

# Alabama Coastal Fisherman's Association



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**Meeting:** Nov. 1, 2012    **Time:** 7:00 PM  
**Place:** American Legion Post 88 2663 Halls Mill Road  
**Main Speaker: Pat will lead an Open Forum**  
 for comments, suggestions and FISHING REPORTS  
**Quick Hits: Gary Tingle**  
**Mini Seminar: None**  
**Tournament: None**

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## Important Dates

**Sun. Nov. 3:** Daylight Savings Time Ends (Fall back 1hr)  
**Tue. Nov. 6:** Election Day (GO VOTE!)  
**Sun. Nov. 11:** Veterans' Day (Thank a Vet!)  
**Wed. Nov. 14:** 2012 ACFA Big Fish contest ends at midnight  
**Thur. Nov. 22:** Thanksgiving Day

See page 7 for a SPECIAL OFFER available ONLY for ACFA members!

## ACFA—Fallout! An Editorial:

Many ACFA members have been able to take advantage of the recent stretches of beautiful fall-like weather and get into some 'classic' fall fishing around the upper Mobile Bay area. As a result our club has been consistently well represented on the waters around the bay almost daily and in several area tournaments which feature speckled trout, redfish and flounder (see page 6). Be sure to support these fine causes and continue to spread the word about what the ACFA does "to promote friendship, sportsmanship, and conservation along coastal Alabama." YOU are our best ambassador to the fishing public and to the public at large. Always remember the legacy of the fine men and women who have contributed so much in the past to make this club what is today. What it will be in the future is partly up to YOU! When people see that ACFA logo sticker on your boat or vehicle, I hope they see you as an embodiment of our cooperative spirit of stewardship as well as a reflection of our family values and dedication to seeing this way of life preserved for future generations to enjoy and protect. Every four years we are called upon to exercise our "God given right" by voting in a presidential election. I urge you to vote in that election in a few weeks, and to vote your conscience to uphold the principles our country and club were founded upon. And in order to continue the traditions of ACFA's outstanding service to its members, I strongly urge you to consider assuming a role as a club board member, volunteer or helper. To quote the late Bill Midgette "We are set up NOT TO FAIL." I can personally guarantee you will have all the support and guidance you will need from me and many others to put your own mark on this great club. You can't catch fish from the back of the boat, so move up and drive a while ;-) Our 2012 season is quickly winding down, and like the year behind us, my time grows short to reach out to you in this medium. Again I ask, and urge you to consider what you have gained by being a part of this club, and what you can contribute to its future.

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### President's Message:

Wow, where has the year gone? It's like it was just yesterday I was writing my first ever president message. Over this year we have had some of the highest highs and some of the lowest lows. We had an absolutely banner year for really large speckled trout weighed in our tournaments and the Big Fish Contest. Our ACFA awards banquet will be held at the Grand Hall on Halls Mill Rd on (FRIDAY) December 7th and will begin at 6pm. Remember, you and your immediate family are included. I will make a post on the ACFA club announcement section for everyone to post how many you will be bringing to the party. There will be a sign up sheet at November meeting. Every year we have club members step down from board member positions. We had several open as of the last meeting and we filled most of them. The remaining positions to fill are newsletter editor and food coordinator. All positions are filled by volunteers who wish to help the club. Please contact myself, David, or Vince if you are interested infilling one of our board positions. Our November meeting will be a recap of the season, open discussion of where and how to fish this time of year, and probably the most open fishing reports you will get all year (since there is not a tournament following this meeting.) Fishing should be phenomenal from now till the water gets really cold. Good luck on your next fishing trip!

Capt. Patric Garmeson

### ACFA October Meeting Recap

Our October meeting, held on Thursday the 4th had a fine turnout for so late in the season. Captain Bobby McElroy and Lee Minto did a fine job informing and entertaining. Thanks to Bill Chapman of Coastal Angler Magazine for your support and sponsorship to our club. Be sure and pick up your FREE copy today available all over the area. The Boga Grip raffle netted over \$100 for the club.

### ACFA "Mutt Burke/Bill Midgette Causeway Classic" tournament October 20, 2012

<u>Speckled Trout</u>			<u>Wt.</u>	<u>Pts.</u>	<u>Pl.</u>	<u>NetMan</u>	<u>Pl.</u>	<u>Junior Angler Speckled Trout</u>		
1	Jay O'Brien		5.05	5	1			1	Chloe Chaffin 3.15	
2	O.P. Harrison		4.70	4	2	George Harrison		2	Matthew Morgan 1.85	
3	Doug Tierce		4.40	3	3			3	Robert Morgan 1.65	
4	George Harrison		4.35	2	4	O.P. Harrison		4		
5	Donald Garrettson		3.90	1	5	Rick Toume'		5		
<u>Flounder</u>						<u>NetMan</u>		<u>Junior Angler Flounder</u>		
1	Donald Garrettson		3.80	5	1	Rick Toume'		1	Robert Morgan 1.15	
2	Pat Garmeson *		3.00	4	2	Mike Vickrey		2		
3	Trenny Woodham		3.00	3	3			3		
4	Barry Keith		2.85	2	4			4		
5	Ronnie Reed (N)		2.65	1	5			5		
<u>Redfish</u>						<u>NetMan</u>		<u>Junior Angler Redfish</u>		
1	O.P. Harrison		6.25	5	1	George Harrison		1	Lindsey Hawkins 3.55	
2	David McDonald		6.10	4	2			2		
3	Vicki Foster (L)		5.85	3	3	David Thornton		3		
4	Mike Foster		5.30	2	4	Vicki Foster (L)		4		
5	John Howard		5.15	1	5	Bob Ward		5		
<u>Sheepshead</u>						<u>NetMan</u>		<u>Junior Angler Sheepshead</u>		
1	Vicki Foster (L)		4.30	5	1	David Thornton		1		
2	Trenny Woodham		3.80	4	2			2		
3	Ronnie Reed (N)		3.50	3	3	Marty Garmeson		3		
4	George Harrison		3.40	2	4			4		
5	Marty Garmeson		3.15	1	5	Ronnie Reed		5		
* TIE = 1st to weigh in					J = Junior Angler		L = Lady Angler		N = New Angler	
<u>Most Points</u>						<u>Largest Speck on Artificial</u>	2.60	Vince Hawkins		
9	O.P. Harrison									
8	Vicki Foster (L)					<u>Chili Challenge Cook-off</u>	1	Brad McDonald		
7	Trenny Woodham						2	Vince Hawkins		
6	Donald Garrettson						3	Mike Foster		

This time of year manatees will be cruising all over our estuary systems in search of food. Also as the water temperatures continue to drop they will be moving toward their winter home in central and southern Florida. Be mindful of these impressive animals in our water ways fall to avoid injury to both you and this rare water mammal.

If you spot one, don't chase them, feed them, or touch them; give the Manatee Sighting Network a call as soon as possible (24 hours a day), and they will get to work! **1-866-493-5803**

Please give as much of the following information as possible:

### Sea Cow Reporting Tips

Date and time of sighting (please note AM/PM)

Location of sighting with as much detail as possible, including an associated street address, river name, and (if possible) GPS coordinates

Name and phone number or e-mail address of reporting party

Number of animals and approximate size

Any distinguishing marks, scars (these details are important because manatees can be identified by scar patterns)

What they were doing (swimming, floating, foraging; improve your sighting by using standard behavior codes)

How they were spotted (from boat, dock, etc.)

Please send a photograph/.jpg, if one was taken (but don't get too close to the manatees). If you send a photograph, please fill in and return a DISL's Manatee Sighting Network photo credit sheet. You may return the sheet by email to manatee@disl.org

Manatees need plenty of space. Please do not do anything to alter their natural behavior, entice, scare, or "harass" them. The best rule of thumb is to stay at least 100 feet from manatees.



Manatees are gentle vegetarians And are a federally protected species. Take care on the water.

**FINAL Tournament Point Standings after 8 tournaments:**

**Statistics...** as of Oct 20, 2012

PI	NAME	TOTAL
1	Trenny Woodham	48
2	Donald Garrettson	38
3	O.P. Harrison	35
4	Jay O'Brien	27
4	Ronnie Reed (N)	27
5	Rick Tourne'	25
6	Mike Foster	24
7	John Fassbender	23
8	Doug Tierce	22
8	Erik Nelson	22
9	Patric Garmeson	21
9	Vicki Foster (L)	21
10	Marty Garmeson	17
11	Alvin Bell	16
11	George Harrison	16
11	Jacob Guy	16
12	David Thornton	14
13	Doug Houston	13
14	Vince Hawkins	12

**The following anglers have...**

**11 points:** Kyle Mitternacht, Richard Hoffman Jr, Taylor Guy (J), Tim Pierce  
**10 points:** Bill Perry, Bob Ward, Brad McDonald, Phillip Ward, Summer Williams (L)  
**9 points:** Chris Pierce, Mike Vickrey, Phillip Guy  
**8 points:** Carson Tierce (J), Ronnie Dyson, Rudy Baugh  
**7 points:** Barry Keith, Ed Greer, Matthew Morgan (J), Ryan Hoffman (J)  
**6 points:** Danny Finch, Frank Mitternacht, Mark McPherson  
**5 points:** Adam Davis (N), David McDonald, Henry Nall, Jeb Mann, Joe Sirmon, Riley Coleman (N), Tom Brooks  
**4 points:** Gil Singleton (N), Josh Burroughs, Kyle Eckhoff, Lori Tourne' (L), Matthew Mattox (N), Steve O'Dell, Trey Pitt  
**3 points:** Bubba Williams, Eugene Pierce, Joey Gates, John Howard, Larry Watkins, Pat Hughes, Pat Sirmon, Richard Hoffman Sr, Richard 'Scott' Beech, Selene Finch (L), Ted Lawson, Trevor Wood  
**2 points:** Austin Lee (J), Bill Midgett, Donnie Howell, George Koulianos, Gerald Hatch (N), John Burke, Katie Mitternacht (J), Kevin Owens, Michael Nicholas, Mike Lee, Robert Morgan (J), Theo Koulianos  
**1 point:** Blake Buxton (N), Bobby McElroy, Chloe Chaffin (J), Christian Howell (J), Dan O'Conner, Daniel Ford, Gary Tingle, Gregory Robinson, Jessica Owens (L), Joe Hughes (J), Jonathon Law, Katie Mitternacht (J), Keith Kenny, Kenneth Alsbrooks (N)(J), Kristen Mitternacht (J), Kyle Woodham, Lee Minto, Lindsey Hawkins (J), Marcus Lanier, Mitzi Mitternacht (L), Norman Lewellen, Paige Hinton (L), Rhonda Beech (L), Shane Ford, Steve Hawkins, Trevor Harrison (J), Tyler Dixon, Wayne Hawkins

PL	CPR Speckled Trout (in)	
1	George Harrison	27.00
2	Donald Garrettson *	26.00
3	Patric Garmeson	26.00
4	Donald Garrettson	25.75
5	Mike Foster	25.50
6	Trevor Wood *	25.00
7	O.P. Harrison	25.00
8	Adam Barker	25.00
9	O.P. Harrison *	24.75
10	Mike Foster	24.75
	* tie first entered	

**Catch, Photo and Release (CPR) Speckled Trout Contest Standing as of October 20, 2012**

At least the top 5 place CPR Speckled Trout will receive plaques at the end of the year.

Keep in mind that EVERY participation point you earn in each of our 8 club tournaments gives you another chance in our 'PP Drawing' at the end of the year Awards Banquet (held in December).

ACFA is a local inshore saltwater fishing club. Meetings are held the first Thursday of each month to promote friendship, sportsmanship, and **conservation** along coastal Alabama.

**New: NETMAN (or WOMAN) of the Year Category!**

19. Any ACFA angler at the time of their weighing in a tournament fish who declares the eligible member or dependant who actually netted that fish for them (including themselves) will be awarded the same number of points in a separate category called "Netman of the Year". These points will be tallied and kept for the duration of the tournament season and the angler with the most accumulated "net" points will receive this award during the December Banquet.

**NOTE:** these point totals are entirely separate from the traditional Tournament Point Standings and have no bearing on the Tournament Points or Master Angler

**Net Man of the Year Point Standings after EIGHT tournaments:**

**The following anglers have:**

PI	NAME	TOTAL
1	Donald Garrettson	41
2	Trenny Woodham	35
3	Rick Tourne'	28
4	O.P. Harrison	27
5	Kyle Mitternacht	22
5	Marty Gameson	22
6	David Thornton	21
6	George Harrison	21
6	Vicki Foster (L)	21
7	Mike Vickrey	19
8	Erik Nelson	16
8	Jacob Guy	16
9	Mike Foster	15
9	Phillip Guy	15
9	Ronnie Reed (N)	15
10	Alvin Bell	14
10	Jay O'Brien	14
11	Doug Tierce	13

**12 points:** Carson Tierce (J), Chris Pierce, John Fassbender  
**11 points:**  
**10 points:** Patric Garmeson, Phillip Ward, Richard Hoffman Jr  
**9 points:** Bill Perry, Brad McDonald, Ronnie Dyson  
**8 points:** Bob Ward, Danny Finch, Tim Pierce  
**7 points:** Ed Greer, Joe Sirmon, Larry Watkins, Richard 'Scott' Beech  
**6 points:** Keith Kenny, Mark McPherson  
**5 points:** Adam Davis (N), Bubba Williams, Doug Houston, Henry Nall, Josh Burroughs, Kyle Eckhoff, Robert Morgan  
**4 points:** Barry Keith, Christian Howell (J), Gil Singleton, Lori Tourne' (L), Matthew Mattox (N), Michael Nicholas, Riley Coleman (N), Ryan Hoffman (J), Steve O'Dell, Tom Brooks, Vince Hawkins  
**3 points:** Pat Hughes, Pat Sirmon, Richard Hoffman Sr, Rudy Baugh, Summer Williams (L)  
**2 points:** Bill Graves, Donnie Howell, Gerald Hatch (N), Jeb Mann, Mike Lee, Ted Lawson, Trey Pitt  
**1 point:** Austin Lee (J), Bill Midgett, Bobby McElroy, Dan O'Conner (N), Daniel Ford, David McDonald, Gary Tingle, George Koulianos, Jerry Torrns, Jessica Owens (L), Joe Cieutat (N), John Burke, John Howard, Katie Mitternacht (J), Kenneth Alsbrooks (J), Kevin Owens, Kyle Doster, Kyle Woodham, Matthew Morgan (J), Mitzi Mitternacht (L), Norman Lewellen, Rhonda Beech (L), Selene Finch (L), Shane Ford, Skip Hinton, Steve Hawkins, Theo Koulianos, Tyler Dixon, Wayne Hawkins

**Statistics...**

as of October 20, 2012

# The BIG Fish Contest

Mail your 2012 Big Fish Contest entries to: **David Thornton 31 Hannon Ave. Mobile, AL 36604 ( ph: 251-458-2775)**

Big Fish Contest Standing		20-Oct-12					
Blackfish	WT	Flounder	WT	Ground Mullet	WT	Redfish	WT
1	Yano Sera 25.10	1	Gerald Markow 5.04	1	John Fassbender 1.90	1	Carson Tierce (J) 6.90
2	Jay O'Brien 15.32	2	Gerald Markow 5.01	2	David Thornton 1.77	2	Trenny Woodham 6.40
3	Jay O'Brien 15.27	3	Jacob Guy 4.98	3	Selene Finch (L) 1.75	3	Donnie Howell 6.40
4	Ed Greer 14.40	4	O.P. Harrison 4.66	4	Daniel Ford 1.50	4	O.P. Harrison 6.35
5	Rachel O'Brien (L) 14.05	5	Jacob Guy 4.30	5	David Thornton 1.44	5	O.P. Harrison 6.25
6	Frank Mitternacht 13.50	6	Trenny Woodham 4.19	6	Joe Sirmon 1.34	6	David McDonald 6.10
7	Doug Tierce 13.17	7	Marty Garmeson 4.17	7	Shane Ford 1.30	7	Vicki Foster (L) 5.85
8	Summer Williams (L) 12.75	8	Donald Garrettson 3.90	8	Daniel Ford 1.25	8	Trenny Woodham * 5.55
9	Lori Tourne' (L) 11.60	9	Dwain Mangold 3.88	9	Shane Ford 1.20	9	Pat Sirmon 5.55
10	Summer Williams (L) 10.60	10	Marty Garmeson 3.81	10	O.P. Harrison * 1.15	10	Phillip Ward 5.40
Sheepshead	WT	Spanish Mackerel	WT	Speckled Trout	WT	White Trout	WT
1	John Fassbender 9.00	1	David Thornton 5.72	1	Patric Garmeson 8.05	1	Bill Midgette 2.54
2	Henry Nall 8.70	2	Mark McPherson 5.32	2	Bill Graves 8.04	2	O.P. Harrison 2.48
3	John Fassbender 7.67	3	Vicki Foster (L) 5.15	3	Trenny Woodham * 8.00	3	Marty Garmeson 2.47
4	Bill Perry 7.45	4	David Thornton 4.24	4	George Harrison 8.00	4	O.P. Harrison 2.00
5	Vicki Foster (L) 7.15	5	Gabriel Silcox (N)(J) 4.21	5	Joe Cieutat 7.85	5	Patric Garmeson 1.86
6	Alvin Bell 6.65	6	Mark McPherson 4.11	6	George Harrison 7.78	6	Trenny Woodham 1.75
7	Mike Foster 6.30	7	Mike Foster 3.85	7	O.P. Harrison 7.28	7	Trenny Woodham 1.70
8	Vicki Foster (L) 6.00	8	Norman Lewellen 3.94	8	Jay O'Brien 7.05	8	Alvin Bell 1.60
9		9	Mike Foster 3.80	9	Trevor Wood * 7.00	9	Marty Garmeson * 1.15
10		10	Vicki Foster (L) 3.75	10	Vince Hawkins 7.00	10	Matthew Morgan (J) 1.15

\* First to weigh in (N) New Member (J) Junior Angler (L) Lady Angler

\*\*\*Under no circumstances will the Alabama Coastal Fisherman's Association (ACFA) be responsible for the welfare of any members, guests or equipment while attending meetings or engaging in ACFA tournaments or the challenge.\*\*\*



If you have any pictures of your Big Fish entry catches or other nice fish please email them to pierpounder2001@hotmail.com



Vince Hawkins (right) deserves an Honorable Mention for this fine 4 3/4 pound Striped Bass caught during the "Mutt Burke and Bill Midgette Causeway Classic on Saturday October 20, 2012. Wow! Old linesides.



15 year old Jacob Guy (left) again bested his largest flounder to date, and his dad's (Phillip "Chert" Guy) in the process. Jacob would have been a 'runaway' to win the ACFA Junior Angler title this year, but chose instead to compete toe-to-toe with the grownups, which it appears he is quite capable of holding his own with. Apples don't roll far from the tree. Woo Hoo ;-)

We are looking for photos of our members with fish they have caught showing some of the lures generously provided by our sponsors. Publishing them is a great way to tell these sponsors "THANK YOU"

## ACFA: Meet the Angler

**David 'Pier#r' Thornton** is a native and lifelong Mobilian who grew up very near Hannon Park in the Midtown area during the 1960s and 70s. Fishing has been a large part of David's life since his parents and family built a summer home just south of Mullet Point on the east side of Mobile Bay in 1960. Those days were also often filled up with crabbing, seining, skiing, and other water related activities which made a deep and lasting impression. David could drive a boat long before he could drive a car, and drive it better than he did a bike (but that's another story ;-). At the age of 13 David started surfing at Dauphin Island and Gulf Shores/Orange Beach and would regularly day trek to the beaches on his days off school and work.



As the waves were very often sub-par for surfing, it wasn't long before the fishing rods came along for the ride too. The Dauphin Island Pier and the Gulf State Park Pier were his favorite venues, sidetracked only by a few romantic notions of boat ownership and proposals of marriage. Even after his children (David Jr and Arianna) were born in the early 1980s regular trips to the pier or jetty were a mainstay to put food on the table year-round. In the mid 1980s he used to call in to the WKRG radio show and give regular reports from the gulf piers. So often in fact that Mike Thompson and the other hosts gave him the nickname "Pierpounder". That seemed to stick well enough and when the digital age brought the internet, the # (pound) key came into play so it was abbreviated to "Pier#r". About the time the ACFA was founded David was discovering the power of the internet social media as more and more fishermen from all over were inquiring about fishing prospects in our area via internet bulletin boards.

After 15 years of posting fishing reports along with asking and answering LOTS of questions, the decision to 'go pro' seemed like a viable option when a 31 year career in cartographic and digital mapping came to a premature halt after a job layoff in November 2011. With the encouragement and support of some key friends, family (and blessing from the Good Lord above and his loving wife Susan) David was able to start a fledgling pier and shore based guide service in July 2012. More info can be found @ <http://www.fishingorangebeach.com/Surf-Fishing-Guide.htm> David credits a large part of his success (so far) to the knowledge gained as a member of the ACFA for the past 8 years. Comparing notes and competing with "many of the best fishermen and people in southwest Alabama" has helped make him a better fisherman and person through the spirit of camaraderie." "By volunteering to write the newsletter for almost 5 years I have come to know many more club members than I would have otherwise. They were looking for someone when I started, and now we are looking for whoever is next to step up and continue the work. And I will have their back ANYTIME they need me, just like Bill Midgette always had mine." **Are YOU the next ACFA Newsletter Editor?**

## ACFA Guide's Tip of the Month

By **Captain Yano Serra**  
Speck-Tackle-Lure Inshore Charter Fishing  
[www.specktacklelure.com](http://www.specktacklelure.com)  
251-610-0462

### November Late Fall Fishing- Mobile Bay

Anglers who fish any part of the Mobile Bay system in November need to be prepared for some low water and some hot fishing. When the cold fronts blow through, the water in Mobile Bay gets pushed out into the Gulf by the strong north winds, so boaters have to exercise extra caution. It is easy to run aground on a mud bar, but it can be pretty hard to get off again.

However, the fishing can be very good in November on the Mobile Bay system.

After a cold front blows through, I like to look for deep holes in both the Bay itself and in feeder streams. I concentrate on inlets and bayous where the fish can find deeper water where the temperatures are more comfortable for them. Also, the lower water concentrates baitfish, crabs, and leftover shrimp in the deeper pockets, and the specks and redfish can find easier food.

Specks, redfish and lots of flounder will be found in the deeper pockets and holes, and they will all bite the same bait and lures. Also, it is not unheard of for anglers to find tripletail still around pilings, posts and crab traps floats in the bigger water of Mobile Bay.

In November, I like to use live shrimp, but it can be difficult to find live shrimp in November, so I fall back to finger mullet which can be cast netted fairly easily. Whether shrimp or finger mullet is my bait, I use just enough weight on a Carolina rig to get the bait down to the bottom, and I tend to lighten up on my gear. Twelve pound test line is plenty heavy for November fishing in most situations, and the lighter line allows me to feel gentle bites much better.

If I can't find live shrimp, I have good results with soft plastic grubs- GULPs are good as are Deadly Dudleys on small jigheads. Work these slowly, bouncing them off the bottom to imitate a shrimp trying to find a place to hide in the mud.

I like to troll- I don't use the main outboard but rely on my trolling motor- in the rivers that feed into Mobile Bay. Fowl River, Dog River, and Bayou Le Batre River can all be very good in November. When I troll, I pull soft plastic grubs, diving plugs with lips that bounce on the bottom, Rat-L-Traps, and MirrOLures to establish what the fish want on a particular day. When I find fish by trolling, I mark the spot on my GPS and make several other passes trolling through the area. Some very nice messes of fish can be caught in late fall by slow-trolling the deeper holes in any of the tributary streams of Mobile Bay.

So, don't let the cooler weather put you off - give Captain Yano a call and he'll take you fishing. It doesn't feel nearly as chilly when the fish are biting fast!



Capt. Yano strains to lift a **25.1#** Blackfish he caught Oct. 4, 2012. After breaking the fish off on a channel marker while using a light rig intended for flounder, he got this behemoth to feed again on a heavier slip cork rig and landed it.

If you have any recommendations for area guides you would like to see included in this regular segment or pictures or reports of ACFA members fishing with area guides ... PLEASE email them to me at [pierpounder2001@hotmail.com](mailto:pierpounder2001@hotmail.com)

## ACFA Members in Other Tournaments...



Alabama Hunger Relief's inaugural **Alabama Inshore Championship Trail** netted some fantastic results for their cause. Funds raised will allow the organization to have 2000# of deer meat processed, in addition to almost 1000# of fish donations, all of which will be distributed to needy families in our area.



ACFA members "**Joe Cieutat**, left, and **Kevin Owens** of 'Team Sewer Rats' weighed in this impressive Alabama Inshore Championship slam to win the trail's first-ever season championship on Saturday October 13th. The 15.84-pound stringer was anchored by Owens' 6.69-pound speckled trout. "

"The reason we got into this tournament trail was to really prove to ourselves that we could fish with anyone on Mobile Bay," Owens said.

**Both men credited their membership in the Alabama Coastal Fisherman's Association with hastening their success.**

"The main thing we always fished for were flounder," Cieutat said. "Speckled trout and redfish were just bycatch." Owens agreed, saying, "The ACFA helped us immensely. We learned from some of the greats of inshore fishing such as the late Bill Midgette, how to catch big specks and it has paid off. "The guys fishing in this tournament are very good. We just listened to some of the ACFA members and we were very lucky to be able to find fish when we needed it." (by: Jeff Dute Oct 13, 2012 MR/al.com)

Another ACFA member of note is **Trenny Woodham**, who with his partner finished second in the tournament championship series with a fine slam creel of 14.17#. Congratulations to these guys and all the ACFA members who supported this great cause!

It's not too late to make a monetary donation online @ <http://www.alabamahungerrelief.com/> or call Hunter Maples @ 251-367-8626



**The Salty Worm Brackish Classic** and Delta Bash (the World's Only [and First] Bass and Speckled Trout Tournament) is a Charitable Fishing Tournament to Raise Awareness & Funding for Pancreatic Cancer Research through the Gaillard Pancreatic Research Endowment. This inaugural, one-of-a-kind tournament (and Bash) raised more than \$60,000 for pancreatic research by October 20, 2012.

Pancreatic cancer is quite insidious as it is particularly difficult to diagnose early, and often not until other organs are involved. This is usually too late to affect a cure thus making the survival rates very low and of short duration (as was unfortunately the case for Bill Midgette).

For more information (or to make a donation) contact Chris Teague @ 251-402-5140 or email [chris@teaguemarketingsolutions.com](mailto:chris@teaguemarketingsolutions.com)

**Jay O'Brien**, on left, won the speckled trout three-fish creel division with 13.89 # His fishing partner **Doug Tierce** was second at 11.89 # (pic: Jeff Dute/al.com) The pair reported they caught most of their fish free lining live pogies (menhaden) in 20 feet of water in the channel south of Gaillard Island and in the Theodore Industrial Canal after running south from the Causeway. Their heaviest fish placed 1st and 3rd respectively in the ACFA tournament



### 3rd Annual Dog River Fishing Tournament

The Bylaws of the Dog River Clearwater Revival group state: "The purpose of this organization is to improve the water quality in the streams, creeks, rivers and wetlands of the Dog River Watershed, and to restore and maintain the quality of life and best possible environment for fish and wildlife, public recreation, and commerce in the watershed. Dog River Clearwater Revival encourages vigilant enforcement of environmental protection laws, the use of Best Management Practices (BMPs) and Best Available Technologies (BATs) in storm water and flood plain management, and general public education and outreach regarding responsible land use practices within the watershed." More ways to help contribute to and maintain this valuable waterway can be found @ <http://www.dogriver.org>



**Joe Cieutat** (above) had the lunker Speckled Trout for that tournament, a really FAT 7.76#r. **Jay O'Brien** had 2nd place @ 5.00#, and **O.P. Harrison** took 3rd place @ 4.70# to complete the sweep for our club in that category!

In the Redfish category **O.P. Harrison** took 2nd place @ 6.46#, while **Trenny Woodham** took 3rd place in Flounder @ 2.97#.

George Nall's wife **Evelyn Nall** had the first place flounder with a 5.24# whopper doormat!

And young **Matthew Morgan** took 2nd place in the Youth Speckled Trout category with his 1.74#r. Quite a showing, way to go folks!

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