



The Sanibel Island Fishing Club

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May 2009 Newsletter

Notes from the President

Winds have not let up yet, and as a result our fishing has been limited. Our inshore outing “slam” went very well (even with the wind) with 6 boats searching for reds, trout and snook. The Kevin Vertesch team won again (he is a great captain!) and we are lucky to have him as our Outing Director. Nate Grey and Chris Moles deserve special recognition for battling 15 knot winds in their small boat. Nice going guys!

Tarpon are in and the bite is on - sometimes. Several good fish have been landed by club members, and many more have been “jumped”. I was out trout fishing with a friend from Utah when I saw bait being pushed to the surface. I threw a Mirrolure 52-M11 red and white plug beyond the bait and hooked a big tarpon. Twenty pound Power Pro and thirty pound leader lasted 4 jumps and about 1 minute. The fish crunched the plug and broke off all 3 treble hooks! My friend just said “Wow!”

Offshore fishing has been very limited by the wind, and when we can get out the catch has only been fair. AJ’s have been plentiful, but grouper and big snapper have been hard to come by.

Be aware that Florida Fish and Game is patrolling our area. We got stopped and checked for everything (Fish and boat regulations). Remember John Carney’s offer of free inspections – it may save you some time.

As we wind down our year, I think we have done well. Thanks for supporting the club and we’ll see you in the fall. Have a great summer!

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NEXT MEETING

WHEN: Tuesday, May 12, 2009

WHERE: Sanibel Island Community Center

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

SPEAKER:

Norm Zeigler

Expert Fly Fisherman and International Fly-Fishing Writer



Our speaker this month will be Sanibel’s own fly fishing master and writer, Norm Zeigler. Norm is one of the foremost fly fishing writers in the United States and an expert on catching the illusive snook. His current book *Snook on a Fly*, provides his wonderful insight to catching these marvelous fish. Norm will share his vast knowledge of fly fishing with us especially fly fishing from shore and wade fishing in very shallow waters. Norm has recently opened Norm Zeigler’s Fly Shop to provide all the gear one needs to fly fish in Sanibel waters.

May Club Outing

Sunday, May 24th

“Tarpon Hunt”

The Club’s sixth and final outing of the season will be the tarpon hunt outing in which the boat having the most tarpon releases (leader touches) will be the winner. If there are no releases the winner will be the boat having the most tarpon jumps and if there are no jumps it will be the most shark releases.

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 April 25th/Outing 5

Kevin Vertesch	79
Wade Robert	77
Bob Smith	76
Mary DeMik	74
Tom Butcher	71
Kermit Simonson	71
John Carney	70
Bob Owens	69
Rol Campbell	68
Mike Green	65

2008 Angler of the Year Kevin Vertesch

2009 Outing Schedule

Sunday	May 24
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Make sure you have a spare water separator on your boat – it can make a difference if the motor won’t crank – ask Mike Green – he did!