FLAGLER SPORTFISHING CLUB

THE CHUM LINE



HIGHLIGHTS

- No December
 Monthly
 Meeting
- Membership Renewals going on now!
- Annual Holiday Party Cancelled

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FROM THE HELM BY CAPTAIN MIKE VICKERS JR.

Dear Flagler Sportfishing Club Members,

At our January members meeting we are starting a new way for you to win. The raffle is called the **Reel of Fortune**. I have included the rules below. You must have renewed your membership or paid for a new membership as of January 7 th . This way we may include your name in the drawing. It costs \$1.00 to enter, you may only enter once, and you must be present at the drawing to win. The first pot is starting at \$200.00.

REEL OF FORTUNE

Rules:

- 1. The monies that are not paid out to fish of the month or tournament places are put into a combined pot.
- 2. You must attend monthly meetings and be present at the drawing to win.
- 3. You can only buy-in at the meeting and once per membership.
 - a. The cost of buy-in is \$1.00 (One dollar).
 - b. Only members in good standing as defined in accordance with our bylaws as of the day prior to the game can play.
 Membership list will be verified that day prior to the drawing.
 - c. Your buy-in is placed into the pot.

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- 4. At the end of the meeting after the 50/50 Drawing, one (1) member name will be chosen/drawn at random from the current members list as of the day prior to the meeting.
- 5. To win:
 - a. You must be a member in good standing.
 - b. If the members name is drawn:
 - i. Is in attendance at the time of the drawing.
 - ii. If the members name drawn has bought (paid your \$1.00) in to the REEL OF FORTUNE.
 - c. If all the above statements are true:
 - i. The member WINS 80% of the pot.
 - ii.The remaining 20% of the pot rolls to the next member meeting to start the new pot.
- 6. If the members name is drawn:
 - a. Is not present NO win, NO re-draw (must be present to win)
- b. Did not buy-in (pay your \$1.00) NO win, NO re-draw (must buy-in for \$1.00)
- 7. If there is no winner, the money is rolled to the next member meetings.
- 8. THERE ARE AND WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS TO THE ABOVE STATED RULES!



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TOURNAMENT CHAIRMAN REPORT BY TIM MILLER



Tim Miller fsfctourdir@gmail.com

Your club finished the year with our Red, White and Blue Tournament on November 22nd. This tournament saw a respectable number of members weigh in fish. Thanks to Mark Heffey and crew, members enjoyed an outstanding lunch along with fellowship. See the Red, White, and Blue summary in this issue for results.

Your club ended the year with nine free member tournaments in which \$6,300.00 in prize money was given out. Members also took advantage of the member classic with \$2000.00 in prize money. There was a Red Snapper Tournament, along with the Spring Classic for members to partake in.

The Catch, Photo and Release Tournament is in full swing. Thirty-Nine members have submitted 60 photos in twelve varied species. There is still time to enter a fish in the CPR tournament. Remember that fish must be of legal length and in season to count for CPR Tournament. Get your club bump board and start entering your fish for a chance at being one of the eleven winners that will win a Club Jacket, Club Shirt or Sponsor Gift Card at the end of the year. As members, can only win once, the odds of winning with one fish are good. You only need to upload one released fish to be entered into the prize drawings. Then every five fish after that will get you another entry.

Next year will see nine more free tournaments. The first will be the Black and Red Tournament on January 17, 2026. (Dress Warm) Your club is also planning a Bottom Trip along with the Fish of the Month Contest. A Year Long Tournament, Members Classic along with continuing the CPR tournament. A Member Clinic that cover multiple topics, long with the Local Brands Expo. When you receive your 2026 Calendar, check the back page for the Schedule of Events that are planned for the members. This is just a small part of all you get for your membership dues.

Yellow Dog Bait and Tackle at High Bridge offers 10% off bait to Club Members.

Thank you to all the volunteers that helped with club tournaments. Without this help the club would not be able to provide these momentous events. Be sure to sign up as a helper for the next tournament. I also need members to chair next years tournaments. Please let me know if you can be the chair for any tournaments in 2026.

Tim Miller fsfctourdir@gmail.com





RENEWAL YOUR MEMBERSHIP FOR 2026

Membership Renewals Are Open!

Renewals are underway – don't miss out on all the free tournaments and exciting events coming in 2026!

Renew between November 1st - December 31st for just \$80!

After January 1, renewals will be at the regular price of \$90

New Member Special:

First-time members who sign up in December will also pay just \$90 and receive 13 months of membership instead of 12!

Coming in January: "The REEL OF FORTUNE"

Get ready for Pat and Vanna as we introduce the REEL OF FORTUNE at January's Member Meeting! Details were shared at the November meeting. See Page 1 From the Helm article by Cpt. Vickers, Jr. for details. You don't have to answer questions or solve puzzles — you just need to be a member, show up, and enter the REEL OF FORTUNE for your chance to win!

Anyone not renewed by Dec. 31st or paid for a new membership as of Jan. 7th, will miss the official start of the wheel.

Big Year Ahead for Our Youth Anglers!

January also kicks off an exciting year for our Youth Angler Programs — with new prizes, tournaments, and opportunities for young anglers to get involved and inspired.

DON'T BE LEFT OUT — RENEW EARLY, SAVE MORE, AND GET READY FOR ANOTHER GREAT YEAR OF FISHING, FRIENDSHIP, AND FUN!

> **CLICK HERE TO RENEW NOW!**







RED, WHITE & BLUE TOURNAMENT RECAP BY MARK HEFFLEY

The weather was ideal for the patriotic Red, White and Blue 2025 tournament. The surf had clear water and minimal waves and the intracoastal had minimum winds.

55 anglers signed up to fish, and 46 enjoyed the meal and weigh-in.

Thanks to all the volunteers who showed up to help:

Tom Wood, Kelvin Byrne, Cliff & Mary Way (Weighmaster - taking Bill Zimmer's place), Mike Crotts, Deb Marinco, Carol Carter, David Genk and Becca Price - Photographer. This group made it very easy and enjoyable to manage a tournament, so please sign up in the future to assist.

Thanks to all who supported the raffle and 50/50.

Raffle Prize Winners:

Pier Net - Tim Mott Long Net - Kelvin Byrne Bubble Bucket - Shiela Sinnotte Bait Bucket - Tom Juliano Penn Rod & Reel Combo - Ryan Davis

50/50 Raffle - \$60.00 prize winner - Amy Beth Krisanda Show-Up Ticket - Prize \$25.00 Gift Card for Hammock Grill - Becca Price

Now it is time for the commentary. Despite the excellent weather and calm surf conditions (that is not always the best weather for fishing), very few fish were weighed in from surf fishermen. However, there were a lot of fish weighed in from the intracoastal and all pay slots were filled.

A comment we frequently heard at the weigh-in was that if Andy Block had been available to fish the tournament, the number of fish weighed in would have been doubled, or even tripled. And, no other anglers wore Andy Block-style pirate garb, which was sorely missed.

The Tim Miller era is now over, and the majority of anglers are looking forward to new blood with the new Tournament Director, Cliff Way. From Tim, we often saw changes in the tournament rules to favor bridge fishermen at the Matanzas Inlet, which we grudgingly accepted. Tim did a great job the past few years and created lists to help the individual tournament managers among other things. Please sign up for the monthly tournaments next year, especially as volunteers.

Mark Heffley 678-491-6597 cell



MORE PICTURES <u>ON</u> FACEBOOK!

RED, WHITE & BLUE TOURNAMENT WINNERS

| Red-White-Blue Tournament | | |
|---------------------------|--------------------|------------|
| | NAME | WEIGHT |
| REDFISH | | |
| 1st. Place | Mark Heffley | 3lb. 14oz. |
| 2nd. Place | Shawn Barnett | 2lb. 12oz. |
| 3rd. Place | Ryan Lukaszewski | 2lb. 12oz. |
| | | |
| WHITING | | |
| 1st. Place | Eric Varden | 1lb. 2oz. |
| 2nd. Place | Mike Palazzo | 1lb. 0oz. |
| 3rd. Place | Kelvin Byrne | 14oz. |
| | | |
| BLUEFISH | | |
| 1st. Place | Dave Shank | 2lb. 9oz. |
| 2nd. Place | Jorge Riano | 1lb. 1 oz. |
| 3rd. Place | Mark Juliano | 1lb. 10oz |
| | | |
| CPR | | |
| 1st. Place | Tim Miller | 15.5 in. |
| | | |
| JUNIOR DIVISION | | |
| 1st. Place (Whiting) | Charlotte Winfield | 7 oz. |







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Shady Rays is "making an impact together" with FSC 'kids4reel' Junior Angler Program!

Shady Rays has made a generous donation of their polarized sunglasses to Flagler

Sportfishing Club 'kids4reel' Junior Angler Program. Together, we are now 'practicing what we preach' by offering our partner organization students with the opportunity to wear these sunglasses during our monthly fishing adventures.

Shady Rays is "supporting causes that give purpose to their work!"

Shady Rays believes in supporting the communities in which their employees work and live. Shady Rays and FSC 'kids4reel' are creating a safer platform for our children to connect with the outdoors, build confidence and find meaning in the simple act of casting a line. Together, we are making a lasting impact – giving back to the community while inspiring the next generation of responsible stewards of our waters.

Shady Rays and FSC 'kids4reel' have a shared commitment to safety, community and purpose...and as one of our partner organization leaders exclaimed, "Shady Rays will help our children see and catch the 'Big One'!"

*See full protection details on their website please: www.shadyrays.com





FISHING REPORT BY CHRIS CREGO

Palm Coast Inshore Fishing Report – November Edition Brought to you by Chris Crego of Skinny Water Lures

November is finally here in Palm Coast, and with those crisp mornings and cooler afternoons rolling in, the inshore bite is making its seasonal transition. This is one of my favorite months to fish — the crowds thin out, the bait pushes into the creeks, and the redfish, trout, and flounder start settling into their predictable fall/winter patterns.



Here's what I'm seeing on the water right now:

Redfish (Slot & Overslot)

The redfish bite has been steady to strong all month, especially around the deeper creek bends, oyster points, and mud flats that hold a little extra warmth on cooler mornings. We're seeing schools of upper-slot reds prowling the outgoing tide, sliding off the grass edges as the water drains.

On high tides, especially those late-season flood tides, you can still find singles cruising the spartina looking for fiddlers and small mullet. As always — stealth and a clean presentation matter this time of year. That colder water is crystal clear.

Best baits right now:

- Skinny Water Lures 4" Paddle Tail in natural and mullet patterns
- 2.5" Paddle Tail when the reds get picky or the water gets super clean
- 4" Twitch Bait slow-rolled around drop-offs
- Creature baits fished on the bottom around deeper holes

Work those jigheads slow... almost painfully slow. Once the water temp falls through the 60s, they want an easy meal, not a chase.

Speckled Trout (Gators starting to show!)

The trout bite lights up in November. Those bigger females move out of the deep and start staging on points, creek mouths, and channel edges where the tide pushes bait right past their dinner table.

Early mornings are prime time — especially on calm days when the water looks like glass.

FISHING REPORT CONTINUED

Best patterns:

- First light: Skinny Water Lures Topwater walked slowly across deeper grass flats and channel edges (we've already seen some 20–25" fish smashing topwater this month).
- After sunrise: slow-sink Twitch Baits fished with long pauses
- Midday: Curly Tail Grubs bounced off the bottom in deeper holes

If you're not pausing your twitchbait for 3–5 seconds... you're not giving those bigger trout a chance to commit.

Flounder (Doormats moving in!)

November is prime flounder season, and this year is shaping up strong. We're seeing good numbers around the intracoastal ledges, creek mouths with sandy transitions, and any place mullet are pulling through.

Once the first couple cold fronts hit, the flounder start sliding toward the inlet — so now through mid-month is your best shot at a legit doormat inside the ICW.

Best baits:

- SWL Paddle Tail (3" and 4")
- SWL Curly Tail Grub (deadly on doormats)
- SWL Creature/Craw bait dragged slowly

The trick is simple: slow drag, long pauses, and occasionally giving the jig a small hop to stir up mud.

Water Temps, Clarity & Bait Movement

Water temps are sitting in the high 60s to low 70s, dropping a little after each front. With that, the mullet run is tapering off — but the backwaters and creeks are loaded with finger mullet, small pinfish, and glass minnows.

Clear water + strong north winds = spooky fish.

This is the month to downsize your presentations, lighten your leader, and focus on natural colors like Smoke Mullet, Green Goblin, Blue Crab, and Midnight Mullet.

When the water muddies after a blow?

Switch to louder, brighter profiles — Purple Haze, Chartreuse, or anything with flash.

FISHING REPORT CONTINUED

Topwater Bite (Still GOOD!)

Even with cooler mornings, we're still getting a surprisingly strong topwater redfish and trout bite at first light. On the right tide (especially outgoing), fish are smashing topwaters across flooded grass edges, sandbars, and the creek mouths that still have mullet trickling through.

Just slow down the cadence — the fish aren't summer-hyper anymore.

November Hot Spots (Generalized)

Without giving away anyone's exact mud hole, look for:

- Matanzas ICW shell bars
- Pellicer Creek deeper cuts
- Long Creek / Princess Place pockets
- Topwater bite around the Palm Coast flats on the first hour of daylight
- Creek mouths on outgoing tides anywhere between the 206 bridge and the Flagler line

Anywhere bait is bottlenecked... predators are close by.

Final Thoughts

November is one of the most consistent and rewarding months to fish the Palm Coast area. The cooler water pushes the predators into feeding-mode before winter slows them down, and the variety this month is hard to beat — redfish, trout, flounder, and even the occasional surprise snook or juvenile tarpon.

Tie on some Skinny Water Lures, slow down your retrieve, and let the fish tell you what they want.

Cast after cast... the bite is there.

SURF FISH WITH NOEL KUHN

Surf Fishing Trip with Noel Kuhn C

Flagler Sportfishing Club members recently had the chance to learn from surf fishing expert Noel Kuhn, and both trips were a tremendous hit! Noel shared his deep knowledge of reading the beach, gear setup, casting techniques, and strategies that can elevate any angler's surf game.

Participants came away energized and inspired, with many commenting on how much they learned in just a few hours.

Member Ernie Morris summed it up perfectly:

"Needless to say, Noel is an awesome fisherman and has a passion for teaching others the sport! If you haven't signed up for his course, you are missing a great opportunity to become a much better surf fisherman!"

A big thank-you to Noel and to all who joined us for these educational and fun-filled outings. It was a great day on the beach, and we're already looking forward to the next one!





WEIGH MASTER REPORT BY BILL ZIMMER

The October Fish of the Month was Black Drum and our President,

announced at the next meeting in January. The Fish of the Month

Captain Mike, was our winner. Since there is not a Members

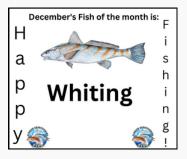
meeting in December, the November CPR winner will be

for December will be Whiting.



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December's Fish of the Month is Whiting



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

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







Speaking of Whiting, we have added this delicious fish back into our Year Long and CPR categories for 2026. They have to be 14 inches long to be weighed in at the Weigh Stations and be included as a CPR entry.

Make sure you bring your approved Flagler Sportfishing 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.

At our monthly tournaments or any other tournaments that we host, please be sure to check in with the Weighmaster by the end of the check-in time. If you come early to the weigh-in, you can place your fish bag at the weigh-in area and be sure to check in with the Weighmaster. If you have a live fish in the live well, check in as soon as you arrive so you will be placed in line for your weigh-in. You will need to stay in the area close enough to hear your name called when it is time to weigh your fish. If not, you will be moved to the end of the line. This will be discussed further at the next meeting.

WEIGH MASTER REPORT CONTINUED

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.

A reminder for everyone fishing in our tournaments. All fish must comply with FWC rules. <u>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.</u>

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.

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







NO DECEMBER MONTHLY MEETING



FLAGLER SPORTFISHING CLUB

Monthly Meeting





Thank you, Sponsors!











'kids4reel' IN THE COMMUNITY

Wow, What a Month for 'kids4reel' in the Community! ♠ 🐆

Flagler Sportfishing Club's kids4reel program has had an incredible month, bringing hands-on fishing experiences and education to local students across the county!

Bunnell Elementary School - Inaugural Surf Event

Our first-ever surf fishing event supported by kids4reel was a big success! Led by Dave Genk and Mark Heffley, our volunteer team set up eight surf fishing stations on the beach at Bay Drive Park. Special thanks to Greg Kucharewski and Danny Carter for preparing and certifying the surf equipment, and to Chris Christian, a former member and continuing supporter, for his equipment donations.

Once the tide turned, the fish started biting! Over a dozen fish were caught, including a gorgeous 23" redfish — a contender for kids4reel's '25 Fish of the Year.

Old Kings Elementary School – Herschel King Park

Our newest partner school, Old Kings Elementary, enjoyed an exciting day with 12 students catching over 30 fish in just 4 hours! Volunteers, including Dave Shank and Deb Marinco, led the "Hooked on Lunchtime Learning" sessions, complete with a spirited "Name That Fish" competition during lunch — a fun, educational twist now being incorporated into all kids4reel events.

Flagler Homeschoolers - Christmas Fun & Fishing

Flagler Homeschoolers combined a Christmas ornament activity with a fishing adventure at Waterfront Park this month. Students even creatively used a kids4reel decal as an ornament! A big thank-you to Rachel Ord and her volunteer team for organizing this festive, educational event.







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'kids4reel' IN THE COMMUNITY CONTINUED

Belle Terre Elementary – 5th Grade Girls Fishing

Six lucky 5th-grade girls from Belle Terre Elementary spent a full day fishing and went through 100 shrimp in 4 hours — clearly the fish were biting! Each student caught fish, and volunteers Tim Beebe and Mike Crotts led an important safety briefing before the fun began.

Matanzas High School – Red, White & Blue Tournament

Volunteer and kids4reel supporter Captain Dru Williams of Crescent Watersports invited students from Matanzas High School to participate in the FSC Red, White & Blue Tournament. The students caught 35 fish and placed in the tournament — an unforgettable experience guided by Captain Dru.

Making an Impact

Thanks to the dedication of the Kids4Reel volunteer team, over 1,000 local youths have been reached so far this year. From surf fishing to tournament competitions, from lunchtime learning to holiday crafts, Kids4Reel continues to inspire and educate young anglers in Flagler County.

We have so much to be thankful for — Happy Thanksgiving to all!



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







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NOVEMBER MEETING MINUTES BY CAROL CARTER, SECRETARY

Meeting Minutes 11-06-2025

Meeting held at Social Club 51

Quick Tips: None

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. Sponsors present were Erica Vickers-Hammock Bait & Tackle, Dick Hoover from Kerouac/Hoover Team, Dana Syens from CCI.

Approval of 10-02-2025 Minutes – Motion was made by Tim Beebe and seconded by Andy Petersen. Minutes were accepted and approved.

Reports:

Membership Report – Becca Price said we have 215 members. Sign up here or online for renewals, she got 7 renewals tonight. Renewals are \$80.00 right now, which includes Nov. & Dec.

kids4reel – Deb Marinco told us that she is accepting gift cards for the 8 schools that are involved in the kids4reel program. The Principal's of these schools will give them to needy children, Deb will pick them up from you if you contact her with any cards you may obtain. In Oct. the schools had 3 events, Old Kings Elementary is a marine science school, there were 5 learning stations. Bunnell school had a surf fishing event for 6 kids at Bay Dr. area, redfish were caught. On Nov. 14th and the 21st there will be events coming up. Seawolf Privateer group had 100 kids, with candy and games, the kids and volunteers dressed up for Halloween. The Rotary Club of Flagler Beach is involved with the kids group and they are interested in our club. Dick Hoover did a presentation for the Rotary Club.

Marketing Director – Dick Hoover said he will relinquish his position of Marketing Director as of 11-07-2025 to Eric Belove.

Youth Programs Director – Dick Hoover will be taking over the new position of Youth Programs Director for the club. He will be setting up the kids4reel with the schools and getting our member's kids/grandkids involved in club activities for the kids. Let any club members know about this new program, he will be collecting information on the kids, there will be 4 clinics and projects going on, he needs to know how many kids are interested in participating.

Weighmaster Report – Bill Zimmer said the FOM for Oct. was Black Drum, Cpt. Mike Vickers, Jr. won with a 3 lb 1.25 fish. Nov. FOM is the Longest Legal CPR Fish. You can enter the pictures you took from the Oct. CPR Trnmt. into the CPR year long, so do so. At the Nov. CPR trnmt, Bill will be checking to make sure the tails are pinched on all the photos you take and that it is time stamped.

Tournament Director - Tim Miller said he is retiring as Tournament Director and he introduced Cliff Way as his replacement in this position. There is only one trnmt. left for this year, The Red, White & Blue on Nov. 22nd. Tim said it is easy to run a tournament and he hopes next year there will be more volunteers willing to do so. Many anglers will be happy to hear that Whiting have been added back into the species of fish to be caught for the Year Long and CPR trnmts. Whiting will have to be 14" for 2026 trnmts. Thank you Cliff for taking over this position. As a recap to the CPR trnmt. that Andy Block ran on Oct. 25th, it was our 1st one and it went very well. Instead of having to weigh the fish at the trnmt., Bill Zimmer just had to check CPR photos, no slimy redfish to try to hold onto! There were a lot of nice fish brought in and many volunteers that helped Andy out. There were no Pompano caught that day but the other 7 categories were filled. Thanks to Tim Miller for all his sacrifices and service to the club. He has stepped up on many occasions to fill in on absent positions we had and has served the club in many areas. Now he will have more time to show his 4 year old granddaughter, Nova, how to become Sweetheart Angler of the Year one of these days! Enjoy your extra time with your loved ones, you have truly earned it!

Treasurer's Report – Scott Robertson said Oct. figures are CD amount is \$10,693.00 YTD, Year to Date Expenses \$63,006.00, Income \$60,522, Net Income \$32,061.00, Assets \$25,153

Quartermaster Report – Ray McCall was absent – no report was given.

Old Business

Christmas Party – Chairperson, Becca Price said the theme this year will be tropical, flip flops – wear your Christmas socks with your flip flops and dress comfortable, hats, Hawaiian shirts, etc. cost is \$40.00 for members and \$70.00 for guests until the deadline date and then it will cost more. Call her or email her she needs help in many different areas. There is a sign-up list at her Membership table, so go see where you can help out. She needs decorations, band will be Trish and the Party Train. Meal will be buffet style.

Club Picnic Recap – Becca said the picnic was great, 53 people showed up, Dustin's BBQ had BBQ pork and chicken and Cakes by Sweets provided the cakes for dessert. Members brought the sides, appetizers and salads to round it all out. Good weather and Becca gave all the volunteers a shout out.

Surf Fishing Clinic Recap – Dick Hoover said this clinic was held by Noel Kuhn. 9 people attended he charged them \$37.50 for a class that lasted 4½ hrs. on the beach at Bay Dr. Park, to learn about surf fishing, how to read the water, outflows, good spots to set up. He showed them how to put bait on, cut it up, they caught 1 bluefish and 1 small whiting. If you can hire him, it is well worth the money. Tons of knowledge. Take advantage of this class if he offers it again in the future! This is knowledge that your club provides at a discount that others pay through the nose to obtain. Noel has said he would like to do more classes for us!

CPR Tournament Recap – Andy Block ran this tournament, Tim gave the recap that it was held on Oct. 25th, it was our 1st one and it went very well. Instead of having to weigh the fish at the trnmt., Bill Zimmer, just had to check CPR photos, no slimy redfish to try to hold onto! There were a lot of nice fish brought in and many volunteers that helped Andy out. There were no Pompano caught that day but the other 7 categories were filled.

Kids Fishing Tournament - Place Holder

Flagler Beach Restricted Surf Fishing Ord. 2025-13 - Place Holder

FWC Red Snapper Meeting – Mike said FWC is trying to take away the management of recreational Red Snapper from NOAH, they will be host a meeting on Oct. 7th in St. Augustine at 6 PM. This is our resource, we need to speak up and attend these meetings. He said NOAH wants our input on how to run the seasons, inputs were slot limits out beyond 3 miles in Federal waters, you can keep (no limit state waters Atl. Coast 2 over 20" year-round aggregate bag limit with snapper and grouper trial event – FWC is being allowed t do from NOAH. Don't know what size limits will be. Meetings had 3 head boat capts. At 3 different meetings, commercial fisherman and charter cpts. We are private anglers. Commercial fishermen get the quota from NOAH. 86% of quota to dead loss, we get 14% private anglers and commercial guys. We need to go to hearings and meetings. If 43 vs 1 person goes to the hearings, it will make a big difference. Will happen for 2 yrs. This is a test for NOAH on the Atlantic side.

Upcoming/New Business

Red/White/Blue Tournament – Mark Heffley said he is chairing this event on Nov. 22nd. Weigh-in will be from 2-3 PM at Bings North Pavilion. Lunch will be donated food from Heli Hogs.

FWC Sea Trout – Mike said they are having a meeting to change regulations on spotted seatrout, 9 management regions, est. regional regs in NE 15-19 with 1 over 19, don't say what to change it to keep 5 fish NE region, Ga/FL state line to Flagler Co. Allowed 5 sea trout. Central region allowed 2 – Recreational allows 1 over slot, take away, add to it? We don't know. In Central E. Nov-Dec and a closed commercial season. Change allowable limit for vessels allow 50 per day 2 or more commercial anglers on vessels allowed 100 sea trout. Meeting takes place Nov. 8th in Jax, Mayport. Erin will put the info. online and send out an email. Mike said he can't do it himself, needs our assistance. Speak up for your sport and pastime.

Eric Belove – New Marketing Director – Bio- Eric just moved into the area earlier this year, interested in helping out as marketing director. A retired marketing executive with a background in angling that goes back to several years working on the ABC American Sportsman TV series in the 70's. Also was production manager and sound manager for the show. Thanks for getting involved, welcome to the club and best luck in your new position.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Mike said there will be no December meeting, Becca said the bump boards are available now.

BREAK

Speaker – Mike Vickers, Jr. – REEL OF FORTUNE GAME - Mike did a presentation on the Reel of Fortune to show how it was to be played. All members names will be put on the wheel. Must be present to win. This does not fund the club, it is just for the members. The wheel will only be spun once, if winner not present, it rolls over to next month's meeting. It starts out with a \$200.00 amount, if no winner at the Jan. meeting, the pot continues to grow. Funds to grow it will come from any spots at the tournaments that are not paid out, that amount will be added to the pot. It costs member \$1.00 to participate, drawing will be at end of the meeting with the 50/50 drawing. Get in on the fun and get a chance to win! Rules will be reviewed again at the Jan. meeting.

FLAGLER BEACH RESTRICTED SURF FISHING ORD. 2025 - 13

Mike said the Flagler Beach city council wants to put in an ordinance about surf fishing vs ocean swimmers. This is to restrict the fishing vs swimming in the ocean at Flagler Beach. The city manager spoke to Mike and they want to draw up an ordinance but they don't know how to go about it. Their next meeting is in Jan. and Mike needs input from our members as to how it should be worded and what we would like to see written up. The issue came up when a swimmer clashed with a fisherman over who has the right to be at the beach. The council has no guidance and they are looking for our help in drafting this up. We can either do nothing or speak up and help give them our input. An issue also is Handicapped access to the beach, need to address issue of being ADA compliant 1st St. & A1A North of the pier. At our Oct. member meeting, Roy from Roy's Surf Fishing Guide Service, spoke about when the lifeguard towers are manned around 10 AM - 5 PM there is no fishing between the towers from early spring to Memorial Day. The anglers should be ok because they usually fish early in the summer and are done by 10 AM when many swimmers arrive. It was mentioned that in Volusia County they seem to have Ordinances in place that when the lifeguard tower is manned, there is no fishing and that if a fisherman/woman is warned by the police or lifeguards, they have to stop fishing and give right of way to the swimmers. Mike needs help from club members to draft an ordinance and sit down with the mayor and city manager to be presented to them in January. He needs the information in December, the council will have a meeting the beginning of Jan. another one before the end of Jan. and they present the ordinance to be voted on at their February meeting. Please let Mike know your ideas on this important subject. Email him at FSFCpresident@gmail.com.

50/50 Winner was Carol Carter prize amount \$30.00- Congrats!

MOTION WAS MADE TO ADJOURN BY Tom Wood and seconded by Peter Bessette MOTION WAS APPROVED. Meeting adjourned at 10:00 PM Minutes submitted by Carol Carter, Secretary, Flagler Sportfishing Club

ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY CANCELLED



CANCELLED

Unfortunately, due to the lack of confirmed RSVPs, we have made the difficult decision to cancel this year's holiday party.

Members who have already paid will receive a full refund by check, mailed to the address we have on file. If you sent a check that has not yet been cashed, it will be returned to you.

We sincerely apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. We were truly looking forward to celebrating with everyone, and we're saddened that we can't hold the event this year.



Quick Tips for FSC

- <u>The Chum Line</u> newsletter is delivered to your inbox each month to inform you of all Club activities.
- Visit the <u>Club website</u> for valuable up to the minute information on all activities that the club has to offer.
- Connect to other Club Members on our <u>Facebook page</u> and <u>Instagram page</u>.
- The Club provides Quick Tips Videos on **YouTube** to help introduce our members to the various types of fishing that is available in the area.
- Electronic communications come out every month called the "Fishing Line" with the upcoming events for the Club.
- 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 forfee 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 DECEMBER 2025 - FEBRUARY 2026

DECEMBER

WHITING

04- NO MEMBER MEETING

O6- Holiday Part Club 5 EVENT Palm C CANCELLED

18- Directors Meeting, DAV 7:00pm

JANUARY

BLACK DRUM

08- Member Meeting & Chili Cook-Off Club 51 / Social Club of Palm Coast,

17-Black & Red Tournament, Bing's North

29- Directors Meeting, DAV 7:00pm

FEBRUARY

SHEEPSHEAD

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

21-Sheepshead Tournament, Herschel King

26- Directors Meeting, DAV 7:00pm

28-Member Kids' Clinic, Herschel King



