

# Alabama Coastal Fisherman's Association



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## October Meeting

**Date:** October 1, 2015 **Time:** 7:00 pm

**Place:** Moe's Original Bar B Que,  
701 Springhill Ave., Mobile, AL 36602

**Mini Seminars: 6:20 pm—Joe Sirmon**  
"Quick Hits and Great Ideas"

**Main Speaker: 7pm—John Mareska, AL MRD**  
Speckled Trout Data Updates

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## Important

## Dates

- ⇒ October 1—Deadline to Volunteer for ACFA Board Position
- ⇒ **October 17—ACFA Tournament**
- ⇒ October 17—Salty Worm Brackish Classic
- ⇒ October 23—5th Annual Dog River Fishing Tournament

## President's Message

One more tournament to go. Even if you don't have a chance to catch up to the leaders, I still encourage everyone to participate in our final event, or at least stop in to taste and vote on your favorite chili. Every year we have some fantastic chili and some great fishing stories.

This year, like last year, we will have our weigh in at Shirley's bait and tackle on the Causeway. They have plenty of room to accommodate our average weigh in crowd but be mindful to not block the flow of customer traffic through their parking lot. If you decide to come by boat be aware that there is very limited dock space and there may be a need to raft boats together. Good luck and be safe out there!

Capt. Patric Garmeson

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### MEETING

*October's Raffle Item is . . .*

*Frogg Toggs' Gift Cards!*



## OCTOBER MEETING

Start out with a “Quick Hits and Great Ideas” Session with Joe Sirmon. Everyone is invited to share at least one great idea on fishing techniques, trolling motor applications, trailering, launching your boat, outboard use and care, favorite rod and reel, releasing over 20” fish, etc. Don’t miss out on over 50 great ideas. Come and Share!

John Mareska with Alabama Department of Conservation, Marine Resources Division will be the main speaker. He will talk about Speckled Trout in the area and give updates on the latest estimates of population parameters. Marine Resources Division routinely monitors the fishery populations of the area, providing information about the biology, ecology, and health of the fish species.

### MUTT BURKE AND BILL MIDGETTE CAUSEWAY CLASSIC Oct. 17: Speckled Trout, Red Drum, Flounder, & Sheepshead

#### **WEIGH-IN: Shirley’s Bait & Tackle on the Causeway, 1—3 pm**

\*\*\*Launch from the causeway and then weigh-in and chili cook-off will take place at Scott’s Landing\*\*\*

#### **FOOD: Chili Cook-Off (see the Food Report, pg. 3 for details)**

\*\*\*We need lots of help with set-up and break down. Please lend a hand!\*\*\*

\*\*\*Reminder: you can weigh-in *LIVE* Speckled Trout (or any category) at this and any other tournament. You can also weigh in any other species for the Big Fish Board during *ANY* tournament.\*\*\*

## September Meeting Recap

*Please RSVP for the end of the year banquet—a sign-up sheet will be available at the October and November meetings, as well as on ACFA Facebook and the ACFA Forum. The banquet will be at Moe’s Original Bar-B-Que downtown.*

The two mini-seminars were conducted by Joe Sirmon and Vicki Foster. Joe spoke about networking within the ACFA—there’s lots of valuable and helpful information out there—you just have to talk to your fellow anglers! Monthly meetings are a great way to start networking. Vicki Foster spoke about how to be Master Angler. She had a few tips for everyone, including: Fish the tournaments; weigh something in because you never know what will win—all 1st place fish are worth 5 points, no matter what category; weigh-in fish to put on the Big Fish Board and send in your card(s); and you need good bait and some good game plans for tournament day!

Joey Gates discussed fall/winter fishing in the delta and shared quite a few tips for running the tricky areas and rigging up your gear. He stressed careful navigation and suggests following someone for the first couple of times until you are comfortable running it on your own—there are really shallow areas that sneak up on you! The delta is usually packed with boats, so have patience and ease through when you’re unsure. The fall-winter season brings good Speckled Trout fishing the entire time (even top water), as well as bass fishing up the Tensaw river. Look for birds in the fall. With little to no rain, specks can be found all the way up to Graving Island. Lastly, don’t be afraid to stop and watch the bottom machine for deeper water!

## END OF SUMMER TOURNAMENT RECAP

The weigh-in was a bit interesting this time around. Normally speckled trout are the most commonly weighed in species and Spanish Mackerel one the least weighed species. Not this year! Spanish Mackerel were high on numerous anglers' hit list and some really nice fish came in early and often. The trio of Mark McPherson, Brad McDonald and Norman Lewellen sat in the top three spots for the highly targeted Spanish Mackerel until John Howard and partner David Hare arrived. John swiped the top spot with a very respectable 4.5# mackerel and partner David slid in the 5th spot with a solid 3# Spanish. John didn't stop with the Mackerel; he also placed in speckled trout and white trout.

The fried fish provided by food advisors Tom Brooks and Kyle Eckhoff was well received by all tournament participants. Without these guys we would go hungry. A big thanks to everyone who helped out with the Fish Fry! Sorry but last names got lost in the shuffle, so per Kyle Eckhoff's memory....Johnny with the broken thumb, John the taste tester, and Kyle from Fairhope, Tom Brooks, and Gary Tingle were all instrumental in the efforts. They were great! Also, about 20 people helped break things down and it was a great team effort. Thanks to everyone.

For next month, we need cooks to enter the Chili Cook-Off and we'll need extra help with the tent and supplies. Call Kyle Eckhoff for more details...and see below in the "Food Report".

### September Tournament Results

#### Flounder

Pl	Angler	Wt	Pts.	Netman
1	GERALD MARKOW	4.35	5	SHARON MARKOW
2	JEB MANN	3.10	4	MICHAEL NICHOLAS
3	DAVID HARE	2.50	3	JOHN HOWARD
4	MICHAEL NICHOLAS	2.35	2	JEB MANN
5	DOUG TIERCE	2.30	1	RICK TOURNE

#### Redfish

Pl	Angler	Wt.	Pts.	Netman
1	MICHAEL NICHOLAS	6.90	5	JEB MANN
2	JEB MANN	5.75	4	MICHAEL NICHOLAS
3	JOSH TIDMORE	3.85	3	SUMMER TIDMORE
4	MIKE FOSTER	3.55	2	VICKI FOSTER
5	DOUG TIERCE	3.45	1	RICK TOURNE

#### Spanish Mackerel

Pl	Angler	Wt.	Pts.	Netman
1	JOHN HOWARD	4.50	5	DAVID HARE
2	BRAD MCDONALD	3.60	4	MARK MCPHERSON
3	MARK MCPHERSON	3.35	3	NORMAN LEWELLEN
4	NORMAN LEWELLEN	3.20	2	BRAD MCDONALD
5	DAVID HARE	3.00	1	JOHN HOWARD

#### Speckled Trout

Pl	ANGLER	Wt.	Pts.	Netman
1	RICK TOURNE	4.75	5	DOUG TIERCE
2	MICHAEL NICHOLAS	4.10	4	JEB MANN
3	BOB WARD	2.60	3	BILL GRAVES
4	JEB MANN	2.30	2	MICHAEL NICHOLAS
5	JOHN HOWARD	1.75	1	DAVID HARE

#### White Trout

Pl	Angler	Wt.	Pts.	Netman
1	JOHN HOWARD	0.85	5	DAVID HARE
2	DALE PIERCE	0.80	4	DALE PIERCE
3	TIM PIERCE	0.70	3	TIM PIERCE
4	KYLE ECKHOFF	0.55*	2	TOM BANKS
5	LORETTA DIXON (L)	0.55	1	TYLER DIXON

#### Junior Angler White Trout

1	Weston Tidmore (J)
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### Food Report . . . October Chili Cook-Off!

Participate in the Chili Cook-Off! All entries welcome—at least 4 contestants needed. Cook one crock-pot full and bring your toppings of choice (optional). ACFA supplies the paper goods. Everyone votes!

**Please Contact Kyle Eckhoff (251) 259-2357 if you would like to be a contestant. Phone calls only, please.**

### UPCOMING 2015 ACFA DATES:

**November 5 = Meeting**

**December 4 = End of Year Banquet  
With Membership Accomplishment  
Awards and Lots of Door Prizes**

# STATISTICS (cont.):

(As of September, 2015)

## Tournament Points Totals

PL	NAME	TOT	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP
1	JOHN HOWARD	39	0	0	0	10	11	6	12
2	VICKI FOSTER	26	4	1	0	8	11	1	1
3	MICHAEL NICHOLAS	24	0	1	3	1	0	7	12
4	DALE PIERCE	22	0	5	1	3	8	0	5
5	BOB WARD	20	0	0	0	0	11	5	4
6	KYLE ECKOFF	19	1	1	0	0	4	10	3
7	TOM BROOKS	17	4	1	0	3	5	4	0
7	MIKE FOSTER	17	5	0	0	2	9	0	1
7	RICK TOURNE	17	1	1	3	6	0	0	6
8	JEB MANN	16	0	1	1	0	0	3	11
9	HUNTER BEHR (J)	15	1	4	0	9	0	1	0
9	TIM PIERCE	15	1	6	0	1	3	0	4
10	DOUG TIERCE	14	6	5	0	0	0	0	3
11	JONATHAN BYRD	13	4	1	0	8	0	0	0
11	BARRY KEITH	13	3	0	0	1	9	0	0
11	MARK MCPHERSON	13	0	0	3	6	0	0	4
11	TREY HOLLADAY	13	1	0	0	4	6	1	1
12	DAVID THORNTON	12	2	9	1	0	0	0	0
13	BILL GRAVES	11	0	0	0	0	11	0	0
13	JOHNNY PHILLIPPI	11	6	1	1	3	0	0	0
14	ALVIN BELL	10	0	1	3	6	0	0	0
14	DAVID HARE	10	0	0	0	0	0	5	5
15	PAT GARMESON	9	4	0	3	1	0	0	1
15	GERALD MARKOW	9	0	0	0	0	0	3	6
15	BRIAN MYGRANT	9	5	1	1	1	0	0	1
15	SHON PIPKIN	9	0	0	0	0	0	8	1
16	COOPER GARMESON (J)	8	3	0	3	1	1	0	0
17	JOE CIEUTAT	7	4	0	3	0	0	0	0
17	JAY O'BREIN	7	1	0	0	0	6	0	0
17	DAVID SKOGLUND	7	0	6	0	0	0	1	0
18	DURAND BAILEY	6	0	0	0	0	0	6	0
18	RHONDA BEECH (L)	6	6	0	0	0	0	0	0
18	ADAM BEHR	6	1	3	0	2	0	0	0
18	CECIL CAPPS	6	1	1	3	1	0	0	0
18	NORMAN LEWELLEN	6	0	0	0	3	0	0	3
18	SUMMER MITTERNIGHT (L)	6	0	0	0	1	0	6	0
18	DELBERT MUSIC	6	0	6	0	0	0	0	0
18	HENRY NALL	6	6	0	0	0	0	0	0
18	JESSICA OWENS	6	0	0	0	0	0	6	0
18	GUS RILEY	6	5	0	1	0	0	0	0
18	JOE SIRMION	6	0	0	0	6	0	0	0
18	GRANT TILLMAN	6	1	5	0	0	0	0	0
19	CHLOE CHAFFIN (J) (L)	5	0	0	0	5	0	0	0
19	STEVEN SUMMERSELL	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
20	DONALD GARRETTSON	4	0	1	3	0	0	0	0
21	RICHARD HOFFMAN JR	3	1	0	1	0	0	1	0
21	TOM LITTLEPAGE	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
21	MIKE THOMPSON	3	0	0	3	0	0	0	0
21	SUMMER TIDMORE	3	1	0	0	2	0	0	0
22	TYLER DIXON	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	1
23	RICHARD BEECH	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
23	CHRISTINE SHAUL	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
23	TYLER VANTOFF	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
23	CLIFF BAILEY	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
23	RONNIE DYSON	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
23	LORETTA DIXON (L)	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
23	SANDY TILLERY	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
24	KATIE MITTERNIGHT (J)	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
24	KRISTEN MITTERNIGHT (J)	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
24	SHARON MARKOW	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
24	SELENE FINCH	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
24	VINCE HAWKINS	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
24	PAT HUGHES	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
24	JOE HUGHES	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
24	AUTUMN GARMESON	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
24	JEFF PRICHARD	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
24	FRANK HALL	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
24	LEE MINTO	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
24	TREY PITT	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
24	SEAN GIBBS	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
24	JOSH TIDMORE	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
24	MIKE VICKERY	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
24	WESTON TIDMORE (J)	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1

## Netman Points Totals

PL	NAME	TOT	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP
1	DAVID HARE	27	0	0	0	10	0	5	12
2	TOM BROOKS	24	5	1	0	3	2	10	3
3	JEBB MANN	23	0	1	3	0	0	7	12
4	DOUG TIERCE	18	6	5	0	0	0	0	7
4	DAVID THORNTON	18	8	9	1				
5	MIKE FOSTER	17	5	0	0	2	9	1	1
5	MICHAEL NICHOLAS	17	0	1	1	1	0	3	11
6	CECIL CAPPS	16	1	1	3	10	0	1	0
6	RICHARD HOFFMAN JR	16	6	0	3	6	0	1	
6	DALE PIERCE	16	1	6	0	0	4	0	5
7	PAT GARMESON	15	6	0	3	5	0	0	1
8	JOHN HOWARD	14	0	0	0	0	3	6	5
8	TIM PIERCE	14	0	5	1	3	1	0	4
9	TREY HOLLADAY	13	3	0	0	1	9	0	
9	RICK TOURNE	13	1	1	3	6	0	0	2
9	NORMAN LEWELLEN	13	0	0	3	6	0	0	4
10	BARRY KEITH	11	1	0	0	4	4	1	1
10	BRIAN MYGRANT	11	5	1	1	3	0	0	1
10	VICKI FOSTER (L)	11	2	0	0	2	4	0	3
11	DELBERT MUSIC (N)	10	0	10					
12	JONATHAN BYRD	9	3	6					
12	BILL GRAVES	9	0	0	0	0	0	5	4
14	TOM LITTLEPAGE	8	8	0	0	0	0	0	
14	MARK MCPHERSON	8	0	0	0	3	0	0	5
14	DAVID SKOGLUND	8	0	0	0	0	0	8	
14	SHON PIPKIN	8	0	6	0	0	0	1	1
15	KYLE MITTERNIGHT	7	0	0	0	1	0	6	
15	SUMMER MITTERNIGHT	7	0	0	0	7	0	0	
15	ADAM BEHR (N)	7	1	4	0	1	0	1	
16	CLIFF BAILEY	6						6	
16	RICHARD BEECH	6	6	0	0	0	0	0	
16	KYLE ECKHOFF	6	1	1	0	0	0	4	
16	SHARON MARKOW (L)	6	0	0	0	0	0	6	
16	KEVIN OWEN	6	0	0	0	0	0	6	
16	JEFF PRICHARD	6	0	0	0	6	0		
16	TYLER VANHOFF	6	1	5	0	0	0	0	
17	MATT COKER	5	5	0					
17	GUS RILEY	5	4	0	1				
17	SUMMER TIDMORE (L)	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	4
18	HUNTER BEHR (J) (N)	4	1	3					
18	JOE CIEUTAT	4	1	0	3				
18	DONALD GARRETTSON	4	0	1	3				
18	BRAD MCDONALD	4	0	0	1	0	0	0	3
18	CHRISTINE SHAUL (L)	4	4	0					
18	JOHNNY PHILLIPPI	4	1	1	1	1			
18	MIKE VICKERY	4	0	0	3	0	0	0	1
19	TYLER DIXON	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
19	MIKE THOMPSON	3	0	0	3				
19	JOSH TIDMORE	3	1	0	0	2	0	0	
19	GERALD MARKOW	3						3	
19	SANDY TILLERY	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	1
20	RHONDA BEECH (L)	2	2	0					
20	DURAND BAILEY	2						2	
20	GRANT TILLMAN	2	1	1					
20	ALVIN BELL	2	0	1	1				
20	TED LAWSON	2						2	
21	DANNY FINCH	1						1	
21	VINCE HAWKINS	1						1	
21	CRAIG HALL	1	1	0					
21	GEORGE HARRISON	1	0	1					
21	KATIE MITTERNIGHT (J)	1						1	
21	JEREMY MORROW	1	1	0					
21	TAYLOR MORROW	1	1	0					
21	HENRY NALL	1	1	0					
21	JAY O'BRIEN	1	1	0					
21	TOMMY TILLMAN	1	1	0					
21	JACKSON HUGHES (J)	1	0	0	1				
21	CHAD PALMER	1	0	0	1				
21	LORETTA DIXON (L)	1							1
21	JENNY HINES (L)	1							1

# STATISTICS (cont.):

## Big Fish Board Contest, 2015

Blackfish		WT	Flounder		WT	Ground Mullet/Whiting		WT	Redfish		WT
1	Rick Tourne	28.2	1	Brian Mygrant	4.9	1	Joe Sirmon	1.05	1	Durand Bailey	7.00
2	Eddie Greer	27.0	2	Gerald Markow	4.4	2			2	Michael Nicholas	6.90
3	Summer Mitternacht (L)	23.1	3	Gerald Markow	4.4	3			3	John Howard	6.85
4	Rick Tourne	21.3	4	Brian Mygrant	4.1	4			4	Delbert Music(n)	6.65
5	Lynda Capps (L)	17.7	5	Kyle Eckhoff	3.9	5			5	Donald Garrettson	6.60
6	Lynda Capps (L)	12.6	6	Jeb Mann	3.1	6			6	Rhonda Beech(L)	6.30
7			7			7			7	John Howard	6.30
8			8			8			8	Bob Ward	6.15
9			9			9			9	Jonathan Byrd	5.90
10			10			10			10	Jeb Mann	5.75
Sheepshead		WT	Spanish Mackerel		WT	Speckled Trout		WT	White Trout		WT
1	Eddie Greer	9.78	1	John Howard	4.5	1	Pat Garmeson	7.89	1	Mike Thompson	2.62
2	Henry Nail	9.05	2	Mark Mcpherson	4.4	2	Doug Tierce	7.15	2	Brian Mygrant	2.60
3	Michael Foster	8.05	3	Chloe Chaffin (J) (L)	3.7	3	George Harrison	7.06	3	Mike Thompson	2.58
4	Vicki Foster (L)	7.65	4	Vicki Foster (L)	3.6	4	Rick Tourne	6.92	4	Johnny Phillippi	2.30
5	Barry Keith	7.25	5	Brad McDonald	3.6	5	Rick Tourne	6.61	5	Gus Riley	1.15
6	Dan Hayes	7.24	6	Mark Mcpherson	3.4	6	Jonathan Byrd	6.60	6	Tom Brooks	1.05
7	Vicki Foster (L)	6.05	7	Norman Lewellen	3.2	7	Brian Mygrant	6.55	7	Gus Riley	1.05
8			8	Norman Lewellen	3.0	8	Brian Mygrant	6.35	8	Tom Littlepage	1.05
9			9	Vicki Foster (L)	3.0	9	Joe Cieutat	6.35	9		
10			10	David Hare	3.0	10	Doug Tierce	6.35	10		

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

## Catch-Photo-Release, Speckled Trout

Place	Angler	(in)
1	PAT GARMESON	27.500
2	JOHN HOWARD	26.000
3	JEB MANN	26.000
4	JEB MANN	25.750
5	RICK TOURNE	25.250
6	JOE CIEUTAT	25.000
7	LORI TOURNE	24.875
8	JOHN HOWARD	24.750
9	SHANE TRAYLOR	24.000
10	MIKE FOSTER	23.875
11	JONATHAN BYRD	23.750



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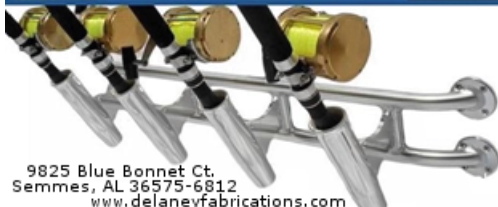
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