



Fishing Post - January 2009

Atlanta Saltwater Sportsman's Club

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Team \$EASICKNESS\$ Defends WPB Sailfish Title



This year's ASWSC West Palm Beach Sailfish Tournament had to share the spotlight with several other area sailfish tournaments. Fishing was tough - not because there weren't plenty of sailfish - but because there were so many other anglers trying to catch them. Even the bait suppliers were overwhelmed and anglers were scrambling to find bait. Light winds made kite-flying difficult and the skies were soon filled with helium balloons. Capt Tom Adrien of the \$EASICKNESS\$ typically fishes with 4 live bait lines on 2 kites; this year, a flat line was added to the mix and produced the last day's only sailfish. "Keeping the kites up in the light wind was a real challenge at times; we had to get creative." The winning team also managed to tag 2 of their sailfish for the Billfish Foundation. Jason Craig (fishing aboard \$EASICKNESS\$) caught his first sailfish as a member of the ASWSC and was treated to the traditional dunk in the swimming pool at Sailfish Marina.



Randy Fetzer, fishing with Steve Fritz and Capt Steve Guntner aboard *Easy Does It*, hooked something gigantic on Day Two. A small crowd gathered to see what was on the other end of the line, but the crew was unable to get the monster to the boat. Speculation was that they hooked an enormous sea turtle seen near the boat only moments earlier. Witnesses on a nearby boat said that it was the largest turtle they had ever seen - "...it was the size of a Volkswagen Beetle."



In addition to \$EASICKNESS\$ and *Easy Does It*, also fishing this tournament: *Last Bastian*, *Marlin Magic*, *Salt Rocker* & *Bo Kat*.

Lots of fun and a great start to the 2009 tournament year. Many Thanks as always to Sailfish Marina and all of our supporters who make this great annual event possible.



Capt Tom Adrien (left) and Crew Accepting First Place Award from Bob Michael

ASWSC Members Have Plenty to Celebrate at the 2008 Christmas Party

The food was delicious, the music festive, and Scott Rowe's speech was short - what else could you ask for in a party? We've had some great parties in the past and this one was no exception.



Friends Gather at Winfield Hall



**Lenny Pisarski accepting
The Robert L Lynn Award**



**Mike Springer accepting
The Boat of the Year Award**



President Scott Rowe with Some of the 20-Year Members

Members Honored This Year: Hal Bayless; Henry & Elaine Bishop; Leon & Judy Brown; Frank & Judy Kump; Keith and LC Lynn; Robert & Ginger Lynn; Bob & Nancy Michael; Evans & Joanne Peters; Robert & Cathy Skrypek; & Mike Springer.

Aside from the dancing, eating, socializing, silent auction, and raffles, many outstanding achievements for 2008 were honored at the annual Christmas Party. Plaques and certificates were presented to the winners of the Angler of the Year categories. Lenny Pisarski was presented with the Robert L. Lynn Award for the second straight year. Mike Springer, captain of the Outlaw, took home the Boat of the Year trophy again (let someone else have a turn, will you, Mike?!). The club also officially honored our 20-year members. Lots of prizes were auctioned or given away and 2 lucky members won the Penn Reel / Custom Rod combos.



Angler of the Year Award Winners

2009 Committee positions were officially acknowledged as well:

Executive Committee:

President - Scott Rowe	Vice-President-Tom Adrien
Secretary - Jace Spencer	Treasurer - Tom Holt

Tournament Committee:

	Norman Bowen (Chairperson)
Dawn Brady	Richard Watkins
Bob Michael	Pat Thai
Jim Mason	Matt Brown
Mike Springer	Steve Guntner

A HUGE Thank You to all of the volunteers who donated their time and effort in order to make this party such a great success. Thanks also to the great folks at Winfield Hall for putting out a fine spread and hosting our Christmas Party, as well as our monthly meetings.

From the Helm to the Cockpit

Passion: An irrational but irresistible motive for a belief or action.

Neophyte: A seeker after knowledge.

Quest: The act of searching for something.

Sport Fishing: is a form of recreational fishing where the primary reward is the challenge of finding and catching the fish rather than the culinary or financial value of the fish's flesh. The distinction is not completely rigid - in many cases, sport fishers will also eat their captures. However, the philosophies and tactics used for sport fishing are usually sufficiently different from "feed fishing" to make the distinction clear enough.

As *neophytes*, our *passion* in the *quest* for *sport fishing* proficiency comes at many different levels. We have members from complete novices to world class sport fishers, all with the same goal: becoming better at our sport. For 2009 we have the venues, plans and volunteers to challenge all of our participating members to set their sites on the next level. Ask yourself, are you going to go for it?

At the 2008 Christmas Party, we honored our founding Fathers and Mothers with Lifetime Membership awards. I am sincerely pleased to have been able to make these presentations. These members have made the club what it is today and most are still dedicated to seeing our club into the future through their gifts and service. My hat is off to all who work so diligently making the *Atlanta Saltwater Sportsman's Club* the successful organization we have become.

Where do we go from here? With the input from the surveys and comments from the floor of our meetings, plans for this next year are being finalized. You can see from the schedule on the new website that the administration has listened and is implementing as much as possible from all of the input we received. You are welcome to be a part of any and all of these plans. Let's make 2009 the best year ever for ASWSC.

Tight Lines,
Scott Rowe
Atlanta Saltwater Sportsman's Club
2008-2009 President

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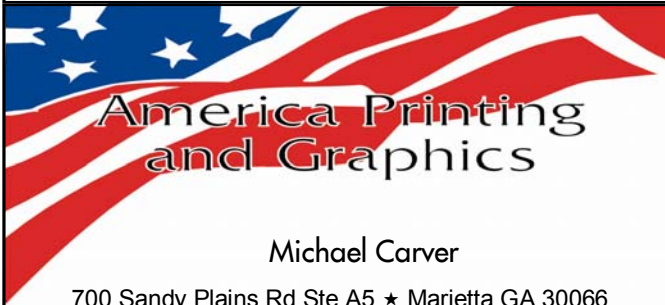
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CONSERVATION NEWS

Gag Grouper limit set at 2 per harvester per day. Season closed from Feb 1st - Mar 31st. Minimum length set at 24" Atlantic (and Monroe County) & 22" Gulf.

Reminder: length requirements for Amberjack and Gray Triggerfish changed in federal waters. Amberjack minimum length is now 30" (Gulf) and Triggerfish is now 14" (Gulf) -- both measurements to fork.

Don't forget to renew HMS/Tuna Permits. Permits purchased now are valid through 12/31/2009 and can be obtained online at:

<https://hmspermits.noaa.gov/initialapp.asp>

For more information on Florida saltwater fishing regulations:

www.myfwc.com/marine

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Get Involved!

It's up to anglers like us to preserve the future of sportfishing!

SWAP MEET

March 21, 2009 - 10:00am until 1:00pm

Free Admission

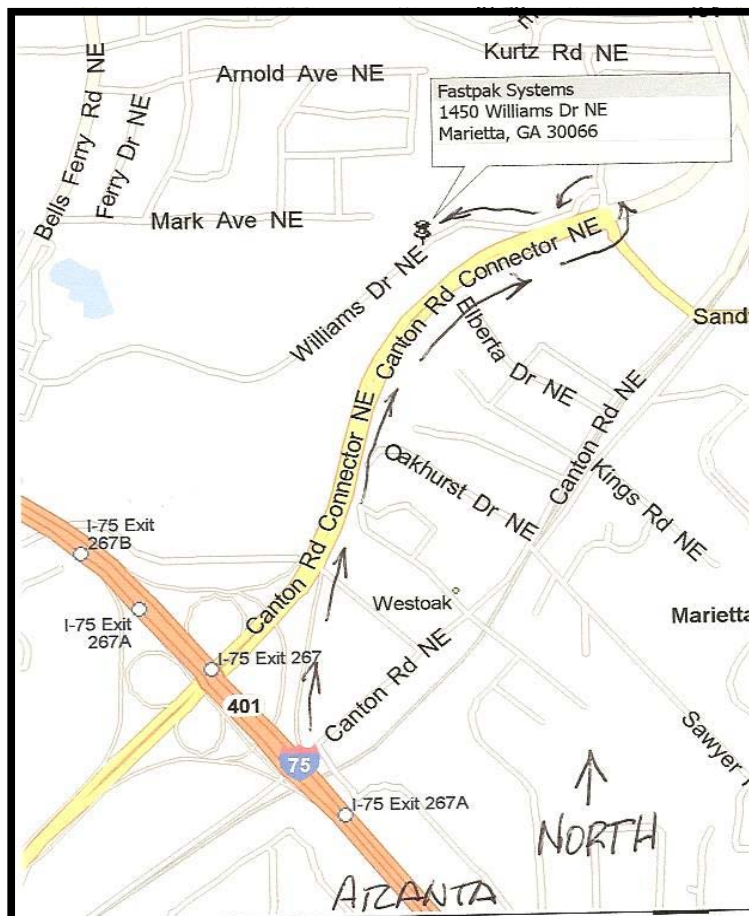
Hal Bayless Fastpak Systems Warehouse

1450 Williams Drive, Marietta

BYOB and Chair

The Atlanta Salt Water Sportsman's Club annual *Swap Meet* is scheduled for March 14th. Clean out the garage/basement/boat and bring anything you'd like to sell or trade (sorry, no spouse-trading). Spend a few hours searching for some great bargains on new/used fishing equipment, rods, reels, tackle, boat parts, lures, electronics, & nautical items. Food & Friends will be provided by ASWSC.

Always a great time, so come on out and support the club. Clean out your excess supplies and take home some extra dollars. Or find a great bargain on that item you've been looking for. See you there!



Upcoming Events, Reminders and Deadlines

NEXT MEETING: Monday, Feb 9th / 7PM

Winfield Hall - 3890 Satellite Blvd, Duluth, GA - 770.495.8088

Guest Speaker: Capt Judy of Miss Judy's Charters in Savannah

Capt Judy will discuss cobia fishing, big bottom fishing, hi-speed trolling, and tell us about a closed channel VHF radio channel system

(NOTE: Monday meeting date in February is a one-time exception - beginning in March, we should be back to the regular 'second Tuesday' schedule.)

Share Your Knowledge

One of the great benefits of our club is the opportunity to become better anglers by pooling our knowledge. We need volunteers to man a 20-minute "How To" table during one of the upcoming club meetings. This can be about any fishing or boating related topic. You don't need props or a fancy presentation - and you don't need to be an expert. Just be willing to spend a few minutes sharing information with your fellow club members.

To volunteer, contact Scott Rowe or Tom Adrien or email to info@aswsc.org

SWAP MEET: Saturday, March 21st

Fastpak Warehouse

(See Previous Page for Details/Directions)

2009 Boat of the Year Standings (after WPB)

Boat	WPB	Total
\$EA\$ICKNE\$\$	20	20

NEXT TOURNAMENT

Cobia Tournament at Destin

(April 16 - 18, 2009 - details to be announced soon)

Something Missing?

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