

FLAGLER SPORTFISHING CLUB THE CHUM LINE



FROM THE HELM - BY CAPTAIN MIKE VICKERS JR.

Dear Flagler Sportfishing Club Members,

Snook season is upon us, as we all are aware snook season opens / opened September 1st and the fishing lies have it they are around. So, before the water gets too cold for them, here are some tips that may allow you to get one in the slot.

1. Timing is Everything

Snook are most active during dusk, dawn, and especially during tidal changes. Moving water triggers feeding behavior, so focus on fishing around the high or low tide when current is strongest. Night fishing around dock lights and bridges is also highly effective, as snook are ambush predators and will wait in shadows to strike baitfish attracted to light.

2. Target the Right Locations

Snook can often be found around inlets, creek mouths, mangroves, oyster bars, bridge pilings, seawalls, and dock structures. Look for areas with structure and current, snook use structure as cover and rely on the current to bring food to them.

3. Use the Right Bait

Live bait is highly effective for snook. Finger mullet, pinfish, croaker and shrimp are all excellent choices. Finger mullet is especially effective during the fall mullet run, when snook actively feed on them.

HIGHLIGHTS

- **September Member Meeting
September 4th**
- **Member Classic Tournament
September 20th**
- **Chairperson needed for Club Picnic!**

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Free-line a live bait near structure or under docks with minimal weight for the most natural presentation.

If you prefer artificial lures, soft plastic swimbaits, jerkbaits, and topwater plugs work well, particularly in low-light conditions. A favorite method is tossing a walk-the-dog style topwater lure early in the morning around mangrove points or docks, be ready for explosive strikes.

4. Tackle and Gear

Snook are strong fighters and often head straight for structure when hooked. Use medium to medium-heavy spinning gear with a fast action rod to handle their power. A 3000 - 4000 size reel with 15 - 30 lbs. braided line and a 30 - 40 lbs. fluorocarbon leader is ideal. The leader is crucial because snook have sharp gill plates that can cut lighter line during the fight.

5. Practice Catch and Release

Handle fish carefully, avoid removing them from the water if possible, and release them quickly to ensure their survival.

Tight Lines!

Captain Mike Vickers Jr.

Flagler Sportfishing Club President

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TOURNAMENT CHAIRMAN REPORT BY TIM MILLER



Tim Miller
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In case you missed it, we had our Overnight Tournament on August 15-16th. This was another successful tournament. Members got a chance to beat the summer heat and fish the evening, overnight and early morning. The weigh-in was held next to the High Bridge boat ramp. Thank you to Yellow Dawg Bait shop for setting up tents for the club to use. If you did not make the weigh-in you missed a great spread of breakfast food. If you caught fish during this tournament and did not come to the weigh-in you missed out. Three of the 2nd place spots were given to members with fish that got bumped off the leaderboard. Pat Laurienti did an outstanding job with running this tournament and the food service. A special thank you goes out to Cliff Way, for stepping up to be the Weighmaster for this tournament.

The Member Classic Tournament will be held September 20th. This Tournament gives members a chance to win more prize money than our normal member free tournaments. While there is a cost of \$25.00 per member, paid in advance, prize money of \$2000.00 is up for the taking. Members can win more than one place. See flyer in this issue for more information.

The yearlong CPR tournament is going strong. So far thirty-four members have released over 480 legal fish. Get your club bump board and start entering your fish for a chance at great prizes at the end of the year. You only need to upload one released fish to be entered into the prize drawings. Then every five fish after that will get you more entries. With ten winners just one fish has a good chance to win a prize. Now is a great time to get started with the CPR tournament as our October tournament will be a CPR only tournament.

Be sure to check out your access to Myweighmaster web site. Use you club email to register.

Once registered, go to My Club. You will be able to:

See All fishing reports for fish entered into the Clubs Yearlong Tournament.

Ask fishing questions

Ask fish cooking questions

Get a funny fish tale

Get weather data

See yearlong entries and search on fish to see best times of year to fish for this species.

<https://myweighmaster.com/>



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TOURNAMENT CHAIRMAN REPORT CONTINUED

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 to run one of these club tournaments or as a helper. This is fantastic way to get involved and meet your club members.

We will soon begin the process of developing 2026 events. If you have ideas for next year's tournaments, let me know.



HAVE AN IDEA?

We're getting ready to plan our
2026 events! 📅

If you have ideas for next year's
tournaments, email our Tournament
Director, Tim, today.

TIM MILLER
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ANNUAL LOCAL BRANDS EXPO RECAP BY BECCA PRICE

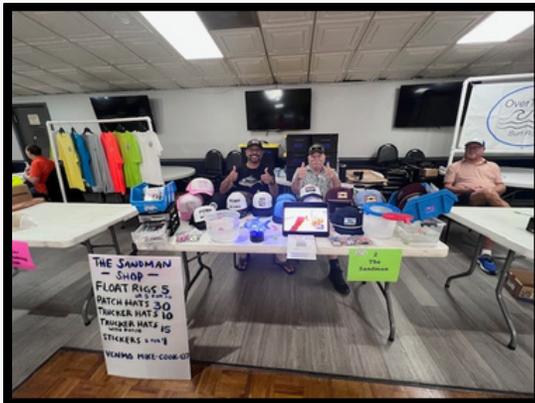
Annual Local Brands Expo 2025 Recap

The morning of the Annual Local Brands Expo 2025 started off a bit slow, but it quickly picked up once Noel Kuhn packed the room! Attendees enjoyed coffee, juice, and donuts, with water and various snacks available for the kids as well.

A huge shout-out to our volunteers, who helped set up tables, place vendor tags, distribute snacks, and assist throughout the day. Special thanks to Dave Shank and Mike Vickers Jr., who stepped in to manage the speakers while the rest of us were “in the weeds”—your help was invaluable!

Vendors reported that they enjoyed the Expo, made good sales, and felt that traveling to the event was well worth it. While we welcomed 3 new members, we had many new guests, including families with kids. It was fantastic engaging with both the children and parents, learning what caught their interest and sparking excitement for future club activities.

Overall, the Expo was a success, and we hope to grow it even more next year. Thank you to everyone who helped make it such a positive experience for vendors, guests, and our club members alike!



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OVERNIGHT TOURNAMENT RECAP BY PAT LAURIENTI

The Flagler Sportfishing Club had our annual Overnight Tournament on August 15th and 16th this year. It is a fun tournament in a way that the members get to fish the night before into the early morning hours if they so choose and the fish are weighed in between 10 and 11 Saturday morning. See the weigh masters report for the tournament winners.

The other thing that is fun is members get treated to a breakfast rather than lunch at the other tournaments and we had Chick-Fil-A biscuits and burritos with coffee to wake those who fished into the wee hours of the morning! There was a good turnout of 40 anglers that attended the weigh in out of the 52 who signed up. Some good quality fish were weighed in as well.

The Raffle prizes were graciously donated by Hammock Bait and Tackle and the lucky winners were:

Dry bag and Fishbites - Jorge Riano

6" Cast Net and Fishbites - Don Lampton

And the very lucky winner for the next two prizes Mark Juliano

Pier Hoop Net and Fishbites

Adjustable Landing Net and Fishbites

The 50/50 winner of \$30 went to Carol Carter

The Show up ticket for a \$25 gift card to the Anchor Restaurant went to Karen Dougherty.

Congratulations to all of our winners!

This was my first time chairing a tournament and it was fun and really not bad with help from others. I want to thank those who volunteered to help with the tournaments and tear down which is much appreciated. Becca Price was our photographer, Cliff Way weighed in the fish with the assistance from Tim Miller and Scott Robertson, Tom Juliano sold the raffles tickets and of course our ever faithful Carol Carter did all of the registration.

Tear down of the event takes some work from many to make it easy and we had a few members make that happen, thanks to Dave Shank, Mike Palazzo, Dena Laurienti, and Carol Carter for getting our sign! I also extend many thanks to those who, may not have been mentioned that helped out!

Last I want to thank Jamie with the Yellow Dawg Bait and Tackle for hosting our event and setting up two shade tents as well as assisting me with unloading our tabs and supplies.

Patrick Laurienti

August Overnight Tournament Chairman





OVERNIGHT TOURNAMENT WINNERS

Overnight Tournament	8/15-16/2025	
	NAME	WEIGHT
BLACK DRUM		
1st. Place	Andy Block	1 lb. 9oz.
2nd. Place	Jorge Riano	Draw
FLOUNDER		
1st. Place	Dave Shank	1lb. 15oz.
2nd. Place	Johnny Johns	Draw
REDFISH		
1st. Place	Don Lampton	5lb. 14oz.
2nd. Place	Mark Dwyer	5lb. 7oz.
SEATROUT		
1st. Place	Mark Heffley	2lb. 0oz.
2nd. Place	William Pleskach	Draw
WHITING		
1st. Place	Mike Palazzo	13oz.
2nd. Place	Chris Magri	Draw
COMBO		
1st. Place	Tim Miller	9lb. 10oz.
CPR-Longest Fish		
1st. Place	Cliff Way	22.75 inches

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- **Manufacturer Promotions:** Take advantage of ongoing factory promotions and rebates that can mean big savings. Recent examples include Honda Marine's Rig & Ride event with a \$2,000 rigging credit on qualifying repowers, and Mercury's rebate and extended warranty offers.
- **Financing Options:** With resources like Sheffield Financial, buyers can access low-rate financing and flexible loan terms to make ownership more affordable.
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FISHING REPORT BY CHRIS CREGO

Chris from Skinny Water Lures brings you this month's Flagler County Fishing Report

The inshore bite around Palm Coast has been steady, with plenty of opportunities for anglers willing to cover some water.

Redfish:

Flood tides have been bringing fish up into the grass, and sight-fishing has been productive. Reds are tailing tight in the spartina, but they're spooky—lighter presentations like the Skinny Water Lures Creature Bait rigged weedless have been key to getting bites. On lower tides, work the oyster edges and creek mouths with the SWL Paddle Tail in Smoked Mullet—a proven color that's been producing consistent slots in the 22–26" range, with a few overs.

Trout:

The trout bite has been solid during early mornings on the flats. Topwater action has been hot with the Skinny Water Lures Topwater Plug, especially over potholes and grass edges. We've seen multiple fish in the 20–24" class willing to smash a plug before the sun gets too high. As the day heats up, switch to paddle tails bounced a little deeper for a steady bite.

Snook & Flounder:

Snook have been showing up around dock lights and creek mouths—working a SWL Twitch Bait or smaller paddle tail has fooled a few quality fish. Flounder are holding tight to structure and oyster bars; slow-rolling a Curly Tail Grub has been producing keeper-sized flatfish.

Skinny Water Lures Tip of the month:

Match the hatch. With schools of mullet pushing through, darker colors like Green Goblin and Smoke Mullet are blending right in and drawing more strikes. Keep your presentation natural, and you'll get rewarded.

Tight lines, Palm Coast anglers—and remember, every Skinny Water Lure is Built in the Asylum and proven on the water!



WEIGH MASTER REPORT BY BILL ZIMMER



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Congratulations to our recent Fish of the Month Winner, Chuck Dykes. Chuck's Flounder weighed in at 4lbs-6oz. The August Fish of the Month was Spotted Seatrout and the winner will be announced at the September meeting.

The September Fish of the Month is Redfish. Please remember that the slot limit for Redfish is a minimum of 18 inches and a maximum of 27 inches. Don't forget to pinch the tail for all of your entries in all of our competitions, Fish of the Month, Yearlong, and CPR.

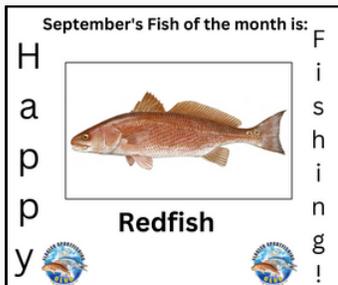
Don't forget to bring your approved Flagler Fishing Club Bump Board with you when you are out fishing. Official bump boards available to buy for \$20 at any of our club meetings. They are also available (cash only) at Hammock Bait and Tackle. If you have another brand of bump board, please see me to approve the accuracy and obtain a Flagler Sportfishing Club sticker to place on your bump board.

For our CPR Competition, all Year Long fish species are eligible and just one CPR submission gets you into the CPR drawing at the end of the year. One additional ticket into the drawing is obtained for each 5 additional submissions so the more photos you submit, the better your chances of winning a great prize.

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.

September's Fish of the Month is Redfish



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



WEIGH MASTER REPORT CONTINUED

This is a table to show how the weight of your fish is calculated in the yearlong species tournament standings. The weight is calculated in pounds carried out two decimal places. Simply replace the two decimals in the standings with the corresponding ounces in the table.

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

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 tournament weigh-ins 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



FLAGLER SPORTFISHING CLUB

Monthly Meeting Thursday September 4th , 2025

Public
Welcome!

7:00pm Quick Tips
7:30pm General Meeting
7:45pm Break
8:00pm Guest Speaker TBA

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



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'kids4reel' IN THE COMMUNITY

Flagler Sportfishing Club 'kids4reel' Making a Difference



Flagler Sportfishing Club's 'kids4reel' program continues to make a positive impact in our local community. During the first half of 2025, the club has reached over 800 local children through a variety of teaching moments, including our annual kids clinic, partner school fishing adventures, local science and literacy fairs, and participation with foster children's organizations. In recognition of these efforts, FSC has been honored for the third consecutive year as an FWC FYCCN Outstanding Partner.

As we often say, the FSC 'kids4reel' Volunteer Team is our **"secret sauce."** Thank you to all our dedicated volunteers who generously donate their time and talent to these worthwhile causes! In this month's Chum Line, we'd like to recognize two outstanding 'kids4reel' volunteers:

Mike Crotts has been a 'kids4reel' volunteer since the program's inception over three years ago. Mike participates in most of our partner school fishing events, providing students with hands-on guidance and fishing tips. During events, he helps remove caught fish, untangle tackle, teach casting and baiting, and ensures the kids are having fun—often admitting he enjoys it just as much as the students! Beyond the events, Mike goes above and beyond by adding chum to fishing areas, picking up bait, and taking quality photos for social media. Mike also serves on FSC committees, contributing to the success of our club tournaments. Thank you, Mike, for your dedication and leadership!



THANK YOU!





'kids4reel' IN THE COMMUNITY CONTINUED

Tim Bebee is our 'gentle giant' volunteer! Tim is an experienced surf and ICW angler who loves sharing his knowledge with kids. Before our students hit the water, we often hold formal training sessions on topics like fishing tackle, knot tying, using lures and bait, safety, casting, and conservation—and Tim is frequently the one stepping up to teach.

Originally from the Chicago suburbs, Tim now calls Florida home, but he often returns to Illinois and Tennessee to visit family. His presence is XL+, and his heart is just as big! We also joke that Tim is our 'kids4reel enforcer,' thanks to his scholastic wrestling background and incredible strength. Thank you, Tim, for all that you do!



Thank You



Although the 'kids4reel' team has enjoyed a summer break from organized school and organization events, we've remained busy. We have gained new sponsors, are developing a new learning curriculum to launch this fall, and are in discussions with new partner organizations, including local Girl Scouts. Stay tuned for updates as these initiatives take shape!

Interested in becoming part of our kids4reel Crew?

We're always looking for passionate volunteers to help guide and inspire the next generation of anglers.

✉ Reach out to Deb Marinco or Jeff Murphy to learn how you can get involved.

Deb: debmarinco@gmail.com

Jeff: jeff.murphy@thinktmg.com

AUGUST MEETING MINUTES BY CAROL CARTER, SECRETARY

Meeting Minutes 08-07-2025

Meeting held at Social Club 51

Quick Tips: How to enter fish online for the Year Long and CPR Tournaments – Bill Zimmer & Ray McCall

Meeting called to order by President, Mike Vickers, Jr. at 7:30 PM

Pledge of Allegiance – Presented by Pat Laurienti

First Responders/Veterans/Active Duty Recognized

Welcome New Members/Visitors/Welcome Annual Sponsors – There were 11 guests in attendance tonight, which included 4 new members. Sponsors present were Mike Vickers, Jr.-Hammock Bait & Tackle, PC Fishing & Boat Rental-Jorge & George Riano, Monica Sosa and Andy Peterson, Dana Syens - CCI

Approval of 07-10-2025 Minutes – Motion was made by Dean Roberts and seconded by Mike Palazzo. Minutes were accepted and approved.

Reports:

Membership Report – Becca Price and her helper, Mindy reported that they are getting it all together for the Expo event on Aug. 9th, Becca has been calling vendors from all over up to Merritt Island to participate. She reported we now have 209 members. There are sign-up sheets at the back of the room for the Christmas Party and other events, if you can volunteer to help out or want to be on a committee and have ideas to make things better, please sign up and she will be calling you. She mentioned that the kids tournaments will be within our club tournaments.

Treasurer Report – Scott Robertson said the figures through July are: \$23,482.00 in the checking account, 5 month CD is at \$10,658.00, YTD income is \$55,920.00, YTD Expenses were \$47,372.00, Net Income is \$8,548.00.

Marketing Director – Dick Hoover was absent tonight. No report was given and no info on the Club Survey was reported yet.

Weighmaster Report – FOM for July was Flounder, winner was Chuck Dykes with a 4 lb 6 oz one, he received a \$50.00 gift card. FOM for August will be Spotted Seatrout. 15” minimum. The next event will be the Overnight Tournament to be starting on Fri. 8/15 -Sat. 8/16, you may catch a seatrout in this event.

AUGUST MEETING MINUTES CONTINUED

Tournament Director - Tim said the next trnmt. will be the Overnight starting on 8-15 to 8-16. The Red, White & Blue Trnmt. on Nov. 22nd still needs a chairperson, see Tim to run it. Cpt. Amy Krisanda told us about a bottom trip she is running on Wed., Aug. 27th it is a 9 hr. trip, leaves at 7 AM on the Sea Spirit out of Ponce Inlet. See Amy for details.

Quartermaster Report – Ray McCall said he has bump boards for sale, \$20.00 each – come and get one, you will need it for the CPR fish. Mike Vickers mentioned that if you have your own board that you want to use, it has to be certified by the club first.

Old Business

Flounder Tournament & Red Snapper Recap - Tim Miller said the Flounder and Red Snapper trnmts were last month, check the Chum Line for the results. Ernie Morris ran the Flounder Trnmt. and he got plenty of help. To help keep things running, volunteer and give them a hand.

Christmas Party – Becca said there are sign up sheets for the committee, please let us know your ideas or volunteer to help at the party. Sheets are at the back table.

Kids Fishing Tournament – Becca is working on getting something together, if possible.

Club Survey – Dick Hoover was absent tonight, no report given on the survey.

Overnight Tournament (High Bridge) – Pat Laurienti said this trnmt. starts on Fri. 8/15 at 6 PM, fish anywhere, throughout the night if you wish and on. Sat. 08-16 from 10-11 the weigh-in will be held at Yellow Dawg Bait Shop in Ormond Beach, FL. Cliff Way will be the weighmaster at this event. Follow the fishing regulations, bring a chair and sign up at the back table.

Local Brands Expo – Becca said there will be some new vendors this year. Doors open at 8 AM until noon at Social Club 51, event is open to the public. Volunteers should arrive at 7 AM to set up. Noel Kuhn will be the first speaker for one hour.

Team Tournament Recap – Tim Miller reported this trnmt. used to be held in August and it was moved to July, it was a great success. All the places were taken and food was sandwiches from Jimmy Johns.

Red Snapper Trnmt. Recap – Bill Zimmer said 1st place winner was Shawn Barnett with a 19.11 Red Snapper caught 40 miles out. 2nd place winner was Tim Miller and 3rd place winner was David Pinette, 4th place winner was Ilyse Pinette and 5th place winner was Randy Meyer.

AUGUST MEETING MINUTES CONTINUED**Upcoming/New Business**

Club Changes – Mike Vickers Jr. and Ray McCall talked about needing volunteers to help run events and to help plan events to make the club better. Try running a tournament or club event!

Club Picnic & Swap & Shop – Mike said this year's picnic will be held on Oct. 18th at Herschel King Park. A chairperson or persons is still needed for this event.

BREAK

Speaker – Cpt. Mike Vickers, Jr – Topic was Boating Freedom Act SB1388. New Boating Laws. He said all boaters need to know about the changes that are now in effect. To get ALL the information on this topic, go to the FWC website and review what the many changes are.

FWC can't just stop you, they have to have probable cause. You have to have a Freedom Boater Safety Inspection Decal on your boat. You have to sign and attest that you have all the safety items on your boat when you go to the Tax Office to get your decal which is valid for no less than a year or no longer than 5 years but right now it is only a year. You can be pulled over for boat speed. Vessels under 16 ft. must have personal flotation devices a PFD that must have approved wearable Type 1, 2 or 3 devices on while vessel is running. Inside cabin is ok without it on. Fire extinguishers 5B, A,B,C,D class, type C is electrical and type D is for magnesium. Coastal waters – opening to ocean, greater than 2 miles you need a visual signaling device. A bell, whistle (like a coaches one) While in a kayak or on a paddle board, you must have a whistle. Vessel lighting above 16' you need integrated lights. Kayaks and paddle boards must have a light. Larger vessels need higher types of safety equipment. Safety vests type 1 or 2 have to have 20 lbs of buoyancy. Type 1 can be stowed in the hatch. Type 2 vests don't have an expiration date – do safety inspection yourself. Always check the gauge on your fire extinguishers.

Type 3 – 15.5 can't be stowed in the hatch. Make sure to have a kill switch attached to your hand in case you become disabled while driving the boat.

The boater decal you have to get from the Tax Collector Office, it cannot be purchased online or through the FWC. The decal says you have safety equipment on board and the decal goes on the boat next to your registration tag. Watercraft Energy Source – is any source of energy used to power a watercraft includes gas, diesel fuel, electric, hydrogen & solar power. There are restrictions on the size of the energy source. In 2022 Lucy's Law was enacted, a girl lost her life on a chartered boat. The boat captain was not licensed, drunk and ran into a channel marker at a high rate of speed causing her death and another passenger was paralyzed for life. This act aligns boating regulations with a motor vehicle accident. The state can charge 1st to 3rd degree felony. If convicted, you can get your license suspended and it is called BWI – Boating while under the influence.

AUGUST MEETING MINUTES CONTINUED

Age Restrictions – there are no restrictions for jet skis or personal watercraft. You have to be 18 to rent a boat and 14 to operate after 1988 law requiring a boating safety course and you will receive an Education Card. Check out on Boatus.org at <https://www.boatus.org/florida>. Spend money on a radio for your boat put an MSI# in there to send a message to the U.S. Coast Guard. In case of emergencies. After 1988, you must have the Boater Card on your person. Take a boating safety course and make sure you understand all the rules on the water to keep safe.

Attendance – There were 39 members in attendance. 11 guests that included 4 new members.
50/50 Winner was Tom Wood, prize amount \$50.00– Congrats!

MOTION WAS MADE TO ADJOURN BY Peter Bessette and seconded by Tom Wood.

MOTION WAS APPROVED. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM

Minutes submitted by Carol Carter, Club Secretary



**We need volunteers to help run the tournaments and events! Please reach out to a member of the Board of Directors if you can help!
Remember - this is YOUR club!**

MEMBER CLASSIC TOURNAMENT

Entry Fee
\$25*
 *Members by
 Sept. 16th,
 \$30 after the
 16th



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**MEMBER
 CLASSIC TOURNAMENT
 SEPTEMBER 20TH, 2025**

Species Tournament

Spotted Sea Trout (19in Max),
 Redfish, Flounder,
 Black Drum

- 1st - \$200
- 2nd - \$150
- 3rd - \$100

RULES:

- Fishing Starts 6:30 AM and Fish from Anywhere in St. Johns, Flagler or Volusia Counties – FWC Rules Apply
- Anglers can only win 2 places within a species, plus the spots prize.
- Tie Breaker— Tie goes to the earliest fish weighed in
- Junior Anglers (under 12) fish free with a member, not eligible for cash prizes.
- Non-Member guests are welcome with a donation of \$50.00 & must fish with a member

*Based on 40 paid Anglers

Redfish with Most Spots

\$200

**Win \$2000 in
 cash prizes!***

Weigh-In: Time: 2:00-3:00 PM at Herschel King Park, 1000 Grady Prather Jr. Cove Palm Coast. Lunch provided beginning at 2:00 PM. One non-member eats free, additional non-members require a \$10 donation. Members may attend the weigh-in whether they fish or not (total needed for food)

Sign-up: Attend the September 4th meeting to sign up OR visit <https://flaglersportfishing.com/event/members-classic/> to register

DEADLINE to sign up is September 19th

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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 SEPTEMBER 2025 - NOVEMBER 2025

SEPTEMBER

Redfish

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

07 - Manatee Speed Zone
Ends, FWC Compliant

20- Member Classic,
Tournament
Herschel King Park

25- Directors Meeting,
DAV 7:00pm

OCTOBER

Black Drum

02- Member Meeting
Club 51 / Social Club of
Palm Coast, Smoked Fish &
Dip Contest

18- Club Picnic, Swap &
Shop
Herschel King Park

23- Directors Meeting,
DAV 7:00pm

25- CPR Tournament
Bing's North

NOVEMBER

Longest Legal CPR Fish

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

20- Directors Meeting,
DAV 7:00pm

22-Red, White & Blue
Tournament, Bing's North

