

Alabama Coastal Fisherman's Association



A Family Oriented Fishing Club Since 1997

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February Meeting

Date: February 7, 2013 **Time:** 7:00 pm

Place: American Legion Post 88 2663 Halls Mill Rd

Main Speaker: Jason Smith Meteorologist/Host of Jason Smith Outdoors

Quick Hits: Trenny Woodham

CLUB OFFICERS FOR 2013

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Awards	Jay O'Brien	379-1420
Statistics	David Thornton	458-2775
Newsletter	Mike Vickrey	680-4503
Food Advisor	Kyle Eckhoff	259-2357
Mini Seminars	Rick Tourne'	623-9409
Quick Hits	O.P. Harrison	476-8379
Advisor	Mike Thompson	633-3333

Important Dates

BOG Tournament: February 9

2013 Mobile Boat Show: February 22-24

Second Meeting: March 7

First Tournament: March 16

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President's Message:

Happy new year everyone! We had a fantastic year last year and plans to make 2013 just as good. This fishing club operates every year because of the volunteers who donate his or her time to a job or group of jobs. This year's group has a few new faces and I look forward to working with each of you this year. Due to a business trip I will not be at the first meeting this year so Joey Gates will be hosting the meeting. I hate to miss any of our meetings because I learn something each of meetings from either our guest speaker and or a club members.

Fishing has been really good lately. There are actually still plenty of fish around the Causeway, Daphne pilings and all the tidal rivers. My last few trips have been to eastern shore areas and we have landed trout in almost every area I have fished. The pattern for me has remained nearly the same for all locations over the last several weeks. Slow wind or yo-yo retrieve with a Rat-L-Trap, twitch- long pause twitch-twitch with both MirrOdines and with a Rapala X-Rap. Good luck on your next fishing trip and bring a good report to the next meeting.

Capt. Patric Garmeson

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Your ACFA newsletter 11 times per year an ACFA newsletter will be provided to all members. This newsletter will have information like upcoming tournaments events and meetings. It will contain information recapping previous tournaments, events, and meetings. This newsletter is a platform for introducing club members, and guest speakers. You will also find tips and different tidbits of information that we find beneficial to the membership. Big fish board results will be up to date and tournament point standings. I personally reflect back on old newsletters to help decide how and where I will fish at different times of the year. I try my best to compile information from our members that place in tournaments and I will make notes on the newsletter for my records. This can be helpful to explore new areas and or techniques. Not all anglers will give up the goods on where they caught fish but some will give technique or pattern. Technique and pattern are transferable from fishing hole to fishing hole. Not all will work but sometimes will result in catching bigger fish in areas you already frequent. Good luck in 2013 and save your newsletters for future fishing trips.

Capt. Patric Garmeson

2013 Membership Dues

Please fill out the membership form and mail along with your **\$50** dues to:

ACFA c/o Gary Tingle 3859 Riviere Du Chien Road Mobile, AL 36693

The membership form can be found on pg.7 of this newsletter or on the ACFA website at the following link:

http://www.acfafish.com/cms/ACFA_Membership_Form.pdf

Members are encouraged to send dues by mail to leave the membership table at the meetings open for new members to sign up. Also, by sending your dues by mail you are entered into a drawing, held at the April meeting, where two members will have their \$50 dues refunded.

Encourage your friends to join!

And make sure that they write your name down on the membership form as their referral to the club. There will be a drawing later in the year where one member who referred a New member will have their \$50 dues refunded. Also, the person who refers the most New members will also have their \$50 dues refunded.

2013 AWARDS BANQUET RECAP

Friday December 7, 2012 marked the 16th annual ACFA awards banquet at the Grand Hall on Halls Mill Rd. The awards presentation is a way to highlight the achievements of ACFA members throughout the year and reward others with several different drawings for some really great prizes that were donated to the club. Among the items that were donated for the drawings were a custom rod by ACFA member Tom Wick-er, a stained glass redfish picture donated by ACFA member Steve O'Dell and a Blue 40 quart Icey-Tek cooler donated by Bill Chapman of Coastal Angler Magazine. The Icey-Tek cooler was the Grand Prize of the banquet and was literally stuffed with tackle, lures and anything else that could be crammed into it. An additional drawing item was provided by club sponsors Legendary Marine and Skeeter Boats who donated a Power-Pole to be given away to any ACFA member who took a test ride in a Skeeter boat. This offer was only available to ACFA members and all that was required was to take a test ride in a Skeeter Boat and register for the drawing! Club President Patric Garmeson ended up walking away with the Power-Pole and was smiling from ear to ear as he posed for a quick picture with Mo Shaver of the Skeeter Pro Staff. The evening was highlighted by some great food catered by Sonny's BBQ and a full desert table that was provided by ACFA members.

Award Presentation Highlights

Master Angler- Trenny Woodham

2012 Big Fish Contest- David Thornton

Best CPR Trout- George Harrison

Netman of the Year- Donald Garretson

2012 Lady Angler- Vicki Foster

2012 Junior Angler- Carson Tierce

2012 New Angler- Ronnie Reed

Tournament Points Leaders

1) Trenny Woodham 48pts

2) Donald Garretson 38pts

3) O.P Harrison 35pts

4) Jay O'Brien 27pts

4) Ronnie Reed 27pts

5) Rick Tourne 25pts



ACFA President Patric Garmeson (R) accepts his new Power-Pole from Mo Shaver of the Skeeter Pro Staff. Patric's name was entered in the Power-Pole drawing by going for a test ride in a Skeeter boat.

MEET THE ANGLER



Mike Vickrey

Mike was born in Pensacola, FL on August 31, 1982 and developed an interest in fishing at an early age. Freshwater fishing was his favorite activity as a child and he would often fish with his Grandpa on the Escambia and Yellow rivers in pursuit of bream, bass and hybrid stripers. Mike spent most days after school fishing the two stocked ponds near the house he grew up in near Cantonment, FL. The ponds had a pretty good population of good sized bass and some monster bream. But while bream fishing was fun, there was something about saltwater fishing that really sparked his interest. He started reading books about saltwater fish species and the tactics used to fish for them when he was still in elementary school. Mike said that "In about 1991 when I was 9, I caught my first redfish off of the Bayview Park Pier on Bayou Texar and I was hooked." Mike didn't have access to a boat in those days to fish saltwater so the bulk of his fishing was on the old 3 mile fishing bridge or in the surf at Ft. Pickens.

In May of 2000 Mike graduated from J.M. Tate High School and moved to Daphne, AL later that same year. It was after moving to Alabama that Mike really started to experience saltwater fishing when he started his first full-time job at the USS Alabama Battleship Park. And it was at the battleship where Mike first started learning about targeting speckled trout with artificials. Fishing off the seawall around the ship with *Rat-L-Traps* and grubs was a good learning experience for him. Since those days Mike has had the opportunity with many different people in many different areas around Mobile Bay. In 2008 he met then ACFA Vice-President Patric Garmeson. He started fishing with Patric more and more often and finally joined the club in May 2011. Since joining the ACFA Mike has fished many tournaments with Patric and finally got a 1st place fish in the June 2012 tournament. "We fished Mobile River all day in the pouring rain, going under the docks when it started to rain really hard, we were soaked to the bone but we ended up with 1st and 2nd place redfish, both on *Rat-L-Traps*, I thought that was pretty cool."

Mike has been married to his wife Lauren for almost three years now and one of his goals for 2013 is to get her more involved in the club and with fishing in general. Starting in February 2013 Mike will be taking over as ACFA newsletter editor, stepping in for a long overworked David Thornton. Mike says that "David has always done such a great job with the newsletter, the format we know today is his creation. If I can do half as good of a job as David has done I'll be happy."

2013 MOBILE BOAT SHOW

Fri-Sun February 22-24

There will be two ACFA booths at the boat show this year that will require the assistance of some helpful and informative club members. There will be an ACFA booth in the Skeeter Experience Room in addition to the usual booth in the main hall across from the seminar room. ACFA members will be providing seminars on Sunday. If you are interested in volunteering on one or more days please get in touch with Patric Garmeson or Joey Gates.

Statistics

as of January 25, 2013

The BIG Fish Contest 2013

Mail your 2013 Big Fish Contest entries to: David Thornton 31 Hannon Ave. Mobile, AL 36604

Blackfish		WT	Flounder		WT	Ground Mullet		WT	Redfish		WT
1			1	Patric Garmeson	4.02	1	David Thornton	1.57	1		
2			2			2			2		
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9			9			9			9		
10			10			10			10		
Sheepshead		WT	Spanish Mackerel		WT	Speckled Trout		WT	White Trout		WT
1			1			1	O.P. Harrison	6.50	1	O.P. Harrison	2.95
2			2			2			2	O.P. Harrison	2.61
3			3			3			3	Ronnie Reed	2.43
4			4			4			4	John Howard	2.22
5			5			5			5	John Howard	2.15
6			6			6			6	Marty Garmeson	2.09
7			7			7			7	Ronnie Reed	1.89
8			8			8			8	Mike Foster	1.93
9			9			9			9	Vicki Foster (L)	1.62
10			10			10			10	Vicki Foster (L)	1.32

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.

Battle of the Grubs

Saturday February 9, 2013

CHECK-IN: WAFFLE HOUSE I-65 @ HWY 90 5 TO 5:30 AM

WEIGH-IN- 4 TILL 4:30 FOWL RIVER MARINA

PL	CPR Speckled Trout (in)	
1	Doug Tierce	26.25
2	Patric Garmeson	26.00
3	Donald Garrettson	25.00
4	Rick Tourne'	24.88
5	Rick Tourne'	24.75

BOG was put together by long time club members David Hare and Bruce Howle to fill the void of the ACFA off season. There are three tournaments, one each in December, January and February. Anglers have the option of fishing alone or in two man teams but the BOG is always artificials only. Entry fee is \$20 per man, there are 1st, 2nd and 3rd places for speckled trout ,5 fish stringer per boat and a lunger trout category. There is also a redfish winner takes all side pot for an extra \$10. The BOG tournaments, notorious for their bad weather have had unusually fair conditions for the first two rounds. So, weather conditions are generally expected to be poor this go-round. As Burl put it on the ACFA forum "WE HAVE HAD PERFECT WEATHER FOR THE FIRST TWO. I EXPECT FLOODS, ICE, SLEET, SNOW ETC FOR THE FINAL ONE. IN OTHER WORDS, TYPICAL BOG WEATHER."

BOG II RESULTS January 12, 2013

1ST PAT WILLIAMSON
MASON PARKER 18.20 LBS 5 FISH

LUNKER: KYLE MITTERNIGHT 4.62 LBS

2ND BOBBY MCELROY
FRANK DUNLEVY 17.22 LBS

REDFISH: BOBBY ABRUSCATO 4.62 LBS

3RD JOHN HOWARD
DAVID HARE 14.54 LBS



Bobby Abruscato (C) receiving his winnings from BOG founders Bruce Howle (L) and David Hare (R). 1/12/2013

Official 2013 ACFA Calendar

 Newsletter Mail Date
 Meeting Date
 Newsletter Due Date
 Tournament Date

January						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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NO Meeting or Tournament						

February						
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NO Tourny / Boat Show Feb 22-24						

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31	1st Tourney 3rd Saturday					

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May						
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July***						
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ADSR July 19-21						

August						
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September						
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Last Tourney 3rd Saturday in Oct						

November						
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Big Fish Contest ends Nov 14th						

December						
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Awards Banquet 1st Friday in Dec						

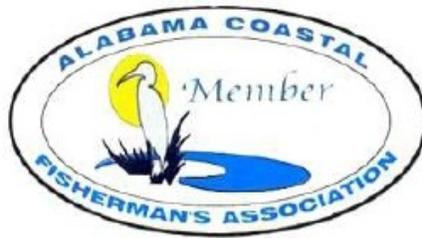
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*** Please be aware that the July meeting and tournament dates have been changed to avoid having a club meeting on the 4th of July. ***

ACFA 2013 Schedule

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Month	"Drop Dead" date everything MUST be newsletter editor by...	Mail newsletter 1 1/2 weeks prior to meeting	Monthly Meeting Date -- 1st Thursday	Tournament date	Tournament Name	Tournament Species	P #	REMARKS
Jan.	XXXX	XXXX	NO regular MEETING - Board meeting in Jan BEFORE 1st Newsletter					
Feb.	Jan. 25	Jan. 28	Feb. 7	NONE	-----	-----	--	NO Tournament in Feb. ACFA @ Boat Show Feb 22-24
Mar.	Feb. 22	Feb. 25	Mar. 7	Mar. 16	March Madness	Speckled Trout, White Trout, Sheepshead, Ground Mullet	12	Tournament later
Apr.	Mar. 22	Mar. 25	Apr. 4	Apr. 6	Spring Breakout and FREE Boat Inspections	Speckled Trout, Flounder, Sheepshead, Ground Mullet	12	USCG Aux. FREE Boat Safety Inspections and "Family Day"
May	Apr. 19	Apr. 22	May. 2	May. 4	Speckled Trout Challenge	Speckled Trout & Jr Speckled Trout	10	ACFA Younger Anglers vs ACFA Older Anglers Weigh in on Causeway / Fish Fry
Jun.	May. 24	May. 27	Jun. 6	Jun. 8	Summer Starter	Speckled Trout, Redfish, Flounder, Ground Mullet, Spanish Mackerel	15	-- 5 Species --
Jul.	Jun. 21	Jun. 24	Jul. 11	Jul. 13	Rodeo Warm-up	Speckled Trout Creel (5 Team), Flounder Creel (3 Team), Redfish, White Trout, Blackfish	18	2 angler teams/5 speck creel & 3 flounder creel Please note that meeting/tournament dates have been changed due to meeting date falling on July 4th.
Aug.	Jul. 19	Jul. 22	Aug. 1	Aug. 3	Mobile Bay Grand Slam	Speckled Trout, Redfish, Flounder, White Trout, Blackfish	22	-- 5 Species -- 1st thru 5th Place Plaques in Slam Categories Shrimp boil / Biggest Slam Award
Sep.	Aug. 23	Aug. 26	Sep. 5	Sep. 7	End of Summer	Speckled Trout, Redfish, Flounder, White Trout, Spanish Mackerel	15	-- 5 Species -- / Fish Fry on Causeway
Oct.	Sep. 20	Sep. 23	Oct. 3	Oct. 19	Mutt Burke & Bill Midgette Causeway Classic	Speckled Trout, Redfish, Flounder, Sheepshead	12	Launch from Causeway/ Chill Cook-off @ Scott's Landing
Nov.	Oct. 25	Oct. 28	Nov. 7	NONE	-----	-----	12	NO Tournament in Nov. 2013 Big Fish Contest ends Nov 14 and 2014 begins Nov 15
Dec.	Nov. 22	Nov. 25	Dec. 6	NONE	-----	-----	--	NO Mail on Thanksgiving! RSVP (by phone) for Banquet by nite of Nov 30
							128	plus Junior Angler Plaques for ALL Tournament Species



Alabama Coastal Fisherman's Association Membership Application Form

mail to: Gary Tingle 3859 Riviere Du Chien Road Mobile, AL 36693

Date _____

First Name/Middle Initial _____ M.I. _____
Last Name _____

(Please use your common name (nickname, Sr, Jr, III, etc) that you will use in the Tournaments and wish to have printed on memberlist and in the newsletter to help avoid confusion.)

Street Address _____
City _____
State/Province _____
Zip/Postal Code _____
Phone _____
E-mail _____

First Time Member Yes No

Newsletter by postal mail? Yes No
(Note: If you select No, your newsletter will be emailed to you, or you can pick it up on the web site)

Online Screen Name _____
(if registered on the online forum)

Boat Type/Make _____
Boat Name _____

% Time Fishing With Artificial Bait _____ Live Bait _____

Topics you would like to hear discussed at meetings

% Of Time Targeting	Speckled Trout	_____	Redfish	_____
	Flounder	_____	Sheepshead	_____
	White Trout	_____	Spanish Mackerel	_____

Referred to Membership or Sponsored by _____

Other family members who qualify to fish tournaments on your membership:
Spouse (First Name): _____
Children under age 16 **before** February 1st (including step-children)
First Name(s): _____