. Thank you.



Tyler Ditton took 4th with this beautiful Redfish that he donated to the CCA STAR Program. Awesome!



Onboard with Tyler Ditton was his friend Zeb Saul. Zeb was also onboard in donating his Redfish to the CCA STAR Program.



I NEED SOME HELP! IF YOU LIKE TAKING PHOTOGRAPHS AND MEETING SOME VERY NICE PEOPLE, YOU CAN HELP. I WILL BE AWAY FROM JUNE 12TH UNTIL THE END OF JULY AND NEED SOMEONE(S) TO TAKE PICTURES AT CLUB EVENTS ON JUNE 23RD AND JULY 3RD, 14TH, AND POSSIBLY 28TH. I HAVE A CANON REBEL THAT YOU CAN EASILY USE IF YOU NEED A CAMERA. CONTACT ME AT EMSCHEURER42@GMAIL.COM OR 732-687-0678. ELLEN

Club Meeting Minutes 05-01-18 by Carol Carter, Secy.
7:00 PM Quick Tips – speaker was Ron Gorney, presentation was on catching Bluefish.

Meeting Called to order at 7:30 PM by President Chuck Gleichmann

Pledge of Allegiance: presented by Pat Gleichmann

Passing of April Minutes: Minutes of April 03, 2018 meeting were passed, motion was made by Dean Roberts and seconded by David Genk.

Treasurer's Report: Gary Fisher said the bills are paid and the moneys in the bank. Dues statement went out, people are paid but it may not show yet as it may have crossed in the mail.

Welcome Visitors/New Members: We had 16 guests/new members at tonight's meeting.

Announcements: Chuck announced that Members Dues are now past due.

REPORTS:

Weigh Master Report & member fishing reports: Rita Waddell told all the members, "Thanks for your participation in the fishing tournament this weekend." There are two ties in the Lady Angler category of the Yearlong Tournament, Claire McIntyre and Dana Syens with Carol Webb one point behind. In the Male Angler category, Aby Moghanaki is in the lead with Tim Miller two points behind. The current updated, Yearlong report is on the table at the back of the room, help yourself to a copy. In April the Fish of the Month was Kingfish and in May it will be Bluefish. Rita said according to FWC notices, Grouper and Hogfish opened up today. July 1st triple tail will be increasing in size from 15-18" total length and the legal limit for Sheepshead was 15 a day but as of July 1st will be only 8 per day, 50 per vessel in March & April. Rita said the weigh stations are up and running. The weigh slips are scarce, she picked up none at Big Al's and only has 11 tickets.

Old Business:

Elections (Nominations): Bill May said nominations are as follows: out of the nomination ballots he received, two for the Quartermaster job declined the position and out of the two he received for Treasurer, one declined and Gary Fisher again accepted to stay on as our Treasurer for the term of that office. Congratulations, Gary! Bill said he is now on the hunt for some new directors and a new Quartermaster and that Chuck Gleichmann can put you right in the job. We need people to help out. Director's benefits are a used yellow shirt and your dues are waived!

Spring Tournament: Chuck Radloff reported that we had a great tournament, the director's and volunteers from the club raised a lot of money and that our annual sponsors gave us support and helped us a lot. He thanked Beach Front Grille for providing the location for our Captain's Meeting and Hidden Treasure for providing the location for the Weigh In. We partnered with Coastal Conservation Association in their Star Program, where our anglers graciously donated 18 of the redfish they caught live and these fish were tagged by CCA and released in local waters and will be available to be caught in their STAR Tournament on May 26th and anglers can receive big prizes and Scholarships for catching a tagged redfish. Bozeman Boats in Edgewater gave us a tank to hold the redfish in. Our benefactor of the 22nd Spring Classic is the Disabled Veterans of America in Flagler County and they will get a chunk of money.

Bottom Trip: Tim Miller said that the Bottom Trip will be on May 19, he wants to sign up 65 people and right now he has 8 spots left on the boat. You can bring a non-member for

\$100.00. The galley on the boat will not be open that day, so you will have to bring your own food and the club will provide bottled water. If you want to car pool, at the break you can meet in the corner to make arrangements for that. Raffle tickets will be sold on the boat, prizes are a \$50.00 gift card from Boater's Exchange, a filet knife from The Fishing Shack and a 2 person trip tickets for the boat, Critter Fleet, with over a \$200.00 value. Tim will need help that day to sell the raffle tickets and someone to do the Calcutta. If you are signed up for it and cannot go on the trip, let him know. At 7:30 AM, tickets will be drawn for spots on the boat. Drive slowly, the local police will be watching for all speeders. Also, there will be a big fish contest and any fish caught on the boat go toward our Yearlong Tournament, so make sure to weigh in your fish on there. Tim will have our scale and the weigh in slips with him.

Surf Fishing Tournament: Diana MacDonald said the Surf Tournament will be held on May 5th. Stand on the shore, feet in the sand facing the ocean. It will be from 6 AM – 2 PM and the weigh in will be at Betty Steflik Preserve, under the 100 Bridge from 1-2 PM. Come to the weigh in whether you have fish or not, there will be some great raffle prizes, a surf pole valued at \$300.00 and a beach cart valued at \$150.00, a show up bonus and a 50/50 prize. Tournament is free to club members, there will be a \$20.00 fee for non-members and they must fish with a member. Diana will need volunteers to sell the raffle and 50/50 tickets and someone to man the sign in table and give out the show up tickets. There will be no beach party this year because of hurricane damage to the beach areas that has not yet been repaired.

Fish Smoke Off: Andy Block announced the winners of the 4th Annual Smoke Off. He thanked Pat Gleichmann for taking Jody Block's place tonight. The judges were: Ron Stark, John Falter and Mike Crotts. David Genk brought dipping sauce to enhance the taste of the fish. 3rd place winner of a bag of smoking chips was Paul Gill for his smoked mullet, 2nd place winner of a towel embroidered with the club logo on it was David Genk for his smoked redfish, and the first place winner of the embroidered apron was Ron Gorney for his smoked trout. Congratulations to all the winners.

Break for 10 Minutes, then we will skip over the New Business section of tonight's meeting and present the guest speaker after the break.

Items skipped were June Kayak Tournament-Bill May, Guys N Gals Tournament-Andy Block and Any Other New Business

Guest Speaker: Noel Kuhn

Noel has been an avid surf fisherman for over 40 years. He started us off by having a question portion first and asked for some of the questions that people had, so he could address those issues first. Questions asked were, Best time, tides, bait, water clarity, the best place to go on Sat. for the tournament, where to put the bait, line versus braid, his favorite bait and reading the beach. The people who asked questions received a package of fish bites. He said you should fish all day long, it's about what bait is in the water, he likes to fish at sunrise. Pompano fish are sight feeders and you won't catch them in muddy waters, you will only catch sting rays and catfish when the water is not clear. Heat narrows your chances of catching fish. Tides- there are two kinds of beaches, a flat beach like Crescent Beach or a beach where the sand is higher like Hammock's beaches. The coquina sand is better. Tide – on Crescent beach, it is really flat and if you got to the beach a high tide you would have to make a 90 yard cast. It is difficult to fish a flat beach on a high tide. He

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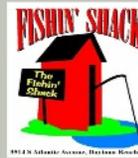
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Johnny Johns had a good day. He took 1st in Heaviest Fish with his 2.1lb Blue and also won the 50/50!!!



Mark Heffley (L) took 2nd Place Heaviest Fish with his 2.06 lb Blue.



Gail Wilson won 3rd Place Heaviest Fish with her 1.15lb. Redfish. Nice!



Mark Juliano 4th Heaviest Fish with a 1.15 lb. Pompano



Ron Gomey was first in with two species and took first place Most Species at the Surf Tournament on May 5th.



Thank you Roy Lawson and Diana MacDonald for a great tournament.



Andy Block had some tips for Gary Fisher in filleting a fish.



Tom Juliano won 2nd Place Most Species with two species. (Ron Gomey got there first with two species.)



Gary Hutchinson won the surf rod & thanks for the rum cake!



While looking pretty in pink, Elvira James sold raffle tickets. Thanks.



Congrats to Carol Webb on winning the surf cart.

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Yearlong Ladies & Men's Angler of the Year Point Standings...as if 4-30-2018

Ladies		Men			
Claire McIntire	20	Abdollah Moghanaki	35	Bruce Backman Jr.	10
Dana Syens	20	Tim Miller	33	John Mueller	10
Carol Webb	19	Shane Stover	20	Mark Heffley	10
ML Lopez	16	Ronald Gorney	14	Gene VanDorpe	10
Diana MacDonald	15	Joaquinn Ruela	12	Michael Hadden	6
Dawn VanDorpe	10	Steven Hirko	12	Jeff Rafter	6
Scheyenne Welch	6	Tony Black	12	Michael Godman	5
Amelia Lukaszewski	5	Tyler Ditton	12	Roy Lawson	5
Sandy Durkee	2	Chris Christian	11	Scott Cornelius	4
		Jeffrey Lademann	10	Andrew Block	3
		Shane Moore	10	Mitchell Dees	2
		Greg Zvierko	10	Sonny Triplett	2

BOTTOM TRIP PHOTOS BY WALT HURESKY



Thank you Tim Miller for running yet another fun Bottom Trip.



Kang Muscatello
Placed 2nd with his 5lb 3 oz. Mango Snapper



Nice catch, Kevin Clymer!



Congrats to Hank Alper for taking 3rd Place with his 4 lb. Bonita.



Bottom Trip, May 19, 2018
Anglers are ready to go.



A total of 65 anglers
were onboard and ready to fish.



Dana Syens 1st Place 36 lb 8 oz. Cobia

The club bottom trip aboard the Critter Fleet out of Ponce Inlet was held on May 19, 2018. After an hour and half roller coaster ride, the boat arrived at a reef 23 miles off shore. Cloudy skies keep the temperature from getting too hot, and rain held off until the end of our trip. Although the Captain made many moves around the reefs, to find active fish, not many fish were willing to take an ice bath in the fish box. The mates were helpful and friendly. Members did catch Porgy, Vermilion Snapper, Mangrove Snapper, Lane Snapper, Red Snapper, Trigger, Cobia, Bonita, Jacks, sharks along with a boat load of Grunts. Dana Syens took 1st place with a 36lb 8oz Cobia, Kang Muscatello took 2nd place with a 5lb 3 oz Mangrove Snapper, Hank Alper took 3rd place with a 4lb Bonita. Dana Syens also won the Calcutta. Rod Fonseca the pair of full day fishing passes for the Critter Fleet. Andy Block won the Fillet Knife, Bob Daniels won a Fishin Shack gift certificate and Alex Parento won the Boater Exchange gift certificate. By Tim Miller, Bottom Trip Chair



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sets up his sand spikes backward, so it is easier to see the tip of the rod when he gets a bite and it helps keep the rod from falling over into the sand. Most times the wind is out of the east. Lean the spike backwards, and you will not get a tip wrap. Leave enough line out for as long as your rod is. If you have a 12 foot rod, put out 12 feet of line. On a high impact beach, you can fish on any tide cycle. Rigs – his favorite is a double dropper rig with a Sputnik sinker. A Sputnik sinker is aerodynamic and it reduces friction. A pyramid sinker slows things down. A teardrop sinker will fly better than the Sputnik, but the Sputnik will lock into the sand. When considering the best weight for a Sputnik, you have to consider how much weight is it going to take to get you where you need to go distance wise, how much weight your rod can hold and how much weight do you need to hold it. He told us that if the water looks like Yoohoo, go to the pier or elsewhere where there is clear water and that west winds will cause very muddy water. Greenish sandy color is ok to fish in. The water is always cleaner on one side of the beach than the other, so try to find the cleanest water around you. Don't fish in muddy water, go to the other side of the inlet and it should be better. He uses 14 lb monofilament, a light line casts further. If he wanted shark he would use a 40 lb mono. He hates braided line because it can create wind knots and he fishes with multiple rods. When he is throwing lures, he does use braid to obtain distance. Braided line and fish finder rigs can get tangled up in the surf. The surf has to be clear to use lures. Some lures he uses are a Tactical Angler Tail weighted with a chugger head with rattles, Sunami with weight transfer beads, an

X14, named after an airplane with a weighted tail. His favorite lure is a Roberts Ranger, it is back weighted and he can throw it 150 yards and it comes back skipping, it comes in 2,3 & 4 oz. He prefers orange or yellow colored line to deter birds from flying into it. If you get a bird caught in your line, gently bring it in and put a wet towel over its head to get the line off. If you snag an Osprey, just cut the line and he will get it off himself. Surf Rods – how far to throw and the tip is important if you have a on- pound whiting, you may not even know it's on your line. The rod should be carbon and graphite and the last 18" of your rod will let you know you have a fish on. Rig for pompano, keep it simple, 30 lb mono with the 2/0 circle hooks you can get at the store, or learn to make your own. Bead colors, purple, orange, white or even gold. He uses white floats, it will float a sand flea or chartreuse for redfish and it will lift up the finger mullet. Tangerine orange works too, it is the same color of the sand fleas egg sack, put the bead right on top of the hook, learn to match the hatch. Which means use the size bait to fit the mouth of the fish you are targeting. Don't have any snaps on the Pompano rig. Everything eats shrimp and whiting, pompano, red and black drum like clams and sand fleas. Many great tips to help us surf fish!

June Meeting Quick Tips by Commander Steven J. Brooks,
 Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotila

June Meeting Guest Speakers will be Bill More and Jeff Rafter

Topic: Night Fishing

50/50 Winner: \$140.00 was won by Andy Wallar

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 PM