



The Sanibel Island Fishing Club

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January 2009 Newsletter

Notes from your Club President

Happy New Year! As I watched my 8 year old grandson land trout after trout the other day, I smiled at how lucky we are to live here. The fishing has been way better than most winters I can remember. We'll probably still have our cold weather slow down, but it's been wonderful lately.

In shore; trout, pompano, grouper, bluefish, ladyfish, sheepshead, and tripletail have kept our anglers busy. Offshore; grouper, amberjack, and big snapper have been filling our coolers. On recent trips I was lucky enough to go on, we brought in amberjack to 24#, grouper to 15#, and great catches of snapper – several over 5#. Yes, I know we encourage catch and release, but a few nice fish for the table are also part of our sport. This brings me to our January 13th meeting where we will focus on preparing and cooking fish. I have a few tips and recipes I will share and we would like to encourage you to bring your chef and your favorite recipe to share. If we get enough participation, we can put together a small book of recipes as well as have them available on our web site. In the meantime, get out there and enjoy the fishing – bring a few home to try the recipes. See you next Tuesday.

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NEXT MEETING

WHEN: Tuesday, January 13, 2009

WHERE: Sanibel Island Community Center

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

“Preparing and Cooking Fish”

Our meeting this month will feature the culinary skills of cooking our catches. Many features of fish preparation will be discussed at the meeting including filleting techniques. Come and hear delicious fish recipes and please bring your own to exchange. Be sure to bring “whoever cooks the fish” in your home, member or not. You can send your recipes via [EMAIL](#) before the meeting.

New Gulf Grouper, Amberjack, and Triggerfish 2009 Rule Changes

Within the five grouper aggregate in all waters (9 miles) gag limit is 2. In state waters red limit is 2 and still one in federal waters. Amberjack must be 30 inches minimum and triggerfish 14 inches.

Be sure to read the precise fishery rules at [MyFWC.com grouper](#) and [MyFWC.com amberjacktrigger](#)

Reminder:

Membership dues are now due for the 2008-2009 season. You must pay your dues by January 31 to be included in the 2009 roster.

You can get a [Membership Form](#) Here or at the meeting.

\$50 Member / \$75 Family

January Club Outing

Sunday, Jan. 18th

“Inshore Grouper Rodeo”

The Club's second outing of the new season will be an all grouper catch. Each boat needs ten groupers and the boat with the most inches places first.

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

2009 Outing Schedule

Sunday	January 18
Sunday	February 22
Sunday	March 15
Saturday	April 25
Sunday	May 24

2008 Angler of the Year

Kevin Vertesch