# The Acute Angler

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## October Hot Shot

### A Day of Ones!

Erich Horn and Dominic Greco with a redfish, Spanish mackerel, bluefish and mangrove snapper. Photo courtesy of Ed Ellett.

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## President's Corner

By Ross McElroy

GOFC President

When I wrote my column last month Hurricane Ian was a drop of water off the west coast of Africa. Now we see that Florida will deal with its impact for years to come. Gainesville and the Big Bend coast were fortunate to be mostly spared this time. The destruction in Southwest Florida is heart wrenching. The impact to Florida's development and insurance markets is still unknown but it seems certain that we will all feel the effects of Hurricane Ian. Let's help out our neighbors in need however we can and be thankful that we were spared.

Our fall schedule is full. The last General/Speaker's meeting of the year is October 25. Dave Ferrell of the Florida Insider Report (FloridaInsiderFishingReport) will be presenting. At the same meeting, we will elect the Board of directors for 2023. The board has 12 elected members plus 4 alternates. If you are interested in being more involved in the club and want to be on the board let me know or email secretary@gofc.us. It is a great way to learn about the club and make new friends. Also, any member can attend a GOFC Board of Directors meeting (first Tuesday of the month) as a guest.

We have a learnament lead by John Patrick on shallow water grouper fishing on the rocks at Crystal River scheduled for Saturday, November 12. This is limited to only 8 boats. Watch your emails for sign-up instructions. Crystal River is unique in being able to catch grouper in 10-12 feet of water. You will learn eight new GPS numbers that hold grouper or for people like me, rocks to avoid ruining my lower unit at low tide.

On November 18 is the annual Ellett Auction at the home of Ed and Marcia Ellett. This is a great way to pick up items you may need, make money for the club, and enjoy all the good food courtesy of Virgil and Tim. This is the last social of the year and always a big event.

Two tournaments close out the year. First up Is the Big 10 Species tournament on October 22 out of Cedar Key. This event offers the most cash prizes of our tournaments. Next up is the December 3, Redfish/ Trout Round-up. This tournament goes out of Steinhatchee and focuses the "Offshore" fishing club on inshore species. For those of you that can't get offshore to fish, this is your chance to show off your inshore skills.

Ross McElroy

President, GOFC

# From the Editor

**By Jeff Gartland**

**GOFC Editor**

Its hard to believe but we're into the last quarter of the year. By this time, it should be clear that the annual $50 club fee was one of your best investments of 2022. If your still not convinced, then participate in the Big Ten Species tournament, Saturday, October 22 (page 6-7). With $600 in cash prizes and no entry fee, your risked return on investment is better than the stock market and a lot more fun. If you can't make that, then consider the December 3 Trout/Redfish Roundup tournament out of Steinhatchee with similar prize money and opportunities for a good time.

Still not convinced? Do you like to catch and eat gag grouper? Well then the November 12 Shallow Water Grouper "learnament" might be for you. This event will be led by our very own John Patrick, one of Crystal River's best fishing experts (see page 14 for John's trout length versus weight data). John will lead us through catching bait, location of and positioning on shallow water rocks in the near offshore of Crystal River, and hopefully pulling in some delicious gags. This event was last run 4 years ago and is limited to 8 boats. Watch your emails for sign-up instructions.

So maybe you don't end up "in the money" from a tournament or catch a grouper in the learnament, the November 18 Ellett Auction is a guaranteed return on your dues. Virgil and Timmy will be cooking up a seafood feast while you can replenish your fishing equipment needs at the annual auction.

And of course, there is the annual photography contest which remains open until the end of the year. Cash prizes for that are similar to tournament events.

We can go on, but you get the idea. The GOFC is the best deal around for fisher people or just folks who like to eat and socialize. Your enjoyment of the club is what you make it, so let's get together and have some fun!

Ways to help your club

There are so many ways to help out, just of which are:

- **Join the Board of Directors.** It's a great way to get to know your fellow members better while helping out the club. If interested contact us at secretary@gofc.us. New members will be elected at the October 25 General meeting.
- **Write an article** for the Acute Angler newsletter. A day of saltwater fishing is a lot more challenging than writing about something you know. Like getting back to port after a long day on the water, seeing your article published feels pretty good. **newsletter@gofc.us**
- **Help manage the website**. If you have skills in websites building/management we have a continuous need to keep the GOFC website fresh GOFC website
- **Help out at tournaments**, members only banquets and general meetings.
- **Submit your favorite fishing photos** (see next paragraph).

Please feel free to contact **newsletter@gofc.us** if you have any questions.And as always:

All members are encouraged to submit photos to the GOFC website. Here's the link: Photo Submission Form. Submitted photos will be displayed on our Hot Shots page: GOFC Hot Shots. If you want to show off a catch, a new boat, capture a fun trip, or just get your fishing buddy or family on the website here's your chance.
Please don't hesitate because you think it's "not good enough". If you like it, that's all that matters.

Hot Shot photos are automatically entered in the year end photo contest. Prizes are 1st Place $150, 2nd Place $100, 3rd Place $50.
The winners of the 2021 Photo Contest are featured in the February issue. Look it over. Maybe you'll win 2022. Worst case, you'll be sharing a memory.

I look forward to hearing from you at **newsletter@gofc.us** and sharing the tremendous depth of knowledge and experience within the GOFC membership.

Jeff Gartland/GOFC Editor

# Upcoming Events

**October 22, 2022** - **Fall Big 10 Species** tournament/ Cedar Key.

**October 25 Meeting—**Dave Ferrel/Florida Fishing Report. Watch your emails.

**November 12, 2022** Shallow Water Grouper Learnament, Crystal. River. Another favorite is back. Details to follow.

**November 18, 2022—**Ellett Auction at Ed and Marcia Ellett's home.

**December 3, 2022** - Redfish/Trout Roundup Tournament/Steinhatchee.

No General Meeting in December.

**Monthly Meetings**—Upcoming meetings will be announced by email. Typically we meet on the fourth Tuesday of each month at the Veterinary Academic Building .Fellowship begins at 7:00 pm and the meeting proper begins at 7:30.

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## Chic's "Nothing but the Truth" Fishing Report

by Chic Hinton

My favorite month to fish is October, so on October 3rd I took the Acute Angler editorial staff offshore to Seahorse Reef to fill the ice chest with Spanish mackerel. To our surprise, the water temperature had dropped to 71°. The week before, pre-Hurricane Ian, it was 81°. Now 71° is cold for that early in October but well within the tolerance of mackerel. The seas were about 2' that day but otherwise the conditions seemed fine for mackerel fishing. We trolled spoons and white jigs for three hours without a hit. Boy did we strike out. It was a little depressing thinking the hurricane wrecked the fall run of Spanish mackerel.

Three days later my grandson Matthew and I returned to Seahorse Reef and got 15 Spanish mackerel in less than three hours. Last year trolling spoons seemed to produce better than jigs. This year we got 12 mackerel on white jigs and only three on spoons. My takeaway is keep changing up until you find what's working best. Each new day and tide change bring different circumstances.

On your next trip to Seahorse Reef, after catching Spanish mackerel, take a quick 3 mile run north to the Kingfish Hole (29° 2.665N 83°10.466W). Slow troll a large plug for blue runner over rocky bottom in the area and you might land a big kingfish.

Registration is now open for all GOFC members to enter the fall Big Ten tournament on October 22. Check your email for more information and registration.

Note the following **closures**: **red grouper** is now closed till next year, **flounder** is closed and will reopen November 30, **amberjack** will close on October 31. **Gag grouper** is open until December 31 but will close early if recreational limits are reached.

2023 gag grouper season is now limited to September 1—November 10. Disappointing and maybe a topic for future discussion.

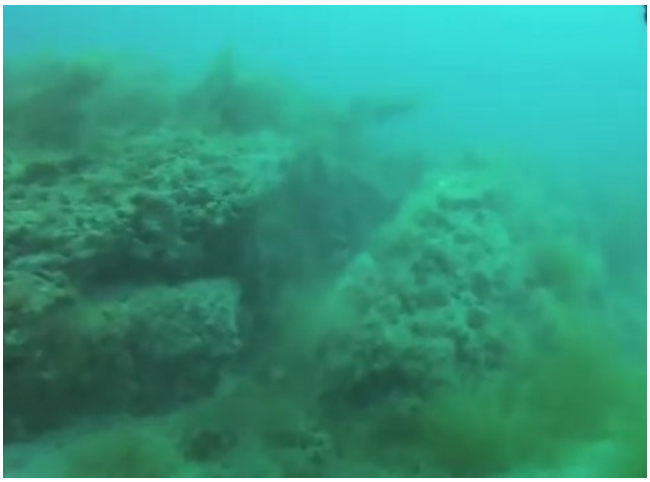
See you on the water!
Chic

## A Challenge for You

by Mark Haberman

Have you ever been fishing on your "secret number" and have someone pull up and fish next to you? How did you react? Did you flail your arms in the air and yell obscenities?

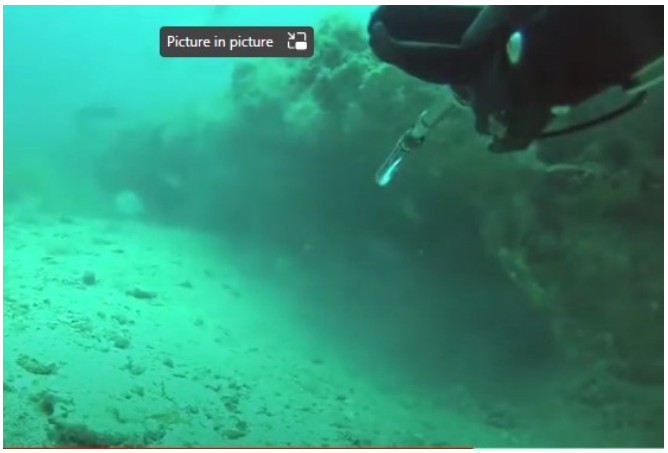
This is exactly what happened to me on a recent trip, except I was "that guy". During the 2022 Spring AJ season, myself and crew motored out 37 miles across bumpy seas to a popular AJ spot known as **"The Cave" (N28.51.123 W83.37.859)**. It's a spot I've fished and dove on several occasions. At about 34 miles, a little white speck appeared on the horizon and I thought to myself, Crap! Someone is on "my spot".



After 37 miles of pounding uncomfortable seas, I decided to push forward and try and fish the same spot, but respectfully. I motored up slowly and right away, I heard yelling and saw arms flailing. We ignored the irritated fishermen and spot locked about 50 yards away. The long ride paid off; it took us less than 30 minutes to ice down a limit of AJ's. After the last AJ was secured, I slowly motored over to within speaking distance. I apologized for the intrusion and told him we were just trying to get our AJ's and we're moving on.

What's the challenge you ask? If this happens to you, try inviting the invading boat over to join you. What's the #1 rule in saltwater fishing? Action brings more action.

When AJ fishing, get one fish to bite and pretty soon the whole school is attacking everything that hits the water. Ditto for snapper. With two boats, you have




twice the bait in the water to attract more fish.

If you're grouper fishing, there are typically 6-12 grouper on a structure. If you're already anchored when the invading boat arrives, chances are that your crew has already caught the active fish on that spot and a second boat is probably not going to hurt anything.

My point is, stay positive. You're on one of the best bodies of water in the world to fish. It's a beautiful day, you're on a great boat with a great crew. You're not at work!! You might meet your new best friend. They might teach you a new technique. You never know, they might share their "secret spots".

Click on the link to see some video of the area known as "The Cave".

Editor's note: Your editorial staff is composed of non-divers. While we enjoyed Mark's insight on sharing our coveted spots and plan to implement his suggestion, we also enjoyed the underwater video allowing us to see the actual structures that we catch ( and lose) fish on. For more of Mark's underwater videos go to his YouTube channel "Cedar Key Fishing".

**The GOFC Fall Tournament (Big 10 Species Tournament) will be held on Saturday, October 22, 2022 in Cedar Key**

## Register at: https://gofc.us/tourney-stats/tournament-registration/

## What is it?

The annual Fall Tournament is one of the Gainesville Offshore Fishing Club's oldest and most important annual tournaments. It is based on the Ellett Point System and offers the largest single payout of the year.

The tournament is free and open to all club members in good standing. All individuals participating in the tournament do so at their own risk and must have a current waiver of liability on file with GOFC. All participants must register for the tournament using the link above no later than 7:30 pm the night before the tournament.

## When is it?

**Date:** Saturday, October 22, 2022
**Start Time:** Safelight
**Weigh in:** 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm at Robinson's Seafood
**Weather Dates:** Sunday, October 23, 2022 and Saturday, October 29th

The Tournament Director will monitor the marine weather forecast and make the go/no-go decision the evening before the before the tournament. The decision will be announced via email no later than 7:00 pm that night. Individual captains must also monitor the forecasts and make their own determination regarding their vessel's sea worthiness given the expected conditions.

Anyone who registers for the tournament but ends up either not going out or decides to skip the weigh-in is asked to notify the Tournament Director, Mark Haberman, by phone or text message so we can be sure that everyone makes it back to shore safely.

The weigh in will be held from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm at Robinson's Seafood in Cedar Key. Anglers must be standing in line to have their fish weighed by 5:00 pm to be eligible. The cut-off time will be strictly enforced, so please don't wait until the last minute to start heading in. (cont'd next page)

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Members are encouraged to stick around for dinner and fellowship after having their fish weighed.

## Where is it?

Depart from any port in the Club's home waters. The weigh in will be held at Robinson's Seafood in Cedar Key from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

**Robinson's Sea Food**
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## Tournament Details

**Tournament Director:** Mark Haberman (352) 231-9113

We will be fishing for all of the Big Ten species that are currently in season including spotted sea trout, Spanish mackerel, king mackerel, grouper, redfish, sheepshead, cobia, flounder, bluefish, and greater amberjack. Points for fish caught during the tournament will be distributed based on the Ellett Point System and prizes will be awarded to individual anglers based on the number of points they accumulate.

**1st Place:** $300
**2nd Place:** $200
**3rd Place:** $100

Interpretation of the tournament rules shall be at the sole discretion of the Tournament Director.

Official Club Rules: https://gofc.us/rules/

# You Ask, We Answer!

We've started this column to respond to your questions and suggestions. A number of members have written in asking for information on the increased presence of large **Atlantic white shrimp** in our Big Bend waters. Charlie Courtney writes about this in a three part series:

1- Basic biology and life history –September

**2-Catching shrimp—This issue**

3-Preserving and cooking your catch—November

## Atlantic White Shrimp in the Big Bend—Catching White Shrimp

By Charlie Courtney

**When to Go Shrimping**

The first thing one needs to know before going out to catch a mess of white shrimp is when to go, specifically (1) when is the recreational shrimping season closed and (2) at what time of the year are the shrimp available to be caught.
With respect to closed seasons, there is no closed season for recreational shrimping in the Big Bend region. However, shrimping is closed during April and May in Nassau, Duval, St. Johns, Putnam, Flagler and Clay counties, which includes the popular shrimping areas of the St. John's River.

Tides also affect when you are most likely to catch shrimp. Generally, the earlier part of a moving tide is best, with slack tide being least productive, but your mileage may vary depending on when and where you are shrimping.

As for seasonal abundance, white shrimp are available in the St. Johns River beginning in July and extending into the fall provided heavy rains from a tropical storm or hurricane do not flush them out into the ocean prematurely. Likewise, summer and fall are the best times to catch shrimp in the Big Bend region. Be aware that these seasons apply to the white shrimp fishery in our area. Farther south there is a winter fishery for other shrimp species that involves significantly different techniques from the webbed cast nets that we use. Your best source of information on this fishery are these two Facebook groups: (1) Florida's Recreational Shrimping Group and (2) Florida Shrimping Academy. The latter group is run by Captain Lee Noga, who is an outdoor writer and is recognized as an expert on recreational shrimping in Florida.

A saltwater fishing license is required for shrimping, even in the apparently fresh waters of St. Johns River. (South of Lake George the St. John's River is actually an estuary, with fresh water layered over heavier salt water. Indeed, the elevation of the river's surface is only 3 feet above sea level at Palatka, which is some 75 river miles from the river's mouth at Mayport.) Bag limits for recreational shrimpers are varied. Those shrimping from shore or dock on the St. Johns River can keep 5 gallons of whole shrimp per person; from a boat the limit is 5 gallons per boat. In the Big Bend region, the limit is 2 gallons per person from shore or boat with a 5 gallon boat limit.

**Where to Find Shrimp**

First, white shrimp tend to go shallow during the night and deeper during the day in the St. Johns River. This pattern is not so obvious in the Big Bend region due to the lack of deep water inshore. There are a number of spots in the Palatka area that hold shrimp during the day. Including near the power lines on the east side of the river north of the bridge and near the first 3 channel markers south of the bridge. At Green Cove Springs, shrimp are often found on the east side of the river adjacent to Shands Bridge and in water 12-17 feet deep in the vicinity of the old Shands Pier. Shrimpers typically anchor up along an edge of the channel and throw their webbed cast nets. if nothing is found, they change

depth until the shrimp are located. It always surprises me how the shrimp will hold to a narrowly specific depth to the point that it is not unusual to catch shrimp in nets thrown on one side of the boat but not the other. There is one major disadvantage to day shrimping — the intense sunlight and heat, so be prepared to deal with it.

Nighttime shrimping from shore in Palatka can be done from private docks or the docks at the city boat ramp. Those with boats can shrimp at night in the shallows, especially those on the east side of the river opposite the Governor's Creek boat ramp in Green Cove Springs. A webbed cast net is not necessary for this shallow water night shrimping, and any old cast net will do. Night shrimpers usually anchor up bow and stern to keep the boat from swinging in the tide and bait all around the boat with "mud pies" typically consisting of a thick mixture of flour, rock salt and shrimp meal. The boat is brightly lit up to drive the shrimp to the bottom and hold them there. Test casts are made all around the boat every 10 to 15 minutes beginning after dark until the shrimp show up. Then everyone starts casting their nets in earnest. The cool night air is the biggest advantage to night shrimping, and the main disadvantage is towing the boat home in the wee hours while thoroughly worn out from throwing the cast net.

I have not tried shrimping at night in the Big Bend region, but it should be possible out on the grass flats or in shallow areas up the creeks. During the day I have caught shrimp off the Outside Ramp at Cedar Key, including adjacent waters up to 12 feet deep, under the Number 4 Channel Bridge, and in the vicinity of Marker 4 in Derrick Key Channel. In Suwannee, I have caught shrimp near Cat Island, both along the edge of the deeper channel adjacent to the island and the shallows a short distance off the island. Others have caught shrimp in the canals at Horseshoe Beach. Finally 2 last tips for finding shrimp: (1) look for bird activity on the flats, especially near the shore line, and, especially, (2) look for groups of boats throwing cast nets.

**Locating Shrimp**

Mostly I locate shrimp by going to known good spots and searching with a 6 foot taped cast net until I find them in good numbers. The smaller net allows me to make many throws in quick succession without wearing myself out. Once I locate a good concentration of shrimp, I switch to a larger net to increase my yield per throw. Schools of shrimp also can be found with a good quality fish finder where they are seen aggregating just off the bottom — a skill I have yet to master.

We use cast nets to catch shrimp in our area; however, a variety of other methods are used for winter shrimp farther south, including dip nets, push nets and game nets. Since the winter shrimping is almost exclusively done at night, lights are often placed on the bottom to help push shrimp upward into these nets. See the Florida Shrimping Academy Facebook pages for more information on this form of shrimping.

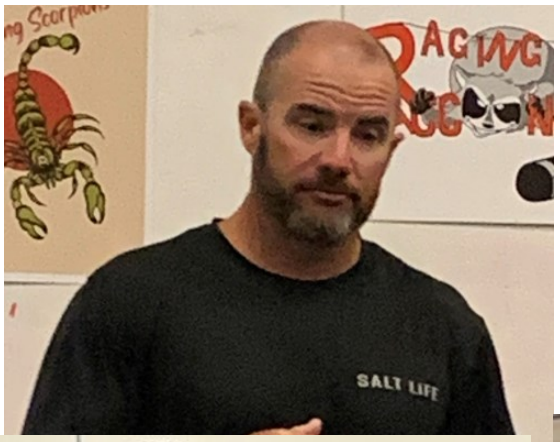
By law, cast nets are limited in size to 14 feet in radius or less as measured from the horn to the lead line. That said, a 14 foot cast net is a real bear to throw, and I rarely throw a net larger than 8 feet. Any cast net can be used for night time shrimping in shallow water, but a cast net must be modified for daytime shrimping in two ways: (1) the line is lengthened to some 30 to 40 feet so the net can reach the bottom in deeper areas, and (2) duct tape or lawn chair webbing is applied to the perimeter of the net just inside the lead line to help it stay fully opened as it fails through the water column. Webbed shrimp nets can be purchased in several locations, including Gary's Tackle Box in Gainesville, Ace Hardware in East Palatka, and custom made nets from Stella Robbins in Palatka (386-916-1155) who also repairs holes in nets.

Little maintenance is required of a shrimp net. It should be cleaned and dried before storage to extend its life. Also, occasionally soaking a cast net in fabric softener will help keep it in top condition.

Next month I will finish this series with a discussion on how to clean and preserve your catch, plus I will provide several recipes for shrimp of various sizes.

# Captain Jimbo Fisher-General Meeting
# September 27, 2022

**We had a great meeting! Jimbo disclosed his snook, redfish and trout catching secrets and answered all our questions.**



**Want to get more involved in your fishing club? Join the GOFC Board of Directors!**

Each Fall we hold elections for club officers and Board of Directors members for the following year. We look forward to new members on the GOFC Board and now is your chance to get in on the action! No experience necessary.

Becoming a board member is a great way to give back to the club and make some new friends. Meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month and start at 7 PM. Most folks arrive early to socialize. We talk fishing a lot as well as conducting the business of the club.

The board makes tournament decisions, recommends meeting speakers, organizes and runs the banquets and events, maintains the GOFC website and many more activities. It's a great way to put some of your skills to use and make new fishing friends.

If you are interested in joining the GOFC Board of Directors please send an email to "secretary@gofc.us" and we will contact you and get your name on the ballot. The Board of Director election will be held at the October 25, 2022, general member meeting, so please reply before then.

While the Board is limited to 12 members we need as many alternates as we can get, so you are assured a place on the board in some capacity.

The Gainesville Offshore Fishing Club was started in 1968 by a small group of UF professors who shared an avid love for fishing. Now, more than fifty years later, GOFC continues to grow and attract anglers from all walks of life with more than 100 member families. The Club's stated goal 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.

Thank you for your participation!

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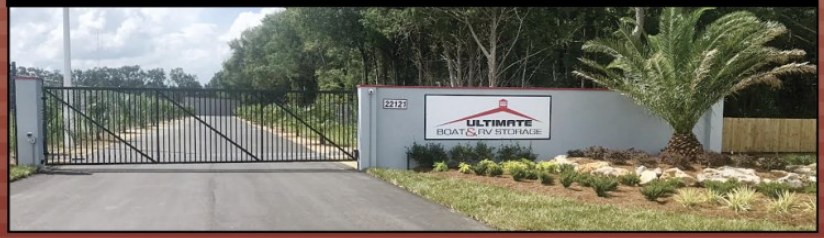


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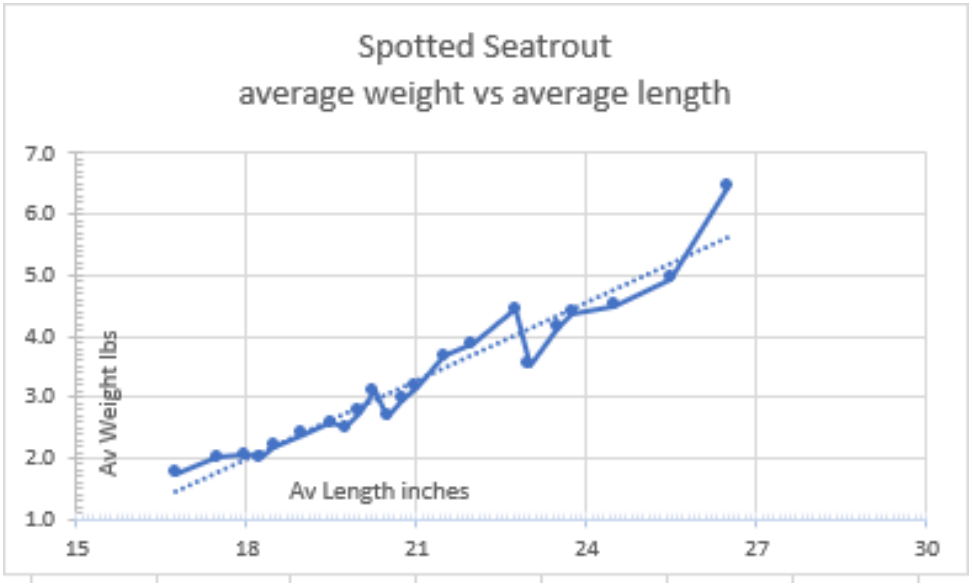


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| 23.75 | 4.38 |
| 24.5 | 4.5 |
| 25.5 | 4.94 |
| 26.5 | 6.44 |

Here's an interesting data set originally collected and compiled by John Patrick and Richard Bowles.

Shown are the length-weight relationships of spotted seatrout. 48 total fish caught along the west coast of Florida from Crystal River to Suwannee. All weights are from certified scales. Average weights are plotted against average length.

Know how long the trout is but not how heavy? This is a good best guess.

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# Understanding the Ellett Contest

*With credit to Brian Kiel*

Understanding the John Ellett Contest

The John Ellett contest is a club contest that runs one year long and pits club members against each other in a friendly fishing contest encompassing three categories: Men's, Women's and Elite. A simplified formula awards points on a relative basis based on the heaviest fish of each species, with the exception of amberjack and kingfish which are based on length. Each species category has a maximum of 25 points and points are totaled to give an overall Ellett standing. For example, if the heaviest trout entered was a 6 lb. trout, this trout would receive the maximum 25 points, while a trout weighing half of that weight (3 lb.) would receive half of the 25 points (12.5 pts.). A 1.5 lb. trout would receive 6.25 pts. Current Ellett standings are printed in the club's Acute Angler newsletter, magazine, and on the GOFC website (Ellett standings).

It's easy to participate in the contest. All that's required is that you submit a weigh slip of any or all of the ten species the club fishes for: spotted seatrout, redfish, flounder, sheepshead, cobia, kingfish, Spanish mackerel, greater amberjack, bluefish, and grouper. Any scale can be used to estimate the fish weight, however, when a fish exceeds the maximum weight for a particular species (see bottom of weigh slip under Heavy Catches), that fish must be weighed on a State certified scale like those found in commercial establishments that use a scale to determine the value of an item sold to the public. A fish house like Northwest Seafood in Gainesville will usually weigh fish, if asked nicely. The weight should be noted on a receipt or store weigh slip, signed by the individual weighing the fish, and attached to the GOFC weigh slip to be turned into the club. The club Weighmaster keeps a certified club scale at home for members to use (contact the GOFC Weighmaster/Record Keeper, weighslip@gofc.us).

To win the contest you don't have to catch the largest fish, just catch as many of the 10 species as you can (hopefully a couple will be heavy fish). Participation in club events also helps as points are awarded for participation in club Tournaments (2 pts.) and Funaments (1 pt.). Writing an article for the Acute Angler is worth 3 points.

Awards are given to three places with the top male & female angler receiving a coveted inscribed pewter plate from the Ellett family, who happen to have sponsored this contest since its inception. The Ellett contest dates run from January 1st to December 31st with awards given out during the March Awards Banquet.

In addition to the Ellett awards, the club also gives awards and recognition for the heaviest three fish of each species. The club also maintains a list of GOFC Record Catches that include 109 species, so keep any species that is either not noted or exceeds the record. You can also submit a weigh slip for one of the "Other Two" species (dolphin and tripletail) to be computed for a separate award following the same guidelines for Special Category

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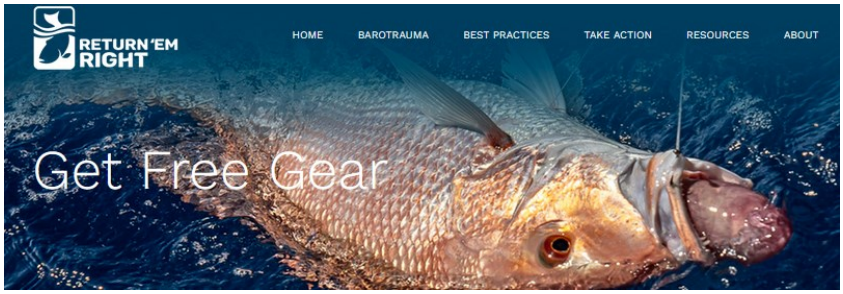
# Items of Interest—Free Descending Device

## "Return' Em Right" offers free descending devices




Most of us have reeled up a fish from depth with the stomach forced outside by an expanding bladder. We have also experienced the heartache of watching it float away on surface unable to dive after being released because it is undersize or out of season.

It's now a legal requirement (the DESCEND act) for anyone bottom fishing in the federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico to have a venting tool or descending device.

To educate anglers in responsible release practices the Return "Em Right program was started. Anglers can register for a 15 minute online review of best practices. Upon completion Return 'Em Right will send free of charge a kit with two descending devices, lead and all the tools you'll need. This is a $100 value and the right thing for anglers to do.

# Ellett Contest Recent Catches
# New Entries from September 12—October 19, 2022

| Angler | Species | Weight or Length | Date caught | Location | Bait or Lure |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ken Knopf | Greater Amberjack | 41 inches | 10/8/2022 | Cedar Key | Pinfish |
| Debby Knopf | Greater Amberjack | 38 inches | 10/8/2022 | Cedar Key | Pinfish |
| Carl Vining | Redfish | 6.75 lbs | 10/7/2022 | Cedar Key | Bait |
| Ken Pedersen | Grouper - Gag | 8.97 lbs | 10/9/2022 | Cedar Key | Panfish |
| Jeff Gartland | Redfish | 3.94 lbs | 10/3/2022 | Cedar Key | Pinfish |
| Chic Hinton | Redfish | 5.81 lbs | 10/3/2022 | Cedar Key | Pinfish |

# Ellett Contest Standings as of 09/15/2022

## Men's

| GOFC member | Amberjack | points | Bluefish | points | Cobia | points | Flounder | points | Grouper | points | King Mack | points | Redfish | points | Sheepshead | points | Span Mack | points | Trout | points | Bonus |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Pedersen, Tim | 34.50 | 25.00 | 2.53 | 18.71 | 12.45 | 12.87 | 1.68 | 19.27 | 5.80 | 15.09 | 37.00 | 20.56 | 6.69 | 23.89 | 4.32 | 20.07 | 5.16 | 24.16 | 6.07 | 25.00 | 4 |
| Ellett, Ed | | 0.00 | 3.28 | 24.26 | 24.19 | 25.00 | 1.76 | 20.18 | 9.61 | 25.00 | | 0.00 | 6.40 | 22.86 | 5.38 | 25.00 | 4.54 | 21.25 | 2.94 | 12.10 | |
| Vining, Carl | | 0.00 | 3.38 | 25.00 | 19.52 | 20.17 | 2.18 | 25.00 | | 0.00 | 36.00 | 20.00 | 5.04 | 18.00 | 2.38 | 11.06 | 3.50 | 16.39 | 2.06 | 8.48 | 2 |
| Hinton, Chic | 34.50 | 25.00 | 2.80 | 20.71 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 37.63 | 20.91 | 2.44 | 8.71 | 3.75 | 17.43 | 4.00 | 18.73 | 2.25 | 9.26 | 6 |
| Jaworski, Tom | | 0.00 | 1.19 | 8.80 | | 0.00 | 1.59 | 18.23 | 7.31 | 19.02 | | 0.00 | 3.14 | 11.21 | 3.31 | 15.38 | 4.69 | 21.96 | 3.24 | 13.34 | 8 |
| Horn, Phil | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 36.75 | 20.42 | 7.00 | 25.00 | 5.27 | 24.49 | 5.34 | 25.00 | 3.86 | 15.89 | 2 |
| Reed, Dale | | 0.00 | 2.40 | 17.75 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 7.55 | 19.64 | | 0.00 | 4.35 | 15.54 | 3.46 | 16.08 | 2.76 | 12.92 | 3.40 | 13.99 | 6 |
| DeGraff, Stephen | | 0.00 | 2.24 | 16.57 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 5.04 | 21.20 | 1.00 | 4.65 | 4.32 | 20.22 | 4.69 | 19.30 | 4 |
| Jeff Gartland | 34.00 | 24.64 | 1.20 | 8.88 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 45.00 | 25.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 2.30 | 10.77 | | 0.00 | 2 |
| Byatt, John | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 2.00 | 22.94 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 4.40 | 18.11 | |
| Peacock, Jay | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 5.91 | 21.11 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 4.62 | 19.02 | |
| Mark Rustemier | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 2.62 | 13.20 | | 0.00 | 2 |
| Daniel Czyz | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 2.84 | 13.20 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 2 |
| Kiel, Brian | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 3.22 | 15.07 | | 0.00 | |
| Mike Wohl | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 2.09 | 9.71 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 4 |
| Greco, Dominic | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 3.24 | 13.34 | |
| Matt Green | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 1.92 | 8.92 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 2 |
| Mundt, William | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 1.94 | 7.98 | |
| Tristan Woodrone | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 1.68 | 7.81 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | |
| Rustemier, Mark | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 1.50 | 6.17 | |

## Women's

| GOFC member | Amberjack | points | Bluefish | points | Cobia | points | Flounder | points | Grouper | points | King Mack | points | Redfish | points | Sheepshead | points | Span Mack | points | Trout | points | Bonus | TOTALS |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Sanders, Staci | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 2.13 | 25.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 6.13 | 25.00 | 3.00 | 25.00 | 2.60 | 25.00 | 1.80 | 14.38 | 2 | 116.38 |
| Mundt, Mary | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 2.06 | 19.81 | 1.31 | 10.46 | 0 | 30.27 |
| Cross, Dawn | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 2.74 | 22.83 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 6 | 28.83 |
| Horn, Rhonda | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 3.13 | 25.00 | 0 | 25.00 |
| Tavarez, Miriam | | 0.00 | 3.04 | 25.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 0 | 25.00 |
| Stephanie Green | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 2.70 | 22.50 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 0 | 22.50 |
| Charlotte Pedersen | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 2.43 | 20.25 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 2 | 22.25 |
| Turner, Elaine | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 1.50 | 12.70 | 0 | 12.70 |

## Elite

| GOFC member | Amberjack | points | Bluefish | points | Cobia | points | Flounder | points | Grouper | points | King Mack | points | Redfish | points | Sheepshead | points | Span Mack | points | Trout | points | Bonus | TOTALS |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Cooper, Virgil | | 0.00 | 2.26 | 25.00 | | 0.00 | 3.07 | 25.00 | 11.81 | 25.00 | 35.25 | 25.00 | 7.01 | 22.30 | 5.00 | 25.00 | 3.27 | 19.46 | 6.02 | 25.00 | 4 | 195.76 |
| Knopf, Ken | | 0.00 | 1.89 | 20.77 | | 0.00 | 1.58 | 10.76 | 11.75 | 24.87 | | 0.00 | 7.05 | 22.42 | 3.53 | 14.81 | 4.20 | 25.00 | 3.07 | 13.86 | 6 | 138.50 |
| Knopf, Debby | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 7.66 | 25.00 | 3.85 | 16.15 | 3.73 | 22.20 | 2.13 | 8.04 | 6 | 77.40 |
| Patrick, John | | 0.00 | 1.50 | 16.48 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 7.63 | 24.27 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 40.75 |
| Ellett, Marcia | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 1.06 | 7.22 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 5.60 | 18.45 | | 0.00 | 1.56 | 9.29 | 1.48 | 5.59 | | 40.54 |
| Turner, Allen | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 5.44 | 22.82 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 22.82 |

# Ellett Contest Standings as of 10/19/2022

## Men's

| GOFC member | Amberjack | points | Bluefish | points | Cobia | points | Flounder | points | Grouper | points | King Mack | points | Redfish | points | Sheepshead | points | Span Mack | points | Trout | points | Bonus | TOTALS |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Pedersen, Tim | 34.50 | 25.00 | 2.53 | 18.71 | 12.45 | 12.87 | 1.08 | 19.27 | 5.80 | 15.09 | 37.00 | 20.56 | 6.69 | 23.89 | 4.32 | 20.07 | 5.16 | 24.16 | 6.07 | 25.00 | 4 | 208.61 |
| Ellett, Ed | | 0.00 | 3.26 | 24.26 | 24.19 | 25.00 | 1.76 | 20.18 | 9.61 | 25.00 | | 0.00 | 6.40 | 22.86 | 5.38 | 25.00 | 4.54 | 21.25 | 2.94 | 12.10 | | 175.66 |
| Vining, Carl | | 0.00 | 3.36 | 25.00 | 19.52 | 20.17 | 2.16 | 25.00 | | 0.00 | 36.00 | 20.00 | 6.75 | 24.11 | 2.36 | 11.06 | 3.50 | 16.39 | 2.06 | 8.48 | 2 | 152.20 |
| Hinton, Chic | 34.50 | 25.00 | 2.80 | 20.71 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 37.63 | 20.91 | 5.81 | 20.75 | 3.75 | 17.43 | 4.00 | 18.73 | 2.25 | 9.26 | 6 | 138.78 |
| Jaworski, Tom | | 0.00 | 1.19 | 8.80 | | 0.00 | 1.59 | 18.23 | 7.31 | 19.02 | | 0.00 | 3.14 | 11.21 | 3.31 | 15.38 | 4.69 | 21.96 | 3.24 | 13.34 | 8 | 115.94 |
| Horn, Phil | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 36.75 | 20.42 | 7.00 | 25.00 | 5.27 | 24.49 | 5.34 | 25.00 | 3.86 | 15.89 | 2 | 112.79 |
| Reed, Dale | | 0.00 | 2.40 | 17.75 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 7.55 | 19.64 | | 0.00 | 4.35 | 15.54 | 3.46 | 16.08 | 2.76 | 12.92 | 3.40 | 13.99 | 6 | 101.92 |
| DeGraff, Stephen | | 0.00 | 2.24 | 16.57 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 5.04 | 21.20 | 1.00 | 4.65 | 4.32 | 20.22 | 4.69 | 19.30 | 4 | 85.95 |
| Jeff Gartland | 34.00 | 24.64 | 1.20 | 8.88 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 45.00 | 25.00 | 3.04 | 14.07 | | 0.00 | 2.30 | 10.77 | | 0.00 | 2 | 85.35 |
| Byatt, John | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 2.00 | 22.94 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 4.40 | 18.11 | | 41.05 |
| Peacock, Jay | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 5.91 | 21.11 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 4.62 | 19.02 | | 40.12 |
| Pedersen, Ken | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 8.97 | 23.34 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 23.34 |
| Mark Rustenier | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 2.82 | 13.20 | | 0.00 | 2 | 15.20 |
| Daniel Czyz | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 2.64 | 13.20 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 2 | 15.20 |
| Kiel, Brian | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 3.22 | 15.07 | | 0.00 | | 15.07 |
| Mike Wohl | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 2.09 | 9.71 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 4 | 13.71 |
| Greco, Dominic | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 3.24 | 13.34 | | 13.34 |
| Matt Green | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 1.92 | 8.92 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 2 | 10.92 |
| Mundt, William | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 1.94 | 7.98 | | 7.98 |
| Tristan Woodrome | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 1.68 | 7.81 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 7.81 |
| Rustemier, Mark | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 1.50 | 6.17 | | 6.17 |

## Women's

| GOFC member | Amberjack | points | Bluefish | points | Cobia | points | Flounder | points | Grouper | points | King Mack | points | Redfish | points | Sheepshead | points | Span Mack | points | Trout | points | Bonus | TOTALS |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Sanders, Staci | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 2.13 | 25.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 6.13 | 25.00 | 3.00 | 25.00 | 2.60 | 25.00 | 1.60 | 14.38 | 2 | 116.38 |
| Mundt, Mary | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 2.06 | 19.81 | 1.31 | 10.46 | 0 | 30.27 |
| Cross, Dawn | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 2.74 | 22.83 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 6 | 28.83 |
| Horn, Rhonda | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 3.13 | 25.00 | 0 | 25.00 |
| Tavarez, Miriam | | 0.00 | 3.04 | 25.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 0 | 25.00 |
| Stephanie Green | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 2.70 | 22.50 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 0 | 22.50 |
| Charlotte Pedersen | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 2.43 | 20.25 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 2 | 22.25 |
| Turner, Elaine | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 1.59 | 12.70 | 0 | 12.70 |

## Elite

| GOFC member | Amberjack | points | Bluefish | points | Cobia | points | Flounder | points | Grouper | points | King Mack | points | Redfish | points | Sheepshead | points | Span Mack | points | Trout | points | Bonus | TOTALS |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Cooper, Virgil | | 0.00 | 2.28 | 25.00 | | 0.00 | 3.67 | 25.00 | 11.81 | 25.00 | 35.25 | 25.00 | 7.01 | 22.30 | 5.96 | 25.00 | 3.27 | 19.46 | 6.62 | 25.00 | 4 | 195.76 |
| Knopf, Ken | | 0.00 | 1.69 | 20.77 | | 0.00 | 1.58 | 10.76 | 11.75 | 24.87 | | 0.00 | 7.05 | 22.42 | 3.53 | 14.81 | 4.20 | 25.00 | 3.67 | 13.86 | 6 | 138.50 |
| Knopf, Debby | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 7.80 | 25.00 | 3.85 | 16.15 | 3.73 | 22.20 | 2.13 | 8.04 | 6 | 77.40 |
| Patrick, John | | 0.00 | 1.50 | 16.48 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 7.63 | 24.27 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 40.75 |
| Ellett, Marcia | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 1.06 | 7.22 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 5.80 | 18.45 | | 0.00 | 1.56 | 9.29 | 1.48 | 5.59 | | 40.54 |
| Turner, Allen | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 5.44 | 22.82 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 22.82 |

# FWC News—Red Snapper and Greater Amberjack Seasons Announced

News

### 2022 Gulf Recreational Red Snapper

- Florida's 2022 recreational red snapper season will open June 17 and run consecutively through July 31.
- The season will reopen in the fall for the following weekends:
Oct. 8-9 (Sat. & Sun)
Oct. 15-16 (Sat. & Sun)
Oct. 22-23 (Sat. & Sun)
Nov. 11-13 (Fri., Sat. & Sun - Veterans Day weekend)
Nov. 25-27 (Fri., Sat. & Sun - Thanksgiving weekend)
- This season applys to recreational anglers fishing from private vessels in Florida Gulf state and federal waters. For-hire operations that do not have a federal reef fish permit may also participate in the season but are limited to fishing for red snapper in Florida Gulf state waters only.
- Florida was required to reduced the 2022 quota by 13% to payback 2021 overages. The current 2022 quota is 1,167,163 lbs.

### 2022 Gulf Gag Grouper

| Recreational | | Commercial | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Season | Open June 1 – December 31. If landings reach the recreational ACL, harvest will be prohibited for the remainder of the fishing year. | Season | Gag grouper is managed under an individual fishing quota (IFQ) program. Anyone commercially fishing for gag grouper must possess allocation and follow established protocols. |
| Minimum Size Limit | 24 inches total length | Minimum Size Limit | 24 inches total length |
| Bag Limit | 2 per person within the 4 grouper aggregate bag limit which includes gag, red grouper, black grouper, scamp, yellowfin grouper, yellowmouth grouper, yellowedge grouper, snowy grouper, speckled hind, and warsaw grouper. No grouper may be retained by the captain or crew of a vessel operating as a charter vessel or headboat. | Trip Limit | none |
| Permit | State issued recreational license/angler registry, federal angler registry or Federal charter/headboat permit for reef fish | Permit | Commercial vessel permit for reef fish is required. Additionally, an eastern Gulf reef fish bottom longline endorsement required to use bottom longline for Gulf reef fish in the federal waters east of 85°30′ longitude. |
| | Non-stainless steel circle hooks are required | | Non-stainless steel circle hooks are required when fishing with natural |

## Greater Amberjack Season Opening May 1-May 31, Aug 1—Oct 31

Greater Amberjack | Lesser Amberjack and Banded Rudderfish

**Gulf**

State and federal waters:

- Minimum Size Limit: 34" Fork Length
- Daily Bag Limit: 1 per person
- Season: Open May 1-31 and Aug. 1-Oct. 31.

**Atlantic**

State waters:

- Minimum Size Limit: 28" Fork Length
- Daily Bag Limit: 1 per person
- Season: Open year-round

Special regulations apply for this species when fishing in Biscayne National Park.

In the Atlantic reef fish fishery, gear rules[1] require dehooking tools, and *as of Jan. 1, 2021*, non-stainless steel hooks in all state waters, and non-offset circle hooks N. of 28 ° N. latitude.

Federal waters:

- Minimum size limit: 28" FL
- Daily Bag Limit: 1 per person

# *There has been a change to the GOFC official rules relating to King Mackerel (Kingfish)*

## *To all GOFC Members. Please be aware of the following changes:*

These changes were made and approved in January's GOFC Board meeting on 1/11/2022.

***Change #1 = GOFC Webpage - https://gofc.us/rules/***

**Last bullet item in the section titled - *"Fish Entry Conditions" Now states:***

"Amberjack **and King Mackerel** can be entered all year long regardless of closed seasons with the requirement that they be released unharmed if caught during a closed season. Amberjack **and King Mackerel** will be entered and scored based on overall length measured from the tip of the jaw or tip of the snout with closed mouth to the center of the fork in the tail. **Entries must include a photo with the complete length of the fish**. Amberjack **and King Mackerel** can still be entered by weight for club record purposes as long as the fish was caught during an open season."

***Change #2 = GOFC Webpage - https://gofc.us/about-tournaments-and-contests/***

Sections 3 and 5

First bullet item in section 3 titled - ***"Ellett Angler of the Year (Official Contest Weigh Slip)" Now states:***

• A year-long contest in which points are awarded (based on weight) for bluefish, cobia, flounder, grouper, redfish, sheepshead, spanish mackerel, trout and (by length) for amberjack and king mackerel

First bullet item in section 5 titled - ***"Top Offshore Angler of the Year (Official Weigh Slip)" Now states:***

• A year-long contest in which points are awarded (by weight) for cobia, grouper, spanish mackerel and (by length) for amberjack and king mackerel