

Alabama Coastal Fisherman's Association



April 2011

Next meeting: April 7th
Time: 6:20 p.m.
Speaker: Craig Newton
Quick Hits: Donald Wayne
Mini-seminar: George Harrison
Next tournament: April 9th
"Spring Breakout"

Club Officers for 2011

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President's Message

If the turnout to our first weigh in was any indication, this should be a great year. Great food, great weather and a great turnout made for an outstanding afternoon. Thanks to everyone that helped "man the booth" at the boat show and to Keith Kenney and Bob Maclay for getting everything setup. I look forward to meeting more people at the next meeting and weigh in.

New Member Orientation

The Pres, VP and Stat Man will be at the meeting a little earlier than normal next week for new member orientation. We will meet at 5:45 and go until the Mini Seminar begins and then have another short session around 6:45 before the main meeting begins. If you are new to the club or just have some questions about the club, get there and ask away.

Coast Guard Auxiliary Vessel Check

The Coast Guard Auxiliary crew will be at the Weigh In performing courtesy vessel checks. Everyone should try to have their boat in tow. NO tickets will be written for issues found during inspection at the Legion. If everything checks out, you should receive a 2011 sticker to display on your boat.

March Weigh In Food

Thanks to Jay O'Brian, Ed Greer and Trevor Wood for some Outstanding Jambalaya. It was great.

April Weigh In Food

Our own Terry Quint with FishHeads Catering is projected to be the "Chef of the Month" – what will be served? This is top secret information and will know more by the meeting.

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ACFA "March Madness" tournament Mar 12, 2011



Speckled Trout

1	Trevor Wood	5.90
2	O.P. Harrison	4.40
3	Trenny Woodham	4.35
4	George Harrison	4.00
5	Bill Graves	4.00 (tie)

Junior Anglers

1	Katie Mitternight	3.15
2	Kristen Mitternight	2.65
3	Victoria Tourne'	2.25
4	Gavin Tourne'	1.65
5	~	

Sheepshead

1	Todd Golomb	10.90
2	Phillip Guy	9.15
3	David Hare	9.00
4	Robert Mosely (N)	8.60
5	David Thornton	8.35

Junior Anglers

1	Jacob Guy	7.15
2	Christian Howell	6.10
3	Chase Maxwell	5.85
4	Jackson Eubanks	5.85 (tie)
5	Cole Howell	5.60

White Trout

1	Bill Perry	1.20
2	Donnie Howell	0.85
3	Alvin Bell	0.85 (tie)
4	~	
5	~	

Junior Anglers

1	~	
2	~	
3	~	
4	~	
5	~	

Ground Mullet

1	David Hare	0.95
2	Tim Pierce	0.95 (tie)
3	Rudy Baugh	0.65
4	Steve Lindsey (N)	0.60
5	~	

Junior Anglers

1	~	
2	~	
3	~	
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5	~	

2011 Big Fish Standings

	Blackfish	Wt	Flounder	Wt	Ground Mullet	Wt	Redfish	Wt
1 st			Marty Garmeson	3.83	David Thornton	1.98	Rob Howell	6.55
2 nd					David Thornton	1.74	Leslie Smith	6.05
3 rd					Phillip Guy	1.53	Tom Brooks (N)	6.00
4 th							Doug Smith	5.20
5 th								
6 th								
7 th								
8 th								
9 th								
10 th								
	Sheepshead	Wt	Spanish Mackerel	Wt	White Trout	Wt	Speckled Trout	Wt
1 st	Todd Golomb	10.90			Marty Garmeson	2.76	Frank Mitternight	6.63
2 nd	Phillip Guy	9.15			Trevor Wood	2.63	Trevor Wood	6.56
3 rd	Havid Hare	9.00			Vicki Foster (L)	2.51		
4 th	Robert Mosely (N)	8.60			O.P. Harrison	2.43		
5 th	David Thornton	8.35			Vicki Foster (L)	2.38		
6 th	Mike Foster	8.00			Mike Foster	2.11		
7 th	Josh Burroughs (N)	7.85			Marty Garmeson	2.08		
8 th	Donnie Fassbender	7.75			O.P. Harrison	1.96		
9 th	Jay O'Brien	7.74			Patric Garmeson	1.94		
10 th	Jay O'Brien	7.45			Patric Garmeson	1.86		

CPR Speckled Trout: 1st O.P. Harrison 26.50, 2nd Paul Lewis 26.00, 3rd George Harrison 24.75, 4th Patric Garmeson 23.50, 5th Trevor Wood 23.25

April Tournament "Spring Breakout"

April 9th will be the club's second tournament of the season. Mark it on your calendar. The categories are Speckled Trout, Flounder, Sheepshead, and Ground Mullet. Tourney fishing starts at 5 am and the weigh in closes at 5 pm. Be sure to join up at the weigh in for good food and good folks (well maybe not Burl...). The weigh location will be the same as last month at the American Legion Post on DIP. See you there.

2011 UCP Tournament

The 4th Annual UCP Fishing Tournament will be held May 7, 2011. This will coincide with the club tournament. Categories will again include Speckled Trout, White Trout, and Flounder. There will also be a speckled trout jackpot. Tickets will be \$25 a person and the jackpot will be \$50 a boat. Tickets can be purchased at the May club meeting, Southern Bama, Quints, and McCoy Outdoors.

March Meeting Recap

March's meeting brought something for everyone. 100-1000 Restore Coastal Alabama representatives spoke about our unique coast and its ecological ability to support large oyster fields. However we are also faced with widespread erosion at the same time and spoke about the opportunities we have to address both. Doug Smith spoke in depth about fishing the gulf and bay structure for Sheepshead. He talked about using live shrimp carolina rigged as well as using varying weighted jigheads and grubs as well. He currently holds the club record for sheepshead. He also added that a good technique to increase the bite is to rake barnacles from the rig legs as it excites the fish.

April 7th Meeting

The upcoming meeting will be informative and interesting. The meeting will start around 6:20 with George Harrison doing a mini seminar on wade fishing. Craig Newton, a local marine biologist, is preparing a presentation on the topic of "Alabama Speckled Trout". A few areas of conversation: spawning, migration, growth rate, etc.. Donald Wayne will talk during Quick Hits about removing hooks not from the fish but yourself! Or your friend... So you can continue fishing instead of calling it a day.

Club Points Standings

David Hare 9, Bill Perry 6, Todd Golomb 6, Trevor Wood 6, Donnie Howell 6, O.P. Harrison 5, Phillip Guy 5, Tim Pierce 5, Alvin Bell 4, Rudy Baugh 4, Trenny Woodham 4, George Harrison 3, Robert Mosley (N) 3, Steve Lindsey (N) 3, Bill Graves 2, David Thornton 2, Barry Keith 1, Ben Hurn 1, Bob Maclay 1, Bob Ward 1, Carson Tierce (J) 1, Chase Maxwell (J) 1, Christian Howell (J) 1, Cole Howell 1, Danny Finch 1, David McNew 1, Denise Dorgan (L) 1, Donnie Fassbender 1, Doug Smith 1, Doug Tierce 1, Ed Greer 1, Gary Tingle 1, Gavin Tourne (J) 1, Greg Robinson 1, Henry Nall 1, Jackson Eubanks (J) 1, Jackson Hughes 1, Jacob Guy (J) 1, Jason Miller 1, Jay O'Brien 1, Joe Hughes (J) 1, John Burke 1, John Erwin 1, John Fassbender 1, Josh Burroughs (N) 1, Katie Mitternacht (J) 1, Kevin Alt (N) 1, Kevin Owens (N) 1, Kristen Mitternacht (J) 1, Kyle Mitternacht 1, Leslie Smith 1, Lori Tourne (L) 1, Mike Foster 1, Mike Thompson 1, Norman Lewellen (N), Patric Garmeson 1, Patrick Hughes 1, Paul Lewis 1, Richard Hoffman Jr 1, Rick Tourne 1, Rudy Baugh 1, Ryan Hoffman (J) 1, Seve O'Dell 1, Summer Williams (L) (N) 1, Tom Brooks 1, Vicki Foster (L), Victoria Tourne (J) 1.

Logo Items

The club has some sharp acfa shirts, hats, etc available at each meeting. Be sure to see either Bill Graves or Bob Ward to pick yours up.

Donations are Needed

Donations are always needed for door prizes and the 2011 Grand attendance package (for those who attend at least 8 of the 10 meetings). Please see John Erwin if you would like to donate or have ideas for securing donations.

Boat Show

Thanks to all the volunteers and speakers who well represented ACFA throughout the weekend. It's events and participation like this that really bring awareness and excitement to the club.



CCA Western Chapter 2011 Crawfish Boil

Thursday April 28th is the date of the 2011 CCA Western Chapter crawfish boil. It will be held at the Fowl River Marina at 5:30 pm. Admission is \$15 for the crawfish, draft beer, and live music. Non members are welcome to attend.

Dues Reminder

Keep those renewals coming! It is important they be paid the day prior to the tournament so to be eligible for your fish to count and points to accrue. You can pay them at the next meeting (March 3rd) or mail them to **Keith Kenney at 4276 Honey Court Mobile, AL 36619** or **Treasurer John Erwin at 8468 Rester Court Mobile, AL 36695**.

Tournament Rule Clarification

Please be mindful that club tournaments are restricted to Alabama state waters, which means 3 miles or less offshore.

Reminders

All monthly meetings are held at American Legion Post 88 on Halls Mill Road, at 7 p.m. on the first Thursday of every month. 2011 Big Fish Contest is now running. Our Statistician MUST receive cards within 30 days of catch. Fill out and send Bigfish cards to: David Thornton 31 Hannon Avenue Mobile, AL 36604-1212 (458-2775). Please remember, NO SMOKING in the meeting room. Thanks for helping to make a healthier family environment. Please buy your drinks for meetings and weigh-ins from the American Legion. Outside alcohol is not allowed. And PLEASE be respectful of our speakers (and members who want to hear them) by refraining from any unnecessary talking or moving about during the presentations. And we ask that you save your questions until the end of their talk.

Check Us Out Online @ <http://www.acfash.com/>

ACFA---We catch fish---Get the net!!!

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