



ACFA

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September Newsletter

The September meeting of ACFA will be held on Thurs. September 5th at 7pm at the American Legion Post 88, 2663 Halls Mill Road. Since fishing has slowed somewhat we sure would like to hear some informative And remember, it's never to late in the year to bring a fellow fisherman to our meeting!

September Meeting Speakers and Demonstrations

Gulf Coast Outdoors Magazine Publisher Alan White will be on hand this month to present the check associated with the subscription drive. We didn't reach our goal, but to those folks who worked hard and sold subscriptions, we want to say a big "Thank you".

White will also present the awards package, valued at roughly \$750, to the dedicated club member who sold the most subscriptions. Just to clarify: the awards package will go to the person who sold the most subscriptions overall. A member had to sell at least 20 subscriptions to qualify.

A random drawing would break any ties between two members who sold 20 or more. You'll have to wait and attend the meeting to find out who won.

As an added bonus, White and Gulf Coast Outdoors Magazine is pleased to be bringing along to the meeting Gary Barbknecht of WeGO, distributors of the Marine Anti Corrosion System (MACS) that is just now making its way to the coast, and Jim Whitten, the Central Gulf Coast representative for Kistler Rods and Reel Lures, makers of the Popping Shrimp.

Barbknecht will have plenty of his MACS product on hand to check out and Whitten will have a couple of his demonstration tanks set up so we can see just what the Popping Shrimp and a couple new baits from Reel Lure will do in the water.

Message from the President

All great organizations have a mission statement. A friend of mine told me that the other day. Not to be outdone, I retired to the back deck to ponder the question for a while. The mission statement had to be short, to the point, and at the same time tell what our club is all about. The entire future of the club was in my hands. I did not dare get any outside opinions to cloud my judgment. This was my baby, pure and simple! I read the mission statements of some of the top corporations in the world and got nowhere. This one had to come from the gut.

Of course all the obvious things came to mind, sportsmanship, family, commadore. And all the selfish things came to mind, plaques, points, and kicking butt. Somehow I had to melt all of this together and come up with a statement everyone could live with. Then it hit me, the statement should capture the feeling we all get on the morning of a fishing trip. It was simplistic, but complicated. Elementary, but technical. It was-----

It's 4:30 A.M., I've got 2 cans of Vienna's, 3 quarts of Gatorade, A tackle box that could put Academy out of business, three reliable trout reports, a partner that would walk on lava for a limit, the wind is 2 knots, the motor cranked (a true miracle), and a hall pass from mama. Let the games begin!

See you at the meeting. Dave
 ACFA August Tournament Results

Although no one was able to accomplish a Grand Slam, our August tourney had many entries in the slam categories. Monthly awards will be presented to these fishermen--

<u>Specks</u>		<u>Flounder</u>	
1. Jeff Dute	3.45lb	1. Matt Perry	5.25lb
2. Mutt Burke	3.05lb	2. Kyle Mitternight	3.15lb
3. Mark Bryant	2.70lb	3. Rick Yeend	2.85lb
4. Bill Midgette	2.50lb	4. Frank Mitternight	2.50lb
5. David Hare	2.25lb	5. John Fassenbender	2.05lb
<u>Redfish</u>		<u>Blackfish</u>	
1. Kyle Mitternight	3.95lb	1. David Hare	12.55lb
2. Rick Yeend	3.60lb	2. Del Delchamps	9.25lb
3. Mike Thompson	3.15lb		
4. Jeff Dute	3.10lb		

Safety Reminder

Several meetings ago ACFA passed out a float plan which every boater should fill out and post somewhere at home so that in the case of an on-the-water emergency your wife or family could furnish up-to-date information to the authorities concerning you and your boat. This might save your life one day! Have you posted yours somewhere for future reference? Still need a blank plan? See the Vice President at the meeting.

ACFA September Tournament

Our next tourney will be held on Sat. Sept. 7. This tournament is our End of Summer fishing endeavor when the club race for tournament champion usually starts to heat up. With only one more monthly tourney (in Oct.) it really becomes time to "fish-or-cut-bait" for all those members who want to be the king of the hill for 2002. For the rest of us it presents another chance to place in one of the twelve winning positions; receive a nice award; and, of course, experience another day on the water with just the right mixture of fishing and comradery. The fish we'll be pursuing in Sept. will be: Speckled Trout, Flounder, White Trout, and Spanish Mackerel. Weigh-in will be from 3pm-5pm at the American Legion Post 250 on D.I.P. (on west side of hiway next to the Dollar Store approx. 1 block south of Bayley's Restaurant and Greers Food Tiger.) Members of post 250 would love to have any fish that you don't want to have to clean on Sat. afternoon. All members are invited to come by the weigh-in, see the fish, enjoy a beverage under the shade trees, and maybe find out where the fish are biting for that Sunday trip.

Club Business

1. Please continue to sign in at the door and wear your name tag.
2. Messrs. Jeanminette, Phillippi, and Silverman--please pick up your T-shirts or have someone do it for you at the meeting.
3. The club had turned up 3 gray ACFA T-shirts (1ea. LG. and 2 ea. XL) these are absolutely the last tees that will be available in 2002. They are available for \$10.00 each on a first-come basis. See the T-shirt man at the meeting.

Wanted: A Few Good Folks

As you know if you attended our Aug. meeting an ACFA member survey was passed out. All those who couldn't make the last meeting should find that survey in this mailing. We wanted to have the survey in everyone's hands before the Sept. meeting so that the nominating committee for 2003 would have your input in-hand as the committee begins its process.

First, please carefully read the survey. We believe it's fairly explanatory; but if you have any questions, direct them to any club officer for 2002 and they will get you the correct answer.

Don't worry if you've only been in ACFA for a short time. Many officers, who have worked for the club ere newcomers when they accepted a club position. Doing for the club takes no club experience and we hope to see some of our newer members nominated for 2003.

Also don't worry if you participate in our tourneys. No fishing time or time on the water has to be relinquished to accomplish ACFA tasks (with this exception of weighmaster).

Remember, all these positions offer you the chance to help our club with only a minimum amount of your time invested. If you want to see ACFA continue as you've known it this year or if you'd like to improve on that which we have, we need you to step forward and volunteer for 2003.

Please check a position/task that might interest you. We always need all the help that we can get so that no one person has to do more than a small amount.. If you think you can recommend another member for any position please fill in their name and that position on the survey form.

And finally, turn in your survey at next week's meeting and join the team.

Big Fish Contest Weigh Locations

Since ACFA has an ongoing, year-long big fish contest for 8 different fish species we thought you might like to know where some of our members have had their fish weighed for their big fish entry cards. Remember--you're looking for a digital scale and there are many businesses that have them.

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| Bent Rod Bait Shop | Dauphin Island |
| Ship and Shore | Dauphin Island |
| Jémisons Bait Shop | At the Cut Off |
| Daves Seafood/Bait | On DIP N. of Fowl River |
| Buddy Grass Seafood | Hamilton Blvd. |
| Southern Bama Bait and Tackle | On DIP N. Of Perch Creek |
| D.I.P. Seafood (Mudbugs) | On DIP Across from Pine Crest |
| Owens Seafood | DIP at Hurtel |
| Cajun Seafood | On DIP at loop next to Loop Ice |
| Brunos Grocery Store | Azalea at Airport |
| Argiros Bayside Seafood | Battleship Parkway next to Argiros |
| R and R Bait and Tackle | On Causeway across from Argiros |
| Fly Creek Fish Market (Fairhope) | Commercial Dock on Fly Creek |
| LuLu's Bait and Tackle | Hiway 42 at Fish River Bridge & Launch |
| Foley Seafood | Hiway 59 in Foley on way to Gulf |

A polite request to any of these folks will usually lead to a successful weighing of your entry and a signature for your Big Fish card. We all hope that you get to use one soon!

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Big Fish Contest Standings 2002

8/26/2002

	Blackfish	WT	Flounder	WT	Ground Mullet	WT	Redfish	WT
1	Bobby McElroy	13.79	Matt Perry	5.25	Del Delchamps	1.80	Alvin Bell	4.69
2	David Hare	12.55	Bruce Howie, Jr.	3.62	Del Delchamps	1.30	Kyle Mitternight	3.95
3	Bruce Howie, Sr	9.06	Matt Perry	3.30	Eugene Pierce	1.27	Rick Yeend	3.60
4	Del Delchamps	9.25	Kyle Mitternight	3.15	Barry Keith	1.15	Frank Mitternight	3.15
5	Kyle Mitternight	8.73	Rick Yeend	3.09	Bobby McElroy	1.10	Mike Thompson	3.15
	Sheepshead	WT	Speckled Trout	WT	Spanish Mackerel	WT	White Trout	WT
1	Barry Kerth	10.45	Bill Patterson	8.12	Kyle Mitternight	4.58	Eugene Pierce	2.25
2	Keith Smith	10.25	Bruce Howie, Jr	7.15	Bruce Howie, Jr.	4.05	Del Delchamps	2.00
3	Bruce Howie, Sr	10.12	Bruce Howie, Sr	6.83	Bobby McElroy	4.03	Bill Midgette	1.77
4	Bobby McElroy	9.75	Bill Patterson	6.75			Jeff Dute	1.35
5	Mike Thompson	8.85	Rick Yeend	6.57			Ocie Wade	1.35

**ACFA
TOURNAMENT STANDINGS**

PLACE	MEMBER	POINTS
1	Kyle Mitternight	34
2	Del Delchamps	33
3	Barry Keith	26
3	Bobby McElroy	26
4	David Hare	19
4	Ricky Yeend	19
5	Matt Perry	17
6	Jeff Dute	16
7	Frank Mitternight	15
8	Ocie Wade	13
9	Wayne Ladnier	12
10	Donald Garretson	10
10	Eugene Pierce	10
10	Mike Thompson	10
11	Keith Vaughn	9
12	Guy Davis	8
12	Earl Hopper	8
13	Mutt Burke	7
14	Mark Bryant	6
14	Jep Hill	6
14	Keith Smith	6
14	Bruce Howie, Jr.	5
15	Bill Midgette	5
15	John Fassbender	4
16	Brittany Howie	4
16	Ted Keifer	4
16	Butch Pierce	4
16	Alvin Bell	3
17	Pat Hughes	3
17	Bill Patterson	3
17	Cindy Yeend	3
17	Bud Barr	2
18	Bruce Howie, Sr.	2
18	Scott Lewis	2
18	Gerald Markow	2
18	Anna Davis	1
19	Kelly Fulmer	1
19	Donnie Howell	1
19	Angie Howie	1
19	Lee Minto	1
19	Dustin Moore	1
19	Howard Perry	1
19	Cliff Straughn	1