

ACFA August 'Mobile Bay Grand Slam' Tournament and Membership Shrimp Boil...

was held on Saturday August 4th under typical mid summer conditions: HOT temps under partly cloudy skies with a fresh afternoon seabreeze. A lot of fishers had a hard time even finding a tournament fish to weigh in much less a 'Grand Slam'. Alas only one slot redfish was weighed in. Some good specks were turned in though, with Tom Duncan's 6.5#r leading the way and seven others being 4 pounds or better. WOW! And at least six flounder over 2 ½ pounds were weighed in. Mike Thompson likes 'em thick like that ;-)
But the conditions were pretty good for those pursuing blackfish, and an unprecedented eight tripletails were weighed in. Some real beauties! Speaking of beauties, Bekki and Don Ludlam brought in a mess of fine Spanish mackerel and they are atop the Big Fish Board once again. And the junior anglers had a whale of a time with the croaker bite going full force. The action was fast & furious and the competition stiff!

<u>Speckled Trout (23 entered)</u>	<u>Flounder (19 entered)</u>	<u>Jr Croaker (6 entered)</u>
1st - Tom Duncan - 6.50	1st - David Hare - 3.55	1st - Cameron Calhoun - .90
2nd - Billy Hurd - 5.60	2nd - Vince Hawkins - 3.50	2nd - Will Parker - .55
3rd - Doug Houston (N) - 4.95*	3rd - Daniel Ford - 3.00	3rd - Frank Parker - .45*
4th - Adam Barker (N) - 4.95	4th - Doug Davis - 2.90	4th - John Parker - .45
5th - Vince Hawkins - 4.40	5th - Larry Watkins - 2.75	5th - Robert Morgan - .40*
		6th - Matthew Morgan - .40
		7th - Austin Lee - .30
<u>White Trout (13 entered)</u>	<u>Blackfish (8 entered)</u>	<u>Redfish (1 entered)</u>
1st - Les Smith - 1.35	1st - Brandon Parker - 16.65	1st - Larry Watkins - 4.35
2nd - Cameron Calhoun (J) - 1.25	2nd - Rick Tourne - 16.45	
3rd - Belinda Smith (L) - 1.15	3rd - Rick Rutland - 16.20	

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

Special thanks to our cooking crew: Brenda Pate, Mike Lee, Marc Kruse, Bruce Howle Sr and Jr, Randy and Brandy Wiscaver and Doug Smith who cooked up what seemed like tons of lip smacking good boiled shrimp and fixins. That boiled cabbage was "the bomb". If you didn't try it, you missed something really unique! These folks worked (and sweated) hard on that fine meal. Thanks!