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Happy New Year!

The next general membership meeting is Tuesday, January 9. Doors open at 6:30, meeting starts at 7:00.

We have a great fishing video for you to see: It was filmed locally on and around the Anclote River and Anclote Key.

In accordance with the club bylaws, we will be opening the floor for nominations for the Board of Directors positions of President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Sergeant at Arms and Member at Large.

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**Please welcome new member:**



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## **FOC 2024 Free Fishing Tournaments Plus 2 One Day \$10 Entry Fee Tournaments**

### **Tournament Rules:**

- Only club members may participate for prizes.
- There is no minimum length for each specie, only that the fish be caught, measured, and photographed. Entries **MUST** be posted on a fishing report, including the length of the fish and picture, on the club website within 2 days of catching the entry.
- Members may only win one prize per specie per tournament.
- Members must fish in any Gulf of Mexico water between Sarasota and Cedar Key.

**Note.** A reminder that all out of slot fish or any fish to be released should be handled with care and released as soon as possible. All Florida fishing regulations apply to all Fish ON fishing tournaments.

**January:** None

**February:** Longest trout or redfish or snook caught. 1st/2nd/3rd, \$25/15/10 payout

**March:** Longest trout caught. 1st/2nd/3rd, \$25/15/10 payout

**Longest sheephead caught. 1st/2nd/3rd, \$25/15/10 payout**

**April:** Longest any grouper or any snapper caught. 1st/2nd/3rd, \$25/15/10 payout

**May 4th: \$10 entry fee trout tournament**, weigh in at Spanhel's house, hot dogs for those entered. 1st/2nd/3rd, \$25/15/10 payout. Rain date May 11th.

**June:** None

**July:** None

**August:** None

**September:** Longest trout caught. 1st/2nd/3rd, \$25/15/10 payout

Longest any grouper caught. 1st/2nd/3rd, \$25/15/10 payout

**October:** Longest redfish caught. 1st/2nd/3rd, \$25/15/10 payout

Longest hogfish caught. 1st/2nd/3rd, \$25/15/10 payout

**November 2nd: \$10 entry fee longest trout or redfish or snook tournament**, weigh in at Spanhel's house, hot dogs for those entered. 1st/2nd/3rd, \$25/15/10 payout. Rain date Nov 9th.

**December:** None

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There are also Pay-to-Play tournaments and right now the species are sheephead and red grouper. The entry fee is \$10 per specie and the tournament is from January 1 to March 31.

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### **A final word on tournaments**

They're easy and fun to join: It's not like you're in a Le Mans start and everyone races to their boats after the skipper's meeting and takes off. All it takes is for you to catch a fish (as per the tournament rules above), measure it, take a pic and put it in a fishing report on the club's website. And bingo, you're automatically in! It's that easy!

At the end of the term (month, quarter, whatever) and the counts are in, the winners are announced at a meeting. So join in the fun -- catch a fish, measure,

snap a pic, go to the website and hopefully win a prize!



### The 2024 After Holiday Party

Is set for January 20 and yes - there's *still time* to sign up and come and join in the fun. If you haven't yet made your plans and want to attend, please call Mike Spanhel at h-727-849-8090 or c-727-203-1209 to arrange for payment and menu selection.

Also - if you're donating anything for the silent auction (which will benefit Wish to Fish) those items must find their way to Jack Hexter ASAP! Please call Jack at 813-235-3358 so we can arrange to have them properly displayed for the auction.



**Speaking of having fun** (what else is a club for?!), coming up right around the corner is our next semiannual club picnic. It's scheduled for March 23 at our usual spot at A.L. Anderson Park on Lake Tarpon. The last one we had in October was a blast with games, good food, and great company. It's not too early to plan in advance and there will be a sign up sheet at our January meeting.



From the FWC:



**Florida Fish and Wildlife  
Conservation Commission**

Dec. 27, 2023

FWC reminds anglers of changes for snook beginning Jan. 1

New regulations for snook in state and adjacent federal waters will go into effect beginning Jan. 1, 2024.

These regulation changes will:

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

The new regions are part of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's (FWC) holistic management approach for Florida's most popular inshore fisheries. Through this approach, seven metrics are used to evaluate the fishery by region, adding a holistic perspective to management decisions and allowing the FWC to be more responsive to regional concerns. The seasons, bag limits and slot limits are set in response to evaluations of the snook fishery within each of the new management regions. This new management approach includes annual reviews of the fishery, and snook regulations could be changed each year in response to the reviews.

**Panhandle, Big Bend, Tampa Bay, Sarasota Bay**

Closed season: Dec. 1 to end of February and May 1 to Aug. 31.

Bag limit: one fish.

Slot limit: 28–33 inches.

**Charlotte Harbor, Southwest**

Closed season: Dec. 1 to end of February and May 1 to Sept. 30.

Bag limit: one fish.

Slot limit: 28–33 inches.

**Southeast, Indian River Lagoon, Northeast**

Closed season: Dec. 15 to Jan. 31 and June 1 to Aug. 31.

Bag limit: one fish.

Slot limit: 28–32 inches.

For [current recreational snook regulations](#), along with information about the new management approach, visit [MyFWC.com/Marine](https://myfwc.com/marine) and click on “Recreational Regulations” and “Snook.” This page includes the snook annual reviews that provide summaries of key findings from the annual evaluation of management metrics for each region.



**Florida Fish and Wildlife  
Conservation Commission**

Dec. 27, 2023

Recreational harvest of Gulf gray triggerfish closes Jan. 1

Recreational harvest of gray triggerfish will close in Gulf state waters on Jan. 1, 2024. Harvest will open on March 1, 2024.

The FWC is committed to collecting critical recreational harvest fishing data to inform management of popular reef fish, including gray triggerfish. The [State Reef Fish Survey](#) provides the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) with a clearer picture of stock health, so please make sure you are signed up as a State Reef Fish Angler. This annual designation is required for recreational anglers and spearfishers who intend to fish for or harvest certain reef fish species from

a private vessel in Florida. To learn more about the State Reef Fish Survey, visit [MyFWC.com/SRFS](https://myfwc.com/SRFS).

To learn more about [current recreational triggerfish regulations](#), visit [MyFWC.com/Marine](https://myfwc.com/Marine), click “Recreational Regulations”, “Reef Fish” and “Triggerfish” or download the [Fish Rules App](#).



## Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission

Jan. 5, 2024

FWC seeks public input on Pasco Zone bay scallop season at Jan. 9 virtual workshop

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) is gathering public feedback on proposed changes to the bay scallop season for the Pasco Zone. The Pasco Zone currently has a 10-day season in rule but a longer, trial season was set by executive order in 2023 to assess whether extending the season would balance resource sustainability with community interests. Based on public feedback and the outcome of this recent season, staff are recommending establishing a 40-day season, beginning July 10 through Aug. 18, in rule for future seasons in the Pasco Zone.

The virtual public workshop will start at 6 p.m. ET on Tuesday, Jan. 9. A unique link to connect to the workshop will be posted on the day of the meeting on the [Saltwater Workshops webpage](#) available by clicking on “Public Workshops” at [MyFWC.com/SaltwaterComments](https://myfwc.com/SaltwaterComments).

If you are unable to attend the virtual meeting, you can still [submit a written comment](#) about Pasco Zone bay scallop management online by visiting [MyFWC.com/SaltwaterComments](https://myfwc.com/SaltwaterComments).

The Pasco Zone includes all state waters south of the Hernando – Pasco county line and north of Anclote Key Lighthouse in northern Pinellas County, and includes all waters of the Anclote River.

For more information on current [bay scallop regulations](#), visit [MyFWC.com/Marine](https://myfwc.com/Marine) and click on “Recreational Regulations” and “Bay Scallops” under the “Crabs, Lobster and other Shellfish” tab.

For information on saltwater fishing in Florida including regulations, upcoming workshops and more, visit [MyFWC.com/Marine](https://myfwc.com/Marine).

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***As a reminder...***

The Fish on Fishing Club created a subsidiary in June, 2023 -- **Wish to Fish, Inc.**, which is a tax exempt (501(c)3) organization as recognized by the IRS. This means that donors of goodwill to Wish to Fish, Inc., will be able to deduct that amount on their taxes.



Here are some **great videos** put together by Wish to Fish Secretary Terry Reelitz highlighting some of the trips they sponsored.



**And continuing along these lines: Here's a request addressed to Terry Reelitz from Pasco County looking for volunteers to help out with two upcoming events that we've assisted in the past. So if you're looking to help out, mark your calendars as noted below.**

Good afternoon, Terry,

We are gearing up for our 2024 Kids Fishing Tournament **March 2<sup>nd</sup>** and our Autism Anglers Fishing Fun Day (previously known as P.A.I.R Anglers - Fishing Friendsy) set for **April 6<sup>th</sup>** and would like to know if yourself and your team would be interested in helping out with these events once again.

This goes without saying but you all have been an extreme help with these fishing events, and we could not have these events be as successful and smooth without your help!

I can send you more information as we continue to iron out these events. Please let me know if you would be interested in assisting with these events again.

Hope to hear from you soon Terry and I wish you all a Happy New Year!

**If you are interested in volunteering please contact Terry Reelitz. (Check member info on FOC website)**



### **General Membership Meeting Minutes – December 12, 2023**

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Chet Jasak at 7:05pm

Chet introduced two guests attending the meeting.

Chet reminded everyone that the After Holidays Party will be held at Timber Greens on January 20 and the menu will include prime rib, chicken marsala and cod. Members were reminded that they must pay next year's dues in order to attend. There will also be a silent auction at the party as well as a Chinese gift exchange.

Per the By-Laws of the club, the floor was opened for nominations for all board-of - director positions. Chet further stated that with the exception of the Member at Large position, current holders of all other positions were willing to stand for reelection. Duties of the Member at Large were explained in detail as we're looking for someone to fill that slot which will be open in 2024. No members were nominated from the floor. A motion was then made and passed that nominations be closed.



Fishing reports – several members told of their recent exploits of offshore, inshore and river fishing.

Tournament update: Joe Stand stated that there are pay-to-play tournaments for sheepshead and red grouper running from January 1 to March 31.

50/50 drawing – \$95 won by Chet Jasak. The Tarpon Outfitters gift certificate was won by Mike Spanhel.

Meeting adjourned at 7:22, and all gathered round the hot pies for our annual pizza night.

Respectfully submitted,

John Grieder



**All smiles: Tarpon Fishing Outfitter gift certificate winner Mike Spanhel (L) and 50/50 winner Chet Jasak (R).**



### **Fish On Fishing Club Board of Directors meeting minutes**

#### **Meeting of January 4, 2024**

**\*\* Meeting called to order at 7:00 by President Mark Morningstar. Also in attendance: Mike Spanhel, Joe Stand, Stu Johnson, Jack Hexter, Chet Jasak and John Grieder.**

**\*The minutes of the previous board meeting of November 27 were accepted as written.**

\*We will have a YouTube video that was filmed locally on and around the Anclothe River/Anclothe Key area for the members to watch at the January meeting,

\*The next 'social' will be February 20 at Whiskey River on the Water at 5:30.

\*The After Holidays Party is all set per chairman Butch Kaelin with 72 people signed up so far. There will be a 50/50 drawing, and a Chinese auction. There will also be raffles to benefit Wish to Fish. It was also stated that if any member had anything to 'donate' for a raffle at the party to get these items to Jack Hexter as soon as possible.

\* Tournaments: There will be a new free-to-play tournament schedule out shortly for club members to see in the next newsletter. The pay-to-play tournaments from January 1 to March 31 are sheepshead and red grouper.

\*Our next club picnic is scheduled for March 23 and we need a chairperson to handle this event. There will be a sign-up sheet available at the next general membership meeting to get the ball rolling.

\*The next general membership meeting will be January 9.

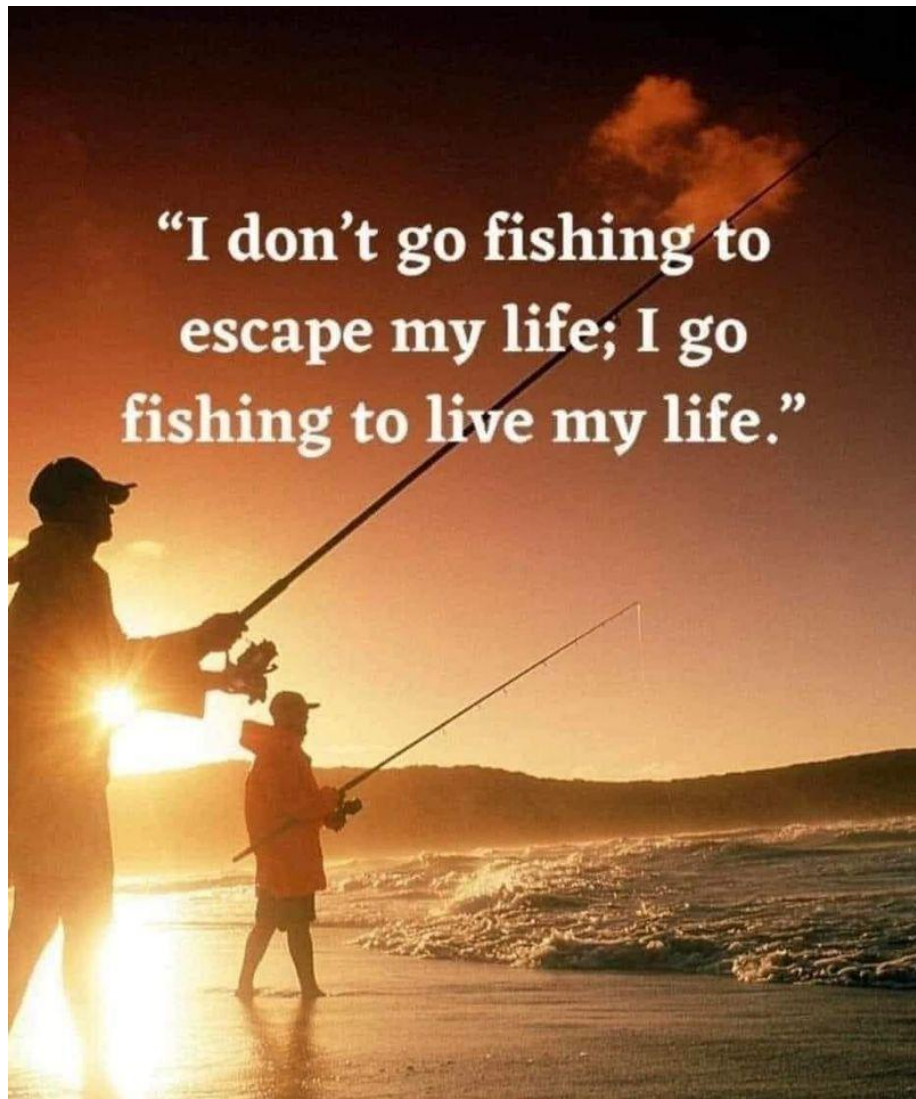
\*The next board meeting will be January 29, 7:00pm at Mark Morningstar's house,

\* Meeting adjourned at 8:04.

Respectfully submitted,

John Grieder





**“I don’t go fishing to  
escape my life; I go  
fishing to live my life.”**

*tip o’ the hat to fb*

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***Tight lines!***

**See you all at the meeting!**

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