



# The Sanibel Island Fishing Club

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## October 2011 Newsletter

### Notes from the President

Welcome back to another season of activities with SIFC.

I've been back just a few days, but have had some time on the water. The back-bay and canals have been heavily stained by runoff from recent rains, but have started to clear up a little. Ralph Woodring reports that there have been no significant algae blooms this summer, but Tarpon Bay has been cloudy and "dank" – hard to see the mullet. Most of the runoff has come from creeks and storm sewers along the river, and I've read that no water has been released from the big Lake O which is still low. The gulf is cloudy out about 10 miles and then clears up.

There are plenty of pinfish and ladyfish in the back-bay and bird activity indicates mackerel are in. I've been able to fish offshore twice with good results. Captain Kevin guided us to a nice catch of mangrove snapper on a near shore reef, and the next day, Captain Charlie put us on a nice catch of grouper (see photo). The gag grouper season is open until November 15, so we can take 2 gags and 2 reds until then. Redfish have been hard to find, but some reports are showing some encouragement. I hear about schools of big redfish ready to go through the passes, but I have not seen them. There are a few tarpon around and they should start their fall appearance soon.

Join us for our October 11<sup>th</sup> meeting and hurry back to Sanibel if you have been away.

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### NEXT MEETING

**WHEN:** Tuesday, October 11, 2011

**WHERE:** Sanibel Island Community Center

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

**SPEAKER:** President's Update

Our first meeting of the season will be an organizational meeting and an opportunity to get updated on what's happened during the summer and what's new of interest to the Club. Rol Campbell, SIFC President will provide us with a summer review and update us on Blind Pass, Dinkins dredging, water quality and of course, fishing. Feel free to raise any subjects of interest you may have.



Are you wondering if Grouper season is open? This powerful catch of grouper and snapper is the result of a recent off shore outing with Captain Charlie. (left to right: Kevin Vertesch, Charlie Sobczak, Rol Campbell, Chris Vertesch and Toby Bleckwedel).

Mark your calendars now for December 13<sup>th</sup> at Doc Ford's for our annual Christmas Party

### 2011-2012 Meeting Schedule

October	11
November	8
Dec (Party)	13
January	10
February	15
March	13
April	10
May	8

### Next Club Outing

Outing Schedule Coming Soon  
[Keep checking the web](#)

Plan on Saturday Outings

### Angler of the Year Standings Final

Peter Kendall	116
Cary Giese	113
Tom Butcher	109
Rol Campbell	108
"Bouy" Juralewicz	108
Hunt Ethridge	107
Kevin Vertesch	107
Duane Thurow	107
Les Boyle	87
Mary DeMik	85
Sandy Tannenbaum	72

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Captain Charlie Sobczak displays a nine pound Mutton Snapper he boxed on a recent offshore trip. Mutton Snappers are very rare in our waters.