

Alabama Coastal Fisherman's Association



June 2010

Next meeting: June 3rd
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Speaker: Dauphin Island Sea Lab-The oil spill
Quick Hits: TBA
Mini-seminar: Bill Midgette- Fishing the Eastern Shore
Next tournament: June 5th American Legion Post 250

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President's Message

Another tourney is in the books, with the good guys claiming 9 of the top 10 places. Thanks to Keith Kenney, Jason Miller, Doug Smith, Bruce Howle and Gary Tingle for assisting with the cooking and Ms. Brenda for guiding me through Sam's Club on the cell phone. The oil spill continues to be the main issue along the coast and I can only continue to pray that our area will be spared and that someone can stop the leak!!!

I apologize for missing the Coast Guard boat check at the April weigh in and I am still trying to get someone from the CG Auxillary to the June weigh in, but they are all swamped at this time. An announcement will be made at the meeting and also posted on the website as to whether or not this will take place. Still in need for assistance with the weigh-in meals, please see me at the meeting (I am the balding, but handsome one that conducts the meetings).



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No peanut oil was spilled at the Speckled Trout Challenge as a pile of fish was fried up for the ACFA, WBFC and their families.

May “Speckled Trout Challenge tournament results

Our old friend the wind made the marine forecasters look like fools once again. And also once again, West was best as the ACFA won the Battle of Mobile Bay trophy for another year. Weeks Bay did manage to take the lunker, which is a B.O.M.B. first. The intra-club Eastside versus Westside side bet was also a Westside smackdown.

SCORING RESULTS:

1. Ed Nolte 6.40 WBFC 10 pts.
2. Donald Garretson 6.15 ACFA 9 pts.
3. Erik Nelson 5.45 ACFA 8 pts.
4. Trenny Woodham 5.10 ACFA 7 pts.
5. Bud Barr 5.05 ACFA 6 pts.
6. Todd Golomb 4.80* ACFA 5 pts.
7. George Harrison 4.80 ACFA 4pts.
8. Doug Tierce 4.75 ACFA 3 pts.
9. Rick Tourne 4.65 ACFA 2 pts.
10. Bob Ward 4.30 ACFA 1 pt.

TOTAL: ACFA 45 pts WBFC 10 pts

June “Summer Starter” Tournament June 5th

The June ACFA tournament will be held on June 5th, 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. As usual, we will be feeding folks 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 3rd

Bill Midgette will give the mini-seminar starting at 6 p.m. The topic will be fishing the Eastern Shore starting at Lake Forest, and heading south, and including spots out in the bay. The main speaker will be a marine scientist (we’re not sure who yet) from the Dauphin Island Sea Lab who will speak about and answer questions about the impact the oil spill will and may have on the resource we all cherish. Logo Items co-chairs Joe Sirmon and Jerry Torrans also have a ton of new logo items to sell. Finally, copies of the membership roster will be also be available to those interested.

ACFA’ers in other tournaments

The United Cerebral Palsy tournament was held at the same time as the Speckled Trout Challenge. Several ACFA’ers placed in that tournament. Those known to the newsletter editor are:

Speckled Trout

1st George Harrison
2nd Donald Garretson
3rd Erik Nelson

White Trout

2nd Theo Koulianos

Apologies to any other club members that placed in the tournament, but aren't listed.

The Captain Hook Invitational Tournament was held on May 22, 2010. ACFA'ers did well. Joey Gates and Rusty Young won first place in the 5 fish speckled trout creel with a 24.4 lb stringer. George Harrison won the redfish division with a fat 7.5 slot red.

Outdoor News

The Stormin Norman Inshore Challenge

The fourth annual Stormin Norman Inshore Challenge will be held Saturday, June 19, 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 17 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.

Oil Spill

The outdoor news on everyone's mind is the oil spill that resulted from the explosion and sinking of the Deepwater Horizon oil platform approximately 100 miles south of Mobile. More than a month has passed since the explosion and oil continues to gush into the Gulf with the only certain solution still being more than two months away from the relief wells currently being drilled. All mitigation and prevention efforts to this point have been little more than window dressing as BP has had little to no success in stemming the flow, or preventing the oil slick from going wherever it wants to go. At the time of this writing, heavy oil is now more than 12 miles into the Louisiana marsh, resulting in long term, if not permanent damage to marsh grass and everything that depends on it. The only thing saving our local waters has been good fortune, and the direction of the winds and currents. Those factors can, and inevitably, will change. In the meantime, please pray for the best and take every opportunity you can to enjoy the beautiful coastal waters that we have been blessed with.

2010 Tournament Point Standings

12 pts- Trenni Woodham

10 pts- Shawn Dixon, George Harrison, Rick Tourne;

9 pts- Doug Tierce

8 pts- Donald Garretton, Henry Nall;

7-pts- Ed Greer, O.P. Harrison, Tim Pierce, Doug Smith, Theo Koulianos (J);

6 pts- Jackson Eubanks (J), Jamie Dixon, Jared Kelly, Chase Maxwell(J), Bryan Sullivan (J), David Thornton,

5 pts- Bud Barr, Alvin Bell, Noah Barker (J), John Fassbender, Steve Odell, Chrisitan Howell (J), Donna Schantz (L);

4 pts-; Richard Schantz(N), Bob Ward,

3 pts- Jim Foster, Mike Foster, Vicki Foster(L), Todd Golomb, Richard Hoffman, Jr., Frank Mitternight, Erik Nelson, Carson Tierce (J), Trevor Wood,;

2 pts- Adam Barker, Rudy Baugh (N), Danny Fassbender, Patric Garmeson, Mike Foster, Jacob Guy (J), Vince Hawkins, Ryan Hoffman (J), Donny Howell, Jackson Hughes (J), Joseph Hughes (J), George Koulianos, Ted Lawson, Bill Midgette, Jason Miller, Bill Perry Teena Pierc (L)

1 pt- Gene Cooper, Chloe Chaffin (J), Ronnie Dyson, Lee Eubanks, Evan Fassbender, Taylor Guy (J), Phillip Guy, Keith Henry, Ryan Hoffman, Bruce Howell, (J), Patrick Hughes, Anna Kouilanos (J), Steve Laurendine, Austin Lee, Mike Lee, Autumn Lundy (L), Jeb Mann, Bubba Maxwell, Jimbo Miller, Bill Patterson, Leslie Smith, Jerry Torrans, Larry Watkins.

2010 Bigfish Standings

	Blackfish	Wt	Flounder	Wt	Ground Mullet	Wt	Redfish	Wt
1 st			Jamie Dixon	4.31	Marty Garmeson*	2.50	Trenni Woodham	6.85
2 nd			Bill Midgette	3.09	David Thornton	2.30	Donald Garretson	6.55
3 rd					David Thornton	2.15	Jim Foster	6.45
4 th					Marty Garmeson	2.15	Theo Koulianos	5.45
5 th					Tim Pierce	1.00	Phillip Guy	5.40
6 th							Tyler Dixon	5.40
7 th								
8 th								
9 th								
10 th								
	Sheephead	Wt	Spanish Mackerel	Wt	White Trout	Wt	Speckled Trout	Wt
1 st	Vicki Foster	9.62	Vicki Foster	3.03	George Harrison	1.48	David Thornton	6.60
2 nd	Patric Garmeson	9.36			Jackson Eubanks (J)	1.25	David Thornton	6.56
3 rd	Kyle Mitternight	9.24			George Harrison	1.22	Bill Perry	6.20
4 th	Ed Greer	7.80					Donald Garretson	6.15
5 th	Mike Foster	7.05					Trenni Woodham	6.05
6 th	Vicki Foster	7.03						
7 th	Henry Nall	6.55						
8 th	Donna Schantz	6.45						
9 th	Christian Howell (J)	6.45						
10 th	Mike Foster	6.22						

*New Club Record

CPR Speckled Trout: 1st -Carson Tierce 27.75", 2nd -Noah Barker 25.50", 3rd -George Harrison-25.00", 4th -Adam Barker 24.25, 5th - George Harrison 23.75", 6th - Doug Tierce 23.50", 7th -Chloe Chaffin (J)-22.00"

+Angry calls re: omissions from the Big Fish Board should be directed to the Statistician -Adam Barker-747-1552, not the newsletter editor. (He's not the one that misplaced your Bigfish Card.) Your anticipated cooperation is appreciated.

Reminders

All monthly meetings are held at American Legion Post 88 on Halls Mill Road, at 7 p.m. on the first Thursday of every month
2010 dues are due now, pay by mail to avoid crowds and qualify for prizes.

2010 Big Fish Contest is now running until Nov 14, 2010. Our Statistician MUST receive cards within 30 days of catch.

Fill out and send Bigfish cards to: Adam Barker 1682 Heartland Circle Robertsdale, AL 36567(947-2579)

Please remember, NO SMOKING in the meeting room. Thanks for helping to make a healthier family environment.

Please buy your drinks for meetings and weigh-ins from the American Legion. Outside alcohol is not allowed.

And 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.

Check Us Out Online @ <http://www.acfafish.com/>

ACFA---We catch fish---Get the net!!!

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.