

ACFA September “End of Summer” Tournament...

was held on Saturday September 8th during less than typical summer like conditions. A stiff northeast to east wind played havoc with the middle and lower bay, rendering most spots virtually unfishable. Despite the adverse conditions some members persevered and as David Hare put it “face THE BEAST”. Still weigh master Pat Hughes managed to catch a very nice speck while throwing a top water bait from the dock at his parents’ home on the Sound side of Dauphin Island. Meanwhile at the other end of the bay several boats fishing near the mouth of the Mobile River with live shrimp did well by getting out of the wind and into some fish though they were ‘spotty’. In fact “Team LIVE BAIT” swept the white trout category without catching a single keeper speck. And my fishing partner and I, just across the river found some nice specks but not much else (unless you count catfish and ladyfish). Nearby Pat Garmeson landed the top flounder and Mike Foster the first place redfish.

It was not a great day for fishing (or catching) but overall considering the strong winds we did OK.

The nasty winds and seas also prevented any Spanish mackerel from being caught. And we only mustered two entries in Jr. White Trout.

1st - Cameron Calhoun - 1.35 and 2nd - Brittney Howle - .50

<u>Speckled Trout</u> (14 entered)	<u>Flounder</u> (11 entered)	<u>Redfish</u> (6 entered)	<u>White Trout</u> (12 entered)
1st - Dewayne Overstreet - 4.25	1st - Patrick Garmeson - 3.20	1st - Mike Foster - 5.75	1st - Belinda Smith - 2.10
2nd - Patrick Hughes - 4.15	2nd - Donnie Fassbender - 2.95	2nd - Judy Smith - 5.60	2nd - Randy Wiscaver - 1.80
3rd - Tommy Pond 4.00	3rd - Doug Smith - 2.60	3rd - Alvin Bell - 4.90	3rd - Doug Smith - 1.65

* First to weigh in (N) New Member (J) Junior Angler (L) Lady Angler ? Problem w/Membership verification

Special thanks to our cooking crew headed by Randy Wiscaver who fried up a mountain of grouper filets at the weigh in along with some great cole slaw and those delicious cheese grits. Everyone wanted to know the recipe; we’d heard it involves “LOTS of butter.” Thanks again folks!