



Punta Gorda Isles

Fishing

club

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BOAT SINKS IN PUNTA GORDA ISLES

Skinny Waters



Here we are half way through our winter season and the slowest fishing time of the year. Real shallow

waters, wind and uncooperative tides are a few of the wintertime phenomena that keep us from enjoying our favorite pastime to its fullest, not to mention the cold early mornings. Don't forget the Snook season opened on Feb. 1st and Sea Trout has been open since Jan 1st.

I hope everyone enjoyed Mr. Sheepshead (David Hack) and his experiences as he informed us all about finding and catching Sheepshead. His knowledge of this one species and enthusiasm made for an interesting presentation.

I'm sure you all can't wait for our first fishing outing of the year. Marty McCaffrey announced a Snook Tournament in February. More details are to follow, so watch for Marty's announcements. We are all hoping this brings out a See **Skinny** on page 9



Photo by Bill Guenther

This 31 foot Silverton is a good example of why it's imperative that a boat that has been in dry storage for a long period of time needs to have all thru hull fittings checked for leaks, and that the batteries have a full charge before it is put back in the water.

It was said the cause of this unfortunate accident was serious leaks around the rudders. That coupled with a weak set of batteries, contributed to a very expensive lesson we can all benefit from.

**NEXT MEETING TUESDAY
February 13th • 7:00PM**

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Our Speaker this month is **Captain Andy Boyette** of “Go Fish Charters.” Captain Andy’s motto is “Good things come to those with bait.” Andy is a full time guide and a licensed U.S. Coast Guard Captain.

Andy likes to fish Charlotte Harbor, Boca Grande and the flats of Pine Island Sound, he specializes in Tarpon, Snook and Redfish.

Captain Boyette is a member of the Burnt Store Marina Fishing Guides Association, the Florida CCA and the Outfitter’s Association of America.



Dave Hack, (Mr. Sheepshead) accepts the Fishing Club’s “Speaker Appreciation Award” from Program Director, Rich Brennan.

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SOCIAL EVENTS • Donnie Brennan



As we begin February, it's time to let you know about one of the changes in our social events.

First of all, our picnic will be at PONCE DE LEON PARK on April 14th. We will begin at noon with plenty of good food that will be catered by KFC. There will be an assortment of salads. Sodas and water will be on hand but should you prefer something a bit stronger, please feel free to BYOB.

At this time, your board in planning a slight change in the contests. I can let you know more about that next month but rest assured, each and every contest will be fun and have a prize for the winner.

We'll also have a 50/50 drawing.

This will be a great day for all of us so please keep watching our newsletter and your emails for additional news as it comes along.



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Final Notice PGI Fishing Club Membership Renewal

PGI Fishing Club membership dues for 2007 were due January 1, 2007. PGI Fishing Club presently has 120

dues paid members. Members who have not paid their dues for 2007 will be removed from the roster.

PGI Fishing Club meetings and newsletter provides timely and exclusive fishing and boating information for our members. Don't miss out on the fishing club activities planed for the coming year. Renew your membership now.

A family membership (member & spouse) is only \$20 per year. You must be a member of the PGI Civic Association to be a member of any PGICA club. You may renew at our monthly meeting or send your check; with any additions or corrections to your mailing address, phone number or e-mail address; to the PGI Fishing Club, 2001 Shreve St., Punta Gorda, FL 33950 or drop it off at the PGICA office.



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FISHING EVENTS • Marty McCaffrey



Our first outing of the season will be a Snook Challenge on Thursday, February 15th. The captain's meeting will be at 8:30pm immediately following the club meeting at the PGICA Center. So get your boat and gear in shape!

The Captain's Meeting is open to all members, so even if you are not participating in the Snook Challenge, stay after the club meeting to get the latest insight on Snook fishing areas and techniques. Attendance at the Captain's Meeting is required to participate in the club event and be eligible for the Challenge Award - the Captain or one of the boat's fishing party is required to attend. We will go over the basic event info (times, recording fish, frequencies, etc.), discuss fishing areas in the harbor, rivers and canals, recommended tackle and bait/lures, as well as techniques. We will also have a short discussion on emergencies. Dick Doster and one of our other snook experts will provide insight.

The club will award a \$50 gift certificate for the biggest Snook, and a \$25 certificate for the largest alternative fish. (Alternative fish are Trout, Redfish, Cobia.)

Spin Casting Class: The date is Thursday, March 15th at 1:15pm at Gilcrest Park. Kel Krotzer has volunteered to lead this class.

I hope many members will join us for this year's events. You don't have to be an expert to come out and have fun. And the Captain's meeting will provide a lot of insight on catching the target species.



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CITY WATCH • Bill Guenther



PUNTA GORDA MARINA CELEBRATES 25TH ANNIVERSARY

Stacy Calvino, Manager of the Punta Gorda Marina

announced their open house event on Saturday February 24th 2007 from 10:00am to 2:00pm to celebrate their 25th anniversary.

“Each day, this country's marinas serve as safe, family-friendly gateways to boating and stewards of the environment. We hope you will visit Punta Gorda Marina, learn about your communities' marina and enjoy the events we have planned.”

Punta Gorda Marina open house events:

- Live Music- the band Off the Beaten Path
- Food & Beverages (food from Presseller Deli)
- Marine Industry representatives from; Petit, Interlux, Seahawk, General Propeller, Sea Tow, Land'n Sea and more.
- Facility Tours
- Raffle prizes and giveaways - prizes include free bottom paint for a bottom job, cooler full of boating supplies and more.

“We are excited to celebrate our 25 years of continued dedication to the Charlotte Harbor boating community. Come see our boat yard facility. This event is open to the public.”



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PGI Fishing Club Ladder of Angling Achievement Program

RULES:

| LEVEL | NUMBER OF SPECIES | SIZE LIMITS | POINT NEEDED | EARNED AWARD |
|------------------|-------------------|-------------|--------------|---------------------|
| 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 | 16 | LEGAL | 1700 | TARPON PIN |
| GRAND MASTER | 20 | LEGAL | 2000 | CLUB SHIRT W/LOGO |

THE FOLLOWING FISH QUALIFY FOR ANGLER ACHIEVEMENT RECOGNITION:

NOTE: ALL ENTRIES MUST COMPLY WITH THE FLORIDA FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION'S FISHING REGULATIONS, WITH REGARD TO SIZE.

| | | | | |
|---------------|------------------|---------------|---------------|------------|
| Amberjack | Barracuda | Black Bass | Black Drum | Bluefish |
| Blue runner | Catfish (all) | Cobia | Croaker | Flounder |
| Grunt | Grouper | Jack Crevelle | King Mackerel | Ladyfish |
| Snapper (all) | Redfish | Seatrout | Shark (all) | Sheepshead |
| Snook | Spanish Mackerel | Tarpon | Tripletail | Whiting |

Note: The Grouper classification is restricted to Black, Gag, and Red Grouper.

POINTS EARNED ON THE FOLLOWING SPECIES ARE BASED ON LENGTH OF ENTRY

| POINTS EARNED | 100 | 200 | 300 | |
|---------------------|----------------|-------|-----|--|
| SPECIES | SIZE IN INCHES | | | |
| Amberjack | 32-39 | 40-45 | 46+ | |
| Black Bass | 20-21 | 22-23 | 24+ | |
| Cobia | 3-39 | 40-43 | 44+ | |
| Grouper | 24-27 | 28-31 | 32+ | |
| King Mackerel | 32-35 | 36-39 | 40+ | |
| Redfish | 28-29 | 30-35 | 36+ | |
| Seatrout | 21-22 | 23-24 | 24+ | |
| Shark (Any Species) | 40-49 | 50-59 | 60+ | |
| Snook | 29-35 | 36-41 | 42+ | |
| Spanish Mackerel | 21-22 | 23-24 | 25+ | |
| Tarpon (Any Size) | | X | | |

NOTE: No points awarded for other species.

LET'S GO FISHING!

MEMBER STANDINGS IN THE ANGLER ACHIEVEMENT RECOGNITION PROGRAM

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LIFETIME LEVEL II

LIFETIME LEVEL III

GRAND MASTER



This Photograph was received from a anonymous reader:

“This photograph may be of some interest to the readers of your fine news-letter. Even small alligators have a bad disposition and this one was no exception. The Gator was released in excellent condition back into the canal.”

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| | Grouper | Trout | Redfish | Snook | Cobia | Shark (All) | Spanish Mackerel |
|----|---------|-------|----------------|-------|-------|----------------|---------------------|
| 1 | | | Bob Busler 30" | | | | |
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Point Leaders: T=Ties:



Ed Verminski and his Grandson admire the Snook they caught last October.



Bob Busler was out "Winter Fishing" and came up with this very nice 30" Red



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Hyrette Guenther

SKINNY WATERS From page 1

number of our members to try their luck catching Snook. We will have a nice prize for the biggest Snook caught.

We also announced our first social event of the year, the annual club picnic. Please mark Saturday, April 14th on your calendar. We will meet at Ponce Park at noon, be sure to read future newsletters and emails for details.

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 |
|------|------|------------|-------------|------------|-------------|------------|
| 16 | FRI | 10:00am | 3:00pm | | | |
| 17 | SAT | 11:00am | 3:30pm | | | NEW |
| 18 | SUN | 11:30am | 4:30pm | | | |
| 26 | MON | 6:00am | 11:00am | 6:30pm | 11:30pm | 1st Qtr |
| 27 | TUES | 7:00am | 12:00pm | 7:00pm | 12:00am | |

I hope to see all of you at the Tuesday night Feb., 13th at 7:00pm 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.

Jack Spies, President



Dick Doster and Tom Parsons display their latest catch. I'm not sure of the species, but I think it's called a "Reclining Lounge Fish."

At any rate it's a nice catch...how much did it weigh and how long did it take to fillet it?

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