The Acute Angler

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GOFC News

June Meeting

Fish Fry at L&S Auto-Trim/Gary's Tackle Box

June 26 at 6:30pm

2018 Members Only

Instead of our regular meeting at the Vet School we're having a fish fry and social at L&S Auto Trim. Of course Gary's Tackle Box is on the same premises and Gary will be keeping the store open so club members can stock up on essentials while enjoying good food and company.

This event is FREE for all current members! The club is providing some fine fish for the cookout. GOFC club members will be cooking and serving up the delicious food for all. Cheese grits, baked beans, Cole slaw and much more. There will also be iced tea, soft drinks and water provided by the club. Feel free to bring your own adult beverages. Also, please bring a dessert to share.

Doors open at 6:30pm, Dinner is served at 7pm and cost is FREE for current members.

The address is: 5721 N.W. 13th Street, Gainesville, FL 32653

Give Aways:
Door prizes abound, with FREE NO-PURCHASE-NECESSARY raffle prizes, and TONS OF GIVE-AWAYS . One prize per person.

Upcoming GOFC Events

July Monthly Meeting

"Back to Basics"
July 24th 7:00pm at the UF Vet School

Join us for our monthly meeting in July where experienced members will share tips and tricks for catching specific Big 10 species.

Be on the lookout for more information about August events:

- Scallop Trip (Aug 11th)
- August Meeting/Social (Aug 21st at Ballyhoos)
- Shrimp-a-thon (Aug 28th)

Happy 50th Birthday GOFC!

This year GOFC is celebrating their 50th anniversary! To commemorate this special year, be on the look out for limited edition GOFC shirts and decals!

Reminders:

Be sure to renew your GOFC membership and pay the club dues! Please see the GOFC website (paying online) or treasurer Debby Knopf!

The mission of the Gainesville Offshore Fishing Club is to promote and support recreational saltwater fishing in the Big Bend area; to provide educational and recreational experiences for its members of all ages; and, to promote responsible conservation of saltwater resources.

Fish Caught Since the Last Newsletter (not in tournaments)

Angler: Chris McGinley
Fish: Greater Amberjack
Weight: 26.4 lbs
Date Caught: 5/12/18
Lure/Bait: Sardine
Location: Cedar Key

Angler: Russell Roy
Fish: Spanish Mackeral
Weight: 3 lbs 10 oz
Date Caught: 05/13/18
Lure/Bait: Jig/Feather
Location: Seahorse Reef

Angler: Dale Reed
Fish: Redfish
Weight: 5.75 lbs
Date Caught: 05/26/18
Lure/Bait: Hard Bait
Location: Steinhatchee

Angler: Dale Reed
Fish: Cobia
Weight: 22.02 lbs
Date Caught: 05/02/18
Lure/Bait: Live
Location: Gulf

Angler: Tim Pedersen
Fish: Cobia
Weight: 28.44 lbs
Date Caught: 05/23/18
Lure/Bait: Pinfish
Location: Cedar Key

Angler: Marcia Ellett
Fish: Flounder
Weight: 10 oz
Date Caught: 06/01/18
Lure/Bait: Shrimp
Location: Crystal River

Angler: Ken Knopf
Fish: Bluefish
Weight: 1.32 lbs
Date Caught: 05/19/18
Lure/Bait: Jig
Location: Seahorse Reef

Angler: Ken Knopf
Fish: Spanish Mackeral
Weight: 3.27 lbs
Date Caught: 05/24/18
Lure/Bait: Jig
Location: Seahorse Reef

Angler: Marcia Ellett
Fish: Cobia
Weight: 11 lbs 12 oz
Date Caught: 06/01/18
Lure/Bait: Shrimp
Location: Crystal River

Angler: Debby Knopf
Fish: Spanish Mackeral
Weight: 1.83 lbs
Date Caught: 05/19/18
Lure/Bait: Jig
Location: Seahorse Reef

Angler: Ed Ellett
Fish: Flounder
Weight: 12 oz
Date Caught: 05/24/18
Lure/Bait: Gulp
Location: Horseshoe South

Angler: Virgil Cooper
Fish: Grouper– Gag
Weight: 6.74 lbs
Date Caught: 06/05/18
Lure/Bait: Pinfish
Location: Cedar Key

Angler: Debby Knopf
Fish: Greater Amberjack
Weight: 41 inches
Date Caught: 05/19/18
Lure/Bait: Pinfish
Location: Cedar Key

Angler: Ross McElroy
Fish: Spanish Mackeral
Weight: 3.625 lbs
Date Caught: 05/12/18
Lure/Bait: Jig
Location: Cedar Key

Angler: John Byatt
Fish: King Mackeral
Weight: 18 lbs
Date Caught: 06/10/18
Lure/Bait: Bucktail Jig
Location: Cedar Key

Angler: Ken Knopf
Fish: Greater Amberjack
Weight: 38 inches
Date Caught: 05/19/18
Lure/Bait: Pinfish
Location: Cedar Key

Angler: Dale Reed
Fish: Flounder
Weight: 1.63 lbs
Date Caught: 05/26/18
Lure/Bait: Live
Location: Steinhatchee

Angler: Debby Knopf
Fish: Atlantic Bonito
Weight: 5.13 lbs
Date Caught: 06/09/18
Lure/Bait: Cigar Minnow
Location: Steinhatchee

Fish Caught Since the Last Newsletter (continued)

Angler: Ken Knopf
Fish: Grouper– Gag
Weight: 6.83 lbs
Date Caught: 06/09/18
Lure/Bait: Pinfish
Location: Steinhatchee

Angler: Desi Greco
Fish: Redfish
Weight: 5.6 lbs
Date Caught: 05/30/18
Lure/Bait: Live Shrimp
Location: Crystal River

Angler: Desi Greco
Fish: Seatrout
Weight: 1.1 lbs
Date Caught: 05/30/18
Lure/Bait: Live Shrimp
Location: Crystal River

Angler: Debby Knopf
Fish: King Mackeral
Weight: 19.1 lbs
Date Caught: 06/09/18
Lure/Bait: Cigar Minnow
Location: Steinhatchee

Angler: David Patterson
Fish: Red Snapper
Weight: 8.01 lbs
Date Caught: 06/11/18
Lure/Bait: Cut Bait
Location: Cedar Key

Angler: Dominic Greco
Fish: Redfish
Weight: 5.4 lbs
Date Caught: 06/02/18
Lure/Bait: Live Shrimp
Location: Crystal River

Angler: Desi Greco
Fish: Flounder
Weight: 1.2 lbs
Date Caught: 05/30/18
Lure/Bait:Live Shrimp/Jig
Location: 7 Bar

Angler: Ken Knopf
Fish: King Mackeral
Weight: 12.4 lbs
Date Caught: 06/09/18
Lure/Bait: Sardine
Location: Steinhatchee

Angler: Dominic Greco
Fish: Bluefish
Weight: 1.2 lbs
Date Caught: 05/30/18
Lure/Bait: Mirrolure
Location: Crystal River

Angler: Katie Greco
Fish: Redfish
Weight: 2.4 lbs
Date Caught: 06/02/18
Lure/Bait: Live Shrimp
Location: Crystal River

Angler: Desi Greco
Fish: Tripletail
Weight: 4.6 lbs
Date Caught: 05/20/18
Lure/Bait: Live Shrimp
Location: Cedar Key

Angler: Debby Knopf
Fish: Grouper– Gag
Weight: 6.69 lbs
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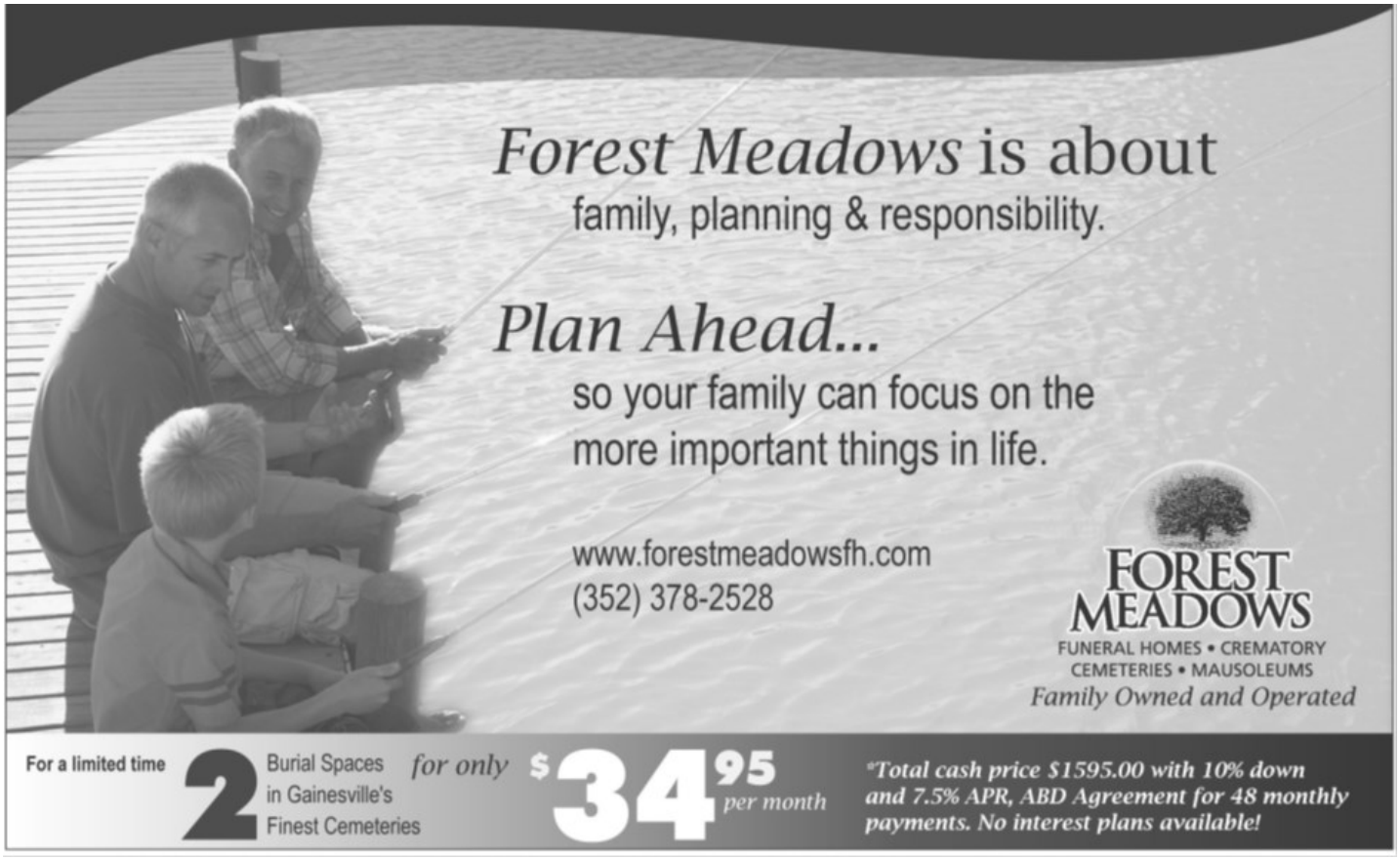
Updating the Fishing Log

John Byatt

Looking at the fishing log for the past couple of months, it's long on fishing but short on actual catching. The weather didn't generally cooperating with days off, with way too many windy days and 2 to 3 foot (or more) seas. Also, boat troubles conspired to make for a couple of aborted trips.

The first time, Glenn Acomb and I had plans for an offshore king fish and cobia trip. The motor had been throwing an error code for the last few trips, but the code indicated a faulty O_2 sensor and always cleared after restarting the motor. Same deal on this trip, except we got as far as marker #1 out of Cedar Key and the motor wouldn't go above 3,000 rpm. It could have been worse I suppose, we could have been 20 miles out and have to crawl in at 15 mph. Not knowing what was the problem we returned to the ramp and loaded the boat back on the trailer before 8 am. We took the boat down to the closest Suzuki dealer in Crystal River and the highlight of the day was a late breakfast at the Shrimp Landing diner in Inglis.

Turned out that even though the sensor is in the exhaust flow and is purely for emissions control, the motor de-rates power output when the sensor fails. So glad Suzuki made sure I wouldn't pollute the atmosphere... I picked up the boat the following Saturday and launched at the Plantation Inn to take it out for a test run and perhaps cruise some crab pot buoys to look for triple tail. The boat seemed fine running out the river, but as soon as I opened it up, it wouldn't exceed 4,900 rpm and topped out at 30 mph! Back to Three Rivers Marine.... It was an unrelated issue; by pure coincidence the fuel pump had started to fail, fortunately under warranty. A victim of corrosion caused by small amounts of water in E10 gas. Only a dollar-extra per gallon, but I'll be using non-ethanol gas from now on. (Continued on page 6)



http://forestmeadowsfh.com/

I had an enjoyable trip with Allen Turner at the end of May, right after the CCA redfish tournament started. We launched Allen's 16 ft jetfoot equipped boat at the barge canal and fished behind islands just to the south of the entrance to the canal to shelter from the 10-15 knot wind. Allen was fishing with a shrimp under a popping cork, while I futilely fished with artificial lures and netted fish for Allen. Unfortunately, none of Allen's redfish had a CCA tag, but we explored some territory new to both of us and Allen caught fish under pretty challenging conditions.

Finally, I had a pretty good day of catching the first week of June on a solo trip out of Cedar Key. The plan was to look for cobia and catch a grouper. I went out to a spot in 45 feet that has produced some nice gags in the past and had a good population of red snapper last year. This trip, I caught nothing put short red grouper and one small red snapper. Coming back in, there was no one on the dry dock so I set out a couple of live pinfish in hopes of a cobia. The water was clear enough I could see the outline of the dock and as usual there were bait schools in the area. While waiting, I cast a bucktail jig to the north of the structure and bounced it off the bottom. On about the third cast the lure felt like it got snagged, then I felt a head shake and the drag started screaming. Five minutes later I had my first king fish of the year. It seemed bigger than 15lb when I was trying to subdue it enough to stick a gaff in it. About 30 min and fifty casts later I decided to call it quits and said out loud - "last cast". That enticed a second, slightly larger king (18lb) to hit the jig. Cobia were a no show at the dry dock so I headed back in via the Steel Tower and made a few casts with an eel imitation. A small cobia followed the lure back to the boat a couple of times, so kept casting hoping a larger one was lurking out of sight. I was quickly rewarded with a hard hit, but it turned out to be either the short I saw before or its clone. But at least I found and caught an example of the target species.

Red snapper season opened June 11th, and on the 15th Ed Ellet and I took a trip out to the barge to see if the red snapper were still as numerous as they'd been earlier in the year. After catching bait, including some perfectly-sized blue runners at Seahorse Reef we headed out directly into the two foot rollers coming out of the west. It took a little over an hour to get to the barge. There was one other boat on the number, but they left after about 20 minutes when their anchor line was apparently cut through by something sharp on the wreck. A barracuda snagged the first bait Ed put down, put after that it was nada. We headed a little further west to the "Poles" and even though there’s a lot less structure, we started getting bites immediately. Every single live bait that made it to the bottom was hit. We mostly caught gags (generally 20 - 23 3/4 in), but also had a couple of short AJs and two of the target species; not large red snapper, but big enough to take a ride in the cooler. The largest fish of the day (a 26 in gag) was caught by Ed on a minuscule sand perch. I also finally managed to catch a gag that just squeaked over the 24 in minimum. We also lost a couple of nice fish to large sharks. The trip ended when I carelessly let my free-lined bait get tangled in the trolling motor. However, the fishing log now makes for better reading.

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Interesting Bit of Nautical News: Whale Shark Spotted off St. Pete

A Pinellas Park woman captured video of a Whale Shark approximately 20 miles from St. Petersburg on June 9th. While out grouper fishing, Patti Gail shot footage of a large whale shark swimming just below the surface on her iPhone.

Whale sharks are actually the species of fish. Their typical size ranges from 18-33 ft long and weigh about 20 tons. These fish are filter feeders who survive primarily on plankton. So next time you're out fishing– be on the lookout for these majestic giants.

The more information, pictures, and footage can be found here: https://www.wtsp.com/article/news/local/woman-with-iphone-films-whale-shark-swimming-off-coast-of-st-petersburg/67-565807554

https://www.nationalgeographic.com/animals/fish/w/whale-shark/

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Fishing the Middle Grounds with Hang'em High Sport Fishing

Club members Justin Magnifico, Ken Knopf, Ross Falisi, Virgil Cooper, Tim Pedersen and myself fished the middle grounds west of Cedar key. Clay Shidler captained us out for a fantastic overnight trip. God blessed us with perfect weather and abundant bounty.

FWC Updates: Bay Scallop Season Opens June 16 in Dixie County and a Portion of Taylor County and FWC Reminds Scallopers to Stay Safe, Recognize and Use Divers-Down Flags and Buoys

"The 2018 recreational bay scallop season for Dixie County and a portion of Taylor County opens June 16 and will remain open through Sept. 10. This includes all state waters from the Suwannee River to the Fenholloway River.

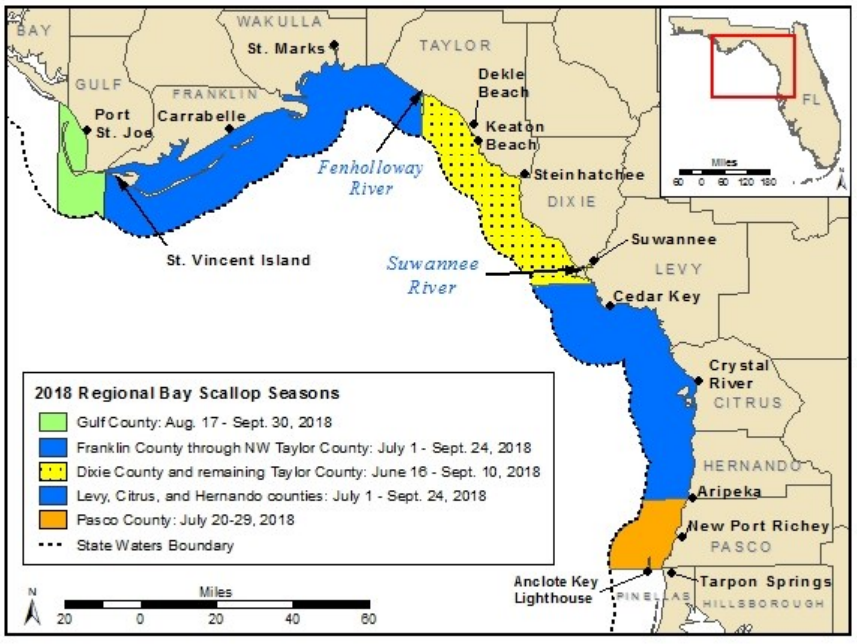
Gov. Rick Scott said, "Each summer, thousands of Floridians and visitors come to our coastal communities for the world's best scalloping. With the opening of scallop season along with Florida's abundant fishing opportunities, I am encouraging everyone to experience for themselves why Florida is the Fishing Capital of the World. This is a great time to get outside and enjoy the Gulf Coast's beautiful waters, pristine beaches and world-class seafood."

"Harvesting bay scallops is a fun outdoor activity for the whole family," said Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) Chairman Bo Rivard. "The conservation of this species is important for recreation and the economics of these coastal areas."

Other 2018 Season Dates

Additional bay scallop season dates for 2018 are as follows:

- **St. Joseph Bay and Gulf County:** Aug. 17 through Sept. 30. This region includes all state waters from the Mexico Beach Canal in Bay County to the westernmost point of St. Vincent Island in Franklin County.
- **Franklin County through northwestern Taylor County** (including Carrabelle, Lanark and St. Marks): July 1 through Sept. 24. This region includes all state waters from the westernmost point of St. Vincent Island in Franklin County to Rock Island near the mouth of the Fenholloway River in Taylor County.
- **Levy, Citrus and Hernando counties** (including Cedar Key, Crystal River and Homosassa): July 1 through Sept. 24. This region includes all state waters south of Alligator Pass Daybeacon #4 near the mouth of the Suwannee River in Levy County to the Hernando – Pasco county line.
- **Pasco County**: A trial 10-day open season will occur July 20-29. This region includes all state waters south of the Hernando – Pasco county line and north of the Anclote Key Lighthouse in northern Pinellas County, and includes all waters of the Anclote River.



These season dates are for 2018 only. In late 2018 or early 2019, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) will set the 2019 seasons for Gulf and Pasco counties, consider continuing the 2018 season structure for the remaining portions of the open scallop harvest area in 2019, and will work toward creating a more permanent season structure for 2020 and beyond." (continued on page 11)

http://myfwc.com/news/news-releases/2018/june/11/scallop-season/

"Bag limits and other regulations

Bag and vessel limits throughout the entire bay scallop harvest zone are 2 gallons whole bay scallops in shell or 1 pint of bay scallop meat per person, with a maximum of 10 gallons of whole bay scallops in shell or 1/2 gallon bay scallop meat per vessel.

Scallops may be collected by hand or with a landing or dip net. Scallops must be landed within the area that is open to harvest and may not be possessed on waters outside of areas that are open to harvest or during the closed season. There is no commercial harvest allowed for bay scallops in Florida. For information on bay scallop regulations, visit MyFWC.com/Fishing and click on "Saltwater Fishing," "Recreational Regulations" and "Bay Scallops."

Citizen Science

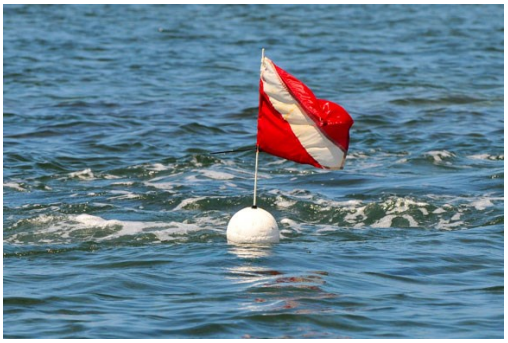
Done for the day? Help FWC's scallop researchers by completing an online survey at svy.mk/bayscallops. Harvesters can indicate where they harvested scallops, how many they collected and how long it took to harvest them. Participants can email BayScallops@MyFWC.com to ask questions or send additional information."

"With the opening of scallop seasons fast approaching, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) wants to remind everyone engaged in this fun outdoor activity to use a divers-down warning device whenever they are snorkeling or scuba diving while searching for these tasty treats.

The divers-down symbol is rectangular or square and red in color with a white diagonal stripe. A divers-down flag displayed on a boat must be at least 20 inches by 24 inches and displayed at the highest point where it can be observed from 360 degrees around the vessel. A buoy may not be used or displayed from a vessel. A divers-down flag or buoy, displayed from the water, must be at least 12 inches by 12 inches. A flag must have a wire or other stiffener to hold it open, and a buoy may be three- or four-sided.

All divers must prominently display a divers-down device in the area in which the diving occurs. "Displaying and understanding what constitutes a proper divers-down symbol are critical," said Capt. Tom Shipp of FWC's Boating and Waterways Section. "These safety devices are meant to alert boaters to the presence of people under the water's surface and to give them plenty of room."

All vessels must make reasonable effort to stay at least 100 feet away from a divers-down device within a river, inlet or channel. In open waters, vessels must make reasonable effort to stay 300 feet away. For safety, divers should stay within those same distances of their displayed device. A vessel that approaches closer must be fully off plane and at idle speed.



"Divers share the responsibility of boating safety with the boat operators," Shipp said. "Diving without the divers-down symbol properly displayed or using it for reasons other than to inform others of the presence of divers is unlawful."

The divers-down device should only be displayed when divers are in the water. When divers or snorkelers exit the water, it must be taken down."

http://myfwc.com/news/news-releases/2018/june/11/scallop-season/
http://myfwc.com/news/news-releases/2018/june/13/scallop-safety/

FWC Update: Catch a Florida Memory when you go saltwater fishing this summer

"Summer fishing season is heating up and you're invited to Catch a Florida Memory with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) by participating in any of three fun and exciting Saltwater Angler Recognition Programs. See if you can catch all 71 species in the Saltwater Fish Life List. Caught a big fish that warrants bragging rights? Submit it to the Saltwater Reel Big Fish program. And be sure to check out the nine categories of Saltwater Grand Slams that challenge anglers to catch three specific fish in a 24-hour period.

Anglers of all ages and skill levels can earn various prizes such as certificates, shirts, hats, rods and reels, dehooking tools, rubber-coated nets and more. Successful anglers receive recognition in Florida Saltwater Recreational Fishing Regulations booklets and on the Club Members page of CatchaFloridaMemory.com, plus the chance to win monthly raffle prizes courtesy of generous program partners.
Catch a Florida Memory programs are not only fun and rewarding, but they also promote fisheries conservation. Anglers are encouraged to target a diversity of species to help decrease fishing pressure on the most sought-after fishes. Catch-and-release fishing and responsible fish handling practices are emphasized, and anglers do not have to harvest their catches to qualify. Photos of the angler with each catch are required and could even be featured in FWC publications or on social media.

Saltwater Fish Life List

Can you catch them all? Similar to a birding life list, this program allows anglers to track their progress at catching 71 different species of saltwater fish. Anglers who catch at least 10 different Life List species can join the Saltwater Fish Life List 10-Fish Club and receive a prize pack including a certificate of accomplishment and a colorful shirt, plus be eligible for additional prizes as they catch 30, 50 and all 71 fish on the list. Anglers who complete their Life List by submitting all 71 fish will be awarded a grand prize! Get started today and print your Saltwater Fish Life List or request to receive one by mail at CatchaFloridaMemory.com.

Saltwater Reel Big Fish

Don't let that whopper of a fish turn into just a whopper of a story. Memorialize your Saltwater Reel Big Fish by submitting a photo of you with your catch and a photo of the fish over a measuring device. This program includes 30 different species in both adult and youth (15 and younger) categories. Successful participants receive a prize pack including a certificate of accomplishment and a colorful shirt, and are eligible for additional prizes as they catch five, 10, 15 or all 30 different Saltwater Reel Big Fish species. Plus, anglers who submit all 30 species will get a grand prize!

Saltwater Grand Slams

Can you meet the challenge? FWC has nine different Saltwater Grand Slams that award anglers for catching three specified fish within a 24-hour period, and the categories may surprise and challenge you. From the Inshore Grand Slam consisting of red drum, spotted seatrout and flounder to the Florida Grand Slam of permit, tarpon and bonefish, these challenges will make you work to increase your fishing skills. The program even includes a Small Fry Grand Slam for anglers 15 and under who catch a pinfish, catfish and grunt. Successful anglers receive a prize pack with a certificate of accomplishment and a colorful shirt showing the fish from their Grand Slam, and can win additional prizes when they catch three, six, or all eligible Grand Slams. Plus, a grand prize will be given to anglers who complete all eligible slams!

For more information

Learn more about Catch a Florida Memory programs and submit catches today at CatchaFloridaMemory.com. Keep track of who's catching what on the Catch a Florida Memory Facebook page, Facebook.com/CatchaFLMemory. Want to learn more about saltwater fishing? View how-to videos at MyFWC.com/SaltwaterFishing. And brush up on your saltwater fish identification skills at MyFWC.com/FishingLines."

http://myfwc.com/news/news-releases/2018/june/12/florida-memory/

FWC Update: Recreational Red Snapper Season Starts June 11 in Gulf State and Federal Waters

"The recreational red snapper season will start June 11 in Gulf state and federal waters and remain open through July 20, closing July 21. This year and next year are unique compared to previous years in that Florida's Gulf recreational red snapper season applies to harvest from both state and federal waters. Anglers fishing from private recreational boats will need to have their recreational saltwater fishing license (unless exempt) and will need to have Gulf Reef Fish Angler on their license (includes those that are exempt) to target red snapper or other certain reef fish in Gulf state and federal waters (excluding Monroe County). You can get this printed on a license at no cost at GoOutdoorsFlorida.com or by visiting any location you can purchase a license.

For-hire operations that do not have a federal reef fish permit may also participate in this 40-day season but are limited to fishing for red snapper in state waters only. These operations must have State Gulf Reef Fish Charter on their license to target red snapper and other reef fish in Gulf state waters (excluding Monroe County). This can be done at no cost at a local tax collector's office. The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) has also partnered with Snook and Gamefish Foundation on a new smartphone app specifically for voluntary reporting of red snapper catch information. This app will be available soon on your phone's app store by searching for iAngler Gulf Red Snapper for private anglers or iAngler Gulf Red Snapper Charter if you are a charter operation. Using the app is important because it will help us test real-time data collection.

The federal season for for-hire operations with federal reef fish permits is June 1 through July 21. Federal fishery managers are in the process of collecting input for a season in Atlantic federal waters. Learn more at sero.nmfs.noaa.gov. "

http://myfwc.com/news/news-releases/2018/june/04/snapper-season/

FWC Update: Lionfish Challenge 2018

"Numbers update

As of this week:

- 277 people have registered.
- 21 people have submitted lionfish.
- 2,839 total lionfish removed.
- 26 tagged lionfish removed (two in the Atlantic and 24 in the Gulf).

Recent Winners

- June 1, Pinellas County: Michael DeRemer of Largo, $500.
- June 5, Bay County: Bob Cox of Port St Joe, $5,000.
- June 5, Bay County: Ron Childs of Port St Joe, customized Engel 65-quart Cooler.
- June 9, Bay County: Bob Cox of Port St Joe, GoPro Hero5 Camera.
- June 10, Bay County: Carol Cox of Port St. Joe, Engel Cooler.

Upcoming Raffle Drawings

- June 13 & 27: All qualified participants (submission of 25 lionfish or 25 pounds for commercial) will be entered into drawing. Prizes include 4-foot JBL pole spear, Dive Rite surface marker tube, Lionator Pole spear prize pack, Enriched Air Diver Class from Narked Scuba.

Background

The Lionfish Challenge rewards lionfish harvesters with prizes for their lionfish removals, tagged or not. The tagged lionfish component is new this year and includes cash prizes up to $5,000. Lionfish were tagged at 50 public artificial reefs across the state between the depths of 80-120 feet.
Sign up and learn more today by visiting MyFWC.com/Lionfish."

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Featured Seafood Recipes:

Irish Scallop Bisque

From Tamara Andersen at Beyond Mere Sustenance

Ingredients

- 8 large scallops
- Olive oil
- 4 C seafood stock
- 3 stalks celery
- 2 medium carrots
- 1 large potato
- 1 medium onion
- 3T butter
- 1 t tomato paste
- 1 C dry white wine
- 2 bay leaves
- 1 t dried thyme
- 1 T fresh thyme
- 1 C half and half or heavy cream
- Fresh chives

Directions:

1. Melt 3T butter in a large sauce pan and sauté the onion, carrots, celery and potato on medium heat
2. Decrease to medium-low and cook for 10 minutes, stirring occasionally
3. Add dry white wine and continue to cook for another 5 minutes
4. Stir in tomato paste and cook for another couple of minutes
5. Add seafood stock, bay leaves and thyme
6. Cover and gently simmer for 20 minutes
7. Turn off the heat, remove celery stalks, bay leaves and thyme
8. Puree the mixture with a blender until smooth
9. Return the bisque to low heat, add half and half, stirring
10. Adjust salt and pepper and cook for another 2 minutes
11. Heat olive oil until very hot and sear scallops about 2 minute on each side
12. Remove and set aside.

https://beyondmeresustenance.com/irish-scallop-bisque/

Snapper with Potatoes, Mushroom and Artichoke Ragout with Vierge Sauce

From AMZing Eats

Ingredients

- 4 snapper fillets (skin on, scaled)
- 2 T olive oil

Ragout:

- 3T olive oil
- 12 baby potatoes
- 1 small onion, chopped
- 1 can medium artichoke hearts (halved)
- 1 1/2 C mixed mushrooms
- 1/2 C chicken stock
- Salt
- Pepper

Sauce Vierge:

- 2 lemons
- 2 cloves garlic (minced)
- 5-6 tomatoes (seeded and diced)
- 1/2 C fresh parsley
- 2T olive oil
- Salt /Pepper

Directions:

For the fish:

1. Season the snapper with salt and pepper
2. Add 3T of oil in a medium sauce pan over medium-high heat
3. Place snapper into the pan skin side down, and then press down on the filets so it does not curl up and completely browns the skins
4. Turn down the heat to medium and cook for 4 minutes on the skin side, then turn over, and cook for about 2 more minutes or just until done

For the Ragout:

1. Heat 2 T of oil in a large sauce pan over medium-high heat
2. Add the potatoes and onions and saute until browned, approximately 5-6 minutes
3. Add the artichokes and mushrooms and cook another 2 minutes
4. Season with salt and pepper and then add the chicken stock to the pan
5. Cook until the potatoes are tender

For the Sauce Vierge:

1. Juice 3 lemon halves
2. Slice the remaining half of lemon into thin slices, and place them in the bowl
3. Add the garlic, tomatoes, and parsley to the bowl
4. Add 2 T of olive oil and season with salt and pepper, to taste and stir to combine
5. Spoon the ragout into deep plates or shallow bowls
6. Top the ragout with the fish, crispy skin side up
7. Drizzle the sauce on top of the fish and serve immediately

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