The Acute Angler

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GOFC News

Upcoming GOFC Events

Ellett Auction
Friday November 16th
6:00 PM

Where: 2901 SW 70th Lane (traveling west on Williston Rd, just west of I-75, take SW 35th Drive by the Kangaroo Gas Station. Go south until the road turns to the right and becomes SW 70th Lane. Ellett's house is 2nd on the left).

What to bring: Items to donate to the auction, cash or check to pay for the items you purchase and a side dish or dessert to share.

One of the highlights of the year is the annual GOFC auction and social event, hosted once again by Ed and Marcia Ellett at their beautiful home overlooking Payne's Prairie. The club will be providing great eats in the form of Frogmore Stew aka Low Country Boil, along with grilled burgers and hot dogs and all the fixings. The club will provide sodas and water.

This is an outside event, so be sure to bring along warm clothes if it's forecast to be cool and some bug juice if the temperature is mild. Please bring along a side dish or dessert to share.

Of course, the main purpose of this event is to raise money for the club by auctioning off items donated by members. So be sure to bring any tackle and outdoor gear or other items you no longer need or use that can be donated for the auction. In addition to these items, we'll also be auctioning some items from the CCA banquet, trips donated by members and services from club members and sponsors.

If you've attended this event before, you already know it's going to be a great time. If it's your first time, be sure to mark your calendar for a memorable evening.

Redfish– All Species Round-Up
Saturday November 17th
6:30AM at Steinhatchee

A GOFC MEMBERS-ONLY TOURNAMENT — Participating anglers must be GOFC members in good standing at the time of the tournament (family included) and must have individually caught the entered fish. Guests may ride in GOFC boats, but cannot submit or share their fish.

SIGN UP: Prior to start, the Tournament Committee must be provided with boat name, size and make, captain's name and name of all anglers (and any guests) on board, indicating if any lady or youth anglers on board are participating.

START: Start at "safe light" on the day of tournament from any Club waters port. GOFC communications are on VHF channel 68. Safe light is 6:30 AM.

WEIGH-IN: Weigh-in will take place at a Taylor County Park Shelter across the street from the Steinhatchee (Taylor County) Boat Ramp. Members with all fish to be weighed must be in line at the scales no later than 5:00 PM. Scales will open at 4:00 PM.

AWARDS/PRIZES: Prizes will be awarded based on weight of GOFC target species.

Master Angler = $300
Inshore Angler = $200
Offshore Angler = $200
Boat with the Most Species (of the GOFC 10) = $50

Heaviest Redfish = $100
2nd Place Redfish = $50
3rd Place Redfish = $25

Heaviest Sea Trout = $100
2nd Place Sea Trout = $50
3rd Place Sea Trout = $25

Youth (Under 16 and must be registered GOFC family members):

Heaviest Redfish = gift certificate
Heaviest Sea Trout = gift certificate

We look forward to seeing you at both of these upcoming events!

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.

Let's Welcome the 2019 GOFC Leadership!

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President: Glenn Acomb

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Fish Caught Since the Last Newsletter (not in tournaments)

Angler: Debby Knopf
Fish: Redfish
Weight: 3.5 lbs
Date Caught: 09/17/18
Lure/Bait: Shrimp
Location: Crystal River

Angler: Ed Ellett
Fish: Cobia
Weight: 14 lbs 9 oz
Date Caught: 09/19/18
Lure/Bait: Live Shiner
Location: Cedar Key

Angler: Ed Ellet t
Fish: Spanish Mackeral
Weight: 5 lbs 2 oz
Date Caught: 09/22/18
Lure/Bait: Jig
Location: Seahorse Reef

Angler: Ken Knopf
Fish: Spanish Mackeral
Weight: 3.5 lbs
Date Caught: 09/23/18
Lure/Bait: Threadfin
Location: Seahorse Reef

Angler: Tim Pedersen
Fish: Bluefish
Weight: 3.2 lbs
Date Caught: 09/29/18
Lure/Bait: Lure
Location: Cedar Key

Angler: Tim Pedersen
Fish: Spanish Mackeral
Weight: 4.69 lbs
Date Caught: 09/29/18
Lure/Bait: Lure
Location: Cedar Key

Angler: John Byatt
Fish: Cobia
Weight: 25 lbs
Date Caught: 09/22/18
Lure/Bait: Free Lined Pinfish
Location: Cedar Key

Angler: John Byatt
Fish: Spanish Mackeral
Weight: 3 lbs 4 oz
Date Caught: 10/06/18
Lure/Bait: Jig with Plastic Tail
Location: Seahorse Reef

Angler: Marcia Ellett
Fish: Spanish Mackeral
Weight: 3 lbs
Date Caught: 10/06/18
Lure/Bait: Cut Bait
Location: Steinhatchee

Angler: Chic Hinton
Fish: Spanish Mackeral
Weight: 2 lbs 10 oz
Date Caught: 11/07/18
Lure/Bait: Jig
Location: Seahorse

Angler: Chic Hinton
Fish: Seatrout
Weight: 1 lb 11oz
Date Caught: 11/07/18
Lure/Bait: Gulp
Location: Cedar Key

Angler: Debby Knopf
Fish: Flounder
Weight: 1.3 lbs
Date Caught: 11/08/18
Lure/Bait: Jig
Location: Steinhatchee

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WHEN YOU'RE ENJOYING THAT FREE PIZZA AT OUR MONTHLY MEETINGS, REMEMBER IT'S COMPLIMENTS OF FREDDIE WEHBE AND ALL THE LOCAL DOMINO'S STORES.

THANK YOU, FREDDIE!

Fish Caught Since the Last Newsletter (not in tournaments)

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Angler: Ken Knopf
Fish: Spanish Mackeral
Weight: 4.03 lbs
Date Caught: 10/16/18
Lure/Bait: Threadfin Shad
Location: Cedar Key

Angler: Ken Knopf
Fish: King Mackeral
Weight: 15.04 lbs
Date Caught: 10/16/18
Lure/Bait: Threadfin Shad
Location: Cedar Key

Angler: Ross McElroy
Fish: Spanish Mackeral
Weight: 4 lbs 13 oz
Date Caught: 10/23/18
Lure/Bait: Jig
Location: Cedar Key

Angler: Ross McElroy
Fish: Tripletail
Weight: 8 lbs 6 oz
Date Caught: 10/19/18
Lure/Bait: Shrimp
Location: Cedar Key

Angler: Ed Ellett
Fish: Greater Amberjack
Weight: 46.5 inches
Date Caught: 10/23/18
Lure/Bait: Live Shiner
Location: Sunkin Boat 80-90'

Angler: Marcia Ellett
Fish: Grouper– Gag
Weight: 9.381 lbs
Date Caught: 10/23/18
Lure/Bait: Live Bait
Location: Cedar Key

Angler: Marcia Ellett
Fish: Greater Amberjack
Weight: 52.2 lbs
Date Caught: 10/23/18
Lure/Bait: Live Bait
Location: Cedar Key

Angler: Debby Knopf
Fish: Spanish Mackeral
Weight: 3.42 lbs
Date Caught: 10/23/18
Lure/Bait: Spoon
Location: Cedar Key

Angler: Debby Knopf
Fish: Greater Amberjack
Weight: 46 inches
Date Caught: 10/23/18
Lure/Bait: Pinfish
Location: Cedar Key

Angler: Chic Hinton
Fish: Redfish
Weight: 3 lbs 6 oz
Date Caught: 11/07/18
Lure/Bait: Cut Mullet
Location: Cedar Key

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21st Annual Boat Owners Tournament Results

LARGEST BASS:
1st place - Jerry Brown 2.16lb
2nd place - Gordon Moore 1.87lb
3rd place - Greg Swearingen 1.56lb

LARGEST REDFISH:
1st place - Brandon Colbert 6.46lb
2nd place - Brian Hammock 6.04lb
3rd place - Tyler Melvin 5.99lb

LARGEST TROUT:
1st place - Donna Divine 1.79lb
2nd place - Max Post 1.66lb
3rd place - Jason Niloff 1.47lb

BASS STRINGER:
1st place - Capt Jerry Brown & Crew 8.69lb
2nd place - Capt. Billy Jackson & Crew 4.71lb
3rd place - Capt. David Bozeman & Crew 1.44lb

LARGEST SPANISH MACKEREL:
1st place- Bradley English 2.12lb
2nd place - Joe Sprouse 1.65lb
3rd place- John King 1.16lb

TROUT STRINGER:
1st place - Capt. Jason Niloff & crew 6.63lb
2nd place - Capt. David Divine & crew 2.96lb
3rd place - Capt. Bert Pilcher & crew 1.66lb

KIDS DIVISION:
1st place - Evan Peebles 6.51lb Redfish
2nd place - Will Peebles 6.11 Redfish
3rd place - Lane Votrobek 2.48 Redfish

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Lobster Season in Key West

By Ken Knopf

For thirty years I have been going to various places in the Florida Keys to spend a week pursuing Florida spiny lobster. We either go for the two day mini season, or for the regular season that always starts on August 6. This is the first year we have gone for a longer vacation to span across both! The mini season is always the last consecutive Wednesday and Thursday of July.

After the damage done to the islands from hurricane Irma, lobster hunters were nervous to see what effects the storm might have had on the lobster population. Our worries were over on opening morning when in less than an hour we had lobster limits for everyone on the boat! Same result on the second day in a different spot.

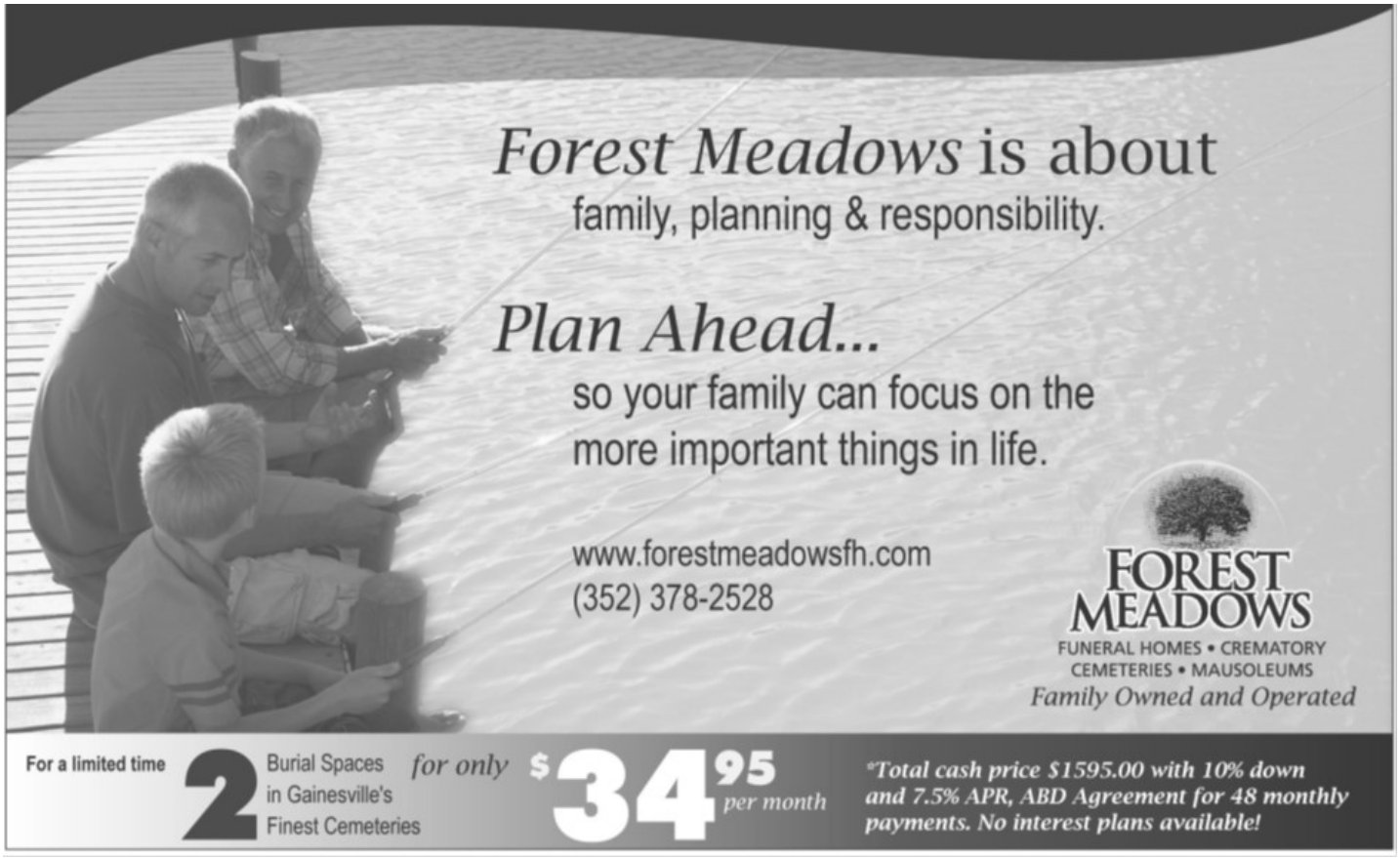
Some years, the lobsters get picked over pretty strong during the mini season, and the regular season opener can be slim pickings! This year good results continued right into the regular season. We had limits for the first three days before we switched up to do some fishing! I'm a lazy lobster hunter, I like to use Scuba gear and relax on the bottom catching them by "tickling" them out with a stick and guiding them into a hand held net. The rest involves wrestling them out of the net to be measured and if large enough, stuffed into the catch bag. Some people prefer a snare to slip over their tail from behind.

Many people forgo the scuba and snorkel for them like we do scalloping here at home. This takes considerably more skill and ability to hold your breath for longer times then I am comfortable with. Our fellow club members , the Krpan's, came down for the week at the start of the regular season and limited out every day just catching their bugs snorkeling ! So if they invite you to dinner offer to bring the butter! (continued on page 7)

(continued from page 6) One of the main reasons we like to go all the way to Key West is the variety of things you can do there. We spent several productive days yellowtail fishing, including getting our four year old grand daughter, Kendall, to catch her first fish! Had success with one of our other favorites, Deep -dropping. This is bottom fishing in depths from five hundred to a thousand feet using electric reels. Caught Snowy Grouper, Golden and Blue tilefish and many rose fish, which is a native scorpion fish about the size of a good sized Black Sea Bass.

Toward the end of our visit, Dale and Liz Reed, came down for a little fishing and Diving. They had spent three or four days in Marathon, in the middle Keys, were they had a great time catching some great mahi with Clay Shlidler, from hang em high sportfishing, yes the same ones from Crystal River!

Looking forward to a return visit next year!



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Fishing Adventures Update

By John Byatt

When I volunteered to put together an article for the newsletter for November, I figured that I'd have a few recent trips to report. However, between travel, work and weather I've not been within 50 miles of the Gulf of Mexico since the beginning of October; which is a real bummer because the fall is about my favorite time of year to fish! Given the unusually warm weather we've had this year, I'm hoping that the good fall fishing will stretch well into November. I'm also hoping that the wind will lay down one of these days so that I can catch an amberjack greater than 34 inches to the fork and FINALLY catch a legal example all big 10 species within a calendar year. I've been one species shy for the last four years. Perhaps instead of trying to catch that last species I should be spending my energy lobbying the GOFC board to create an award for nine-species-outta-ten…

My usual species that I find hard to reliably catch were good to me this year. Three years ago I couldn't find a King Mackerel to save my life. This year, during the second week of June I stopped at the sunken dry dock on the way back in from unsuccessfully looking for grouper and took a few casts with a bucktail jig. On about the third cast, bouncing the jig off the sand to the north of the dry dock I got a nice hit followed by a good long drag-burning run. It turned out to be a 15 lb King Mackerel. I spent the next half an hour looking for another hit. Finally, getting tired of casting and cranking, I said aloud "last cast", which faked out another king; this one being a little larger at 18 lb.

Last year, I had nine species under my belt by August and figured it would be a piece of cake to catch a legal grouper. Not so much! I did a whole lot of grouper fishing in the last few months of 2017 and threw back plenty of 23 and three-quarter inch gags, while cursing whatever agency was responsible for upping the minimum length from 22 to 24 inches. Large grouper are still evading me, but on a red snapper trip in mid June with Ed Ellet I snagged a gag close to the Barge that was just a hair over 24 inches. Doesn't count for a whole lot of Ellet points, but good enough to count towards the big 10.

Two years ago, I had my grouper and King Mackerel in the bag and just needed a cobia to round out the year. The usual spots around channel markers and wrecks produced a number of short cobia and on one trip I had a nice keeper to the boat after spotting it circling a channel marker and had it inhale a eel imitation that just about landed on its head. The freezer already had plenty of fish stashed away so my wife had given me a stern warning about bringing back yet more. With that in mind, I tried to lip gaff the cobia so it could be released after taking its vital measurements and a photo op with the captain. However, the cobia didn't much care for a big ol' hook being stuck through its lower jaw and with one last thrash released itself from the gaff and broke off the lower hook on the eel imitation. (continued on p. 10)

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This year, cobia have been kind to me. In mid-August I caught an almost 20 lb fish on a free-lined pin fish at the sunken dry dock. A month later, while free-lining a blue runner while fishing the channel alongside a shallow flat off of Deadman's Key I caught a 27.5 lb cobia. The whole while I was fighting the fish, a manatee was hanging out less than two feet off the boat's stern, occasionally poking its head up to see how I getting along! Maybe the cobia had been following the manatee around and the sea cow had gotten tired of its company... I made another trip out to the same spot a couple of weeks later and cast jigs around manatees still in the area. All I got for my efforts though was a remora, which copiously defecated all over me and the boat. My last trip at the beginning of October also produced a cobia. I spent a pleasant late afternoon back at the sunken dry dock and once again, a free-lined pin fish was irresistible to another cobia; this one was around 40 inches that was released to grow some more. The barracudas were just voracious on this trip. I lost every last one of my eel imitations to these toothy predators along with a couple of bucktails sporting a big plastic worm.

So, here's hoping that the weather and AJ's cooperate in the last few weeks of 2018. Otherwise, there's always next year.

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Featured Seafood Recipes:

Tilapia in Roasted Pepper Sauce
From Tania at Cooktoria

Ingredients
- 1 lb tilapia (or other white fish)
- 3 T butter
- 1 onion (diced)
- 2 cloves garlic (minced)
- 6 oz roasted peppers (chopped– these can be home roasted or store bought)
- 6 oz roasted peppers (pureed– again can be home roasted or store bought(
- 3/4 C heavy cream
- 1/2 C grated Parmesan cheese
- Salt
- Pepper
- Parsley

Directions:
1. Melt 2 T butter in a large skillet
2. Fry fish for 3-4 minutes on each side until cooked through
3. Remove fish from skillet and season fish with salt and pepper (to taste)
4. Add 1 T butter and the onion to the skillet and saute for 5 minutes
5. Add garlic and both chopped and pureed peppers
6. Cook an additional 5 minutes
7. Add heavy cream and Parmesan cheese
8. Turn off heat, stir, and add salt/pepper to taste
9. Return fish to the pan and cover with sauce
10. Garnish with chopped parsley and additional Parmesan cheese

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Blackened Fish Burger and Sriracha Mayo
From Carrian Cheney at Oh, Sweet Basil

Ingredients

Rub
- 1/4 t cayenne pepper
- 1/2 t black pepper
- 1 t paprika
- 1 t salt
- 1/2 t garlic powder
- 1/2 t onion powder
- 1/2 t oregano
- 1/2 t cumin

Fish Burger
- 2 4-6 ox sea bass fillet (or other firm fish) with skin on
- 1 C chopped purple cabbage
- 2 T grapeseed oil
- 4 t salt
- 1/42C arugula
- 2 brioche buns

Sriracha Mayo
- 6 T mayo
- 1/2 T Sriracha

Directions:
1. Place oven rack to the middle and preheat oven to 450
2. Mix the rub ingredients in a small bowl
3. Pat fish dry with a paper towel
4. Season each fillet with 1-2 t of the rub and set aside
5. Combine cabbage, grapeseed oil, and salt in a small mixing bowl and set aside
6. Combine may and sriracha in a small bowl and set aside
7. Place fish skin-side down on a foil-lined baking sheet
8. Add cabbage on the same sheet
9. Bake fish for 4-6 minutes per 1/2 inch thickness
10. Butter brioche buns and place on bottom oven rack for 2-3 minutes
11. Spread Sriracha mayo and add purple cabbage to toasted buns
12. Remove fish from the oven and remove skin
13. Place on top of cabbage and add arugula

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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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Or just bring cash, a check or a credit card to the next club meeting and pay Debby at the meeting.

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