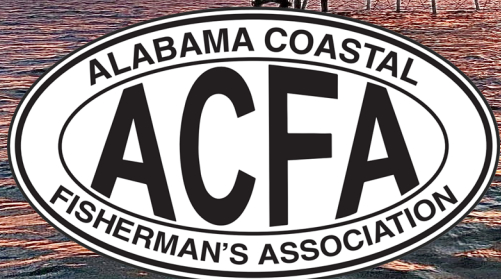


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September Meeting

Thursday September 4, 2025 @6:30 pm

Moe's Original BBQ

701 Springhill Ave.

Mobile, AL 36602

SPEAKER:

Captain Richard Rutland

Raffle & Door Prizes

Tickets are \$2.00 ea.

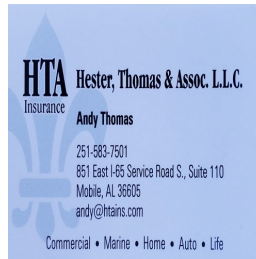
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Upcoming Dates

- Thu. Sept. 4 ACFA Meeting
- Sat. Sept. 6 ACFA Tourney
- Thu. Oct. 2 ACFA Meeting
- Sat. Oct. 18 ACFA Tourney
- Thu. Nov. 6 ACFA Meeting
- Fri. Dec. 5 ACFA Banquet

ACFA Sponsors for 2025



Let's thank these 2025 ACFA by supporting them!

These icons are "clickable" hotlinks to their websites.

President's Message



Hey ACFA Family,

I don't know about you, but I've really been enjoying the little break in the heat with these slightly lower temperatures. It feels good to walk outside and not instantly melt in the mornings! Last month, I asked if anyone would be interested in a beach day down at Dauphin Island or maybe even a redfish trip over to Louisiana. I know this time of year gets hectic with school starting back up, football season, and kids' sports keeping everyone running around. So, we will just hold off on this idea for now.

Fishing Report- Speckled trout are still hanging around the beaches and deeper holes but I am starting to see Haron Bay turn on and lots of small trout in the creeks. Redfish have been cruising the grass line and bull reds are being caught in the bay mixed in with the sail cats. Flounder have been picking up near the docks, sandy points, and grass lines as they make their slow push toward the fall migration. If you're headed out, the key this time of year is to fish the moving tides and cover some water—you never know if your next cast will be a trout, red, or flounder.

Stay cool out there, stay safe, and as always, keep those lines tight. I'm looking forward to catching up with everyone at our next meeting on Thursday, September 4th, 6:30 PM at Moe's BBQ.

Scott Ellzey

President

Alabama Coastal Fishing Association

OLD BUSINESS: August Meeting RECAP

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Our seventh ACFA meeting of 2025 was held @ Moe's BBQ Downtown
Thursday August 7, 2025.

ACFA President Scott Ellzey opened the meeting with a short prayer, then 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!

Scott called for a Banquet Committee to look into planning our end of the year banquet the first Friday in December. And he also canvased for interest in another "beach day" perhaps at the West End of Dauphin Island, or even to Louisiana. Get in touch with Scott and tell him what you would like to do.

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 feature speaker was Alabama tarpon fishing enthusiast Hayden Olds. Hayden did a very thorough job of covering the background, history, and migration patterns of tarpon in and around Mobile Bay. He also covered how to catch them, from traditional methods of following schools east to west along the Gulf beaches, to chumming for them in the Bay. Hayden also introduced us to a very successful trolling method used by Captain Jeremy McHugh of Stillwater Charters in Gulfport, MS whose anglers won the Tarpon in the recent ADSFR.



Part 1

August Meeting RECAP

Part 2

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Following the talks we showed the results from the July ACFA Rodeo Warmup Tournament along with the plaque and plate presentations.

Next came the July ICS-5 (Inshore Championship Series) results and check presentations.

AUGUST 9, 2025		
UNCLAIMED PLAQUES AND PLATES		
CLIFF BAILEY		
T.J. BUSSIE		
WILLIAM KELLY		
DAN MCDANIEL		
DAVIE MILLER		
JOEY OBERKIRCH		
KEVIN CHALK		

Awards Chairman, Wayne Sanders said the following plaques & plates have not been claimed. Please see him to pick them up.

IF you do not want them, please let Wayne know!

Donations Co-Chair Harvey Pepper put together some great Door Prize bags to be given away during the meetings, thanks to our sponsors.



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Then adjournment.

August TOURNAMENT RECAP - Mobile Bay Grand Slam

The sixth 2025 ACFA tourney was held Saturday August 9th. We had some very nice weights atop all categories, but nobody completed the Grand Slam (Speck, red, flounder).

The weigh-in was held at the American Legion Post 250 where Food Chair Lynette Kalifeh had a very nice meal prepared for the attendees...

Thanks to all who assisted Lynette and helped set up, and to those who stayed to clean up!

Inshore Championship Series (ICS-6) FULL RESULTS

The sixth ACFA Inshore Championship Series (ICS) tournament was held in conjunction with our regular monthly tournament on August 9th.

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

ACFA INSHORE CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES 6 OF 8

Speckled Trout

Heaviest Slot Speckled Trout (15"-22")



1 **Joey oberkirch**

3.48 lbs.

Speckled trout



2 **Colton Carlisle**

2.14 lbs.

Speckled trout

FISHING & CHAOS

SEE FULL LEADERBOARD

Redfish

Heaviest Slot Redfish (16"-26")



1 **Joey oberkirch**

6.62 lbs.

Redfish



2 **Chris Hicks**

3.78 lbs.

Redfish



3 **Colton Carlisle**

3.24 lbs.

Redfish

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 AUGUST - MOBILE BAY GRAND SLAM TOURNAMENT MEAL & WEIGH-IN!



KUDOS -

To Food Coordinator Lynette Kalifeh
for all her hard work prepping, cooking and
presenting this fine meal of roast beef
“poor-boy” sandwiches with kettle chips
and refreshing summer salad!

Thanks helpers who set up and cleaned up!



Special thanks Lynette for those
baked chocolate chip cookies and
refreshingly cool dessert fruit cups!



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Results of: ACFA August 9 "Mobile Bay Grand Slam" Tournament

Speckled Trout

Heaviest Slot Speckled Trout (15"-22")

1 **Joey oberkirch**

3.27 lbs.



Speckled trout

2 **TJ Bussie**

2.37 lbs.

Speckled trout

3 **William Schuchardt**

1.83 lbs.

Speckled trout

Junior Speckled Trout

Heaviest Slot Speckled Trout (15"-22")



NO RANKS



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Redfish

Heaviest Slot Redfish (16"-26")

1 **Andrea Bussie**

6.32 lbs.

Redfish

2 **TJ Bussie**

6.15 lbs.

Redfish

3 **Joey oberkirch**

3.35 lbs.



Redfish

Junior Redfish

Heaviest Slot Redfish (16"-26")

1 **Micah Sanders**

2.57 lbs.

Redfish



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Flounder

Heaviest Flounder

1 **Sandy Tillery**

2.90 lbs.

Flounder

2 **Sharon Markow**

1.93 lbs.

Flounder

3 **Colin Wright**

1.92 lbs.

Flounder

Junior Flounder

Heaviest Flounder

1 **Andy Ward**

2.60 lbs.

Flounder



SEE FULL LEADERBOARD

Spanish mackerel

Heaviest Spanish Mackerel

1 **David Thornton**

2.62 lbs.



Spanish mackerel

2 **Anita Dixon**

0.82 lbs.

Spanish mackerel

3 **Raymon Dixon Sr**

0.65 lbs.

Spanish mackerel

Junior Spanish mackerel

Heaviest Spanish mackerel



NO RANKS



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ACFA MEMBERS IN OTHER TOURNIES

Saltwater Finaddicts 10th Annual Inshore Championship was held August 23-24.

Andrea Bussie (1.69#) and TJ Bussie (1.20#) croakers finished 1st and 3rd.

They also finished 3rd in the Grand Slam ...

1	THICC GIRLZ	12.67 lbs.	▼
2	Reel Tight	12.27 lbs.	▼
3	Bussin Bussie's	11.85 lbs.	▲
	2.69 lbs. Flounder		
	2.25 lbs. Speckled trout		
	6.91 lbs. Redfish		

- END OF OLD BUSINESS -

NEW BUSINESS

September Meeting PREVIEW

The eighth ACFA 2025 meeting will be held
Thursday September 4, 2025 @ Moe's BBQ Downtown location,
starting @ 6:30 pm.

Our main speaker for the evening
will be Captain Richard Rutland of
COLD BLOODED FISHING

A native, life long fisherman of the area,
renowned inshore guide and tournament
angler, and respected conservationist,
Richard offers to share a lot of fishing
knowledge with us.



Also, we will have the August TOURNAMENT RESULTS

**Results of our 6th 2025 ACFA tourney "Mobile Bay Grand Slam" will be shown
along with plaque and plate presentations.**

**Results and checks for the ICS-6 tournament (in August) 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!



September Tournament PREVIEW

Our seventh ACFA tournament of 2025, titled "End of Summer"

is Sponsored by:

TREE WORX

This tourney will be held Saturday
September 6th, with weigh-in at 2pm
@ American Legion Post 250 on DIP
September species:

Flounder, Redfish (slot), Speckled
trout (slot), and Ground mullet/Whiting.

ACFA Registration and Rules can be found @

<https://app.fishingchaos.com/tournament/JINYBTx9uy7YOkqgvRBe>

Food Coordinator Lynette Kalifeh is planning ...

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

Also, our seventh Inshore Championship Series (ICS-7) tournament will be held
simultaneously with our regular club tournament. See Registration and Rules @

<https://app.fishingchaos.com/tournament/ZrsSBmJ5iwAxe021xir0>

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

TOURNAMENT
7 OF 8

SEPTEMBER 6, 2025

ALABAMA COASTAL
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ACFA Membership and Tournament Registration Information @

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



STATS

2025 ACFA CPR Contest

Roster = 52 anglers

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 Tressie Crawford

21.00 in.

Redfish



3 Harvey Pepper

20.50 in.

Redfish

Junior Redfish

Longest Redfish Over 16"



NO RANKS



SEE FULL LEADERBOARD

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: BFC part 1

2025 ACFA Big Fish Contest as of September 1, 2025 Roster = 67 anglers

Speckled Trout

Heaviest Speckled




	1	Joey oberkirch	6.81 lbs.
		Speckled trout	
	2	Scott Ellzey	5.83 lbs.
		Speckled trout	
	3	Rod Durant	3.50 lbs.
		Speckled trout	
	4	Sandy Tillery	3.31 lbs.
		Speckled trout	
	5	William Schuchardt	2.58 lbs.
		Speckled trout	
	6	Tim Pierce	1.84 lbs.
		Speckled trout	

Junior Speckled Trout

Heaviest Speckled Trout



	1	Wolfgang Schuchardt	1.84 lbs.
		Speckled trout	

FISHING & CHAOS

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Redfish (16"-26")

Heaviest Slot (16"-26") Redfish



	1	Joey oberkirch	6.94 lbs.
		Redfish	
	2	Phillip Ward	6.66 lbs.
		Redfish	
	3	Bob Ward	6.63 lbs.
		Redfish	
	4	Sandy Tillery	5.80 lbs.
		Redfish	
	5	Jamie Crawford	5.52 lbs.
		Redfish	
	6	Tim Pierce	4.43 lbs.
		Redfish	
	7	Tressie Crawford	3.73 lbs.
		Redfish	
	8	William Schuchardt	3.55 lbs.
		Redfish	

Junior Redfish (16"-26")

Longest Slot (16"-26") Redfish



	1	Andy Ward	5.53 lbs.
		Redfish	

FISHING & CHAOS

SEE FULL LEADERBOARD

Flounder

Heaviest Flounder





	1	Kevin Chalk	3.76 lbs.
		Flounder	
	2	Jamie Crawford	3.54 lbs.
		Flounder	
	3	Sandy Tillery	2.90 lbs.
		Flounder	
	4	Desiree Howell	2.86 lbs.
		Flounder	
	5	Bob Ward	2.60 lbs.
		Flounder	
	6	Tim Pierce	2.47 lbs.
		Flounder	
	7	Joey oberkirch	1.88 lbs.
		Flounder	

Junior Flounder

Heaviest Flounder



	1	Savannah Diehl	2.10 lbs.
		Flounder	
	2	Andy Ward	1.78 lbs.
		Flounder	

FISHING & CHAOS

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Sheepshead

Heaviest Sheepshead



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

Junior Sheepshead

Heaviest Sheepshead



	1	Bryce Ellzey	4.00 lbs.
		Sheepshead	

FISHING & CHAOS

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STATS: BFC part 2

2025 ACFA Big Fish Contest as of September 1, 2025 Roster = 67 anglers

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	David Thornton Spanish mackerel	2.61 lbs.
	5	Micaiah Lindquist Spanish mackerel	2.57 lbs.
	6	Sandy Tillery Spanish mackerel	2.55 lbs.
	7	Chadwick Summers Spanish mackerel	2.27 lbs.
	8	Cindy Dixon Spanish mackerel	1.47 lbs.

Junior Spanish Mackerel

Heaviest Spanish Mackerel



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


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Gafftop

Heaviest Gafftopsail Catfish



	1	Gary Gaden Jr Gafftopsail catfish	6.92 lbs.
	2	Phillip Ward Gafftopsail catfish	5.56 lbs.
	3	Tim Pierce Gafftopsail catfish	2.57 lbs.
	4	Jamie Crawford Gafftopsail catfish	2.51 lbs.
	5	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	William Schuchardt White trout	1.04 lbs.
	2	Joey oberkirch White trout	1.02 lbs.
	3	Jamie Crawford White trout	0.98 lbs.
	4	Tim Pierce White trout	0.72 lbs.
	5	Cindy Dixon White trout	0.67 lbs.

Junior White Trout

Heaviest White Trout



1 **Andy Ward**
White trout

0.62 lbs.



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.
	4	Tim Pierce Ground mullet	0.86 lbs.

Junior Kingfish

Heaviest Kingfish (Whiting & Ground Mullet)




























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







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STATS

ACFA 2025 ADULT MASTER ANGLER STANDINGS as of September 1st

1		Sandy Tillery	724 pts	▼
2		Joey oberkirch	629 pts	▼
3		Jamie Crawford	626 pts	▼
4		William Schuchardt	611 pts	▼
5		Perry Stokley	609 pts	▼
6		Kevin Chalk	492 pts	▼
7		Desiree Howell	395 pts	▼
8		Carl Williams	388 pts	▼
9		Tim Pierce	333 pts	▼
10		Mike Mitchell	300 pts	▼
11		Jerry Markow	288 pts	▼
12		Loretta Dixon	287 pts	▼
13		Colton Carlisle	283 pts	▼
14		Bob Ward	214 pts	▼
15		David Thornton	204 pts	▼
16		Cliff Bailey	199 pts	▼
17		TJ Bussie	198 pts	▼
17		William Mark Jones	198 pts	▼
19		Raymon Dixon Sr	196 pts	▼
20		Colin Wright	195 pts	▼
21		Quentin Miller	193 pts	▼
21		Luke Stock	193 pts	▼
23		Raymon Dixon	191 pts	▼
23		Wayne Sanders	191 pts	▼
25		Reid Poe	190 pts	▼

26		Tyler Dixon	189 pts	▼
27		Scott Ellzey	131 pts	▼
28		Cindy Dixon	115 pts	▼
29		Phillip Ward	114 pts	▼
30		Chadwick Summers	111 pts	▼
31		Andrea Bussie	100 pts	▼
32		Anita Dixon	99 pts	▼
32		Sharon Markow	99 pts	▼
32		Michael Mims	99 pts	▼
32		Donnie Vinson	99 pts	▼
36		Billy Davis	98 pts	▼
36		Landyn Gardner	98 pts	▼
36		Dan McDaniel	98 pts	▼
36		Wayne Swiger	98 pts	▼
40		Lee Stock	97 pts	▼
41		Chris Hicks	96 pts	▼
41		Anne Vinson	96 pts	▼
43		Jeremiah Kelly	95 pts	▼
44		Alex Manry	93 pts	▼
45		Tressie Crawford	28 pts	▼
46		Jonathan Clark	25 pts	▼
47		Harvey Pepper	23 pts	▼
48		Gary Gaden Jr	10 pts	▼
49		Rod Durant	8 pts	▼
50		Micaiah Lindquist	6 pts	▼

ACFA 2025 Junior MASTER ANGLER STANDINGS as of September 1st

1		Andy Ward	129 pts	▼
2		Wolfgang Schuchardt	110 pts	▼
3		Billy Davis	100 pts	▼
3		Landon Devery	100 pts	▼
3		Payzley Gardner	100 pts	▼
3		Declan O'Brien	100 pts	▼
3		Micah Sanders	100 pts	▼
8		Candace Vinson	99 pts	▼
9		Mirabell O'Brien	98 pts	▼
10		Katherine Quinley	97 pts	▼
11		Savannah Diehl	20 pts	▼
12		Bryce Ellzey	10 pts	▼

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STATS



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2025 INSHORE CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

STANDINGS AFTER 6 (SIX) TOURNAMENTS

1		Joey oberkirch	796 pts	▼
2		Colton Carlisle	694 pts	▼
3		Perry Stokley	397 pts	▼
4		Scott Ellzey	294 pts	▼
5		Desiree Howell	197 pts	▼
6		Chris Hicks	195 pts	▼
7		Jeremiah Kelly	100 pts	▼
7		Michael Mims	100 pts	▼
9		Micaiah Lindquist	99 pts	▼
10		Dan McDaniel	98 pts	▼
10		Mike Mitchell	98 pts	▼
10		Lee Stock	98 pts	▼

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A Storm Statement...

was added to our by-laws after several busy hurricane seasons interrupted our fishing season, interfering with tournaments, and even some meetings. With all the recent attention on major hurricane “Erin” it seemed timely to republish this just to keep everyone informed in the event this may be needed in what is traditionally the busiest part of the hurricane season.

BUT HOPEFULLY, IT WILL NOT!



NOTE: IF a named tropical storm or hurricane is predicted to strike the Gulf Coast within approximately 140 miles east or west of Mobile (including the area between New Orleans, LA and Panama City, FL) on or close to a scheduled ACFA Saturday tournament, that tourney will automatically be postponed until the following Saturday (unless that Saturday falls on the weekend of the Alabama Deep Sea Fishing Rodeo in which case it will be postponed 2 weeks later).

Additional note: IF a hurricane is immediately threatening our area or a curfew is in effect in the City of Mobile (following a hurricane landfall) at the time of our scheduled monthly meeting, that meeting will be cancelled (and not rescheduled).

All business pertinent to that meeting (plaque presentations, etc.) will be done at the next scheduled meeting the following month.

Hopefully we won't ever again have to implement this plan, but we wanted everyone to be aware of our procedures in the event of a hurricane.

ALSO NOTE: This procedure is in addition to the ruling of postponing tournaments as per our tournament rules (one week) whenever Small Craft Advisories are issued for a majority of the five coastal marine zones covered by the National Weather Service - Mobile Office.

