



*Fishing Club!*  
New Port Richey, FL

## **July 2016 News Letter**

**General membership meeting:** 29 established members and 1 guest attended the meeting held on 7 June (it sure is obvious when the Snow Birds leave us for the hot summer months, as attendance sharply drops off). We welcomed a new member Bill Joyce from Tarpon Springs who is a full time resident with a boat that likes to fish both inshore and offshore. See his profile on our website under "Members Area" PW is FOC



Bill Joyce

The club members gathered at the club house from 6:30 to 7 pm to set up and socialize in preparation for the meeting. At 7pm the club President Chet Jasak called the meeting to order and after brief comments introduced the speaker.

**Meeting Speaker:** Russ Jamieson, the Vice President of Atlass Insurance. Chet vouched for Russ as he was able to save a couple hundred on his boat insurance and nine hundred on his homeowners insurance every year.

Russ is an off shore angler and has a couple of boats for fishing and boating. He has also worked in yacht sales so is very familiar with boats, boating insurance and other forms of insurance. Right away he told everyone to "know what you are buying" as far as boat insurance. Is it "actual cash value" or "agreed value" and what the liability coverages are. Actual cash value is cheaper but will be less generous when you file a claim. He discussed diminishing deductible and exemptions/increased deductible when damaged in a hurricane. He advised us to check on the navigational limits of your policy. Don't pay for the East Coast and Bahamas if you have a flats boat on the Gulf and don't travel to those waters. Don't pay for more than you need. Members were intrigued and planned to look into Progressive's "sign and glide" where they provide sea and trailer towing with your policy, so may be able to drop Sea Tow and the similar towing services if that is included in there policy. Some other companies have similar features. He recommends that you shop your policy ever few years as rates creep up every year and if you are complacent you may pay too much. I guess the biggest take-away point I got from the talk was that if you buy your insurance through Russ you have a friendly advocate that can help you navigate the claims process. Having one person like him in your corner can give you a lot of confidence that you won't be ripped off.

**TESTIMONIAL on savivings:** Our member, Jim McCarthy called Russ (Atlass) up the next day after our meeting. Jim called to thank Chet for having Atlass speak at our meeting as they saved over Jim \$500.00. Jim's insurance went down from \$875 to \$335 with the exact same coverage. It only takes a phone call to get a quote. 321-459-9905. website is [WWW.ATLASSINSURANCE.COM](http://WWW.ATLASSINSURANCE.COM) <http://atlassinsurance.com/>

**July 5th Meeting:** Social – Knife Sharpening – Swap Meet In lieu of a guest speaker members are invited to bring fishing and boating gear they would like to sell or trade. If you have the “equipment” and you sharpen your own knives, PLEASE bring to the meeting and share your sharpening techniques. Members are encouraged to bring any dull fishing knives to the meeting where we are hoping we have enough demonstrators to sharpen them. Pizza and water paid for by the club will be available for member’s to enjoy.

## **New Business and Upcoming Events:**

**General Membership Meetings** - Next meeting 5 July 2016 at 6:30pm  
*Meetings are the FIRST Tuesdays of each month*

**July Monthly Dinner Social:** Wednesday 20 July at Niko’s <http://eatatnikosplace.com/> at 5:30pm. Contact Ernie with questions and to sign up.

**Wish-to-Fish for Veterans:** We will be chartering the Two Georges in Tarpon Spring for **Wednesday September 21**. Since this is a veteran’s trip, club members that are veterans may also sign up. The trip is limited to 70 people. If we do not fill the 70 slots with veterans, then we will fill the vacant slots with members for a nominal fee of \$20 each (normal cost is \$75). There will be a sign-up sheet at the meetings where you will put your name and enter “YES” if you are a Vet or “NO” if not a VET. The Non-vets will pay the trip coordinator (Ernie Philippi) \$20 at the time of signing up to hold a spot for you in the event there are openings. All the vets on the sign-up will have priority. The Non-vets will be selected in the order on the sign-up sheet. The people on the list that do NOT make the cut will get their \$20 refunded to them.

## **Old Business and Past Events**

**June dinner Social** was at Hudson VFW Post 5:30pm. 21 members and spouses attended. Thanks again Ernie.



**Main Street Clean-Up:** Chairperson Bernard Zanett led a team of 5 members to handle our quarterly NPR Main Street Clean-up. After the clean-up, the team was treated to a delicious breakfast at Christina’s restaurant.

**Tournament Winners:** Checks were given out to winners from the Spring Tournament during the June meeting. See picture of winners below.



**50/50 Raffle:** Joe Harrington always catches the biggest inshore fish from his kayak, but on 7 June he also won the 50/50 drawing. Congratulations. It's fun and it earns money for the club. Be sure to buy your tickets. You can't win if you don't play!

**Membership Raffle** – Robert Grover won the membership drawing from the name tag drawing at the end of the meeting. Must be present to win, so make sure you make the meetings.

### **Fishing Regulations Update:**

**Gag and Black Grouper** – Size Limit Change Action: Gag and black grouper size limit changed to 24 inches Information: The recreational minimum size limit for gag and black grouper in Gulf of Mexico state waters will change from 22 inches to 24 inches total length starting June 1 to match recent changes in Gulf.

**Amberjack** – Gulf Action: Season closes June 1 in state waters Information: The recreational greater amberjack season in Gulf state waters closes June 1, reopening to harvest Aug. 1.

### **Bay Scallops Action: Season opens June 25**

Information: The bay scallop season, which is recreational only, opens June 25 from the Pasco-Hernando county line through the west bank of the Mexico Beach Canal in Bay County. The season will remain open through Sept. 24. The FWC will be considering potential management changes for Gulf County (the St. Joseph Bay area), where initial monitoring has indicated that the bay scallop population is low. A press release will be issued and MyFWC.com and this site will be updated if any changes are made. For areas open to harvest, there is a daily bag limit of 2 gallons of whole bay scallops in the shell or one pint of meat per person with a maximum of 10 gallons of whole bay scallops in the shell or ½ gallon bay scallop meat per vessel. Links for more information: Bay Scallops [MyFWC.com]

### **Tip of the Month - The Fish Are at Your Feet - R. G. Schmidt's Good Luck and Tight Lines!**

Over the fifty-plus years I've been fishing, I've watched and fished alongside many anglers from various parts of the country, and one particular type of fisherman never ceases to amaze me. This man, woman, or child marches resolutely to the farthest point on a pier and casts just as far as he or she can. What I don't know is why. Bridges and

piers aren't such good places to fish only because they get you far out over the water. They're good places to fish because they attract fish. So why go to a place that will attract fish, then cast as far from that place as you can? Beats me. Most fish caught from structures are caught within fifty feet of that structure, and usually less. There are various reasons for this, all obvious on examination. Let's look at a few reasons fish like to hang out around structure of any kind.

First, there's the matter of food supply. The pilings or other supports that hold up a bridge or pier quickly become home for various marine organisms such as barnacles, clams and oysters, as well as marine algae, grasses, and other delicious graze. These attract several species that feed on them and an equal number that feed on the feeders. Some feed directly on what's attached to the pilings, others feed on the leavings. Pinfish, for example, haven't the dental equipment needed to crack open a barnacle, but will readily join in on the feast when a sheepshead does so.

### **ATTENTION all fishermen! Members LIKE FISHING REPORTS!**

PLEASE submit a report EVERY time you return from fishing, even if nothing was caught. The more fishing information shared with your fellow members helps us all become better fishermen. Information like time of day, tide movement, weather conditions, general fishing locations, species & size caught.

Picture(s) would be great. Even if nothing spectacular was caught this information would let other members know what is or isn't going on.

[Fishing Reports](#) ← Click this Link to see fishing reports and to submit your report on our website.

### **Ongoing Fishing tournaments:**

[Targeted Species Rules](#) ← click this link to see detailed rules

2016 Fish of the Month targeted species are:

May – Any Jack - **Mike Spanhel caught a 35 ½ inch Amber Jack to win**

June – Any Snapper (winner to be announced at July meeting)

July – Snook

Aug – Trout

Sep – Flounder

Oct – Redfish

Nov – Gag Grouper

Dec – Any Mackerel

**Year Long Tournament:** Mike Spanhel went over the rules and discussed that it is \$5 per type of fish to enter. You must be signed up and paid before you catch the fish to enter. You should provide details in your Fishing Report with date fish was caught, type of fish and length within 24-48 hours of the catch. You can access fishing reports on the website. *Click this link to see detailed tournament rules:* [Year Long Tournament](#)

### **Catch a fish – win a boat – Some prizes already awarded!**

Last year 3 STAR tagged redfish were caught in Pasco County, but the anglers were not registered. Become a CCA Member and register, you could win a truck, or a boat, or

more.

Catch a STAR Tagged Redfish & Win a Truck, Boat, Motor & Trailer Package or Scholarships!



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**101 Days of Fishing \$500,000 IN PRIZES**

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**MAY 28TH - SEPTEMBER 5TH, 2016**

<http://www.ccaflstar.com/tournament-format/star-rules-and-regulations>

**Members Area** ← *click her to go to members only area to see our members. If you have trouble getting to Members area or need the password call Frank Bellizio at 727-597-0741*

Website Update: Frank Bellizio has worked hard on the website [www.fishonclub.us](http://www.fishonclub.us) and has been adding recipes, merchandise and fishing videos. Check it out.

[fishonclub.us](http://www.fishonclub.us) Is a great place to direct people interested in knowing more about our club. Lots of information is available for anyone to see BUT if you go to the **Members Area** and put in your password there is much more information available. If you forgot the password you can call Chet @ 727- 816-8991 or Frank @ 727-597-0741.

#### **Club Officers:**

**President:** Chet Jasak  
**Vice President:** Frank Bellizio  
**Treasurer:** Mike Spanhel  
**Advisory Council** – Jack Hexter

**Secretary:** Mike Brumley  
**Sergeant at Arms:** Jim Soper  
**Member at Large:** Bill Herr

#### **2015 Committee Chairpersons:**

**Wish-to-Fish** – Mike Spanhel  
**YMCA Fishing Festival** – Chet Jasak  
**Main Street Clean-Up** – Bernard Zanetti  
**After Holiday Party** – Russ Thompson

**Club Picnics/Bfst social** – Dave Taylor  
**Dinner Socials** – Ernie Philippi  
**Club Tournaments** – Jack Hexter

*If you want to help on any of these committees, see or call the chairperson. They can use the help. Get involved in the Club Activities!!*