

Alabama Coastal Fisherman's Association



A Family Oriented Fishing Club Since 1997

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July Meeting

Date: July 11, 2013 **Time:** 7:00 pm

Place: American Legion Post 88 2663 Halls Mill Rd

Main Speaker: Richard Rutland of Cold Blooded Fishing

Mini Seminar: July Junk Sale

Quick Hits: O.P. Harrison

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Important

July 13, 2013: ADSFR Roy Martin Youth Anglers Tournament

Dates

July 19-21, 2013: Alabama Deep Sea Fishing Rodeo

All ACFA newsletters back to 2006 can be downloaded at <http://www.acfafish.com/newsletters/>

President's Message:

July is here and so is the heat. Be sure to stay hydrated while on the water and if fishing solo be sure someone knows your float plan. Drinking plenty of water first thing in the morning will help hydrate you prior to the sun getting high in the sky. If fishing with a partner be sure to keep an eye on each other because heat exhaustion can turn into heat stroke real fast so be prepared.

We had a great turnout for our June tournament and many quality fish were brought to the scales. All of the larger trout came from both the Canal and Mobile River however numerous tournament quality fish came from the Dauphin Island area. It's amazing to see how the anglers of this club always seem to find a way to bring high quality fish to the scales. If you are one of those anglers that continues to fall short of placing in one of our tournaments don't get discouraged just keep grinding. I encourage people to hang out and chat following our tournaments to increase you knowledge. Many of our members are very willing to share info about his or her day and can often lead towards a more productive fishing day in the future.

If you have any questions concerning the ADSFR please bring them to our next meeting so we can ask Chris or Richard to explain. I hope to see a large crowd at our next meeting and hope to see lots of kids at our next tournament. Our meeting will be highlighted by Capt. Richard Rutland who has provided very informative discussions in the past and look for this year to be as good.

Capt. Patric Garmeson

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JULY MEETING

- Our main speaker is captain Richard Rutland of Cold Blooded Fishing. Be sure to come check him out!
- The July Junk Sale will be taking place at the meeting. Be sure to bring any fishing or outdoor type items that you'd like to sell. 10% of all sales go the ACFA.
- Raffle item is a pair of Alabama Deep Sea Fishing Rodeo Tickets. This would be a great way to get a pair of ADSFR tickets for cheap.

JULY JUNK SALE!

Our July meeting will take place on Thursday July 11, 2013 at American Legion Post 88. Please note that this is not the first Thursday of the month! We moved the July meeting forward one week due to the 4th of July falling on the first Thursday of the month.

Time to clean out your garage, boat and tackle box! Our annual July Junk Sale will be taking place at the meeting so be sure to bring any fishing equipment or other outdoor gear that you would like to sell. Many of us remember that Mr. Bill Midgette loved the junk sale and would set up shop selling many lures and other miscellaneous items out of his garage and tackle box. As always, 10% of all junk sales go back to the ACFA but the rest is yours to keep. The junk sale is a fun way to get rid of some things you have lying around and to make a little money for the club and yourself. We hope to see good participation at the meeting!

Our main speaker for the July meeting is our very own Richard Rutland of Cold Blooded Fishing. Richard is a local charter guide and an experienced inshore angler who has been fishing the Mobile area for many years. Be sure to come down and see what he has to say on the 11th. Mr. O.P. Harrison will be doing the Quick Hits portion of the meeting. He will be speaking on the subject of the Quick Hits program and trying to encourage participation from ACFA members.



Captain Richard Rutland of Cold Blooded Fishing

We have a very cool raffle item for this month's meeting. Chris Hankins, the Alabama Deep Sea Fishing Rodeo President was kind enough to donate a pair of rodeo tickets to the ACFA. These tickets will be raffled off at the meeting to raise money for the club. Raffle tickets will be \$1 each and can be purchased from the back table at the meeting.

RODEO WARM-UP TOURNAMENT

This month's ACFA tournament is known as the Rodeo Warm-up, and that it will be as the Alabama Deep Sea Fishing Rodeo will be the following weekend and many ACFA anglers will be participating as usual. The Alabama Deep Sea Fishing Rodeo, Roy Martin Youth Anglers Tournament will coincide with the ACFA tournament on July 13, 2013 so if you have any young anglers you should try to make it to both weigh-ins if possible. Things for this tournament are slightly different from our usual plan of action. Two of the target species will be for the best creel instead of best individual fish, and it's one of two ACFA tournaments where Blackfish are a target species. Anglers can fish individually or in two man teams for a five fish speckled trout creel and/or a three fish flounder creel. Other species will be weighed on an individual basis. Species are **Speckled Trout** (5 fish creel per team), **Flounder** (3 fish creel per team), **Blackfish**, **White Trout** and **Redfish**.

Weigh in location will be American Legion Post 250 Fowl River, AL. Marty Garmeson will be cooking fish tacos for all who attend. Make sure to give a big thanks to Marty and see if he needs help with anything before you head out, see ya there!

Charlie Dowdle made me do it! That's what Mr. Joe Sirmon will probably tell you if you ask him about how he ended up becoming a member of the ACFA. Joe, like many of our members came to the ACFA eager to learn and with a willingness to share his experiences with other members.

Joe has a saying, "Some days are diamonds, some days are coal, but you can better your chances with a little inside information and knowledge". And that seems to be exactly what he was thinking when he initiated the Mini Seminar portion of the ACFA meetings that we are all familiar with now. Mr. Sirmon wanted to give our members the opportunity to gain some knowledge at the meetings beyond what the main speaker was discussing. Joe had this to say about the mini-seminars; "I knew there were members who wanted more out of their membership than a speaker, cold beer and a social gathering. All of these things are great, but I wanted to learn all I could even at 70 plus years old." Due to his focus on learning and

his innovative way of

tapping the ACFA knowledge base with the mini-seminar, Joe was awarded the coveted "ACFA Founders Award" in 2007. Each year the "Founders Award" is presented by Mike Thompson (ACFA Founder), to the person who is considered to have advanced the club by giving time and effort beyond expectation or job description.

Joe Sirmon was brought to the club by his close friend Mr. Charlie Dowdle, and it wouldn't be long before he got involved and made more friends. But there is one in particular that seems to stand out, Mr. Bill Midgette. "Thanks to my association with the club, I had the distinct pleasure of knowing Bill Midgette and fishing with him. What really impressed me about him was his willingness to share all of his fishing spots in great detail. Water depth, bottom contour, approach and setup. Bill was a great teacher". Joe remembers one particular time that Bill Midgette asked him to go fishing with him. He says he mentioned to Bill that it was going to be neap tide and Bill replied, "not important, the fish have to eat sometime." In reference to Bill, Joe said "I miss him, and when I'm on the water I often ask myself. What would Bill do in this situation"?

Joe would like to see more ACFA members getting involved in club activities or helping out wherever they can. "I'd like to encourage more participation from our members. Get involved! It's a great way to develop networks to help find fish and new friends". And, "when you're on the water, take a minute to meet other anglers and invite them to join the ACFA. I did, and it works, ask Greg Mullett if he's happy, I invited him to join! Finally, Joe would like to ask all ACFA members to be respectful of our speakers at the meetings. "Please be quiet when we have a speaker presenting. Your fellow members are here to learn, but they can't when everybody is talking louder than the speaker".

MEET THE ANGLER



Joe Sirmon



I'd like to encourage more participation from our members. Get involved!

2013 Alabama Deep Sea Fishing Rodeo

July 19-21, 2013

Its Rodeo Time! Friday July 19, 2013 marks the beginning of the 80th annual Alabama Deep Sea Fishing Rodeo. The Rodeo, with 3,000 anglers, 75,000 spectators and awards totaling more than \$400,000 including two boats is easily the largest fishing tournament in the world!

Don't be deceived by the "Deep Sea" portion of the tournament name. There are 15 inshore species categories if going offshore isn't really your thing. And prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place for all categories. In addition to this, inshore anglers can enter into a Speckled Trout Cash Prize Division and the Carolina Skiff/Boatmart Speckled Trout Jackpot for additional prizes and the chance to win a Carolina Skiff boat, motor and trailer package. Additional entry fees apply, see the ADSFR rules guide at the link below for more details.



As we all know, the ACFA has some of the best inshore anglers in the area and in years past club members have placed well in the speckled trout categories of the ADSFR. We will be watching the leader board for familiar names and hope to see a member of our ACFA family at the top again this year!

For the complete set of ADSFR rules visit, <http://adsfr.com/pdf/adsfr-rules2013.pdf>

JUNE MEETING RECAP

We had a great meeting in June! Captain Joe Dear gave one of the most upbeat and informative presentations we've seen this year. Joe discussed fishing the Dauphin island area for inshore species such as speckled trout but also took the time to discuss fishing the rigs and wrecks in the offshore waters near the island complete with a professional quality PowerPoint presentation. It was a great presentation Joe and we hope to see you back next year!

Meagan Schrandt from the University of South Alabama Department of Marine Sciences gave an equally informative presentation on the ongoing study of Gulf of Mexico Spanish Mackerel populations. There is a possibility that the ACFA could work with the Dauphin Island Sea Lab and USA Department of Marine Sciences in the collection of samples from both Spanish Mackerel and Florida Pompano. We look forward to the possibility of assisting with any studies to help preserve and better understand our local fish species.

Newsletter Mailings

We lost the system for emailing the ACFA newsletters with the implementation of our new website earlier this year. And some of you have expressed concerns about not receiving the newsletters in your email anymore. We wanted to make you aware that we are currently working on setting up a new system for newsletter mailings that should be functional sometime next month. Special thanks to Justin Spradlin of Black Bayou Software for assisting us with the setup of this new system!

SUMMER STARTER TOURNAMENT RECAP

The ACFA Summer Starter Tournament is now behind us, anglers competed in five different species categories and were able to bring in some impressive fish. No less than five of the fish that were weighed in at the tournament also qualified for the big fish board. Three speckled trout over 6lbs were weighed in, with Lee Minto bringing in a very nice 6.6 pounder to take first place in the tournament and a respectable 6th place on the big fish board for speckled trout. Richard Beech caught an impressive 4.35lb Flounder that took first place in the tournament flounder category and also earned him a first place spot on the big fish board for flounder. Mark McPherson's 3.65lb Spanish Mackerel also took first place in the tournament and 1st on the big fish board. And, in the redfish category, Trenny Woodham's 5.75lb redfish took first in the tournament and second on the big fish board. Overall, this was a great day points day for Tournament, Big Fish Contest and Net Man categories.

Meagan Schrandt from the University of South Alabama Department of Marine Sciences was on hand at the weigh in collecting otolith samples from the Spanish mackerel that were weighed in. In the end, only a few Spanish made it to the weigh in but Meagan was very grateful for the samples that she was able to collect. We hope to see her at future ACFA weigh ins and are excited about the possibility of assisting with sample collection for their Spanish Mackerel and Florida Pompano study.

In charge of feeding the masses were Mr. Charlie Dowdle and Mr. Joe Sirmon who prepared a bunch of their specially formulated hot dogs for everybody that came out. Mr. Charlie's hot dogs are something that we look forward to each year. We would like to give a big thank you to Charlie and Joe for volunteering to cook for everybody. We enjoyed it!

ACFA "Summer Starter" tournament June 8, 2013

Flounder		Wt.	Pts.	Pl.	NetMan	Pl.	Junior Angler Flounder	
1	Richard Beech	4.35	5	1	Rhonda Beech (L)	1	Taylor Guy	1.60
2	Rick Tourne'	2.70	4	2	Rick Tourne'	2		
3	Bubba Williams	2.40	3	3	Trey Pitt	3		
4	Kevin Owens	2.20	2	4	Jessica Owens (L)	4		
5	Rhonda Beech (L)	2.15	1	5	Richard Beech	5		
Ground Mullet					NetMan		Junior Angler Ground Mullet	
1	Norman Lewellen	1.00	5	1	Mark McPherson	1		
2	Richard Beech	0.90	4	2	Rhonda Beech (L)	2		
3	Jacob Guy	0.60	3	3	Jacob Guy	3		
4			2	4		4		
5			1	5		5		
Redfish					NetMan		Junior Angler Redfish	
1	Trenny Woodham	5.75	5	1	Trenny Woodham	1		
2	Lee Minto	5.70	4	2	Lee Minto	2		
3	Richard Beech	4.40	3	3	Rhonda Beech (L)	3		
4	Bill Perry	2.00	2	4	Bill Perry	4		
5	Michella Cain (L)	1.90	1	5	Jonathon Byrd	5		
Spanish Mackerel					NetMan		Junior Angler Spanish Mackerel	
1	Mark McPherson	3.65	5	1	Norman Lewellen	1		
2	Norman Lewellen	2.40	4	2	Mark McPherson	2		
3			3	3		3		
4			2	4		4		
5			1	5		5		
Speckled Trout					NetMan		Junior Angler Speckled Trout	
1	Lee Minto	6.60	5	1	Lee Minto	1	Carson Tierce	5.25
2	Doug Tierce	6.05	4	2	Carson Tierce (J)	2	Ryan Hoffman	4.20
3	Rick Tourne'	6.00	3	3	Rick Tourne'	3	Gavin Tourne'	3.05
4	Jay O'Brien	5.70	2	4	Carson Tierce (J)	4	Victoria Tourne'	3.00
5	Jonathon Byrd	5.65	1	5	Michella Cain (L)	5	Jackson Hughes	1.35
						6	Joe Hughes	1.10

Statistics
as of June 28, 2013

The BIG Fish Contest 2013

Mail your 2013 Big Fish Contest entries to: David Thornton 31 Hannon Ave. Mobile, AL 36604

Blackfish		WT	Flounder		WT	Ground Mullet		WT	Redfish		WT
1	Eddie Greer	21.70	1	Richard Beech	4.35	1	Kyle Mitternight	2.39	1	Bill Perry	5.95
2			2	Brian Mygrant (N)	4.23	2	Henry Nall	2.26	2	Trenny Woodham	5.75
3			3	Patric Garmeson	4.02	3	Summer Williams (L)	2.22	3	Lee Minto	5.70
4			4	Brian Mygrant (N)	3.47	4	Brian Mygrant (N)	2.14	4		
5			5	Vicki Foster (L)	3.40	5	Brian Mygrant (N)	1.90	5		
6			6	Daniel O'Conner (N)	3.30	6	MartyGarmeson	1.80	6		
7			7			7	David Thornton *	1.75	7		
8			8			8	David Thornton *	1.75	8		
9			9			9	MartyGarmeson	1.75	9		
10			10			10	John Fassbender *	1.73	10		
Sheepshead		WT	Spanish Mackerel		WT	Speckled Trout		WT	White Trout		WT
1	Vicki Foster (L)	9.30	1	Mark McPherson	3.65	1	Jay O'Brien	7.70	1	Jay O'Brien **	3.58
2	Eddie Greer	8.70	2	David Thornton	3.50	2	Trenny Woodham	7.52	2	O.P. Harrison	2.95
3	Richard Hoffman Jr	8.50	3	David Thornton	3.30	3	Kevin Owens	7.22	3	Marty Garmeson	2.63
4	Mike Foster	8.30	4			4	Kyle Mitternight	6.90	4	O.P. Harrison	2.61
5	Doug Smith	8.10	5			5	Bill Graves	6.80	5	Marty Garmeson	2.52
6	Leslie Smith	7.85	6			6	Lee Minto	6.60	6	Ronnie Reed	2.43
7	Henry Nall	7.55	7			7	Doug Tierce	6.58	7	John Howard	2.22
8	Jay O'Brien	6.98	8			8	Henry Nall	6.54	8	John Howard	2.15
9	Richard Hoffman Jr *	6.65	9			9	O.P. Harrison	6.50	9	Trenny Woodham	2.00
10	Richard Beech	6.65	10			10	Doug Tierce	6.05	10	Ronnie Reed	1.93

** NEW CLUB RECORD * 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

Tournament Points Totals			Net Man Points Totals			Catch - Photo - Release		
PI	NAME	TOTAL	PI	NAME	TOTAL	PL	CPR Speckled Trout (in)	WT
1	Trenny Woodham	21	1	Trenny Woodham	17	1	Doug Tierce	26.75
2	Richard Beech	16	2	Henry Nall	14	2	Jay O'Brien	26.50
3	Richard Hoffman Jr	15	2	Rick Tourne'	14	3	Doug Tierce	26.25
4	Jay O'Brien	14	3	Mike Foster	13	4	Patric Garmeson	26.00
4	Mike Foster	14	3	Rhonda Beech (L)	13	5	Donald Garrettson *	25.00
5	Vicki Foster (L)	13	4	Lee Minto	10	6	Jeb Mann	25.00
6	Rick Tourne'	12	4	Mark McPherson	10	7	Rick Tourne'	25.00
7	Jacob Guy	10	4	Vicki Foster (L)	10	8	Rick Tourne'	24.88
7	Lee Minto	10	5	Doug Tierce	9	Big Fish Contest		
7	Norman Lewellen	10	6	Brian Mygrant (N)	8	PI	Pts	Current Leaders
8	Brian Mygrant (N)	9	6	Jacob Guy	8	1	29	Brian Mygrant (N)
8	Doug Tierce	9	6	Marty Garmeson	8	2	28	Jay O'Brien
8	Marty Garmeson	9	6	Marty Garmeson	8	3	24	David Thornton
9	Pat Garmeson	8	7	Carson Tierce (J)	7	4	21	Marty Garmeson
10	Bubba Williams	7	7	Phillip Guy	7	5	20	Trenny Woodham
10	Michella Cain (N)(L)	7	7	Richard Hoffman Jr	7	6	19	Eddie Greer
10	O.P. Harrison	7	8	Bob Ward	6	7	18	O.P. Harrison
			8	Eddie Greer	6	8	17	Kyle Mitternight
			8	Jonathan Byrd (N)	6	9	16	Henry Nall
			8	Les Smith	6	9	16	Vicki Foster (L)
			8	Norman Lewellen	6	10	13	Lee Minto
			8	O.P. Harrison	6			
			8	Summer Williams (L)	6			
			8	Trey Pitt	6			
			9	Bill Perry	4			
			9	David Thornton	4			
			9	Doug Smith	4			
			9	Rodney Thompson (N)	4			
			10	Alvin Bell	3			
			10	Bill Graves	3			
			10	Donald Garrettson	3			
			10	Jessica Owens (L)	3			
			10	Michaella Cain (N)(L)	3			
			10	Richard Beech	3			
			10	Taylor Guy (J)	3			

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