

Alabama Coastal Fisherman's Association



September 2009

Next meeting: September 3rd

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Speaker: Don Ludlam-“Rod and Reel Maintenance & Catching Bait”

Quick Hits: TBD

Mini-seminar: Don & Becki Ludlam- Spanish Mackerel

Next tournament: September 5th -“End of Summer”

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President's Message

Another tournament is in the books and all I can say is that if you missed the weigh in, you missed a FANTASTIC meal. Special thanks to Brenda and crew as they put a lot of hard work into the event and there were many smiling faces after devouring the shrimp, corn, taters and cabbage. Special thanks also goes out to Mr. Charlie Dowdle for taking over the “weighmaster” duties during Pat’s absence and for then taking the scales to have them cleaned. It was also great to see Bigun and Chris C at the weigh in after their recent surgeries. Preparations are under way for the End of the Year gathering and our own Terry Quint will be catering the event. Friday, December 4th has been confirmed as the date of the event, and it will be at the same location as last year at the Grand Hall, on Halls Mill Road. This is our most costly event of the year and we need to make sure that any person planning to attend confirm by a specified date to insure we do not have too much or too little food. See you at the meeting and weigh-in.



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David Hare shows off his favorite tarpon fishing hat, and tarpon call, during the 4th Annual Tarponalooza, which was held on August 15. Consistent with tradition, not a single tarpon was harmed during the making of Tarponalooza. Or hooked. Or for that matter, even seen. Countless pogeys, catfish, and jacks, however, were not so lucky.

August Meeting Recap

David Thornton, still giddy like a kid on Christmas morning from the opening of the new Gulf State Park Pier, gave the mini-seminar on pier fishing. Noel Nelson gave a lengthy and informative talk on catching tarpon in local waters, and the new official ACFA fish measurers were handed out.

August “Mobile Bay Grandslam”-tournament results

Scattered thunderstorms and sporty SE winds greeted the anglers for last month’s tournament, but as usual, folks didn’t let the elements stop them from bringing in some nice catches. David Thornton brought in a nice doormat from a private pier on Dauphin Island, and a couple of very nice slot reds were brought in. Mike Foster came within a few pounds of scoring the Grandslam trifecta by placing in both redfish and flounder, but falling just short in the speckled trout category. And finally, everyone present enjoyed the boiled shrimp, taters, corn, sausage, and cabbage at the Member Appreciation Shrimp Boil. If you missed it, you missed out.

Speckled Trout

1. Daniel Ford	6.30
2. Jimbo Miller	5.25
3. Joey Gates	5.00
4. Shane Ford	4.95
5. Adam Barker	4.45

Blackfish

1. Donald Garretson	10.15
2. Rick Tourne	9.40
3. Austin Lee (J)	7.60

Flounder

1. David Thornton	5.25
2. Patric Garmeson	2.20
3. Tim Pierce	2.15
4. Mike Foster	1.65
5. Bill Perry	1.60

White Trout

1. Tye Jordan (J)	0.90
2. David Thornton	0.75*
3. Phillip Guy	0.75
4. Christian Howell (J)	0.65*
5. Donnie Howell	0.65

Redfish

1. Bill Graves	7.35
2. O.P. Harrison	7.10
3. Mike Foster	4.90
4. Autumn Lundy(L)	4.60
5. Jacob Guy(J)	3.50

Junior Redfish

1. Jacob Guy(J)	3.50
2. Kyle Woodham (N)(J)	3.05

Grandslams(Speck, Red, Flounder)

1. Daniel Ford	9.60 (6.30, 2.65, 0.65)
2. Mike Foster	8.35 (1.80, 4.90, 1.65)

Junior Speckled Trout

1. Tye Jordan(J)	2.80
2. Kyle Woodham(J)	2.30
3. Chrisitan Howell(J)	1.00

Junior White Trout

1. Christian Howell(J)	0.65
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*First to weigh-in

September Meeting –September 3rd

The September meeting will be on Thursday, September 3rd, and will have a Ludlam double feature. Becki and Don will give the mini-seminar at 6 p.m. on Spanish mackerel. For those of you new to the club, the Ludlam’s are experts at catching big Spanish macks and have at various times held state records for Spanish mackerel. The main presentation will feature Don’s expertise at rod and reel maintenance, and catching your own live and dead bait.

We will also be selling raffle tickets for \$1 a piece at the September meeting, and October meeting, for chances to win a new fishing rod.

September “End of Summer” Tournament-September 5th

The September tournament will be held Saturday, September 5th at the usual tournament weigh-in location at American Legion Post 250 just north of Fowl River on Hwy. 193. The categories are speckled trout, redfish, flounder, white trout and Spanish mackerel. As with every weigh-in, food will be provided and even if you can't fish, you are encouraged to come by and enjoy the food and fellowship.

Catch, Photo & Release rulers

To encourage catch and release, the ACFA started a catch, photo and release category for speckled trout in the Big Fish competition last year. This year, club member Bill Midgett instigated and designed an official ACFA measuring tape sticker that can be used to get the official length for your catch. It can be placed anywhere handy in your boat, or elsewhere. The ACFA is providing 2 of these rulers to each member free of charge, but the only place you can get them is at a club meeting. So be sure to get to a meeting and pick up your rulers.

Speaking of the Catch, Photo and Release Speckled Trout category for the Bigfish competition, there are still only 3 entries out of 10 places on the board. Hint. Hint.

New Officer Elections

Its that time of year again. If you would like to volunteer your time to give back to the best inshore angling club on the Gulf Coast, now is your chance. Talk to any of the Club Officers listed on the front page, or El Presidente, Vince Hawkins, about opportunities to give your time as a Club Officer or committee member. The club is what it is due to all the officers, and members that are willing to chip in and help. New officer elections are held in November.

Thanks, Charlie!

Club member Charlie Crawford, and former owner of Southern Bama Bait and Tackle has donated a nice flounder light to the club to be given away as a prize. Charlie has recently sold his business and is planning on taking at least a year off. Charlie was a generous supporter of the club during his time at Southern Bama, and also generously supported just about every other local fishing tournament, organization and cause during that time. So many thanks Charlie for your support of the club, and local recreational fishing. Enjoy the time off!

Outdoor News

Coast Watch Seminar-September 17th

Get trained to be a snitch! If you've ever been disgusted by the sight of someone violating fisheries laws and didn't know what to do about it, here's your chance. "Coast Watch" is a community watch program of sorts on the water. The seminar teaches attendees how to spot and report fishing regulations violations. The seminar is taught by Alabama Marine Resources Division and is free to the public. The details:

When: September 17, 6:30-800 p.m.

Bass Pro Shops, Upper Level Meeting Room, Spanish Fort, AL

Take a Soldier Fishing-October 3rd

Mike Thompson and Jim Foster have been working tirelessly to revive the ACFA's Take a Soldier fishing program, and several folks have stepped up to help. Jerome Parsons (former owner of Unknown Jerome's Restauraunt) has volunteered to cook both seafood gumbo and turf gumbo, (for those allergic to shellfish). The club needs volunteer captains to take veterans from the Iraq and Afghanistan wars fishing during the October 3rd "Fallout" tournament. We also need to get the word out to such veterans about the program so we can take as many as possible fishing. Please see Mike Thompson, or, Jim Foster for details and to volunteer your help.

ACFA'ers in other tournaments

Conde Cavaliers Rodeo

The Conde Cavaliers Rodeo was held out of Dauphin Island on August 8th and 9th. Numerous ACFA anglers participated, and several placed in the rodeo, which grew this year to having 847 anglers. The Conde Cavaliers have asked to express their thanks to all ACFA anglers who participated, and to give congratulations to those who placed. Prize winners include:

1 st Place Blackfish-Rick Tourne-	19.86 lbs.	3 rd Place Speckled Trout- Jimbo Miller-	5.24 lbs
1 st Place Redfish-O.P. Harrison -	7.08 lbs.	Speckled Trout Jackpot-Joey Gates-	42.04 lbs.

Junior Angler Tournament

2 nd Place Speckled Trout-Caleb Gates	4.36 lbs	1 st Place Sheephead-Caleb Gates-	6.26 lbs.
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Red Snapper World Championship

O.P. Harrison finished in second place in the Speckled Trout category of the Red Snapper World Championship out of Orange Beach, AL with a 7.95 lb. trophy.

2009 Tournament Point Standings

24 pts- Adam Barker, O.P. Harrison,

20 pts- Phillip Guy, Rick Tourne,

19 pts- George Harrison,

16 pts- David Thornton, Donald Garrettson, Tim Pierce,

15 pts- Joey Gates,

14 pts- Austin Lee(J),

13 pts-Daniel Ford,

12 pts- Dane Tomberlin, Jacob Markris (N)(J),

11 pts- Bill Midgette,

10 pts- Autumn Lundy (L)(N), Jim Foster, Vicki Foster (L),

9 pts-Bryann Sullivan (J), Christian Howell (J), Kyle Woodham (J)(N), Mike Foster, Mike Lee, Patric Garmeson, Richard Suk, Shane Ford Tom Duncan,

8 pts- Chase Maxwell(J)(N), Chloe Chaffin (N)(J), Tye Jordan (J),

7 pts- Frank Mitternight, Gary Tingle, Marty Garmeson, Teena Pierce (L),

6 pts-Bill Graves, Chris Nelson(J), Donnie Fassbender, Donnie Howell, George Koulianos, Jimbo Miller, Tommy Devery Vince Hawkins,

5 pts-, Billy Hurd, Bob Ward, Caleb Gates (J), Doug Houston, Ed Greer, Hayley Hack (J), John Fassbender, Judy Smith (L), Les Smith, Ronnie Dyson, Sam Clark III, Steve Laurendine, Tracy Ainsworth (N), Trenny Woodham (N),

4 pts- Bill Perry, Bryan Sullivan, Bubba Maxwell, Dave Growden, Jerry Torrans, Lauren Rea (L), Lee Minto, Ted Lawson,

3 pts- Alvin Bell, Bubba Williams, David Hare, Doug Smith, Evon Fassbender (L), Jacob, Guy(J), Katie Mitternight (J), Philip Ward (N), Richard Hoffman, Sr. (N),

2 pts- Bud Barr, Donna Schantz (L), Doug Tierce, Jake Markis (N), Joe Sirmon, Jonathon Law, Kristen Mitternight (J), Larry Watkins, Patrick Hughes, Patsy Garmeson (L), Richard Hoffman, Ryan Hoffman (J), Stephanie Alexander (L)(N), Steve Odell, Theo Koulianos (J), Tommy Pond, Trevor Wood,

1pt- Barry Keith, Belinda Smith, Bill Patterson, Bob McClay, Bobby Burgess, Bruce Howle, Jr., Chris Conken, Dale Roberts(N), Dana Hawkins (L), Dwayne Overstreet, Evan Mosley (J), Frank Parker III (J), Frank Parker Jr., George March, Greg Walker (N), Jackson Hughes (J), Jared Kelly, Jerome Parsons(N), Jimmie Farmer (N), Justin Peacock, Keith Kenney, Kevin Wilson(N), Kyle Doster, Lindsey Hawkins (J), Lou Fellis, Luke Fleniken (N), Mary Howell (L), Matthew Morgan (J), Mike Thompson, Nick Redding, Rich Schantz, Rileigh Hawkins (J), Robert Morgan (J), Stewart Mosley, Todd Golomb, Tyler Dixon(N)(J), Wilder Wing (N)(J), Will Conken (J), Will Parker (J), Wilson Winter (J).

2009 Bigfish Standings

	Blackfish	Wt	Flounder	Wt	Ground Mullet	Wt	Redfish	Wt
1 st	Rick Tourne	23.93	David Thornton	5.25	Dane Tomberlin	1.95	Bill Graves	7.35
2 nd	Rick Tourne	19.86	Jamie Dixon	5.01	Kyle Doster	1.92	Phillip Guy	7.20
3 rd	Frank Mitternight	18.51	Tim Pierce	4.47	Kyle Doster	1.72	O.P. Harrison	7.10
4 th	Frank Mitternight	17.55	Gerald Markow	4.24	Daniel Ford	1.70	Luke Flenikan	6.50
5 th	Dane Tomberlin	17.23	Autumn Lundy(L)	3.85	Lauren Rea(L)	1.70	Rick Tourne	6.45
6 th	Jacob Markris(J)	14.90	Cameron Busby	3.13	Shane Ford	1.30	D.W. Garretson	6.25
7 th	D.W. Garretson	11.55			Ed Greer	1.15	Chloe Chaffin(J)	5.85
8 th	D.W. Garretson	10.15			Bryann Sullivan (J)	1.05	Mike Foster	5.80
9 th					Lauren Rea(L)	1.05	Judy Smith(L)	5.75
10 th					Donnie Fassbender*	1.00	Billy Hurd	5.35
	Sheephead	Wt	Spanish Mackerel	Wt	White Trout	Wt	Speckled Trout	Wt
1 st	Trenny Woodnan (J)	8.20	David Thornton	4.57	O.P. Harrison	2.29	Alvin Bell	8.00
2 nd	Chase Maxwell (J)	7.16	David Thornton	4.03	Bill Midgette	1.26	O.P. Harrison	7.95
3 rd			Gary Tingle	3.33	Bill Midgette	1.12	Bill Midgette	7.71
4 th			Mike Lee	3.15			Lee Minto	7.60
5 th			Tim Pierce	3.15			Joey Gates	6.95
6 th							Bill Midgette	6.85
7 th							O.P. Harrison	6.56
8 th							Chris Conken	6.51
9 th							Bruce Howle, Jr.	6.45
10 th							George Harrison	6.43

*First to weigh in.

CPR Speckled Trout: 1st -Jim Foster 28.25", 2nd-Patric Garmeson-25.5", 3rd-Jim Foster-24.25"

Reminders

*2009 dues are due.

*2009 Big Fish Contest is now running until Nov 14, 2009. Our Statistician MUST receive cards within 30 days of catch.

*Fill out and send Bigfish cards to: Joe Sirmon 3831 BEBEE POINT DRIVE THEODORE, AL 36582 (605-5811)

*Please remember, NO SMOKING in the meeting room. Thanks for helping to make a healthier family environment.

* 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.

*Justin Peacock, Logo Items Chairman, will be selling the usual assortment of ACFA shirts, hats, fish towels, etc. at every meeting.

* Meeting check-in-Those that attend and check in to at least 8 of our 10 regular club meetings will be eligible for our 2009 Grand

Attendance Prize Package. Be sure to see Mike Lee at the sign-in table and please wear a name tag.

*Donations are constantly needed for our monthly door prizes and for the 2009 Grand Attendance Prize Package. Please see Alvin Bell if

you would like to contribute, or have any leads on possible donation sources.

*Remember to suggest ACFA to your fishing friends and acquaintances. The member who sponsors the most new memberships will

automatically win a free dinner for two and receive the Membership Sponsor Award for 2009.

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