

FLAGLER SPORTFISHING CLUB THE CHUM LINE



FROM THE HELM - BY CAPTAIN MIKE VICKERS JR.

Dear Flagler Sportfishing Club Members,

Let us talk about thievery, those of you who know, understand what I am talking about. The moment when you bring in your line and your bait is gone. There is no other fish in our area that is the dirtiest, under-handed crook that I know. This fish has many names one of the most popular is the convict. YES.... I am talking about Sheepshead. They loiter around bridge/pier pilings, rock piles and docks. They can often be found cruising seawalls looking for trouble. The reason these fish have the reputation that they do is because of the long rap sheet of theft charges from stealing bait all along our shore.

Sheepshead fishing can be rather frustrating, since they are structure fish and they have a very lite bite. The bite is not like a Redfish, Trout or Snook. Sheepshead are not a striking fish; they bite and grind their food. They are more of a pick-pocket.

Now, you have an understanding of who the convict is let's discuss bringing them to justice. This is where you can be judge and jury.

Their typical prey or target is Fiddler Crabs or Mud Crabs. They will also eat Sandfleas, shrimp, clams and oysters. You can chum for them,

HIGHLIGHTS

- **February Member Meeting February 6th**
- **Sheepshead Tournament February 22nd**
- **SAVE THE DATE!
Spring Classic is April 11th & 12th**

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grind up some oyster or clam shells, after you have eaten the best part of them. If you are on private property or have permission from the owner you can scrape barnacles from the dock post or seawall. Do not do this if you do not own the property or have permission.

So, you have set the trap, you have made yourself an easy target, you are in the right location at the right time. You can see this striped criminal swimming just several feet beneath the surface. Did you bring the search warrant? Before you kick in that door, you need to assess your gear. You need a rod strong enough to wrestle them away from the structure, but light enough to witness the bite (without witnesses, there is no crime).

Your line needs to also be up to the same task, plus it needs to be able to withstand the abrasion of the structure when the convict runs back into the cover. I would not recommend using a circle hook as this deviant is not the type to hit and run. You want a hook that is very sharp, I use an Owner Mosquito Hook Size 1.

The next thing we need to talk about is the weight. Do not weigh the line down so that you cannot see or feel the bite. You want just enough weight to keep your offering in the target zone.

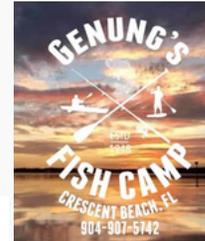
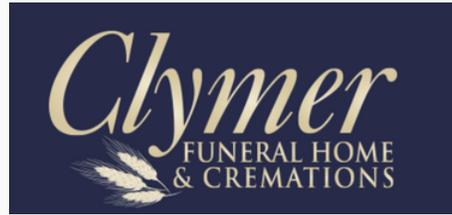
If you have staked out this criminal and the warrant came through, I hope that you made the arrest. If you are a lenient judge you let the convict go, if not send it to the frying pan. As Alton Brown would say, "It's Good Eats"

Remember the fishing lies start here.

Capt. Mike Vickers Jr.
President
Flagler Sportfishing Club

**Please note: As of Jan. 31st 2025,
membership renewals are now
considered delinquent.**

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TOURNAMENT CHAIRMAN REPORT BY TIM MILLER

Tim Miller
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The year, 2025, started out with the club's first free member tournament. Thank you to Mark and Tom Julliano for hosting this event along with all their helpers. Despite the Black Drum not making a good showing, the Black & Red Tournament had a strong turnout of members to enjoy tasty food and fellowship. Look for the list of winners and full details in this issue of the Chum Line.

The clubs' yearlong results are housed on a great website. This site has some great new features, including an AI program. This AI program allows you to ask fishing questions. You can access the site via: <https://myweighmaster.com>

Once on the site, click Login, Click Create Account. Once you have an account, click Myclub, Click *Take me to my club*.

The 2025 Catch Photo and Release Tournament is off to a great start. Members have already photographed and released some fish. Get your club bump board and start entering your fish for a chance at great prizes at the end of the year. It only takes one fish to be entered in the Tournament.

For 2024, three of the ten winners only had one entry in the drawing. Our next tournament will be the Sheephead Tournament on February 22, 2025. See flyer included in this issue with all the information. With \$700.00 in prize money, this is an opportunity to win money to help cover your 2025 dues. Use the link below to see all the events for 2025 so you can plan your year with your Fishing Club.

[Upcoming Events – Flagler Sportfishing Club](#)

Would you like to control the food and payouts for a tournament? Sign up to run one of the club free tournaments and you will be in control. Running a tournament is easy and a fantastic way to meet members. Send me an email or talk to me at the next club meeting and I will give you all the details.

Tim Miller
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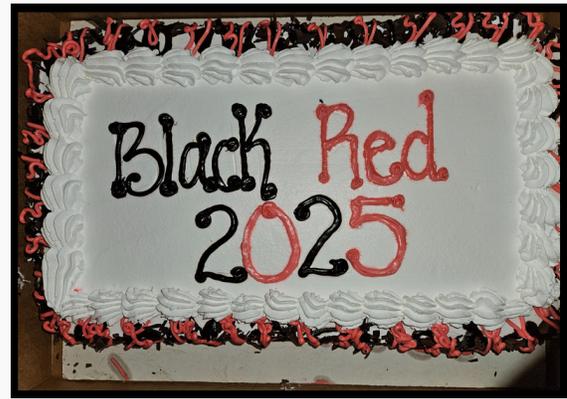
BLACK & RED TOURNAMENT RECAP BY MARK JULIANO

If you didn't fish the Black & Red Tournament on Saturday, January 18th you missed one of the nicest days outdoors this winter. The fish bite however could have been better. There were some very nice Redfish caught but once again the Black Drum failed to show up in numbers with only 2 fish making the board.

55 members and guests attended the weigh-in and enjoyed homemade Chicken Philly Cheese sandwiches and Potato Salad for lunch. We had a wonderful chocolate sheet cake with buttercream icing donated by DB Pickles. We also had cookies donated by Ron Gorney and cupcakes provided by Karen Dougherty. I think we can all agree lunch was "damn good!"

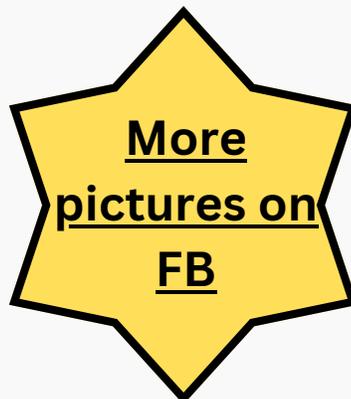
A few members were lucky enough to take home some very nice prizes won on the raffle drawing.

Fisherman's Ruler and Sign - Kelvin Byrne
 Bass Pro Bucket & Towel - Bill Zimmer
 Backpack Cooler - Karen Dougherty
 XPS Filet Knife - Monica Sosa
 Plazo Stowall Bag - Danny Carter
 Pliers - Bill Zimmer
 Bass Pro Tackle Bag - Tim Martinson
 West Marine Gift Card - Tim Martinson
 50/50 Winner - \$110.00 - Bill Zimmer
 Show-up Prize - \$25.00 Gift Card to Beach Front Grille - Kelvin Byrne



Hosting a tournament is not as much work as you may think. There's always plenty of folks willing to lend a hand and as such, I'd like to thank the following people for helping to make this a successful tournament.

Tom Juliano Co-Chair
 Dean Roberts
 Becca Price
 Ray O'Mara
 David Genk
 Robert Geissler
 Karen Dougherty
 Francis 'Doc' Dougherty
 Jarrod Eich



Fair Winds & Tight Lines

BLACK & RED TOURNAMENT WINNERS

Black & Red Tournament Winners		1/18/2025
Species:	Name	Weight
Heaviest RedFish		
1st \$100	Gary Lane	6 lbs 10 ozs
2nd \$80	Thomas Larywon	6 lbs 11ozs
3rd \$70	David Shank	6 lbs 1 oz
4th \$60	Gene VanDorpe Jr.	5 lbs 9 ozs
Heaviest Black Drum		
1st \$100	Monica Sosa	2 lbs 11 ozs
2nd \$80	George Riana	2 lbs 5 ozs
3rd \$70	Bill Pleskach	Draw
4th \$60	Alex Rose	Draw
CPR		
Redfish Most Spots \$50	Bill Zimmer	2 spots (one side)



WEIGH MASTER REPORT BY CAPTAIN SCOTT ROBERTSON



Captain Scott Robertson
Weigh Master
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Please note that Whiting has been removed from the yearlong species tournament eligible species list and will no longer be counted or weighed in.

Also, for those that have not renewed their membership by Jan 31, 2025, all fish weighed in or CPR photos submitted in January will be disqualified and participation in any club free tournament or activity will be prohibited until your membership is current (Art II Sec. 3 Par. B of club bylaws). Please get your memberships current so you don't miss the opportunity to win some great prizes.

February's fish of the month is Sheepshead. FWC regulations are 12" minimum. The bag limit is 8 fish. January's fish of the month was Black Drum and will be announced at the February meeting.

The winner of December's FOM was Francis Dougherty with a 1 lb 12 oz Whiting. **Congratulations Francis!**

February's Fish of the Month is Sheepshead

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.



CPR photos must be caught in State of Florida waters and meet FWC requirements including in season, length, and proper measuring method. Please check FWC rules to make sure you are measuring properly (i.e. nose to tail, pinch the tail, nose to fork etc). Photos not meeting FWC requirements will be deleted.

Please note that for the species yearlong tournament, if your fish is not heavier than the 6th place fish for that particular species in the Men's or Ladies' standings, there is no need to weigh-in the fish. Points are only given for places 1 through 6.

****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.

You can see the standings for both the Yearlong Species and Year Long CPR tournaments by going to the club web page and clicking on Fishing then Yearlong Club Standings.

See page 10 for the winners of the 2024 yearlong species tournament!

**** I will be sending out emails with award selection instructions to the winners in the next couple of weeks. Please respond to my emails as soon as possible so we can get the awards ordered. ****



WEIGH MASTER REPORT CONTINUED

0.06 lbs = 1 oz	0.56 lbs = 9 ozs
0.13 lbs = 2 ozs	0.63 lbs = 10 ozs
0.19 lbs = 3 ozs	0.69 lbs = 11 ozs
0.25 lbs = 4 ozs	0.75 lbs = 12 ozs
0.31 lbs = 5 ozs	0.81 lbs = 13 ozs
0.38 lbs = 6 ozs	0.88 lbs = 14 ozs
0.44 lbs = 7 ozs	0.94 lbs = 15 ozs
0.5 lbs = 8 ozs	1 lb = 16 ozs

There has been some confusion with the way the weight of fish is calculated in the yearlong species tournament standings. The weight is calculated in pounds carried out two decimal places. I have provided a table that you can use to convert the decimal places back to ounces below. Simply replace the two decimals in the standings with the corresponding ounces in the table.

Example: 1.31 lbs = 1 lb 5 ozs.

We have a new 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. Bump boards are available at club meetings and Hammock Bait and Tackle. Cash only at Hammock Bait and Tackle.

A reminder for everyone fishing in our tournaments. All fish must comply with FWC rules. Fish weighed in for our club tournaments must be caught in St. Johns, Flagler, and Volusia counties. Fish being photographed and released for CPR entry must be caught in state of Florida waters.

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.



2024 YEARLONG SPECIES TOURNAMENT WINNERS

Important reminder:

The rules for each tournament are clearly stated on the flyer published for that tournament. PLEASE READ THE RULES. There will be no exceptions to the rules.

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

Thanks for everyone’s support, and if you have any questions, please let me know.
Captain Scott Robertson




Congratulations

TO THE 2024 YEAR-LONG SPECIES WINNERS & CPR WINNERS

2024 YEARLONG SPECIES TOURNAMENT WINNERS	
Species	First
Amberjack	Ron Similo
Black Drum	David Shank
Bluefish (Club Record)	William Pleskach
Cobia	Dusty Banks
Flounder (Most Points)	Mike Vickers Sr
Flounder (Heaviest Fish)	George Cyrilla
King Mackerel	Ryan Lukaszewski
Pompano FL	Greg Zvierko
Redfish	Chuck Dykes
Sheepshead	Tim Thornton
Snapper Mangrove	Tom Melo
Snapper Other	Amy Beth Krisanda
Snapper Red	Randy Meyer
Snook	David Genk
Spanish Mackerel	Cathy Sanders
Spotted Seatrout	Mark Dwyer
Trigger	Denny Mondrach
Wahoo (Club Record)	Ryan Lukaszewski
Whiting	Francis Dougherty

2024 YEARLONG CPR TOURNAMENT WINNERS	
David Shank	
Nick Sinotte	
Chip Brundage	
Warren Wendell	
Tom Wood	
Patrick Laurienti	
Jack O'Sullivan	
Adam Powers	
Kenneth Grafe	
Mike Kenney	

**MALE ANGLER OF THE YEAR
TIM MILLER**

**LADY ANGLER OF THE YEAR
KAREN DOUGHERTY**



Alltime Club Records	
Bluefish - 16 lbs 13 ozs	William Pleskach
Wahoo - 83 lbs 9 ozs	Ryan Lukaszewski

FISHING REPORT BY CHRIS CREGO

Flagler County Inshore Fishing Report January 2025

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

January in Palm Coast, Florida offered a unique inshore fishing experience. With cooler water temperatures and varying weather conditions, this month demands adaptability, but the rewards are well worth it. We targeted species like redfish, spotted sea trout and flounder, in Palm Coast during this time and it was extremely productive if you use the right techniques and gear.



Water Conditions and Fish Behavior

In January, the water temperature in Palm Coast typically ranges from 60°F to 70°F, which will cause many fish species to become less active during the cooler early mornings and evenings. During this time, fish tend to move to deeper, warmer pockets of water, but they will still feed when conditions are right, especially around midday when temperatures are warmer.

This is also the time when fish like redfish and trout become more concentrated in areas like sheltered flats, deep channels, and near oyster bars. The shallows around mangroves, grass flats, and creek mouths are key areas to target for feeding fish. With lower tide levels, fish are often confined to deeper channels and drop-offs, so anglers need to focus on these areas.

Top Target Species in January

1. Redfish (Red Drum): Redfish remain a reliable target throughout the winter. They are often found in deeper holes or around structure like docks, rocks, or deeper flats near the Intracoastal Waterway. During colder months, they tend to school up and are often seen in smaller groups. Look for them in the early afternoon when the sun warms up the water slightly.
2. Spotted Sea Trout: This species is abundant in the winter months, especially around the seagrass beds. Sea trout are more likely to bite mid-day when water temperatures are warmer. They can be found near deep flats, drop-offs, and around rocky shorelines.
3. Flounder: Flounder are often a popular catch in winter, especially in areas where currents slow down. They are more likely to be found near deep channels, under bridges, and around structure such as docks. Their feeding habits slow in the winter, so anglers must be patient and present their baits right on the bottom.

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We recommend using Skinny Water Lures for Inshore Fishing

When targeting inshore species during January, using Skinny Water Lures can provide you with a distinct advantage. These lures are designed to mimic the movements of small baitfish and invertebrates, making them incredibly effective for enticing bites from a wide range of species, including redfish, sea trout, and flounder.

Here's a breakdown of how to fish with Skinny Water Lures in the winter:

1. Best Lures that worked for us:

Skinny Water Lures (SWL) Paddle Tail: The paddle tail is a versatile choice for winter fishing. Its subtle vibration and lifelike swimming action can trigger strikes from redfish and trout. For best results, use colors like pearl, chartreuse, or natural shrimp tones.

Skinny Water Lures curly tail grub is a soft plastic lure that has a unique swimming action that imitates fleeing baitfish. It's especially effective when fishing deeper drop-offs or around structure, where fish are more likely to ambush.

2. Techniques for January Inshore Fishing:

Slow, Steady Retrieve: Since fish metabolism slows down in the cooler water, slow your retrieve down. Use a steady, moderate-speed retrieval to make sure the lure stays in the strike zone longer. You can even give the lure occasional twitches to mimic the natural movements of injured baitfish or shrimp.

Bottom Fishing with Jig Heads: With colder water temperatures, fish like redfish and trout are likely to be closer to the bottom. Use a jig head paired with a Skinny Water Lures soft plastic to get your lure down to the fish. Opt for a 3/16oz or 1/4oz jig head depending on depth, and retrieve slowly along the bottom, letting the lure hop or drag over structure.

Suspended Fishing: In some cases, fish may suspend just off the bottom or near structures. Cast your Skinny Water Lures suspending twitch bait and allow them to sink to the desired depth before beginning your retrieve. Keep your movements slow, and focus on areas where fish might be holding, like drop-offs or deep holes.

3. Targeting Key Areas, such as Mangrove Shorelines and Creek Mouths:

These areas offer excellent shelter and feeding grounds for redfish and sea trout.

Deep Flats and Drop-offs: With cooler weather driving fish to deeper water, drop-offs, and ledges are prime areas for targeting species like trout and flounder.

Oyster Bars and Rocky Points: Oyster bars provide shelter and food for fish during the colder months. When fishing around these areas, cast near the structure, and then slowly retrieve or jig them off the bottom to mimic small baitfish.

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Bridges and Dock Piles: Many inshore species hang around bridge pilings and dock structures during winter. Cast close to these structures, allowing the lure to sink near the bottom before slowly retrieving it back.

4. Color Choices for Winter:

During winter, natural and subtle colors often outperform bright, flashy lures. Think natural shrimp patterns (like white, brown, and olive) or the more subdued mullet colors such as silver or gray. In overcast conditions, chartreuse or glow-in-the-dark options can be effective, as these colors stand out in low light.

Additional Tips for January Inshore Fishing:

Pay Attention to Tides: Fishing around the tides is especially important in winter months. Incoming tides typically bring in warmer water, encouraging fish to become more active. Look for prime fishing opportunities when the tide is rising and just after it peaks.

Weather Conditions: Cold fronts are common during January, which can affect fish behavior. After a front passes, fish often become sluggish and may take longer to start feeding again. Its best to fish the first day after the front clears, when fish are more likely to start feeding again.

Patience is Key: Winter fishing in Palm Coast can sometimes require a bit more patience. Fish are often less aggressive during cold weather, so slow down your presentation, and don't be afraid to experiment with different lures or techniques until you find what works.

Conclusion

January inshore fishing in Palm Coast offers a great opportunity to target some of Florida's most iconic species. The key to success during this time of year lies in understanding the behavior of the fish, adapting your tactics to the colder water conditions, and making precise casts in the most promising areas. With the right approach and the right lures, anglers can enjoy a productive and memorable day on the water.

TIGHT LINES!!



'kids4reel' IN THE COMMUNITY

Flagler Sportfishing Club's 'kids4reel' Wraps Up a Successful 2024! 🐟

The Flagler Sportfishing Club's 'kids4reel' team has had an incredibly busy and rewarding year! In 2024, we proudly partnered with seven schools and organizations, providing seed funds, rods, reels, and ongoing volunteer support for their monthly fishing events. Our partners range from elementary and middle schools to high schools and a local homeschool group, ensuring young anglers of all ages have the opportunity to learn and enjoy the sport.

Looking ahead to 2025, our partner schools have already planned an exciting lineup of events! We currently have 10 fishing outings on the calendar, kicking off in early February.

With our growing outreach, we need more volunteers than ever! If you'd like to make a difference and share your love of fishing with the next generation, consider joining our team. Reach out to Deb Marinco, Jeff Murphy, or Dave Genk to get involved.

As longtime volunteer, Danny Carter, puts it:

“Happy to admit, I have just as much fun as the kids!”

Come be a part of the fun—help us make 2025 another incredible year for 'kids4reel'!

For volunteer information, please call or text:

Jeff Murphy: 703-919-4845

Deb Marinco: 904-806-5735

Dave Genk: 813-928-4385



JANUARY MEETING MINUTES BY CAROL CARTER, SECRETARY**Club Meeting Minutes 01-09-2025****Meeting held at Social Club 51 No Quick Tips Tonight**

Meeting called to order by Weighmaster, Scott Robertson at 7:30 PM

Pledge of Allegiance – Presented by Ron Gorney

First Responders/Veterans/Active Duty Recognized

Welcome New Members/Visitors/Welcome Annual Sponsors – There were 4 guests and 2 new members in attendance tonight. Sponsors present were Dana Syens from CCI

Approval of 11-07-2024 Minutes – Motion was made by Tim Bebee and seconded by Dean Roberts. Minutes were accepted.

Announcements: The guest speaker tonight will be member, Mark Dwyer, the topic will be catching Black Drum, Baits & Tackle, Electronics. Scott thanked Mark for the information he will be giving us.

Reports:

Treasurer Report – Deb Marinco said that reports for Nov/Dec. are as follows: Income \$13,263.00, Expenses \$15,800.00 Year To Date Net Income \$2,939.00, our 10 month bank CD is \$10,381.00. Deb. said the kids4reel program has 4 scheduled events for 2025, starting on Jan. 24th and Salt Strong has donated rods and lures to the program. Deb Marinco announced that she will be resigning as Treasurer of the fishing club due to personal reasons. She will stay on with the kids4reel program, Scott Robertson will assume her duties as Treasurer and she will stay on during the transition period.

Marketing Director – Dick Hoover was absent from the meeting and no Marketing Report was given.

Weighmaster Report – Scott Robertson said FOM for Jan. is Black Drum, bag limit is 5 fish. Nov. FOM there was no winner. Dec. FOM was Whiting – winner was Frank Dougherty with a 1 lb 12 oz whiting. He accepted a \$50.00 gift card from Hammock Bait & Tackle.

Tournament Director - Tim Miller announced that the winners of the Year Long Tournament and the CPR Tournaments will be announced by Scott Robertson at tonight's meeting. Tim said we had a good year last year, thanks to all the volunteers who stepped up and helped make the tournaments as great as they were. He has a new list of tournaments for this coming year that need chairpersons to run them, so see him if you are able to run one. The first tournament will be on Jan. 18th, The Black & Red, weigh-in at Bings North. The Chairpersons for this one will be Mark & Tom Juliano and they will need volunteers to serve the food, help set up the pavilion and tear it down at the end, also a raffle ticket salesperson and help for the weighmaster.

JANUARY MEETING MINUTES CONTINUED

Membership Director – Becca Price said we have 44 people signed in Tonight. There is a table set up for membership renewals and new memberships, please see her, all renewals have to be done by Jan. 31st or you can be excluded from the club events and anything you may have weighed in for the month of January will not be counted in the year long Tournament. She said that Facebook and Instagram mentioned Luke Thomas, it got 2 shares and 6 likes on Facebook. She wants us to engage on these sites and it gets us noticed, so everything you do on there, helps The club. We need you to give us current information on your applications, we need to know if there are any changes to your emails, phone numbers and addresses. The 2025 Club Calendars are in, so see Becca and she will give you one for your household.

Quartermaster – Linda Beers Vickers was absent from the meeting and no Quartermaster Report was given. She gave the shirt and merchandise orders to Deb Marinco to give to the members who ordered merchandise from Linda. If you didn't get your order yet, see Linda at the Feb. 6th meeting.

Old Business:

Membership renewals was covered by Becca in the Membership Report.

Upcoming/New Business: Black & Red Tournament was covered in the Tournament Director's Report.

Chili Cook Off Winners - The Annual Chili Cookoff Contest was held and the winners were: 3rd Place - Bill Zimmer Prize: \$25.00, 2nd Place – Ron Gorney Prize \$50.00 and 1st Place – David Genk \$75.00. There were 10 participants in the contest.

2024 Yearlong Species Winners – Scott announced the winners and they will be published in the Feb. issue of the Chum Line. Congrats to all our Year Long Tournament winners! Way to go!

BREAK

Yearlong CPR Winners Drawing for 10 Anglers: This is a fun drawing where 10 random names get picked from all the entries that submitted photos during the year of the fish they legally caught and released. The names are put on a wheel and we all get to watch it go around and whomever it lands on, they win the drawing, it goes around 10 times to get all the winners.

Winners are:

David Shank, Nick Sinotte, Chip Brundage, Warren Wendell, Tom Wood, Patrick Laurienti, Jack O'Sullivan, Adam Powers, Kenneth Grafe, Mike Kenney. These 10 winners get a gift choice of a Club Jacket, Columbia Shirt or a \$75.00 Gift Card. Congrats to all our great Anglers!

JANUARY MEETING MINUTES CONTINUED

Winners of the Year Long and CPR Tournaments have 30 days to present any disputes they may have. Scott will be in touch with all winners to have them fill out what prize they want after that 30 day period.

Male Angler of the Year – Tim Miller, Lady Angler of the Year – Karen Dougherty - Congrats to you both!

Speaker – Mark Dwyer – Art of Catching Black Drum:

Mark gave out a handout that told the anglers they were an APEX Predator! The handout gave an outline of the topics he was covering in his talk. He said you should use crab, you can get them at Anthony's Fresh Fish store, located in Bunnell, FL or you can catch them in the intercoastal waters off docks. Never let the crab feel the air when you bring them up, cut off the claws, leave the legs on and put a circle hook in the leg. He uses a knocker rig, not a Carolina rig that will twist in the current. Find a bridge abutment and put a crab on the edge, use a 4 out circle hook. He asked the audience how many people use Sonar on their boats to Sidescan. He said most people do it wrong. Don't go more than 2 miles an hour. Hummingbird is 40% higher – take it off chirp – switch it off of chirp. Set for 60', run it back to 455, mark it and go to a higher frequency. Learn how to use your side scans. He has Quicktips on his list that he handed out. Tides-Creek with an income tide behind him, keep your bait coming into the fish. Learn how to set up a slip bobber. Do a Uni knot, bead allows the bobber to go up. He can fish 100 yards, have enough weight by the hook to go vertical. If in a heavier current, to keep bait vertical put another weight on it. Current is behind you. Docks are every 6-7', goes into docks not between the docks. Spot lock on boat – spot jog – heading sensor – boat moves 5 ft. A Hailey or Kalee Hook – is a light, thin hook that is like a circle hook and it can handle big fish, it keeps shrimp weedless. Oyster Beds – make adjustments 1/8 oz jig head is no good, make an adjustment and rig the shrimp weedless with no split shots. Worm weights goes better than slip shots, use lead core coils, pliers are used for wire, he makes his own weight. Dock Fishing – Slip bobbers are good. Skip baits, fat round paddle tails. Get a 5" paddle tail and rig it weedless. Not Jerk Shads, they don't skip well. Fish the ledges, use your electronics and find your own spot. He uses Spot Lock a lot for your trolling motor. When coming into creeks, oyster beds, open bay or open water, power pole in back – stick anchor won't freak out the fish. Trolling – Troll the Intercoastal for trout, sonar is set to trolling motor. Troll from crab pot to crab pot. Usually runs 2 paddle tails at once. Go out at low tide to find fish. Mirrolure heavy dine lure or a mirra dine lure #18, it sinks at a fast rate, fish it like a plastic worm. It will stop and then the fish hit it. He also had a bait, ZMAN 10X Tough – The Real R Shad. He uses Hall of Fame 10 lb test line that has to be ordered online. Pro Bass has all of the items he mentioned, he works there, so if you get a chance go see him and get all the tips from the Pro!

JANUARY MINUTES CONTINUED & MEMBER MEETING INFO

50/50 WINNER WAS DENA LAURIENTI- \$130.00- CONGRATS! ATTENDANCE WAS 44 PEOPLE.

MOTION WAS MADE TO ADJOURN BY DEAN ROBERTS 2ND BY TIM BEEBE MOTION WAS APPROVED. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:55 PM MINUTES SUBMITTED BY CAROL CARTER, CLUB SECRETARY



FLAGLER SPORTFISHING CLUB

**Monthly Meeting
Thursday
February 6th, 2025**

**Public
Welcome!**

7:00pm Quick Tips
7:30pm General Meeting
7:45pm Break
8:00pm Guest Speaker -
Kevin Duckworth

Topics:
Introducing Families to Fishing
in our local waters. Dock-Light
Fishing.

Meeting Location:
Club 51/Social Club
51 Old Kings Rd. N
Palm Coast, FL 32137



Thank you, Sponsors!



**FEBRUARY MEMBER
MEETING GUEST
SPEAKER
CAPTAIN
KEVIN
DUCKWORTH**

February 6th,
2025
Meeting starts at
7.00 pm

Niteline Charters, led by Master Captain Kevin Duckworth, offers professional fishing and cruising experiences halfway between St. Augustine and Daytona Beach.

Specializing in docklight fishing & family trips, Captain Kevin brings years of expertise and a passion for introducing families to the joys of fishing. A former educator and Palm Coast resident, he ensures every charter is productive, upbeat, and fun for all.



SAVE THE DATE FOR THE 28TH ANNUAL SPRING CLASSIC

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29TH ANNUAL SPRING CLASSIC TOURNAMENT

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CASH
PRIZES



Proceeds
benefitting:



Disabled American Veterans

Tournament Check Out April 12th, 2025

This event is open to the public, so invite your friends and family to join the fun!

More information, including registration link and rules will be emailed and posted to social media this coming week. Stay tuned!



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SHEEPSHEAD TOURNAMENT



Saturday, February 22, 2025

Species: Sheepshead, Black Drum
Weigh-in 2-3 Bing's Landing

50/50
&
Raffles

No Boat
Required.
Fish from
Anywhere

HEAVIEST SHEEPSHEAD

- 1 \$100
- 2 \$90
- 3 \$85
- 4 \$80
- 5 \$75
- 6 \$70
- 7 \$60

CPR:

Longest Black Drum: \$70
Longest Redfish: \$70

CPR RULES: Show photo of released legal fish on club approved bump board to Weighmaster at weigh-in. CPR tie-breaker is first photo shown to Weighmaster. **CPR fish must be legal.**

EVENT RULES

Fishing Starts 6:30AM - FWC Rules Apply—fish from anywhere!

One cash prize per person including bonus.

Any open fish prizes will be filled from a drawing of members that fished and did not win a cash prize.

Tie Breaker—
1st fish weighed in.

Junior Anglers (under 12) fish free with a Member.

Lunch served at 2pm - Free for members & one guest. Additional guests: \$10 donation.

Tournament is Free for members, non member guests are welcome with a donation of \$20 & must fish with a member.

Sign-up: Members may attend the weigh-in whether or not they plan to fish. Total count needed for food.

Attend the February Monthly Meeting to sign up, visit our website, or email Bill Zimmer at bzggolf@pga.com

Click Here to
Sign UP

BONUS

Show Up Drawing \$25 gift card

Quick Tips for FSC

- **The Chum Line** newsletter is delivered to your inbox each month to inform you of all Club activities.
- Visit the **Club website** for valuable up to the minute information on all activities that the club has to offer.
- Connect to other Club Members on our **Facebook page** and **Instagram page**.
- 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.
- A monthly meeting is held at the **Club 51/ Social Club on the 1st Thursday** 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 for-fee charity event during the year as well as a Free Kid's Clinic & a Free Member'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 2025 **HERE**

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UPCOMING EVENTS

**FLAGLER SPORTFISHING CLUB SCHEDULE OF
EVENTS FEBRUARY 2025 - APRIL 2025**

FEBRUARY

Sheepshead

06- Member Meeting
Club 51 / Social Club of Palm
Coast

22- Sheepshead Tournament
Herschel King Park

27 - Directors Meeting,
DAV 7:00pm

MARCH

Bluefish

06- Member Meeting,
Nomination of Officers, Swap
& Shop
Club 51 / Social Club of Palm
Coast

08- Members' Clinic
Club 51 / Social Club of Palm
Coast

19- Count the Spots
Tournament (Wednesday)
Bing's North

27 - Directors Meeting,
DAV 7:00pm

APRIL

Florida Pompano

03- Member Meeting,
Nomination of Officers,
Dessert Contest
Club 51 / Social Club of Palm
Coast

07 - Directors Meeting,
Spring Classic
DAV 7:00pm

11- Spring Classic Captain's
Meeting (Friday)
Club 51 / Social Club of Palm
Coast

12- Spring Classic Fishing
Herschel King Park

24 - Directors Meeting,
DAV 7:00pm

