

Alabama Coastal Fisherman's Association



A Family Oriented Fishing Club Since 1997

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September Meeting

Date: September 5, 2013 **Time:** 7:00 pm

Place: American Legion Post 88 2663 Halls Mill Rd

Main Speaker: Benton Parrott Hobie Pro Staff

Mini Seminar: Q&A session with area fishing guides

Quick Hits: Jonathan Byrd

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Important Dates

September 2: Labor Day

September 21: Alabama Inshore Championship #4

September 22: First Day of Fall

Don't forget that fishing licenses expire on August 31st! Visit www.outdooralabama.com/licenses/ to renew online.

President's Message:

Although it has rained nearly everyday this summer many anglers still find several hours a week to wet a line. I highly recommend purchasing a really good weather app for you smart phone called radarscope. This app was referred to me by fellow club members. This particular app will give you very detailed radar up to the minute. A detailed radar can give you the assistance on the water to help you avoid getting stormed on and may help you be able to stay on the water longer to catch a few more fish.

Our last meeting was kicked off by a very informative cast net demonstration by Jim Foster and the main meeting was highlighted by a discussion by Dr. Drymon about bull sharks in Mobile Bay. Our August tournament weigh in was an awesome event with good friends, great stories and awesome food. Vince Hawkins was the captain of the shrimp boil and did a fantastic job telling me what to do and how to do it. Thanks Vince, Mike Lee and family, Gary Tingle, Jerry Hatch, OP Harrison, Marty Garmeson, Kyle Eckhoff, and Philip Guy for the hard work and help. I am sorry if I am forgetting anyone. This Association is made up of a bunch of really good people and it takes a lot of volunteers to make it work so if you haven't volunteered for a board position or to help cook please do so to give back.

Capt. Patric Garmeson

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- **Main Speaker:** Benton Parrott of the Hobie Kayak Fishing Team
- **Mini Seminar:** Q&A Session with experienced ACFA members and professional charter captains.
- **Raffle Item** will be a rod and reel combo
- Please see Bob Ward and Bill Graves at the table in the back for ACFA Logo Items. T-Shirts, huggers, license plates and hats to name a few.

Doug Tierce, a Mobile native and 1988 graduate of Murphy High School, grew up fishing and hunting here in the Mobile

area and developed an interest in fishing from his dad Philip Tierce who was a competitive bass fisherman and avid outdoorsman in general. It was his dad who taught Doug early on about boating and navigating the local waters. Doug said of his dad that, "He was a wealth of

knowledge about the causeway and Mobile river. I learned a lot about life from him, he taught me about fishing and to respect others and treat people as I wanted to be treated". In the early days Doug and his dad mainly fished for bass and flounder and he didn't really become interested in speckled trout until later in life. But, those early days left Doug with some fond memories such as climbing into the rod box with a Q-beam to warm up on winter fishing trips with his dad or snatching a Devil's Horse out of the kudzu and catching the treble hooks in the face! Doug said; "I snatched two or three good times and it finally broke free at about 200 miles per hour and embedded itself into the side of my face. My dad snatched 'em out and we kept on fishing"!

Doug's college years were spent at Auburn University which also came with the opportunity to learn about fishing in some new areas. Instead of joining a fraternity in college, Doug worked and bought a bass boat. Most of his fishing at this time was in Lake Martin and West Point Lake where he did a lot of Carolina worm and hard bait fishing for bass before discovering that Carolina rigged threadfins fished on deep structure produced a more consistent bite year round. Unfortunately, Doug's father Philip Tierce was killed in a car wreck during Doug's freshman year. Doug was home at the time and his dad was on his way back from a North Alabama dove hunting trip to take Doug fishing in the Gulf the next day. Doug kept his

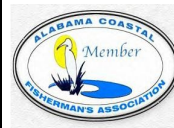
Dad's Ranger Bass Boat until about 1990 and remembers fishing in the boat without his dad about a year after his death. "The year after my dad passed, I caught a seven pound flattie on the corner that is now occupied by the chicken dock in the canal. I can remember sitting on the rod box and shedding a tear or twenty". Doug went on to finish his degree at Auburn, and also met his future wife Carolyn there. Doug graduated from Auburn University in 1993 with a degree in Textile Engineering and married his wife on September 11th of the same year.

Employment after college landed Doug in La Grange, Georgia for a few years but was back home to Mobile by 1995 when he took a job with

Courtaulds Fibers in Axis, Alabama. Back in Mobile and ready to hit the water, Doug replaced the bass boat he bought in college with a 1967 14' butt nose Stauter boat. He made numerous trips to the rigs, Dixie Bar, Theodore Industrial Canal and Mobile River in this boat and he says he "misses it dearly". Doug was back to fishing for flounder and bass like the good old days. But, by 2001 Courtaulds had closed its doors and Doug had to decide if he wanted to continue working in that field and move away or stay in Mobile. He chose to stay and ended up starting his own business doing renovations and construction. We think it was a good decision because it was through one of his customers that he met Jimmy Quint who invited him to join the ACFA. He had also met Alvin Bell a few times on the water and he also invited him to join the club as well. As it would turn out, Doug had met some of our club members through his dad back in the old days; Bill Midgette, Tommy Pond and Richard Suk to name a few. Doug decided to go ahead and join the club and as he put it; "I figured that it couldn't hurt. I was no pro and could definitely stand to learn a few things about trout fishing in particular".

The first few years in the ACFA were a little intimidating for Doug. He started fishing the club tournaments with his son Carson and watched the other club members bringing monster trout to the weigh-ins when all they could find were a few small trout and maybe a decent flounder. Seeing the results of these club weigh-ins made Doug think about his tactics "I knew how to chunk and wind a grub for the trout and how to bounce a grub or bull minnow for the flounder. My tackle box consisted of purple and white cocahoe minnows, jig heads, kahle hooks and worm weights". Later he started seeing Patric Garmeson, Jim Foster and Adam Barker otherwise known as the "Blue Bullet Brigade" on Raft River most afternoons after work. He noticed that they were consistently boating fish and watched what they did from a distance. Doug had this to say about these guys; "I finally got the courage up to talk to them and ended up making an afternoon trip with Hollywood. He taught me a lot on that single trip. Not only about technique but, that these were a great group of guys to hang out with". It was through these guys that Doug starting getting more involved and meeting more people and learning from them.

MEET THE ANGLER



Doug Tierce



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Doug is very gracious that his fellow club members that have been willing to share so much with him. He says that, "Being a part of the club has definitely led to good things. I have become friends with some of the best anglers in the area and learned a great deal from them. I have built friendships that will last a lifetime with a great group of people that are just as passionate about fishing as I am". Since joining the club Doug has received a 5th place tournament points plaque, a big fish plaque for a flounder and best of all, witnessed his son Carson land a 28" Catch Photo Release trout! Most importantly, Doug has made many good friends since joining the ACFA. "I have met some really good people in the club and now the folks that I communicate with on a social level are almost exclusively club members. The friendships that I have made are true friendships and I feel that if I pick up the phone and reach out for a helping hand while in need, not a single one of them would have a second thought about not helping out".

Since joining the ACFA Doug has accumulated an impressive list of tournament wins and estimates that his boat, "Old Yella" has accumulated somewhere around \$18,000 in winnings. Doug says his most memorable tournament was the "Battle of the Grub" when Bill Midgette fished with Richard Suk. "Trevor and I knew that if he was putting up the money, he was on fish and was going to be hard to beat. Luckily, we were both fishing the same water. Trevor and I found a tiny little pocket of quality fish that earned us victory by a small margin. They were obviously pissed but we got a kick out of it. God bless his soul, I felt that we had truly accomplished something by beating the master". Doug has done exceptionally well fishing money tournaments in recent years winning or at least placing in way too many tournaments to list!

End of Summer Tournament

The ACFA "End of Summer" Tournament will take place on September 7, 2013. Anglers will compete in 5 different species categories. The species categories are; **Speckled Trout, Redfish, Flounder, White Trout and Sheepshead.**

The weigh-in location for this tournament will be Lap's on the causeway. It has yet to be determined if the weigh in will take place in the parking lot next to the building where we usually have our club weigh ins and fish fries or on the ground level under the building. Either way, come to Laps between 3 and 5 with your fish and you will find the ACFA weigh in. Food will be organized by your hard working ACFA food advisor, Mr. Kyle Eckhoff, he will have sub sandwiches with all the trimmings for our hungry tournament fishermen. Good luck and we hope to see you there!

September Meeting

The September meeting will take place on Thursday September, 5 2013 and we've got a great evening planned so we hope to see everyone there.

The mini-seminar will be a question and answer session with some skilled ACFA fisherman and professional charter captains. We will have Capt. George Harrison, Capt. Richard Rutland and David Thornton on hand to answer any fishing related questions that you can come up with. All three of these guys are extremely knowledgeable fisherman and it would be in your best interest to pick their brains as much as possible. It is opportunities like these that give our members the chance to pick up some valuable information that may not be available to other anglers.

Our Main Speaker for the night is Benton Parrott of the Hobie Kayak Fishing Team. Benton is a skilled inshore fisherman who specializes in kayak fishing. If you've never been to one of his seminars, Benton gives an excellent presentation and we have had him as a guest speaker at ACFA meetings in past years. So, if you want to learn a little something about inshore fishing or maybe you've been thinking about getting into the world of inshore kayak fishing you won't want to miss this one.

The tail end of the meeting will have one of our newer members, Jonathan Byrd doing quick hits. This is Jonathan's first time doing quick hits so let's be sure to support him. We appreciate all of our members that volunteer for things such as speaking at one of our meetings, or doing quick hits and mini-seminars. It is always a challenge to find people that are available to do these things. So, if you have something you could share with the group contact Mr. O.P. Harrison to sign up for Quick Hits or Rick Tourne to sign up to do a mini seminar.

August Meeting

We had a good turnout for the August ACFA meeting and it turned out to be a very informative meeting thanks to our guest speaker and ACFA members who conducted the mini-seminar and quick hits portions of the meeting.

The evening began with Jim Foster, AKA "Hollywood" giving a seminar on cast net throwing. Jim went over the correct ways to "make up" the net, throwing techniques etc. Jim is a skilled cast net thrower and gave an excellent demonstration for members who don't know how to throw a cast net or have struggled with it over the years. Jim took the seminar outside where he threw the net several times as a demonstration before asking club members to try their hand at throwing the nets. Several members came forward and took turns throwing the nets and talking about their different techniques. To top it all off, Patric Garmeson donated an 8' Old Salt cast net for the raffle! Special thanks to Jim, Patric and all members who participated!

Our main speaker for the evening was Dr. J. Marcus Drymon, a shark expert from the Dauphin Island Sea Lab. Dr. Drymon gave a very interesting presentation on Bull Sharks in the Mobile Bay area. This presentation came at the right time as many club anglers have been struggling with the presence of juvenile bull sharks in the area all summer. The presentation answered many questions about the reproductive habits of bull sharks and reasons why the sharks seem to be very abundant some years but not others. He also shared information about an ongoing tagging and tracking program that monitors the movements of Bull Sharks in the area. Dr. Drymon and the DISL have done extensive research on these sharks and are obviously very passionate about the subject. The ACFA would like to thank Dr. Drymon for sharing his knowledge with the club and hope he will visit us again!



Jim Foster aka "Hollywood" schooling ACFA members in the art of cast net throwing.

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Kyle Eckhoff and Tom Brooks did the Quick Hits portion of the meeting and spoke on a variety of subjects. Including some cooking tips and fish recipes. Thanks to Tom and Kyle for stepping up and doing quick hits for us!

Food Help!!!!

Kyle Eckhoff, our ACFA Food Advisor needs our help! As we all know, being a member of the ACFA includes 8 fishing tournaments per year with food included at the weigh in. Without assistance from ACFA members it is impossible to have food ready at every weigh in. So, if you can help cook for one or more tournaments in the upcoming 2014 season please contact our food advisor, Kyle Eckhoff at (251) 259-2357. We need all the help we can get!

Newsletter Mailings

We now have a mass email system for distributing our newsletters. We have been without emailed newsletters since the ACFA website was changed earlier this year. If you did not receive an ACFA newsletter in your email this month please subscribe on the ACFA website see the address below. The email system does not allow us to send attachments. You will receive a link to the newsletter, once you click the link the newsletter will open and you can save it from there. Click the save button in the top right hand corner of the screen.
<http://www.acfafish.com/newsletters/subscribe/>

Mobile Bay Grand Slam Recap

Our August tournament, the "Mobile Bay Grand Slam" is in the books. Many ACFA anglers came out to support the club, catch fish and take part in our annual summer shrimp boil. The food was excellent and some great fish were brought to the scales. This is one of the best tournaments of the year and we'd like to thank all of you that made it possible!

Anglers competed in five species categories and awards were given for the biggest Grand Slam that was brought in as well. For those that don't know, to have a Grand Slam you must catch a Speckled Trout, Redfish and a Flounder. This may sound like a difficult thing to do and it definitely can be! So Congratulations to Mike and Vicki Foster who each weighed in a slam at the tournament.

In addition to the Grand Slam category there were five different species categories to compete in. This included Blackfish which is only a category during two ACFA tournaments. Frank Mitternacht had the first place Blackfish and Eddie Greer and family brought in the other three fish in the category.

O.P. Harrison pulled off a first place finish in both Speckled Trout and White Trout. Ronnie Reed took first in Flounder and Patric Garmeson weighed a nice Redfish that took first place and earned him a 4th place spot on the Big Fish Board.

The weigh in was a great time that was highlighted by the 200lbs of boiled shrimp that the guys cooked. The shrimp were awesome and we'd like to thank Vince Hawkins, Mike Lee, Jerry Hatch, Marty Garmeson, Patric Garmeson, Kyle Eckhoff, Phillip Guy, Gary Tingle and anybody else we may have missed! The food was excellent and we greatly appreciate your efforts!



Jerry Hatch, Mike Lee and Vince Hawkins chilling out after an afternoon of shrimp boiling.

ACFA "Grand Slam" tournament August 3, 2013

Blackfish		Wt.	Pts.	Pl.	NetMan	Pl.	Junior Angler Blackfish	
1	Frank Mitternacht	12.70	5	1	Jimbo Miller	1		
2	Grace Greer (J)	8.95	4	2	Eddie Greer	2		
3	Win Greer (J)	7.35	3	3	Eddie Greer	3		
4	Eddie Greer	6.75	2	4	Eddie Greer	4		
5			1	5		5		
Flounder					NetMan		Junior Angler Flounder	
1	Ronnie Reed	3.10	5	1	Brian Mygrant	1		
2	Vince Hawkins	2.50	4	2		2		
3	Jonathon Byrd	1.70	3	3	Michella Cain (L)	3		
4	Vicki Foster (L)	1.60	2	4	Mike Foster	4		
5	Richard Beech	1.00	1	5	Rhonda Beech (L)	5		
Redfish					NetMan		Junior Angler Redfish	
1	Pat Garmeson	5.45	5	1	Mike Vickrey	1	Taylor Guy	3.05
2	Vince Hawkins	4.40	4	2		2		
3	Trenny Woodham	3.90	3	3		3		
4	Jacob Guy	3.25	2	4	Phillip Guy	4		
5	Taylor Guy (J)	3.05	1	5	Jacob Guy	5		
Speckled Trout					NetMan		Junior Angler Speckled Trout	
1	O.P. Harrison	5.50	5	1	Trenny Woodham	1		
2	Mike Vickrey	4.35	4	2	Pat Garmeson	2		
3	Richard Hoffman Jr	4.15	3	3	Henry Nall	3		
4	Trenny Woodham	3.65	2	4	O.P. Harrison	4		
5	Danny Finch	3.15*	1	5		5		
White Trout					NetMan		Junior Angler White Trout	
1	O.P. Harrison	1.05	5	1		1		
2	Trenny Woodham	0.85	4	2		2		
3	Richard Hoffman Sr	0.65	3	3		3		
4	Norman Lewellan	0.50	2	4		4		
5			1	5		5		
		* TIE 1st to weigh in						
Grand Slam								
1	Vicki Foster (L)	6.65						
2	Mike Foster	4.30						

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