

Alabama Coastal Fisherman's Association



A Family Oriented Fishing Club Since 1997

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September Meeting

Date: September 4, 2014 **Time:** 7:00 pm
Place: American Legion Post 88 2663 Halls Mill Rd
Main Speaker: Lee Minto
Mini Seminar: Donald Wayne Garrettson
Quick Hits: Jonathan Byrd

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Food Advisor	Kyle Eckhoff	259-2357
Mini Seminar	Rick Tourne'	623-9409
Quick Hits	Jonathan Byrd	367-6555
Advisor	Mike Thompson	633-3333

Important Dates

September 1, 2014: Labor Day
 September 23, 2014: First Day of Fall
 September 27, 2014: AIC #4
 September 28, 2014: AIC Championship

Be sure to tune in 105.5 for WNSP Outdoors every Thursday at Noon and FM Talk 106.5 Outdoors every Saturday morning at 7am!

President's Message:

Thanks to Jason Miller, Vince Hawkins, Gary Tingle, Austin Lee and my daughter Chloe for helping out with the shrimp boil. We seasoned them well but pretty much over cooked all of them. Oh well better luck next year. Our meeting went well with Meagan Schrandt as our main speaker. She was there to answer the question "what are they are doing with those fish at the rodeo".

The month of September can be fishing action of all types. You will find loads of baitfish and shrimp in the bay which will have predator type fish like specks, white trout, jacks, redfish, gafftop catfish, sharks, lady fish, Spanish Mackerel, and possibly tarpon. This can provide a lot of action for the novice anglers and for children. Also saltwater fish are making their way into the rivers already with trout, redfish and flounder already being caught as far north as Graine Island and Twelve Mile island. I always look forward towards fall fishing and right now it is setting up nicely. See you at the meeting.

Capt. Patric Garmeson

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- **Lee Minto Flounder and Crabbing Seminar!**
- **Raffle Item: pair of Onos Polarized Sunglasses.**



Shane Traylor is a native of Decatur, Alabama, a local Environmental Geologist with Southern Earth Sciences, Inc., and a graduate of the University of South Alabama.

From an early age, the outdoors were everything for him. Reared on adventures along the banks and creeks of Wheeler Lake and Wheeler Wildlife Refuge on the Tennessee River, he was fortunate enough to have a father who enjoyed the outdoors and inspired in him a sincere love and respect for nature. His first deer hunting trip was at the ripe age of 3 and we only assume the fishing addiction began at about the same time. He remembers that first hunting trip, but says he can't remember *not* fishing.

For the better part of 25 years, Shane honed his fishing skills with his father's guidance on pretty much anything that swam in those "northern" waters including bluegill, rock-bass, striped, white, large mouth, small mouth and spotted bass, crappie and several species of catfish.

After graduating from Decatur High School in 1991, Shane attended college while working as a cabinetmaker. However, his creativity and love of the artistry of woodworking soon took over and the college degree (along with fishing) would have to wait. In 2001, Shane moved to Mobile, where he opened his own custom cabinetry and woodworking business, and worked while he finished his college degree in geology at the University of South Alabama. It's a good thing too. After he moved to Mobile, he fell in love with a "local belle" (now his wife), and with the local waters.

Eventually, he had had enough and decided he needed to get back on the water by all means necessary, bought a kayak and began fishing again. "I had always loved being on the water, but here I was in a new environment never have even wet a salty hook, and didn't even know anyone who fished at all. I just knew I had to get away from the bank and a kayak was the cheapest option." His maiden voyage just happened to be in Fowl River in October and he simply started doing what he knew. He threw soft plastics around docks and drug them off the channel edges and ended up catching a few speckled trout and a couple of flounder. On the way in on that first day, he stopped by the bridge and threw his grub up shallow on an oyster bed and thought "this is useless, it's too shallow up there", and wouldn't you know it he hooked a big red that took him on a ride in that little kayak around the bridge pilings and cut him off. It didn't matter that he got cut off, because he was hooked on inshore fishing by then.

A few years later, Shane upgraded from his kayak and got a shallow water bay boat. The maiden voyage this time was one for the books. Not only because "the crew" caught at least 9 different species on day one, but also because of Shane's dad's health. "My dad had just been diagnosed with multiple myeloma bone cancer when I got the boat. He could have asked anything of me and I would have done it. All he asked -- 'take me fishing with you son. Take me every day while I'm here visiting. I want to take pictures and make some new memories with you on this boat -- to have memories with you so when I'm not here, you can think of me and all the good times we had catching fish together and I'll be with you in spirit always on this boat.'" Shane, his dad, his step-mother, and his then fiance, fished every day while his dad was in Mobile. Sharing sunrises, sunsets, and all the bites and conversations in between, made lasting memories for all. The beauty of where we live left his dad awestruck, and Shane too, at the happiness the simple act of just putting his dad on a boat here, and taking him out on the water to find some fish, created.

Shane started avidly exploring waters -- but pretty much blindly not having been raised here. With help from some newly acquired friends and even more hours logged going solo, he began catching some pretty good fish in Fowl River, Dog River, The TIC, Little Lagoon, Fish River, Dauphin Island and the Mississippi Sound. Shane sharpened his fishing skills and photographed many of his catches, along with daybreaks and twilights, and emailed them to his dad while he underwent cancer treatment. "My dad told me after finishing treatment, that seeing the fish I was catching and all the photographs taken from the boat, kept him positive while he underwent chemotherapy and bone marrow treatments. That meant the world to me. He was always with me on every trip. All those fishing photographs kept him going and raised his spirits while he fought his battle."

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MEET THE ANGLER



Shane Traylor



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In July 2012, Shane joined the ACFA after contacting Joey Gates to try and buy some popping corks. Joey took him on an incredible trip to Delacroix, LA for some red fishing that still lingers in his mind today. "Man, if that Louisiana stuff doesn't get your blood boiling, you should just go play golf or take up sewing or something."

"I have learned more about inshore fishing in the last two years than I ever thought possible thanks to people I have met that are associated with ACFA. This club is full of people that are knowledgeable about a multitude of things that will help you as a fisherman. Many people like Adam, Patric, Joey, Kevin and countless others have been integral in helping me progress as a fisherman and I hope they know how much I appreciate them."

For Shane, fishing is about much more than the catch, or a good fishing tale. "If I have learned one thing over the years, it is that fishing is more about the memories than anything else. We always want to catch the big one (that is a given), but the time spent on the water with family and friends brings more richness to our lives than any big fish or tournament could ever hope to. As I am getting older and my father's health prevents us from spending as much time hunting and fishing as we used to, I cherish those memories and jump at the chance to make new ones with old friends as well as new. Fish or no fish, time on the water is time well spent and the memories will stay with you and your partners for years to come and will become stories passed down for generations."

END OF SUMMER TOURNAMENT

- Saturday September 6, 2014
 - Weigh in at Lap's on the Causeway 3:00-5:00 pm
 - Five Species: Speckled Trout, White Trout, Redfish, Flounder, and Spanish Mackerel
 - Annual ACFA Causeway Fish Fry!
Fried goodness of all kinds with cheese grits.
- (Help Needed for the fish fry, please call Kyle Eckhoff at (251)259-2357 if you're available to help out.)



September Meeting

Thursday September 4, 2014

- **Mini Seminar:** Starting at 6:00 pm Donald Garrettson will be organizing a casting contest (for real this time!), so bring your best casting/pitching rod and put your game face on!
- Our main speaker for the night will be our very own Lee Minto. If you've never been to a meeting where Lee is the main speaker you're in for a treat. Lee will start with a seminar on catching flounder and crabs that will probably turn into an epic story telling and Q&A time. Don't miss it!
- Finally, for our Quick hits segment, we'll have Jonathan Byrd. Jonathan is going to talk about some plans he has for Quick Hits in the future.
- Our Raffle Item for the night will be a pair of Onos Polarized Sunglasses so be sure to bring some cash, as always chances are \$1 each.

ACFA STORM STATEMENT

A storm statement was added to our by-laws after several busy hurricane seasons interrupted our fishing season. Now seems timely to republish this in what has traditionally been the busiest part of the hurricane season.

NOTE: IF a named tropical storm or hurricane is predicted to strike the Gulf Coast within approximately 150 miles east or west of Mobile (roughly the area between the mouth of the Mississippi River and Cape San Blas, FL) on or close to a scheduled ACFA Saturday tournament, that tourney will automatically be postponed until the following Saturday (unless that Saturday falls on the weekend of the Alabama Deep Sea Fishing Rodeo in which case it will be postponed 2 weeks later).

Additional note: IF a hurricane is immediately threatening our area or a curfew is in effect in the City of Mobile (following a hurricane landfall) at the time of our scheduled monthly meeting, that meeting will be cancelled (and not rescheduled). All business pertinent to that meeting (plaque and trophy presentations, etc.) will be done at the next scheduled meeting the following month. Hopefully we won't ever have to implement this plan, but we wanted everyone to be aware of our procedures in the event of a hurricane or severe storm.

August Meeting

At our August meeting we had representatives from the Conde Cavaliers Fishing Rodeo and we also heard from Jim Daniels of Legendary Marine during our mini seminar segment.

Our main Speaker was Meagan Schrandt of the Dauphin Island Sea Lab. Meagan gave a very informative presentation about the types of testing performed on fish caught during the Alabama Deep Sea Fishing Rodeo.

For raffle items we had several items from Frogg Toggs and Conde Cavalier Fishing Rodeo Tickets. Special Thanks to everyone who donated raffle items to the ACFA!

Food Advisor Report!

From Kyle Eckhoff ACFA Food Advisor

- We will be having our annual ACFA fish fry on the Causeway during the weigh in for the "End of Summer" Tournament on September 6. If you are able to help please call me, Kyle Eckhoff at (251) 259-2357. We'll need all the help we can get!
- Thanks to Vince Hawkins, Patric Garmeson, Gary Tingle, Jason Miller, Austin Lee and everyone else who helped us put on another great Shrimp Boil! We couldn't have done it without you!
- **October Chili Cook-Off:**
If you would like to participate in the annual ACFA Chili Cook-Off please get in touch with me. I plan to retire undefeated and won't be cooking this year. But, I will be putting a true voting/judging format in place for this years cook off.



ACFA Tournament Plaques Sponsored by Skeeter Boats and Legendary Marine

ACFA "Mobile Bay Grand Slam" tournament August 9, 2014

Grand Slam									
	Vicki Foster (L)	7.45							
Flounder		Wt.	Pts.	NetMan		Junior Angler Flounder			
1	Vicki Foster (L)	1.90	5	1	Mike Foster	1			
2	Tom Brooks	1.75	4	2	Kyle Eckhoff	2			
3	Rudy Baugh	1.60	3	3	Danny Finch	3			
4	Bob Ward	1.50	2	4	Bill Graves	4			
5	Brian Mygrant	0.80	1	5	Brian Mygrant	5			
Redfish				PI.	NetMan	PI.	Junior Angler Redfish		
1	Ryan Hoffman (J)	4.65	5	1		1			
2	Brad McDonald	3.85	4	2	Brad McDonald	2			
3	Mike Foster	2.15	3	3	Vicki Foster (L)	3			
4	Vicki Foster (L)	2.05	2	4	Mike Foster	4			
5			1	5		5			
Speckled Trout				NetMan		Junior Angler Speckled Trout			
1	Trenny Woodham	6.70	5	1	O.P. Harrison	1	Chloe Chaffin	2.40	
2	Bill Graves	6.15	4	2	Bob Ward	2			
3	Bob Ward	5.60	3	3	Bill Graves	3			
4	Rick Tourne'	5.00	2	4	Doug Tierce	4			
5	Alvin Bell	4.70	1	5	Bill Perry	5			
White Trout				NetMan		Junior Angler White Trout			
1	Danny Finch	0.70	5	1	Danny Finch	1			
2	Rudy Baugh	0.65	4	2	Rudy Baugh	2			
3	Micheal Nicholas	0.50	3	3	Micheal Nicholas	3			
4			2	4		4			
5			1	5		5			
Blackfish				NetMan		Junior Angler Blackfish			
1			5	1		1			
2			4	2		2			
3			3	3		3			
4			2	4		4			
5			1	5		5			
		* TIE 1st to weigh in		** NEW ACFA RECORD					

Mobile Bay Grand Slam

August 9, 2014

First of all, special thanks to Vince Hawkins for coming out of retirement and organizing this years annual ACFA shrimp boil! Also, thanks to anyone who helped prep, cook, clean, taste test and provided equipment, we couldn't do it without you!

It looks like quite a few nice fish were weighed in for the "Mobile Bay Grand Slam" tournament but only one actual Grand Slam made it to the scales. Vicki Foster had the only Slam of the day, and also placed 1st in Flounder and 4th in Redfish! This brings Vicki to 33 points in the ACFA tournament standings which puts her in 2nd place, only 1pt behind Trenny Woodham who is currently leading. With only two tournaments to go it will be interesting to see who comes out on top!

Statistics

as of August 14, 2014

The BIG Fish Contest 2014

Mail your 2014 Big Fish Contest entries to: David Thornton 31 Hannon Ave. Mobile, AL 36604

Blackfish		WT	Flounder		WT	Ground Mullet/Whiting		WT	Redfish		WT
1	Jay O'Brien	23.02	1	Cecil Capps (N)	6.52	1	David Thornton	2.12	1	George Harrison *	7.00
2	Rick Tourne'	12.75	2	Brian Mygrant	5.19	2	David Thornton	1.70	2	Bob Ward	7.00
3			3	Trenny Woodham	3.82	3			3	Jason Miller	6.45
4			4	Dwain Mangold	3.75	4			4	Trenny Woodham	6.40
5			5	Bob Ward	3.55	5			5	Lee Minto	6.10
6			6	Dwain Mangold	3.25	6			6	Brian Mygrant	5.95
7			7			7			7	Michealla Cain (L)	5.85
8			8			8			8	Rick Tourne'	5.70
9			9			9			9	Steve Lindsey	5.65
10			10			10			10	Michealla Cain (L)	5.60
Sheepshead		WT	Spanish Mackerel		WT	Speckled Trout		WT	White Trout		WT
1	Tyler Vanthoff (N)	8.60	1	Vicki Foster (L)	4.65	1	Trenny Woodham	8.88	1	Trenny Woodham	2.79
2	Grant Tillman	8.35	2	Mike Foster	3.95	2	Trenny Woodham	7.66	2	Michael Nicholas	2.55
3	Doug Tierce	7.22	3	Mike Foster	3.30	3	O.P. Harrison	7.54	3	Brian Mygrant	2.48
4	Trenny Woodham	7.10	4	Vicki Foster (L)	3.00	4	Jonathan Byrd	6.60	4	Brian Mygrant	1.70
5	Trenny Woodham	6.74	5			5	Bill Graves	6.20	5	Marty Garmeson	1.69
6	Mike Vickery	6.21	6			6	Bill Graves	6.15	6	John Howard	1.47
7	Mike Vickery	6.04	7			7			7	Michael Nicholas	1.45
8			8			8			8		
9			9			9			9		
10			10			10			10		

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

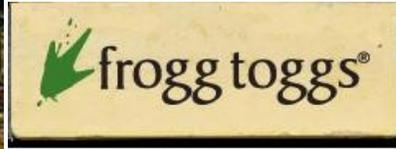
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Tournament Points			Net Man Points			PL CPR Speckled Trout (in)		
1	Trenny Woodham	34	1	O.P. Harrison	30	1	Brad McDonald	27.00
2	Vicki Foster (L)	33	2	Mike Foster	29	2	Jay O'Brien	24.75
3	Mike Foster	32	3	Vicki Foster (L)	27	3		
4	Rick Tourne'	27	4	Trenny Woodham	26	CATCH-PHOTO-RELEASE		
5	O.P. Harrison	23	5	Rick Tourne'	21	CPR is a year long contest intended to promote good conservation practices among ACFA members. The members with the top 5 fish on the CPR board will be awarded plaques at the December ACFA awards banquet. As of August 14th we've only had 2 entries all year, compared to 8 entries by this time last year. So, lets put a few fish back, take some pictures and get them sent in to our Stat-Man David!		
6	Michael Nicholas	21	6	Jonathan Byrd	15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A member must submit (within 30 days of the catch) photographs (digital or print) to the Statistician that allows A: verification of the angler (either the member or their dependant) along with their catch. B: An accurate length of the LIVE speckled trout and C: During the release process. 		
7	Henry Nall	18	7	Bill Graves	13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mail entries to: DAVID THORNTON 31 HANNON AVE MOBILE, AL 36604 (phone: 251-458-2775) 		
8	Doug Tierce	16	7	Michael Nicholas	13			
9	Bob Ward	14	7	Richard Hoffman Jr	13			
10	Jay O'Brien	13	8	Brad McDonald	9			
10	Michealla Cain (L)	13	9	Bob Ward	8			
10	Tom Brooks	13	9	Kyle Eckhoff	8			
11	Brian Mygrant	11	9	Patric Garmeson	8			
12	Jeb Mann	10	10	Grant Tillman	7			
12	Jonathan Byrd	10	10	Pat Hughes	7			
12	Ryan Hoffman (J)	10	11	Brian Mygrant	6			
12	Sam Alston (N)	10	11	David Thornton	6			
13	Bill Graves	8	11	Henry Nall	6			
13	Brad McDonald	8	11	Jeb Mann	6			
13	Kyle Eckhoff	8	11	Shannon Shaw (L)	6			
13	Rudy Baugh	8	11	Tyler Vanthoff (N)	6			
14	Danny Shaw	7	12	Jason Miller	5			
14	George Harrison	7	12	Michealla Cain (L)	5			
14	Tyler Vanthoff (N)	7	12	Tyler Dixon	5			
15	Bubba Williams	6	13	Danny Finch	4			
15	Danny Finch	6	13	Doug Tierce	4			
15	David Thornton	6	13	Joe Hughes (J)	4			
15	Grant Tillman	6	13	Lee Minto	4			
15	Joe Hughes (J)	6	14	Jenny Hines (L)	3			
15	Patric Garmeson	6	14	Tom Brooks	3			
15	Trey Pitt	6	15	Bill Perry	2			
			15	David McDonald	2			
			15	George Harrison	2			
			15	Jay O'Brien	2			
			15	Ronnie Dyson	2			

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