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HIGHLIGHTS

• 5/2 Monthly Member Meeting

• 5/13 Bottom Trip

• 5/20 Surf Tournament

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FROM THE HELM - MAY 2023 BY CAPTAIN ADAM MORLEY

Greetings, fellow members!

I'm excited to update you on the latest fishing news in our area because, well, the fishing has been exceptional with redfish, trout, and snook along the grass lines, oyster bars, and other ambush points. The redfish have been biting hard, with many slot-sized fish ranging from 18-27 inches being caught. My son, Elon, caught a 25" Red using top water bait, and we've had great success with top water lures featuring

a "walk-the-dog" action/retrieval pattern and soft plastic baits rigged weedless on weighted hooks. The best spots for redfish have been around oyster bars and deeper holes in the grass flats.

Trout fishing has also been fantastic, with some gator trout being caught. The Kiss My Fish "Creeper," Heddon Super Spooks, and MirrOlure Top Dogs have been the most successful top water baits, with the best areas being around the grass flats and creek mouths.

The snook bite has been slightly hit or miss, but larger live shrimp around dock lights have been the winning ticket, with occasional fish being caught on top water in deeper cuts and canals. Chris, with Skinny Water Lures, provided a report saying that the recent rain and onset of summer have resulted in high tides and warmer water, causing redfish to change their diet from crustaceans to baitfish. Swim bait-style lures have been successful in catching them, with topwater baits being more productive during the early morning and evening, particularly around pinch points.

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He suggests the High Bridge and Long Creek areas, where redfish are active on both incoming and outgoing tides around oyster bars. On low tide, reds can be found in the deeper channels off the oyster bars, while on high tide, they will ambush lures over the top of the bars. Spotted sea trout are also being caught in the same areas, particularly in the deeper holes with moving water. Paddle tails or twitch bait-style lures have been successful in catching them.

In the surf, Berry with BS Surf Fishing Charters reported that the pompano bite is still going strong from Hutchinson Island down to North Carolina. To catch them, find areas with clean water and use ghost shrimp, fleas, or crab knuckles as bait. Multiple scents and colors of fishbites have also been effective in catching plenty of fish. Whiting are also present, with some measuring up to 17 inches.

The water conditions this week have been excellent, but winds and storms over the weekend may cause some turbidity. However, we can anticipate that it will clean up by late next week when the winds shift back to the north and east. Blue fish and jacks are present in the surf, and lady fish (also known as "poor man tarpon") are starting to appear. If you're targeting trout, you can find them around the piers on fish finder or knock-it rigs. Recently, flea fishbites have been effective, especially when paired with the BS rig and sand flea floats.

Overall, fishing in our area has been great recently, with numerous opportunities to catch some impressive fish. As always, please follow all local fishing regulations and practice catch-and-release whenever possible to ensure the health of our fish populations. Tight lines and good luck on the water!



Join us again next week for the Fishin' Friday Report.

Captain Adam Morley

TOURNAMENT CHAIRMAN REPORT BY TIM MILLER



Tim Miller tdtmiller@yahoo.com





Welcome to May. Your club is busy working on providing great tournaments for you to enjoy.

The 2023 Spring Classic is now in the books and appears to have been a success. Thanks to this event and the hard work by club members, the DAV and your club will receive some much-needed funding.

The month of May will see the club Bottom Trip on May 13. This event gives members a chance at prize money along with possibility of offshore fish for the yearlong tournament. See flyer in this issue for more information.

May also brings the first of two surf tournaments on May 20. Get out and try your luck in the Surf. See flyer in this issue for more information.

The CPR tournament is in full swing. Get your club bump board and start entering your fish. You only need to upload one released fish to be entered into the prize drawings. Then every five fish after that will get you more entries. Just one entry gives you a chance at Club Jacket, Shirt, or gift card.

Thank you to all the volunteers that helped with club tournaments. Without this help, the club would not be able to provide these great events. Be sure to sign up as a helper for the next tournament. I do still need Tournament Chairs for the Member Classic on 9-23-2023 and the Red White & Blue Tournament on November 18, 2023.

Tim Miller tdtmiller@yahoo.com



Get ready for the Surf Fishing Tournament on May 20th with this great video, Fishing Basics 101 Surf Fishing, brought to you by our Sponsor, <u>Boaters Exchange</u>. <u>Click Here to Watch Now.</u>



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SPRING CLASSIC TOURNAMENT RECAP







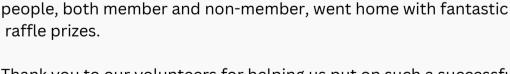


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The weigh-in ended at 4.30 PM and while the officials tallied the weights and fish, the raffle winners were being drawn. Lots of





The 27th Annual Classic Fishing Tournament was held on April 21st and 22nd. It was a tremendous success for the Fishing Club and for the Disabled American Veterans (DAV). Tim Miller was the chairperson for this event, and he was assisted by the Flagler Sportfishing Club members and DAV members, as it takes a large team to put an event this size on every year.

The weekend event started with a Captain's Meeting and Silent Auction held at the Social Club of Palm Coast. Forty-Seven auction

items were on display and the bidding was fierce for many of the items. Thank you to all that made bids to help make this auction a success. Anglers registered that night and purchased 50/50 and raffle tickets. The 50/50 drawing was held that night along with four

of the seventeen raffle items. A total of ninety anglers signed up to compete. The next day was gorgeous and the competition was just

Redfish, Trout and Flounder were being brought into Bings. CCA

weighmaster to allow the weigh-in process to go as smoothly as it could. Coastal Conservation Association (CCA) was on hand to

capture the live fish for tagging and quick release back into our local habitat. A total of eight live Redfish were donated to CCA for their

provided an independent weighmaster to team up with our





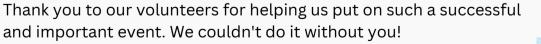














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SPRING CLASSIC TOURNAMENT WINNERS

Congratulations Spring Classic Tournament Winners!

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4/22/2023						
Place	Angler	Weight				
Trout						
1st - \$550	John Music Jr.	2 lbs 4 ozs				
2nd - \$400	Chris Lilly	2 lbs 2 ozs				
3rd - \$300	Randy Szlosek	2 lbs 0 ozs				
4th - \$200	Mike Luke	1 lb 12 ozs				
Redfish						
1st - \$550	Gene Van Dorpe Sr.	6 lbs 14 ozs				
2nd - \$400	Dawsen Hansen	6 lbs 12 ozs				
3rd - \$300	Depriest Andew	6 lbs 12 ozs				
4th - \$200	Jeff Voegtle	6 lbs 6 ozs				
Flounder						
1st - \$550	Brian Sousa	4 lbs 4ozs				
2nd - \$400	Lee Grasso	2 lbs 12 ozs				
3rd - \$300	Chris Lilly	2 lbs 8 ozs				
4th - \$200	Wyatt Moore	2 lbs 6 ozs				
Flagler Slam						
\$350	Lucas Terry	Draw				
Most Spots Redfish						
\$200	Dallas Moore	7 Spots				
CCA Raffle						
\$300	Jett Voegtle	1 live Redfish donation raffle				



John Music Jr, 1st place Trout





Gene Van Dorpe Sr, 1st place Redfish



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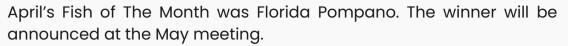


MAY WEIGH MASTER REPORT BY SCOTT ROBERTSON



Scott Robertson Weigh Master (407) 373-5994

May's Fish of the Month is Amberjack



May's Fish of the month is Amberjack. Minimum size is 28" with a bag limit of 1 fish. Pat Laurienti won March fish of the month with a 11b 3oz Spotted Sea Trout. Congratulations Pat!

The CPR (catch, photo, release) tournament is picking up steam. I am seeing a lot of entries this month. Remember just one entry gets you into the drawing at the end of the year. We have a good supply of our official bump boards available to buy for \$20. Now you can have your own bump board approved for use.

For all you freshwater fishing people, Large Mouth Bass will be added to the eligible species list for the CPR yearlong tournament effective June 1, 2023. Please note this is for the CPR tournament only. A reminder for everyone fishing in our tournaments – All fish must comply with FWC rules. Fish brought to the weigh-in are required to be measured on the official club bump board before being weighed. Please take your fish to the bump board at the weigh table before putting it on the scale.



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If you ever have a problem weighing in at one of our weigh stations, you can call me and come by my home, if I am available.

As of May 1, 2023 you will no longer be able to get fish weighed for the yearlong tournament at the Flagler Pier Bait Shop as they will be closing June 1. Also note that Yellow Dog Bait Shop at Highbridge is now open and is an official weigh station. The boat ramps there are also open so give them a visit.

NOTICE - The overall species Leaders and Full Point Standings are updated at the end of each month on our website: <u>https://flaglersportfishing.com/</u>

Thanks for everyone's support, and if you have any questions, please let me know.

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MAY FISHING REPORT BY CAPTAIN TIM JARVIS

Inshore:

Try topwater first thing in the morning and at dusk for tarpon, snook, redfish and big jacks. Fish around the bars at low tide and the grass edges at high tide. When the topwater bite shuts down try soft plastics or live mullet or shrimp under a popping cork. Flounder bite should be good in the creeks and flats. I like to fish the last 2 hours of outgoing and the first 2 hours of incoming in my favorite creek holes, using a ¼ oz jig head with my favorite paddle tail or live mud minnow or live mullet.



Captain Tim Jarvis Three Lagoon Fishing Charters 321.794.3182 timjar963@gmail.com

Surf & Inlet:

The tarpon, king fish and occasional cobia will start showing up this month and sometimes come close enough that the surf and pier anglers have a chance at them. A good time for this is when the bait pods are close to the beach. Try floating a live mullet or porgie with a balloon for these hard fighting fish. Whiting, flounder and occasional black drum are still being caught, fish the trough with shrimp, sandfleas or fiddler crabs.

Off Shore:

May should be a good month for dolphin. Look for weed lines, diving birds and flying fish. Fish 180 feet and up for these fish with your favorite trolling lure or a rigged ballyhoo. Fish live bottom and ledges for grouper, use a fish finder rig with a pin fish or sardine.

Tight lines & good luck!

Next Member Meeting May 2nd



'kids4reel' IN THE COMMUNITY



"kids4reel' recently had another wonderful fishing adventure with Bunnell Elementary School. It was a beautiful afternoon at Herschel King park. Our Junior Anglers caught several fish, while enjoying plenty of wildlife sightings, including native birds and some manatees!

STANO A MULLIFE CONSERVATION A few students even caught their very first fish! 'kids4reel' is so happy to help these children experience such a meaningful lifetime memory and we are thankful to our members and sponsors for helping support these outings.

Everyone enjoyed a tasty lunch, provided by Flagler Sportfishing Club and we all had a genuinely fantastic time!







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APRIL MEETING MINUTES BY CAROL CARTER, SECRETARY

Club Meeting Minutes 04-04-2023

Quick Tips - Tonight's speaker was Chuck Gleichmann. Topic: How to win a Tournament

Meeting was called to order by Club President, Adam Morley

Pledge of Allegiance – Presented by Ron Gorney

Passing of March 07, 2023 Minutes, Motion made by Tim Beebe and seconded by Peter Bessette. Minutes accepted.

Welcome New Members/Visitors/First Responders/Veterans/Active Duty – 2 new members and 2 guests tonight

Welcome Annual Sponsors – Sponsors in attendance are Adam Morley – Genung's Fish Camp & Dana Syens – CCI. We thank all of our sponsors, for helping us to continue to reach our goals.

Reports:

Finance Report: Deb Marinco said February and March income was \$14,995.00 . Expenses for the 2 months were \$7,466.24. Net amount for the 2 months were \$7,528.76. Chris Christian got new sponsors that are on board, thanks Chris. The new sponsors are: Allure European Spa, Portugal Wine Bar and Grill, Twisters Ice Cream, Ash and Ale, S&A Leisure and More, and Big Boys Toys.

Weigh Master Report: Fish of the Month: Scott Robertson said the CPR and Year Long Tournament standings are up-to-date through March, look on the web page to find these standings. Use the Fishing Tab and go to what you want to see. Scott will bring printouts to the May 2nd meeting. The FOM for April is Pompano. For CPR you can use your own Bump Board but it has to be certified by a director in the club and have a club sticker that has been initialed by a director. Before weighing in any fish at the tournaments – the fish must be measured first. The FOM for March was Spotted Seatrout the winner was Pat Laurienti, who accepted a gift card from Hammock Bait & Tackle. Carol Tilley was presented with a trophy and jacket for being Lady Angler of the Year. She said her father passed away in Dec. and they fished together for at least 10 years and she hopes to get back to fishing the tournaments in the near future. Congratulations, Carol!

Tournament Director Report and Upcoming Tournaments: Tim Miller said Mark Heffley ran the Count the Spots Tournament on March 18 th , not many Redfish, only four, show up tickets were drawn for the places that were not caught. Tim questioned the audience about doing away with picking tickets for the empty places and just having those places not paid off.



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APRIL MEETING MINUTES CONTINUED

Members agreed to draw for places. So your white Show Up tickets will continue to be drawn for the fish that were not caught. Heli Hogs provided the food for the tournament. The Spring Classic will start on Friday, April 21st open at 5:30 PM for silent auction and raffle prizes, 50/50, Cooler of Joy. The Captain's meeting will start at 7:00 PM at the Palm Coast Social Club, next door to the VFW on Old King's Road. The Classic Fishing Tournament will be on Saturday, April 22nd starting at 7:00 AM-8 AM boat checkouts at Bings Landing, Under the 100 Bridge and at High Bridge. Weigh-in from 3-4:30 PM at Bings Landing, South Pavilion. Monies made from this tournament go to the DAV, Flagler Sportfishing Club and the Foundation. Sign up is in the back, \$60.00 for members and over \$3,000.00 in prize money. You can fish from a kayak. CCA will be all set up to receive LIVE redfish. There is also a sign-up sheet for volunteers and we need many. The Cooler of Joy has \$300.00 worth of liquor in it, tickets are \$10.00 each or 3 for \$25.00. Bring friends to the Silent Auction. You can sign up online for the Classic. It will cost \$10.00 more if you sign up the night of the Capts. Meeting. Tim said they are taking renewals for membership tonight. He is also taking reservations for the Bottom Trip on May 13th on the Sea Spirit, cost is \$95.00 for members. There will be raffle prizes and a 50/50. You can cancel a week in advance if necessary and you can take 2 poles. Bring water and beer.

Membership Report: Quinn Bui said that 200 members have renewed and we have 40 new members since the new year. If you have not renewed, your membership is expired.

Club Election Nominations – Chris Christian said nominations will be voted on at the May meeting and will be installed at the June meeting. Before nominating someone, make sure they are willing to accept the nomination. Nomination sheets are at the back table with Chris.

Affirm Bylaws that were sent out last month – Adam Morley called for a motion to affirm the bylaws. Motion was made by Peter Bessette and 2nd by Ron Gorney to vote on affirming the bylaws. Chuck Gleichmann raised his hand and asked to be recognized and asked Adam for 5 minutes to speak. Adam gave him this time and Chuck said he was opposed to two bylaws that he thought needed to be amended. A discussion was had between Adam and some other members mentioned that they had not had a chance to review the new by-laws. The new by-laws were sent out in the club newsletter The Fishing Line, but some people did not see them. Chuck and Pat Gleichmann questioned some budget items, one being the monies that were spent under Rentals and also wanted a more accurate reporting at meetings of the financial items including income and expenses for the club. A vote was taken and it was opposed, so the by-laws were not voted in yet. Members were to read the 2023 by laws and the vote will be taken again at the May 2nd meeting. Some of the old by-laws had to be amended because of us being a 501c3 now.

Present framed article to Jeff Murphy and Deb Thomas – They were not at tonight's meeting and Deb Marinco accepted the framed article about the kids4reel program that was in the Sun & Surf magazine. Deb said she saw the kids from Wadsworth School fishing and one caught a nice flounder and another one caught 4 fish and they were very excited and happy.



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APRIL MEETING MINUTES CONTINUED

Sue McCarthy (Club member) has a gift from the Amvets Women's Auxiliary Bunnell Chapter to the Kids4reel programs – Sue presented the club with a check for \$1,000.00 for the 'Kids4reel' program. Sue had spoken to Jeff Murphy and that this money is to help to get the kids out fishing. Thank you very much Amvets Women's Auxiliary for the very generous donation.

Dessert Contest – Winners were 3rd place – Dawn Miller for Strawberry Cheesecake \$25.00, 2nd place – Ron Gorney for Peanut Butter Cookies \$50.00, 1st place – David Genk for Macaroons \$75.00. There were 15 entries, Judges were: Cookie Zimmer, Betty Christian and Redempta Burek. Adam announced that Genung's Fish Camp would be holding a Local Brand Fishing Expo with many booths set up. Our fishing club will be set up with Cookie & Bill Zimmer representing us at the booth. Also, there are Right To Clean Water petitions up front to sign during the break time.

Break and Swip Swap Sales

Year End Report – Adam Morley gave us a presentation with a recap of all the events and things that the club was involved in during the 2022 year. He said our mission statement was to get people fishing. Some of the club successes are that we are getting good press on the 'kids4reel' program and the development of that.

With the 501c3 in place we don't have to pay sales taxes on items we purchase, we can receive donations from outside businesses, we get a reduced credit card rate. We donated \$6,000.00 to the DAV last year. We have a scholarship fund with the CCA in the amount of \$5,000.00. For this year we are working on an incentive program for volunteers and incentives to catch, photo and release fish, working on live fish turn ins. He reviewed our income and expenses for 2022 and announced that we have a club reserve of \$19,924.00. He also reviewed our projected expenses for 2023 as \$58,250.00. We are looking forward to an exciting year to come in 2023!

50/50 Drawing: Winner of \$170.00 was Carol Carter - Congrats!

Attendance at tonight's meeting was 70.

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Tim Beebe seconded by Sue McCarthy.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:40 PM.





Sign ups start April 4th and is limited to the first 40 members that pay in advance. Open to non-members starting May 3rd.

For more information and a link to sign-up for the trip, please visit our website <u>https://flaglersportfishing.com/event/club-bottom-trip/</u>



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Quick Tips for FSC

- <u>The Chum Line</u> newsletter is delivered to your inbox each month to inform you of all Club activities.
- Visit the <u>**Club website**</u> for valuable up to the minute information on all activities that the club has to offer.
- Connect to other Club Members on our <u>Facebook page</u> and <u>Instagram page</u>.
- The Club provides Quick Tips Videos on <u>YouTube</u> to help introduce our members to the various types of fishing that is available in the area.
- Electronic communications come out every month called the "Fishing Line" with the upcoming events for the Club.
- A monthly meeting is held at the VFW on the 1st Tuesday of every month with excellent speakers to improve your fishing knowledge and techniques.
- You can attend wonderful social events like ice cream socials, chili cook-offs, family picnics, holiday parties and so much more.
- You can participate in 10 free fishing tournaments, plus one forfee charity event during the year as well as a Free Kid's Clinic.
- FSC takes pride in community through FSC's gifting commitment to Veterans' organizations, UF's Whitney Laboratory, Coastal Conservation Association, and other diverse nonprofit organizations.
- You find the current calendar for 2023 HERE

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UPCOMING EVENTS

FLAGLER SPORTFISHING CLUB 2023 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS MAY - JULY

MAY AMBERJACK	JUNE KINGFISH & DOLPHIN	JULY FLOUNDER
01 - Flagler County Manatee Speed Zones Begin, FWC Compliant, Check Website	06 - Monthly Meeting VFW 7:00 PM Quick Tips, 7:30 PM Meeting, Swap Shop and Officers installed	00 - Red Snapper Tournament TBA
02 - Monthly Meeting VFW 7:00 PM Quick Tips, 7:30 PM Meeting and Election of Officers, Guest Speaker		11 - Monthly Meeting VFW 7:00 PM Quick Tips, 7:30 PM Meeting, Ice Cream Social
13 - Bottom Trip, Ponce Inlet	17 - Club Team Tournament, Herschel King Park	14-15 - Over-Night Tournament, Herschel King Park
20 - Club Surf Tournament, Betty Steflik		25 - Directors Meeting, VFW, 7:00pm
30 - Directors Meeting, VFW, 7:00pm	27 - Directors Meeting, VFW, 7:00pm	30 - Annual Kid's Clinic, Herschel King Park

