

Alabama Coastal Fisherman's Association



May 2011		Club Officers for 2011	
Next meeting:	May 5th	President:	Vince Hawkins 452-3899
Time:	6:30 p.m.	Vice Pres:	Patric Garmeson 747-1554
Speaker:	Robby Loper	Treasurer:	John Erwin 442-4592
Quick Hits:	David Thorton	Secretary:	Vicki Foster 621-9113
Mini-seminar:	Donald Wayne	Statistics:	David Thornton 458-2775
Next tournament:	May 7th "Speckled Trout Challenge"	Membership:	Keith Kenny 661-6057
		Weighmaster:	Pat Hughes 422-6992
		Donations:	TBD
		Logo Items:	Bill Graves & Bob Ward
		Awards:	Gary Tingle 662-0260
		Newsletter:	Paul Lewis 421-1936
		Webmaster:	Brandon Milam 680-1302
		Food:	Brenda Wilson 626-3534
		Advisor:	Mike Thompson

President's Message

Had another great tournament and some awesome food provided by Terry Quint. The new member orientation held before the last meeting seemed to be successful and will try to do another one at the June meeting. We will look to have the Coast Guard Aux. at the June meeting - they somehow mixed up dates and therefore we had no vessel checks. Patric G. will be presiding over the May meeting, so please take it easy on him!!!

We will be having our membership drawings at the May meeting for most new membership sponsors, a random drawing for all sponsors of a new member, and also a drawing for all members whom dues were paid by April 1st. All 3 winners will have their dues refunded for the year!

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This Month's Tournament: May 7th "Speckled Trout Challenge"

Battle of the Bay.

Weeks Bay is again up to the challenge. We will also have an additional box to check on the weigh sheets for ACFA Members (East / West). The East/West will be an informal competition for bragging rights (West took the East Siders to the wood shed last year, so hopefully they can step it up this year). There will be plaques (and 3 extra points) for any ACFA member that places in the Top 10 specks, plus the Junior plaques. The weigh in will be in front of the old Exxon station on the Causeway. There is construction taking place there, but we will still have room to cook, weight fish and eat).



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ACFA "Spring Breakout" tournament Apr 9, 2011							
Speckled Trout				Junior Anglers			
1	Bill Midgette	4.55		1	Kristin Mitternacht	4.10	
2	Donnie Howell	4.45		2	Katie Mitternacht	3.05	
3	Ed Greer	4.45 (tie)		3	Christian Howell	2.85	
4	Bill Perry	4.25		4	Victoria Tourne	2.65 (tie)	
5	O.P. Harrison	4.20		5	Ryan Hoffman	2.70	
				6	Gen Tourne	2.85	
Sheepshead				Junior Anglers			
1	Bruce Howle Jr.	9.10		1	Lindsey Hawkins	2.30	
2	Mike Foster	5.35		2	-	-	
3	Vicki Foster (L)	3.50		3	-	-	
4	Les Smith	3.15		4	-	-	
5	Doug Smith	2.80		5	-	-	
Flounder				Junior Anglers			
1	Donnie Howell	2.15		1	Jacob Guy	1.95	
2	Michael Nicholas	2.15 (tie)		2	Lindsey Hawkins	1.25	
3	Ed Greer	2.15 (tie)		3	Christian Howell	1.10	
4	Tyler Dixon	2.05		4	-	-	
5	Donnie Fassbender	1.95		5	-	-	
Ground Mullet				Junior Anglers			
1	Donnie Fassbender	1.40		1	-	-	
2	Johnny Fassbender	1.20		2	-	-	
3	Jeord Kelly	1.10		3	-	-	
4	David Thornton	0.95		4	-	-	
5	David Hare	0.90		5	-	-	

2011 Big Fish Standings

Big Fish Contest Standing April 9, 2011											
Blackfish		WT	Flounder		WT	Ground Mullet		WT	Redfish		WT
1			1	Marty Garmeson	3.83	1	David Thornton	1.98	1	Jared Kelly	7.30
2			2			2	David Thornton	1.74	2	Rob Howell	6.55
3			3			3	Phillip Guy	1.53	3	Donnie Fassbender	6.35
4			4			4	Donnie Fassbender	1.40	4	Johnny Fassbender	6.10
5			5			5	Johnny Fassbender	1.20	5	Leslie Smith	6.05
6			6			6	Teena Pierce (L)	1.11	6	Tom Brooks (N)	6.00
7			7			7	Jared Kelly	1.10	7	Steve O'Dell	5.85
8			8			8			8	Doug Smith	5.20
9			9			9			9		
10			10			10			10		
Sheepshead		WT	Spanish Mackerel		WT	Speckled Trout		WT	White Trout		WT
1	Todd Golomb	10.90	1	Steve O'Dell	3.91	1	Frank Mitternacht	6.63	1	Marty Garmeson	2.76
2	Phillip Guy	9.15	2	David Thornton	3.26	2	Trevor Wood	6.56	2	Trevor Wood	2.63
3	Bruce Howle Jr	9.10	3	David Thornton	3.18	3			3	Vicki Foster (L)	2.51
4	David Hare	9.00	4			4			4	O.P. Harrison	2.43
5	Robert Mosely (N)	8.60	5			5			5	Vicki Foster (L)	2.38
6	David Thornton	8.35	6			6			6	Mike Foster	2.11
7	Mike Foster	8.00	7			7			7	Marty Garmeson	2.08
8	Josh Burroughs (N)	7.85	8			8			8	O.P. Harrison	1.96
9	Donnie Fassbender	7.75	9			9			9	Patric Garmeson	1.94
10	Jay O'Brien	7.74	10			10			10	Patric Garmeson	1.86

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

PL	CPR Speckled Trout (in)	WT
1	O.P. Harrison	26.50
2	Paul Lewis	26.00
3	Trevor Wood	25.75
4	Patric Garmeson	25.50
5	George Harrison	24.75
6	Patric Garmeson	23.50
7	Trevor Wood	23.25
8		
9		
10		

ACFA Points Standings as of April 9th

David Hare 11, Donnie Howell 11, Bill Perry 9, Donnie Fassbender 8, Ed Greer 8, O.P. Harrison 7, Todd Golomb 7, Trevor Wood 7, Bill Midgette 6, Bruce Howle Jr. 6, Johnny Fassbender 6, Mike Foster 6, Phillip Guy 6, Tim Pierce 6, Alvin Bell 5, David Thornton 5, Michael Nicholas (N) 5, Vicki Foster (L) 5, George Harrison 4, Jared Kelly 4, Les Smith 4, Rudy Baugh 4, Steve Lindsey (N) 4, Trenny Woodham 4, Doug Smith 3, Robert Mosley (N) 3, Tyler Dixon 3, Barry Keith 2, Bill Graves 2, Bob Ward 2, Christian Howell (J) 2, Danny Finch 2, Doug Tierce 2, Gary Tingle 2, Gavin Tourne (J) 2, Jacob Guy (J) 2, Jay O'brien 2, John Burke 2, Katie Mitternight (J) 2, Kevin Owens (N) 2, Kristen Mitternight (J) 2, Lori Tourne (L) 2, Norman Lewellen (N) 2, Patric Garmeson 2, Richard Hoffman (J) 2, Rick Tourne 2, Ryan Hoffman 2, Summer Williams (L) (N) 2, Victoria Tourne (J) 2, 36 others tied with 1 point.

2011 UCP Tournament

The Young Professionals Board of United Cerebral Palsy is gearing up host its 4th Annual Inshore Fishing Tournament on Saturday, May 7th. Categories (Speckled Trout, White Trout, and Flounder)

Weigh-in will run from 1:00 p.m. through 5:00 p.m. unless otherwise noted. The tournament headquarters and weigh-in station will be the Chocalotta Bay Landing (a public launch) located on the causeway. Tickets will be \$25 a person and the jackpot will be \$50 a boat. Tickets can be purchased at the May club meeting, Southern Bama, Quints, and McCoy Outdoors.

April Meeting Recap

George Harrison spoke about wade fishing technique, gear, and attire and answered questions. Craig Newton (marine biologist) spoke about trout harvest rates, spawning, area habitat, growth rates, etc. He also took questions. Donald Wayne spoke about removing mistakenly placed hooks (as in mistakenly placed in yourself). The talks were very informative and much appreciated.

May 5th Meeting

The upcoming meeting will be feature several guys known to the club. The meeting will start around 6:30 with Donald Wayne speaking about springtime tackle. Robby Loper will be the featured speaker around 7pm discussion the health of your outboard motors (maintenance, ethanol, performance) and take question. He is the head mechanic at Middle Bay Boats on Rangeline Road. And finally David Thornton will share his wisdom on pier pounding. Won't want to miss it for a gold monkey!

Upcoming Tourneys

May 21: Capt'n Hook, DeGussa, Salt Water Sportsman

May 28-29: Salt Water Sportsman Memorial Day Tournament

June 1: Stars and Stripes

June 4: McGill Toolen, INEOS Phenolchemie

June 11: INEOS Phenolchemie, Mobile Mystics

June 10 & 11: Spectator Tournament

June 18: Kyser Miree Memorial Fishing Tournament by Rotar Act, Salt Water Sportsman Summer Tournament, Salt Water Sportsman Summer Tournament, Stripers, Stormin Norman

Logo Items

The club has some sharp acfa shirts, hats, etc available at each meeting. Be sure to see either Bill Graves or Bob Ward to pick yours up.

Donations are Needed

Donations are always needed for door prizes and the 2011 Grand attendance package (for those who attend at least 8 of the 10 meetings). Please see John Erwin if you would like to donate or have ideas for securing donations.

Dues Reminder

Keep those renewals coming! It is important they be paid the day prior to the tournament so to be eligible for your fish to count and points to accrue. You can pay them at the next meeting (March 3rd) or mail them to **Keith Kenney at 4276 Honey Court Mobile, AL 36619 or Treasurer John Erwin at 8468 Rester Court Mobile, AL 36695.**

Reminders

All monthly meetings are held at American Legion Post 88 on Halls Mill Road, at 7 p.m. on the first Thursday of every month. 2011 Big Fish Contest is now running. Our Statistician MUST receive cards within 30 days of catch. **Fill out and send Bigfish cards to: David Thornton 31 Hannon Avenue Mobile, AL 36604-1212 (458-2775).** Please remember, NO SMOKING in the meeting room. Thanks for helping to make a healthier family environment. Please buy your drinks for meetings and weigh-ins from the American Legion. Outside alcohol is not allowed. And PLEASE be respectful of our speakers (and members who want to hear them) by refraining from any unnecessary talking or moving about during the presentations. And we ask that you save your questions until the end of their talk.

Check Us Out Online @ <http://www.acfafish.com/>

ACFA----We catch fish----Get the net!!!

*****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.*****

Fill out this form and file a keep copy in your home (with family knowledge) in case you are overdue and a search becomes necessary.



FLOAT PLAN



INSTRUCTIONS: Complete this plan before you go boating and leave it with a reliable person who can be depended upon to notify the Coast Guard, or other rescue organization, should you not return or check-in as scheduled. If you have a **change of plans** after leaving, be sure to notify the person holding your Float Plan.

Do **NOT** file this plan with the Coast Guard.

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VESSEL

IDENTIFICATION:

Name & Home Port _____
 Doc. / Registration No. _____
 Year & Make _____
 Length _____ Type **PWR** Draft _____ (with/CM) Hull Mat **Fiber**
 Hull Color(s) _____
 Prominent Feature(s) _____

TELECOMMUNICATIONS:

Radio Call Sign _____
 DSC MMSI Number _____
 Radio-1: Type **VHF-FM** Ch / Freq. Monitored _____
 Radio-2: Type _____ Ch / Freq. Monitored _____
 Cell Phone _____
 Pager _____

PROPULSION:

Primary - Type **Gas IO** No. Eng. ___ Fuel Capacity _____
 Auxiliary - Type **none** No. Eng. ___ Fuel Capacity _____

NAVIGATION: (Check all on board)

Maps Charts Compass GPS / DGPS
 Radar Loran C Sounder _____

SAFETY & SURVIVAL

VISUAL DISTRESS SIGNALS:

Day Only type
 Night Only type
 Day & Night type

AUDIBLE DISTRESS SIGNALS:

Horn / Whistle
 Bell

OTHER GEAR / SUPPLIES:

Lifeboat / Life Raft Flashlight / Searchlight
 Dinghy / Skiff Signal Mirror
 Food / Water Drogue / Sea Anchor
 EPIRB **none** _____
 Foul Weather Gear _____

PFDS: (Do not count Type IV devices)

Quantity on board _____

GROUND TACKLE:

Anchor - line length _____ ft.

PERSONS ON BOARD

OPERATOR:

Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip code _____
 Vehicle (Year, Make & Model) _____
 Where will trailer be parked? _____

Age M/F Notes (Special medical condition, Can't swim, etc.) _____
 Experience: w/Boat w/Area
 Home Phone _____
 Vehicle License No. _____
 Trailer License No. _____

PASSENGERS:

Name & Home Phone	Age	M/F	Notes (Special medical condition, Can't swim, etc.)
1. _____	_____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____	_____
5. _____	_____	_____	_____

Attach Supplemental Passenger List if additional passengers on board.

ITINERARY

	DATE	TIME	LOCATION	MODE OF TRAVEL	REASON FOR STOP	CHECK-IN TIME
Depart						
Arrive						
Depart						
Arrive						
Depart						
Arrive						
Depart						
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Depart						
Arrive						
Depart						
Arrive						

Attach Supplemental Itinerary if additional space required.

Contact 1 _____ Phone Number _____
 Contact 2 _____ Phone Number _____

If you have a genuine concern for the safety or welfare of any persons on board this vessel, who have not returned or checked-in within a reasonable amount of time, then follow the step-by-step instructions on the Boating Emergency Guide included with this plan, or on the World Wide Web at:

<http://www.uscgaux.org/~floatplan/BoatingEmergencyGuide.htm>

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