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August Meeting

Thursday August 7, 2025 6:30 pm

Moe's Original BBQ

701 Springhill Ave.

Mobile, AL 36602

SPEAKER:

Hayden Olds - Bama Tarpon Fishing

Raffle & Door Prizes

Tickets are \$2.00 ea.

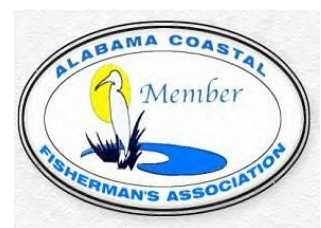
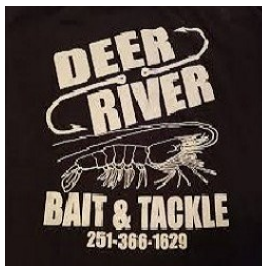
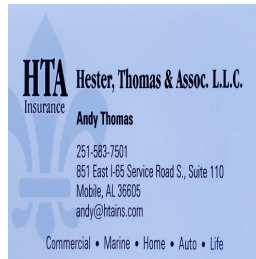
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Upcoming Dates

- **Thu. Aug. 7 ACFA Meeting**
- **Sat. Aug. 9 ACFA Tourney**
- **Sun. Aug. 31 AL Licenses Expire**
- **Mon. Sept. 1 Labor Day**
- **Thu. Sept. 4 ACFA Meeting**
- **Sat. Sept. 6 ACFA Tourney**

ACFA Sponsors for 2025



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President's Message



Hey ACFA Family,

I can't believe summer is almost over! As we wrap up the summer season, I wanted to see if anyone would be interested in a beach day down at Dauphin Island or maybe even a redfish trip over to Louisiana. Let me know if there's any interest—we've got some time to make it happen before the cooler weather rolls in.

Please make plans to join us for the ACFA July Meeting on Thursday, August 7, 2025, at 6:30 PM at Moe's BBQ in Mobile. It's always a great time to catch up and get ready for our next tournament.

As for fishing this August around Dauphin Island—there's plenty of action to chase!

- Speckled trout are holding on the beach and on the gas rigs. I have also caught a couple of smaller trout close to the mouth of Dog River.
- Redfish are cruising the edges of grass lines and boat docks in upper Mobile Bay.
- Flounder are showing up around dock pilings and creek mouths but still have been hard to find "for me".
- And don't overlook Spanish mackerel, which have been thick around the West End and off the beach head to Gulf Shores.

Stay cool out there, stay safe, and keep those lines tight. I look forward to seeing all of you on August 7th at Moe's BBQ

Scott Ellzey

President

Alabama Coastal Fishing Association

OLD BUSINESS July Meeting RECAP

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ACFA RODEO WARM-UP

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Our sixth ACFA meeting of 2025 was held @ Moe's BBQ Downtown
Thursday July 10, 2025.

ACFA President Scott Ellzey began the meeting with a short prayer and recognition of our sponsors for 2025. The ACFA could not function at the level it has of providing services to our members this year without the contributions of our sponsors. Be sure to patronize their businesses and tell them you are ACFA!

We also had a financial report that continued to show the solid fiscal foundation the club is in this year because of the platinum and gold sponsorship donations.

Our first speaker was Coleman Moore, 2025 President of the Alabama Deep Sea Fishing Rodeo, who along with several other officers told us about the Roy Martin Young Angler Tournament and the ADSFR rules and changes for this year.

Our main speaker for the evening was
renowned Land Based Surf Guide:
Tanner Deas

Tanner shared his successful shore and minimalist wade fishing techniques including scouting the beach with Google Maps (or Google Earth), and "reading the beach" tips about breaking waves and locating deeper troughs that hold fish close to shore.

There is no doubting his methods
work!



Part 1

July Meeting RECAP

Part 2

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Following the talks we showed the results from the June ACFA Summer Starter Tournament along with the plaque and plate presentations. Next came the June ICS-4 (Inshore Championship Series) results and check presentations.

The meeting wound down with the announcements of the July ACFA Tournament and ICS-5 Tournament, and a reminder of the Roy Martin Young Anglers Tournament (RYMYAT) running concurrently with ours.

This was followed by a raffle drawing and Door Prizes,



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Then adjournment.

JULY TOURNAMENT RECAP - Rodeo Warmup

The fifth 2025 ACFA tourney was held Saturday July 12th under typical summer conditions. Yeah, it was HOT! This ran simultaneously with the Roy Martin Young Anglers Tournament (RMYAT), but our weigh-in was held at the American Legion Post 250.



Fishing buddies Jamie Crawford and fellow ACFA Member and Statistician, Sandy Tillery caught their limits of redfish, and then some. Maybe not plaque worthy, but worth some points...





Inshore Championship Series (ICS-5)

FULL RESULTS

The fifth ACFA Inshore Championship Series (ICS) tournament was held in conjunction with our regular monthly tournament on July 12th.

By the rules, **only 1st Place** will receive payouts (at the August meeting)

≡ ACFA Inshore Championship Series Tournament 5 of 8

Speckled Trout			Redfish		
Heaviest Slot Speckled Trout (15"-22")			Heaviest Slot Redfish (16"-26")		
	1 Joey oberkirch	3.15 lbs.		1 Desiree Howell	2.54 lbs.
	<small>Speckled trout</small>			<small>Redfish</small>	
	2 Colton Carlisle	2.80 lbs.	 SEE FULL LEADERBOARD		
	<small>Speckled trout</small>				

REMINDER: Redfish over 26" are NEVER accepted at ACFA weigh in or BFC contests. And now there is no allowance to retain redfish over 26 inches Maximum Total Length. They may be photographed and released to be entered in the CPR contest though.

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ACFA JULY - RODEO WARMUP TOURNAMENT MEAL!



KUDOS -

To Food Coordinator **Lynette Kalifeh**
for all her hard work prepping, cooking and
presenting this fine meal of Teriyaki Chicken
with basmati rice and steamed vegetables.

Thanks helpers who set up and cleaned up!



Special Appearance by:

Romie Perez

Special thanks Lynette for those
refreshingly cool dessert fruit cups!



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Speckled Trout

Heaviest Slot Speckled Trout (15"-22")

1 **Cliff Bailey**

Speckled trout

2.36 lbs.

2 **Joey oberkirch**

Speckled trout

1.93 lbs.

3 **Desiree Howell**

Speckled trout

1.24 lbs.

FISHING & CHAOS

SEE FULL LEADERBOARD

Redfish

Heaviest Slot Redfish (16"-26")

1 **TJ Bussie**

Redfish

5.93 lbs.

2 **Perry Stokley**

Redfish

4.87 lbs.

3 **William Schuchardt**

Redfish

3.55 lbs.

4 **Jamie Crawford**

Redfish

2.52 lbs.

5 **Sandy Tillery**

Redfish

2.13 lbs.

Junior Speckled Trout

Heaviest Slot Speckled Trout (15"-22")



NO RANKS

FISHING & CHAOS

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Junior Redfish

Heaviest Slot Redfish (16"-26")



NO RANKS

FISHING & CHAOS

SEE FULL LEADERBOARD

Gafftopsail Catfish

Heaviest Gafftopsail catfish

1 **Sandy Tillery**

Gafftopsail catfish

2.95 lbs.

2 **Ron Kalifeh**

Gafftopsail catfish

2.78 lbs.

3 **Joey oberkirch**

Gafftopsail catfish

1.78 lbs.

4 **Jamie Crawford**

Gafftopsail catfish

1.14 lbs.

Junior Gafftopsail Catfish

Heaviest Gafftopsail catfish

1 **Landon Devery**

Gafftopsail catfish

3.83 lbs.

2 **Keira Hickson**

Gafftopsail catfish

3.61 lbs.

FISHING & CHAOS

SEE FULL LEADERBOARD

Flounder

Heaviest Flounder

1 **Desiree Howell**

Flounder

3.83 lbs.

2 **Cliff Bailey**

Flounder

3.11 lbs.

3 **Kevin Chalk**

Flounder

2.31 lbs.

4 **Bob Ward**

Flounder

2.27 lbs.

Junior Flounder

Heaviest Flounder

1 **Andy Ward**

Flounder

2.52 lbs.

FISHING & CHAOS

SEE FULL LEADERBOARD

ACFA MEMBERS IN OTHER TOURNIES

2025 continues to be a good year for ACFA members to flex their muscles in other tournaments...

Mirabella O'Brien finished 1st Place with a 14.43 pound Blackfish (Tripletail) in the RMYAT (Roy Martin Young Anglers Tournament) held July 12th.

A fair number of ACFA members spent time on the boards of the ADSFR (Alabama Deep Sea Fishing Rodeo) the next weekend. But when the rain and dust finally settled and the cannon sounded, **Andrea Bussie** was the only member remaining on the boards. Andrea finished in 2nd Place in the Non-Motorized Speckled Trout Jackpot with a fine slot speck at 3.44 pounds. That spotted nugget garnered her a fat check, missing out on the \$12K 1st place check by a mere 0.04 pounds! Ohhh, so close!

In the 2025 Elaine Rowe Memorial Kids Day Out Fishing Rodeo (held Saturday August 2nd) at Dauphin Island, we had several ACFA Junior anglers place. **Payzley Gardner** fished in the Top 10 (7th) age 10 and under Hardhead Catfish, at 2.06 pounds. She also placed 3rd in Flounder @ 2.26 pounds, and 3rd Place in the Pinfish category @ 0.51 pounds.

Meanwhile, brother and sister , **Chatwin Summers** and **Chloe Summers** placed 2nd and 3rd respectively in White Trout @ 1.08 & 1.07 pounds.

Be sure to congratulate these youngsters for fishing so hard!

- END OF OLD BUSINESS -

NEW BUSINESS

August Meeting PREVIEW

The seventh ACFA 2025 meeting will be held
Thursday August 7, 2025 @ Moe's BBQ Downtown location,
starting @ 6:30 pm.

Our main speakers for the evening will be Alabama tarpon
enthusiast Hayden Olds, and Captain Jeremy McHugh of
Stillwater Charters in Gulfport, MS.

Captain McHugh's anglers took 1st and 2nd place in the ADSFR
this year. He has developed some new techniques for tarpon
this year that work very well, and we hope can be shared with
us at the meeting.

Also, we will have the July TOURNAMENT RESULTS

**Results of our 5th 2025 ACFA tourney "Rodeo Warmup" will be shown along
with plaque and plate presentations.**

**Results and checks for the ICS-5 tournament (in July) will be presented too.
AND current statistics (point standings) will be posted and discussed.**

Plus, LOTS of other info, Logo Items, a raffle, and door prizes too. So be there!



August Tournament PREVIEW

Our sixth ACFA tournament of 2025, titled "Mobile Bay Grand Slam"

ACFA AUGUST FISHING TOURNAMENT



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This tourney will be held Saturday August 9th, with weigh-in at 2pm @ American Legion Post 250 on DIP

August species:

Flounder, Redfish (slot), Speckled trout (slot), and Spanish mackerel.

ACFA Registration and Rules can be found @

<https://app.fishingchaos.com/tournament/chwnQ7nk9goxPLnspuOI>

Food Coordinator Lynette Kalifeh is planning sloppy roast beef po-boys, kettle chips, and a cool summer salad ...

Plus desserts of course, but we always accept dessert donations and help!

Also, our sixth Inshore Championship Series (ICS-6) tournament will be held simultaneously with our regular club tournament. See Registration and Rules @

<https://app.fishingchaos.com/tournament/UW4QxIhqQalX1kM69iJ8>

ACFA INSHORE CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

SPECKLED TROUT
SLOT (15"-22")

RED FISH
SLOT (16"-26")

\$\$CASH PRIZES\$\$

1-10 1ST PLACE ONLY (100%).
10-19 1ST (60%), 2ND (40%).
20 1ST (60%), 2ND (30%), 3RD (10%).
CASH PRIZE DISTRIBUTION WILL BE MADE
AT THE NEXT CLUB MEETING



AUGUST 9, 2025

TOURNAMENT
6 OF 8



ACFA Membership and Tournament Registration Information @

<https://app.fishingchaos.com/club/OKuF3gTIFVOgpXguQpTq>



STATS

☰ 2025 ACFA CPR Contest as of August 1st

Angler Roster = 51

Speckled Trout

Longest Speckled Trout Over 15"



1 **Jonathan Clark**

26.00 in.



Speckled trout



2 **Scott Ellzey**

25.50 in.



Speckled trout

Junior Speckled Trout

Longest Speckled Over 15"



NO RANKS



SEE FULL LEADERBOARD

Redfish

Longest Redfish Over 16"



1 **Perry Stokley**

25.35 in.



Redfish



2 **Harvey Pepper**

20.50 in.



Redfish

Junior Redfish

Longest Redfish Over 16"



NO RANKS



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Flounder

Longest Flounder Over 14"



NO RANKS

Junior Flounder

Longest Flounder Over 14"



NO RANKS

White Trout

Longest White Trout Over 12"



NO RANKS

Junior White Trout

Longest White Trout Over 12"



NO RANKS

Sheepshead

Longest Sheepshead Over 12" (FL)



NO RANKS

Junior Sheepshead

Longest Sheepshead Over 12" (FL)



NO RANKS

STATS

2025 ACFA Big Fish Contest (BFC) - **PART 1** - As Of August 1st Angler Roster = 65

Speckled Trout

Heaviest Speckled



	1	Joey oberkirch Speckled trout	6.81 lbs.
	2	Scott Ellzey Speckled trout	5.83 lbs.
	3	Rod Durant Speckled trout	3.50 lbs.
	4	William Schuchardt Speckled trout	2.58 lbs.
	5	Tim Pierce Speckled trout	1.84 lbs.

Junior Speckled Trout

Heaviest Speckled Trout



	1	Wolfgang Schuchardt Speckled trout	1.84 lbs.
		SEE FULL LEADERBOARD	

Redfish (16"-26")

Heaviest Slot (16"-26") Redfish



	1	Joey oberkirch Redfish	6.94 lbs.
	2	Phillip Ward Redfish	6.66 lbs.
	3	Bob Ward Redfish	6.63 lbs.
	4	Perry Stokley Redfish	6.40 lbs.
	5	Sandy Tillery Redfish	5.80 lbs.
	6	Tim Pierce Redfish	4.43 lbs.
	7	Jamie Crawford Redfish	3.77 lbs.
	8	William Schuchardt Redfish	3.55 lbs.
	9	Tressie Crawford Redfish	3.20 lbs.
	10	Terry Wilson Redfish	2.96 lbs.

Junior Redfish (16"-26")

Longest Slot (16"-26") Redfish



	1	Andy Ward Redfish	5.53 lbs.
		SEE FULL LEADERBOARD	

Flounder

Heaviest Flounder



	1	Jamie Crawford Flounder	3.54 lbs.
	2	Bob Ward Flounder	2.60 lbs.
	3	Desiree Howell Flounder	2.11 lbs.

Junior Flounder

Heaviest Flounder



	1	Savannah Diehl Flounder	2.10 lbs.
	2	Andy Ward Flounder	1.78 lbs.
		SEE FULL LEADERBOARD	

Sheepshead

Heaviest Sheepshead



	1	Sandy Tillery Sheepshead	10.62 lbs.
	2	Jamie Crawford Sheepshead	6.92 lbs.

Junior Sheepshead

Heaviest Sheepshead



	1	Bryce Ellzey Sheepshead	4.00 lbs.
		SEE FULL LEADERBOARD	

STATS

☰ 2025 ACFA Big Fish Contest (BFC) - **PART 2** - As Of August 1st Angler Roster = 65

Spanish Mackerel

Heaviest Spanish Mackerel



	1 Tim Pierce Spanish mackerel	3.67 lbs.
	2 William Schuchardt Spanish mackerel	3.51 lbs.
	3 Mike Mitchell Spanish mackerel	3.14 lbs.
	4 Micaiah Lindquist Spanish mackerel	2.57 lbs.
	5 Sandy Tillery Spanish mackerel	2.55 lbs.
	6 Chadwick Summers Spanish mackerel	2.27 lbs.
	7 Cindy Dixon Spanish mackerel	1.47 lbs.

Junior Spanish Mackerel

Heaviest Spanish Mackerel



NO RANKS



SEE FULL LEADERBOARD

Gafftop

Heaviest Gafftopsail Catfish




	1 Phillip Ward Gafftopsail catfish	5.56 lbs.
	2 Tim Pierce Gafftopsail catfish	2.57 lbs.
	3 Jamie Crawford Gafftopsail catfish	2.51 lbs.
	4 Joey oberkirch Gafftopsail catfish	2.15 lbs.

Junior Gafftop

Heaviest Gafftopsail Catfish



	1 Savannah Diehl Gafftopsail catfish	4.87 lbs.
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White Trout

Heaviest White Trout



	1 Joey oberkirch White trout	1.02 lbs.
	2 William Schuchardt White trout	0.91 lbs.
	3 Tim Pierce White trout	0.72 lbs.

Junior White Trout

Heaviest White Trout



NO RANKS



SEE FULL LEADERBOARD

Kingfish

Heaviest Kingfish (Whiting & Ground Mullet)



	1 Chadwick Summers Ground mullet	1.04 lbs.
	2 Jamie Crawford Ground mullet	0.94 lbs.
	3 Cindy Dixon Ground mullet	0.93 lbs.

Junior Kingfish

Heaviest Kingfish (Whiting & Ground Mullet)

























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















SEE FULL LEADERBOARD












STATS

ACFA 2025 ADULT MASTER ANGLER STANDINGS as of August 1st

1		Jamie Crawford	523 pts	▼
2		Perry Stokley	520 pts	▼
3		William Schuchardt	513 pts	▼
3		Sandy Tillery	513 pts	▼
5		Kevin Chalk	482 pts	▼
6		Joey oberkirch	429 pts	▼
7		Desiree Howell	396 pts	▼
8		Mike Mutchell	300 pts	▼
9		Carl Williams	291 pts	▼
10		Loretta Dixon	287 pts	▼
11		Colton Carlisle	283 pts	▼
12		Tim Pierce	230 pts	▼
13		Bob Ward	217 pts	▼
14		Cliff Bailey	199 pts	▼
15		William Mark Jones	198 pts	▼
16		Quentin Miller	193 pts	▼
16		Luke Stock	193 pts	▼
18		Raymon Dixon	191 pts	▼
18		Jerry Markow	191 pts	▼
18		Wayne Sanders	191 pts	▼
21		Tyler Dixon	189 pts	▼
22		Scott Ellzey	131 pts	▼

23		Phillip Ward	115 pts	▼
24		Chadwick Summers	112 pts	▼
25		Cindy Dixon	110 pts	▼
26		Michael Mims	99 pts	▼
26		Donnie Vinson	99 pts	▼
28		Billy Davis	98 pts	▼
28		Raymon Dixon Sr	98 pts	▼
28		Landyn Gardner	98 pts	▼
28		Dan McDaniel	98 pts	▼
28		Wayne Swiger	98 pts	▼
33		Lee Stock	97 pts	▼
33		Colin Wright	97 pts	▼
35		Anne Vinson	96 pts	▼
36		Jeremiah Kelly	95 pts	▼
37		Alex Manry	93 pts	▼
37		Reid Poe	93 pts	▼
39		Jonathan Clark	25 pts	▼
40		Harvey Pepper	24 pts	▼
41		Rod Durant	8 pts	▼
42		Micaiah Lindquist	7 pts	▼
43		Tressie Crawford	2 pts	▼
44		Terry Wilson	1 pts	▼

ACFA 2025 Junior MASTER ANGLER STANDINGS as of August 1st

1		Wolfgang Schuchardt	110 pts ▾
2		Billy Davis	100 pts ▾
2		Landon Devery	100 pts ▾
2		Payzley Gardner	100 pts ▾
2		Declan O'Brien	100 pts ▾
6		Candace Vinson	99 pts ▾
7		Mirabell O'Brien	98 pts ▾
8		Katherine Quinley	97 pts ▾
9		Savannah Diehl	20 pts ▾
10		Andy Ward	19 pts ▾
11		Bryce Ellzey	10 pts ▾

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
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2025 INSHORE CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

STANDINGS AFTER 5 (FIVE) TOURNAMENTS

1		Joey oberkirch	496 pts ▾
2		Colton Carlisle	398 pts ▾
3		Perry Stokley	397 pts ▾
4		Scott Ellzey	294 pts ▾
5		Jeremiah Kelly	100 pts ▾
5		Michael Mims	100 pts ▾
7		Micaiah Lindquist	99 pts ▾
8		Dan McDaniel	98 pts ▾
8		Mike Mutchell	98 pts ▾
8		Lee Stock	98 pts ▾
11		Desiree Howell	97 pts ▾
12		Chris Hicks	96 pts ▾

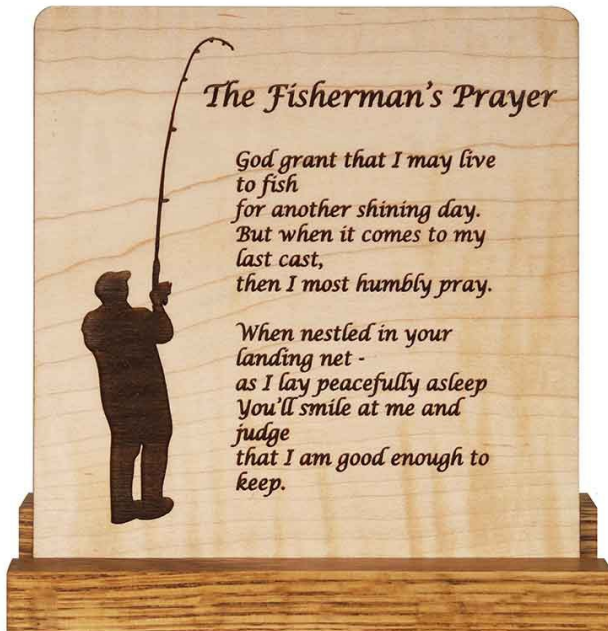
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Fisherman's Prayer List

After a prolonged illness, former ACFA member Ross Hutchisson, Jr passed away recently.

Ross was a longtime friend and associate of many old ACFA members due to his work in rod & reel repair and solid reputation as a weighmaster for many area tournaments over the years.

Please pray for the repose of his soul, and peace for his family and friends.



Also, PLEASE say a prayer of thanksgiving for our good friend, former ACFA member Romie Perez.

On July 31st, after 12 chemotherapy sessions, (a total of 612 hours in chemo), the Southern Cancer Clinic at Providence Hospital removed his pump at 3pm. Romie rang the bell signifying the end of his chemo and beginning the celebration of life after cancer!

Romie wrote "Thank you to my Prayer Warriors as these results are a GOD THING! "

God is great!

May He bless you and keep you healthy!

