

FLAGLER SPORTFISHING CLUB THE CHUM LINE



FROM THE HELM - BY CAPTAIN MIKE VICKERS JR.

Dear Flagler Sportfishing Club Members,

This is the statement which I gave at the Red Snapper Hearing for Amendment 59.

The amendment proposed by NOAA and NMFS is severely out of touch with the realities on the ground. The science behind this proposal is flawed, and the agency has not taken into account the feedback from anglers and divers who are directly affected by the proposed closures. Reducing the American Red Snapper (ARS) fishing season to a single day created serious safety concerns on the water, as highlighted by both the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission (FWC) and the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG). This decision placed more strain on the Red Snapper population in a single day than a more reasonable season and bag limit would. Similar to the existing FWC grouper/snapper season. Gulf Coast regions from Texas to Florida have long contested these measures and have proven their approach to be correct, resulting in extended seasons and increased allowable catch.

The proposed amendment cites "dead discards" as the primary cause of overfishing, referring to SEADR 41 (2017).

HIGHLIGHTS

- **March Member Meeting**
March 6th
- **Member Clinic**
March 8th
- **Count the Spots Tournament**
March 19th
- **Registration is NOW OPEN for 29th Annual Spring Classic**

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Under Amendment 59, Preferred Alternative 2, you propose a total of 71,000 landed ARS with 438,000 dead discards, which amounts to only about 14% of the annual catch limit (ACL) of 509,000 acceptable biological catch (ABC). After 2028, this would rise to 76,000 ACL landed fish and 475,000 dead discards, again constituting just 14% of the 551,000 ABC. Does this math make sense? Why are dead discards being allowed at such a disproportionate rate compared to the landed catch? It simply doesn't add up.

You claim that ARS is overfished, yet many anglers report that it is nearly impossible to fish the bottom due to the abundance of Red Snapper. This suggests that the ARS is one of the easiest fish to catch. Could this be due to overfishing, or is it because ARS are so numerous they dominate the ocean floor? Divers have even reported that ARS are so plentiful on wrecks that they are displacing other fish species. This shift in the balance of the ecosystem could, if left unchecked, wreak havoc on the Snapper/Grouper fishery.

In Northeast Florida, there was once a time when catching an ARS was a challenge. Now, from Daytona to the Florida state line, you can catch them within three miles of shore. With FWC's year-round limit of two fish per day greater than 20 inches, one must ask: are these fish counted in your acceptable biological catch? Additionally, why are there such differing views on stock assessments for this species?

Since 2017, the recreational fishing season has been steadily reduced from nine days to just one day in 2024, while commercial seasons have ranged from 70 to 40 days over the past five years. With a recreational bag limit of just one fish and a 75-pound commercial trip limit, one must question whether this decline in fishing opportunities proves overfishing—or whether it actually points to an abundance of ARS. This amendment does not reflect the realities of the fishery and needs to be reconsidered with a more balanced and evidence-based approach.

In conclusion, the proposed amendment by NOAA and NMFS not only disregards the input of local anglers and divers but also fails to reflect the reality of the ARS population.

FROM THE HELM CONTINUED

The math and assumptions behind the proposal raise serious concerns, particularly regarding the disproportionate number of dead discards allowed compared to the landed catch. The abundant ARS population, as reported by those directly interacting with the fishery, suggests that overfishing is not the root cause of the current challenges. Instead, a more balanced and scientifically accurate approach is needed, one that considers the real-world experiences of the fishing community and the health of the species. Until such an approach is adopted, this amendment will continue to miss the mark, putting both the fishery and its stakeholders at risk. It is time to revisit the management strategy to ensure sustainability, safety, and fairness for all involved.

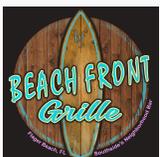
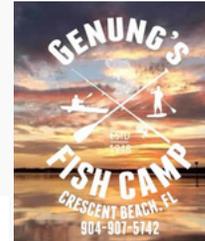
Remember the fishing lies start here.

Capt. Mike Vickers Jr.

President

Flagler Sportfishing Club

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TOURNAMENT CHAIRMAN REPORT BY TIM MILLER

Tim Miller
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The club free member tournaments are off to a great start with our second tournament now in the books. Despite the cold morning conditions, the Sheepshead Tournament had a strong turnout of members to enjoy outstanding food and fellowship. Hats off to Bill and Cookie Zimmer for running an outstanding tournament. Look for list of winners and full details in this issue of the Chum Line.

The CPR tournament is in full swing. Get your club bump board and start entering your fish for a chance at great prizes at the end of the year. Prizes are a Club Shirt, Club Jacket or Sponsor Gift Card. Just one fish gets you an entry ticket and every five fish after that. Ten winners will be drawn from the tickets at the end of the year.

Our next tournament will be the Spots on March 19, 2025. Note that this is a Wednesday Tournament. See flyer included in this issue with all the information. With \$700.00 in prize money, this is an opportunity to win money to cover your 2025 dues. Be sure to sign up in advance so that we will have enough food to go around. 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](#)

The club's annual charity tournament, "Spring Classic" is April 12, 2025. This event is currently in the planning stages to benefit the DAV. We are looking for raffle items and items for the silent auction. If you know of any businesses that might donate items, let me know. The club has a non-profit Tax ID number that can be used for tax purposes.

Thank you to all the volunteers that helped with the first two tournaments. Without this help the club would not be able to provide these magnificent events. Be sure to sign up as a helper for the next tournament. I still am in need of tournament chairs for the last six months of this year. Sign up to run one of the club free tournaments and you will be in charge. 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 or weigh-in and I will give you all the details.



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SHEEPSHEAD TOURNAMENT RECAP BY BILL ZIMMER

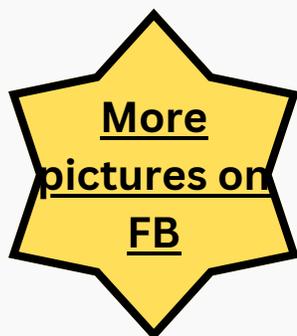
The weather turned out better than expected for the 2025 Sheepshead Tournament and we had a nice turnout this year. There were 17 Sheepshead weighed in with the First Place prize going to Art Volbrecht. His 3 lb., 8 oz. beauty was just 1 ounce ahead of Second Place finisher, Rhonda Waldron. The CPR Redfish prize was won by Shawn Barnett with his 20.5 inch Redfish. A large crowd of 59 members attend the Weigh-In luncheon which included Sausage Dogs, Beans, Cole Slaw, Chips, and Cookies.

Volunteers:

- Weigh In – Scott Robertson, Cliff Way
- Raffle Prizes – Tim and Joanne Thornton
- 50/50 Prizes – Ron Gurney
- Food and Set-up – Cookie Zimmer, Tessa Steendyk
- Registration – Carol Carter
- Set Up and Tear Down – David Genk
- Pictures – Erica Vickers

Raffle Winners:

- ABU Garcia Rod Rack – Rhonda Waldron
- Sun Bandit Fishing Gloves & Gulp Bait – Kelvin Byrne
- West Belt Life Vest – Mark Juliano
- Pier Net – Bill Zimmer
- Long Dip Net – Gabriel Cady
- 50/50 winner of \$100.00 – Rhonda Waldron,
- Show up winner of \$25.00 gift card for Beach Front Grille was Cliff Way.



SHEEPSHEAD TOURNAMENT WINNERS

Sheepshead Tournament 02/22/2025		
	Angler	Weight
1st - \$100	Art Volbrecht	3 lbs 8 ozs
2nd - \$90	Rhonda Waldron	3 lbs 7 ozs
3rd - \$85	Mark Kaspro	3 lbs 3 ozs
4th - \$80	Brandon Volbrecht	2 lbs 8 ozs
5th - \$75	Erica Vickers	2 lbs 6 ozs
6th - \$70	Parker Hall	2 lbs 6ozs
7th - \$60	Ryan Lukaszewski	2 lbs 6 ozs
CPR Longest Black Drum - \$70	Mike Vickers Jr.	Draw
CPR: Longest Redfish \$70	Shawn Barnett	20.5 inches



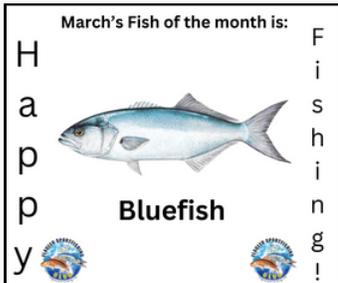
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WEIGH MASTER REPORT BY BILL ZIMMER



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March's Fish of the Month is Bluefish



****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.

As you may have noticed, Scott Robertson is now our Treasurer and I have taken over the role of Weighmaster for our Club. I look forward to serving all of you and please let me know if I can be of assistance this year.

For those that did not renew their membership by Jan 31, 2025, all fish weighed in or CPR photos submitted in January or February 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.

The Fish of the Month in March is Bluefish. FWC regulations are 12" fork length. The bag limit is 3 fish. January's fish of the month was Black Drum and the winner will be announced at the March meeting.

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

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.

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.



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.



WEIGH MASTER REPORT CONTINUED

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.

Bill Zimmer - Weighmaster - (850) 728-1937

WELCOME



FISHING REPORT BY CHRIS CREGO**Flagler County Inshore Fishing Report February 2025****Fishing Report brought to you by Chris Crego
with Skinny Water Lures**

Inshore fishing in Flagler County, offered us a variety of opportunities despite cooler water temperatures. Species such as redfish, spotted sea trout, flounder, sheepshead, and black drum were active, with fishing conditions improving as the month progressed.

**Redfish and Spotted Sea Trout:**

We targeted redfish and spotted sea trout with success in areas with deeper waters and oyster bars. Utilizing lures like Skinny Water Lures suspending twitchbaits and 3-inch curly tail grubs proved effective. A gentle twitch-pause retrieve was the key, as fish were less active due to the cooler water temperatures.

Sheepshead:

The sheepshead bite was strong throughout February, especially around structures such as rock piles, pilings, and seawalls with heavy barnacle growth. Baiting with shrimp on a jig head, fiddler crabs, or crab chunks yielded good results.

Black Drum:

Black drum fishing was steady, with anglers reporting consistent catches. Targeting deeper channels and areas near oyster bars during warmer parts of the day increased success rates.

Flounder:

Flounder fishing was productive, particularly in deeper channels and near oyster bars. Using SWL soft plastics and live bait presented near the bottom during warmer parts of the day increased success rates.

Weather Conditions:

February in Flagler County experienced cooler temperatures, with water temperatures ranging from 60°F to 70°F. Fish were more active during midday when temperatures were warmer. We found success by focusing on deeper waters and sheltered areas where fish congregate.

FISHING REPORT CONTINUED**Fishing Tips:**

- Timing: Fish were more active during midday when temperatures were warmer.
- Techniques: Use gentle twitch-pause retrieves with lures to entice bites.
- Bait: Live shrimp, fiddler crabs, and soft plastics were effective.
- Locations: Focus on deeper waters, oyster bars, and structures with barnacle growth.

Overall, February provided rewarding inshore fishing experiences in Flagler County for those who adapted to the cooler conditions and targeted the right species in suitable habitats.

TIGHT LINES!!





'kids4reel' IN THE COMMUNITY

The Flagler Sportfishing Club's kids4reel program continues to make waves in our community, providing hands-on fishing experiences and educational opportunities for young anglers. **This past week, kids4reel hosted our Flagler Homeschoolers partner at Herschel King Park, where over 20 students and parents braved the blustery conditions to learn, fish, and enjoy the great outdoors.** Rachel Ord led the enthusiastic group in exploring the Intracoastal Waterway (ICW), reinforcing our commitment to engaging and educating young anglers.

In addition to this event, **kids4reel was once again invited to participate in Flagler County Marine Science Literacy Night, held on February 27 at Buddy Taylor Middle School.** This exciting event allowed kids4reel to showcase its mission and resources, connecting with even more students and families. Be sure to check out our Facebook page for photos from this fun and educational evening!

The success of the kids4reel program is made possible through generous support from local organizations, such as **Stacey Lamborn, NE Coordinator, FWC/fyccn.** **On February 13, 2025, Stacey replenished many of our educational resources, which will be distributed to local partner schools and students throughout Flagler County.** These materials, including Fish FL books, Freshwater Fish posters, Marine coloring books, Fish Identifier bookmarks, and casting games, will be instrumental in our ongoing efforts to educate and inspire young anglers. With over a dozen partner school fishing adventures already planned for 2025, these resources will make a significant impact!

The recent kids4reel event also featured an educational program on artificial bait and lures, as well as Florida's artificial reefs. Brett Burford of Fishbites delivered an engaging presentation on how to use artificial bait effectively, covering various types, colors, smells, and techniques to maximize fishing success. **In addition to sharing his expertise, Brett and Fishbites generously donated to FSC to help support our kids4reel program—a huge thank you for their continued support!**

Another highlight of the day was a presentation by Luke Thomas, a twelve-year-old Buddy Taylor Middle School student, who researched and delivered an informative session on Florida's artificial reefs. Alongside his mother, Deb Thomas, Luke explained the different types of artificial reefs and their benefits, such as enhancing marine ecosystems and creating vital habitats for fish. Following the educational program, students hit the water, using live shrimp, Fishbites, and lures to put their newly acquired skills to the test. After hours of patient fishing, excitement filled the air as 'fishing' turned into 'catching'! 🎣



'kids4reel' IN THE COMMUNITY

A huge thank you goes out to our dedicated volunteers who braved the wind and chilly weather to support our community and local youth. Special appreciation to Dave Genk, Deb Marinco, Chuck Radloff, Mike Crotts, Melinda Hug, and Jeff Murphy for making this event such a memorable experience for the Flagler Homeschoolers.

With many more events and educational programs planned for 2025, kids4reel is looking forward to another incredible year of fostering a love for fishing, conservation, and outdoor adventure in our local youth. Stay tuned for more exciting updates and reach out if you'd like to get involved!



FEBRUARY MEETING MINUTES BY CAROL CARTER, SECRETARY**Meeting Minutes 02-06-2025****Meeting held at Social Club 51****7:00 PM - Quick Tips by Tim Miller – How to catch Sheepshead, Thank you, Tim for being tonight's speaker.****Meeting called to order by President, Mike Vickers, Jr. 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 16 guests in attendance tonight and 1 new member. Sponsors present were Dana Syens-CCI, Erica Vickers-Hammock Bait & Tackle, Dick Hoover-Kerquac/Hoover Team****Approval of 01-09-2025 Minutes – Motion was made by Dean Roberts and seconded by Jorge Riano. Minutes were accepted.****The guest speaker tonight will be member, Kevin Duckworth (Nightline Charters) Thank you for being tonight's speaker. Mike Jr. announced that our new Weigh Master will be Bill Zimmer.****Reports:****Treasurer Report –** Scott Robertson said that if you have not renewed your membership and you don't want to turn into a pumpkin, this is your last chance to renew or you will not be able to do the free tournaments and any fish caught in Jan. for the Year Long or CPR Tournaments will not be counted. Reports for the month of Jan. are as follows: Income \$20,435.50 from membership renewals and Bass Pro sponsor monies. Expenses \$7,136.00 for Club 51 rental, raffle prizes were purchased and Bottom Trip fee paid. Year To Date Net Income \$13,299.00.**Marketing Director –** Dick Hoover said when you frequent our sponsors like The Anchor, Beach Front Grille, Twisters and others, mention that you are a member of The Flagler Sportfishing Club so they see that we are supporting their establishments. Ash & Ale in European Village will discount beer & cigars. Bass Pro Shop would like to have a picture taken of the officers, directors and members of the club. It will be on Feb. 18th at 6 PM in the Daytona Beach store, so if you would like to join in being in the picture, be there at 6 PM. Contact Dick if you know of anyone who would like to be one of our sponsors.**Weighmaster Report –** Scott Robertson said FOM for Feb. is Sheepshead 12" minimum, bag limit is 8 fish. Whiting is not on the Year Long Tournament. It will be in the Surf Trnmt. and the Red, White & Blue Trnmt. January's FOM was Black Drum, winner was Tim Miller with a 4 lb, 8 oz one. He chose a \$50.00 gift card from Hammock Bait & Tackle as his prize.

FEBRUARY MEETING MINUTES CONTINUED

Tournament Director - Tim Miller said Jan. 18 th was our first free tournament. The Juliano brothers, Tom & Mark, chaired this one. Not many Black Drum came in, but there were redfish. Volunteers helped to make this a success. Tim wants people to sign up to run a tournament. The raffle items have been bought already. On the CPR, try to beat last years record of released fish. You only need one fish, there are 10 winners and this year out of the ten anglers, three of them only had one entry ticket and they won. Buy a bump board and get in the running.

Membership Director – Becca Price said to see her and get your club calendar. Membership is way down from 307 to 178. She wants us to talk the club up to the community, like us on Facebook, send pictures of your catch in, they go to Erin Yates, our Social Director.

Quartermaster – Linda Beers Vickers said she has stuff for sale, hats, shirts, bump boards go to the back table and see her.

Old Business:

Mike Vickers, Jr. said the by-laws committee consisting of Tim Beebe, Cliff Germano and Deb Marinco will be working on the by-laws. In the by-laws, Article 1, Sec. 1, Para. C – if you have a child that is 18 years old, they need to get a membership of their own. The club will be checking on that.

Upcoming/New Business: Tim said the Sheepshead Tournament was moved from Jan. to Feb. 22nd, to see if that month would be better for catching Sheepshead. Some of the tournaments for this year have been moved around. Bill & Cookie Zimmer will be chairing this event. There is a flyer for the event that has an incorrect weigh-in location – it should be at Herschel King from 2-3 PM and food will be served. Sign in at the back table or online, deadline will be Wed., Feb. 19th to sign up online. We need a number of attendees for the food count. Question was asked about opening time of Hammock Bait Shop the morning of the tournament. Mike Jr. said check on Facebook to see what time the shop will be open that morning. Also, when entering fish at the shop, put your correct name. Tim found one that was incorrect but he will fix it if you weighed it in today, just this one time. We need to have your correct legal names on the slips.

Spring Classic – Mike Vickers, SR is co-chair on this event. He said this will be the 29th annual Spring Classic to held on Saturday, 04/12/25 at Herschel King. Check outs will begin at 7 AM with a shotgun start. Check out locations will be Bings Landing, Under the 100 Bridge, Herschel King Park and Highbridge. The Captain's meeting will be held on Friday, 04/11/25 at 5:30 PM at Social Club 51. Over \$5,000.00 in cash prizes based on 100 people entered in the tournament, guaranteed \$1,000.00 1st prize each species. 1st 100 paid anglers will receive a tournament shirt and hat! You can fish by boat or kayak. Someone will be there to check for dead fish. The deadline for reduced entry fee is 3/27, on 3/28 entry fee will be \$95.00. Scott, Mike SR. and Tim went over the tournaments and used moon phases to schedule the events for this year.

FEBRUARY MEETING MINUTES CONTINUED

Co-chair on the Classic is Dana Syens, she has been a longtime member, former Vice President and has raised money for the club so we could donate a lot of funds to the DAV. DAV is the organization that will be getting monies from the Classic. Fliers and applications for sponsors are at the back table. Any one of our officers or directors in the orange shirts can be consulted if you have any questions, suggestions or concerns that need to be addressed. We are here for you!

March Meeting - Year-end Review- Mike Jr. said he will be talking about last year, there will be a slide show and this year's upcoming events.

Nominations for Officers – Treasurer, Weigh Master, Quartermaster and V.P. positions will be voted on. There will be a Swap & Shop at this meeting, so bring your fishing items that have collected the most dust and maybe someone else can put them to use.

The Member Clinic - will be held on March 8th, clinic is free to members, guests fee is \$10.00, which will be deducted from a new members fee. So, circle the date on your calendars and come hear experienced anglers who will be here to advise you.

NOAA Bottom fishing closure proposal/Public Comment – NOAA is proposing a 3 month fishing closure on Red Snapper from the state line to Cape Canaveral, 3 miles off our coast. They say that Red Snapper is being overfished. Because of the by-catch , last year it was almost 300,000 thousand fish. Amendment 59 is a 254 page document . Dead discards by-catch has increased every year. They reduced the time we had to fish for them. 2024 estimate ½ mile dead loss for Red Snapper, we only had 1 day to fish for them – the state has argued this. They are trying to take away fishing for 3 mos from the regular anglers, when Commercial fishermen can get 75-150 per trip. On Feb. 24th , from 4-8 PM in Jacksonville, NOAA will accept final comments on this Amendment. Email Mike JR at fsfcpres@gmail.com and he will send you a copy of the Amendment and if you can, please attend this important meeting and speak out about this issue.

BREAK

Speaker – Capt. Kevin Duckworth from Niteline Charters – talking about dock light fishing. Cpt. Duckworth asked the members what do they think of when they hear dock light fishing and they replied back. Some people prefer certain colors of dock lites, like green is best, he said he has luck with green lites and also bright lites. He looks for an outgoing current, activity, almost like hunting. You can mess up a lite by throwing in the middle of the lite also, you have to position your boat in the lite. He uses Rapella jerk shads, match the hatch and see what is running in the water. He also uses white or yellow Gulp shad artificial baits and shrimp works real well. He uses braided line with a fluorocarbon leader, that provides a better hit. He hooks a live shrimp with a head hook or bottom hook using a circle hook or a jig head.

FEBRUARY MINUTES CONTINUED & MEMBER MEETING INFO

Short strikes and he takes the tail off the shrimp, that helps get the bait odor in the water. Put the hook through the tail and thread it up to the mouth of the shrimp. Adjust your drag and play the fish. He prefers outgoing tides, sometimes with clients, he is forced to fish the incoming tides. For dock lights in the canals, he gets hits right at the lites or in the halo of the lites. He uses a popping cork, a 2-3 foot leader, adjust the cork, slip bobbers and you can cast further out and adjust the depth so it gets the bait down by the bottom and it will flow with the current naturally. Question was asked if the color mattered on the float and he said he didn't think so. He uses a pinch weight 6" up or uses a jig head or sometimes puts the weight closer to the bait on the hook, he also uses X wraps on Seatrout. There may be a lull at a dock if you have a real fight with a fish and it will disturb the other fish around, but they will come back. In higher currents he tail hooks the shrimp, in slower waters he will use a head hook up to put the shrimp on. He does not use scents on his bait or artificials. His go to color on artificial baits is white or chartreuse, in darker waters, a natural or camo color is best.

50/50 Winner was Chuck Radloff- \$110.00- Congrats!

Attendance was 62 people signed in, 16 of those were guests and we got 1 new member online. MOTION WAS MADE TO ADJOURN BY Tim Beebe & 2nd by Mike Kiss

**MOTION WAS APPROVED. Meeting adjourned at 8:57 PM
Minutes submitted by Carol Carter, Club Secretary**



FLAGLER SPORTFISHING CLUB

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

**Public
Welcome!**

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

7:00pm Swap & Shop

**7:30pm General Meeting /
Nomination of Officers**

7:45pm Break

**8:00pm Guest Speaker -
Year-End-Review by Captain
Mike Vickers Jr.**

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Flagler Sportfishing Club

Members Fishing Clinic

Saturday, March 8th 2025



Social Club of Palm Coast, 51 Old Kings Rd. Palm Coast, FL 32137

Guests are welcome to attend with a \$10 Donation; donation may be applied to membership dues if you decide to join!

For questions please contact Membership Director: Becca Price,
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Agenda

7:30 am - Refreshments & Registration

8:00 am - Welcome & Pledge of Allegiance - *Ron Gorney*

8:10 am - Inshore ICW & Flats Fishing - *Tim Jarvis*

8:40 am - Club Benefits, Sponsors & Website - *Peter Bessette*

9:00 am - Importance of Connecting; Club Apparel & Gear available for purchase -
Becca Price

9:10 am - Read the Tides & Moon Phases - *Captain Mike Vickers Jr.*

9:35 am - Live & Artificial Baits to "Catch the Big Ones" - *Captain Mike Vickers Sr.*

9:55 am - Break

10:10 am - Fishing Regulations - *Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation (FWC)*

10:30 am - Importance of Maintaining Your Boat - *Big Boys Play Toys*

11:00 am - Surf Fishing - *The Sinker Guy, Chip Brundage*

11:30 am - Dock Fishing - *Tim Miller*

12:00 pm - Weigh-in, Weigh Stations & Yearlong (Reg. & CPR) Tournaments - *Bill Zimmer*

12:30 pm - Raffles, 50/50, Wrap-up & Questions

**Sign Up: on our website: <https://flaglersportfishing.com/event/member-clinic/>
or email: fsfcmembership@gmail.com**

**Click
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26TH ANNUAL COUNT THE SPOTS TOURNAMENT



Raffles

Flagler Sportfishing Club
Wednesday, March 19th, 2025
Bing's Landing North



50/50

Species: Redfish Only

No Boat Required, Fish from Anywhere

1st - \$100
2nd - \$90
3rd - \$85
4th - \$70

**Heaviest
Redfish
\$55**

5th - \$65
6th - \$60
7th - \$55
8th - \$45

CPR most spots on one side of legal fish - \$75
(must use Club approved Bump Board)
Show Up Drawing - \$25 Gift Card



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RULES:

- Fishing starts at 6:30am, fish from anywhere, FWC Rules apply
- One cash prize per person, including Bonus
- **Any attached spots count as one spot.**
- Any open fish prizes will be filled from a drawing of members who fished but didn't win a cash prize
- Tie-breaker: heaviest fish
- Junior Anglers (under 12) fish free with a member
- Free to members, guests may fish with a \$20 donation & must fish with member
- **CPR:** Show photo of released legal fish on club approved bump board to Weighmaster at weigh-in. CPR tiebreaker is first photo shown to Weighmaster.

Weigh-In:

2pm - 3pm Bing's Landing North, Lunch Provided, Free to members and one guest. Additional guests: \$10.00 donation

Sign Up:

Deadline is 3/17. Please sign up for food headcount. Sign up at the March monthly meeting or <https://flaglersportfishing.com/event/club-tournament-count-the-spots/>

For more information, please contact Captain Amy Beth Krisanda at 914-755-5612 stageyourboatforsale@aol.com

29TH ANNUAL SPRING CLASSIC REGISTRATION IS OPEN!



Flagler Sportfishing Club
29th Annual
Spring Classic
Tournament
April 12th, 2025



Over
\$5000
in
CASH PRIZES

Guaranteed
\$1000
1st Prize each
species!

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Here to
Register

Silent Auction, Registration, & Raffles: Friday, April 11th, 2025 @5:30pm (Prior to Captain's Meeting)
Mandatory Capt. Meeting: April 11th, 7:00pm, Social Club of Palm Coast, 51 Old Kings Rd N
Tournament Check-Out: Saturday, April 12th 7am - 8am, Bing's Landing, under 100 bridge, High Bridge, Herschel King Park
Weigh-In Time: Saturday, April 12th 3:30pm - 5:00pm, Herschel King Park, 1000 Grady Prather Jr Cove, Palm Coast, FL 32137

Entry Fee: \$90 per Angler, includes 1 food ticket

Late Entry after March 28th \$95

Fish by boat or kayak!

1st 100 paid anglers receive tournament shirt & hat!

Junior Anglers Under 12: Free with paid angler. Not eligible for cash prizes



Species Tournament
Trout (19"max), Redfish, Flounder

Cash Prizes per Species
1st - \$1000 CASH Guaranteed
2nd - \$450 *based on 100 paid anglers
3rd - \$350 *based on 100 paid anglers



For more info contact:
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Entry forms available: flaglersportfishingclub.com

Fish may be brought to weigh-in by car or boat.

Please, no outside alcoholic beverages permitted on Social Club's premise



29TH ANNUAL SPRING CLASSIC REGISTRATION IS OPEN!



Flagler Sportfishing Club
29th Annual Spring Classic Tournament



Benefitting:



Disabled American Veterans



Guaranteed \$1000 1st Prize each species!



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1st 100 Paid Anglers receive a Tournament Shirt & Hat!

Entry Fee: \$90 per Angler, includes 1 food ticket. Anglers may fish from boat or kayak.

Late Entry after March 28th: \$95

Junior Anglers under 12: Free with Paid Angler. Not eligible for cash prizes.

For more info contact: Capt Mike Vickers Sr (386) 276-2613, captainmikesfishing@yahoo.com, Dana Syens (386) 566-3613, Dana@commercialcoverages.net, Dick Hoover (386) 864-3337, hooverd770@gmail.com

One entry form per angler. Please print clearly.

Additional forms available at flaglersportfishing.com

Name: _____ Youth Angler? (under 12) Yes / No

Mailing Address: _____

City / State / Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Angler's Name: _____ Are you a member of FSC? Yes / No

Boat Number: _____ Captain's Name: _____

How did you hear about the tournament? _____

Preferred check out? (circle one) Bing's Landing, under Hwy 100 Bridge, High Bridge, Herschel King park

Total Amount Enclosed: _____ *Please make checks payable to Flagler Sportfishing Club

For good and valuable consideration, on behalf of myself, my heirs, executors and administration, I do hereby release and forever discharge Flagler Sportfishing Club, tournament committee and sponsors from any liability for injury or damages rising from a Flagler Sportfishing Club tournament.

Participant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Mail completed form and payment to: Flagler Sportfishing Club
 P.O. Box 353383
 Palm Coast, FL 32135



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 MARCH 2025 - MAY 2025

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

MAY

Amberjack

01- Manatee Speed Zones begin, FWC compliant

01- Member Meeting, Elections of Officers,
Club 51 / Social Club of Palm Coast

10- Kids' Clinic
Herschel King Park

17- Bottom Trip
Ponce Inlet

24- Surf Tournament
Betty Stefflik

29 - Directors Meeting,
DAV 7:00pm

