

September 2025 Newsletter!

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September 2025 Newsletter!

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

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August meeting guest speakers Commander Gloria Bailey and Vice Commander Tom Mann of the Coast Guard Auxiliary

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Please welcome...



New member Donna Morrison



General Membership Meeting Minutes – August 12, 2025

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

Bruce started the meeting by introducing guest and newest member Donna Morrison.

Bruce then introduced our guest speakers from the Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 11-6 from New Port Richey: Commander Gloria Bailey and Vice Commander Tom Mann. They gave a very informative and educational presentation on how they promote boating safety, educate the boating public at schools, boating expos and outreach programs and how they support the Coast Guard.

Socials: The next social dinner will be on September 10 with venue TBD.

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

Wish to Fish report – there was a recent charter with about 21 foster kids and 9

club volunteers. They caught a ton of grunts and remoras and had a fun day on calm waters. Another charter will be with the Boy Scouts later in the year.

The CCA (Coastal Conservation Association) will be having their annual Pasco County banquet on August 22 at the Spartan Manor, complete with raffles and silent/live auctions.

Pam Hexter told us about a service dog program.

The 50/50 winner was Bob Sherley - \$60.

Number of members and guests in attendance – 28.

Meeting adjourned at 8:11.

Respectfully submitted,

John Grieder

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From the FWC...



Aug. 27, 2025

Recreational harvest of snook in all east coast and most west coast management regions opens Sept. 1

The recreational harvest season for snook starts Sept. 1 in all east coast (Southeast, Indian River Lagoon and Northeast) and most west coast (Panhandle, Big Bend, Tampa Bay and Sarasota Bay) management regions. This includes all Florida state and inland waters within each management region.

The harvest season in the Panhandle, Big Bend, Tampa Bay and Sarasota Bay management regions will remain open through Nov. 30.

The harvest season in the Southeast, Indian River Lagoon and Northeast management regions will remain open through Dec. 14.

The management regions are part of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's (FWC) holistic approach for managing Florida's most popular inshore fisheries. This approach uses seven metrics to evaluate the fishery by region, allowing the FWC to be more responsive to local concerns. To learn more, visit [MyFWC.com/Snook](https://myfwc.com/snook).

Panhandle

Open season: March 1 – April 30 and Sept. 1 – Nov. 30.

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

Bag limit: One fish per person per day.

Slot limit: 28–33 inches total length.

Boundaries: The western boundary is the Florida-Alabama border and the region extends to the eastern coastal boundary at 84°20.800' west longitude in Franklin County near Alligator Point. Does not include all waters of the Ochlockonee Bay, the Ochlockonee River and its tributaries.

Big Bend

Open season: March 1 – April 30 and Sept. 1 – Nov. 30.

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

Bag limit: One fish per person per day.

Slot limit: 28–33 inches total length.

Boundaries: The western coastal boundary is 84°20.800' west longitude in Franklin County near Alligator Point. The region extends east and south to Fred Howard Park, near the border of Pasco and Pinellas counties. Includes all waters of the Ochlockonee, Withlacoochee and Anclote rivers and their tributaries.

Tampa Bay

Open season: March 1 – April 30 and Sept. 1 – Nov. 30.

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

Bag limit: One fish per person per day.

Slot limit: 28–33 inches total length.

Boundaries: The northern coastal boundary is Fred Howard Park, near the border of Pasco and Pinellas counties and the region extends south to State Road 64 in Manatee County. Includes all waters of the Alafia, Braden, Manatee and Hillsborough rivers and their tributaries. Does not include the waters of Palma Sola Bay and all waters of the Anclote River and its tributaries.

Sarasota Bay

Open season: March 1 – April 30 and Sept. 1 – Nov. 30.

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

Bag limit: One fish per person per day.

Slot limit: 28–33 inches total length.

Boundaries: The northern coastal boundary is State Road 64 in Manatee County and the region extends south to 27°04.727' north latitude, near the Venice Municipal Airport. Includes all waters of Palma Sola Bay, Phillippi Creek, Cow Pen Slough Canal and Curry Creek. Does not include the waters of the Braden and Manatee rivers.

Southeast

Open season: Feb. 1 – May 31 and Sept. 1 – Dec. 14.

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

Bag limit: One fish per person per day.

Slot limit: 28–32 inches total length.

Boundaries: The northern boundary is the Martin-Palm Beach county line and the region extends south to the Miami-Dade/Monroe county line. Includes all waters of Hillsboro Canal, Miami Canal, North New River Canal, and West Palm Beach Canal, and the Loxahatchee River and its tributaries. Does not include Lake Okeechobee and Everglades National Park.

Indian River Lagoon

Open season: Feb. 1 – May 31 and Sept. 1 – Dec. 14.

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

Bag limit: One fish per person per day.

Slot limit: 28–32 inches total length.

Boundaries: The northern coastal boundary is Lytle Avenue/South Causeway in New Smyrna Beach and the region extends south to the Martin-Palm Beach county line. Includes all waters of the Kissimmee River and Lake Okeechobee. Does not include the waters of Loxahatchee and St. Johns rivers and their tributaries.

Northeast

Open season: Feb. 1 – May 31 and Sept. 1 – Dec. 14.

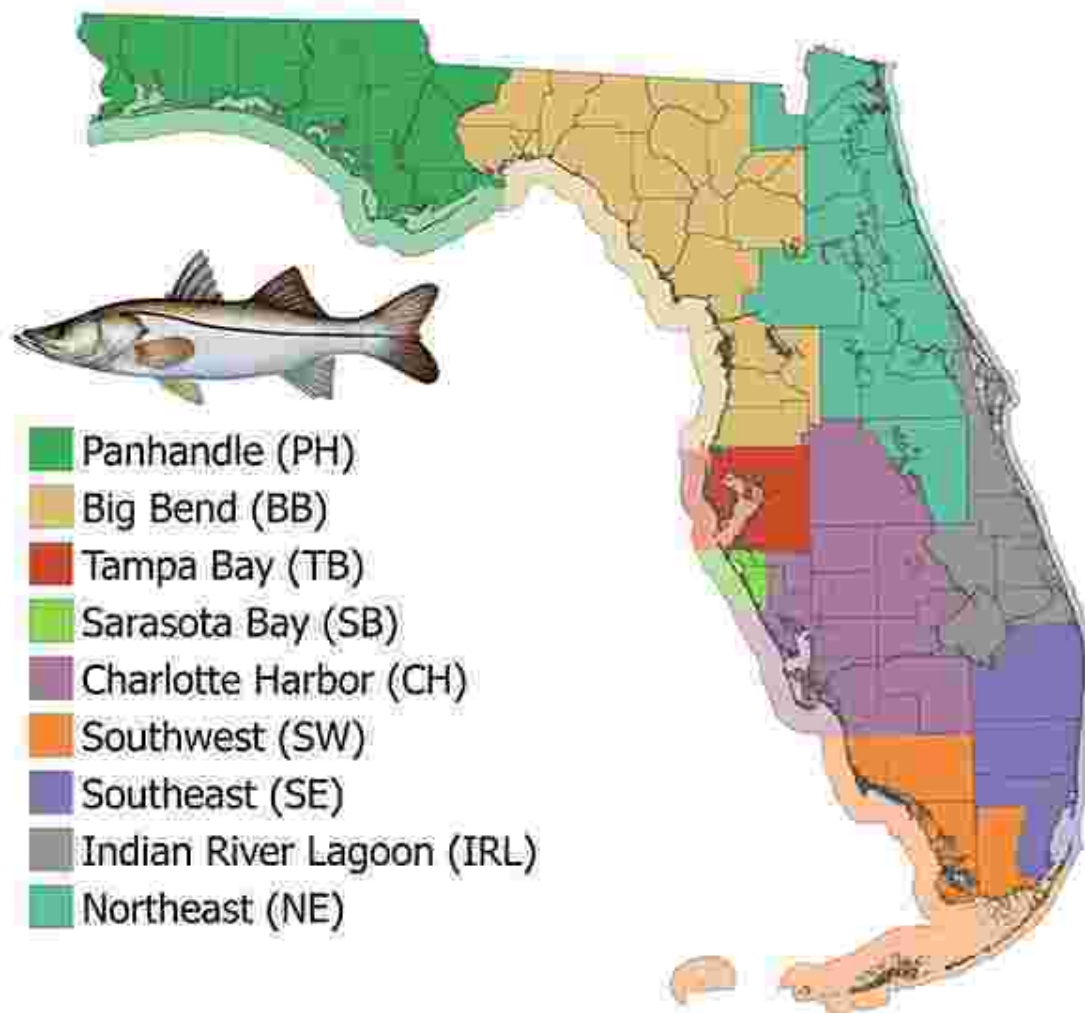
Closed season: Dec. 15 – Jan. 31 and June 1 – Aug. 31.

Bag limit: One fish per person per day.

Slot limit: 28–32 inches total length.

Boundaries: The northern coastal boundary the Florida-Georgia border and the region extends south to the Lytle Avenue/South Causeway in New Smyrna Beach. Includes all waters of the St. Johns River and its tributaries. Does not include the waters of the Withlacoochee and Kissimmee rivers, Cypress Lake, and lakes Hatchineha and Kissimmee.

For more information on recreational snook regulations, visit [MyFWC.com/Snook](https://myfwc.com/snook). This page includes the snook annual reviews, which provide summaries of key findings from the annual evaluation of management metrics for each region.



Aug. 13, 2025

FWC proposes rule changes for Gulf lane snapper

At its August meeting, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) approved proposed rule changes for lane snapper in Florida's Gulf state waters to be more consistent with current and pending federal regulations.

The proposed modifications of lane snapper in Gulf state waters include:

- Increasing the commercial and recreational minimum size limit from 8 inches to 10 inches total length.
- Establishing a 20-fish-per-person recreational bag limit.

These changes intend to reduce the risk of overfishing, mitigate the likelihood of early closures, and increase consistency between Gulf state and federal waters.



Aug 28, 2025

Gulf red snapper private recreational fall season opens Sept. 1

Florida's 2025 Gulf private recreational red snapper fall season is open to those fishing from private recreational vessels or state-permitted charter vessels that do not have a federal reef fish permit. State-permitted charter vessels without a federal reef fish permit will be limited to harvesting in Florida Gulf state waters only.

The fall season will include the following dates:

- Sept. 1–14
- Sept. 19–21
- Sept. 26–28
- Oct. 3–5
- Oct. 10–12
- Oct. 17–19
- Oct. 24–26
- Oct. 31–Nov. 2
- Nov. 7–9
- Nov. 11 (Veterans Day)
- Nov. 14–16
- Nov. 21–23
- Nov. 27–30 (Thanksgiving weekend)
- Dec. 5–7
- Dec. 12–14
- Dec. 19–21
- Dec. 25–28 (Christmas weekend)

Florida's ability to offer this season is made possible by the data-driven management approach of the Florida State Reef Fish Survey and angler participation in SRFS.

Anyone fishing for red snapper from a private recreational vessel — in state or federal waters — must be registered as a State Reef Fish Angler (with annual renewal), even if exempt from fishing license requirements. This free designation is in addition to your fishing license. Registration is available at GoOutdoorsFlorida.com.

Also from the FWC...

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.



Sept. 5, 2025

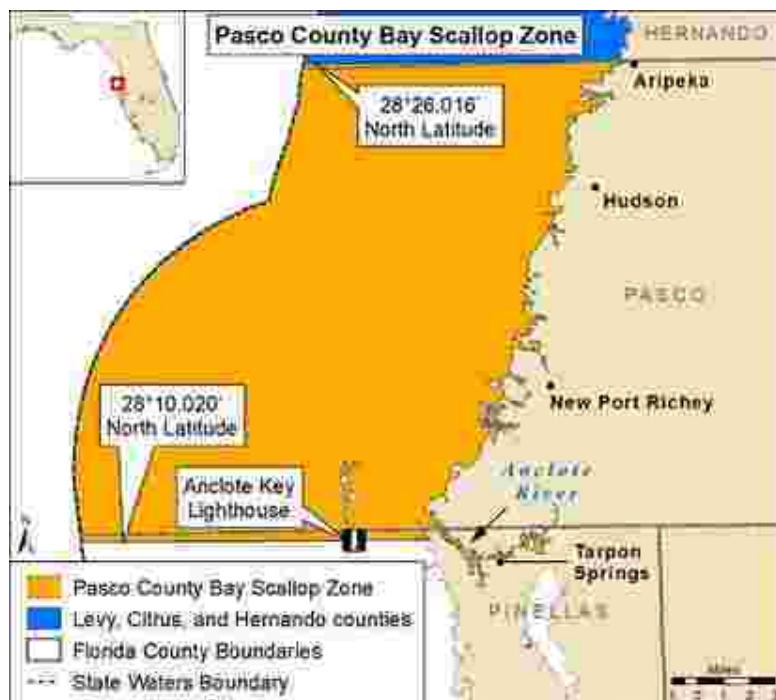
Reopening of Pasco Zone for 2025 regional bay scallop season

Today, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) announced the recreational bay scallop harvest in the Pasco Zone will reopen on Sept. 6 following a temporary closure. The Pasco Zone will reopen to bay scallop harvest from Sept. 6 through Sept. 21. 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 continues to monitor scallop and water samples to keep Floridians safe. Continuous testing during the temporary closure showed that the toxin

(saxitoxin) that the algae (*Pyrodinium bahamense*) produce has returned to safe levels based on the safety thresholds established by the National Shellfish Sanitation Program. Out of an abundance of caution, after the reopening, it is recommended that you only consume the scallop muscle and not the roe or whole scallop.

The FWC is excited to give Floridians the opportunity to scallop within the Pasco Zone. If you don't have a saltwater recreational fishing license, you can secure one by visiting GoOutdoorsFlorida.com.

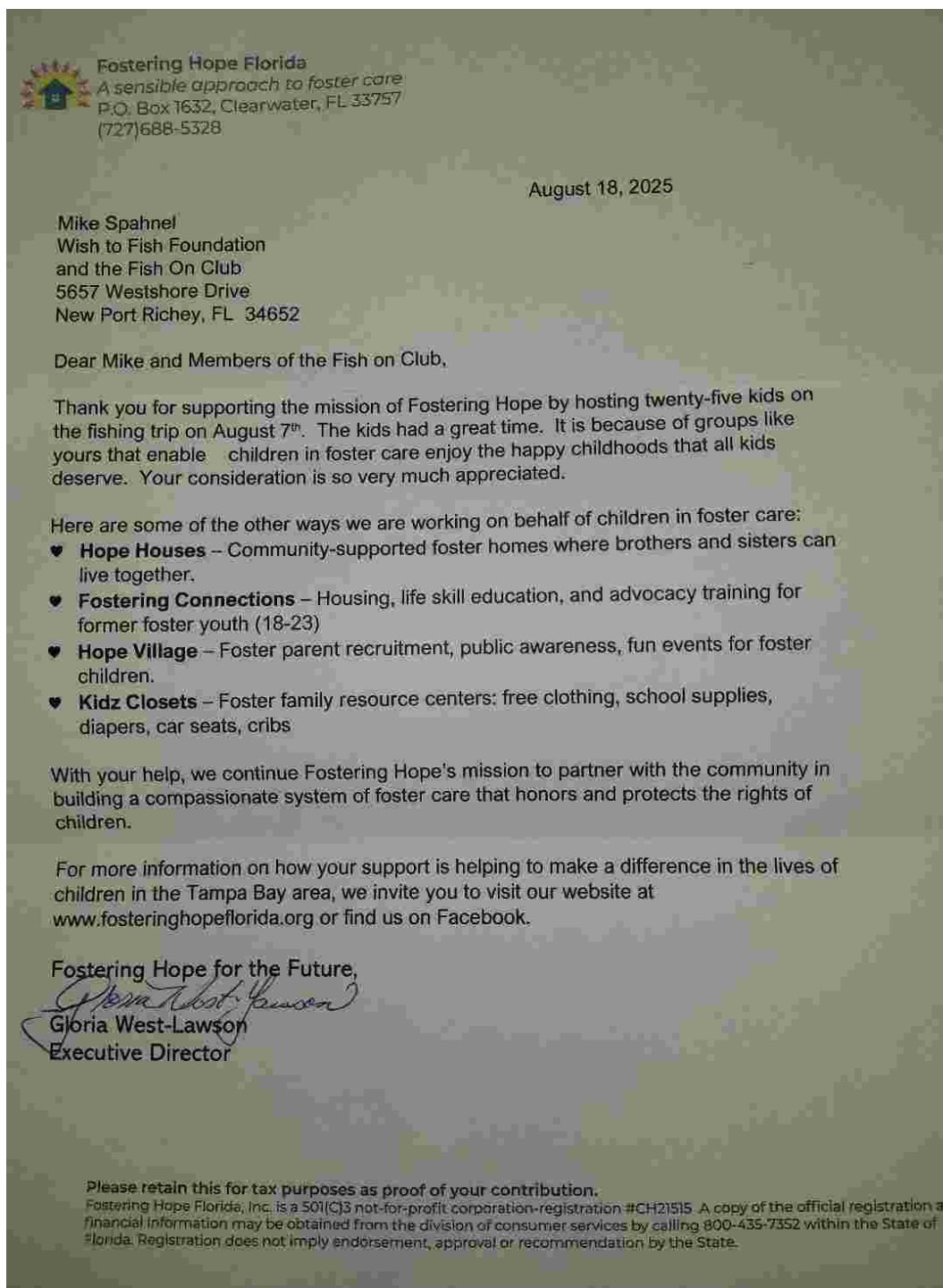


Upcoming social...

Our next social dinner will be on September 16 and held at Leaning Tower of Pizza, 5205 Grand Boulevard, New Port Richey.



Here's a nice thank you letter from the group that we sponsored for the last charter on August 7.

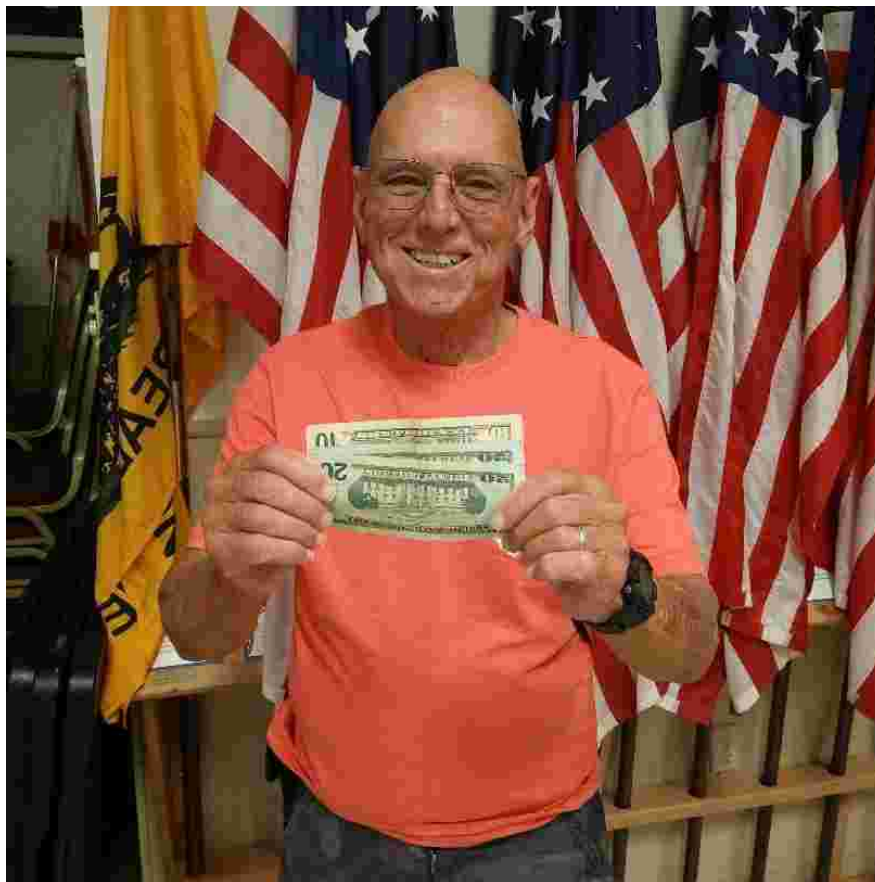


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From one of our members...

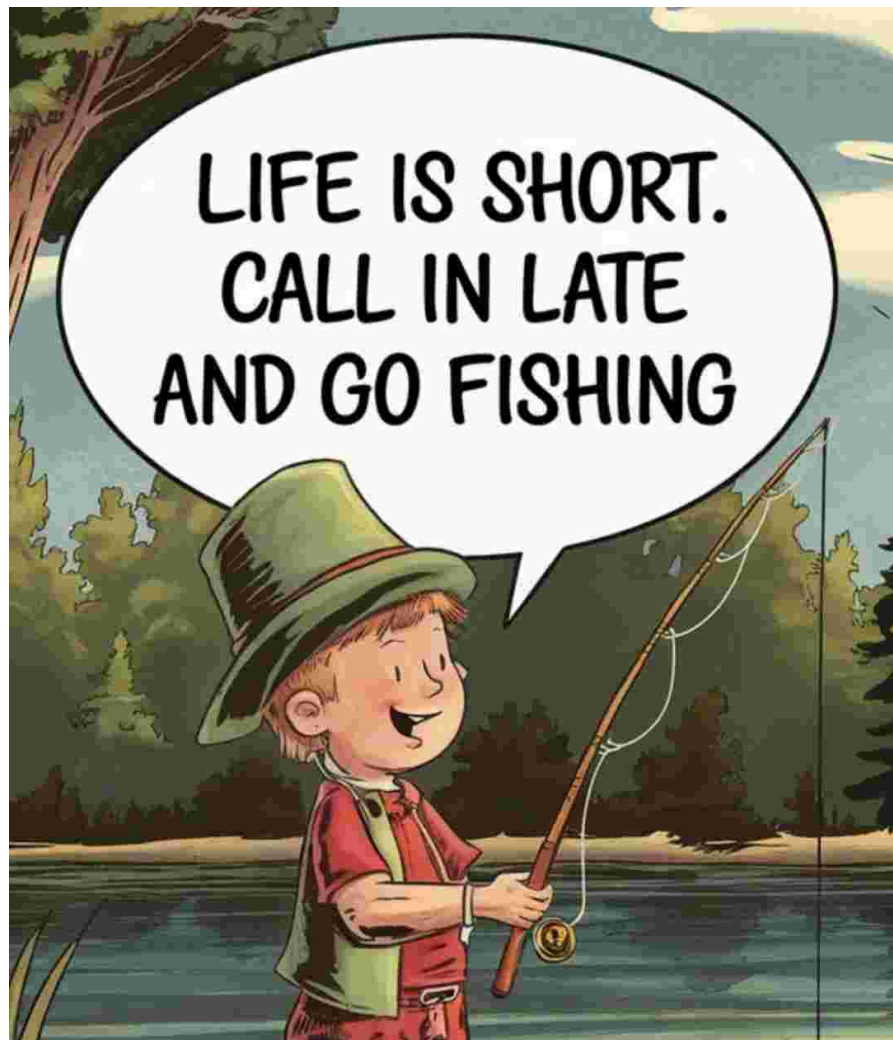
The fishing world lost an icon with the recent passing of Flip Pallot (not a FOC member). Though rooted in the flats, his Walker's Cay Chronicles elevated storytelling in sportfishing, inspiring generations of anglers across every pursuit—from bonefish on the flats to blue marlin offshore. Thank you, Flip-and farewell.

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August meeting 50/50 winner Bob Sherley.

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See you all at the meeting!

Tight lines!!

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