

### August 'Mobile Bay Grand Slam' Tournament ...

was held Saturday August 5th under conditions that varied from thunderstorms and screaming winds (gusting to 35 mph at Dauphin Island) in the south part of the bay in the early hours, to HOT and sunny at the upper end of the bay later in the afternoon.

Still over 55 anglers entered more than 60 fish in the 6 categories to claim plaques, points and prestige.

Probably most notable was "Team Master Cylinder" who stayed with their game plan even into the teeth of the wind to pursue blackfish. Move over "4 - 6 foot Henry" and make room for "27 Knot Kyle" in the ACFA annals of what we do to catch fish.

Thankfully there were no casualties except the fish ;-)

There was at least one (Les Smith) Grand Slam weighed in (speckled trout, flounder and slot redfish), but no one was able to put all three in the final 5 of these categories (though Tom Duncan came close).

And eyebrows were raised by the half dozen or so HUGE white trout that the team of "Fowl River" Todd Golomb and "Morbid Man" Mike Thompson brought to the scales. Todd's top two white trout were the heaviest weighed in an ACFA tournament in recent years (maybe ever?). The boy is HOT! Two first place finishes in a row and two new club records !!

#### SPECKLED TROUT (15 entered) REDFISH (4 entered) FLOUNDER (16 entered)

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| 1. Mutt Burke 5.45#    | 1. Tom Duncan 6.00#   | 1. John Fassbender 3.65#   |
| 2. Tommy Pond 4.50#    | 2. Phillip Guy 4.80#  | 2. Bryan Hack 3.60#*       |
| 3. Bill Midgett 4.20#* | 3. Leslie Smith 4.60# | 3. Bobby Burgess (N) 3.60# |
| 4. Tim Harwell 4.20#   | 4. Mike Tew 4.00#     | 4. Lee Minto 3.20#         |
| 5. Tom Duncan 3.95#    | 5. -----              | 5. Donnie Fassbender 2.75# |

#### WHITE TROUT (17 entered) BLACKFISH (3 entered) Junior Croaker (5 entered)

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| 1. Todd Golomb 2.65#       | 1. Kyle Mitternacht 20.20# | 1. Savannah Calhoun .85#    |
| 2. Mike Thompson 2.10#     | 2. Rick Tourne 9.05#       | 2. Hayes Cornelius (N) .80# |
| 3. Belinda Smith (L) 1.05# | 3. Frank Mitternacht 4.45# | 3. Robert Morgan (N) .65#*  |
|                            |                            | 4. Cameron Calhoun .65#     |
|                            |                            | 5. Austin Lee .55#          |

(N) New member 2006 (L) Lady angler (\*) Weighed in first

Though attendance was less than expected at the Membership Shrimp Boil at the weigh-in site the enthusiastic folks who showed up were rewarded with what was called "the best and biggest damn shrimp boil EVER !"

Cooks Randy "Bigun" Wiscaver, Kevin "Doc" Cormier and company had some absolutely HUGE fresh shrimp accompanied by the usual shrimp boil 'stuff' (corn, taters, sausage, lemon) along with some surprises like mushrooms and avocados that kept the crowd going back for more. And still there was such PLENTY that many folks took some home. So if you missed it (like I did) you have nobody else to blame. Thanks to ALL that helped make this happen, I'd list the names but for fear of leaving a deserving one out.