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April 2025 Edition

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April Meeting

Thursday April 3, 2025 6:30 pm

Moe's Original BBQ

701 Springhill Ave.

Mobile, AL 36602

SPEAKERS:

Zoey Hendrickson - Snook Research
Dylan Kiene - "Dr. Doormat"

Raffle & Door Prizes

Rod/Reel Combo
Tickets are \$2.00 ea.

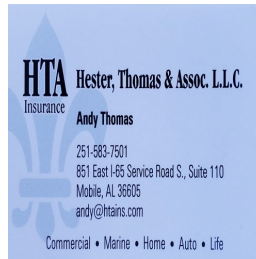
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Upcoming Dates

- **Thu. Apr. 3 ACFA Meeting**
- **Sat. Apr. 5 ACFA Tourney**
- **Sat. Apr. 19 ACFA Beach Day**
- **Sun. Apr. 20 Easter Sunday**
- **Thu. May 1 ACFA Meeting**
- **Sat. May 3 ACFA Tourney**

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 everyone! Just a quick reminder for those fishing the Spring Break Out and the second ICS tournament: this event will be happening alongside Saltwater Finaddicts at the Battleship. **When you get to the guard shack, just tell them you're fishing the Saltwater Finaddicts Tournament, and you'll get in for free!**

I don't know about you, but I really enjoy the food and having everyone come together to weigh in as a club. The executive board has noticed a few things we can improve to help speed up the process, so we're meeting this Tuesday, 4/1/2025, to vote on some proposed changes to the Big Fish Contest. I'm hoping these changes will make it easier to submit fish and help move the weigh-in along faster. We'll share the updates and get your feedback at our April meeting.

Also, ACFA Beach Day is on the calendar! If you want to join us, head over to the ACFA Members Only Facebook page and let us know if you'll be attending.

Can't wait to see you all out there!

ACFA President
Scott Ellzey

March Meeting RECAP

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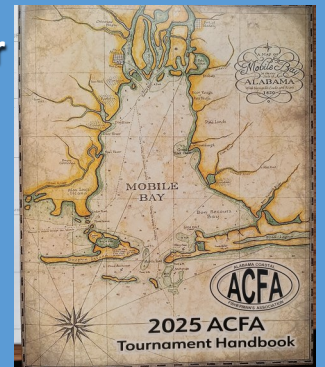
Our second ACFA meeting of 2025 was held @ Moe's BBQ Downtown location, Thursday March 6, 2025.

President Scott Ellzey opened the meeting with an invocation and prayer. That



led to a monthly financial report with good news, mostly thanks to VERY successful sponsorship sales by VP Perry Stokley, Sandy Tillery, & Colton Carlisle.

Perry handed out "HOT-OFF-THE-PRESS" copies of our inaugural 2025 ACFA Tournament Booklet, as a means to help show our sponsors what their



support means to the club. And what we can do in return for their investment in us!

Additionally we give all our sponsors recognition at our meetings, and include their logos with "clickable hot links" to their websites in our newsletters and from our website.

PLEASE support them, and the ACFA!

Our first guest speaker for the evening was Alabama Law Enforcement Agency (ALEA), Officer Chris Nix. He discussed many subjects with us, answering questions along the way pertaining to boating laws and regulations, vessel investigations, vessel inspections, BUIs, boat operations and operator registration, night vessel operations, and more. But his main stress was on **BOATER SAFETY**, and courses the department offers preparing youngsters for certification.





March Meeting RECAP - Continued

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Captain Brandon Collier was born and raised fishing Mobile Bay, the Mississippi Sound and surrounding areas. He is a US Coast Guard Licensed Guide and reputable content creator on YouTube. You can learn more, book a trip with him or see some of his videos @ <https://captcollierscharters.com/>

Brandon had a great presentation prepared about sheephead fishing, centering on the period of their spawn, which we are just entering. His discussion ranged from what, when, where, and why to a lot of how to target them with specific rigs, like rod, reel, line and terminal gear recommendations.

This was one of the best prepared, most comprehensive talks on sheephead we have seen in a while. Thank you Captain Collier!



Jamie Crawford won the rod & reel raffle!

DOOR PRIZES

Our Door Prize segment was fueled by several sponsor donations that filled the "Goodie bags" with a half dozen items.

Dominic Miller's two grandsons; Heath & Ethan stole the show when two of the winning red tickets they drew were theirs.



Mobile Boatshow RECAP

ACFA had a booth at the Mobile Boatshow March 14th through 16th, set up & manned by club volunteers.

2025

MOBILE
BOAT SHOW

March 14-16

Mobile Convention Center



Kudos to Wayne Sanders and Harvey Pepper for representing the club, Friday at the Boat Show!

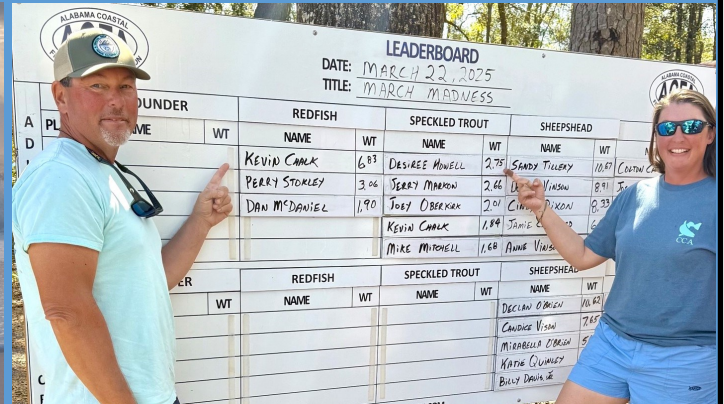


Our Boat Show presence was quite successful at least in terms of getting out brand out in public. We sold some hats and shirts, and even had a few folks join the club.

Pictured here ACFA President Scott Ellzey talking with Joey Landreneau and a couple of former ACFA members who stopped by.



March Tournament RECAP:



The weather could not have been nicer for mid March, though a number of the 67 anglers who signed up did struggle a bit to find fish and perhaps even more so, live shrimp. It was a bit choppy at the rigs early in the morning, but most managed to score some very nice sheepshead and even Spanish mackerel. **Sandy Tillery** finally broke 10# sheepshead, as did **Declan O'Brien** (Jay O's son).

Inshore was a similar story, as the day started on a dead low tide with the bite evading some anglers but aiding others. Partners **Kevin Chalk** and **Desiree Howell** topped Redfish & Speck, with Kevin's (6.83#) red coming in right at the 26 inch mark. WOW!

The weigh-in at 2pm seemed to go pretty smoothly, and even with the first time bugs pretty much everyone made it there on time, and we got everyone's fish weighed in less than an hour. This system gives folks plenty of time for socializing, talking smack, and smacking their lips on some fine food! THANK YOU LORD, for putting it all there!

2025 ACFA March Madness			
Speckled Trout Heaviest Slot Speckled Trout (15"-22")	Junior Speckled Trout Heaviest Slot Speckled Trout (15"-22")	Redfish Heaviest Slot Redfish (16"-26")	Junior Redfish Heaviest Slot Redfish (16"-24")
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Desiree Howell Speckled trout 2.75 lbs. Jerry Markow Speckled trout 2.66 lbs. Joey oberkirch Speckled trout 2.01 lbs. 	NO ENTRIES	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Kevin Chalk Redfish 6.83 lbs. Perry Stokley Redfish 3.06 lbs. Dan McDaniel Redfish 1.90 lbs. 	NO ENTRIES
SEE FULL LEADERBOARD	SEE FULL LEADERBOARD	SEE FULL LEADERBOARD	SEE FULL LEADERBOARD
Sheepshead Heaviest Sheepshead	Junior Sheepshead Heaviest Sheepshead	Flounder Heaviest Flounder	Junior Flounder Heaviest Flounder
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Sandy Tillery Sheepshead 10.67 lbs. Donnie Vinson Sheepshead 8.91 lbs. Cindy Dixon Sheepshead 8.33 lbs. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Declan O'Brien Sheepshead 10.62 lbs. Candace Vinson Sheepshead 7.65 lbs. Mirabella O'Brien Sheepshead 5.69 lbs. 	NO ENTRIES	NO ENTRIES
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Inshore Championship Series (ICS-1)

The inaugural ACFA Inshore Championship Series (ICS) tournament was held in conjunction with our regular monthly tournament on March 22nd.

It was a resounding success with 16 entries and 8 fish weighed in. By the rules 1st and 2nd Place receive payout...

ALABAMA COASTAL FISHERMAN'S ASSOCIATION

≡ ACFA Inshore Championship Series Tournament 1 of 8

Leaderboards

Speckled Trout

Heaviest Slot Speckled Trout (15"-22")



1 **Colton Carlisle**
Speckled trout

1.97 lbs.



2 **Joey oberkirch**
Speckled trout

1.95 lbs.

Redfish

Heaviest Slot Redfish (16"-26")



1 **Jeremiah Kelly**
Redfish

6.35 lbs.



2 **Colton Carlisle**
Redfish

5.49 lbs.

Congratulations to the winners and runners-up, as they will get checks at the April 3rd ACFA meeting.

Except Colton, he gets TWO CHECKS!!





Family



Friendship



Fellowship

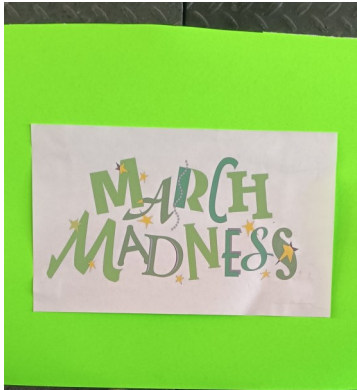


and FOOD!



Kudos to Lynette Kalifeh, our Food Advisor, who with some great help put together that fine meal for over 50 people to enjoy for under \$300! The sumptuous Tuscan chicken was joined on our plates by mashed potatoes, green beans, and warm rolls. And the desserts for "The Sweet Spot" were grand too, brownies, cookies, and carrot cakes were available to end our grand meal together. Lynette wanted to thank everyone who helped in large ways and small, setting up or breaking down. She made special note of thanking Suzanne Miller, along with Ariana and Travis Biggs for everything they all did to help out. Plus the brownies provided by Tina Pace and cookies by Ariana Biggs, and carrot cake by Lynette.

Thank you all!



APRIL Meeting PREVIEW

The third ACFA meeting of 2025 will be held @ Moe's BBQ Downtown location, Thursday April 3, 2025 @ 6:30 pm.

Guest speakers include **Zoey Hendrickson**, a PhD Student at the Dauphin Island Sea Lab researching snook in Alabama. Many are aware of the “tropicalization” of our region with semi-tropical species, like snook which seem to have become established in Alabama waters. Yes, they are here in Alabama!

Also, we will hear more from a favorite speaker, **Dylan Kiene**, aka “Dr. Doormat” a PhD candidate at the University of South Alabama. No doubt Dylan can give us some more insight based on his tagging research of inshore species, especially flounder. We all look forward to hearing some interesting stuff from these smart folks!

In addition, we will talk about the results of our “March Madness” tournament with *NEW* plaque presentations and point results, along with the results from our inaugural ICS tournament, and the first ever-check presentations from any tournament in the ACFA 28 year history. PAY DAY!

Then we will discuss details of our upcoming April 5th “Spring Break” tournament, with our weigh-in to be held in conjunction to the 2025 Saltwater Finadicts “Boat Show On The Bay Showdown” at USS Alabama Battleship Park @ 3pm. **Justin Fadalla** has graciously donated two tickets for their tournament as raffle prizes at our meeting!

Also to be discussed will be our inaugural ACFA Beach Day April 19th. The sign-up post can be found on the exclusive ACFA MEMBERS ONLY Facebook page.

IF you are a paid member and need help getting on that page let us know. This and LOTS of info with Logo Items too, plus a raffle & door prizes. Be there!



APRIL Tournament PREVIEW

The second ACFA tournament of 2025, “Spring Breakout” (Sponsored by Bon Secour Butchers) will be held in conjunction with Saltwater Finaddicts “Boat Show On The Bay Showdown”.

So our weigh-in will be held at the USS Alabama Memorial Park Saturday, April 5th at 3pm. April species will be Flounder, Redfish (slot), Speckled trout (slot), and Sheepshead.

Rules and registration can be found @

<https://app.fishingchaos.com/tournament/nNGilRwGRvpGiQZ4!OeN>



Our second Inshore Championship Series (ICS-2) tournament will be held simultaneously with other tournies, see Rules and Registration@

<https://app.fishingchaos.com/tournament/40o8nLeohy0Bj5HrK4tw>

Food provided ACFA members and dependents will be grab-n-go chili-cheese dogs, coleslaw, & bagged chips. Bring lawn chairs!

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

Be sure and tell the Battleship Park gate attendant you are with the fishing tournament to save entry fee!

ACFA Membership and Tournament Registration Information @

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



STATS

2025 ACFA CPR - Catch, Photograph, Release Contest as of March 31st

Speckled Trout

Longest Speckled Trout Over 15"



1 **Scott Ellzey**

Speckled trout

25.50 in.



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Junior Speckled Trout

Longest Speckled Over 15"



NO ENTRIES



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Redfish

Longest Redfish Over 16"



1 **Harvey Pepper**

Redfish

20.50 in.



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Junior Redfish

Longest Redfish Over 16"



NO ENTRIES



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Flounder

Longest Flounder Over 14"



NO ENTRIES



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Junior Flounder

Longest Flounder Over 14"



NO ENTRIES



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White Trout

Longest White Trout Over 12"



NO ENTRIES



[SEE FULL LEADERBOARD](#)

Junior White Trout

Longest White Trout Over 12"



NO ENTRIES



[SEE FULL LEADERBOARD](#)

Sheepshead

Longest Sheepshead Over 12" (FL)



NO ENTRIES



[SEE FULL LEADERBOARD](#)

Junior Sheepshead

Longest Sheepshead Over 12" (FL)



NO ENTRIES



[SEE FULL LEADERBOARD](#)

STATS

2025 ACFA BFC - Big Fish Contest Results as of March 31st

Speckled Trout

Heaviest Speckled



1 **Scott Ellzey**

Speckled trout

5.83 lbs.



2 **Rod Durant**

Speckled trout

3.50 lbs.



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Junior Speckled Trout

Heaviest Speckled Trout



NO ENTRIES



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Redfish (16"-26")

Heaviest Slot (16"-26") Redfish



NO ENTRIES



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Junior Redfish (16"-26")

Longest Slot (16"-26") Redfish



NO ENTRIES



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Flounder

Heaviest Flounder



NO ENTRIES



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Junior Flounder

Heaviest Flounder



NO ENTRIES



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Sheepshead

Heaviest Sheepshead



1 **Sandy Tillery**

Sheepshead

10.62 lbs.



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Junior Sheepshead

Heaviest Sheepshead



NO ENTRIES



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STATS

2025 ACFA BFC - Big Fish Contest Results as of March 28th

Spanish Mackerel

Heaviest Spanish Mackerel



NO ENTRIES



SEE FULL LEADERBOARD

Junior Spanish Mackerel

Heaviest Spanish Mackerel



NO ENTRIES



SEE FULL LEADERBOARD

Gafftop

Heaviest Gafftopsail Catfish



NO ENTRIES



SEE FULL LEADERBOARD

Junior Gafftop

Heaviest Gafftopsail Catfish



NO ENTRIES



SEE FULL LEADERBOARD

White Trout

Heaviest White Trout



NO ENTRIES



SEE FULL LEADERBOARD

Junior White Trout

Heaviest White Trout



NO ENTRIES



SEE FULL LEADERBOARD

Kingfish

Heaviest Kingfish (Whiting & Ground Mullet)



1 **Cindy Dixon**

Ground mullet

0.93 lbs.



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Junior Kingfish

Heaviest Kingfish (Whiting & Ground Mullet)


























NO ENTRIES










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2025 ACFA ADULT MASTER ANGLER STANDINGS as of March 31st

1		Kevin Chalk	197 pts	▼
2		Sandy Tillery	110 pts	▼
3		Cindy Dixon	108 pts	▼
4		Jamie Crawford	106 pts	▼
5		Desiree Howell	100 pts	▼
6		Jerry Markow	99 pts	▼
6		Perry Stokley	99 pts	▼
6		Donnie Vinson	99 pts	▼
9		Dan McDaniel	98 pts	▼
9		Joey oberkirch	98 pts	▼
11		Mike Mutchell	96 pts	▼
11		Anne Vinson	96 pts	▼

13		Jeremiah Kelly	95 pts	▼
13		William Schuchardt	95 pts	▼
15		Loretta Dixon	94 pts	▼
15		Carl Williams	94 pts	▼
17		Tim Pierce	93 pts	▼
17		Reid Poe	93 pts	▼
19		Tyler Dixon	92 pts	▼
20		Raymon Dixon	91 pts	▼
21		Scott Ellzey	35 pts	▼
22		Harvey Pepper	25 pts	▼
23		Rod Durant	9 pts	▼

Inshore Championship Series after 1st tournament March 22

1		Colton Carlisle	199 pts	▼
2		Jeremiah Kelly	100 pts	▼
3		Joey oberkirch	99 pts	▼
4		Scott Ellzey	98 pts	▼
4		Dan McDaniel	98 pts	▼
6		Perry Stokley	97 pts	▼
7		Chris Hicks	96 pts	▼

2025 ACFA Junior Master Angler as of March 28th

1		Declan O'Brien	100 pts	▼
2		Candace Vinson	99 pts	▼
3		Mirabell O'Brien	98 pts	▼
4		Katherine Quinley	97 pts	▼

In the interest of total transparency of club finances, the 2025 Executive Board voted to make this information available to all club members, indeed to the public by posting it in our newsletters.

Our financial status is the soundest it has been since pre-Covid, thanks mostly to the highly successful campaign to secure more cash sponsors for the club, publish our first tournament booklet, and in smaller part to use the Inshore Championship Series to encourage former members to return to the club, all without an increase in dues.



2025 ACFA Financial

Financial 2025 Breakdown

\$90.00	1/23/2025	\$90.00	Money from logo items
	2/7/2025	\$1,000.00	Precision Auto Glass Sponsorship
	2/7/2025	\$250.00	Sandy/Bagby Sponsorship
	2/7/2025	\$263.00	Raffle
\$1,558.00	2/7/2025	\$45.00	Logo items
\$1,785.25	2/13/2025	\$1,785.25	Membership from fishing chaos
	2/13/2025	\$500.00	Tree work sponsorship
\$1,000.00	2/13/2025	\$500.00	Stokleys service sponsorship
	2/19/2025	\$500.00	Mike Wards sponsorship
	2/19/2025	\$1,000.00	Judy Place sponsorship
\$2,500.00	2/19/2025	\$1,000.00	Georges Water Sports sponsorship
\$114.92	2/20/2025	\$114.92	Fishing Chaos ICS
	2/28/2025	\$500.00	Alpha supply sponsorship
	2/28/2025	\$500.00	Rec. Trailer sales sponsorship
\$1,500.00	2/28/2025	\$500.00	Andy Thomas sponsorship
	3/5/2025	\$250.00	Nexus sponsorship
\$750.00	3/5/2025	\$500.00	Harwell & Co. sponsorship
	3/7/2025	\$310.00	Raffle
\$552.00	3/7/2025	\$242.00	12 hats logo items
\$723.75	3/10/2025	\$723.75	Fishing Chaos Membership
\$250.00	3/10/2025	\$250.00	TR Mansfield Sponsorship
\$20.00	3/10/2025	\$20.00	Logo items
\$57.46	3/19/2025	\$57.46	Fishing Chaos ICS
\$28.73	3/20/2025	\$28.73	Fishing Chaos ICS
\$57.66	3/21/2025	\$57.66	Fishing Chaos ICS
\$86.29	3/24/2025	\$86.29	Fishing Chaos ICS
\$114.92	3/25/2025	\$114.92	Fishing Chaos ICS
\$916.75	3/27/2025	\$916.75	Fishing Chaos Membership

Date	Check #	Amount	To Whom	Description for expense
2/7/2025	1318	\$205.18	Amazon	Chafing and steam tables
2/21/2025	1318	\$62.94	Farm Plast	Storage bins
3/1/2025	debit	\$53.71	Johnnys RV	Trailer roof repair
3/1/2025	debit	\$541.20	GT custom print products	Logo hats
3/6/2025	1342	\$282.65	Southeastern Press	Keychains for give aways
3/6/2025	1342	\$1,652.50	Southeastern Press	Book
3/6/2025	1343	\$98.76	Tackle This fishing outfitters	Door prize
3/9/2025	debit	\$57.84	Home depot	Plywood for trailer repair
3/9/2025	debit	\$345.40	GT custom print products	Logo shirts
3/9/2025	1318	\$134.87	Sams	Set & disposables for food
3/9/2025	1318	\$73.50	Walmart	Set & disposables for food
3/11/2025	1342	\$57.76	Southeastern Press	March flyer

Inshore Championship Series (ICS-1)

Fishing Chaos Report

ICS #1 Payout Report

Ticket Price	Stripe Ticket Fee	To Tournament	Tickets Count	FC total		\$460.04
30	1.2657	28.7343	1			
30	1.2657	28.7343	1			
30	1.2657	28.7343	1	ACFA fee	5%	\$23.00
30	1.2657	28.7343	1			\$437.03
30	1.2657	28.7343	1	Split 2 cat		\$218.52
30	1.2657	28.7343	1			
30	1.17	28.83	1	1st speck	60%	\$131.11
30	1.17	28.83	1			
30	1.2657	28.7343	1	2nd speck	40%	\$87.41
30	1.17	28.83	1			
30	1.2657	28.7343	1	1st red	60%	\$131.11
30	1.2657	28.7343	1			
30	1.2657	28.7343	1	2nd red	40%	\$87.41
\$480.00	\$19.96	\$460.04	16			