



# The Sanibel Island Fishing Club PO Box 989 ♦ Sanibel, FL 33957

## April 2009 Newsletter

### Notes from the President

If this wind doesn't stop blowing, we may have to take up sailing or windsurfing. Oh well, I guess we can't fish all the time. When the wind has cooperated, the inshore fishing has been pretty good. Our club outing went very well with 8 boats catching a lot of fish. Congratulations to the Kevin Vertesch team (again) but the 2<sup>nd</sup> place team came within 1 fish of winning! Good Going!

Pompano, bluefish, mackerel, trout, and reds have been around all month. There was one stretch where I served fresh fish 6 nights in a row. My wife said that was a bit much, but since I clean and cook, it was ok!

One afternoon, two of us decided to try "artificial" only. We had both recently watched a DVD on D.O.A. lures ([The Unfair Video](#)), and it looked like a sure thing. Three hours later we found our local fish didn't agree. (We got skunked) The next day, trout, reds, snook and various other fish took fresh shrimp like they were going out of style. I guess that's why we call it "fishing"!

Offshore has been difficult with all the wind. However, a few outings have yielded barracuda, amberjack, grouper, and snapper. One of our Sanibel anglers landed an 80# cobia off one of the wrecks. He was mixed in with a school of large amberjacks, and fell victim to a free lined pin fish. What fun!

The tarpon have started to show up, but the wind has discouraged any significant numbers. We're going to be ready this year when they do start. We've asked Kevin to do a tarpon seminar at our next meeting. Bring your note pads. See you there!

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### NEXT MEETING

**WHEN: Tuesday, April 14, 2009**

**WHERE: Sanibel Island Community Center**

**TIME: 6:30pm Pizza  
7:00pm Meeting**

**SPEAKER:  
Tarpon Seminar**



**Presented by  
Kevin Vertesch and Others**

This month we will have our annual seminar on hunting the illusive Silver King Tarpon. The discussion will be lead by our own 2008 Angler of the Year and 2007 Silver King Classic winner Kevin Vertesch. Kevin and fellow members will be discussing tackle, bait, techniques and other information in finding, fighting and landing tarpon.

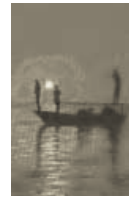
### April Club Outing

**Saturday, April 25th**

**"Spring Slam Outing"**

The Club's fifth outing will be our annual slam outing in which the boat having the greatest number of inches from two each of a trout, redfish and snook will be the winner.

Remember, boat or no boat we'll pair everyone up and have fun and lively competition! Sign-up at the meeting.



### Angler of the Year Top Ten Standings As of Mar 15<sup>th</sup> /Outing 4

Kevin Vertesch	77
Lee Cosentino	75
Bob Smith	75
Tom Butcher	70
John Carney	70
Mary DeMik	70
Kermit Simonson	68
Bob Owens	64
Wade Robert	58
Jerry Scutt	57

### 2008 Angler of the Year Kevin Vertesch

### 2009 Outing Schedule

Saturday	April 25
Sunday	May 24