
May 2026 Newsletter!

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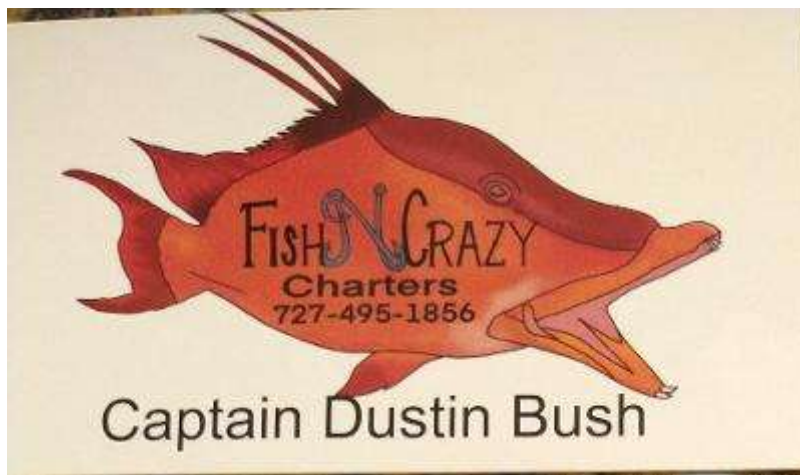
Your June 2026 Newsletter!

The next general membership meeting will be Tuesday, June 9. Doors open at 6:30, meeting starts at 7:00. Our guest speaker for the evening will be **Captain Pat of Florida Inshore Salt Therapy.**



The guest speaker at our May meeting was Captain Dustin Bush. We had an interesting, educational meeting all about redfish, snook, baits and gear for both inshore and offshore fishing.

Captain Dustin Bush



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**Please welcome new members this month...**



**Paul and Susan Beucler**

***Welcome to the club folks!***



### **General Membership Meeting Minutes – May 12, 2026**

**The meeting was called to order by Secretary John Grieder at 7:00pm.**

**We had two guests in attendance (one couple, one single) and the couple joined the club: Paul and Susan Beucler.**

**Our guest speaker for the evening was Captain Dustin Bush of Fish N Crazy Charters. Captain Dustin said that redfish were stacking up on the beaches and it was also a great time for snook. He also told us what he used for bait as well as the types of gear he uses for catching different species.**

**The winners for our just ended tournament for trout were**

**announced: Frank Poggio 1<sup>st</sup>, Mike Spanhel 2<sup>nd</sup>, and John Grieder 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

**It was stated that the most recent charter by our Wish to Fish subsidiary on the Miss Virginia was well attended and about 450 fish were caught.**

**Frank Bellizio read recent changes to fishing rules for snapper and it would also be published in the next newsletter.**

**It was also announced that both Jack and Pam Hexter were in the hospital.**

**The next social dinner will be on May 19 at the Sea Fire Grill in New Port Richie.**

**Tournaments – the current free-to-play tournament is for both snapper and ladyfish.**

**It was announced that our fall picnic will be scheduled for November 14<sup>th</sup> and to mark your calendars now.**

**Members told about their recent fishing activities.**

**The 50/50 winner was Alan Chase - \$50.**

**Number of members and guests in attendance – 21.**

**The next general membership meeting will be June 9.**

**Minutes taken by Frank Bellizio.**

**Meeting adjourned at 8:05.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**John Grieder**



## **From the FWC**

### **Snapper Regulations by Coast**

**Gulf of America Regulations (state and federal waters unless specified; Gulf state waters are from shore to 9 miles)**

**16" TL**

#### **Daily Bag Limit**

**2 per person (included in the 10 per harvester per day state snapper aggregate bag limit)**

**Charter captain and crew: zero**

**2026 Season:**

**Summer Season: May 22 - July 31 (Daily)**

**Fall Season:**

- **Sep. 1 - Oct. 4 (Daily)**
- **Oct. 9 - 11, 16 - 18, 23 - 25 (Fri., Sat., & Sun.)**
- **Oct. 30 - Nov. 1 (Fri., Sat., & Sun.)**
- **Nov. 7 - 8, 14 - 15, 21 - 22 (Sat. & Sun.)**
- **Nov. 26 - 29 (Thanksgiving weekend)**
- **Dec. 5 - 6, 12 - 13, 19 - 20 (Sat. & Sun.)**
- **Dec. 25 - 27 (Christmas weekend)**
- **Jan. 1 - 4, 2027 (Daily)**

**Season applies to:**

- **Recreational anglers fishing from private vessels in Florida Gulf state and federal waters**
- **Charter for-hire vessels that do not have a federal permit and are limited to harvest during the recreational season in Florida Gulf state waters only**



***And don't forget about this one...***

**A State Reef Fish Angler** designation is a mandatory, no-cost license add-on required by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) for anyone who fishes for or harvests certain reef fish from a private recreational vessel in Florida.

### **Who Needs It?**

- **Age:** Anglers 16 years of age and older.
- **Vessel:** Anyone fishing from a private recreational boat (including spearfishers).
- **Exemptions:** You still need this designation even if you are normally exempt from buying a standard saltwater fishing license (such as Florida residents 65 or older, or active-duty military).

### **Covered Species**

**You must obtain this designation if you intend to fish for, harvest, or possess any of the following 13 reef fish species:**

- **Snappers:** Red, mutton, yellowtail, and vermillion
- **Groupers:** Gag, red, and black
- **Amberjacks:** Greater and lesser
- **Jacks:** Almaco jack and banded rudderfish
- **Other:** Hogfish and gray triggerfish

### **Why Is It Required?**

**It is part of the State Reef Fish Survey (SRFS), designed to improve recreational data collection for important reef fish stocks. By registering, you become eligible to receive periodic mail surveys or participate in dockside interviews, which helps FWC scientists make science-based decisions to manage and sustain these fisheries.**

### **How to Get It**



The designation is completely free, lasts for 12 months, and must be renewed annually. You can add it to your profile using any of the following methods:

- **Online:** Through the [Go Outdoors Florida](#) licensing system or the Fish|Hunt Florida mobile app.
- **In-person:** At any tackle shop, sporting goods store, or local tax collector's office.
- **By phone:** By calling 1-888-FISH-FLORIDA.



For those of you wondering how/where to buy club apparel here's the place...



Conveniently located, friendly owner has club logo available for embroidery -- your shirt/hat/whatever or theirs.



## 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:

**May 1 to July 31 - Snapper and Ladyfish**

**(Please note changes to guidelines (#6) below) --  
Also note there will be one additional species added for each future tournament.**

For the February 1 to April 30 **Trout** tournament here are the winners:

1st place - Frank Poggio - 18" )  
2nd place - Mike Spanhel - 15" ) ***Congrats to all!***  
3rd place - John Grieder - 14" )

Upcoming tournaments include:

**August 1 to October 31 - Snook**

**November 1 to December 31 - Mackerel**

***Winners circle***

February 1 to April 30 **Trout** tournament:

1st place - Frank Poggio - 18"  
2nd place - Mike Spanhel - 15"



3rd place - John Grieder - 14"

There **may** also be a ONE DAY tournament in November. (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 an **automatic entry** to 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.  
Starting on a trial basis effective May 1, 2026 and until further notice, fish caught on charters **WILL** 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. Go to the club website ([fishonclub.us](http://fishonclub.us)) , click on 'fishing reports', then 'submit report', and enter your information along with pix. 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.



Our next **Social dinner** (this will be the last one until September) is all set for Wednesday, June 17 at Gulf Harbors Yacht Club, **3926 Marine Parkway** in New Port Richey - the fun starts at 5:30. If you've signed up for it, please make every effort to attend as reservations are made on this basis.

Come on out, meet, greet, make some new friends and see some old ones!



**May 50/50 winner**



**Alan Chase - a happy camper!**





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**See you all at the meeting!**

***Tight lines!!***

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