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Meeting

Date: October 3, 2013 **Time:** 7:00 pm
Place: American Legion Post 88 2663 Halls Mill Rd
Main Speaker: Representative of "Save Our Delta"

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Important Dates

October 3-6: Mr. Charlie's Chandeleur Islands Fishing Trip (See page 4 for details)
October 12: AIC #5 "Causeway Classic Open"
October 31: Halloween
November 7: Next ACFA Meeting

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President's Message:

Fall is here! Most fish will remain in summer pattern for several more weeks but there are many fish already in the transition. Many anglers that have been exploring the tidal rivers around the bay have been locating more and more schools of redfish and speckled trout. Those anglers that choose to fish near shore have been finding large numbers of Spanish mackerel around sand bars and rigs. Tripletail are still hanging around the south end of the bay and bull reds showing up in large numbers at Dixie Bar. Plenty of options so go out and make it happen.

We have one tournament remaining and it will be a blast for sure. We will have our final weigh in at Laps on the Causeway and bring your best chili to help feed some hungry anglers and to compete against fellow club members. We will have the scales on the end of the dock so come by boat if you wish. Even if you can't fish but would like to enter your chili then feel free to do so. Good luck and I hope to see a big turnout for our final tournament of the year.

Capt. Patric Garmeson

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OCTOBER MEETING

- **Very Important Meeting concerning possible Federal Management of the Mobile-Tensaw Delta.**
- **Representatives of the group "Save Our Delta" will be discussing the proposed Federal takeover of the delta and why they are opposed to it.**
- **No Mini Seminar or Quick Hits this month**

October Meeting

October 3, 2013

The next ACFA meeting will take place on Thursday October 3, 2013. We need everyone to come to this meeting if they are able because this could be one of the most important club meetings you will ever attend. Many of you may have heard by now that there is a group pushing to have the Mobile-Tensaw Delta turned into a Federally managed National Park. Much of what this could mean remains unclear at this point and rumors are plentiful. At this point, many of us are not sure which side of the debate we are for and simply want to find out more about the situation.

Our speaker for the night will be a representative of a group called "Save Our Delta". The main group opposing the Federal takeover of the Delta. This month, instead of having a mini-seminar and quick hits the folks from "Save Our Delta" will have the floor for the entire Mini-Seminar, Main Speaker and Quick Hits period of the meeting. We feel that this is a very important subject that lands close to home for all members of this club. We sincerely hope that "Save Our Delta" can help shed some light on the situation with the Mobile-Tensaw delta.

After the speaker from "Save Our Delta" has finished the meeting will proceed with the normal announcements, tournament awards, door prizes and raffle item. We hope that all of you will come to the meeting to find out more about the situation with our precious recourse that we all love so much.

September Meeting Recap

The September ACFA meeting, was held on Thursday September 3, 2013 and had a good turn out of members. Our main speaker for the night was Benton Parrot of the Hobie Kayak Pro Staff. Benton is an experienced inshore fisherman who gives a top notch presentation about kayak fishing and fishing in general. Benton went over techniques he uses while fishing out of kayaks and discussed the recent explosion of interest in kayak fishing.

The mini-seminar was handled by David Thornton and George Harrison and was a question and answer style seminar where club members could ask the guys anything fishing related that they needed answered. The quick-hits segment was handled by Jonathan Byrd, one of our newer members and he did an excellent job with it! We had some nice door prizes including two knife sets donated by Chip Dupree of Lap's and our raffle item was a rod and reel combo.

ACFA Members Dominate 4th Tournament of the Alabama Inshore Championship Trail

Saturday September 21, 2013 marked the fourth tournament of the Alabama Inshore Championship Trail. Participants faced inclement weather that would have kept most people at home and dry but the ones that stuck it out had a good day of fishing.

We are proud to say that teams made up of ACFA members took the top three positions at the end of the day. Team "Ugly DOA" consisting of **Adam Barker** and **Patric Garmeson** held the first place position and also went home as overall series champs for the AIC tournament trail. Team "He Gone", **Steve Lindsey** and **George Harrison** took second place and team "Mad Dog" **Doug Tierce** and **Marty Garmeson** took third. We'd like to say congratulations to the ACFA teams for their success and thank them for representing the best that the ACFA has to offer!

The Alabama Inshore Championship Trail is a five tournament series starting in April and ending in October. All proceeds go to Alabama Hunger Relief and are used to provide food for needy families and local food banks. The "Causeway Classic Open" which is the fifth and final tournament of the series will take place on October 12, 2013 and we feel pretty certain that ACFA anglers will be on the leader board again this time!

Adam Barker and Patric Garmeson, team "Ugly DOA" tournament winner and AIC series champions.

The ACFA teams with their fish; (L to R) team "Ugly DOA", Adam Barker and Patric Garmeson, team "He Gone", George Harrison and Steve Lindsey and team "Mad Dog", Doug Tierce and Marty Garmeson

ACFA "End of Summer" tournament September 7, 2013

Spanish Mackerel		Wt.	Pts.	Pl.	NetMan	Pl.	Junior Angler Spanish Macker
1	Mike Foster	2.70	5	1	Vicki Foster (L)	1	
2	Vicki Foster (L)	2.20	4	2	Mike Foster	2	
3			3	3		3	
4			2	4		4	
5			1	5		5	
Flounder					**NetMan**		**Junior Angler Flounder**
1	Trey Pitt	3.85	5	1	Bubba Williams	1	
2	Marty Garmeson	2.95	4	2	Brian Mygrant	2	
3	Lee Minto *	2.90	3	3	Lee Minto	3	
4	David Hare	2.90	2	4	John Howard	4	
5	Bubba Williams	2.45	1	5	Trey Pitt	5	
Redfish					**NetMan**		**Junior Angler Redfish**
1	Lee Minto ***	**8.40**	10	1	Lee Minto ***	1	
2	Jay O'Brien	5.55	4	2		2	
3	Doug Tierce	5.40	3	3		3	
4	Tom Brooks	4.50	2	4	Kyle Eckhoff	4	
5	Donald Garrettson	4.40	1	5	Rick Tourne'	5	
Speckled Trout					**NetMan**		**Junior Angler Speckled Trout**
1	O.P. Harrison	5.50	5	1	Trenny Woodham	1	
2	Doug Tierce	4.60	4	2		2	
3	Donald Garrettson	4.50	3	3	Rick Tourne'	3	
4	Mike Vickrey	3.75	2	4	Pat Garmeson	4	
5	Pat Garmeson	2.75	1	5	Mike Vickrey	5	
White Trout					**NetMan**		**Junior Angler White Trout**
1	Richard Hoffman Jr	0.70	5	1	Henry Nall	1	
2	Lee Day	0.65	4	2	Donald Jackson	2	
3			3	3		3	
4			2	4		4	
5			1	5		5	
		* TIE 1st to weigh in			*** NEW CLUB RECORD		

ACFA "End of Summer" Tournament Recap

The ACFA "End of Summer" tournament took place on September 7, 2013 and was a day of fair weather and good fishing. Good fish were brought in for each of the five species categories and participants enjoyed the good food and relaxing atmosphere of the Lap's pier and outdoor bar that was available to them.

One fish in particular that is well worth mentioning is Lee Minto's club record breaking 8.40lb slot Redfish! That's right, Lee now holds the ACFA record weight for slot redfish but unfortunately nobody thought to take a picture of the beast. Breaking a club record during an ACFA tournament entitles you to 5 extra tournament points making Lee's fish a 10 pointer! Meagan Schrandt from the Dauphin Island Sea Lab was on hand to collect Spanish Mackerel otolith samples and thankfully Mike and Vicki foster brought in a bunch of Spanish for her to collect samples from. You may have seen Meagan at previous weigh ins where Spanish Mackerel were a target species and we hope to be able to assist her with sample collection at future tournaments!

Kyle Eckhoff and Tom Brooks put together an excellent "make your own" sandwich buffet complete with cole slaw and potato salad. Other refreshments were purchased at the downstairs bar at Lap's where several club members enjoyed watching the football game while having a few beverages.

CHANDELEUR ISLANDS FISHING TRIP

In years past, Mr. Charlie Dowdle would put together a group of mostly ACFA members and plan a fishing getaway to the Chandeleur Islands. This year he's ready to do it again and he wants to know if any of us want to go with him.

The trip leaves out of Pascagoula, MS and is from **Thursday October, 3-Sunday October, 6.** You will ride a mother ship to the islands, meals and lodging aboard ship are included but you'll need to provide your own fishing equipment. Your two man skiff is loaded with gas and ice each morning so you're ready to go right after breakfast. If you are interested in going, please contact **Mr. Charlie Dowdle** at **(251)622-0054** for details and pricing. Most would say that this is the trip of a lifetime. Great company and awesome fishing in a location that is sure to please fisherman of any skill level and leave you with a lifetime of memories! Don't miss out on this opportunity!!!

Mutt Burke and Bill Midgette Causeway Classic

ACFA Tournament and Chili Cook-Off October 19, 2013

It's time for the final and most celebrated ACFA tournament of the year. The "Mutt Burke and Bill Midgette Causeway Classic". The Causeway Classic is a special tournament that is held in memory of Mutt Burke and Bill Midgette, long time ACFA members who loved the club, loved fishing the Causeway and loved doing it with artificials. So in honor of Mutt and Bill this tournament begins on the Causeway and there will be a special award given for the biggest Speckled Trout that was landed with an artificial lure.

The Causeway Classic takes place on Saturday October 19, 2013. Please remember that this is **not the first Saturday of the month**. This tournament is traditionally pushed back a few weeks to try and allow the weather to cool down some in hopes of doing some Fall style fishing in the delta. Species Categories are **Speckled Trout, Redfish, Flounder and Sheepshead.** Members must launch somewhere on the Causeway and the weigh in location will be the pier behind Lap's on the causeway. There will be a special plaque awarded to the angler who lands the biggest Speckled Trout on an artificial lure.

October is also the month for our Chili Cook-Off where ACFA members bring a pot of chili to put up against the best cooks in the club. There will be an award for the best pot of chili brought to the weigh in. ACFA members are encouraged to bring a pot of chili for the competition but it must be brought to the weigh in by 4:00pm to be considered for the competition. A panel of judges will be selected at the weigh in and will pick the winner of the 2013 ACFA Chili Cook-Off. If you are interested in entering. All you need to bring is a pot of chili, all spoons, bowls, rice and cheese will be provided by the club. Special thanks to ACFA food advisor Kyle Eckhoff for putting this together!

If you haven't made it to a weigh in at Lap's yet you are in for a treat. This is one of the best facilities available for this sort of thing. There is a full service bar a short walk from the pier, under the building complete with big screen TVs to catch you up on all the football scores. We appreciate Lap's allowing us to use this facility for out weigh ins so lets support them buy purchasing all your beverages at the bar. We hope to see you there!!!

The "Causeway Classic" weigh in location behind Laps on the Causeway.

Statistics
as of:
September 22, 2013

The BIG Fish Contest 2013

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

Big Fish Contest Standing — 13-Sep-13

	Blackfish	WT		Flounder	WT		Ground Mullet	WT		Redfish	WT
1	Frank Mitternight	22.02	1	Jerry Markow	5.46	1	Kyle Mitternight	2.39	1	Lee Minto **	8.40
2	Eddie Greer	21.70	2	Lee Minto	4.46	2	Henry Nall	2.26	2	Bill Perry	5.95
3	Eddie Greer	18.17	3	Lee Minto	4.43	3	Summer Williams (L)	2.22	3	Trenny Woodham	5.75
4	Victoria Tourne'	17.95	4	Adam Barker *	4.40	4	Brian Mygrant (N)	2.14	4	Lee Minto	5.70
5	Jay O'Brien	16.38	5	Bob Ward	4.40	5	Brian Mygrant (N)	1.90	5	Jay O'Brien	5.55
6	Jay O'Brien	15.10	6	Brian Mygrant (N)	4.23	6	MartyGarmeson	1.80	6	Patric Garmeson	5.45
7	Frank Mitternight	12.70	7	Kevin Owens	4.10	7	David Thornton *	1.75	7	Doug Tierce	5.40
8	Katie Mitternight (J)	12.65	8	Patric Garmeson	4.02	8	David Thornton *	1.75	8		
9			9	Trey Pitt	3.85	9	MartyGarmeson	1.75	9		
10			10	Marty Garmeson	3.71	10	John Fassbender *	1.73	10		

	Sheepshead	WT		Spanish Mackerel	WT		Speckled Trout	WT		White Trout	WT
1	Vicki Foster (L)	9.30	1	Bekki Ludlam (L)	5.89	1	Jay O'Brien	7.70	1	Jay O'Brien **	3.58
2	Jay O'Brien	8.84	2	Mark McPherson	5.67	2	Trenny Woodham	7.52	2	O.P. Harrison	2.95
3	Eddie Greer	8.70	3	Bekki Ludlam (L)	4.89	3	Kevin Owens	7.22	3	Marty Garmeson	2.63
4	Richard Hoffman Jr	8.50	4	Jeff Solcox	4.09	4	O.P. Harrison	7.03	4	O.P. Harrison	2.61
5	Mike Foster	8.30	5	Don Ludlam	4.05	5	Kyle Mitternight	6.90	5	Marty Garmeson	2.52
6	Doug Smith	8.10	6	Don Ludlam	4.01	6	Bill Graves	6.80	6	Ronnie Reed	2.43
7	Leslie Smith	7.85	7	Mark McPherson	3.65	7	Lee Minto	6.60	7	John Howard	2.22
8	Henry Nall	7.55	8	David Thornton	3.50	8	Doug Tierce	6.58	8	John Howard	2.15
9	Jay O'Brien	6.98	9	Vicki Foster (L)	3.44	9	Henry Nall	6.54	9	Trenny Woodham	2.00
10	Richard Hoffman Jr *	6.65	10	David Thornton	3.30	10	O.P. Harrison	6.50	10	Ronnie Reed	1.93

** NEW CLUB RECORD * First to weigh in (N) New Member (J) Junior Angler (L) Lady Angler

***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

Tournament Points Totals

PI	NAME	TOTAL
1	Trenny Woodham	39
2	O.P. Harrison	36
3	Richard Hoffman Jr	34
4	Mike Foster	27
5	Vicki Foster (L)	25
6	Lee Minto	24
7	Jay O'Brien	20
8	Marty Garmeson	18
8	Richard Beech	18
9	Doug Tierce	17
10	Pat Garmeson	16

Net Man Points Totals

PI	NAME	TOTAL
1	Trenny Woodham	40
2	Rick Tourne'	25
3	Lee Minto	23
3	Mike Foster	23
4	Brian Mygrant (N)	22
4	Vicki Foster (L)	22
5	Henry Nall	18
6	Eddie Greer	16
7	Rhonda Beech (L)	15
8	Jacob Guy	10
8	Mark McPherson	10
8	Marty Garmeson	10
8	Phillip Guy	10
9	Doug Tierce	9
9	Mike Vickrey	9
9	O.P. Harrison	9
9	Patric Garmeson	9
10	Kyle Mitternight	8
10	Trey Pitt	8

Big Fish Contest Top 10

PI	Pts	Current Leaders
1	52	Jay O'Brien
2	43	Lee Minto
3	25	Eddie Greer
4	24	O.P. Harrison
5	22	Marty Garmeson
6	19	Trenny Woodham
7	18	Bekki Ludlam (L)
7	18	Brian Mygrant (N)
8	16	Kyle Mitternight
9	15	Henry Nall
10	14	Frank Mitternight

PL	CPR Speckled Trout (in)	
1	Patric Garmeson	26.88
2	Doug Tierce	26.75
3	Jay O'Brien	26.50
4	Doug Tierce	26.25
5	Patric Garmeson *	26.00
6	Adam Barker	26.00
7	Mike Vickrey	25.13
8	Donald Garrettson *	25.00
9	Jeb Mann	25.00
10	Rick Tourne'	25.00

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