



The Sanibel Island Fishing Club
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January 2012 Newsletter

Notes from the President

With red tide leaving smelly dead fish including a 5 foot goliath grouper in front of an east end condo, it's hard to be positive about fishing... but there are some bright spots.

The west end of Sanibel and Captiva seem to be OK. We caught lots of pinfish, a snook, and 4 nice red fish last Wednesday. We used the pins offshore on Thursday and slammed the fish. (see picture) In addition to a steady red grouper bite in 80-100 feet of water, we ran into a fabulous feeding frenzy of amberjack. They were all around the boat on the surface near a reef where we were about to set up for night snapper fishing. We quickly rigged with free-lined pin fish and had five amberjacks on at one time. Talk about a "Chinese Fire Drill"!! What fun! We landed three. One broke off when lines crossed, and a goliath got the one I let free spool while we fought the others. Can you imagine the size of a grouper that can eat a thirty pound amberjack?

Let's hope this next cold front knocks down the red tide and we can get back to better water soon.

See you at our meeting on the 10th!

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NEXT MEETING

WHEN: Tuesday, January 10, 2012

WHERE: Sanibel Island Community Center

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



SPEAKER: Our speaker this month will be **Sarah Walters** of The Fish and Wildlife Research Institute (FWRI) which is part of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC). Ms. Walters is a marine research scientist who has spent almost a decade studying the reproductive biology of spotted sea trout, snook, and redfish. She will provide us with an overview of her work and a specific look at the improving the population of these species. She will also discuss the possible effects red tide has on them including our current outbreak.



Left to Right: Rol Campbell, Andy Binzak, Bill Sobczak, Charlie Sobczak and Dewanye Kendall

Next Club Outing

Our second outing of the season will be a Dart Board Special on January 14th and 15th for inshore and offshore respectively. (See full 2011-2012 outing schedule on the club website).

Be sure to sign-up at the meeting.

Score cards will be on the club website prior to the outing.

2011-2012 Angler of the Year (standings as of Dec. 11, 2010)

Mary DeMik	20
Nate Grey	20
Kermit Simonson	20
Kevin Vertesch	20
Lee Cosentino	19
"Bouy" Juralewicz	19
Peter Kendall	19
Bob McGuire	19
Bruce Cutler	18
Cary Giese	18
Charlie Sobczak	18
Duane Thurow	18
Ron Nixon	17
Phil Marks	17
Wally Mulka	17
Tom Butcher	16
Ted Dorman	16
Alan Fugit	15
Harry Hennessy	15
Charlie Reed	15

Membership Dues for the 2011-2012 Season are now due. Your dues must be paid by January 30th to participate in outings.