



The Sanibel Island Fishing Club

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December 2008 Newsletter

Notes from your Club President

Happy Holidays

It's a party! Don't miss our Christmas Party at Doc Ford's, Tuesday, December 9. It's always a great time to meet your club friends, enjoy good food and take home great prizes from our annual raffle.

On the fishing front, I have good news and double bad news. First, the gulf is crawling with gag grouper. Four of us limited out in about 2 hours one day last week. Other captains report the same results. However, it looks like they are going to reduce the daily bag limit to 2 gags and 2 reds and close the season for February and March. So - Ken Chambers and I tried to get an offshore trip scheduled for December. However, we discovered the boat we have been chartering off Fort Myers Beach has been stolen! It's probably catching big grouper off the coast of Cuba now! We'll try to work something out with another captain. Stay tuned if you are interested in an offshore outing.

Our November outing was a great success with all five boats scoring well. Les Boyle's team (with Mary DeMik, John Carney) took the top spot. Great going guys and gal! (Mary caught the redfish!)

See you at the Party!

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**NEXT MEETING:
Christmas Party
December 9, 2008**



Where: Doc Ford's Sanibel Rum Bar and Grill.

**When: Dec. 9, 2008
6:00pm Appetizers & Cash bar.
7:00pm Dinner**

Price: \$25 per person.

Ethanol Reminder/Update:

Boat and engine manufacturers continue to caution that the ethanol in today's gasoline actually removes any residue accumulated in gas station tanks, delivery trucks and your boat fuel tank. The particles of residue are suspended within the gas and ultimately captured by your outboard fuel filter. **YOU MUST CLEAN YOUR FUEL FILTER ON A REGULAR BASIS.**

The ethanol will also cause an increase in water condensation inside the fuel tank. The solution to this problem is to install a water separator filter to remove the water before the fuel gets into the engine. The good news is so far the Sanibel Marina has non-ethanol gas (but not at economy prices).

January Club Outing

Tentative Date

Sunday, Jan. 18th

The Club's second outing of the new season will be in January. Specifics will be announced.

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 Nov. 16th/Outing 1

Les Boyle	20
John Carney	20
Mary DeMik	20
Tom Butcher	19
Hunt Etheridge	19
Bob Smith	19
Kevin Vertesch	19
Peter Kendall	18
Bob Owens	18
Kermit Simonson	18

2008 Angler of the Year

Kevin Vertesch

Reminder:
If you haven't done it remember 2008 - 2009 dues are Payable now!
[Membership Form](#)

**\$50 Member
\$75 Family**