
August 2025 Newsletter!

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August 2025 Newsletter!

The next general membership meeting is Tuesday, August 12th. Doors open at 6:30, meeting starts at 7:00.

Our guest speakers will be Commander Gloria Bailey and members of her senior staff from the Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 11-6 from New Port Richey.

Topics of discussion will include:

- 1. Their mission in peacetime and in war.**
- 2. How they're structured to include their Chain of Command.**
- 3. Who can join the Auxiliary and how.**





Guest speakers at our July meeting were Pasco County Sheriff marine unit deputies Keener (L) and Brindley (R).



General Membership Meeting Minutes – July 8, 2025

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Bruce Archambault at 7:00pm.

Our guest speakers were corporals Keener and Brindley of the Pasco County Sheriff's marine unit. They told us great stories of what they've experienced on the water. They explained that a lot of the time boaters (unbelievably) do not pay attention to tides and weather. And they also are not aware of their surroundings. This has resulted in people running aground and having to be rescued. A lack of common sense and, in some cases, utter stupidity has also resulted in 911 calls to the Sheriff's office. A specific example they gave was for two fishermen that were holding on to the bow of their overturned and almost sunken vessel. That was 28 miles out in the Gulf of America. Their boat happened to be a 12 foot jonboat. After getting the two guys into their vessel, the deputies noticed another boat that was anchored about a quarter mile away. They then approached the anchored boat and asked them if they had seen the two guys hanging on to their boat. Their reply: "Yeah we were wondering about that". The deputies also told us about their involvement with clearing and

removing derelict vessels which is a long and arduous process.

It was noted that... Dencil Powell, aka the Rajun Cajun and long time friend of the club, is back in the hospital. And that scallop season starts in Pasco County July 10. There will also be a one day tournament on November 1.

Socials: The next social dinner will be in September with venue TBD.

Our fall picnic will be held on October 18 – Richard Robinson will chair.

In the Wish to Fish department, the next charter seeking club volunteers to help with the foster kids is all set and another charter will be with the Boy Scouts later in the year.

The next general membership meeting will be August 12.

The 50/50 winner was Dave Taylor - \$70.

Number of members and guests in attendance – 24.

Meeting adjourned at 8:26.

Respectfully submitted,

John Grieder

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**From the FWC**



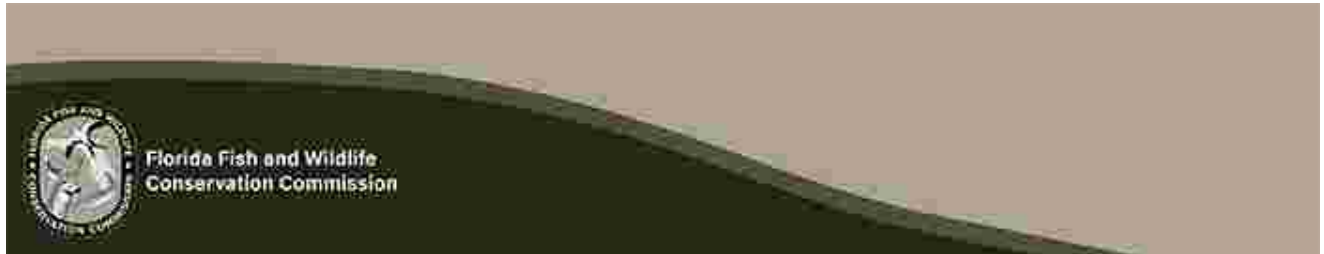
July 21, 2025

2025 recreational gag grouper season open Sept 1-14 in Gulf state waters

The 2025 recreational gag grouper season for Gulf state waters will be open Sept. 1-14 and will close at 12:01 a.m. on Sept. 15.

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) issued an executive order to modify the recreational season of gag grouper in Gulf state waters, excluding all state waters off Monroe County. The 2025 Gulf gag grouper recreational season was set to prevent overfishing following the quota overage that occurred in 2024 and to be consistent with the season recently announced in adjacent federal waters.

If you plan to fish for gag grouper or other specific reef fish species in Gulf state or federal waters from a private recreational vessel, you must sign up for the [State Reef Fish Angler Designation](#) (annual renewal is required). As a State Reef Fish Angler, you could be selected to receive a mail survey component of the State Reef Fish Survey.



July 25, 2025



**Florida spiny lobster seasons start soon!**

**The 2025 spiny lobster season opens with the 2-day recreational sport season July 30 and 31, followed by the regular commercial and recreational lobster season, which starts Aug. 6 and runs through March 31, 2026.**

**[Learn more about bag limits, size limits, where to harvest and other regulations](#) at [MyFWC.com/Marine](https://myfwc.com/marine) by clicking on “Recreational Regulations” and “Lobster,” under the “Crabs, Lobster and other Shellfish” tab. If you plan to lobster in the Keys, another great resource is the Monroe County Tourist Development Council website [KeysLobsterSeason.com](https://keyslobsterseason.com).**

**For registered Lionfish Challenge participants, qualifying for the 2025 Lionfish Challenge Coin allows for the harvest of an extra lobster each day of the 2025 2-day sport season. Challenge participants can qualify for the Challenge Coin by harvesting and reporting at least 25 lionfish as a recreational harvester or at least 50 pounds of lionfish as a commercial harvester. Participants must have the physical 2025 FWC-issued Challenge Coin on their person to harvest the extra lobster. Register for the 2025 Lionfish Challenge at [FWCReefRangers.com](https://fwcreefrangers.com).**

**Don't forget to get your license and spiny lobster permit at [GoOutdoorsFlorida.com](https://gooutdoorsflorida.com).**

Looking to keep up to date on Florida's saltwater fishing regulations? Find them on the Fish Rules app. Learn more at [FishRulesApp.com](https://fishrulesapp.com).

If bully netting this season, please keep lights directed toward the water and avoid shining them at houses or people along the shoreline. Please be considerate of others by keeping sound levels low when near shoreline residences.

Don't forget to use care around corals and other marine life. The FWC launched the Florida Coral Crew to engage sportsmen and women in the effort to combat stony coral tissue loss disease. Before you go out looking for lobster, you can sign up to join the crew at [FLCoralCrew.com](https://FLCoralCrew.com).

Be safe when diving for lobster. Wear a life jacket when underway and do not drink and boat. When lobstering in open water, divers should stay within 300 feet of a properly displayed divers-down flag or device and within 100 feet of a properly displayed divers-down flag or device if near an inlet or navigation channel. Boat operators traveling within 300 feet of a divers-down flag or device in open water or within 100 feet of one on an inlet or navigational channel must slow to idle speed. [For more regulation information](#), visit [MyFWC.com/Boating](https://MyFWC.com/Boating) and click on "Boating Regulations" and then "Divers-down Warning Devices."



**July 30, 2025**

**Recreational harvest of Gulf gray triggerfish opens Aug. 1**

The 2025 recreational season for gray triggerfish in Gulf state and federal waters will open Aug. 1. The season is scheduled to close on Jan. 1, 2026.

If you plan to fish for gray triggerfish or other specific reef fish species in Gulf state or federal waters from a private recreational vessel, you must sign up for the [State Reef Fish Angler Designation](#). As a State Reef Fish Angler, you could be selected to receive a mail survey component of the State Reef Fish Survey. By participating in the State Reef Fish Survey, you are improving recreational data that is used to provide optimum recreational fishing opportunities in Florida. To learn more about the State Reef Fish Survey, visit [MyFWC.com/SRFS](https://MyFWC.com/SRFS).

## **And don't forget scallop season in Pasco County has changed:**

*Originally it was this...*

**Pasco Zone: July 10 through August 18.** This region 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.

### **Daily Bag Limit:**

- **Gulf through NW Taylor County and Levy through Pasco County:**
  - Per person: 2 gallons of whole bay scallops in shell or 1 pint of bay scallop meat
  - Per vessel: Maximum of 10 gallons of whole bay scallops in shell or 1/2 gallon bay scallop meat (1/2 gallon = 4 pints)

*But on August 6 it was changed to this...*



**Aug. 6, 2025**

### **Temporary closure of Pasco Zone for 2025 regional bay scallop season**

Today, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) announced a temporary closure of recreational bay scallop harvest in the Pasco Zone. This area includes all state waters south of the Hernando-Pasco county line and north of the Anclote Key Lighthouse in northern Pinellas County, encompassing the Anclote River.

The FWC is tasked with proactively testing and acting to keep residents and visitors safe. This precautionary measure is due to the detection of saxitoxin and *Pyrodinium bahamense* at levels exceeding the safety thresholds established by the National Shellfish Sanitation Program. The Pasco Zone may reopen for scallop harvesting once tests show levels have decreased to safe limits.

In the Pasco Zone, scallop harvesting is currently suspended. However, the area is still open for other recreational activities including fishing, boating and swimming. All other [scallop harvest zones](#) continue to operate as usual.

*So just be aware that unless things change and the season is 'reopened' to what was first originally posted the scallop season in Pasco County is closed.*

*(Following suit here on what was once in season...)*

**Scallopers on the Water**  
(I beg your pardon paradoxical parody)

***Dun! Dun! Dun!!***

***Dun-dun, Ta-dun!***

***Dun! Dun! Dun! Dun-dun!!***

**They all came down the Anclote,  
to the Pasco County boundary line.**

**All powerboaters and their families,  
with friends, brothers and moth--ers.**

**They couldn't wait to take a dive,  
to pull them up and quickly and put 'em on ice,  
while they're still alive.**

**Scal—lopers, on the wa--ter,  
the fire in their eye,**

**Scal--lopers on the wa--ter  
boats lined up at the shore.**

**Scal—lopers, on the wa--ter,  
you gotta be quick and take your pick or there'll be no more.**

***Dun! Dun! Dun!!***

***Dun-dun, Ta-dun!***

***Dun! Dun! Dun! Dun-dun!!***



## **Origins of Sailing Superstitions**

**Here are some tales of yore for all boaters and sailors that go way back prior to the advent of Yamaha and Suzuki and even before Evinrude. Way back before**

folding or feathering props. Way, way back. Perhaps to the time of the trilogy espoused by Nordoff and Hall. Maybe even before...

Sailors have always been a superstitious bunch, believing in omens and all sorts of rituals to keep them safe on the treacherous seas. But who can blame them? It was a dangerous profession to be a sailor in their times.

### **No Bananas on Board**

"Why forbid a good source of fiber and vitamins during a long journey at sea?" you might rightly wonder. While at first glance the taboo doesn't seem to make much sense, it has been argued that the main reasons were the fruit's tendency to rot quickly and bring with it all sorts of bugs and critters, particularly the lethal Brazilian wandering spider. Eventually, the real reason got buried beneath the superstition, and the fruit became synonymous with calamity.

### **Whistling Up a Storm**

Whistling was forbidden on board as it was believed to summon fierce winds. The superstition likely stemmed from the sound mimicking the howling of a gale, striking fear into sailors' hearts. So, should you ever find yourself at sea, resist the temptation to whistle - lest you be blamed for inviting misfortune onboard!

### **Pouring Wine on Deck**

Spilling wine on the deck was seen as a good omen, believed to appease the sea gods and ensure a safe voyage. Similarly, when a ship is launched for the very first time, a bottle of champagne is smashed on the bow to bring her good fortune. Nevertheless, unless you are the captain, refrain from pouring wine on the deck without asking first - or you might end up scrubbing it!

### **Dropping a Coin into the Sea**

Tossing a coin overboard before setting sail was thought to appease the gods and guarantee a prosperous journey. This tradition persisted across cultures, from ancient Greece to Viking Scandinavia. On the contrary, dropping a stone from a departing vessel was considered a bad omen, as it seemingly had the opposite effect, ensuring the ship would never return.

### **Red Sky at Night, Sailor's Delight**

*"Red sky at night, sailors' delight. Red sky at morning, sailors take warning."*

This age-old adage served as an ancient way of predicting the weather, with a red sky at night signaling fair weather on the horizon, and a red dawn announcing stormy or treacherous weather. Sailors trusted this rhyme to heart, and according to modern meteorologists, there is an inkling of truth in it. A red sky often means

that there is a lot of water vapor in the atmosphere, and since in mid-latitude regions storms tend to move from west to east, the rhyme was an easy mnemotechnic device to broadly estimate weather patterns.

### **Never Start a Voyage on a Friday**

Although Fridays actually seem like one of the best days of the week to go sailing, this is surprisingly an enduring nautical superstition. Old sailors believed that Fridays were unlucky for embarking on a seafaring journey (especially on the 13th). This superstition likely originated from the Christian belief that Jesus was crucified on a Friday, instilling fear in sailors.

### **Tattoos for Safe Passage**

Sailors adorned themselves with tattoos not only for personal expression but also for protection at sea. Designs like anchors and nautical stars were believed to ward off evil spirits and ensure a safe return home. These two designs actually served very specific purposes, as an anchor was said to ensure a sailor would not get lost at sea should he fall overboard, and a nautical star allegedly helped sailors find their way home.

### **A Sailor's Best Friends**

The sight of an albatross trailing a ship was seen as a symbol of good fortune. Believed to be the souls of dead sailors, the birds were revered among seafaring adventurers, and killing one was said to bring great misfortune upon a ship. This superstition was likely popularized by Samuel Taylor Coleridge's poem "*The Rime of the Ancient Mariner*," which warned sailors against harming these majestic birds.

### **Women on Board Bring Storms**

Historically, women were considered bad luck on ships, believed to anger the sea gods and stir up tempests. During the Age of Sail, women who wanted to heed the call of the sea were forced to disguise themselves as men, but in spite of the difficulties some even became feared pirates, like Mary Read and Anne Bonny, who sailed under the command of the infamous Captain Jack Rackham. This misogynistic superstition persisted for centuries, despite the invaluable contributions of female sailors to the art of sailing.

### **Crossing the Line**

To this day, when passing the equator, sailors often engage in all sorts of rituals and celebrations in the name of King Neptune. This quirky tradition actually goes back almost 400 years, beginning in the British Navy, and becoming popular even in civilian or scientific crews. The ancient ritual is said to ensure safe passage

into the Southern Hemisphere, and even Charles Darwin witnessed it during his voyages!

*thnx and a tip o'the hat to frank bellizio*



**Mark your calendars for these upcoming events...**



**Hey Everybody !!!!!**



**Fish On Club Annual Fall Picnic**

will be at A. L. Anderson Park Pavillion #4, on  
October 18, 2025, from \*\*10:00 AM to 2:00 PM  
\*\*Early Bird Activities start 9:30 AM Food served 11:30 AM

Come join us for **Great BBQ**



**Games**



**and Raffles**



Meet new members and Greet old friends !!!



Speaking of our picnic -- **we're looking for a new Bingo Meister!** Jim Soper, our previous game caller, has moved away from the area and now we're in need of someone who wants to fill his shoes and set up and call our picnic bingo games.

This is one of the events that is fun to play by all and it also generates funds for the club treasury. If you're interested, please call/text picnic chairman Richard Robinson at 813-326-1243.

**And...**

Fish On Club  
**1 Day Tournament**  
**November 1, 2025**

This tournament is open to all members with and without boats. The purpose of this tournament is to acquaint the members of the Fish On Club with one another, hopefully learn a few tricks or different technics. A small entry fee of \$10.00 gets you into the tournament. Seventy-five percent of the entry fee will go to the tournament winner. The balance will pay for the Hot Dogs or go to the club treasury

**Longest Trout**

**Anglers will be assigned randomly to Captains who are willing to take a fellow club member fishing**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a boat Y or N \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, are you willing to take a random member fishing Y or N \_\_\_\_\_

How many members can you take \_\_\_\_\_

If no boat, are you willing to help pay for gas, ice, bait Y or N \_\_\_\_\_

Tournament Hours Lines in - 6:30 am on November 1  
Lines out - 3:30 pm

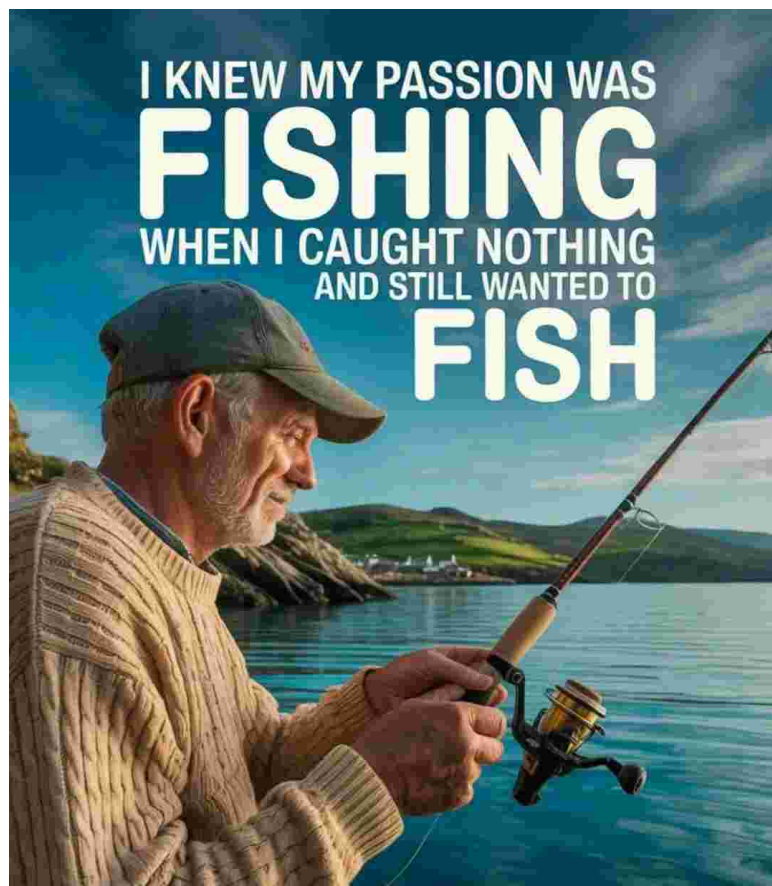
Winners Party (Weigh in) 5:00 pm Mike Spanhel's house

Just bring a photo of the fish and tell us the length. We'll take your word on the length. Photo does not have to be on a ruler.





July meeting 50/50 winner Dave Taylor.



**I MAY NOT BE ABLE TO  
CAST ALL MY PROBLEMS AWAY  
BUT FISHING WILL HELP ME  
MAINTAIN MY SANITY**



If she would rather go  
fishin' than go shoppin...  
She's a keeper.





*thnx and a tip o'the hat to sil TN*

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**See you all at the meeting!**

***Tight lines!!***

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