



## December 2025 Newsletter!

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### *Your December 2025 Newsletter!*

The next general membership meeting will be **Tuesday, December 9**.  
Doors open at 6:30, meeting starts at 7:00.

This is our annual pizza night and swap meet/flea market. So bring your appetites and some **stuff** (fishing/boating/otherwise) to make a deal!





**Our guest speakers at the November meeting were Captain Brian Spooner (L) and Captain George Riley (R) from the Pasco County Marine Rescue Unit 1.**



**Captains in action leading discussion.**



## **General Membership Meeting Minutes – November 11, 2025**

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

Since it was Veteran's Day, Bruce started the meeting by having all veterans tell which service they were in and what they did. He then further acknowledged their service by having them all lead us together in the Pledge of Allegiance. A very nice touch.

Our guest speakers for the evening were Captain Brian Spooner and Captain George Riley of the Pasco County Marine Rescue Unit. They started their discussion by telling us that Pasco County has 24 miles of coastline and they go out about 9 miles which is over 200 square miles that they cover. They then told us how they went into the actual starting of the marine unit from the ground up

(pardon the un-pun), and the way they developed the specifications of their ideal boat after travelling throughout the state and interviewing and talking to a lot of marine fire departments units who told them what was really needed on the boat and what was not. When they had their “ideal boat” on paper, they then put it out to bid and after several years of fine tuning, they finally got the boat into service in July, 2025.

Next was developing a rigorous “hands on” training program for the personnel that would be aboard as well as the educational aspect of classroom training that was necessary for the perpetuation of a functionally cohesive unit.

When they’re on the water, the boat (which is about 37 feet long with a beam of about 11 feet and which cost approximately \$380,000 and powered by twin Yamaha 300 horsepower motors) is manned by an operator and two deckhands. It has a 500 gallon per minute fire pump and has very shallow water capability.

It was an excellent presentation of the capabilities by the Pasco County’s Marine rescue unit.

There will not be a social dinner in December since our next meeting on December 9 is our annual pizza night and flea market.

**Tournaments –** There will be a one day tournament on November 15 for the longest trout. Lines in at 7:30 – lines out at 3:30. The weigh-in will be 5:00pm at Mike Spanhel’s house.

Our After Holiday Party is all set for January 10 at Timber Greens. Cost is \$20 per person (\$40 per couple). Dues for 2026 are once again \$35 and MUST be paid (along with per person fee) prior to December 31 to attend.

The 50/50 winner was Eric Harrison - \$70.

Number of members and guests in attendance – 23.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45.

Respectfully submitted,

John Grieder



## From the FWC



Florida Fish and Wildlife  
Conservation Commission

**Nov 25, 2025**

### **Recreational harvest of flounder reopens Dec. 1**

**The recreational harvest of flounder in all Florida state and federal waters will reopen Dec. 1.**

**The minimum size limit for flounder is 14 inches total length and the daily recreational bag limit is five fish per person.**



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**Nov 24, 2025**

### **Seasonal closure for recreational snook harvest begins Dec. 1 on Florida's west coast and Dec. 15 on east coast**

**The recreational harvest season for snook closes Dec. 1 in all west coast snook management regions (Panhandle, Big Bend, Tampa Bay, Sarasota Bay, Charlotte Harbor and Southwest) and on Dec. 15 in all east coast snook management regions (Southeast, Indian River Lagoon and Northeast). This includes all Florida state and inland waters within each management region as well as adjacent federal waters.**

**The regional management regions are part of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's (FWC) holistic management approach for 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](http://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.**

**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 day per person.**

**Slot Limit: 28-33 inches total length.**

**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 day per person.**

**Slot Limit: 28-33 inches total length.**

**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 day per person.**

**Slot Limit: 28-33 inches total length.**

**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 day per person.**

**Slot Limit: 28-33 inches total length.**

**Charlotte Harbor Open Season: March 1–April 30 and Oct. 1–Nov. 30.**

**Closed Season: Dec. 1–end of February and May 1–Sept. 30.**

**Bag Limit: One fish per day per person.**

**Slot Limit: 28-33 inches total length.**

**Southwest Open Season: March 1–April 30 and Oct. 1–Nov. 30.**

**Closed Season: Dec. 1–end of February and May 1–Sept. 30.**

**Bag Limit: One fish per day per person.**

**Slot Limit: 28-33 inches total length.**

**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 day per person.**

**Slot Limit: 28-32 inches total length.**

**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 day per person.**

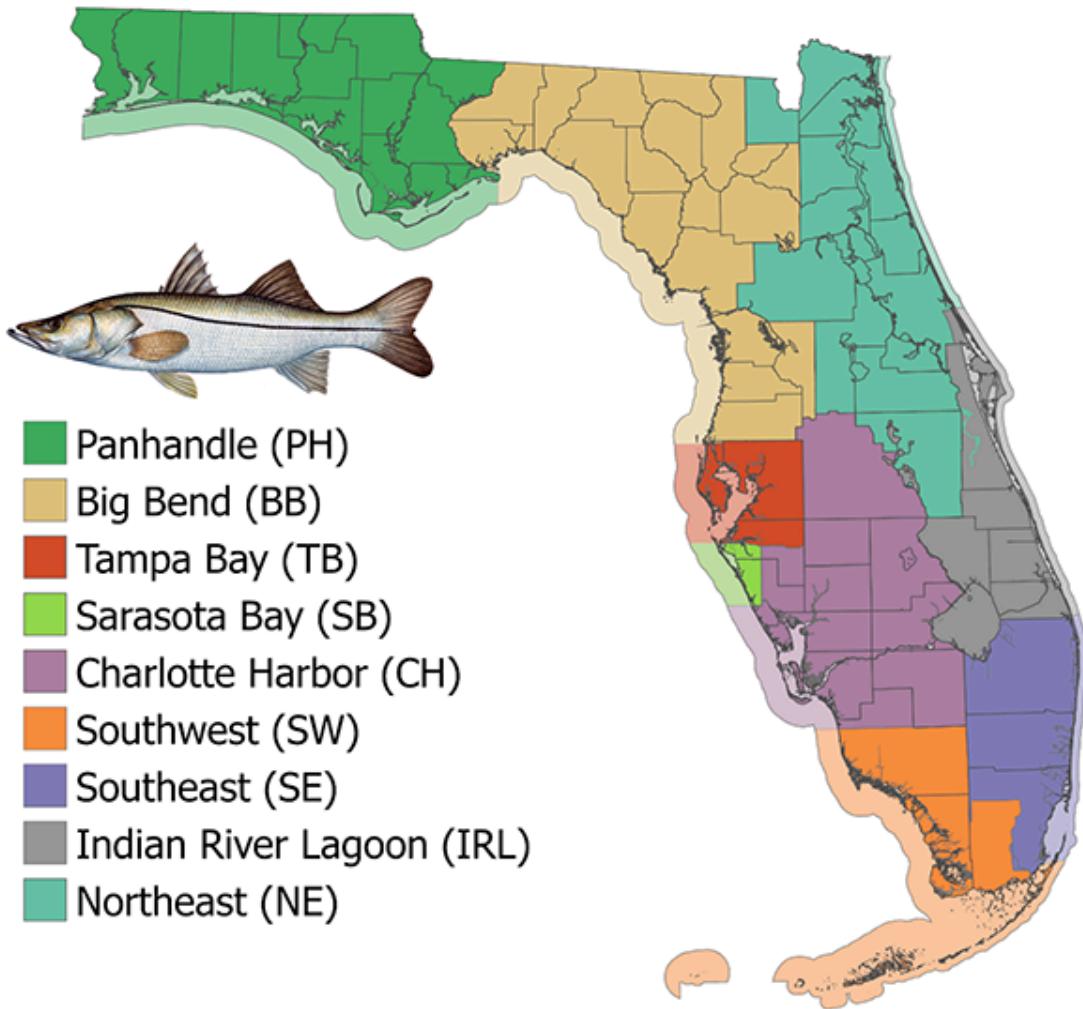
**Slot Limit: 28-32 inches total length.**

**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 day per person.**

**Slot Limit: 28-32 inches total length.**



## Our ONE DAY tournament was a fun time!

The One Day Tournament was finally held on November 15. It was a cool but beautiful day on the water. Although there were 14 people signed up, only 6 members actually participated. Since it was a bit on the chilly side, the trout fishing was little slow.

Bruce Archambault got on the board with an 8 1/4 inch trout and he steadily increased the size until he ended with a 16 inch fish, which was ultimately the winner. Jack Hexter led for a while with a 13 inch fish but was beaten by Bruce who went home with \$120. Jack went home with a nice Permit for dinner and he also caught a Bonnethead Shark.

Phil Ackley also fished in his kayak and caught a couple of Redfish. But since this was a TROUT tournament neither Jack's Permit nor Phil's Redfish were

tallied for the final count.

After a fun day on the water we all ended up at Mike Spanhel's house to enjoy hotdogs.





*Submitted by Jack Hexter*



## **Our After Holiday Party at Timber Greens is all set for January 10**

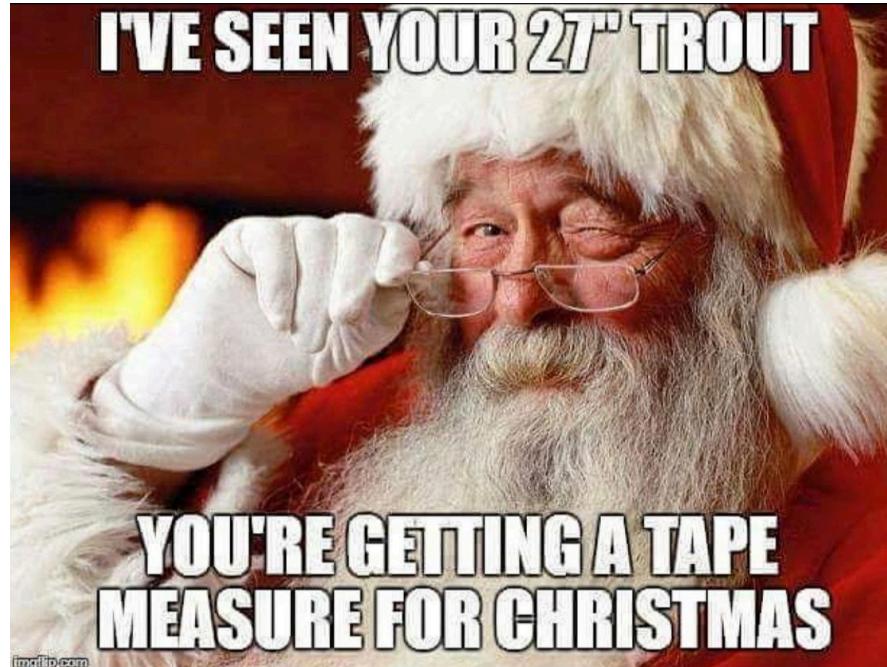
The club is once again subsidizing the event so the cost is only \$20 per person/\$40 per couple. Guests will be \$35 per.

**As a reminder, 2026 annual dues of \$35 MUST be paid prior to year's end to go to the party. Final bill with dues is \$55/single or \$75/couple.**





November meeting 50/50 winner Eric Harrison



## See you all at the meeting!

***Tight lines!!***

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