The Acute Angler

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GOFC News

August Meeting

Social at Wahoo's Grill

August 28 6:00pm

In place of our August meeting at the Vet School, join us for a social at Wahoo's Grill. All members are welcome for fellowship, big fish tales, and some free appetizers!

If interested in going, yet, don't own a boat, let Ed know, and, he will seek to match you with a Captain with extra space. It is appropriate you offer to help your host Captain with trip expense. A call to Captains: if you have extra space, and, can host a guest, please let Ed know.

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!

Upcoming GOFC Events

Shrimp-a-thon/ Learn-a-ment
August 25 8:15am
Crystal Cove Marina

Join us for our annual shrimping learn-a-ment guided by Ed Ellett. We depart from Crystal Cove Marina about 8:15-8:30am. Based on initial scouting report, the plan will be to shrimp on/near telephone wire crossing opposite side of river from Crystal Cove Marina.

For more information and to RSVP for this event, contact Ed Ellett (331-8044 or Ed@EllettIns.com).

Be on the lookout for more information about September/October events:

- **September Meeting (Sept 25th):** Capt. Paul Van Reenen from Unfair Lures will be talking to us and we will have some great giveaways and raffles!
- **Fall Tournament (Oct 27th):** Get it on the calendar now! The annual fall tournament will be out of Cedar Key and a cookout to follow the fishing!

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: Ken Knopf
Fish: Grouper-Gag
Weight:6.83 lbs
Date Caught: 06/09/18
Lure/Bait: Pinfish
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: Bluefish
Weight:1.2 lbs
Date Caught: 05/30/18
Lure/Bait: Mirrolure
Location: Crystal River

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

Angler: Dominic Greco
Fish: Redfish
Weight: 5.4 lbs
Date Caught: 06/02/18
Lure/Bait: Live Shrimp
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: Seatrout
Weight: 1.1 lbs
Date Caught: 05/30/18
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 on jig
Location: 7 Bar

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

Angler: Virgil Cooper
Fish: Grouper-Gag
Weight:24.53 lbs
Date Caught: 06/14/18
Lure/Bait: Pinfish
Location: Chris River

Angler: Ken Knopf
Fish: Grouper-Gag
Weight: 11.77 lbs
Date Caught: 06/14/18
Lure/Bait: Pinfish
Location: Middle Grounds

Angler: John Byatt
Fish: Grouper-Gag
Weight: 5 lbs 8 oz
Date Caught: 06/15/18
Lure/Bait: Blue Runner
Location: Cedar Key

Angler: Ed Ellett
Fish: Grouper-Gag
Weight: 8 lbs 1 oz
Date Caught: 06/15/18
Lure/Bait: Live Pinfish
Location: Barge Area

Angler: Ed Ellett
Fish: Spanish Mackeral
Weight: 1 lb 12 oz
Date Caught: 06/15/18
Lure/Bait: Cut Bait
Location: Seahorse Reef

Angler: Ed Ellett
Fish: Flounder
Weight: 1 lb 2 oz
Date Caught: 06/14/18
Lure/Bait: Gulp
Location: Drum Island

Angler: Dale Reed
Fish: Red Snapper
Weight: 9.3 lbs
Date Caught: 06/12/18
Lure/Bait: Jig
Location: Cedar Key

Angler: Dale Reed
Fish: Grouper-Gag
Weight: 11.45 lbs
Date Caught: 06/12/18
Lure/Bait: Pinfish
Location: Cedar Key

Angler: Dale Reed
Fish: Greater Amberjack
Weight: 46.5 inches *length
Date Caught: 06/14/18
Lure/Bait: Threadfin
Location: Middle Grounds

Fish Caught Since the Last Newsletter (not in tournaments)

Angler: Debby Knopf
Fish: Seatrout
Weight: 1.12 lbs
Date Caught: 06/17/18
Lure/Bait: Jig with Shrimp
Location: Horseshoe Beach

Angler: Ross McElroy
Fish: Grouper-Gag
Weight: 11.2 lbs
Date Caught: 06/23/18
Lure/Bait: Stretch 30
Location: Cedar Key

Angler: Ryan Kremser
Fish: Redfish
Weight: 7 lbs
Date Caught: 07/07/18
Lure/Bait: Mullet
Location: Cedar Key

Angler: Marcia Ellett
Fish: Redfish
Weight: 2 lbs 7 oz
Date Caught: 06/24/18
Lure/Bait: Live Shrimp
Location: Cedar Key Inshore

Angler: John Richard
Fish: Red Snapper
Weight: 8 lbs 4 oz
Date Caught: 06/27/18
Lure/Bait: Cut Bait
Location: 55ft live bottom

Angler: Marcia Ellett
Fish: Flounder
Weight: 1 lb
Date Caught: 07/12/18
Lure/Bait: Artificial
Location: Steinhatchee

Angler: Dominic Greco
Fish: Seatrout
Weight: 2.4 lbs
Date Caught: 06/24/18
Lure/Bait: Jig/shrimp
Location: Crystal River

Angler: Debby Knopf
Fish: Red Snapper
Weight: 6.25 lbs
Date Caught: 06/27/18
Lure/Bait: Pinfish
Location: Steinhatchee

Angler: Glenn Maynard
Fish: Grouper-Gag
Weight: 8.12 lbs
Date Caught: 07/12/18
Lure/Bait: Pinfish
Location: Cedar Key

Angler: Dominic Greco
Fish: Redfish
Weight: 5.8 lbs
Date Caught: 06/02/18
Lure/Bait: Jig/shrimp
Location: Crystal River

Angler: Ken Knopf
Fish: Red Snapper
Weight: 5.5 lbs
Date Caught: 06/27/18
Lure/Bait: Pinfish
Location: Steinhatchee

Angler: Glenn Maynard
Fish: Red Snapper
Weight: 6.78 lbs
Date Caught: 07/12/18
Lure/Bait: Cut bait
Location: Cedar Key

Angler: Desi Greco
Fish: King Mackeral
Weight: 9.9 lbs
Date Caught: 06/17/18
Lure/Bait: Yozori trolling plug
Location: Cedar Key

Angler: Ed Ellett
Fish: Flounder
Weight: 1 lb 5 oz
Date Caught: 07/04/18
Lure/Bait: Trout Tout
Location: Cedar Key

Angler: Reid Wagner
Fish: King Mackeral
Weight: 16.5 lbs
Date Caught: 07/15/18
Lure/Bait: Live Threadfin
Location: Middle Grounds

Angler: Dominic Greco
Fish: Snook
Weight: 4.6 lbs
Date Caught: 06/24/18
Lure/Bait: Topwater Mullet
Location: Crystal River

Angler: Marcia Ellett
Fish: Seatrout
Weight: 2 lbs 3 oz
Date Caught: 07/07/18
Lure/Bait: Artificial
Location: Cedar Key Inshore

Angler: Phil Wagner
Fish: King Mackeral
Weight: 30.2 lbs
Date Caught: 07/15/18
Lure/Bait: Live Threadfin
Location: Middle Grounds

Fish Caught Since the Last Newsletter (continued)

Angler: John Byatt
Fish: Bluefish
Weight: 2 lbs 9 oz
Date Caught: 07/29/18
Lure/Bait: Jig
Location: Snake Key

Angler: Marcia Ellett
Fish: Bluefish
Weight: 2 lbs 3 oz
Date Caught: 08/05/18
Lure/Bait: Artificial
Location: Cedar Key Inshore

Angler: Ed Ellett
Fish: Bluefish
Weight: 2 lbs 3 oz
Date Caught: 08/04/18
Lure/Bait: Trout Tout
Location: Snake Key

Angler: Phil Horn
Fish: Grouper-Gag
Weight: 11.015 lbs
Date Caught: 07/28/18
Lure/Bait: Stretch 30
Location: Steinhatchee

Angler: Marcia Ellett
Fish: Redfish
Weight:2 lbs 14 oz
Date Caught: 08/04/18
Lure/Bait: Live Shrimp
Location: Cedar Key Inshore

Angler: Hal Wilson
Fish: Grouper– Red
Weight: 9.5 lbs
Date Caught: 07/21/18
Lure/Bait: Threadfin Herring
Location: 100’ water

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An Alaskan Adventure

Jay Peacock

My son John and I did a two week camping trip to Alaska this past July. A highlight of the trip was a charter fishing trip out of Homer Alaska for halibut, salmon and rockfish. Homer is billed as the "Halibut Fishing Capital of the World" and 200 to 300-pound halibut are caught out of that port each year. After extensive research I narrowed my potential charter list to a few captains. Captain Mike Mann has an excellent reputation, is number one on Trip Advisor for Homer charter captains and happened to have availability on one of the days we planned to be in Homer. I reserved with Captain Mann a couple of months before our trip and was glad I did.

The weather on the day of our charter was less than ideal by Florida standards but not that unusual for Alaska. It was a cold (50s) and rainy day. Winds had laid down some compared to previous days but were still stronger than we would have liked. Water temperatures were in the high 40s which Mike explained were a bit low for that time of year. Fortunately, Mike's boat had a nice sized heated cabin that we could stay relatively warm and dry in while we were not fishing.

We started the day anchoring up in around 200 feet and bottom fishing for halibut. Current was unusually strong that day with 25 foot plus tides so we had to use a lot of lead to stay near the bottom. Even with 4 pounds of lead the baits would get swept off of the bottom and we had to keep letting out line to stay near enough to the ocean floor to get a bite. Anchoring was also a challenge but Captain Mike was able to put us on fish while many other captains struck out. (continued on page 7)

(Continued from page 6) Within about an hour we all had our limit of halibut. Folks are allowed to keep two halibut but only one can be larger than 28 inches long. It was fun to catch huge flounder but fighting our gulf grouper is more of a challenge. It was somewhat difficult to determine if you had a fish on with a 4 pound sinker and the lead probably put up as much fight as the fish.

After limiting out on halibut we started trolling for rockfish. Rockfish remind me of large black sea bass. We caught them trolling small lures on downriggers with some type of flasher ahead of the lure. Occasionally we would catch salmon on the same lures we pulled for rockfish. Two of the three salmon we caught were silver or coho salmon. The largest salmon we caught was a much sought after king salmon which was the largest of the bunch. As a bonus we caught a cod while trolling which no one seemed very excited about but I thought was pretty cool as I had never seen one before.

On the ride back to port the mate pulled out a metal cleaning table and was able to clean all of the fish before we got back. Employees of a local fish processing company met us at the dock to pick up the fish fillets. The fish processor cut the fish into portion sizes we specified, vacuum sealed it and flash froze it. Tourists have the option of shipping the fish home via FedEx Overnight shipping or taking it back as checked luggage if logistics allow. As it would be a couple more days of driving before we made it back to the airport we elected to ship the fish home. So far we have tried the halibut and the rockfish and it is excellent!

All in all it was a great fishing trip despite the challenging weather. It was great to be able to catch three types of fish on the same day. We only scratched the surface of stuff to see and do in Alaska and I am sure I will be back. I hope to try freshwater salmon fishing on a future trip.

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Red Tide Update/News from FWC:

"A bloom of the Florida red tide organism, *Karenia brevis*, persists in Southwest Florida and currently extends along ~130 miles of coastline. Observations of >1,000,000 *K. brevis* cells per liter ("high" concentrations) continue to occur at coastal and inshore sites from Manatee to Collier counties. Coastal currents important for transporting cells of *K. brevis*continue to alternate between predominantly northern or southern flow. Relative to last week, we are observing increased cell concentrations at some sites in Manatee to central Sarasota counties, and decreased cell concentrations in parts of Lee and Collier counties. *K. brevis* was observed in Pinellas County (for the second week in a row), and offshore of Monroe County (as of this week) but concentrations were below 100,000 cells per liter in all samples examined from those counties. More specific details are provided below.

In Southwest Florida over the past week, *K. brevis* was observed at background to low concentrations in four samples collected from Pinellas County, very low to high concentrations in five samples collected from Manatee County, background to high concentrations in 57 samples collected from Sarasota County, low to high concentrations in nine samples collected from Charlotte County, background to high concentrations in 32 samples collected from or offshore of Lee County, very low to high concentrations in 12 samples collected from or offshore of Collier County, and very low to low concentrations in four samples collected offshore of Monroe County." (continued on page 10)

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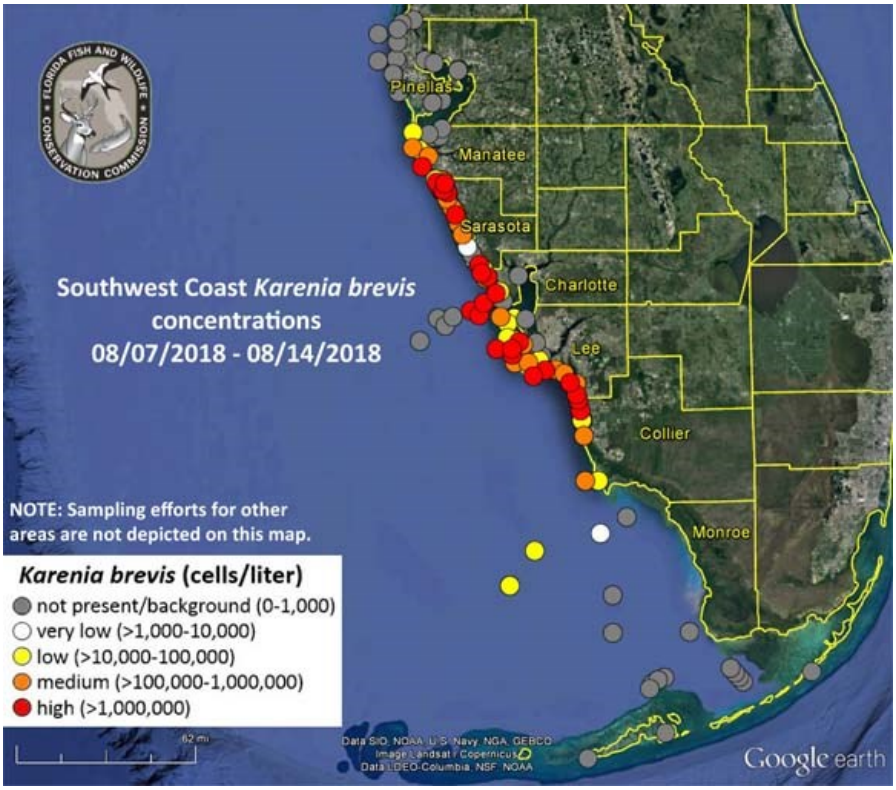
(continued from page 9) "In Northwest Florida over the past week, *K. brevis* was observed at background concentrations in one sample collected from Santa Rosa County.

Additional samples collected throughout Florida over the past week did not contain *K. brevis*. We continue to receive reports of fish kills in Southwest Florida. Over the past week, reports were received for multiple locations in Pinellas, Manatee, Sarasota, Lee, and Collier counties. More detailed information is available at http://myfwc.com/fishkill.

Respiratory irritation was reported over the past week in Pinellas County (8/14 at Pass-a-Grille), Manatee County (8/7-8/14 at Coquina Beach, 8/7-8/11 and 8/13-8/14 at Manatee Beach), Sarasota County (8/7-8/15 at Lido Key, 8/7-8/15 at Manasota Beach, 8/7-8/15 at Nokomis, 8/7-8/10 and 8/12-8/14 at Siesta Key, 8/7 and 8/10-8/13 at Venice Beach, 8/7-8/15 at Venice North Jetty), Lee County (8/8-8/15 at Bonita Beach; 8/7-8/9 and 8/11-8/12 at Bowman's Beach; 8/7-8/10 and 8/13-8/14 at Captiva; 8/10 at Causeway Islands; 8/7-8/10 and 8/13-8/14 at Gasparilla Island; 8/7-8/8, 8/10 and 8/14 at Light House Beach; 8/8, 8/10 and 8/13 at Lovers Key State Park; 8/8 and 8/13-8/14 at Lynn Hall Beach Park; 8/14 at Newton Park), and Collier County (8/10-8/13 at Barefoot Beach, 8/9 and 8/12-8/13 at Seagate Beach, 8/9 and 8/12-8/13 at Vanderbilt Beach)."



Description	*Karenia brevis* cells/liter	Possible Effects (*K. brevis* only)
NOT PRESENT - BACKGROUND	background levels of 1,000 cells or less	None anticipated
VERY LOW	>1,000 to 10,000	Possible respiratory irritation; shellfish harvesting closures > 5,000 cells/L
LOW	>10,000 to 100,000	Respiratory irritation, possible fish kills and bloom chlorophyll probably detected by satellites at upper limits
MEDIUM	>100,000 to 1,000,000	Respiratory irritation and probable fish kills
HIGH	>1,000,000	As above plus discoloration

Other FWC Updates:

Gulf County bay scallop season opens Aug. 17

"Starting Aug. 17, state waters off Gulf County, including St. Joseph Bay, will open to bay scallop harvest. This area will remain open through Sept. 30 and includes all state waters from the Mexico Beach Canal in Bay County through the westernmost point of St. Vincent Island in Franklin County. See below for more on other areas open to harvest.

Harvesting bay scallops is a fun outdoor activity in which the whole family can participate. It also brings an important economic boost to coastal areas in the open region.

The bay scallop population in Gulf County's St. Joseph Bay appears to be improving, but is not yet fully recovered from the impacts of a fall 2015 red tide event. Ongoing restoration efforts will continue through the season. In order to maximize the success of these efforts, swimming, boating, fishing and scalloping in the restoration area marked with Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) buoys south of Black's Island are prohibited during and after the scallop season.
For information on bay scallop regulationsincluding daily bag limits, visit MyFWC.com/Fishing and click on "Saltwater Fishing," "Recreational Regulations" and "Bay Scallops."

2018 season dates and boundaries

- St. Joseph Bay and Gulf County: Aug. 17 – 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 northwest Taylor County (including Carrabelle, Lanark and St. Marks): July 1 – 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.
- The remaining portion of Taylor County and all of Dixie County (including Keaton Beach and the Steinhatchee area): June 16 – Sept. 10. This region includes all state waters east of Rock Island near the mouth of the Fenholloway River in Taylor County and north of Alligator Pass Daybeacon #4 near the mouth of the Suwannee River in Levy County.
- Levy, Citrus and Hernando counties (including Cedar Key, Crystal River and Homosassa): July 1 – 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 was held July 20-29.

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.

Learn more about long-term abundance trends in the open and closed scalloping areas by visiting MyFWC.com/Research and clicking on "Saltwater," "Molluscs," "Bay Scallops" and "Bay Scallop Season and Abundance Survey.""

http://myfwc.com/news/news-releases/2018/august/15/bay-scallop-season/

FWC Updates:

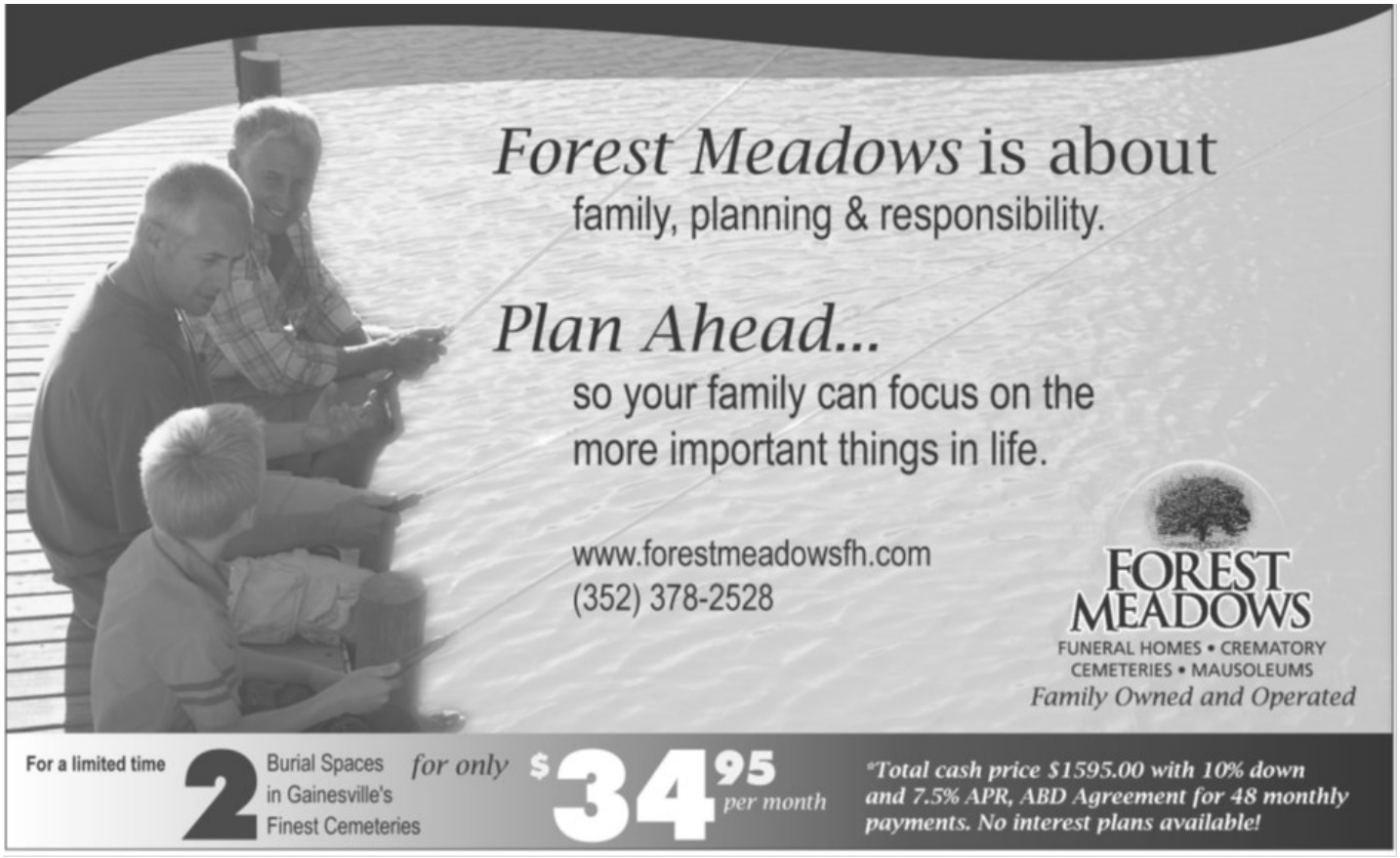
Atlantic anglers and captains encouraged to assist FWC with red snapper research

"Researchers with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's (FWC) Fish and Wildlife Research Institute are asking for help from anglers, spearfishers, and charter captains to capture information about the Atlantic red snapper fishery. NOAA Fisheries announced the recreational season will be Aug. 10-12 and Aug. 17-19 in Atlantic federal waters (beyond 3 nautical miles from shore). Anglers and spearfishers are limited to one fish per person, per day, with no minimum size limit.
Each day of the season provides an opportunity for researchers in Florida to collect biological data from harvested red snapper, which can be used to monitor the health of the fishery. FWC biologists will be greeting recreational anglers at boat ramps and marinas along Florida's east coast to conduct short interviews about their fishing trips. Biologists will also ask for permission to collect biological information from harvested fish.

Charter vessel operators also work cooperatively with FWC researchers during the Atlantic red snapper season by providing details about their fishing trips and allowing biologists to collect samples from harvested fish at the dock.

The survey responses and biological samples submitted by anglers will provide valuable data about the red snapper fishery. The FWC will provide information collected to the Southeast Data, Assessment and Review (SEDAR) for the next red snapper stock assessment."

http://myfwc.com/news/news-releases/2018/july/30/atlantic-anglers/



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Featured Seafood Recipes:

Sautéed Scallops and Swiss Chard
From William Sonoma

Ingredients

- 3T olive oil
- 1 small bunch of rainbow Swiss chard (stems removed and leaves chopped)
- Salt and pepper (to taste)
- 3/4 lb scallops
- Flour (for dredging)
- 1 small shallot (minced)
- 1/4C dry white wine
- 1/2C chicken broth
- 1T lemon juice
- 1/2t Dijon mustard
- 1/2t tarragon
- 1T unsalted butter
- Cooked jasmine/basmati rice
- 2T pecans (toasted and chopped)

Directions:

1. Heat large nonstick fry pan with 1T olive oil on medium-high
2. Add the chard and season lightly with salt and pepper
3. Sauté until just softened (~3 minutes)
4. Transfer to a bowl and cover to keep warm.
5. Season the scallops lightly with salt and pepper and dredge in flour to coat
6. Add 1T olive oil back to the fry pan (on medium-high heat)
7. Add the scallops and cook, turning once (~3 minutes per side)
8. Transfer the scallops to a plate.
9. Add the remaining 1 Tbs. olive oil to the pan and then add the shallot
10. Sauté until it begins to soften, (~1 minute)
11. Add the wine and boil until almost evaporated, stirring to scrape up any browned bits
12. Add the broth, lemon juice, mustard and the 1/2 tsp. tarragon and boil until slightly thickened
13. Remove from the heat, add the butter and stir until melted
14. Season the sauce with salt and pepper.
15. Spoon the rice into the center of 2 warmed plates and top with the chard
16. Arrange the scallops on top of the chard and spoon the sauce over all
17. Garnish with minced tarragon and the pecans and serve immediately.

https://www.williams-sonoma.com/recipe/sauteed-scallops-and-swiss-chard.html

Mediterranean Whole Roasted Red Snapper
From The Mediterranean Dish

Ingredients

- 2 large whole snapper (cleaned and gutted)
- 15 garlic cloves (minced and combined with a pinch of salt)
- 2t ground cumin
- 2t ground coriander
- Salt
- 1t black pepper
- 1t ground sumac
- 1/2C chopped dill
- 3 bell peppers (sliced into rounds)
- 1 large tomato (sliced into rounds)
- 1 medium red onion (sliced into rounds)
- Olive oil
- 2 lemons

Directions:

1. Preheat the oven to 425°F
2. Pat the snapper dry and make 2 slits on each side of the fish
3. Fill slits and coat gut cavity with minced garlic
4. Combine cumin, coriander, salt, pepper, and sumac in a bowl
5. Use 3/4 of the spice mix to season the snapper on both sides (keep remaining 1/4)
6. Stuff each gut cavity with chopped dill, sliced peppers, tomatoes, and onions (as much that will fit)
7. Place the stuffed fish in a lightly oiled baking sheet
8. Add remaining sliced vegetables to form a frame around the fish
9. Sprinkle the vegetables with a pinch of salt and the remaining spice mix
10. Drizzle everything with olive oil
11. Bake for 25 minutes (until fish flakes)
12. Transfer the fish to a serving platter and squeeze juice from 1 lemon over it
13. Serve warm with wedges of lemon

https://www.themediterraneandish.com/mediterranean-whole-roasted-red-snapper-recipe-with-garlic-and-vegetables/

Time to renew your club membership

It's now easier than ever to renew. Just go to the "Join now!" tab on the GOFC website (http://www.gofc.us/wp/join-now/), fill out the form online and pay using PayPal, only $50 gets you a full membership through 2016 if you have not joined yet or are renewing.

If you'd prefer to support the US Post Office, complete the NEW MEMBERSHIP/RENEWAL form (download from the website) and mail it to the GOFC Treasurer.

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Please make your check payable to GOFC.

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