# THE CHUM LINE



# FROM THE HELM BY CAPTAIN ADAM MORLEY

Dear Flagler Sportfishing Club Members,

As we approach the festive season, I want to extend warm holiday greetings to each and every one of you. This year has been filled with

memorable fishing adventures, camaraderie, and the joy of pursuing our shared passion for the sea.

#### I am thrilled to announce that our annual Holiday Party is just around the corner, scheduled for December 7th. It promises to be an evening of laughter, good company, and perhaps a few fish tales shared among friends. Let's come together to celebrate the spirit of the season and reflect on the wonderful times we've had on the water.

In the true spirit of giving, I'd like to encourage all attending members to participate in our gift card drive. We have the opportunity to make a meaningful impact on the lives of underprivileged kids in Flagler County. If each of you could bring a \$25 gift card from Target or Walmart to the party, we can collectively contribute to spreading holiday cheer and making a difference in our community. Your generosity will help ensure that these young hearts experience the magic of the season, and it reflects the compassionate spirit that defines our club. Let's show our community that the Flagler Sportfishing Club not only excels in angling but also has a big heart for those in need.

### <u>HIGHLIGHTS</u>

- NO December
   Member
   Meeting
- 12/7Annual HolidayParty
- 1/20 Sheepshead Tournament

Follow us on social media for more updates & tips!







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#### FROM THE HELM, CONTINUED

kids4reel' now partners with 5 local Flagler schools and supports fishing clubs for their students. Many of the partner school students' families fall below the poverty line income level. We would like to target these needy children/families and provide them some assistance during this Holiday Season.

Here's how you can help!

- Buy gift cards in \$25 increments from either Walmart or Target; e.g. those members wishing to contribute \$100, will purchase/donate (4) \$25 gift cards
- Place the gift card(s) in envelopes with the FSC member donor name on the envelope
- Either bring the gift cards in the envelopes to drop off at a designated donation box at
  the upcoming FSC Christmas party on December 7, 2023; or email a member of our
  'kids4reel' team Jeff Murphy jeff.murphy.tmg@gmail.com or Ray McCall
  luckycharm264@gmail.com who will pick up the gift cards and distribute them to our
  partner schools. All donations will be registered with our Treasurer, Deb Marinco who will
  provide thank you receipts to our donors.

Our 'kids4reel' partner schools will determine the most needy students to receive your generous donations.

Your gift donation can help lift a burden for a struggling parent and/or bring extra joy to a needy family – please consider this opportunity.

I look forward to seeing you all at the Holiday Party, sharing stories, and joining hands to make this season brighter for those who could use a little extra warmth and joy.

Wishing you and your loved ones a joyful holiday season filled with tight lines, good health, and memorable moments.

Happy Holidays!

Capt. Adam Morley President, Flagler Sportfishing Club



#### TOURNAMENT CHAIRMAN REPORT BY TIM MILLER



Your club finished the year with our Red, White and Blue Tournament on November 18th. This tournament saw a respectable number of members weigh in fish. Thanks to David Genk and crew, members enjoyed a fish fry along with fellowship. Thank you also goes out to Mark Heffley and crew for running this tournament. See the Red, White, and Blue summary in this issue for results.

Tim Miller tdtmiller@yahoo.com

Your club ended the year with 11 free member tournaments in which \$7,700.00 in prize money was given out. Members also took advantage of the member classic with \$2000.00 in prize money. There was a Red Snapper Tournament, along with the Spring Classic for members to partake in.



The Catch, Photo and Release Tournament is in full swing. Fortyone members have submitted 594 photos in twelve varied species. There is still time to enter a fish in the CPR tournament. Remember that fish must be of legal length and in season to count for CPR Tournament. Get your club bump board and start entering your fish for a chance at being one of the eleven winners that will win a Club Jacket, Club Shirt or Sponsor Gift Card at the end of the year. As members, can only win once, the odds of winning with one fish are good. You only need to upload one released fish to be entered into the prize drawings. Then every five fish after that will get you another entry.



Next year will see 9 more free tournaments. The first will be a Sheepshead tournament on January 20, 2024. (Dress Warm!) Your club is also planning a Red Snapper Tournament and Bottom Trip, along with the Fish of the Month Contest. Also in the works is the Year Long Tournament, Members Classic, in addition to continuing the CPR tournament. Also, there will be two Member Clinics that cover multiple topics. When you receive your 2024 Calendar, check the back page for the Schedule of Events that are planned for the members. This is just a small part of all you get for your membership dues.





#### TOURNAMENT CHAIRMAN REPORT CONTINUED

Two changes to the Year Long Tournament and the CPR Tournament to note for next year. For the Year Long Tournament, fish must be caught in Volusia, Flagler or St. Johns Counties. For the CPR fish can be caught anywhere in the state of Florida.

Thank you to all the volunteers that helped with club tournaments. Without this help the club would not be able to provide these momentous events. Be sure to sign up as a helper for the next tournament. I also need members to chair next years tournaments. Please let me know if you can be the chair for any tournaments in 2024.

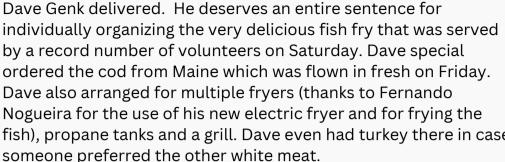
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#### 2023 RED, WHITE & BLUE TOURNAMENT & FISH FRY BY MARK HEFFLEY

























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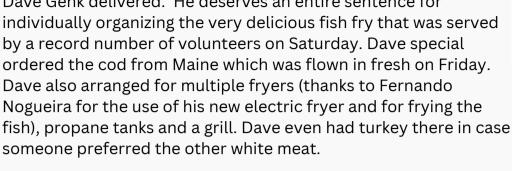












The volunteers looked very busy every time I glanced that way while taking a break from poking fun at selected members.

Congratulations again to Nolie and Steve Mish on their 50th anniversary! You look great!

The volunteers included my Personal Assistant Cookie Zimmer, her Gaffer Bill Zimmer, Chef Frank Meekins, George Cyrilla, (who drove in from South Carolina and was the fish mule), Sheepshead Andy (Block), who always seemed to be eating fish when I was near the fryers, Scott Robertson, Deb Marinco, Mike Crotts, Paul Bergeron, Mark Fox, Dean Roberts and Mark Webb. Thanks everyone!

The weather was decent but the surf conditions were poor for the 57 anglers entered in the tournament. 68 members and guests took advantage of Dave's thorough planning to eat better than restaurant-quality fried cod and grilled mahi, redfish, trout and sheepshead as well as a plethora of side dishes at Bing's Landing.





#### **RED, WHITE & BLUE TOURNAMENT RECAP CONTINUED**

Red, White & Blue Tournament Winners		11/18/2023
	Name	Weight
Heaviest RedFish		
1st \$85	Karen Dougherty	5 lbs 14 ozs
2nd \$70	David Shank	5 lbs 3 ozs
3rd \$60	Pat Laurienti	4 lbs 10 ozs
<b>Heaviest Blue Fish</b>		
1st \$70	Mark Heffley	1 lb 3 ozs
2nd \$60	Francis Dougherty	14 ozs
3rd \$50	Bill Pleskach	13 ozs
Heaviest Whiting		
1st \$55	Mike Janzen	11 ozs
2nd 50	Mark Juliano	10 ozs
3rd \$40	Ron Gorney	9 ozs
<b>Heaviest Combo \$85</b>	Andy Block	7 lbs 6 ozs
<b>CPR-Longest Fish \$75</b>	Bill Zimmer	22.25" Redfish















#### DECEMBER WEIGH MASTER REPORT BY SCOTT ROBERTSON



Scott Robertson Weigh Master (407) 373-5994

December's Fish of the Month is Whiting



\*\*NOTICE - The overall species Leaders and Full Point Standings are updated at the end of each month on the club website:

flagersportfishing.com
Then under Fishing click
on YearLong Club
Standings.

November's Fish of the Month was Snook and Spotted Seatrout . The winner will be announced at the January 2024 meeting.

**December's fish of the month is Whiting.** The winner will be announced at the January 2024 meeting.

Tim Beebe won October fish of the month with a 4lb 4oz Bluefish. Congratulations Tim!

The CPR (catch, photo, release) tournament is entering the homestretch. You still have until December 31 to add fish. Remember just one CPR submission gets you into the CPR drawing at the end of the year and the more photos you submit, the better your chances of winning a great prize are. December 31st is also the deadline for weighing in a fish for the Yearlong Tournament. You can see the standings for both the Yearlong and CPR tournaments by going to the club web page and clicking on Fishing then Yearlong Club Standings. We have a good supply of our official bump boards available to buy for \$20. If you wish to use your own bump board, it needs to be approved by the club and a sticker attached to be legal.

Don't forget Largemouth Bass is now an eligible species for the CPR yearlong tournament. We have set a minimum size limit of 12". I haven't seen any Largemouth Bass submitted yet so all you freshwater folks need to get busy. 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. If you weigh in a fish at a club tournament, I will enter the data in the Yearlong Tournament. There is no need to take the fish to a weigh station.

CPR photos for tournaments must be shown to the weighmaster at the tournament and must include a timestamp on the photo to be eligible to win a prize as noted on the tournament flyers.

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.

Yellow Dog Bait Shop at Highbridge is open and is an official weigh station. The boat ramps there are also open so give them a visit.

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







#### FISHING REPORT BY CHRIS CREGO

Flagler County Fishing Report - December 2023

Fishing Report brought to you by Chris with Skinny Water Lures.

According to Chris from Skinny Water Lures, November started with an awesome bite. Earlier November it was packed with multiple days of a Waxing Gibbous and a Hunter's Full moon. For those that are not familiar with moon phases a Waxing



Gibbous, it is an 85%-95% full moon. The Hunter's full moon is 100% full. By now you are probably asking, "What does that have to do with fishing?" Due to the pull of gravity, the saltwater tides are more substantial during the full moon. Stronger currents mean more active baitfish and prey, making optimal fishing tides. Also, a full moon radiates more light on the water during the night, affecting the feeding habits of fish because it's much easier for them to see and feed at night. That being said the bite has turned up leading into that full moon in early in November.

- For REDFISH we found the topwater bite slowed a little. We found good numbers of redfish closer to the bottom, using a 3/16 or a 1/4 jig heads paired with a Skinny Water Lures paddle tail. Areas of choice on an incoming or outgoing tide were areas around oyster bars, thinned out grass or off points. Any island or land that has a point with be holding fish.
- For TROUT we found that jigging a paddle tail or a curly tail grub with a chartreuse tail or body had them chewing. We focused on the deep holes or areas with good water flow on the incoming and outgoing tide. These trout would bite these lures on the down fall, so focus on a high jigging motion depending on water depth.
- For FLOUNDER we found areas just outside of pinch points that had good water flow. Throw up current and work the lure down current. These flounder will be sitting just outside the current waiting on the bait fish to swim by. Focus working a jig or a small skinner blade on or close to the bottom.
- For SNOOK we found working pinch points or areas with structure. Use a twitch bait, paddle
  tail or topwater early morning. If fishing around structure remember to up your leader line.
  Snook are strong fighters and will run you back into the structure or cut your line on their
  side gill plates.
- Mid and late November the Sea Trout bite had turned on with the cooler temperatures upon
  us, causing the water temperature to drop. We have had success around the Long Creek
  and High Bridge areas on early morning topwater, switching to a bright colored paddle tail
  or a twitch bait later in the day. Target areas with moving water. More numbers of snook are
  also being caught around these areas and areas with structures. We found downsizing to a
  3 inch paddle tail, retrieved close to the bottom on a twitch-twitch-pause method had the
  Redfish chewing along the Longcreek area.

#### FISHING REPORT CONTINUED

The last two weeks of November, the topwater bite slowed tremendously due to the cooler temperatures. We noticed the bite seemed to pick up more as the water temperature raised later in the day. We also found switching to a bigger 4 inch paddle tail had the redfish, trout and flounder chewing.

During the fall season the bigger bait fish tend to move into the flats. With this in mind, we switched from a 3 inch paddle tail to a 4 inch paddle tail to help match the hatch and mimic those larger profile baitfish. Also during these colder months and cooler water temperatures, slow your retrieval. We found a lot of strikes happened as the lure was on the down fall or laying on the bottom. Due to the drop in water temperatures the fish become more lethargic, causing them to strike lure with slower retrieval. Try these techniques during those fall months and you will be sure to increase your bite.

Thanks for checking out this month's fishing report. Tight Lines!!

Chris Crego, Skinny Water Lures Skinnywaterlure@yahoo.com









#### 'kids4reel' IN THE COMMUNITY

#### **Celebrating Success in Youth Angling**

We're thrilled to share some exciting news from kids4reel!

Our very own youth angler, Luke Thomas, recently had the honor of being a guest speaker at a 4H homeschool outing. Luke passionately shared his love for fishing, inspiring the attendees with his journey and highlighting how he secured not one but two college scholarships through his fishing prowess!

The weather was spectacular, and the enthusiasm didn't stop even after sunset. Many youth and parents continued fishing even after the *kids4reel* team left, creating lasting memories. This event marked our first outreach beyond local school programs, reaching additional youth in the community, particularly those who are home-schooled.

A heartfelt shoutout to Deb Thomas, her son Luke Thomas, and Dave Genk for sharing invaluable knowledge and passion with these budding youth anglers!

Special thanks to Brett Burford of Fishbites for supplying their awesome baits, contributing to some junior anglers catching fish, and in some cases, experiencing the thrill of their first catch ever!

Thank you all for your wisdom and positive impact on the next generation of anglers. Let's keep the spirit of fishing alive and growing!

If you want to assist in our 'kids4reel' program, either with donations and/or volunteering, please contact Jeff Murphy, jeff.murphy.tmg@gmail.com 703-919-4645

Donation Link: <a href="https://flaglersportfishing.com/product/kids4reel/">https://flaglersportfishing.com/product/kids4reel/</a>







#### **NOVEMBER MEETING MINUTES BY CAROL CARTER, SECRETARY**

Club Meeting Minutes 11-14-2023

Meeting called to order by President, Adam Morley

Pledge of Allegiance – Presented by Ron Gorney

First Responders/Veterans/Active Duty Recognized

Welcome New Members/Visitors/Welcome Annual Sponsors – There were 3 guests at tonight's meeting. Sponsors present were Sue McCarthy and Lisa Annaheim from Amvets Ladies Auxilliary.

Passing of 10-03-2023 Minutes, Motion made by Tim Beebe and seconded by Dean Roberts. Minutes accepted.

**Announcements:** Adam said volunteers are needed for the By Law revision committee, tournaments, need someone to run the Oct. picnic and also need a Marketing Director.

#### **Reports:**

**Finance Report:** Deb Marinco said the October income was \$1,685.00. Expenses were \$3,113.31 Year-to-date net income was \$6,008.67. Indian Trails Middle School program is doing great. We joined with the 4H Club, Luke Thomas spoke o other kids, he won the CCA scholarship last year.

**Tournament Director Report & Upcoming Tournaments:** Tim Miller reported on the Oct. 21st Surf Tournament, nice weather, lots of fish were weighed in and great food. Capt. Amy Krisanda did a great job in chairing this event! He said if you weigh in a fish at the tournaments, it is automatically weighed in for the Year Long Tournament also. CPR tournament is still going on. Flounder is closed right now. The tournaments for next year are being planned right now, we need volunteers to run these tournaments and if you have ideas for raffle items, let him know. The last tournament of the year will be held on 11/18/23, it is the Red, White & Blue tournament. Mark Heffley will chair this event. Andy Block is donating a beautiful Japanese Gyotaku shrimp print that he made as one of the raffle prizes. Tournament starts at 6:30 AM, weigh in is at Bings Landing from 2–3 PM with a special fish fry of Cod and Mahi Mahi, being done by David Genk and Frank Meekins. We need an accurate count for attendance at this event.

**Weigh Master Report:** Scott Robertson said snook season is open from 9/01 - 12/14/2023, minimum length is 28" maximum is 32". You need a snook stamp if you are keeping it and if you are 65 years old or older, you don't need a fishing license, you just need to show your driver's license. For the CPR tournament, at the end of Oct., 578 pics were taken and 296 of those were from Tim Miller. CPR pics have to be shown at the weigh in and caught that day. Make sure to show your pic to Scott, in the case of a tie on the CPR fish, first fish wins. On Dec. 1st , flounder season will reopen! The FOM winner from Oct. was Tim Beebe with a 4 lb 4 oz Bluefish. He opted for a \$50.00 gift card from Beach Front Grille.





#### **NOVEMBER MEETING MINUTES CONTINUED**

**Membership Report:** Quinn Bui said we have a special promo going on right now, if you sign up by 12/31 of the prior year you get a special discount rate of \$65.00. New member fees schedule: Jan. 1 – March 31: \$70.00, April 1 – June 30: \$60.00, July 1 – August 31: \$50.00, Sept. 1 – Oct. 31: \$40.00, Nov 1, 2023 – Dec. 31, 2024 – this is a special 14 mos of membership promo at 1st Friday market at Veterans Park in Flagler Beach – running in Nov. & Dec. 2023. Peter Bessette said now the members can print out a membership card from your own computer date ends Dec. 31, 2024. Instructions will be posted on how to print it out.

Announcements – Adam said we still need a Marketing Director, we are outsourcing our Bookkeeper and our Chum Line Editor. Help the club by volunteering!

**Break** 

Guest Speaker: Capt. Matt Omlor from Old City Guide Service

During flood tides, redfish go into grass when the water rises and they tail. A flood tide is 5.2 on the tide chart, it is 5.6 from the 206 bridge. A northeast wind can drive water in, pay attention to the tides. Use Windy app for isobars, it shows real time pressure spikes. Low tides in Nov. & Dec. are peak times for this. Transition season – cold to hot or hot to cold in the water temperatures, fall is better for bites from redfish. Incoming and falling tides – depends on where you are fishing, Palm Coast is good for incoming. In the fall, he likes to fish outgoing tides in St. Augustine. In the fall, clear water, in the spring muddy water is better. Cold fronts – the fish will school up on top of each other. Bait – mud minnows – redfish like them, hook them underneath through both lips. Use shrimp on a jig head or a popping cork with a size 1 or 2 hook and put the hook through the shrimps' tail. Trap mud minnows in a trap at the end of a creek in the back. Tomoka Basin is a good place for snook, over slot fish by the toll bridge, at High Bridge you can hear big snook at night. He uses a black and purple fly for fishing, the bait looks like a mud rat. Watch for vibrations and noises on boats, noise travels, you want to be as quiet as possible when trying to catch a redfish. When using a trolling motor, keep it consistent, don't speed up or slow down, try to stay steady at a slow speed. He invited the members up to join him and ask any questions after his talk.

We had 66 members in attendance tonight.

50/50 Winner – was Lisa Annaheim for \$150.00 – Congratulations. As in the past, with Nov. 11th being Veteran's Day, the club gave their half of \$150.00 to the VFW.

BMotion to adjourn meeting made by Tim Beebe and seconded by Danny Carter

Meeting Adjourned at 8:35 PM

Minutes were submitted by Carol Carter, Club Secretary







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Use CTRL + P on Windows or Command + P on a Mac.

You may also need to adjust your print dialogue settings to show background images.

Need Help? Please email: fsfcmembership@gmail.com

# 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 **YouTube** 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. 

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- 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 - 2024 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS NOVEMBER - JANUARY

#### **NOVEMBER**

SNOOK / SPOTTED SEA TROUT

## **DECEMBER**

WHITING

# **JANUARY**

**BLACK DRUM** 

NO MONTHLY MEETING

**02** - Monthly Meeting VFW 7:00 PM Meeting & Guest Speaker

**14** - Monthly Meeting VFW 7:30 PM Meeting & Guest Speaker

**07** - Annual Holiday / Christmas Party, Italian American Club, 6pm -11pm

> **20** - Sheepshead Tournament, Bing's Landing

**18** - Club Red, White & Blue Tournament, Bing's Landing Fish Fry

**19** - Directors Meeting, VFW, 7:00pm

**30** - Directors Meeting, VFW, 7:00pm

**28** - Directors Meeting, VFW, 7:00pm



