

# Alabama Coastal Fisherman's Association



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## August Meeting

**Date:** Time: 7:00 pm

**Place:** American Legion Post 88 2663 Halls Mill Rd

**Main Speaker:** Dr. J. Marcus Drymon, Shark Researcher from the Dauphin Island Sea Lab

**Mini Seminar:** Jim "Hollywood" Foster

**Quick Hits:** Kyle Eckhoff

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## Important Dates

- August 3, 2013-Mobile Bay Grand Slam Tournament

## President's Message:

We are now over the hump and headed into the second half of the ACFA tournament season. Whether you have 20 points or 2 points it is still anyone's game. The August tournament has the title of the "grand slam" tournament and can help provide a pile of points if you place in all three of the grand slam categories. For example if you place 2nd place speckled trout, 1st place redfish, and 3rd place flounder, you not only get the points for each of the species you also are awarded a bonus 5 points to your total. It has only happened once or twice since I have been in the club that someone has completed the slam in this fashion. Needless to say if you only have 4 or 5 total points right now you can make up a lot of ground with a tournament finish similar to my example. Good luck to everyone!

Capt. Patric Garmeson

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### AUGUST MEETING

- Our main speaker for August is Dr. J. Marcus Drymon, from the Dauphin Island Sea Lab. He'll be talking about sharks in our area.
- The Mini Seminar for August is a cast net throwing demonstration by Jim "Hollywood" Foster. The man can throw a net so come check him out and learn a little something.
- Quick Hits for August will be Kyle Eckhoff
- Raffle item is an 8' cast net

# Mobile Bay Grand Slam

(August ACFA Tournament and annual Shrimp Boil!!!)

The ACFA Mobile Bay Grand Slam Tournament will be taking place on Saturday August 3, 2013. This tournament is unique in that it is one of the tournaments where ACFA anglers compete in 5 different species categories and there will be an award given for the Biggest Grand Slam of the day. Also, this tournament is one of only two tournaments where Blackfish is a category. The Biggest Slam Award will be awarded to the angler who has the Mobile Bay Grand Slam with the heaviest weight. And, just in case we have somebody who isn't familiar with what a Grand Slam is; a Grand Slam, or Slam is when an angler catches Speckled Trout, Redfish and Flounder all in the same trip. So, in order to be considered for the Biggest Slam award you will need to weigh in one Speckled Trout, one Redfish and one Flounder.

If you don't happen to bring in a Grand Slam in August but still bring in one or two of the required species they will be weighed individually just as they normally are. The list of all five target species is **Speckled Trout, Redfish, Flounder, White Trout and Blackfish**. The weigh in location is **American Legion Post 250, Fowl River** from 3-5 pm.

Come Hungry! Because August is when the ACFA members get together for the annual shrimp boil. There will be plenty of shrimp so join us for some good food, good company and fish stories. ACFA members will be taking time out of their day to boil the shrimp for everybody so lets try to give them a hand with cleanup after the weigh in and give them a big thank you for everything they do.

## July Meeting Recap

The July meeting and annual junk sale were a big success, plenty of junk was brought in and it appeared that a bunch of it was sold. The annual junk sale allows ACFA members to get rid of unwanted fishing and outdoor related equipment, make a little money for themselves and raise a little money for the club in the process. We want to give a big thanks to all those who brought in items to sell.

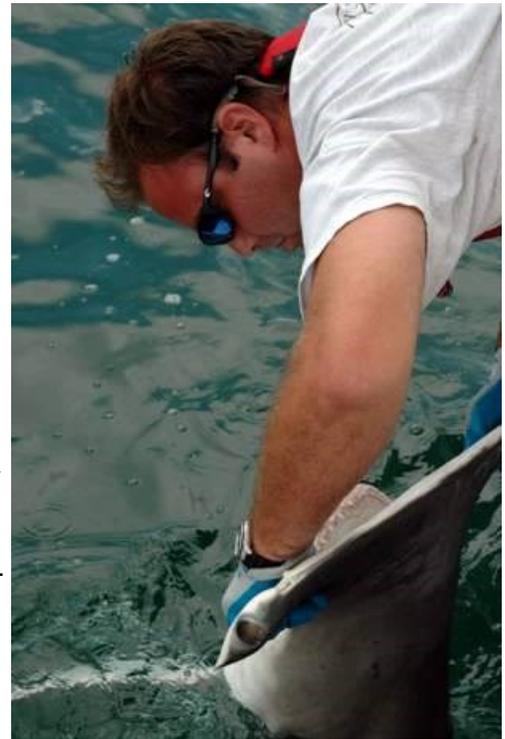
Captain Richard Rutland of Cold Blooded Fishing gave a very informative presentation on being successful in fishing for speckled trout along the beaches. He had Google Earth pictures to give specific examples of what to look for, how to set up the boat, how to rig your pole, what bait to use etc. If you missed this informative presentation, you missed out!

Finally, Mr. O.P. Harrison handled the Quick Hits portion of the meeting. O.P. discussed the importance of club member participation in programs such as quick hits. If you have something to share with the club and are interested in presenting it please don't hesitate to get in touch with O.P. to sign up for Quick Hits, we're always looking for somebody new!

# AUGUST MEETING

The next ACFA meeting will take place on August 1, 2013 and will be an interesting one that you do not want to miss. Due to the encounters that we have been having with small sharks in the bay lately we thought it would be interesting to have a shark expert speak on the subject at our next meeting. The Mini Seminar this month will be provided by an old familiar face that many of you will know and Quick Hits will be done by our ACFA Food Advisor Mr. Kyle Eckhoff.

Our main speaker will be Dr. J. Marcus Drymon, from the Dauphin Island Sea Lab. Dr. Drymon earned a Ph.D in Marine Science from the University of South Alabama in May 2010 and has studied sharks in our area extensively. On the Dauphin Island Sea Lab website, Dr. Drymon describes his research interests "My primary research interests are in marine fisheries ecology, particularly for elasmobranch fish. Most of my research is directed towards increasing the effectiveness of management measures for coastal sharks through studies of the distribution, life history and trophic ecology of these fish. My research while at Dauphin Island Sea Lab (DISL) has shown that coastal shark communities in the northern Gulf of Mexico can be disparate across relatively small spatial scales. My post-doctoral research continues to explore the mechanisms responsible for this disparity, while addressing management issues through a series of fishery-independent surveys, telemetry projects and mesocosm experiments". We look forward to hearing Dr. Drymon's presentation and hope that you will come out to the meeting to learn about this interesting subject.



*Dr. J. Marcus Drymon of the Dauphin Island Sea Lab*

As we all know, the ACFA is made up of members with varying skill levels. One skill that can be a tricky to master is the art of throwing a cast net. So, if you've had trouble making your net open into that nice perfect circle you won't want to miss the Mini Seminar portion of the August meeting. Jim Foster, or "Hollywood" as many of you may know him will be giving a mini seminar on cast

net throwing. Rumor has it that Jim has been throwing a cast net since he was just a kid and has some tips that will more than likely help you master the art or maybe help you figure out what you've been doing wrong all this time. Throwing a cast net with some proficiency can help improve your fishing trips by ensuring that you can fill your live well with fresh live baits. So, if throwing a cast net is something that you need to improve on we hope you'll come down and see what Hollywood has to say. And, don't hesitate to bring your own cast net along so can Hollywood can help you master your own net. And finally, if you don't have a cast net, our raffle item is an 8' cast net. As always, chances are \$1 each. Hope to see you there!



# RODEO WARM UP TOURNAMENT

The 2013 ACFA Rodeo Warm Up Tournament is in the books. The Rodeo Warm Up is a unique tournament for a few reasons. Firstly, this is the only tournament where ACFA anglers compete against each other for fish creels instead of individual fish in the Speckled Trout and Flounder categories and one of only two club tournaments where Blackfish are a category. The tournament coincided with the Alabama Deep Sea Fishing Rodeo's Roy Martin Young Anglers Fishing Tournament so the club's young anglers came out in force to participate.

Speckled Trout anglers fished in two man teams or solo for a creel of five fish. Several good creels were weighed in with Richard Hoffman Jr. and Henry Nall bringing in the best creel at 17.25 pounds. But, other club members who were pursuing Specks were not so fortunate. Some of the club members who took a live bait approach to trout fishing were plagued by an abundance of juvenile Bull Sharks in many areas. The sharks, at 2.5 or 3 feet in length were a nuisance, as their voracious appetites don't discriminate between food and a trout anglers bait. After the days shark problems, it is fitting that Marcus Drymon from the Dauphin Island Sea Lab will be speaking on the subject of Bull Shark research in our area at the August meeting. Don't miss it!

Anglers targeting Flounder brought in some nice fish but none of them brought in a full three fish creel. Gerald Markow ended up taking the lead with 3.95 lbs. O.P. Harrison took first place in the redfish category with a 4.05 and Trenny Woodham took first in the White Trout with a 1.20.

With the Roy Martin Young Anglers Fishing Tournament coinciding with the ACFA tournament, it is worth mentioning that all four Blackfish that were weighed in were brought in by ACFA junior anglers. Victoria Tourne' took first place with a 17.25 pound fish that also took second place in the Roy Martin Young Anglers Tournament. Way to go Victoria! Katie Mitternacht took second with a 12.65, Gavin Tourne' took third with a 8.25 and Kristen Mitternacht took fourth with a 5.3.

At the end of the day Marty Garmeson and Bryan Mygrant teamed up to make some good fish tacos for everybody that came to the weigh in. We want to give a big thank you to those guys for feeding everybody!



*Gavin Tourne', Victoria Tourne', Katie Mitternacht and Kristen Mitternacht showing off their blackfish from the Roy Martin Young Anglers Tournament!*



*Victoria Tourne' with her 17.25lb blackfish that took 1st in the ACFA tournament and 2nd in the RMYAFT!*

## WEIGH-IN NOTES

Please keep in mind that ALL our ACFA officials volunteer their time and strive to do the best job they can for us all. You can help them out by lending a hand (eyes or ears).

OFFICAL weights are recorded from the ACFA scales which the club has certified, but anyone can make mistakes when writing many numbers and names, especially while distracted by people who gather around the table to watch and socialize. So it is the members who are ultimately responsible for the factual recording of their fish weights, categories, spelling names, receiving Net Points, etc.

Any notable discrepancies should be brought to the attention of the Weigh Master as soon as possible to resolve the issue. Mem- bers should feel free to verify weights on a different scale and request their fish to be reweighed if the situation warrants.

The results are closed with the official scale at 5pm the day of the tournament and no changes will be made to fish weights after that time.

The weigh in sheets for each tournament will be posted on the ACFA website (in the ACFA An- nouncements forum) as soon as the Statistician can scan and post them.

The final results will be verified and posted ASAP in the week following.

Any errors with spelling names should be brought to the attention of the Statistician or Awards chairman ASAP (long) before the plaques and trophies are scribed.

## STORM STATEMENT

A storm statement was added to our by-laws after several busy hurricane seasons interrupted our fishing season. Now seems timely to republish this in what has tra- ditionally been the busiest part of the hurricane season.

**NOTE:** IF a named tropical storm or hurricane is predicted to strike the Gulf Coast within approximately 150 miles east or west of Mobile (roughly the area between the mouth of the Mississippi River and Cape San Blas, FL) on or close to a sched- uled ACFA Saturday tournament, that tourney will automatically be postponed until the following Saturday (unless that Saturday falls on the weekend of the Alabama Deep Sea Fishing Rodeo in which case it will be postponed 2 weeks later).

**Additional note:** IF a hurricane is immediately threatening our area or a curfew is in effect in the City of Mobile (following a hurricane landfall) at the time of our scheduled monthly meeting, that meeting will be cancelled (and not rescheduled). All business pertinent to that meeting (plaque and trophy presentations, etc.) will be done at the next scheduled meeting the following month.

Hopefully we won't ever have to implement this plan, but we wanted everyone to be aware of our procedures in the event of a hurricane or severe storm.

### ACFA "Rodeo Warmup" tournament July 13, 2013

<u>Flounder (3 fish creel)</u>		<u>Wt.</u>	<u>Pts.</u>	<u>Pl.</u>	<u>NetMan</u>	<u>Pl.</u>	<u>Junior Angler Flounder</u>	
1	Gerald Markow	3.95	5	1		1	Ryan Hoffman	2.55
2	Ryan Hoffman (J)	2.55	4	2		2		
3	Phillip & Bob Ward	1.60	3	3		3		
4	Marty Garmeson	1.00	2	4	Bryan Mygrant	4		
5	Mike Foster	0.90	1	5	Vicki Foster (L)	5		
<u>Blackfish</u>					<u>NetMan</u>		<u>Junior Angler Blackfish</u>	
1	Victoria Tourne' (J)	17.95	5	1	Rick Tourne'	1		
2	Katie Mitternacht (J)	12.65	4	2	Kyle Mitternacht	2		
3	Gavin Tourne' (J)	8.25	3	3	Victoria Tourne' (J)	3		
4	Kristen Mitternacht (J)	5.30	2	4	Kyle Mitternacht	4		
5			1	5		5		
<u>Redfish</u>					<u>NetMan</u>		<u>Junior Angler Redfish</u>	
1	O.P. Harrison	4.05	5	1	Trenny Woodham	1		
2	Mike Foster	3.65	4	2	Vicki Foster (L)	2		
3	Richard Hoffman Jr	2.45	3	3		3		
4	David McDonald	1.90	2	4		4		
5	Vicki Foster (L)	1.40	1	5	Mike Foster	5		
<u>White Trout</u>					<u>NetMan</u>		<u>Junior Angler White Trout</u>	
1	Trenny Woodham *	1.20	5	1		1	Matt Nicholas	1.08
2	O.P. Harrison	1.20	4	2		2		
3	Matt Nicholas (J)	1.08	3	3		3		
4	Vicki Foster (L)	0.65	2	4		4		
5			1	5		5		
<u>Speckled Trout (5 fish creel)</u>					<u>NetMan</u>		<u>Junior Angler Speckled Trout</u>	
1	Richard Hoffman Jr, Henry Nall	17.25	5	1		1	Robert Morgan	3.65
2	Al Herd, Bobby Abruscato	16.70	4	2		2	Garret Harrison	3.45
3	Brad & David McDonald	15.85	3	3		3	Taylor Harrison	3.40
4	O.P. Harrison Trenny Woodham	14.15	2	4	Trenny Woodham	4	Hanah Nicholas *	2.80
5	Taylor (J) & Garrett (J) Harrison	13.95	1	5		5	Samantha Clark	2.80

\* TIE 1st to weigh in

**Statistics**  
as of July 17, 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	Eddie Greer	21.70	1	Richard Beech	4.35	1	Kyle Mitternight	2.39	1	Bill Perry	5.95
2	Victoria Tourne'	17.95	2	Brian Mygrant (N)	4.23	2	Henry Nall	2.26	2	Trenny Woodham	5.75
3	Jay O'Brien	16.38	3	Kevin Owens	4.10	3	Summer Williams (L)	2.22	3	Lee Minto	5.70
4	Katie Mitternight (J)	12.65	4	Patric Garmeson	4.02	4	Brian Mygrant (N)	2.14	4		
5			5	Brian Mygrant (N)	3.47	5	Brian Mygrant (N)	1.90	5		
6			6	Vicki Foster (L)	3.40	6	MartyGarmeson	1.80	6		
7			7	Daniel O'Conner (N)	3.30	7	David Thornton *	1.75	7		
8			8			8	David Thornton *	1.75	8		
9			9			9	MartyGarmeson	1.75	9		
10			10			10	John Fassbender *	1.73	10		
Sheepshead		WT	Spanish Mackerel		WT	Speckled Trout		WT	White Trout		WT
1	Vicki Foster (L)	9.30	1	Mark McPherson	3.65	1	Jay O'Brien	7.70	1	Jay O'Brien **	3.58
2	Jay O'Brien	8.84	2	David Thornton	3.50	2	Trenny Woodham	7.52	2	O.P. Harrison	2.95
3	Eddie Greer	8.70	3	David Thornton	3.30	3	Kevin Owens	7.22	3	Marty Garmeson	2.63
4	Richard Hoffman Jr	8.50	4			4	Kyle Mitternight	6.90	4	O.P. Harrison	2.61
5	Mike Foster	8.30	5			5	Bill Graves	6.80	5	Marty Garmeson	2.52
6	Doug Smith	8.10	6			6	Lee Minto	6.60	6	Ronnie Reed	2.43
7	Leslie Smith	7.85	7			7	Doug Tierce	6.58	7	John Howard	2.22
8	Henry Nall	7.55	8			8	Henry Nall	6.54	8	John Howard	2.15
9	Jay O'Brien	6.98	9			9	O.P. Harrison	6.50	9	Trenny Woodham	2.00
10	Richard Hoffman Jr *	6.65	10			10	Doug Tierce	6.05	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			Net Man Points Totals			Big Fish Contest Leaders		
PI	NAME	TOTAL	PI	NAME	TOTAL			
1	Trenny Woodham	29	1	Trenny Woodham	28	1	44	Jay O'Brien
2	Richard Hoffman Jr	24	2	Rick Tourne'	20	2	28	Brian Mygrant (N)
3	Mike Foster	21	3	Vicki Foster (L)	16	3	24	David Thornton
4	O.P. Harrison	19	4	Mike Foster	15	4	21	Marty Garmeson
5	Vicki Foster (L)	17	5	Henry Nall	14	5	20	Trenny Woodham
6	Richard Beech	16	6	Rhonda Beech (L)	13	6	18	Eddie Greer
7	Jay O'Brien	15	7	Brian Mygrant (N)	11	6	18	O.P. Harrison
8	Marty Garmeson	12	8	Lee Minto	10	7	17	Kyle Mitternight
8	Rick Tourne'	12	8	Mark McPherson	10	8	15	Henry Nall
9	Henry Nall	11	9	Doug Tierce	9	9	14	Vicki Foster (L)
10	Jacob Guy	10	10	Jacob Guy	8	10	13	Lee Minto
10	Lee Minto	10	10	Kyle Mitternight	8	<b>Catch - Photo - Release</b>		
10	Norman Lewellen	10	10	Marty Garmeson	8			
PL	CPR Speckled Trout (in)							
1	Doug Tierce	26.75						
2	Jay O'Brien	26.50						
3	Doug Tierce	26.25						
4	Patric Garmeson	26.00						
5	Donald Garrettson *	25.00						
6	Jeb Mann	25.00						
7	Rick Tourne'	25.00						
8	Rick Tourne'	24.88						

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