

# FLAGLER SPORTFISHING CLUB THE CHUM LINE



## FROM THE HELM - BY CAPTAIN MIKE VICKERS JR.

Dear Flagler Sportfishing Club Members,

With the upcoming changes to the Spotted Seatrout (Speckled) I thought this would be a great time to share some information on them.

With new Seatrout regulations starting April 1st 2026, for our region (North East Florida), the region itself has changed. It is now larger and includes the northern portion of Volusia County (Lytle Avenue Bridge in New Smyrna Beach, locally referred to as the South Causeway.) Our bag limit has also changed. We have a harvest (keep) limit of 15"- 19" total length (pinch the tail) and a bag limit of three (3) fish. There is NO longer any over-size limit. So, this means ANY SEATROUT OVER 19" MUST BE RELEASED.

As a member of the Drum family the average Spotted Seatrout (speckled trout) is typically 15 to 25 inches long and weighs 2 to 4 pounds, though males average around 19 inches and females average larger at 25 inches, with fish often common between 14 to 20 inches; they can, however, grow much larger, (Gator Trout)

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for more updates & tips!

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### HIGHLIGHTS

- **April Monthly Meeting & Dessert Contest 4/2/26**
- **Member Classic Tournament 4/11/26**
- **Club Bottom Trip Registration Now Open!**



**FROM THE HELM CONTINUED**

It's been shown in scientific studies that smaller trout feed on shrimp and other crustaceans, as fish grow their diet changes to fish, and the larger the better. The studies have shown that a large trout will find the largest mullet it can handle and try to swallow it. Often the mullet is half to two thirds the size of the fish trying to eat it. Adults frequent grass beds, live oyster beds, creek mouths, drop-offs, and structures such as jetties, stumps, pilings, and wrecks, where they feed primarily on shrimp and fish. They are most abundant in depths of less than ten feet and prefer temperatures between 60°F and 80° F. Water temperatures below 45° F appear to cause large-scale mortalities. They tolerate a range of salinities, but adults appear to be most numerous in waters with salinities approaching that of seawater.

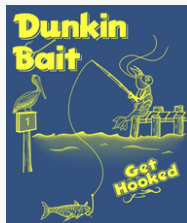
From April to September, sexually mature females spawn around estuary inlets. Depending on the size of the female, spotted seatrout produce anywhere from 10,000 to millions of oceanic eggs. The most important nursery for the young is small tidal marsh creeks and shallow grass beds, while larger juveniles are widely distributed in estuarine areas and along coastal beaches. They mature at the age of one year, when males are about 10 inches long and females about 11 inches. At any given age, females are larger than males, and they also attain a greater maximum age and size. They may live as long as 18 years, but individuals over five years of age are rare.

For myself I typically catch trout on the cooler mornings especially when it is overcast or foggy. It has been my experience that trout do not like bright sunny days. They can also be caught under dock and bridge lights. I will use a soft plastic such as a Z-man PaddlerZ or a top water Mirrolure with the classic red head and white body.

Off the topic of trout but exciting news - The Reel of Fortune is at \$685.00 and the winner will receive 80% of that amount! You must be present to win, so be sure to join us this Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> for our Monthly Member Meeting.

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**TOURNAMENT CHAIRMAN REPORT BY CLIFF WAY**

Cliff Way  
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The club's free member tournaments are off to a great start, with our third tournament now in the books. Members enjoyed grilled hot dogs and sausages with all the fixings at the weigh-in for the Spots Tournament. Thanks to Tom and Mark Juliano for hosting the tournament.

It was a cold morning and a cool, windy day, which made fishing tough. Four redfish were weighed in, along with one CPR entry. Substantial prize money that was not awarded will go into the Reel of Fortune, which every member has a chance to win at the end of each members meeting. Look for a list of winners and full Spots Tournament 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 to win great prizes at the end of the year. You only need to upload one released fish to be entered into the prize drawings. After that, every five fish will earn you an additional entry. The 30th Annual Spring Classic for 2026, which is open to the public, has officially been rescheduled and will now take place as the Fall Classic on September 19, 2026. Please save the date, with full tournament details to be released in late July or August. This is a major fundraiser for the club and the Disabled American Veterans (DAV).

In the meantime, members won't want to miss the Members Classic, which has been moved from September to April 11, offering a great day of competition, camaraderie, and the chance to win big. This tournament gives members an opportunity to win more prize money than our standard free member tournaments. While there is a \$25.00 entry fee per member, up to \$2,000.00 in prize money is available. Members can win more than one placement. See the flyer in this issue for more information.

The club's year-long results are hosted on a great website that includes several new features, including an AI program that allows you to ask fishing-related questions. You can access the site at:

<https://myweighmaster.com>



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**TOURNAMENT CHAIRMAN REPORT CONTINUED**

Once on the site, click "Login," then "Create Account." After setting up your account, click "MyClub," then "Take Me to My Club."

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped with the first three tournaments. Without your support, the club would not be able to provide these events. Be sure to sign up to help with the next tournament.

We are still in need of tournament chairs for several upcoming events. Running a tournament is simple and a great way to meet fellow members. All costs are reimbursed, so there is no financial commitment. The primary responsibility is arranging and serving food. Assistance is available with food recommendations, and a checklist of tasks will be provided.

If you're interested, please send an email, call or text, or speak with me at the next club meeting for more details.

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MONTHLY MEMBER MEETING FLYERS



FLAGLER SPORTFISHING CLUB

Monthly Meeting  
Thursday  
April 2nd, 2026

Public  
Welcome!

7:00pm Quick Tips &  
Dessert Contest

7:30pm General Meeting &  
Last Nomination of Officers

7:45pm Break

8:00pm Guest Speaker:  
TBA

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



Thank you, Sponsors!

PRIZES:  
1ST \$75.00  
2ND \$50.00  
3RD \$25.00

DESSERT CONTEST



51 OLD KINGS RD N.  
PALM COAST, FL  
32137  
7PM

APRIL 2ND, 2026

A DESSERT CONTEST WILL BE HELD AT THIS MEMBER MEETING! DON'T MISS OUT ON ALL THE FUN - BRING YOUR FAVORITE DESSERT TO SHARE! PLEASE ARRIVE AT 6:30PM TO SET UP YOUR DESSERT. CONTEST IS AT 7PM.



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**COUNT THE SPOTS TOURNAMENT RECAP BY MARK JULIANO**

It looks like Punxsutawney Phil got it right when he predicted six more weeks of winter this year. The Count the Spots Tournament, held on Wednesday, March 18th, was most definitely cold and windy. Even the redfish seemed upset with the wintry conditions, as the bite was slow and the catch well below expectations.

For those of you who were lucky enough to hook up, congratulations for sticking it out in tough conditions. Be sure to see the Weighmaster's report for the full list of winners, including the number of spots, fish size, prize money awarded, and the winner of the CPR. Of the 47 people who signed up for the tournament, 39 attended the weigh-in and luncheon—and were treated to a great meal. The menu included sweet Italian sausage, hot dogs with chili, potato salad, baked beans, cookies, and chips. I think everyone appreciated a hot meal on such a blustery day.

After lunch, we got down to business with the raffle drawings, followed by the 50/50 and Show-Up Prize. Here are the lucky winners:

**Raffle Prizes:**

Penn Battle Rod & Reel – Mary Cliff

Bubbler Bucket – Tom Juliano

Fillet Knife – Dean Turner

**50/50 Winner:**

Ruth Juliano – \$55.00

**Show-Up Prize:**

Mike Palazzo – \$25.00 gift card to Beach Front Grille

My brother and I would like to thank everyone who helped run this tournament. A special thanks to Cliff Way for assisting with items from the storage unit, as well as the raffle and 50/50. He even made a special trip to replace the Penn Battle Rod and Reel raffle prize after I somehow broke the rod tip during transport.

I would also like to thank my wife, Ruth Juliano, along with Dean Roberts, Chuck Dykes, Cliff Germano, Bill Zimmer, Cookie Zimmer, Vicky and Chuck Feast, Carol Carter, Scott Robertson, and Becca Price.

See you on the water...

Mark T. Juliano – Tom Juliano



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COUNT THE SPOTS TOURNAMENT WINNERS

MORE PICTURES  
ON FACEBOOK!



| Count the Spots Tournament |              | 18-Mar-26 |            |
|----------------------------|--------------|-----------|------------|
|                            | NAME         | Spots     | WEIGHT     |
| 1st. Place                 | Chuck Dykes  | 4         | 5lb. 05oz. |
| 2nd. Place                 | Mark Heffley | 3         | 9lb. 09oz. |
| 3rd. Place                 | Cliff Way    | 2         | 2lb. 11oz. |
| 4th. Place                 | Dean Turner  | 2         | 2lb. 07oz. |



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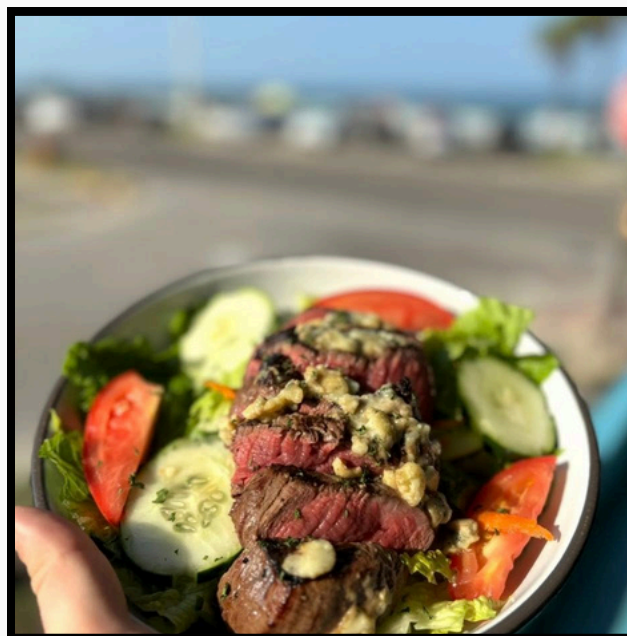
**SUPPORT OUR SPONSORS: THE ANCHOR FLAGLER BEACH****Where great food, ocean views, and the fishing community come together.**

If you're looking for a place that truly captures the spirit of Flagler Beach, club sponsor The Anchor Flagler Beach is a must-visit destination. Perfectly situated along A1A with sweeping ocean views, The Anchor blends relaxed coastal charm with a thoughtfully crafted menu that keeps both locals and visitors coming back. From fresh seafood and flavorful tacos to hearty handhelds and shareable appetizers, every dish reflects a laid-back beach lifestyle with an elevated touch. Whether you're grabbing a quick bite after a morning on the water or settling in for a sunset dinner, The Anchor delivers a dining experience that feels both casual and memorable.

Beyond the food, what really sets The Anchor apart is its atmosphere. With open-air seating, live music on select nights, and a welcoming, come-as-you-are vibe, it's the kind of place where stories are shared as easily as meals. Anglers swap fishing reports, families gather after a day in the sun, and friends unwind over cold drinks while watching the waves roll in. It's more than just a restaurant—it's a community hub that embodies everything we love about life along Florida's coast.

The Anchor's commitment to quality ingredients, friendly service, and a true beachside experience makes it a natural fit as a Flagler Sportfishing Club sponsor. Whether you're celebrating a great day of fishing or just enjoying time with friends and family, it's a spot that feels like home the moment you walk in.

Take a look at their full menu and start planning your next visit here:  
[www.theanchorflaglerbeach.com](http://www.theanchorflaglerbeach.com)



**FISHING REPORT BY CHRIS CREGO****March Inshore Fishing Report – Palm Coast / Flagler County Area with Chris from Skinny Water Lures**

Spring fishing along the Palm Coast is starting to hit its stride, with improving conditions and more consistent action across all inshore species. Warmer water temperatures and increased bait movement have fish feeding more aggressively and holding in predictable patterns. Anglers are finding success by focusing on tides, water clarity, and matching the local forage. Here's a breakdown of what's biting and how to make the most of your time on the water this month.

**Redfish Report**

Redfish have been the most consistent bite lately, with strong action across shallow grass flats, oyster bars, and back creeks. The falling tide has been the key window, as fish push off the flats and stage in potholes and along edges. Early mornings are producing tailing fish and cruising singles in skinny water, often in knee-deep depths.

Top producers have been Skinny Water Lures 3" paddle tails, especially in pickle back and green goblin. A slow retrieve with occasional bumps along the bottom has been getting it done. As the sun rises, sight fishing opportunities improve along the edges, but if the water gets dirty, switching to a darker profile can make all the difference.

**Speckled Trout**

The trout bite has been solid and continues to improve daily. Focus on grass flats with moving water, and target deeper potholes during mid-day for better quality fish. The early morning topwater bite is just starting to turn on, so don't miss that window.

Go-to setups include Skinny Water Lures paddle tails on light jig heads, along with twitch baits when fish are suspended. Trout are feeding aggressively right now, especially when bait is present—if you find bait, you'll find trout.

**Flounder**

Flounder are being caught consistently around dock pilings, ICW drop-offs, and creek mouths. The key is patience and presentation.

Slowly drag a Skinny Water Lures soft plastic along the bottom, letting it sit before giving it a subtle hop. Most bites are light—if something feels even slightly "off," go ahead and set the hook.

## FISHING REPORT CONTINUED

### Conditions & Strategy

Water clarity has ranged from slightly stained to clear, depending on wind and tide. Moving water has been critical for success, and light morning winds have created excellent sight fishing conditions.

For mid-day fishing, shift your focus to deeper edges and structure. Early mornings and late afternoons continue to favor shallow water patterns.

### What's Working Best Right Now

Skinny Water Lures are producing across the board:

- 3" Paddle Tails → Reliable for both redfish and trout
- Twitch Baits → Triggering reaction strikes and targeting bigger trout
- Natural colors early, darker colors in stained water

Fish are heavily keyed in on bait, so matching the profile has been a major factor in success.

### Final Thoughts

This is one of the best times of year as everything starts to align—water temperatures, bait movement, and aggressive feeding patterns. If you're heading out around Palm Coast, keep it simple: fish the tides, find the bait, and throw what's working. The bite is only going to improve from here.

**WEIGHMASTER REPORT BY BILL ZIMMER**

**The February Fish of the Month was Sheepshead and we had several nice ones caught during our monthly tournament. Mark Kasprow lead the way with his 5 lbs. 0oz. tournament winner. He was surpassed however by a beautiful 6.125 lb. Sheepshead caught by George Riano. Congratulation George!**

The March Fish of the Month was Bluefish. We've only had a few weighed in this month, so there is still time before April 1 to catch a big one. As the weather warms up, I heard that they are heading this way from South Florida, along with our April Fish of the Month, Florida Pompano.

Tournament Check-In Procedures: Just as a reminder, if you have a fish to weigh in for our tournaments, please be sure to check in with the Weighmaster when you first arrive and then see Carol to register your attendance. If you come early to the weigh-in, you can place your fish bag at the weigh-in area and check in with the Weighmaster at that time. 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.

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.

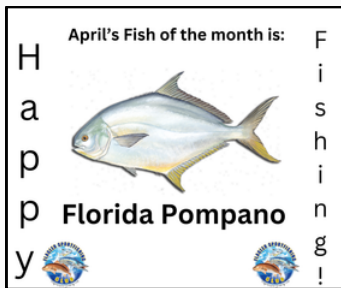
**Important reminder:**  
The rules for each tournament are clearly stated on the flyer published for that tournament. PLEASE READ THE RULES. There will be no exceptions to the rules.

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.



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**April's Fish of the Month is Florida Pompano**



**\*\*NOTICE** - The overall species Leaders and Full Point Standings are updated at the end of each month on the club website:  
[flagersportfishing.com](http://flagersportfishing.com)  
Then under Fishing click on YearLong Club Standings.



**WEIGH MASTER REPORT CONTINUED**

Official bump boards available to buy for \$20 at any of our club meetings. They are also available (cash only) at Hammock Bait & Tackle. If you have a different 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 (including Whiting in 2026) 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.

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.

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**MARCH MEETING MINUTES BY CAROL CARTER, SECRETARY****Club Meeting Minutes 03-05-2026****Quick Tips – Peter Bessette – 7:00 PM -**

Topic was How to sign up online for tournaments

**Meeting held at Social Club 51 Pledge of Allegiance-Pat Laurienti  
Meeting called to order by President, Mike Vickers, Jr. at 7:30 PM**

**Welcome New Members/Visitors/Welcome Annual Sponsors – There were 5 guests in attendance tonight.**

**Sponsors present - Erica Vickers – Hammock Bait & Tackle, the Riano Family - PC Boat Rental, and Dana Syens – CCI.**

**Approval of 02-05-2026 Minutes** – Motion was made by Tim Beebe and seconded by Dean Roberts. Minutes were accepted and approved.

**50/50 (Pat and Reel of Fortune \$351.00 (Becca)** – Make sure to see Pat to get your 50/50 tickets and Becca, pay her your dollar to get entered into the Reel of Fortune game – Pot starts tonight at \$3 and every entry will build it up to be bigger winnings!

**Special Speaker – Lt. Nathan Brock from FWC** - Lt. Brock spoke to us about spoke about using Fish Rules to learn about the fish in our area, how many you can keep, how to ID the species & length that you can legally catch. In some areas the Snook got hit hard, but around by us, not bad. A question was asked if the FWC had hatcheries and he said they don't stock or do any hatcheries for salt water fish. Dena Laurienti brought up the scenario that if you are on the water & see someone catching turtles, putting them in their cooler or keeping fish that are not legal, who should you call? He gave us the telephone number for his dispatch area which is located out of Sanford. The number to call is (407) 275-4150. He advised that we should all be good witnesses and not to physically engage with poachers. If you are 65 or older & a Florida resident, you do not need a fishing license or a Snook permit.

**MARCH MEETING MINUTES CONTINUED**

You do however need a shark permit if you are targeting sharks, fishing from the shore and are harvesting them. Question was asked if you are fishing from a boat around someone's dock and they start spraying you with water, what can you do about it? Lt. Brock said the water belongs to the State of Florida, don't be touching their docks or structures. It is a misdemeanor to harass a fisherman or hunter under the harassment laws. The LT. will be a speaker at the Local Brands Expo III on August 8th at Club 51.

**Membership Director** – Becca Price said we have 120 members and 5 pending.

**Treasurer Report** – Scott Peterson said the financial figures for the month of February are: Assets - \$22,000.00, Year-to-Date Income \$1,747.00, YTD Expenses \$6,000.00 for Calendars, meeting room expenses, etc. At this time, we are -3,000.00 negative, as time goes by, it will even out. Mike Jr. announced that Dana Syens renewed her membership and CCI sponsorship with the club. Welcome Back!

**Marketing Director** – Mike Jr. said that Eric Belove has resigned from this position and Mike introduced Dena Laurienti as our new Marketing Director. He said she has raised a million dollars for a client of hers for an event in the Midwest. Welcome aboard Dena, we are happy you have stepped up to fill this position and wish you the best!

**Youth Programs Director** – This position is Unfilled. If you would like to take this position talk to or email Mike Vickers, Jr. to discuss it-Email is [fsfcpres@gmail.com](mailto:fsfcpres@gmail.com). Mike Jr. has advised us that he is having a conversation with someone about the position.

**Weighmaster Report** – Bill Zimmer said the FOM for February was a 6 lb. 2 oz Sheepshead- winner was George Riano, he received a \$50.00 gift card from Hammock Bait. The FOM for March is Bluefish. Sea Trout regulations will be discussed later by Mike Jr. The awards for the Year Long Tournament will be held at the April 2nd Members Meeting. If you got an award, or chose a jacket, hoodie, etc. as your prize, please attend this meeting, so Bill can present it to you. Congratulations to all of you!

**Tournament Director** – Cliff Way said that Amy is not here to give the recap of the Sheepshead Trnmt. that she ran on 02/21/2026. He will give a recap later in the Old Business portion of the meeting. Cliff said that the Count the Spots Trnmt. will be held Wed. on 3/18/26, Mark Juliano will talk about it later on the agenda. Cliff said the CPR and Year Long Trnmts. are ongoing, 46 fish have been entered into the CPR and Tim Miller is in the lead right now.

**MARCH MEETING MINUTES CONTINUED**

**Quartermaster Report** – Ray McCall said we have new members and he is taking orders for shirts. He has bump boards and you can also purchase as a cash only purchase at Hammock Bait & Tackle store, for \$20.00 each.

**Old Business****Kids Fishing Tournament – Place Holder**

**FWC Seatrout** – Mike Vickers, Jr. said the FWC has approved new management regions and regulations for spotted seatrout. These new regulations will go into effect on April 1, 2026. Sea trout is 15-19". No overages, reduce the bag limit to 3. Changes Zone south of High Bridge, you can keep 3 fish to Indian River Lagoon.

**Sheepshead Trnmt.** – Cliff Way gave the recap for this tournament, Amy Krisanda chaired the event, she had sub sandwiches, salads, chips and cookies, good food and many helpers. The weather was nice, 63 anglers signed up and 43 showed up. The 7th place and the Jr. angler fish species were not caught, so those prize amounts were rolled into the Reel of Fortune game. Cliff said every tournament will have a CPR fish. Thanks to all the volunteers that helped out. Mike Jr. gave a special thanks to Tom Wood and said he does a lot for the club, he goes to storage and gets the banner, tables and supplies and sets up and tears down for our tournaments. He also is a volunteer at the Kids4Reel.

**Members Kid's Clinic** – Becca said this was our first Members event for kids, held at Herschel King on 2/28/2026. Volunteers were: Becca Price -chairperson, Scott Robertson, Mike Vickers, Jr., Mike Crotts, Chuck Radloff, Carol Carter, Pat Laurienti, Jorge & George Riano, Monica Sosa, Peter Bessette and Cliff Germano. We had 6 kids in attendance with their parents. They learned knot tying and fishing techniques and then went to the dock to try out the rods. At the end they got goodie bags, a drink and sun chips.

**PC SpringFEST** - Becca said Louis and his father are ambassadors here tonight at the meeting from the Chamber of Commerce, who are holding a SpringFEST at Palm Coast Town Center on 03/21/26, this Saturday. Becca invited members to come there and talk about the club to the people who attended this event. Ray will be there to have our club shirts on display and to help show the kids how to fish and use a fishing rod. We can use volunteers to help set up and tear down, man the booth to talk about the club and help with the kids fishing.

**MARCH MEETING MINUTES CONTINUED**

**Election Nominations** – Mike Vickers, SR. is our Nomination Co-Ordinator for the Election. He will have the nomination forms at this meeting and the April 2nd member meeting, we will vote at the May 7th meeting and the winner will be installed at the June 4th meeting. Mike SR., said he has a new nomination form which includes office of the Vice President. Turn in the nominations by the April 2nd meeting, mail-ins have to be in by March 25th, you can turn in the forms to Mike SR. In order to be nominated, you have to be a member in good standing for one year in the club. SR. will interview the nominee and make sure they want the job.

**Upcoming/New Business –**

**VIP resignation** – Mike Jr. said that David Shank has resigned from his office as Vice President. There were a few disruptions that occurred at the Sheepshead weigh-in and Mike Jr. reminded us all to adhere to the By Laws and Code Of Conduct that we all agreed to.

**Spring Classic** – Mike Jr. told us that due to no one to run the Spring Classic, the Board of Directors has decided to swap the dates for the Spring Classic and the Members Fall Classic. The Spring Classic will be called (the Fall Classic) and be held on Sept. 19th, 2026, at Herschel King Park. The Captain's meeting will be held on Sept. 18th, 2026 at Club 51. The Members Classic will still be called the Members Classic. It will be held on April 11th at Herschel King. No Captains meeting is needed for the Members Classic.

**Dessert Contest** – Will be held at the April 2,2026 Member's Meeting, so bring your favorite homemade dessert and get in the running for a nice prize!

**Members Fishing Clinic** – Becca said that this clinic will be held on March 21st at Club 51 starting at 8 AM. This event is free to members, guests and the general public, will pay \$10.00 that will be applied to and deducted from their fee of \$90.00 ,if they decide to join the club. There will be speakers at this event to talk about fishing and available to answer questions. Volunteers will be needed, coffee & donuts will be served. You can sign up online.

**Year In Review** – Mike Jr. said this topic will be covered at the Apr. 2nd Member Meeting.

**Count the Spots Tournament** – Mark and Tom Juliano are co-chairs on this trnmt. Mark told us that this will be held on Wednesday, March 18th at Bings, No., bring a chair, seating is tight there. Weigh-in will be from 2-3 PM. Eight places for prizes, spots on both sides except on CPR fish, there will be a Jr. Angler prize of \$25.00. Tom Wood will not be there to pick up the tables, so help will be needed.

**MARCH MEETING MINUTES CONTINUED****BREAK**

**Guest Speaker** – Justin Babic said his business, Dunkin Baits, is a 3rd generation one. They provide baits for bait shops, his grandfather created the business 30 yrs. ago. Killer Bee bait was started and is in the stores, his grandfather had been a welder and he originally sold bait in Port Orange. They provide the cheapest and freshest bait in St.Johns, Brevard, Volusia & Flagler counties. They work with commercial and the public, they also donate bait for kid's clinics - it is good to get kids outdoors. 99% of his product comes from Florida, they get their squid wings from Peru. He is a wholesale bait dealer, with prices going up, he tries to get out the best product for the customer. He said they package bait for many companies. They don't have a logo, it is expensive, they have a freeze dry bag and slap a label on it. He said FWC has a seine net boat that they use for surveying the fish. It goes to the same place every year at the same time every year and does a report from there. We can help get info to them if when fishing, you go online and make a report on the fishing in the areas that you are in. They sell salted bait products and peel and devein the shrimp, colors are chartreuse, they will be doing hot pink, blue and red. And will have new products, squid bites, salt cured in blue, orange and chartreuse - food coloring is used and it is scented – it mimics Fish Bites or Fish Gum. Sheepshead need a tougher bait, the sand fleas are salted, which makes them tougher and the products have a longer shelf life. They don't usually sell retail, he sells to shops like Hammock Bait and that is where the public can get his products. His business address is 425 Parkay Dr. off of Hand Ave. in Ormond, hours are 8 AM – 2 PM, M-F, you may be able to buy from them there. But he suggests getting the bait at the bait shops. He said the best bait for Redfish is to chunk up a Ladyfish in small chunks or a small Bluefish, use the head. At the end of his segment, they brought a cooler of samples that were handed out to the attendees at the meeting.

**50/50 Winner of \$105.00 was Erica Vickers**

**Reel of Fortune Winner – Samuel Viola was absent from the meeting and not present to win the drawing, the amount of \$351.00 will go back into the pot. At the April meeting, get into the drawing and you can be a winner! Attendance was 51members and 5 guests.**

**MOTION WAS MADE TO ADJOURN BY Tim Beebe and seconded by Rick Chapman MOTION WAS APPROVED.**

**Meeting adjourned at 9:25 PM .**

**Minutes submitted by Carol Carter, Secretary, Flagler Sportfishing Club**

MEMBER CLASSIC TOURNAMENT FLYER



Entry Fee  
**\$25\***  
 \*Members by April 7th  
 \$30 after the 7th



**MEMBER**  
**CLASSIC TOURNAMENT**  
**SATURDAY, APRIL 11<sup>TH</sup>, 2026**

**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
- Non-Member guests are welcome with a donation of \$50.00 & must fish with a member

**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 April 2nd meeting to sign up OR visit <https://flaglersportfishing.com/event/member-fall-classic/> to register

DEADLINE to sign up is April 10th

For more info contact:  
 Cliff Way 561-358-0891

[FSFCTOURDIR@gmail.com](mailto:FSFCTOURDIR@gmail.com)

\*Based on 40 paid Anglers



## CLUB BOTTOM TRIP FLYER

# Club Bottom Trip

## Saturday, May 16th 2026



**Click Here  
to Sign Up  
Now**

**386-763-4388**

Join your club members for an all day fishing trip aboard the 65' Sea Spirit!

Trip is for first 20 members that pay the club in advance. Club members will be fishing with other public anglers.

- Cost is \$100 for members, \$150 for non-members. Sign-ups start April 2nd 2026.
- Price includes: Boat, Bait, Tackle, Crew Tips and entry into Big Fish Jackpots.
- 1st place fish- \$100; 2nd place fish- \$75; 3rd place fish- \$60
- Big Fish Jackpot is paid for fish on yearlong tournament list only.
- You may bring your own beer, food & tackle. No glass bottles or hard liquor allowed.
- No braided line allowed. Small coolers only, please.
- Sea Spirit leaves at 7am and will return around 4pm.
- Drawing at 6:30am for fishing spots at the back of the boat.

Directions from Palm Coast:

1. Take Interstate 95 South to the Port Orange Exit #256, State Road 421
2. Turn Left (East) on Dunlawton Avenue for approximately 4 miles.
3. Cross over the ICW and continue to A1A (Atlantic Avenue), Turn Right (South) on A1A
4. Go approximately 6 miles South on A1A, "Watch Your Speed," then turn Right (West) on Beach Street.
5. Sea Spirit parking is on the right, just before you get to Front Street.
6. Continue to the end of the road to Down the Hatch Restaurant & Marina, 4884 Front St., Ponce Inlet

Register on the website: <https://flaglersportfishing.com/event/bottom-trip-2/>

Questions? Please contact Tim Miller 386-237-7026; [tdtmiller@yahoo.com](mailto:tdtmiller@yahoo.com)



YouTube

**[FLAGLERSPORTFISHING.COM](https://flaglersportfishing.com)**

## 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 two for-fee charity event during the year as well as Free Kids' Clinic, Free Members' Clinics, Offshore Fishing Trips & more.
- 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 2026 **HERE**

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UPCOMING EVENTS

FLAGLER SPORTFISHING CLUB SCHEDULE OF EVENTS APRIL 2026 - JUNE 2026

APRIL

Florida Pompano

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

11-Member Classic Tournament, Herschel King

30 - Directors Meeting, DAV 7:00pm

MAY

Amberjack

01- Manatee Speed Zone Begins, FWC Compliant

02- Member Kids' Clinic, Bing's North

07- Member Meeting, Election of Officers, Club 51 / Social Club of Palm Coast

09- Public Kids' Clinic, Herschel King

16-Bottom Trip, Ponce Inlet

23-Surf Tournament, Betty Steflik

28 - Directors Meeting, DAV 7:00pm

JUNE

Snapper (NOT RED)

04- Member Meeting, Officers Installed, Swap & Shop - Club 51 / Social Club of Palm Coast

06- Public Kids' Tournament, Bing's North

20-Team Tournament, Herschel King

25 - Directors Meeting, DAV 7:00pm

