

## October 20, 2007: ACFA 'Causeway Classic' Tournament...

was held under ideal early fall like conditions. Clear skies and chilly morning temps of 60 degrees with a light to moderate northerly breeze. Unfortunately the water temp was still in the mid to upper 70s and the fish had just not quite "turned on" yet. Despite the 'spotty' fishing some fine catches were turned in for weighing, the second heaviest redfish of the year and another speckled trout over 6 pounds! The fishers were spread pretty thin too, fishing in just about every nook and cranny from south of the Causeway north to the islands and everywhere east and west in between. But once again the Mobile River seemed to take the majority of the big fish catches though some anglers struggled to even get their 'participation point'. Bill Midgette reported he and his partner Mutt Burke landed several nice specks there and left several even larger ones due to some 'technical difficulties'. Thought there were NO Junior Angler redfish entries it should be noted that Marcus Lanier weighed in an Inshore Slam (speckled trout, redfish and flounder) and placed second in both redfish and flounder. That's NOT an easy feat on any day, much less in a tournament. Congratulations Marcus!

### RESULTS:

<u>Speckled Trout</u> (14 entered)	<u>Flounder</u> (8 entered)	<u>Redfish</u> (5 entered)	<u>Sheepshead</u> (7 entered)
1st – Bill Midgette 6.10	1st – Mike Foster 3.25	1st – Richard Rutland? 6.75	1st – Vickie Foster 5.85
2nd – Rick Tourne 4.85	2nd – Marcus Lanier 2.45	2nd - Marcus Lanier 4.50	2nd – Les Smith 4.85
3rd – Cameron Calhoun (J) 4.50	3rd – Kyle Mitternacht 1.95	3rd – Steve O'Dell 2.00	3rd – Patric Garmeson 4.05

\*First to weigh in (N) New Member (J) Junior Angler (L) Lady Angler ? Problem w/Membership verification

Afterwards, we had gallons and gallons of chili, they were ALL good too! So good our panel of judges had a difficult time determining just which one of the eight entries was THE best. But in the end "Team Shut-Up & Fish" (Mike & Vickie Foster) won the title. "Team LIVEBAIT" (Doug & Belinda Smith) finished second despite their feeble attempt to bribe the judges with those wonderful mouth watering brownies ;-)  
Les & Judy Smith's entry "Team Slipsinker" finished a VERY close 3<sup>rd</sup> and "Team Mmmmmmm" (Jason & Margaret Miller) came in 4<sup>th</sup> place. Honorable Mention should go to Mike Lee "cypressshoresdecoys" for those really popular grilled cheese sandwiches. And THANKS to all the other teams who took the time to prepare their chilies and participate in this uniquely fun event. NOBODY went away hungry!