

## ACFA April 7, 2007 'Breakout' Tournament Results

Our second tournament was held under brutal conditions for April, with near record cold morning temperatures in the middle 40s and windchills near freezing, due to a bonafide Small Craft Warning in effect with gust to 30 knots! But over 50 ACFA members would not to be deterred by Easter egg hunts or a 'little chilly wind and dingy water'. Especially Chris Massey and Henry Nall who parked their boat, and were fishing the Dauphin Island Pier when I arrived there at 6 am. We all caught some decent specks, but they were just biding their time until the winds abated enough around midday to make a run to the rigs for some of those patented 4'-6' sheepshead. And it paid off well for them! Officially there was a total of 55 tournament fish weighed in, plus some nice redfish. But alas, again NO pompano ☹ We did have a Junior Angler Groundmullet entry though: Billy Pierce Jr (N) will get the 1<sup>st</sup> place Jr plaque (0.65#).

	Sheepshead (11)	WT		Speckled Trout (13)	WT		Ground Mullet (5)	WT		Flounder (26)	WT
1	Henry Nall	9.25	1	Mike Pierce (N)	5.05	1	Eugene Pierce	0.80	1	Erik Nelson *	2.10
2	Chris Massey	7.80	2	Tom Duncan	4.95	2	Steve O'Dell * (N)	0.70	2	Pat Garmeson	2.10
3	David Thornton	4.30	3	Kelly Fulmer	4.55	3	Billy Pierce (N)	0.70	3	Phillip Guy	2.00

(N) NEW member for 2007

\* First to weigh in

Some great "hot off the grill" hotdogs with baked beans and coleslaw were provided to the members at the weighin site, thanks to Brenda Pate assisted by Mike Lee. And that grilled deer sausage was a huge hit. Thanks again!

And a big 'thank you' to the members of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary and Mobile Power Squadron for providing the non-binding boat inspections for our members at the April weigh-in. Again this year, about 20 ACFA members took advantage of this opportunity and had their rigs inspected and approved. The ACFA promotes safe boating and encourages all members to take advantage of this free and non-binding inspection when it is offered in the future.

Just a reminder: our host site for the weigh in (American Legion Post 250) does NOT charge us for the use of their facilities. They use our donated fish (in the donation cooler) to fry for veterans. And ask only that we respect the premises by patronizing their bar as much as possible and PLEASE leave no trash on the ground, or fish carcasses in the cans or dumpsters. Thank you!