



Fishing Post August 2014

Atlanta Saltwater Sportsman's Club

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President's Perspective 2014 Goals And Objectives 2014 Club President

In typical fashion, summer is flying by and we have already arrived at August. We are only a few weeks away from Labor Day which usually signifies the official end of summer. It just seemed like yesterday that I was wishing for the cold Atlanta winter to come to an end and nice weather to start coming around.

We still have a few remaining club events including our summer picnic along with a couple of fishing events. If you haven't done so already, try to take advantage of the last few opportunities of the season to get outside and enjoy some good times on the water.

As we approach the fall, it will be time to wrap up our calendar year and begin planning for 2015. A new year will bring in new

opportunities to meet new people, fish new places, and try new things. I'd encourage members to start considering how they want to participate in the club for next year as there will be opportunities for new officers, committees, and club functions. New people bring in new ideas and pump new blood into the long term well being of the club.

I'm wishing you a happy Labor Day weekend (which I can't believe is right around the corner), a great end to your fishing season, and the safest of travels. Be cautious out on the water. There are a lot of ways to get hurt out there. And as my mother used to always say, "WEAR YOUR SUNSCREEN!!!"

Paul Kindzia

2014 Club President

Atlanta Saltwater Sportsman's Club

August Program Topic

The speaker for the August meeting was **John Burrell**. His presentation was on the new **Port Eads** facility south of Venice, Louisiana (and fishing out of that area in general, which as you know, is incredible). <http://www.porteads.com/>

Highlights of the presentation:

- This is a unique partnership between government and the private sector.
- Details on how diverse the fishery is, offering some of the best freshwater, saltwater, and offshore fishing in the world.
- Pictures of the facility to convey how unique it is to have something of this caliber 23 miles from the nearest road.
- Member interest in a club event at Port Eads during 2015.



Duel at Destin - Tournament Report

by Andy Durden

The Destin tournament was very slow coming together, possibly due to the Key Colony Beach hang-over; regardless of the reason, we were 10 days away from the tournament with only three boats registered. Two boats registered for the tournament the night of the June club meeting and the final boat during the captains' meeting. Captains Dan Pritchard (*Charcoal*) and Kevin Nelson (*Catfish and Eggs*) officially joined the club during the Destin Tournament (Welcome, Guys!) Manuel Magana fished out of Orange Beach. A total of 6 boats officially participated in the event.

The captains' meeting was held Wednesday evening at Pirates Bay poolside and we discussed issues such as safety, weigh-in procedures, HMS species reporting and fish that are out of season in federal waters: red snapper, amberjack, triggerfish and gag grouper. Red snapper were legal to catch in state waters only.

On Thursday morning we surprisingly found the NOAA forecast to be correct (there's a first time for everything, I guess) with seas around 1 foot and light winds. Many boats, from big sport fishing boats to aluminum jon-boats, were near the Destin pass jigging sabiki rigs for live bait. The local bait guys did not have any live bait for sale. The water was a dull green with a little slime near shore...it just didn't look like the water we're used to seeing in Destin. Thursday was also the first day of the Emerald Coast Blue Marlin Classic fishing tournament. I've never seen so many fine boats in one location; below are two of the boats headed out for the tournament.



Unfortunately Joel Wilson's boat "*Dauntless*" experienced a motor problem which put a damper on his offshore fishing for the tournament. We've all been there, very frustrating. In his boat "*Charcoal*," named after his prized bird dog, Dan Pritchard and crew John Shipp had a great first day with catches of 2 cobia, 2 kings and a few snapper. The *Catfish and Eggs* team went offshore and saw plenty of Tuna and

Dauphin on weedlines but couldn't raise a bite. Team *Bad Buoy*s (the Spencer crew: Jace, Jonathan and Kendall), brought in several vermilion snapper and 2 small blackline tile fish. No other boats had fish to weigh. Total after Day One: *Charcoal* 175, *Bad Buoy*s: 90.



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Duel at Destin - Tournament Report

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Day 2/Friday the club had 5 boats fishing, again had great seas, around 1 foot and very little wind. Bait was not available for sale, as once again the Destin bait man had let us down. And once again everyone was trying to catch live bait and get to their spot before the herd of other boats beat them to it. Day 2 weigh-in results: Team *Charcoal* caught 1 king mackerel and 3 snapper; *Bad Buoy*s caught 8 vermillion snapper, and *All-In* (Andy Durden and two non-member guests) caught one 12.9 lb red snapper. (I swear it was caught in state waters!) Point totals for Day two were: *Charcoal* - 60, *Bad Buoy*s - 60, *All-In* - 50).

Day 3/Saturday: weather and seas were again great. No change from the previous two days, and fishing was still slow. A nice storm popped up at the Destin pass on our way in but it didn't dampen the Crab Island scene or the thousands of PWCs and rental pontoon boats in the bay. At the weigh-in *Charcoal* had a couple of red snapper, *Bad Buoy*s had 4 vermillion snapper and a dolphin, and *All-In* caught 2 mangrove snapper. Points total for day 3: *Bad Buoy*s -75, *Charcoal* -30, *All-In* - 30.



The awards dinner was held at the Crab Shack in Ft Walton that Saturday night where fun was had by all. I recommend the smoked tuna dip. Tournament scoring was the best 2 days; final scores for the tournament: 1st Place: *Charcoal* - 235; 2nd Place: *Bad Buoy*s -165; 3rd Place: *All-In* - 80



Thanks to all the captains and crew who participated, and the cooperation of everyone to make this tournament a success is much appreciated. Thanks to Jace for producing all the handout material for the captains' meeting and a special thanks to Deb Spencer for assisting me with weigh-in and taking photos.

Orange Beach Shootout - Tournament Report

By Mike Springer

“*What a Week of Fishing & Fun*”



The 2014 Orange Beach Shootout will go down as one of the best club trips in quite a while. Calm seas and sunny skies made for an awesome trip. The week-long tournament provided our club members with a week of laid back enjoyment with raft ups, boat trips to various bars and an action packed fishing experience.

The *Outlaw* crew arrived a few days early which allowed us to enjoy the Fourth of July fireworks by boat just outside the cut. The fireworks were fantastic, especially watching them just off the beach in the boat. I highly recommend this to other members next year. What a way to see the show!

We had four new boats that made it for the tournament. Rick Martin on *Tuna Toy*, Mark Mlecenko on *Persevere*, Dan & Sarah Bullard on *Seminole Roll*, and Tom & Lisa Roberts on *Mako*. Glad to see the new boats.

The fishing offshore was on fire. On Tuesday *Where to Next*, *Persevere*, and *Outlaw* ran out to the offshore oil rigs starting at seventy miles. It was literally calmer that far out than it was a mile off the beach. We all put out our big sticks and were trolling for the big ones. *Persevere* and *Where to Next* were trolling west of the Petronius on some other rigs. *Outlaw* trolled around the Petronius, when we noticed a big splash a couple hundred yards away. We started trolling in that direction when we noticed a wicked rip and an awesome color change. We were experiencing the birth of one of the biggest weed lines I have seen. Small little weed patches were ripping by the boat and coming to rest at the edge, building ever so quickly. In a little over an hour it had built to a distance of over ten miles, all the way to the “Beer Can” oil rig. *Outlaw* starting getting knock downs, one after another. Marty Miller pulled up a nice 30-lb bull dolphin. The rest of the dolphin were juveniles hitting our Marlin baits. Man, do dolphin like to eat. In the end, we had boated 43 dolphin. Meanwhile, *Persevere* had some nice blackfin tuna and some dolphin of their own. *Where to Next* had also caught some dolphin, and were preparing to spend the night swordfishing. That night, the crew of the *Where to Next* were awakened by some strong thunderstorms that put a damper on their fishing, but all returned home safely.

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Orange Beach Tournament Report

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On their second day of fishing, *Where to Next* went out about forty miles to a different area and killed the Wahoo. Stacy Currin caught a 16-, a 19-, and an awesome 34-pounder. On *Outlaw's* second day of fishing, we went back to find the awesome weed line but unfortunately it had moved much further offshore, and we didn't catch up to it until we were ninety miles out. The good news is we found it, and it was as big as the previous day. Jim Tatum pulled in a nice cow Dolphin at 31 lbs. After dodging some thunderstorms, we came in to shallower water and wrapped it up with some smaller dolphin, king and a jack.



On day one, Tuna Toy hit the jackpot with three nice wahoos and a couple of jacks.

Bad Buoys had a consistent catch every day, including kings, snappers, groupers, jacks, and dolphin. Kendall Spencer got a very nice 26.3 lb. king. Jace Spencer reeled in a huge king at 32.7 lbs.

On their very first offshore trip with the club, Tom Roberts and crew of *Mako* had a nice catch of king and cobia. Tom's son Steven caught his biggest fish to date with an 11.5 lb cobia. Good job, Tom and Steven!

The tournament wrapped up on Friday night so that we could all enjoy the Blue Angels Air Show in Pensacola the next day. The awards dinner was held at the pool, where Norman Bowen had a buffet of home smoked pulled pork with all the fixings. He also grilled some fresh king mackerel that had just been caught hours earlier. Thanks to Norman for a wonderful dinner!!

On Saturday, the boats left the docks together for the fourteen mile run to Pensacola to watch the Blue Angels. This trip needs to be on everyone's bucket list. It is pretty awesome watching F18 Eagles blow by your boat at tree top level. After the show, we all motored down to the Sugar Bowl, which is a beautiful place to raft up just inside the west side of the Pensacola inlet.

All in all, this was a wonderful trip and can't wait to do it again next year.

Tournament Results:

1st Place:	<i>Outlaw</i>	695 pts
2nd Place:	<i>Bad Buoys</i>	645 pts
3rd Place:	<i>Tuna Toy</i>	350 pts
4th Place:	<i>Where to Next</i>	310 pts
5th Place:	<i>Persevere</i>	280 pts

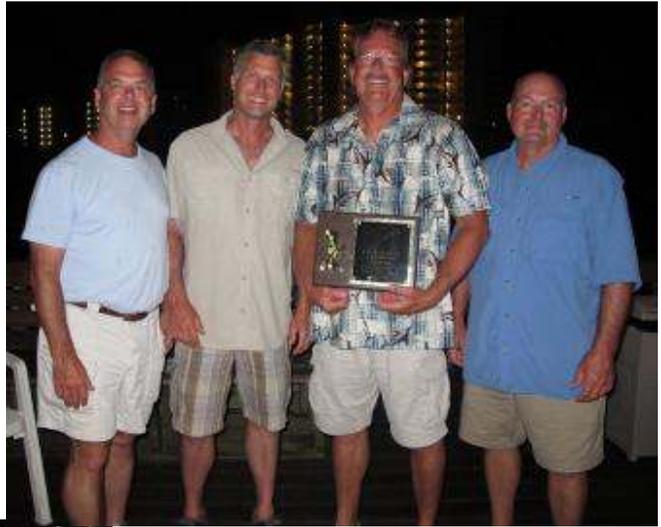
Orange Beach Shoot Out **ON THE WATER**



Orange Beach Shoot Out **AT THE DOCK**



Orange Beach Shoot Out AWARDS DINNER



Orange Beach Shoot Out *BLUE ANGELS AIRSHOW*



Tournament Score Card

2014 Boat of the Year Standings

(after July Orange Beach Tournament)

BOAT	WPB	FL Keys	Destin	Orange Bch	Apalach	Perdido	TOTAL
<i>Bad Buoys</i>		15	15	15			45
<i>Where to Next?</i>	20			5			25
<i>All Keyed Up</i>		20					20
<i>Charcoal</i>			20				20
<i>Outlaw</i>				20			20
<i>Easy Does It</i>	15						15
<i>Bo Kat</i>	10						10
<i>Endeavor to Persevere</i>		10					10
<i>All In</i>			10				10
<i>Tuna Toy</i>				10			10
<i>Legal Holiday</i>	5						5
<i>Cajun Dancer</i>		5					5
<i>Dreams So Reel</i>		3					3
<i>Persevere</i>				3			3

Angler Of The Year Standings

(after July Orange Beach Tournament)

Men's Division

ANGLER		POINTS
1ST	RICK MARTIN	250
2ND	NORMAN BOWEN	225
3RD	STEVE FRITZ	150

Ladies Division

ANGLER		POINTS
1ST	STACY CURRIN	350
2ND	LAURA LAZAR	200
3RD	CHARLOTTE TRICHEL	150

Junior Angler Division

ANGLER		POINTS
1ST	KENDALL SPENCER	375
2ND	JONATHAN SPENCER	325
3RD	HANNAH DANIEL	100



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2014 MEETING UPDATE!

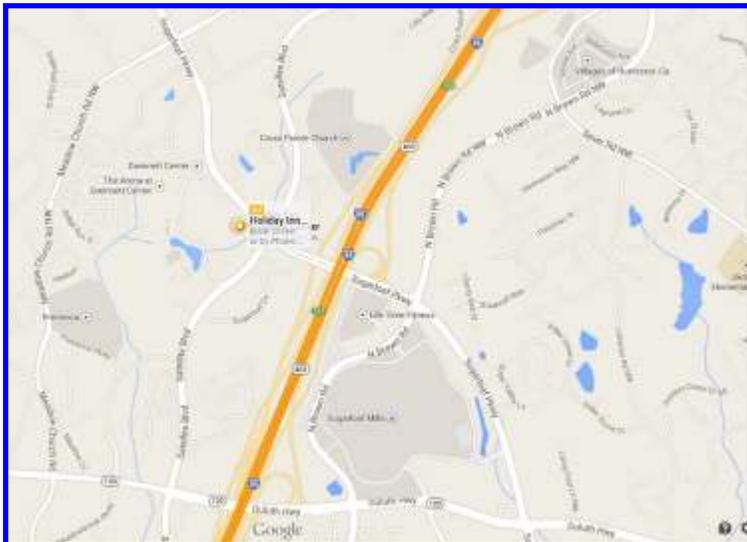
Next Club Meetings are:

September 9th

Tuesday
And

October 14th

**Holiday Inn at Gwinnett Center
6310 Sugarloaf Parkway
Duluth, GA 30097**



**Located approximately 1
mile west from Bass Pro
Shops Outdoor World
Sugarloaf Parkway and I-85
Exit 107**

Be sure to arrive early (5:30 - 7:00pm) to take advantage of fellowship and of a special dinner offer by the Holiday Inn!

Atlanta Saltwater Sportsman's Club

Summer Picnic



Sat., August 16, 2014, 1:00 PM

AT: Lake Lanier—Corn Hole Cove

CLUB SUPPLIES:

Meat, Buns, Paper Goods and Utensils.

Food time Around 2:00



PLEASE BRING:

An Appetizer or Salad or Desert to SHARE.

Also bring your choice of Beverages, Ice,

Lawn Chairs and Table

Hawaiian dress up would be fun!!



Lake Lanier chart to Corn Hole

Directions to Corn Hole Cove

From the south, go under Brown's Bridge and head NNW (see map right). Corn Hole Cove is located NNE of Club Island on the northern shore. Look for the club's feather flags. Bring an extra anchor or line for a beach tie up.

Approximate GPS Coordinates:

Lat 34.16.606, Long 83.57.627

Please call **JUDY KUMP** with any questions or if you need a **boat ride** to the cove.

PLEASE RSVP so we'll know how much food to cook.

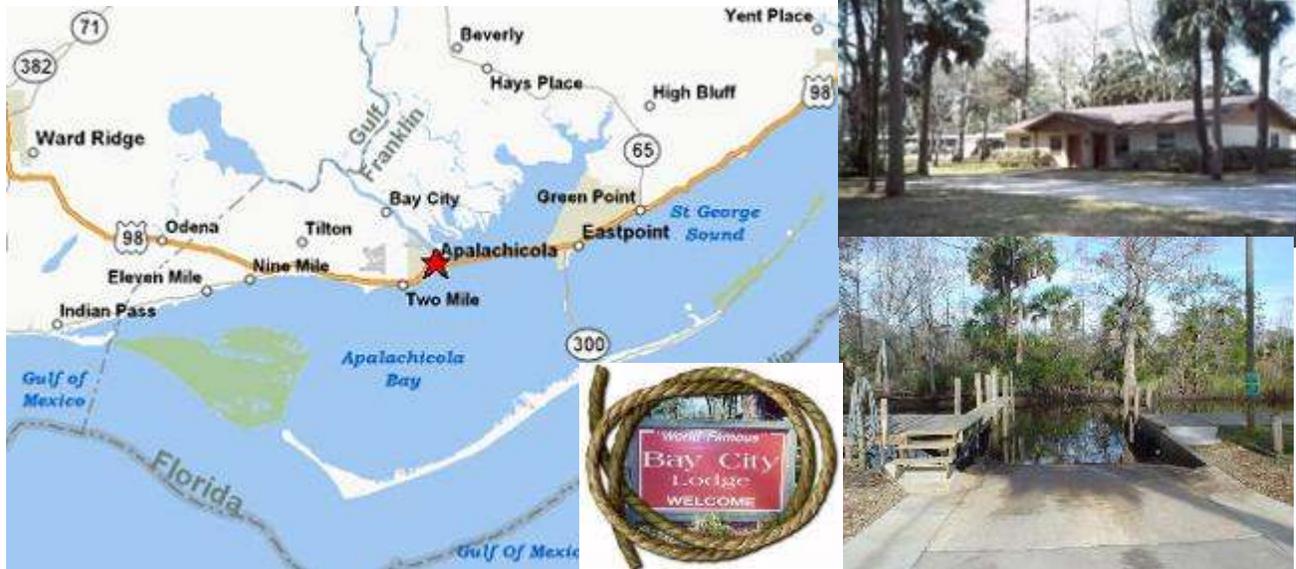


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August Tournament:

Apalachicola, FL.

August 21-23, 2014



***Captains' Meeting: 6:00 PM Thursday, Aug. 21st
@ Bay City Lodge /Room 101***

***Awards Program: 8:00 PM Saturday, Aug 23rd
at Bay City Lodge Restaurant***

***Full Details, Application and Tip-Sheet
available at***

www.aswsc.org

<http://www.aswsc.org/wp-content/uploads/2009/02/2014-Apalachicola-App-Tip.pdf>



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2014 CLUB CALENDAR

UPCOMING	
August 16 (Saturday)	End of Summer Picnic on Lake Lanier Event Captain: Judy Kump
August 21-23	Apalachicola, FL Tournament (3 Day) Tournament Director: Norm Bowen
September 9 (Tuesday)	Club Meeting Holiday Inn GWINNETT CENTER
September 18-20	Perdido Key, FL Tournament (3 Day) Tournament Director: Lewis Woodruff
October 14 (Tuesday)	Club Meeting Holiday Inn GWINNETT CENTER
November 10 (Monday)	Club Meeting Holiday Inn GWINNETT CENTER
December 6 (Saturday) (Tentative)	Holiday Party and Awards Banquet Event Captain: Judy Kump



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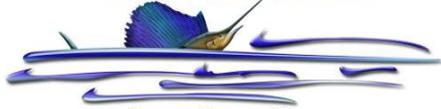


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