Fw: November Newsletter!

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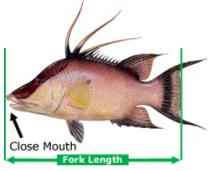


November Newsletter!

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Free-to-play tournament for November is Hogfish.



Hogfish

Who will be wearing one of these?

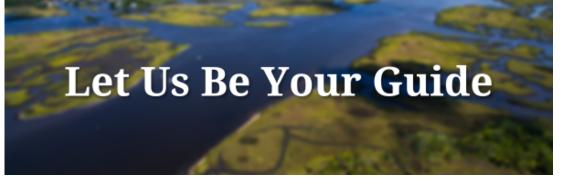


And don't forget...

If you're going out and doing some 'reef' fishing, you need a permit. It's easy and they're free: All you have to do is go to gooutdoorsflorida.com. Click on 'purchase recreational licenses & permits', enter the info and (viola!) you're done.

(See below)





Connect with Florida's fishing Community

Follow us and like us on <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Instagram</u> and <u>Twitter</u>. Watch your fellow Florida hunters and anglers in action. See the sightings, admire the techniques and get every piece of news and info as it happens.

Plus, check out our <u>YouTube</u> channel for the latest tips on hunting, fishing, wildlife, safety and more in Florida.

Florida Angler Recognition Program

Florida anglers measure thousands of trophy-size fish annually. Their accomplishments are recognized by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission through the Catch a Florida Memory Saltwater Angler Recognition program and the TrophyCatch Freshwater Angler Recognition program. Have your name added to the fishing record list! Maybe you'll catch a record-breaking bass!

Catch a Florida Memory Saltwater Angler Recognition TrophyCatch Freshwater Angler Recognition







Collectible Hard Card

Purchase a collectible, credit-card style license. It's waterproof, so you won't have to worry about wear and tear while you're enjoying the great outdoors. GET A HARD CARD!

Manage Your Go Outdoors Florida Account

From the FWC:



Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission

October 13, 2023

ICYMI: Governor Ron DeSantis Announces 50% Discounts for Florida State Park Passes and FWC Hunting and Fishing Licenses

Discounts available for three months, from Oct. 14, 2023, through Jan. 13, 2024

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Today, Governor Ron DeSantis announced the Great Outdoors Initiative to encourage Floridians to go outdoors and explore Florida's natural resources, including our award-winning state parks, vast recreation areas, and world-renowned waterways. As part of the Great Outdoors Initiative, Governor DeSantis signed <u>Executive Order 23-209</u> (The Great Outdoors Initiative)

directing the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) to provide a significant 50% discount on annual state park passes and FWC Gold Sportsman hunting and fishing licenses. The Governor fully supports Floridians in enjoying our state's natural resources and the activities that have become family traditions such as hunting and fishing. To learn more about the initiative and to purchase a pass or license, <u>click here</u>.

Beginning tomorrow, Oct. 14, 2023, and extending three months through Jan. 13, 2024, DEP will temporarily offer Florida State Parks annual passes for families and individuals at a 50% discount, while FWC will be discounting its annual resident Gold Sportsman license, five-year Gold Sportsman license and Lifetime Sportsman license by 50%.

"Florida is home to some of the best state parks, waterways and recreational lands in the country, and I encourage all Floridians to get outdoors, experience our extraordinary natural resources and enjoy our fundamental right to hunt and fish," said Governor Ron DeSantis. "And we are now making it more affordable for families to get outside and enjoy these wonders by offering state park passes and fishing and hunting licenses at sharply discounted rates."

"Governor DeSantis' promotion of conservative resource stewardship is unparalleled," said Department of Environmental Protection Secretary Shawn Hamilton. "It is because of this leadership that we can get outside and still experience the real Florida firsthand. I encourage all Floridians to get outdoors and take advantage of this incredible opportunity."

"Florida remains one of the country's top destinations for world-class fishing and unique hunting opportunities," said Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission Chairman Rodney Barreto. "I encourage families to take advantage of this incredible offer with a discounted license and enjoy the abundant hunting and fishing recreational opportunities our state offers."

Governor DeSantis is a strong supporter of every Floridian's right to hunt, fish and enjoy the great outdoors, as has been a tradition for generations of Florida families. Earlier this year, the Legislature passed House Joint Resolution 1157, which proposed an amendment to Article 1 of the Florida Constitution to guarantee the right to hunt and fish in Florida. This amendment will be included on the 2024 General Election Ballot for Floridians.

With 175 award-winning state parks, trails and historic sites spanning nearly 800,000 acres and 100 miles of sandy beaches, Florida is the only four-time winner of the Gold Medal honoring the nation's best park system. Florida State Parks provided an economic benefit to Florida last fiscal year of over \$3.6 billion while supporting more than 50,000 jobs.

Florida State Parks Annual Passes will have a 50% discount and will be available at the following rates:

- Family Annual Pass \$60, plus tax.
- Individual Annual Pass \$30, plus tax.

Florida is the Fishing Capital of the World, and FWC offers freshwater and saltwater fishing licenses for experiencing the best of coastal and inland fishing options, along with unique hunting opportunities.

The following FWC Gold Sportsman licenses, which include the saltwater fishing, freshwater fishing, hunting privileges and all associated permits, will also be discounted by 50% and will be available at the following rates, plus applicable fees:

- Annual Gold Sportsman \$50.75.
- Five-year Gold Sportsman \$247.75.
- Lifetime Sportsman License
 - Age 4 or younger \$201.50.
 - Ages 5–12 \$351.50.
 - Ages 13 and older \$501.50.



Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission

Oct. 4, 2023

FWC approves changes for snook in state waters following final rule hearing

At its October meeting, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) approved new management regions and regulations for snook in state waters following the final rule hearing.

These regulations, which go into effect Jan. 1, 2024, will:

- Establish nine snook management regions.
- Establish open seasons as well as bag and slot limits for each region, which are detailed below:

Panhandle, Big Bend, Tampa Bay, Sarasota Bay

Open season: March – April, September – November

Bag limit: one fish

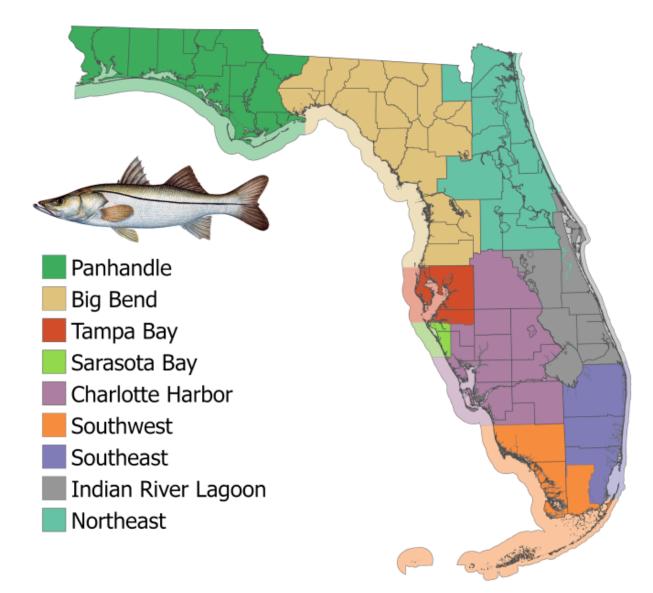
Slot limit: 28-33 inches

Charlotte Harbor, Southwest Open season: March – April, October – November Bag limit: one fish Slot limit: 28-33 inches

Southeast, Indian River Lagoon, Northeast Open season: February – May, September – Dec. 14 Bag limit: one fish Slot limit: 28-32 inches

As part of this new management approach, FWC staff intends to monitor and evaluate these regulations annually. To see the latest snook annual reviews, which provide a summary of the snook fishery status in each management region, visit <u>MyFWC.com/Snook</u>.

"Through innovative management strategies like this, which allow us to be agile in our response to concerns, we are ensuring that Florida's future generations of anglers will have access to this iconic fishery," said FWC Chairman Rodney Barreto.



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Safety talk -- just in case.

Vibrio vulnificus & Wounds

You may have heard that you can get *Vibrio* infection from eating raw or undercooked oysters and other seafood. But did you know you can also get a *Vibrio* infection through an open wound? This can happen when a wound comes into contact with raw or undercooked seafood, its juices, or its drippings or with saltwater or <u>brackish water</u>.

One species, *Vibrio vulnificus*, can cause life-threatening wound infections. Many people with *Vibrio vulnificus* infection require intensive care or limb amputations, and about 1 in 5 people with this infection die, sometimes within a day or two of becoming ill.

Some *Vibrio vulnificus* infections lead to <u>necrotizing fasciitis</u>, a severe infection in which the flesh around an open wound dies. Some media reports call this kind of infection "flesh-eating bacteria," even though necrotizing fasciitis can be caused by more than one type of bacteria.

Who is more likely to get a Vibrio wound infection?

Anyone can get a *Vibrio* wound infection. But some people are more likely to get an infection and have severe complications—for example, people who have liver disease or take medicine that lowers the body's ability to fight germs.

How can I prevent a *Vibrio* wound infection if I have a wound? You can reduce your chance of getting a *Vibrio* wound infection by following these tips:

- If you have a wound (including from a recent surgery, piercing, or tattoo), stay out of saltwater or brackish water, if possible. This includes wading at the beach.
- Cover your wound with a waterproof bandage if it could come into contact with saltwater, brackish water, or raw or undercooked seafood and its juices. This contact can happen during everyday activities, such as swimming, fishing, or walking on the beach. It could also happen when a hurricane or storm surge causes flooding.
- Wash wounds and cuts thoroughly with soap and water after they have contact with saltwater, brackish water, raw seafood, or its juices.

What are the signs and symptoms of *Vibrio vulnificus* infection? Signs and symptoms of *Vibrio vulnificus* infection can include:

- Watery diarrhea, often accompanied by stomach cramping, nausea, vomiting, and fever
- For bloodstream infection: fever, chills, dangerously low blood pressure, and blistering skin lesions
- For wound infection, which may spread to the rest of the body: fever, redness, pain, swelling, warmth, discoloration, and discharge (leaking fluids).

How is infection diagnosed and treated?

Infection is diagnosed when Vibrio bacteria are found in the wound, blood, or

General Membership Meeting Minutes – October 10, 2023 The meeting was called to order by Vice President Chet Jasak at 7:00pm

Chet introduced guest Chuck Forkner.

Our guest speaker – Tampa Bay guide Captain Jake Andrews was unable to attend due to a scheduling conflict.

The last social held at Get Hooked was a success as 20 members attended and the food and service were good.

Picnic update: Chairman Rich Robinson is coordinating guessing games, trivia, bingo 50/50 drawing. Cornhole and ladderball games.

The After Holidays Party chairperson is Butch Kaelin. It will be held at Timber Greens and the menu will include prime rib, chicken marsala and cod. More information will be announced later. Members must remember that 2024 dues must be paid in order to attend. Dues collection will start at the November meeting.

Wish to Fish update: The outing on September 24 was a great success as 43 people attended which included chaperones from the Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops who participated. The next scheduled trip is November 19 and we will host Foster Children in Pasco.

Tournament update: Mike and Joe stated that the gag grouper season has been shortened. The winners for the September trout tournament were announced: 1^{st} place Bob Sauban- 18 ½ inch; 2^{nd} place Frank Bellizio – 16 inch; 3^{rd} place John Grieder – 15 inch.

Our club website issues seem to have been corrected and we now show up as either number one or two when searching for 'fishing clubs near me'. Monthly newsletter: Please let club Secretary John Grieder know if you have a new or changed email address so you continue to get our monthly newsletter. You can email John at <u>property_logic@yahoo.com</u>. (Please remember to put FOC in the subject line so it doesn't go into spam)

The FOC board is working on next year's budget.

Our next meeting will be November 14. Start getting ready for our annual fishing flea market meeting on December 12.

50/50 drawing – \$55 won by Frank Poggio

(From notes taken in my absence - thanks, Chet!)

Respectfully submitted,

John Grieder

Fish On Fishing Club Board meeting minutes

Meeting of October 30, 2023

** Meeting called to order at 6:55 by President Mark Morningstar. In attendance: Mike Spanhel, Jack Hexter, Joe Stand, Stu Johnson, Chet Jasak and John Grieder.

*The minutes of the previous board meeting of September 25 were accepted as written.

* There are still some members for whom email addresses are missing. [Sidebar: I double checked the membership send-to roster for the email address for Mike Brumley – <u>reallyreely@outlook.com</u> -- and found that it was entered correctly. Although there are 76 member recipients for Mailchimp, there are about 20 who consistently do not open up whatever is sent to them]

* The guest speaker for the November general membership meeting will be Captain Gene Hammond.

*The social held at Beef O'Bradys was a nice affair and all who signed up showed up (!). The socials will be cancelled until February due to the upcoming holidays and the After Holidays Party in January.

* Tournament update: Gag grouper season ends November 11 and so does the tournaments for same. There is also a free-to-play hogfish tournament for November.

* Wish to Fish is hosting an outing for Fostering Hope Florida on the Miss Virginia on November 19. There are also tentative trips scheduled for April and May, 2024.

* A lengthy budget discussion was held that resulted in the following:

* A motion was made and passed that we have 8 tournaments for 2024 and that prizes be reduced to \$25-1st place; \$15-2nd place and \$10-3rd place.

* Another motion was made and passed that we continue with the current format of having 2 picnics per year – one in the Spring and another in the Fall.

* Motions continued – one was made and passed that we subsidize the After Holidays Party in the amount of \$600. So the tariff for the upcoming AHP in January will be \$60/single; \$85/couple. This amount includes 2024 dues of \$35. Members must have their 2024 dues paid prior to attending. The cost for non-members attending will be \$35.

* The club picnic held a few weeks ago was a success as about 29 people enjoyed themselves and it even came in under budget.

* Mike Spanhel showed the board the new business cards and stickers he had made up for the membership.

* Discussion was held about the succession of the club. Several members were asked if they would like to continue in their presently held positions. Joe Stand, our member at large, said that he would not seek that position in 2024 as he will probably be moving out of the area. It was agreed that any new board member should know how the board functions and that it might be helpful to them if they seek a position on the board of directors to attend a board meeting prior to elections.

*The next general membership meeting will be November 14.

*The next board meeting will be 7:00pm on November 27 at Mark Morningstar's house,

* Meeting adjourned at 8:22.

Respectfully submitted,

John Grieder

Another reminder for all:

Fish-On Fishing Club

"After" Holiday Party

Timber Greens Clubhouse Saturday January 20, 2024

Cocktails 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM (Cash Bar) Silent Auction Bidding time

Dinner at 6:30

Meal Choices: Oven Roasted Prime Rib Chicken Masala Cod All entries include: California Mix vegetables, Au gratin potatoes and Salad There will be a beverage station for: Coffee, Tea & Soda

Cake for Dessert

Chinese Gift Exchange:

If you bring a Gift valued at around \$15 (one gift per couple) You will draw a number out of a hat which will be the sequence members will be called to pick a gift from either the Table or from a previous opened gift. Previous OPENED Gifts will NOT be available for the taking if that gift has been TRADED Two times.

COST: You're getting a \$35 meal for only \$25 each.

You "MUST" Pay your 2024 Dues (\$35) on or before the regular general membership meeting on Tuesday January 9 along with your \$25 or \$50 meal money depending if you are single or your bringing your significant other with you. Write your check for either \$60 or \$85 and note on the check which Meal selection(s) you want.

If you bring a Non- member guest, their cost is the full \$35.00

This Subsidized After Holiday Party is only for 2024 Paid Up members and their spouses or significant other.



If you have lost a big fish due to a friends negligence you may be entitled to financial compensation .



Tight lines!

See you all at the meeting!

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President - Mark Morningstar Vice President - Chet Jasak Treasurer - Mike Spanhel Secretary - John Grieder Sergeant at Arms - Stu Johnson Member at Large - Joe Stand Past President - Jack Hexter Newsletter Editor - John Grieder

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