

Alabama Coastal Fisherman's Association



June 2009

Next meeting: June 4th
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Speaker: Capt. Joey Abruscato-
 Summertime Trout Tactics
Quick Hits: D.W. Garretson
Mini-seminar: Bill Midgette-
 "Fishing the Eastern Shore"
Next tournament: June 6th
 American Legion Post 250

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President's Message

Congratulations to all club members that placed in the B.O.M.B. and helped us retain the trophy for another year. If you missed the weigh-in, all I can say is I am sorry. Excellent fish and grits topped made a tough day of fishing enjoyable. Regardless of the conditions, our members seem to always find some great fish. We will have a sign up sheet at the meeting for the July tournament captains swap for those interested. Apologies in advance for not advertising sooner, but will do a better job next year. Thanks again to Mr. Alvin Bell and ALL of the other club members that have gone out of their way to obtain some great door prizes for the meetings. Look forward to another great meeting, tournament and weigh in and hoping for better conditions and more saltwater in the Delta.

May meeting recap

Capt. Paul Smith of "MoonDoggie" Charters pulled a doubleheader presenting both the mini-seminar, and during the main meeting. Capt. Paul presented "Louisiana Redfishing 101" during the mini-seminar, and discussed more local tactics during the main meeting. Casi Callaway of Mobile Baykeeper gave an update on LNG projects off the coast and reported that TORP now plans to utilize a closed loop system 63 miles off Dauphin Island that will not harm the fishery. Finally, club member O.P. Harrison presented many handy tips gathered from decades of fishing local waters during the Quick Hits presentation.



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David Hare, who brought home the first place trout, and club president **Vince Hawkins**, show off the Speckled Trout Challenge Trophy and results sheet after another ACFA victory.

May "Speckled Trout Challenge tournament results

At the risk of sounding like a broken record, once again the winds were howling on ACFA tournament day, but the less than ideal conditions did not keep the ACFA from bringing home another Speckled Trout Challenge trophy. And the wind had no effect on the participants enjoying fried fish, cheese grits and other dishes at the weigh in.

SCORING RESULTS:

1. David Hare 5.70 ACFA 10 pts.
2. Bill Midgette 5.70 ACFA 9 pts.
3. Brett Barton 5.30 WBFC 8 pts.
4. Trini Woodham (L) 5.15 ACFA 7 pts.
5. George Harrison 5.00 ACFA 6 pts.
6. Rick Tourne' 3.45 ACFA 5 pts.
7. O.P. Harrison 3.25 ACFA 4pts.
8. Adam Barker 3.10 ACFA 3 pts.
9. Doug Smith 3.05 ACFA 2 pts.
10. Rick Parsons 3.00 WBFC 1 pt.

TOTAL: ACFA 46 pts WBFC 9 pts



David Thornton shows off his career biggest speckled trout caught during the Speckled Trout Challenge.



Mike Lee works on a vat of deliciously artery clogging cheese grits at the Speckled Trout Challenge weigh in.

June "Summer Starter" Tournament June 6th

The June ACFA tournament will be held on June 6th, with the weigh in at the usual location at American Legion Post 250 just south of the Greer's Food Tiger on DIP. The categories are: speckled trout, redfish, flounder, ground mullet and spanish mackerel. Brenda Wilson and helpers will be doing their usual great job of feeding hungry fisherman at the weigh in, so even if you don't think you have a tournament placing fish, come on out and enjoy the food, fellowship and fish stories.

June meeting- June 4th

Our 6 p.m. seminar should be another ACFA first. Have you ever seriously considered fishing the Eastern Shore? Now may be the time. With 10 available ramps access isn't a problem. Eight artificial reefs and many additional spots, including a few jewels you've probably never heard about, will be discussed. Detailed maps will be provided and all

questions answered.

The main speaker will be Capt. Joey Abruscato from "A-Team Fishing" who will be speaking on summertime trout tactics. Capt. Joey always has helpful information. D.W. Garrettson will present the Quick Hits segment and discuss the pros and cons of monofilament, fluorocarbon, and braided fishing line. Also, a club member has donated a rod and reel combo to the club that we will be raffling off at the next meeting. Bring a few extra bucks for a chance to win a new outfit, and help the club make a few extra bucks.

ACFA'ers in other tournaments

The United Cerebral Palsy tournament was held at the same time as the Speckled Trout Challenge. Congrats to the following ACFA anglers that placed in that tournament.

<u>Speckled Trout</u>		<u>White Trout</u>		<u>Flounder</u>	
2 nd George Harrison	5.01 lbs	2 nd George Koulianos	0.83 lbs	1 st Donnie Howell	2.26 lbs
3 rd O.P. Harrison	3.23 lbs	3 rd David Thornton	0.72 lbs	3 rd Frank Mitternacht	

The Christ the King Inshore Classic was held May 16, 2009. Congrats to ACFA angler Michael McDonald who won 1st place in flounder with 1.14lbs.

Outdoor News

The Stormin Norman Inshore Challenge

The fourth annual Stormin Norman Inshore Challenge will be held Saturday, June 20, 2009 at the Fairhope Yacht Club located at 101 Volanta Ave. in Fairhope. Tickets are \$20 per angler, up to 4 anglers per boat. (This is a boat team tournament). There is also an optional \$10 lunger fee for each species, as well as a junior category for the heaviest fish in each species category. Categories include: speckled trout (5 fish creel); redfish (3 slot fish creel); flounder (3 fish creel) and tripletail (heaviest single fish). A mandatory captains meeting will be held Thursday, June 18 at 6PM at Fly Creek Cafe located at 831 N Section St. in Fairhope. The calcutta meeting will follow. Fishing hours are from safe light until 3 p.m. All anglers must check in with the weighmaster by 3PM. For full rules and regulations go to: <http://www.storminnorman.org/rules-a-registration.html>. Like every year, proceeds from the Stormin Norman tournament go to support a local young family that has lost a spouse and parent. This is a great tournament that is whole lot of fun and for a great cause. ACFA members have shown strong support in past years, and we hope that will continue this year.

Mobile County Wildlife and Conservation Association tournament

The Mobile County Wildlife and Conservation Association will have its 20th Annual Speckled Trout Tournament on June 20th. There are three divisions available. The Lunger Division tickets are \$50, and the category pays \$300 cash for the heaviest speck weighed in during the tournament. The "Lucky Division" tickets are \$25, and includes three categories: speckled trout, flounder, and sheephead. An angler need only weigh in a fish from any, or all three of the categories and be eligible for prize drawings. The prize in each category for the first drawing is \$150; the prize for the second drawing in each category is an inshore rod and reel combo, and the prize for the third drawing in each category is a mystery prize. The third category is the Youth Division. Children under 12 fish free and are eligible for recognition for three categories: : speckled trout, flounder, and sheephead. Anglers may weigh in at either the Grand Hotel in Pt. Clear, or Dauphin Island Marina. The weigh in is from 2- 5 p.m. at both locations. Tickets are available at McCoy's, SouthernBama, Quints, Fisherman's Discount, Battles Wharf Mini Mart or by calling 251-234-8156. Proceeds go to fund MCWCA's long term project of planting native aquatic vegetation in the Delta.

Jemison's will be around until at least 2013

The Mobile County Commission has reached an agreement with Jemison's Bait Shop which will allow it to remain in operation at its current location through the entirety of its current lease through the the year 2013. The strong support of recreational anglers helped convince local officials the property's best use was its current use. The launch at Jemison's will now reportedly be free of charge to all anglers.

Redfish Club Challenge

The 3rd unofficial Redfish Club challenge was held between the Down Da Bayou Redfish Club of Louisiana and ACFA anglers in Hopedale, LA on May 16th. ACFA anglers pulled off the upset the first year on the home team's turf, and lost by a mere 7 points last year even though outnumbered 24 boats to 9. Unfortunately, this year the DRBC showed no mercy and hammered the away team by taking the first 9 of the 10 scoring spots. Capt. Scott Ritter, and his brother John Ritter managed to take 10th place while fishing for Team Alabama to barely prevent the sweep. In total, ACFA anglers in 7 boats competed against 23 DRBC teams. Nearly ideal conditions resulted in 7 of the top 10 teams bringing in 2 fish stringers over 15 lbs, with the top 19 teams all cracking 14 lbs. In redfish tourney terms, that's a lot of beef. In spite of the outcome, everybody had a great time and look forward to taking another crack at'em next year.

2009 Tournament Point Standings

10 pts- Adam Barker, Dane Tomberlin;

9 pts- Bill Midgette, Bryann Sullivan (J);

7 pts- Chase Maxwell(J)(N); Vicki Foster (L);

6 pts- Austin Lee (J), Chris Nelson(J), Donnie Fassbender, Frank Mitternight, George Koulianos, Marty Garmeson, Tom Duncan, Tommy Devery;

5 pts- Dave Thornton, Gary Tingle, George Harrison, Kyle Woodham (J), O.P. Harrison, Richard Suk, Steve Laurendine,

4 pts- Bryan Sullivan, Jerry Torrans, Jim Foster, John Fassbender, Les Smith, Philip Guy, Rick Tourne, Sam Clark III

3 pts- Donnie Howell, Doug Houston, Evon Fassbender, Mike Lee, Ted Lawson, David Hare, Trenny Woodham (N), Doug Smith

2 pts- Bubba Williams, Donald Garretson, Patric Garmeson, Patrick Hughes, Patsy Garmeson (L), Theo Koulianos (J)

1pt- Alvin Bell, Billy Hurd, Bob McClay, Bud Barr, Dale Roberts, Dave Growder, Donna Schantz (L), Doug Tierce, George March, Greg Walker (N), Jackson Hughes (J), Jared Kelly, Jimbo Miller, Keith Kenney, Kyle Doster, Larry Watkins, Lindsey Hawkins (J), Mike Foster, Richard Hoffman, Ronnie Dyson, Steve Odell, Tim Pierce, Tommy Pond, Tracy Ainsworth (N), Vince Hawkins, Ed Greer, Belinda Smith, Justin Peacock, Frank Parker Jr., Dewayne Overstreet, Will Parker (J), Wilder Wing (N)(J), Frank Parker III (J), Tye Jordan (J)

2009 Bigfish Standings

	Blackfish	Wt	Flounder	Wt	Ground Mullet	Wt	Redfish	Wt
1 st					Dane Tomberlin	1.95	Luke Flenikan(N)	6.50
2 nd					Bryann Sullivan (J)	1.05	Mike Foster	5.80
3 rd					Donnie Fassbender*	1.00	Dane Tomberlin	5.20
4 th					Steven Laurendine	1.00	Theo Koulianos(J)	5.10
5 th								
	Sheephead	Wt	Spanish Mackerel	Wt	White Trout	Wt	Speckled Trout	Wt
1 st					O.P. Harrison	2.29	Bill Midgette	7.71
2 nd							Bill Midgette	6.85
3 rd							Trenny Woodham	6.33
4 th								
5 th								

*First to weigh in.

CPR Speckled Trout: 1st -Jim Foster 28.25", 2nd-Patric Garmeson-25.5", 3rd-Jim Foster-24.25"

Reminders

- *2009 dues are due.
- *2009 Big Fish Contest is now running until Nov 14, 2009. Our Statistician MUST receive cards within 30 days of catch.
- *Fill out and send Bigfish cards to: Joe Sirmon 3831 BEBEE POINT DRIVE THEODORE, AL 36582 (605-5811)
- *Please remember, NO SMOKING in the meeting room. Thanks for helping to make a healthier family environment.
- * 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.
- *Justin Peacock, Logo Items Chairman , will be selling the usual assortment of ACFA shirts, hats, fish towels, etc. at every meeting.
- * Meeting check-in-Those that attend and check in to at least 8 of our 10 regular club meetings will be eligible for our 2009 Grand Attendance Prize Package. Be sure to see Mike Lee at the sign-in table and please wear a name tag.
- *Donations are constantly needed for our monthly door prizes and for the 2009 Grand Attendance Prize Package. Please see Alvin Bell if you would like to contribute, or have any leads on possible donation sources.
- *Remember to suggest ACFA to your fishing friends and acquaintances. The member who sponsors the most new memberships will automatically win a free dinner for two and receive the Membership Sponsor Award for 2009.
- * ALCOHOL NOT PURCHASED FROM THE AMERICAN LEGION MAY NOT BE BROUGHT ON TO THE LEGION'S PREMISES.
- *Please support our sponsors. ACFA sponsors include: Academy Sports + Outdoors, A-Team Fishing Adventures Canvas Products, Great Days Outdoors Magazine, L&S Bait Company/ MirrOlure, Mo Fishin Bait & Tackle, Saucy Q Bar B Q Southern Bama Bait & Tackle, and West Marine.

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