

March 2026 Newsletter!

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Your March 2026 Newsletter!

The next general membership meeting will be Tuesday, March 10. Doors open at 6:30, meeting starts at 7:00. Our guest speaker for the evening will be Captain Dave Blanchard of Live Action Fishing Adventures.



Captain Bill Rutherford of Rusty Bucket Fishing gave an interesting presentation on cold weather fishing at our February meeting.



General Membership Meeting Minutes – February 10, 2025

The meeting was called to order by President Mark Morningstar at 7:00pm.

Our guest speaker for the evening was Captain Bill Rutherford of Rusty Bucket Fishing. He started off by saying that since we're struggling with the cold weather, so are the Snook. He further told us that with any catches of that species we should definitely be mindful of getting them back in the water safely to sustain their population. The discussion continued with great tips on where to catch large sheepshead and trout; what bait to use; sizes of hooks and fishing techniques that will get them inside the boat. Captain Bill also said that he'd be moving his business shortly to a much larger location to better service his clientele and store wares he carries which are primarily American made. He also specializes in providing charters for veterans and has handicap-available boats to accommodate those who are disabled. Lastly he said that on May 30 he is sponsoring the fifth annual kid's fishing day tournament from 9:00 – 12:00 at Sims Park in New Port Richey.

Next year's Annual Holiday Party is scheduled for January 16, 2027.

Our annual Spring Picnic will be on March 28 at R.L. Anderson Park on Lake Tarpon and Frank Poggio will be the event chairman.

Mark Morningstar then led us through the process of electing officers which is

held at our February meeting. On the ballot are: **President – currently Mark Morningstar; Vice President (open-no nominees as Bruce Archambault is stepping down); Treasurer – currently Mike Spanhel; Secretary – currently John Grieder; Sergeant at Arms – currently Stu Johnson; Member at Large – (nominated from floor Carl Mogavero; Past President – Jack Hexter; Advisor – Chet Jasak. A motion was made and passed that the Secretary cast one unanimous vote for the slate of officers which was done.**

The next social dinner will be on March 18th at Whiskey River on the Water beginning at 5:30.

Tournaments – there are five tournaments scheduled for the year which will be continuously detailed in upcoming newsletters.

The annual Anclote Kids Fishing Tournament will be February 28 on the Anclote fishing pier from 8:00 to 12:00. We currently have 10 volunteers.

Some members told about their recent fishing activity but reports were limited due to the cold weather.

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

Number of members and guests in attendance – 29.

The next general membership meeting will be March 10.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20.

Respectfully submitted,

John Grieder



From the FWC



FWC's Catch a Florida Memory Triple Threat Throwdown Season 4 Starts March 1



As the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's (FWC) [Catch a Florida Memory](#) continues its 10-year "[Catch-a-versary](#)" celebration in 2026, the FWC is excited to announce that the [Triple Threat Throwdown](#) is back for Season 4!

Beginning on March 1 and running through Sept.13, this challenge is designed for saltwater anglers who celebrate Florida's unmatched iconic fishing opportunities and demonstrate dedication to Catch a Florida Memory.

One lucky Triple Threat Club member will be selected in a random drawing to win a comprehensive kayak fishing bundle valued at over \$4,500. This year's bundle includes a Bonafide SKF117 Kayak, a premium Mustad fishing gear bundle, an extensive Yak Attack kayak accessory kit, a Power-Pole Micro Spike Driver, and additional accessories. This generous package is made possible by Catch a Florida Memory's Season 4 Premier Partners: [Bonafide](#), [YakAttack](#), [Mustad](#) and [Power-Pole](#).

"As we continue to celebrate Catch a Florida Memory's 10-year anniversary, we are proud to launch the fourth season of Triple Threat Throwdown to further recognize Florida's accomplished saltwater anglers," said Jessica McCawley, Director of FWC's Division of Marine Fisheries Management. "This challenge highlights anglers who truly know what it means to Catch a Florida Memory."

This Triple Threat Throwdown builds on the foundation of Catch a Florida Memory with an exclusive opportunity for anglers who have earned membership in the [Triple Threat Club](#) and submit a qualifying recognition during the challenge period. To become a member of the Triple Threat Club, anglers must achieve recognition in all three Catch a Florida Memory programs: [Saltwater Grand Slam](#), [Saltwater Reel Big Fish](#), and [Saltwater Life List](#) (minimum qualification: 10 Fish Club).

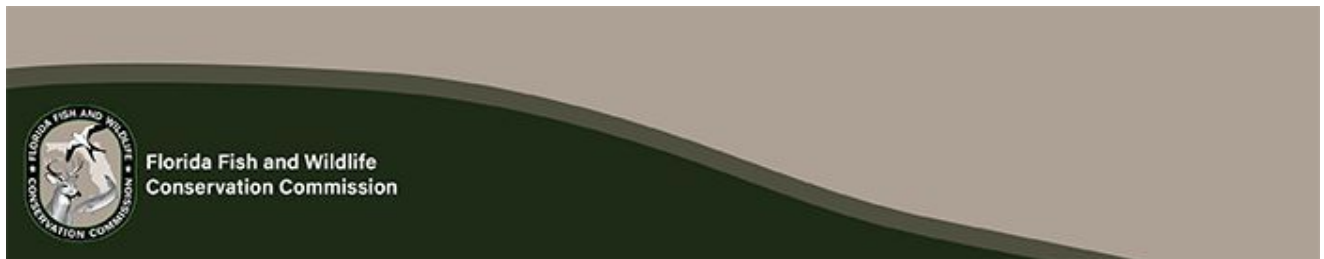
Current Triple Threat Club members earn an entry into the Throwdown for each new recognition submitted during the challenge period. New Triple Threat Club members earn one entry upon achieving Triple Threat status, plus additional entries for each subsequent recognition earned between March 1-Sept.13.

The prize package will only be delivered to a location within the state of Florida or can be made available for pick up.

For more information on program specifics, how to submit catches and to learn more about earning recognitions, visit CatchaFloridaMemory.com or reach out via email at AnglerRecognition@MyFWC.com. And don't forget, Catch a Florida Memory is celebrating its 10-year [Catch-a-versary](#) all year long with new challenges and enhanced prizing, so sign up today and get fishing!

Follow Catch a Florida Memory on [Facebook](#) and [Fishbrain](#) for additional updates as the Catch-a-versary progresses.

Remember to [handle fish responsibly](#) and adhere to all [fishing regulations](#). Your [fishing license](#) and responsible fishing practices ensure the sustainability of Florida's fisheries.



Feb. 27, 2026

Recreational harvest of gray triggerfish opens March 1 in Gulf state and federal waters

Recreational harvest of gray triggerfish will open in Gulf state and federal waters on March 1.

Open Season: March1-May 31 and Aug. 1-Dec. 31

Minimum Size Limit: 15 inches fork length

Bag Limit: one per person

If you plan to fish for gray triggerfish in state or federal waters from a private recreational vessel, you must sign up as a [State Reef Fish Angler](#) (annual renewal is required).



For the next charter our Wish to Fish Subsidiary is sponsoring Hope Children's Home on March 19. In addition to the charter, *Miss Vicki's On The River* is having a luggage drive for the kids! See below for details!



Tournament Board

2026 Tournaments

Fishing tournaments are easy and fun and there's nothing to sign up for -- these are all free to play for all members! Just make a catch, follow the guidelines posted below and you're in!

These tournaments are **Free-to-Play** for all members!

Our current tournament is:

February 1 to April 31 - Trout

Upcoming tournaments include:

May 1 to July 31 - Snapper

August 1 to October 31 - Snook

November 1 to December 31 - Mackerel

There will also be a ONE DAY tournament in November with details to follow.

AND...also a \$ prize (besides bragging rights) for the longest fish caught for 2026 (not including sharks).

All guidelines below must be followed for all tournaments

Guidelines:

- 1 - Catch fish (!)
- 2 - Measure fish
- 3 - Take a picture of your catch
- 4 - You **MUST** post a fishing report on the club website*
- 5 - Only species for each tournament posted will be count. (Ex: if you catch a trout when mackerel tournament is running, it won't count)
- 6 - Fish caught on individually owned boats/kayaks/rentals/headboats or from the shore are ok. Fish caught of charters will not count.
- 7 - Sit back (and/or keep fishing) and wait for the results which will be announced at the first general membership meeting after tournament closes

Winners circle: 1st place - \$25; 2nd place - \$15; 3rd place - \$10

*Entering a fishing report on the club website is easy. Just give it a try and you'll find the process intuitive. If you have a problem with making your report just contact any board member below for assistance.



February meeting 50/50 winner Dave Gullickson



**THE FISHIN' IS SO BAD THAT EVEN
THE LIARS AREN'T CATCHING ANY**



See you all at the meeting!

Tight lines!!

Thanks and a tip o'the hat to Frank Bellizio

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