



The Sanibel Island Fishing Club

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February 2011 Newsletter

Notes from the President

Let's hope the weather is finally on the upswing. A few warm days should perk up the fishing and allow us to start catching trout, redfish, snook, pompano, mackerel, etc. It was great to see the turnout for our January outing. Congratulations to Kevin and his team for a great comeback from his December "disappointment". Now he knows how the rest of us feel sometimes.

With the grouper and snook season closed, the best bet for tasty table fare is snapper. The best place to catch decent size fish is around structure in deeper water. So we are going to focus on night snapper fishing for our next meeting and February outing. We are not publicizing our meeting this month to focus on sharing information with our regular club members. (If you have a friend who wants to come - fine - but we are not going to broadcast it.)

I can report that the canals and bayous are yielding sheepshead, rat reds, and a few nice snook. We caught a few pinfish out by the middle causeway island on Saturday, and got some nice "last chance" grouper on Sunday. But the best news is that even with 63 degree water, we caught 35 beautiful snapper Sunday night.

Come and learn how we do it!
Rol

NEXT MEETING

WHEN: Tuesday, February 8, 2011

WHERE: Sanibel Island Community Center

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

SPEAKER: Rol Campbell and Charlie Sobczak

Rol and Charlie will be discussing will be offshore **NIGHT SNAPPER FISHING**. Both are seasoned snapper fisherman (see picture) and they will be sharing with us the many elements and techniques of fishing for these wonderful fish. Charlie will concentrate on location, boat handling, wind and currents while Rol will discuss tackle and tactics. Don't miss their informative presentation



Charlie Sobczak (left) and Rol Campbell look at their large catch of Snapper and Grouper caught one evening last weekend in the Gulf

2010-2011 Meeting Schedule

February	8
March	8
April	12
May	10

Next Club Outing

Saturday Feb. 12

"Night Snapper Round-up"



The Club's next outing is tentatively planned to be a new format in which a fleet of our boats will travel offshore together to one or more of the Gulf reefs to fish for snapper. It will be an evening outing that will start in mid-afternoon and end past midnight. The weigh-in is planned to be at The Bait Box the next morning when we will also clean fish in preparation for a fish fry later in the day. A day-time segment of the outing is being considered for those not wishing to go offshore.

A subsequent email will be sent describing the particulars of the outing including the fish fry (we will be looking for volunteers especially those with deep fat fryers)

Sign-up at the meeting.

Angler of the Year Standings (top 10) as of January 15th

Peter Kendall	40
Cary Giese	39
Tom Butcher	38
Bouy Juralewicz	37
Les Boyle	36
Chris Moles	34
Ron Nixon	34
Sandy Tannenbaum	34
Duane Thurow	34
Kevin Vertesch	34

2010-2011 Outing Schedule

February	Sat. 12
March	Sat. 12
April	Sat. 16
May	Sat. 14