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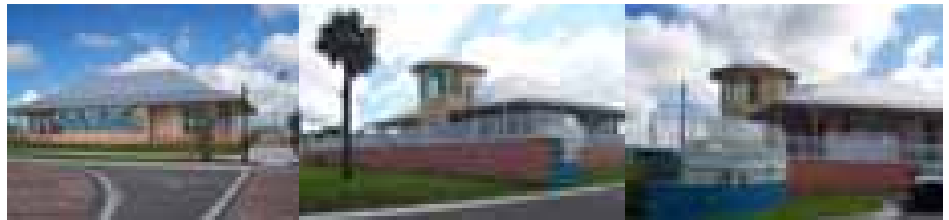


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FEATURES

2 SKINNY WATERS

Jack Spies, President of the Fishing Club gives us a look at how best to prepare those filets for storage in the freezer...

2 PROGRAMS

Rich Brennan, has lined up Bruce Malo of SEATOW as our October speaker, and someone from Seag Grant Florida who will explain why it is necessary to vent certain fish.

4 SOCIAL EVENTS

Donnie Brennan, chairperson of the PGI Fishing Club Social Events sez "Ticket sales for the Christmas Party looking good, but if you don't have yours yet, better get them now!"

4 FISHING EVENTS

Marty McCaffrey is back from vacation and brings us up to date on the August Tarpon/Cobia/Shark Challenge winners, and tell us about what's going on in October...

5 MEMBERSHIP

Bob Rand is back from vacation and gives us an update on club memberships and welcomes new members...

◆◆◆NEXT MEETING TUESDAY October 9th • 7:00PM ◆◆◆



SKINNY WATER • Jack Spies



Summer's gone, and we are beginning the fall fishing season, and here I am waiting for a break in the hot weather and for the fishing to heat up.

Traditionally we are starting some of the best fishing time of the year, October and November, so get out now and take advantage of the open seasons on redfish, snook and sea

trout; remember sea trout closes on Nov.1st and snook closes on Dec.1st. If you take fish for the dinner table this is the time of year to put some away in the freezer. Please be mindful of the species size limitations and daily catch regulations when keeping fish. Return all under and over size fish to the water in healthy condition to be caught another day.

When preparing your catch for the freezer be sure to wrap your filets properly to insure the best possible results when you retrieve them at a later date. Here are a couple of ways that are recommended and that I've used for years. Your catch should be divided into dinner size portions and should be tightly wrapped in saran wrap, eliminating as much of the air as possible, then wrapped again in foil and labeled with the species and date. Another method that works great, if the filets are smaller and you have enough freezer space, you can use plastic milk bottles or similar containers. Cut off the top third of the jug, put your filets in and fill the jug with water to cover the filets and freeze. When you're ready to enjoy your catch, be sure to thaw your fillets in the refrigerator or under cold running water and cook immediately. You should enjoy a meal of great tasting fish filets that are almost as tasty as eating them the day of the catch. Good eating...

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PROGRAMS • Rich Brennan



October's meeting holds a wealth of information for our fellow anglers and boaters.

On our agenda will be Capt. Bruce Malo of Sea//Tow who will inform us on the equipment needed to make our boating pleasure a safe outing.

Also, we will be visited by a representative (whose name has currently not yet been provided to us) from Sea Grant Florida who will speak on the necessity of venting certain fish after their capture - before their release.

This will be a month you definitely won't want to miss.



Last month's speaker Jerry Kiehne from West Marine gave a very informative talk on the different types of electronic equipment for boats.

SOCIAL EVENTS • Donnie Brennan



Wow, folk! We are looking good, so far.

I've been mentioning the need to get your Christmas Party tickets early and so many of you already have.

For those who are either new to our group or aren't sure why you need to get them early, let me explain.

According to the PGFD, by law, we can only seat 180 people for a sit-down party. I emphasize SIT-DOWN because of the table configuration. (A meeting where chairs are arranged - like our monthly meeting - is a different matter.)

This figure of 180 consists of our members (FREE tickets) and guests (PAID tickets). Once the 180 tickets are gone, there will be no more to be had. There will be NO exceptions.

Please don't come to me a few days before and say, "But I was out of town" (or whatever).

Please do not show up without first having received your tickets. You will be turned away.

Remember, these rules are not mine but those of the PGFD. Breaking the rules would result in a stiff fine WITH our party coming to screeching halt. We don't want that.

From the 180 I started with, I have already given out 101 - and this is only September!

Also remember, this is a BYOB affair.

Should you need tickets or more information, please don't hesitate to contact me via phone (575-8808) or email (L3th@comcast.net).

Now, on to another subject: EMAIL ADDRESSES.

Our membership totals 159 names - from which 7 do not have email addresses and one has moved from the state.

That means I send out 151 emails each month. I have been notified that some members aren't receiving these important messages and that has prompted me to

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SOCIAL EVENT cont.

revamp my email system resulting in the test I sent out on the 12th of September.

From the 151 emails I have sent out requesting confirmation (so I can hopefully put an end to my email fiasco), 86 were kind enough to respond.

Please don't take it for granted that I know my emails are going through. If you have not responded to my request as yet, please do so quickly. I will be waiting until the end of the month and if I don't hear from you by then, I will be sending out snail mail for email corrections - that is something I am trying to avoid.

Again, should you need to contact me regarding anything, just call (575-8808) or email (L3th@comcast.net)



Just got back from an August-September vacation traveling about. As a result didn't get pics for the winners of our August Challenge until late September. Here they are!

August Tarpon/Cobia/Shark Challenge Winners

We had a good turnout for the challenge and encountered some good winds and seas. As a result it was tough to get offshore. But a number of anglers reported a number of catches. Our winner with the largest shark was Paul Biernet with a 61-incher! Paul teamed up with John Kasulaitis who also reported a 45-inch shark. Donnie Brennan had the longest shark for a Lady Angler - a 35-inch shark. No one landed a tarpon or cobia.

October Redfish and Snook Challenge – October 11th

All members should have received the flyer on our October 11th Challenge – that's a Thursday. There will not be a Captain's Meeting since we covered the basics in our earlier Snook outing. An updated briefing from that meeting will be e-mailed to all members. All pictures of catches must be received no later than Wednesday, October 17th to be eligible. You may e-mail them to me or turn in the pictures to the PGIFC folder in the PGI Civic Center office.

Master Angler Competition

We have had some great catches added to the Master Angler table this month. Take a look at it. Redfish, Snook, and Seatrout all had some nice additions. Jack Vartanian added a 38-inch Redfish and Kel Krotzer caught a 38-inch Snook. Missy Becker moved into second place with a 34-inch Red and a 33-inch Snook. Just about every species is open so get out there and catch a whopper, take a picture and turn it into me (either e-mail, PGIFC folder in the office or at the monthly meeting). Remember, awards this year will also be going to the anglers with the largest combined length of three fish for each category.

Tight Lines.



IS IT JUST ME!

I, for one, was excited to see that the new City Marina was going to have a "On the Water" live bait source and a ship store for the area's boating and fishing population, which by the way is pretty substantial in it's numbers.

With a great looking building and the well done mural painted on the side off it, Punta Gorda can very proud of it's marina.

Exactly how boaters, fishermen (and women) would have the most convenient access from their vessel to the rest room, ships store, ice, and the live bait tanks, seems to have been lost in the process of planning the marina.

The distance from the end of the wooden dock next to the launch ramp to the door of the ships store and live bait area it is 414 feet. That's 138 yards, which is just 38 yards short of one and a half football fields! If you have just purchased 4 bags of ice, 5 dozen live shrimp and some tackle from the ships store...the trip back to your boat is going to be a real adventure and not a lot of fun.

The city should take a look at the possibilities of having access steps, or a ramp, leading up from the front wall of the marina building that faces the docks, thereby reducing the "Trip" to less than half the current distance. Does anyone think this is a good idea...or is it **JUST ME!** ↗



MEMBERSHIP • Robert Rand



PGI Fishing Club presently has 159 members but we are always looking for more. New PGI Fishing Club members who join after September 30 will be valid members through the following year. A family membership (member, member & spouse or member & significant other) is only \$20 per year. All fishing club

members must be members of the PGI Civic Association. Please bring prospective members our next meeting. I will be sending a renewal form to all present members this month.



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LUNAR FEEDING • AUG 2007 TABLES



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Here are the best fishing dates and times for this month as suggested by the lunar feeding tables. I find the information helps me; maybe it will work for you.

DATE	DAY	START TIME	FINISH TIME	START TIME	FINISH TIME	MOON PHASE
2nd	Tues			5:00pm	10:00pm	HIGH
3rd	Wed	5:30am	10:30am	6:00pm	11:00pm	
4th	Thurs	6:30am	11:30am			
9th	Tues	10:30am	3:30pm			
12th	Fri			12:30pm	5:30pm	NEW
21st	Sun	7:30am	12:30pm	8:00pm	1:00am	
22nd	Mon	8:30am	12:30pm	9:00pm	2:00am	
23rd	Tues	9:00am	2:00pm			
26th	Fri			12:00pm	5:00pm	FULL
27th	Sat	12:30am	5:30am	1:00pm	6:00pm	
30th	Tues	3:30am	8:30am	4:00pm	9:00pm	
31st	Wed	4:30am	9:30am	5:00pm	10:00pm	

I hope to see all of you Tuesday night October 9th at 7:00pm for our general meeting. Bring a new member, or bring a guest, and join us for fishing stories, information, great door prizes and, most of all, the camaraderie of your fellow fishermen.

Here's to good fishin,

Jack Spies

President
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Good morning from Sea Tow Charlotte Harbor !

This email is to our local friends, club contacts and businesses that might use the Port Charlotte Beach Complex and are unaware of the following:

Charlotte County Parks & Recreation notified us today that due to scheduled renovations,

The Port Charlotte Beach Complex BOAT RAMP is CLOSED and is not scheduled to reopen until January 25, 2008.

For further information, contact Parks & Recreation at (941) 625-7529

Have a great day !

Capt. Bruce Malo


Charlotte Harbor Dispatch



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BRONZE	5	NONE	NONE	BRONZE PIN
SILVER	5	LEGAL	300	SILVER PIN
GOLD	7	LEGAL	700	GOLD PIN & CLUB HAT
LIFETIME	9	LEGAL	1000	SNOOK PIN
LIFETIME LEVEL 2	13	LEGAL	1400	REDFISH PIN
LIFETIME LEVEL 3	18	LEGAL	1700	TARPON PIN
GRAND MASTER	23	LEGAL	2000	CLUB SHIRT W/LOGO

THE FOLLOWING FISH AND POINTS EARNED (BASED ON LENGTH OF ENTRY) QUALIFY:

POINTS EARNED	100	200	300	
SPECIES	SIZE IN INCHES			
Amberjack	32-39	40-45	46+	
Baracuda	No points earned			
Black Bass	20-21	22-23	24+	
Black Drum	No Points			
Bluefish	No points earned			
Blue Runner	No points earned			
Bonita	No points earned			
Catfish (All)	No points earned			
Cobia	38-39	40-43	44+	
Croaker	No points earned			
Flounder	No points earned			
*Grouper	24-27	28-31	32+	
Grunt	No points earned			
Jack Crevelle	No points earned			
King Mackerel	32-35	36-39	40+	
Ladyfish	No points earned			
Permit	No points earned			
Pompano	No points earned			
Redfish	28-29	30-35	36+	
StingRay	No points earned			
Seatrout	21-22	23-24	24+	
Shark (Any Species)	40-49	50-59	60+	
Sheepshead	No points earned			
Snapper	No points earned			
Snook	29-35	36-41	42+	
Spanish Mackerel	21-22	23-24	25+	
Tarpon	Any size			
Tripletail	No points earned			
Whiting	No points earned			
Yellowtail Snapper	No points earned			

*The Grouper classification is restricted to Black, Gag and Red Grouper. Golith Grouper may be used as a "Species" catch for Grouper.

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LIFETIME LEVEL III Jim Hoffman • Pete McGregor • Joe Maillet • Bob Busler

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MEMBER CATCHS



Missy Becker had a great day when she caught a 31" Redfish, 33" Snook & a 28" Golith Grouper which I know she released unharmed after the photo shoot.



Bob Busler left the club's weekly Breakfast Bash and went out and hooked into this nice 32" Redfish



Fishing Club Social Director Donnie Brennan is not just a volunteer figurehead...she can really fish, as evidenced by this very nice spotted seatrout. Nice catch!



Bill Guenther's Shark...not very big, but it was fun! Shark was released.



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1	Jim Hoffman 31"	R. Brennan 24.5"	Jack Vartanian 38"	Kel Krotzer 38"	Bob Busler 54"	Jim Hoffman 89"	Rich Brennan 22.5"
2	Jim Hoffman 30"T	R. Brennan 24"	Missy Becker 34"	Missy Becker 33"	Pete McGregor 42"	Ed Verminski 84"	Bev Rucker 22"T
3	Kel Krotzer 30"T	Jack Spies 22"T	Kel Krotzer 33"	Rich Brennan 32"	Joe Maillet 40	M. Hoffman 75"	Jack Spies 22"T"
4	S. Landaker 30"T	R. Brennan 22"T	S. Landakar 32"	Bob Busler 30.5"T	Bill Guenther 34"	Jim Hoffman 73"	Bob Rand 21"
5	M. McCaffrey 29"	Mike Quinn 21"	Kel Krotzer 31.5"	Rich Tilden 30.5"T	M. Hoffman 33"	Bev Rucker 67"	M. Hoffman 20"
6	Bev Rucker 28.5"	Kel Krotzer 20"T	S. Landaker 31"T	R. Brennan 30"		J. Kasulaitis 55"	Mike Gulvezen 18"
7	RA. McCaffrey 28"T	D. Brennan 20"T	Kel Krotzer 31"T	J. Kasulaitis 29.5"T		Dick Doster 48"T	Rich Brennan 17.5"
8	Bev Rucker 28"T	D. Brennan 19.5"	Kel Krotzer 30.5"	P McGregor 29.5"T		J. Kasulaitis 48"T	M. Hoffman 17"T
9	Kel Krotzer 28"T	Tom Parsons 19"T	Bob Busler 30"T	J&S Landaker 29"T		Bill Guenther 42"	Marc Anthony 17"T
10	Several tied at 27"	M. Hoffman 19"T	Kel Krotzer 30"T	D. Brennan 29"T		Ed Verminski 41"	

Certificate Award — Two awards will be given for each fish species. The first will be the first place angler with the longest length fish in species. The second award will be for the first place angler with the largest combination length of his/her top three fish for that species.

PGI FISHING CLUB FISHING PROGRAMS HAVE BEEN SIMPLIFIED

Our fishing programs this year have been simplified. All you do is take a photo and on the back of the photo print your name, species of fish it is, measurement in length according to the FL state regs, date it was caught. Then turn it into Marty McCaffrey at the next club meeting or Friday morning breakfast or leave it off at the PGICA building and they will put it in our mail box and Marty will get it. Marty in turn will take your photo and enter your fish in the programs it will fit into per the programs species.



Steve Landaker and a early season snook.



Joanne Landaker and a nice size Redfish. Nice catch!

AUGUST CHALLENGE WINNERS



Donnie Brennan wins the womans flight with this 35 inch Shark that she caught during our August Shark, Cobia, Tarpon Challenge. Congratulations Donnie.



Paul Biernet brought this big shark to the boat. And, in the process, won the August Shark, Cobia, Tarpon Challenge. Congratulations Paul.



MORE MEMBER CATCHES



Jack Vartanian and some other guy lurking behind him, caught the fat 38" Redfish off Spinaker point.



Along with scheduling speakers for the Fishing Club monthly meeting, Program Director Rich Brennan knows where to find the big one's.