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Hello ACFA Members,

The month of May is upon us and the beautiful weather we all look forward to is just around the corner. With the change in weather comes the warming of the waters. This in turn spurs different species of fish to become more active. After dominating the scene for the last 2 months, the sheepshead will now have to take a back seat to the huge speckled trout and doornat size flounder that begin to bite in earnest this month. May is a wonderful month for inshore fishing. Let's all enjoy it.

The turnout for the Breakout Tournament was impressive! Lots of fish entered and some newcomers are establishing themselves as real contenders for club awards. I encourage all members to participate in our club tournaments. It's a lot of fun and the competition is great!

Don't forget that the membership drive competition ends at the May meeting. The person who sponsors the most new members will receive a seafood dinner for 2. There will also be a drawing for a dinner for 2, picked from all the members who sponsor at least 1 new member.

Most importantly, the challenge was issued to the Saltwater Sportsman's Association to take on the Alabama Coastal Fisherman's Association in our annual **Speckled Trout Challenge**. The SSA did not hesitate and was adamant that they would take back the challenge cup that we won last year. These folks are cocky (and pretty good speckled trout anglers) but we shouldn't take them lightly. We need every member to fish their hardest for a big speckled trout on Saturday, May 5. The weigh-in will be at Dauphin Island Bait and Tackle, from 3-5 PM. Every member from both clubs is allowed to weigh in 1 speck. The biggest 10 will hit the board and a winner will come from the overall points total. Let's all do our best to maintain the cup!

Since the big speckled trout are the target this month, our speaker will be Captain O.P. Harrison. Anyone who has ever heard the name O.P. Harrison, has to know his reputation as a master of trophy trout fishing. Hopefully O.P. will dispense some tips that will help us in the challenge.

Let's catch some fish!

Mike

The Alabama Coastal Fisherman's Association held its Breakout Tournament Saturday 4/7. Some impressive fish were brought to the scales. Huge sheepshead over 9 pounds were caught by Bruce Howle Jr. and Bruce Howle Sr. Bekki Ludlam also landed a lunker sheep over 8 pounds. Nice flounder were caught by Kyle Mitternacht ( 4.50 )Gerald Markow ( 4.05) and Daniel Bru.( 3.15 )

Speckled trout turned in were:Kelly Fulmer ( 4.40 ) Tom Duncan ( 4.25 ) and Mike Waites at ( 4.20 ) Only 2 slot redfish were entered. David Hare had a 5.95 and Howard Perry entered a 4.95 redfish.

All in all, a good turnout and a sign of things to come.

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Please remember our meeting on 5-3-2001 at 7:00 at the American Legion on Halls Mill Road. We look forward to seeing you there. Don't forget about the Speckled Trout Challenge on 5/5/2001. This was your last newsletter if your dues have not been paid.

If you would like to add something to the newsletter or to the web site please call or mail or email me anytime. Until the meeting,

*Polly*