



Fishing Post August 2018

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Swap Meet at Rick Martin's



and Brunswick Stew highlighted the culinary offerings where, once again, Norm Bowen earned recognition for preparing the best stew.



Another occasion for the Swap Meet to be held at Rick Martin's and it did not disappoint. Festivities during the meet and the after hours social make it one of the most active events of the year. Delicious and bountiful fare featuring barbeque

An abundance of fishing gear was available to interested shoppers. And, after the meet, the late party followed.



Swap Meet 2018





GET TOGETHER at O'SHUCKS



Spring Fling on Lake Lanier



The Spring Fling on Lake Lanier is becoming a popular club event, attended by many members who enjoy a savory meal at Fish Tales while a few members grab the opportunity to go after a striped bass. This year's winning captain was Mickey Holbrook who caught and released 3 nice stripers.



Mickey receiving a plaque from Brent Christopher



Savannah Tournament

By Doug Hutwagner

Hoping for smooth seas and better accommodations from a new venue, five captains and crew traveled to Savannah this year and were not disappointed. Phenomenal weather, not too hot and not too cool, fit the bill and Hogan's Marina offered a difference that was noticed immediately.



Hogan's Marina



Hogan's Marina



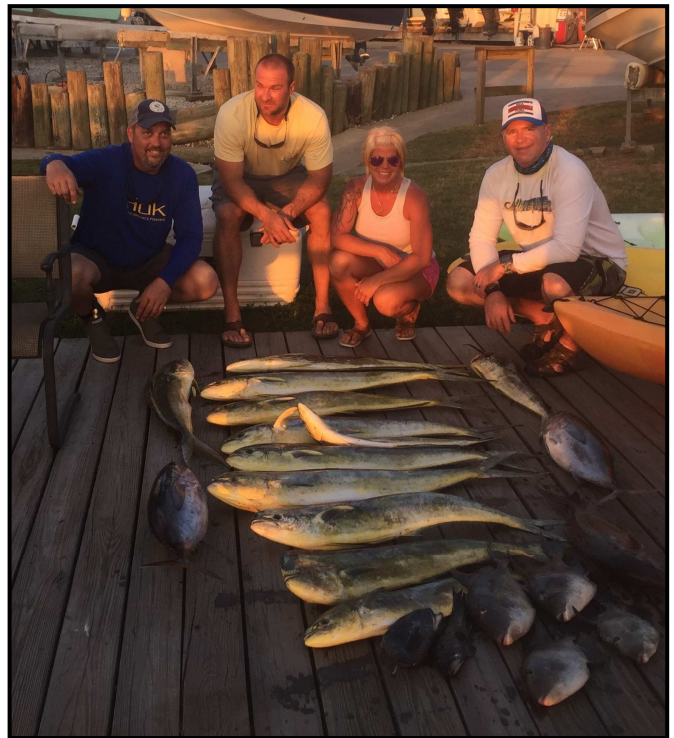
Captains Meeting

It's further inland, requiring a longer ride to open seas, but preferred by all who were there.

All five boats made the 65 mile voyage to the Gulf Stream on day one where a long, thick weed line was waiting. It held lots of fish and the bite was on.



Sore Subject built a big lead with several nice dolphin and a couple of tuna, a lot of that contribution coming from John Roché.



Sore Subject

Savannah Tournament

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On day two most boats did not venture as far out as the stream, but managed about forty miles off shore since the seas varied from 4 to 5 feet at times to calm as glass at other times. Day two did not see a change in the standings but Pegasus, captained by Chuck Alford, gave a mighty effort with a huge points day, just not enough to

overtake Sore Subject. Ryan Howard claimed honors with a club record Almaco Jack and Jonathan Spencer reeled in a Wahoo aboard Bad Buoy.



Jennifer & Gavin Jordan (Pegasus)



Chuck Alford (Pegasus)



Gavin Jordan (Pegasus)



Anthony Moody (non-member) Pegasus



Pegasus' Catch

Savannah Tournament

continued

The awards banquet featured bar-b-que prepared by Ryan Howard's dad and it was some of the best around. John Roché again did a nice job with the trophies.



Ben Lazar, Justin Graham (Relentless)



Laura Lazar (Relentless)



Richard Vose (Relentless)



Richard Vose, Justin Graham (Relentless)



Team fishing (Relentless)

Savannah Tournament

continued



Kendall Spencer (Bad Buoys)



Jonathan Spencer (Bad Buoys)



Andy Durden (Bad Buoys)



Catch (Bad Buoys)

Savannah Tournament

continued



Ward Lang (Total Chaos)



Valerie Christopher (Total Chaos)



Brent Christopher (Total Chaos)



Brent Christopher (Total Chaos)



Ward Lang (Total Chaos)

Savannah Tournament

continued



Sore Subject 1st Place



Pegasus 2nd Place



Bad Buoy 3rd Place

TOURNAMENT RESULTS

| | BOAT | CAPTAIN | POINTS |
|--------------|--------------|-------------------|---------------|
| First Place | Sore Subject | Ryan Howard | 820 |
| Second Place | Pegasus | Chuck Alford | 720 |
| Third Place | Bad Buoy | Jace Spencer | 295 |
| Fourth Place | Total Chaos | Brent Christopher | 215 |
| Fifth Place | Relentless | Richard Vose | 200 |

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BEACHES, BARS, AND BILLFISH
ELBOW CAY, ABACO, BAHAMAS
JULY 2018

By Norm Bowen

ASWSC made the club's tenth trip to the Bahamas and again returning to Elbow Cay, Abaco. Outlaw and Easy Does It started the trip Memorial weekend spending one night on our own private island, Spanish Cay. Well, it felt like it was our private island because there was no one else there. Rough weather and the predictions for high gulfstream seas kept many from crossing for the weekend. Spanish Cay is a little on the expensive side but it is a cool little spot. They have a niche in the market for fuel, marina and lodging for those that need an overnight or to top off with fuel before continuing on. Our next stop was Green Turtle Cay. Green Turtle has been on my bucket list for quite some time and it did not disappoint. With two protected harbors and three class A marinas, Green Turtle is a great boating community with a real laid back vibe. It's not as developed as some of the more popular out island locations but probably has more restaurants and grocery stores than most. New Plymouth has much loyalist history and historic architecture that's interesting to explore. The streets are narrow and some almost not wide enough for a golf cart and one wrong turn and you're in the ocean. You can't visit New Plymouth without a stop at the famous Miss Emily's Blue Bee Bar, home of the Goombay Smash.



Little Harbor

ABACO SLAM

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Good Vices planned to run with Outlaw and Easy Does It but had trailer and boat issues and was delayed until after the weekend. Persevere, Knot on Line, and Loophole also made it over midweek, followed by Where to Next?, Relentless, and Latitude Adjustment. We had perfect weather for making the run from Jupiter to Elbow Cay on Saturday in record time.

The fishing was a little slow. Not many bites but the ones we got were quality. Our first day of fishing on Outlaw we had a triple hook up, landing all three fish; seven pound Mahi, 20 pound Mahi, and a blue marlin.

Our second day of fishing only had one bite but it was a 35 pound bull Mahi. Steve Guntner was on the rod and I was on the leader. As we got the fish to the boat we saw there were two cows with him. Our crew says they were trying to get one of the cows to bite on a spinning reel but it looked to me they were doing everything they could to knock off Steve's fish. First cast wraps around the leader. As we're clearing the tangle the bull decides to run and I have to let loose of the leader to miss that hook. We get that cleared and guess where the second cast goes. Yep, tangle two. I can't say here what I said there, but I said it loudly, and encouraged them to stop messing around with the two small fish and let's gaff the one we have on before we lose it. Our last day fishing was a short one but we missed a marlin and Drake Browning landed a twenty-five pound yellowfin tuna.



Beach on No Name Island



Keith Mozena Star Fish-ing



Drake Browning (Outlaw)



Mark Mleczo (Caught on Loophole)

ABACO SLAM

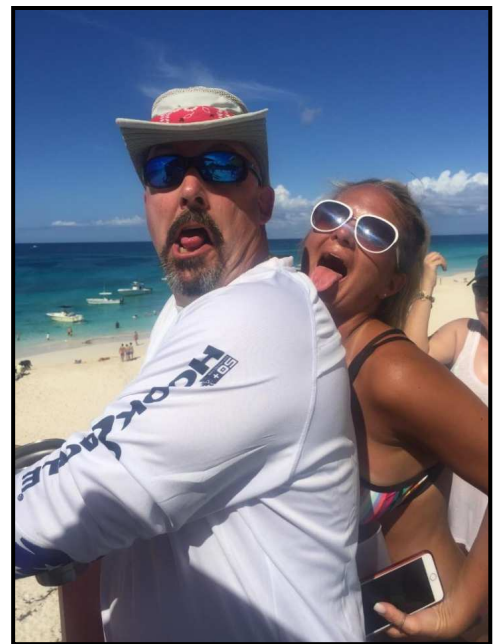
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Relentless lived up to their name and put in the time looking for the big bite. Their catch included a twenty pound king mackerel, twelve pound Mahi, eighteen pound grouper, and one Frenchie. Richard will have to tell that story but apparently they recovered an overboard crew member while fighting the grouper. Loophole brought home the Junior Angler award with Jett Snyder's twelve pound Mahi, and Ward Lang landed a fifty pound yellowfin tuna as well as a nice assortment of reef fish.

If the fishing is slow there are still plenty of things to do in Abaco. The Sunday pig roast at Nippers on Great Guana Cay is one event not to be missed and the conch salad at Grabbers is some of the best in Abaco. Where to Next? lead the fleet to Nippers on Sunday. Sorry, no stories to tell; what happens at Nippers stays at Nippers. We finished several days at Tahiti Beach where we always had club club boats hanging out. The highlight of the trip was probably the caravan of six boats making the trip up to No Name Cay to feed the Abaco swimming pigs, then on to Manjack Cay to swim with the stingrays, turtles and sharks and cook cheeseburgers on the boat. On the way back Mike Springer shared his secret conch spot off of Johnny's Cay and everyone was able to catch a limit of conch.



Mike Springer, Norm Bowen, Steve Guntner
(Outlaw)



Too Much Fun! Keith & Michelle



Petes Pub



Boat Tie Up

ABACO SLAM

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Every trip must come to an end but at least this one ended with near perfect weather for the 200 mile boat ride back to Florida. We stopped in at our private island to top off with fuel. The word must have gotten out about our secret because there must have been thirty boats in the marina. Everyone had a safe and uneventful trip back. A big thanks to Ward and Keith for their help with the tournament coordination, logistics and the head's up on the USCBP ROAM app. It made clearing US customs a breeze.



Tournament results

| | BOAT | CAPTAIN | POINTS |
|-----------|-------------|----------------|---------------|
| 1st Place | Outlaw | Mike Springer | 300 |
| 2nd Place | Relentless | Richard Vose | 265 |
| 3rd Place | Loophole | Ward Lang | 245 |

Apalachicola Challenge 2018

Apalachicola has been a staple venue for ASWSC for many years for good reason. This year, while not quite as productive as some past years, still offered good catches with seas making travel slower for some boats while others put the throttle down.

Everything that happened was not good or pleasant. On the day before the tournament began, club member Carl LaBarbera slipped and fell onboard Krabby Patty and struck an object on his way down. The result was five fractured ribs - his fishing was over before it started. Fortunately, recovery has progressed quickly and Carl is almost back to normal activities.

Due to Carl's injury, Krabby Patty's crew was reduced and fished day one on Outlaw thanks to Mike Springer's hospitality. On day two, Sashimi Seeker captain Mike Ball fished onboard Krabby Patty in an effort to have another experienced boater on hand.

Friday morning eight of the ten registered boats headed for spots. Total Chaos would not arrive until Friday night. The notable catch of the day was reeled in by Savannah Watkins on Why Knot—a 24.3 lb King Mackerel.

A few Day One catches:

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|----------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| <i>Savannah Watkins</i> | <i>King Mackerel</i> | <i>24.3 lbs</i> |
| <i>Tony Vazquez</i> | <i>Gag Grouper</i> | <i>9.6 lbs</i> |
| <i>Jack Ellison (non member)</i> | <i>Red Snapper</i> | <i>15.5 lbs</i> |
| <i>Mike Ball</i> | <i>Red Fish</i> | <i>9.1 lbs</i> |
| <i>Mike Springer</i> | <i>Red Snapper</i> | <i>16.6 lbs</i> |
| <i>Steve Smith</i> | <i>Red Snapper</i> | <i>22.1 lbs</i> |
| <i>Jim Tatum</i> | <i>Red Snapper</i> | <i>19.1 lbs</i> |



Tony Vazquez (Bad Buoy)



Bernard Pearson (Krabby Patty)

Apalachicola Challenge 2018

Continued

Day two presented seas a little higher than Friday's, keeping a few of us closer in than preferred. This time, nine boats steered seaward. Overall catches surpassed those of Friday thanks mostly to Outlaw who spotted unmarked structure in approximately 120 feet of water. This location yielded their bounty for the day and a new club record for Red Grouper; 18.4 lbs, hauled in by Steve Guntner.

Two junior anglers made their first appearances at an ASWSC tournament. Jack Embleton onboard Silver King and Titus Watkins on Why Knot. Jack reeled in a lane snapper and two vermillion while Titus caught two red snapper. Jack has a habit of being the first person to land a fish when he fishes; earning the nickname First Fish Jack.

A few Day 2 catches:

| | | |
|-----------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|
| <i>Doug Hutwagner</i> | <i>Red Snapper</i> | <i>19.1 lbs</i> |
| <i>Laura Lazar</i> | <i>Red Snapper</i> | <i>19.0 lbs</i> |
| <i>Mike Springer</i> | <i>Red Snapper</i> | <i>16.5 lbs</i> |
| <i>Steve Guntner</i> | <i>Red Grouper</i> | <i>18.4 lbs</i> |
| <i>Norm Bowen</i> | <i>Red Snapper</i> | <i>19.4 & 16.6 lbs</i> |
| <i>Steve Guntner</i> | <i>Red Snapper</i> | <i>19.2 lbs</i> |



Escorts



Savannah's King (Why Knot)



Jace Spencer (Bad Buoys)



Steve Smith (Krabby Patty)

Apalachicola Challenge 2018
Continued



Steve Smith, Mike Ball, Bernard Pearson (Krabby Patty)



Steve Smith's Goliath (Outlaw)



Frank Gundaker (Bad Buoys)



Steve S., Norm B., Mike S., Jim T., Dexter Tiggs (Outlaw)

Apalachicola Challenge 2018

Continued



Outlaw



Pegasus



Just Like Cheating



Bad Buoys

TOURNAMENT SCOREBOARD

| | BOAT | CAPTAIN | POINTS |
|-----------|--------------------|-----------------|--------|
| 1st Place | Outlaw | Mike Springer | 1565 |
| 2nd Place | Pegasus | Chuck Alford | 565 |
| 3rd Place | Just Like Cheating | Butch Bowen | 465 |
| 4th Place | Bad Buoys | Jace Spencer | 290 |
| 5th Place | Why Knot? | Richard Watkins | 260 |

ASWSC SCOREBOARD

Through Panama City Tournament

BOAT OF THE YEAR

2018 STANDINGS through Panama City Beach tournament

| | West Palm Beach | Savannah | Bahamas | Apalachicola | Orange Beach 1 | Panama City Bch | Orange Beach 2 | Grand isle | Total |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|----------|---------|--------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|------------|-------|
| <i>Pegasus</i> | - | 15 | - | 15 | 15 | 20 | | | 65 |
| <i>Outlaw</i> | - | - | 20 | - | 20 | 5 | | | 45 |
| <i>Where to Next?</i> | 20 | - | - | - | - | - | | | 20 |
| <i>Sore Subject</i> | - | 20 | | | | | | | 20 |
| <i>Relentless</i> | - | 3 | 15 | - | - | - | | | 18 |
| <i>Playing Hookie</i> | 15 | - | - | - | 3 | - | | | 18 |
| <i>Bad Buoys</i> | - | 10 | - | 5 | - | 3 | | | 18 |
| <i>Persevere</i> | - | - | - | - | - | 15 | | | 15 |
| <i>Buckshot</i> | 10 | - | - | - | - | - | | | 10 |
| <i>Loophole</i> | - | - | 10 | - | - | - | | | 10 |
| <i>Just Like Cheating</i> | - | - | - | 10 | - | - | | | 10 |
| <i>Reel Serious</i> | - | - | - | - | 10 | - | | | 10 |
| <i>Silver King</i> | - | - | - | - | - | 10 | | | 10 |
| <i>Lady Carmen</i> | 5 | - | - | - | - | - | | | 5 |
| <i>Total Chaos</i> | - | 5 | - | - | - | - | | | 5 |
| <i>Wide Open II</i> | - | - | - | - | 5 | - | | | 5 |
| <i>Knot Online</i> | 3 | - | - | - | - | - | | | 3 |
| <i>Why Knot</i> | - | - | - | 3 | - | - | | | 3 |



ASWSC SCOREBOARD

Through Panama City Beach Tournament

ANGLER OF THE YEAR

2018 STANDINGS

MENS DIVISION

| | ANGLER | POINTS |
|------------------|----------------------|---------------|
| <i>1st Place</i> | <i>Steve Guntner</i> | <i>225</i> |
| <i>2nd Place</i> | <i>Richard Vose</i> | <i>200</i> |
| <i>3rd place</i> | <i>7 Way Tie</i> | <i>100</i> |

LADIES DIVISION

| | ANGLER | POINTS |
|------------------|----------------------------|---------------|
| <i>1st Place</i> | <i>Laura Lazar</i> | <i>300</i> |
| <i>2nd Place</i> | <i>Wendy Coates</i> | <i>200</i> |
| <i>3rd place</i> | <i>Valerie Christopher</i> | <i>175</i> |

JUNIOR DIVISION

| | ANGLER | POINTS |
|------------------|-------------------------|---------------|
| <i>1st Place</i> | <i>Savannah Watkins</i> | <i>350</i> |
| <i>2nd Place</i> | <i>Titus Watkins</i> | <i>25</i> |



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I apologize for taking so long to compose this newsletter and get it ready for publication. Not since the West palm Beach tournament has one been completed. The biggest obstacle I face is writing. It is not one of my strengths and trying to put words to paper can be slow and at times discouraging. If you have writing skills and are willing to assist, it would not only be appreciated but will likely lead to a better schedule and better reading. You could write up some of the tournaments, social events, or contribute articles which look back on club activities, or look ahead to future events.

Help with the writing is the only assistance I'm seeking. I will continue to assemble text, images and tables within Publisher.

Let me know.

Thanks,

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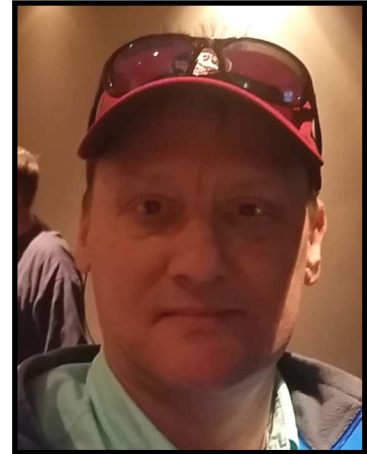
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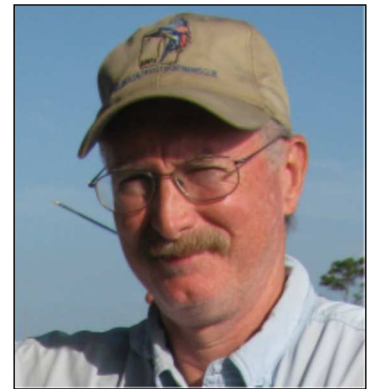
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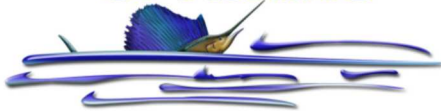


Keith Mozena

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UPCOMING CLUB ACTIVITIES

| | |
|-------------------|---|
| September 13 - 15 | Orange Beach, AL #2 Tournament |
| October 10- 13 | Grand Isle , LA Tournament |
| December 8 | Christmas Party, Hilton Atlanta Northeast |
| | |

NOTE: Club Calendar is subject to change. Keep up to date with club activities, tournaments, and events on the club's official website:
www.aswsc.org