Alabama Coastal Fisherman's Association



A Family Oriented Fishing Club Since 1997

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September Meeting

Date: September 3, 2015 **Time:** 7:00 pm

Place: Moe's Original Bar B Que,

701 Springhill Ave., Mobile, AL 36602

Mini Seminars: 6:20 pm

1.) Vicki Foster 2.) ACFA Networking

Main Speaker: 7pm

Joey Gates, ACFA Vice President

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Quick Hits	Joe Sirmon	605-5811
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Important

Dates

- ⇒ September 5—ACFA Tournament
- ⇒ September 5&6—Order of Incas Fishing Tournament
- ⇒ September 11—Battle on the Bayou Tournament
- ⇒ September 26—Causeway Blowout & Alabama Inshore Championship

President's Message

First, thanks to everyone who helped with the cooking and clean up at the August shrimp boil. Past presidents Doug Smith and Vince Hawkins took control of the shrimp boil and they did not disappoint. They cooked 100# of shrimp to near perfection and nearly all were eaten by the conclusion of weigh in. If you missed it then you really missed out.

We are now down to two tournaments remaining for the year and the points race is still up for grabs. If you have 2 points total for the year or 25 points you should not give up effort.

With every passing year we will need volunteers for various board positions. This year will be my last year as president and I know a few others are ready to pass the torch on their positions as well. Whether you are a first time member or a 10 year member, you can be a valuable board member for the ACFA. If you are interested in filling a board position please contact me or any other board member for details.

Capt. Patric Garmeson

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SEPTEMBER MEETING

Join the ACFA at September's meeting for a seminar by Vice President and Local Guide, Joey Gates. Joey will be speaking about fall fishing in the delta.

There will also be 2 mini-seminars before the 7 pm start time:

- 1.) Vicki Foster, Master Angler—How to win this prestigious award
- 2.) Open discussion—Networking within the ACFA

END OF SUMMER TOURNAMENT, SEPTEMBER 5, 2015

Speckled Trout, Red Drum, Flounder, White Trout & Spanish Mackerel

WEIGH-IN: Shirley's on the Causeway, 1—3 pm

There is limited space at the docks. If you arrive by boat, be prepared to raft up to others. If you arrive by car, plan to park your truck and trailer "smart" in the parking lot.

FOOD: Fish Fry on the Causeway (see the Food Report on pg. 3 for details)

We need lots of help with set-up, cooking, and break down for this big fish fry. Please lend assistance and help out the food advisors who work so hard to feed everyone all year long!

Reminder: you can weigh-in *LIVE* Speckled Trout (or any category) at this and any other tournament. You can also weigh in any other species for the Big Fish Board during *ANY* tournament.

August Meeting Recap

Mini seminar was a discussion of some of the finer points of artificial bait and live bait fishing for speckled trout. John Burke and John Howard talked about why they began fishing almost exclusively artificial bait when they were up-and-coming anglers. Each man said they had an elder who told them they would be more successful by figuring out how to fool a fish into biting a lure vs waiting on a fish to bite your live bait. I represented the live bait side but did have some things to add about artificial fishing because I am not biased.

The meeting also had a special guest speaker, Greg Mullek, who is an active ACFA member. He wanted to share his recent horrific experience in the Mississippi Sound. He told us how he fell out of his boat while the boat was still in gear and he could not catch up with it. He held the audience captive with his epic story. Greg explained how he thought through each step along the way from which direction to swim to using his hat and other items to protect his feet. Greg also encouraged all of us to listen to his story and learn from his experience and not be a statistic. Please remember to be safe while you're fishing.

Mobile Bay Grand Slam Tournament Recap

The Shrimp Boil was a huge success thanks to our volunteers Doug Smith, Alvin Bell, Vince Hawkins, Bill Perry, Gary Tingle, John Burke, James Campbell, and Craig Hall. Cooking help was provided by Vince Hawkins, Alvin Bell, Mr. George, Patric Garmeson, and Joey Gates. If anyone was left out, please forgive me! Thanks everyone!

Congrats to Shon Pipkin who weighed in the only grand slam during the Mobile Bay Grand Slam Tournament. The fishing was very difficult for all fisherman with many anglers coming in smelling like skunk. However, a few anglers, as always, brought in some quality fish along with a couple trophies. Summer Mitternight stole the show with her gargantuan Tripletail that weighed 23.10 lb. and was large enough to go down in the Conde Cavalier Rodeo record book as the largest ever weighed at their tournament. The other trophy fish was by a new member and junior angler, Durand Bailey, who landed a very nice 7 lb. slot redfish. Both Summer and Durand will take the top spots of the ongoing ACFA Big Fish Board.



Blackfish		Wt (lbs) Pts Netman				A wayst Town amont Desults						
1	Summer Mitternight (L)	23.10	5	Kyle Mitternight	August Tournament Result							
Flounder		Wt (lbs)	Pts	Netman		Redfish		Wt (lbs)	Pts	Netman		
1	Kyle Eckoff	3.90	5	Tom Brooks		1	Durand Bailey	7.00	5	Cliff Bailey		
2	Jessica Owens (L)	2.50	4	Kevin Owens		2	Bob Ward	6.15	4	Bill Graves		
3	Michael Nicholas	2.35	3	Jebb Mann		3	Michael Nicholas	5.45	3	Jebb Mann		
4	Shon Pipkin	2.30	2	Gerald Markow		4	Gerald Markow	3.55	2	Gerald Markow		
5	Ronnie Dyson	1.75	1	Ted Lawson		5	Cliff Bailey	3.55*	1	Durand Bailey		
Speckled Trout		Wt (lbs)	Pts	Netman		White Trout		Wt (lbs)	Pts	Netman		
1	Shon Pipkin	3.90	5	David Skoglund		1	John Howard	0.70	5	John Howard		
2	Kyle Eckoff	2.88	4	Tom Brooks		2	David Hare	0.50	4	David Hare		
3	Tom Brooks	2.70	3	Kyle Eckoff								
4	Jebb Mann	2.15	2	Michael Nicholas		Junior	Angler Speckled Trout	Wt (lbs)				
5	Jessica Owens (L)	2.05	1	Kevin Owens		1	Kristen Mitternight (J)	1.10				
Junio	or Angler Flounder	Wt (lbs)				Junior	Angler Redfish	Wt (lbs)				
1	Hunter Behr (J)	1.00				1	Hunter Behr (J)	2.65				
						2	Katie Mitternight (J)	2.05				

Food Report . . . Help needed!

September: Fish Fry on the Causeway (fried catfish, hushpuppies, cole slaw, and cheese grits, plus fried pickles and jalapeños). Lots of help needed from set up to cooking to clean up—please lend a hand or two! **October:** Chili Cook-Off! All entries welcome. Cook one crock-pot full. Everyone votes!

Please Contact Kyle Eckhoff (251) 259 -2357 (phone calls only)

Upcoming 2015 ACFA DATES:

October 1 = Meeting
October 17 = Tournament
November 5 = Meeting
December 3 = Meeting

STATISTICS (cont.):

(As of August, 2015)

Tournament Points Totals

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	JOHN HOWARD	27	0	0	0	10	11	6
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	DALE PIERCE	17	0	5	1	3	8	0
	KYLE ECKOFF	16	1	1	0	0	4	10
4	MIKE FOSTER	16	5	0	0	2	9	0
4	BOB WARD	16	0	0	0	0	11	5
5	HUNTER BEHR (J)	15	1	4	0	9	0	1
6	JONATHAN BYRD	13	4	1	0	8	0	0
6	BARRY KEITH	13	3	0	0	1	9	0
	DAVID THORNTON	12	2	9	1	0	0	0
	TREY HOLLADAY	12	1	0	0	4	6	
	MICHAEL NICHOLAS	12	0	1	3	1	0	7
	BILL GRAVES	11	0	1	0	0	11	0
8 8	JOHNNY PHILLIPPI TIM PIERCE	11	6 1	6	0	1	3	0
	DOUG TIERCE	11	6	5	0	0	0	0
	RICK TOURNE	11	1	1	3	6	0	0
	ALVIN BELL	10	0	1	3	6	0	0
	MARK MCPHERESON	9	0	0	3	6	0	0
	COOPER GARMESON (J)	8	3	0	3	1	1	0
11	PAT GARMESON	8	4	0	3	1	0	0
11	BRIAN MYGRANT	8	5	1	1	1	0	0
	SHON PIPKIN	8	0	0	0	0	0	8
12	JOE CIEUTAT	7	4	0	3	0	0	0
12	JAY O'BREIN	7	1	0	0	0	6	0
12	DAVID SKOGLUND	7	0	6	0	0	0	1
13	DURAND BAILEY	6	0	0	0	0	0	6
13	RHONDA BEECH (L)	6	6	0	0	0	0	0
13	ADAM BEHR	6	1	3	0	2	0	0
	CECIL CAPPS	6	1	1	3	1	0	0
	SUMMER MITTERNIGHT (L)	6	0	0	0	1	0	6
	DELBERT MUSIC	6	0	6	0	0	0	0
	HENRY NALL	6	6	0	0	0	0	0
	JESSICA OWENS	6	0	0	0	0	0	6
	GUS RILEY	6	5	0	0	6	0	0
	JOE SIRMON GRANT TILLMAN	6	1	5	0	0	0	0
	CHLOE CHAFFIN (J) (L)	5	0	0	0	5	0	0
	DAVID HARE	5	0	0	0	0	0	5
	JEBB MANN	5	0	1	1	0	0	3
	STEVEN SUMMERSELL	5	5	0	0	0	0	0
	DONALD GARRETTSON	4	0	1	3	0	0	0
	RICHARD HOFFMAN JR	3	1	0	1	0	0	1
	NORMAN LEWELLEN	3	0	0	0	3	0	0
16	TOM LITTLEPAGE	3	3	0	0	0	0	0
16	GERALD MARKOW	3	0	0	0	0	0	3
16	MIKE THOMPSON	3	0	0	3	0	0	0
16	SUMMER TIDMORE	3	1	0	0	2	0	0
	RICHARD BEECH	2	2	0	0	0	0	0
	TYLER DIXON	2	2	0	0	0	0	0
	CHRISTINE SHAUL	2	1	0	1	0	0	0
	TYLER VANTOFF	2	1	1	0	0	0	0
	CLIFF BAILEY	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
	RONNIE DYSON	2	0	0	0	0	0	1
	KATIE MITTERNIGHT (J)	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
	KRISTEN MITTERNIGHT (J) SHARON MARKOW	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
	SELENE FINCH	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
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Netman Points Totals

	NAME	TOTAL	March	April	May	June	July	Aug
1	TOM BROOKS	21	5	1	0	3	2	10
2	DAVID THORNTON	18	8	9	1			
3	CECIL CAPPS	16	1	1	3	10	0	1
3	MIKE FOSTER	16	5	0	0	2	9	1
3	RICHARD HOFFMAN JR	16	6	0	3	6	0	1
4	DAVID HARE	15	0	0	0	10	0	5
5	PAT GARMESON	14	6	0	3	5	0	0
_	TREY HOLLADAY	13	3	0	0	1	9	0
7	JEBB MANN	11	0	1	3	0	0	
7	DALE PIERCE	11	1	6	0	0	4	0
7	RICK TOURNE	11	1	1	3	6	0	0
7	DOUG TIERCE	11	6	5	J	0	U	U
8	BARRY KEITH	10	1	0	0	4	4	1
_	BRIAN MYGRANT	10	5	1	1	3	0	0
8	DELBERT MUSIC (N)	10	0	10		-	-	-
8	TIM PIERCE	10	0	5	1	3	1	0
_	JONATHAN BYRD	9	3	6	_	J		U
_	JOHN HOWARD	9	0	0	0	0	3	6
9	NORMAN LEWELLEN	9	0	0	3	6	0	0
_	VICKI FOSTER (L)	8	2	0	0	2	4	0
_	TOM LITTLEPAGE	8	8	0	0	0	0	0
_	DAVID SKOGLUND	8	0	0	0	0	0	8
_	KYLE MITTERNIGHT	7	0	0	0	1	0	6
_	SUMMER MITTERNIGHT	7	0	0	0	7	0	0
	ADAM BEHR (N)	7	1	4	0	1	0	1
_	SHON PIPKIN	7	0	6	0	0	0	1
_	CLIFF BAILEY	6	U	U	U	U	U	6
_	RICHARD BEECH	6	6	0	0	0	0	0
	KYLE ECKOFF	6	1	1	0	0	0	4
	MICHAEL NICHOLAS	6	0	1	1	1	0	3
_	KEVIN OWEN	6	0	0	0	0	0	6
_	JEFF PRICHARD	6	0	0	0	6	0	0
_	TYLER VANHOFF	6	1	5	0	0	0	0
_	MATT COKER		5	0	U	U	U	U
	BILL GRAVES	5 5	3	U				5
_	GUS RILEY	5	4	0	1			5
_	HUNTER BEHR (J) (N)	4	1	3	-			
_	JOE CIEUTAT	4	1	0	3			
_	DONALD GARRETTSON	4	0	1	3			
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_	CHRISTINE SHAUL (L) JOHNNY PHILLIPPI	4	1	1	1	1		
	MIKE THOMPSON	3	0	0	3			
	JOSH TIDMORE	3	1	0	0	2	0	0
	MIKE VICKERY	3	0	0	3		U	U
	MARK MCPHERSON	3	U	U	ა	3		
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	SANDY TILLERY GRANT TILLMAN	2	1	1				
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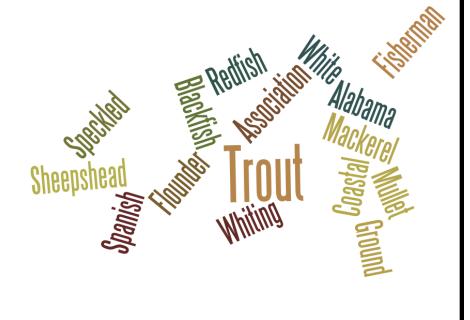
STATISTICS (cont.):

Big Fish Board Contest, As of August 8, 2015

	Blackfish	WT		Flounder	WT		Ground Mullet/Whiting	WT		Redfish	WT
1	Summer Mitternight (L)	23.10	1	Kyle Eckoff	3.90	1	Joe Sirmon	1.05	1	Durand Bailey	7.00
2	Lynda Capps (L)	17.70	2			2			2	John Howard	6.85
3	Lynda Capps (L)	12.62	3			3			3	Delbert Music(n)	6.65
4			4			4			4	Donald Garrettson	6.60
5			5			5			5	Rhonda Beech(L)	6.30
6			6			6			6	John Howard	6.30
7			7			7			7	Bob Ward	6.15
8			8			8			8	Jonathan Byrd	5.90
9			9			9			9	Vicki Foster	5.45
10			10			10			10	Michael Nicholas	5.45
	Sheepshead	WT		Spanish Mackerel	WT		Speckled Trout	WT		White Trout	WT
1	Eddie Greer	9.78	1	Mark Mcpherson	4.40	1	Pat Garmeson	7.89	1	Mike Thompson	2.62
2	Henry Nall	9.05	2	Chloe Chaffin (J) (L)	3.65	2	Doug Tierce	7.15	2	Brian Mygrant	2.60
3	Michael Foster	8.05	3	Vicki Foster (L)	3.60	3	George Harrison	7.06	3	Mike Thompson	2.58
4	Vicki Foster (L)	7.65	4	Norman Lewellen	3.00	4	Rick Tourne	6.92	4	Johnny Phillippi	2.30
5	Barry Keith	7.25	5	Vicki Foster (L)	3.00	5	Rick Tourne	6.61	5	Gus Riley	1.15
6	Dan Hayes	7.24	6			6	Jonathan Byrd	6.60	6	Tom Brooks	1.05
7	Vicki Foster (L)	6.05	7			7	Brian Mygrant	6.55	7	Gus Riley	1.05
8			8			8	Brian Mygrant	6.35	8	Tom Littlepage	1.05
9			9			9	Joe Cieutat	6.35	9		
10			10			10	Doug Tierce	6.35	10		
	** NEW CLUB RECORD * First to weigh in (N) New Member (J) Junior Angler (L) Lady Angler										

Catch-Photo-Release, Speckled Trout

CPR Speckled Trout	(in.)
Pat Garmeson	27.500
John Howard	26.000
Jeb Mann	25.750
Rick Tourne	25.250
Joe Cieutat	25.000
Lori Tourne	24.875
John Howard	24.750
Shane Traylor	24.000
Mike Foster	23.875
Jonathan Byrd	23.750



ACFA Board Position OPENINGS

The ACFA appreciates your talents—please consider helping out the club by stepping up for a chair / board member position. Co-Chairs are possible as well so please help lighten the load of our club officials to help the club run smooth. Membership is well over 200 individuals and we'd like to see the ACFA continue to grow and thrive. The ACFA has become a premier club with continued support of members who stepped forward to fill these positions and those who help out in small ways. If you would like to help out, please let the board know by the October 1 meeting. Elections for the 2016 year will be held at the November 5 meeting.

To help everyone out, each of the chair persons is given a folder and calendar that outlines their specific duties. If you have ANY questions about specific chair duties, or wish to serve as a chairperson, co-chair, or volunteer, please talk to the current person on the chair or see Patric Garmeson. If you volunteer for a position, the ACFA can guarantee plenty of experienced help until you feel secure in your role, and even afterwards.

A Storm Statement...

was added to our by-laws after several busy hurricane seasons interrupted our fishing season. Now seems timely to republish this in what has traditionally been the busiest part of the hurricane season.

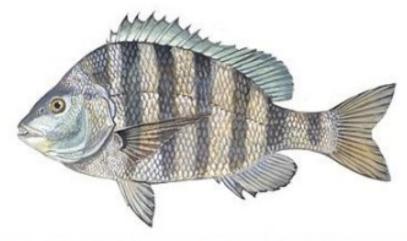
NOTE: IF a named tropical storm or hurricane is predicted to strike the Gulf Coast within approximately 150 miles east or west of Mobile (roughly the area between the mouth of the Mississippi River and Cape San Blas, FL) on or close to a scheduled ACFA Saturday tournament, that tourney will automatically be postponed until the following Saturday (unless that Saturday falls on the weekend of the Alabama Deep Sea Fishing Rodeo in which case it will be postponed 2 weeks later).

<u>Additional note</u>: IF a hurricane is immediately threatening our area or a curfew is in effect in the City of Mobile (following a hurricane landfall) at the time of our scheduled monthly meeting, that meeting will be cancelled (and not rescheduled). All business pertinent to that meeting (plaque and trophy presentations, etc.) will be done at the next scheduled meeting the following month.

Hopefully we won't ever have to implement this plan, but we wanted everyone to be aware of our procedures in the event of a hurricane or severe storm.

Fellow fishermen and fisherwomen, We are looking for live <u>Sheepshead</u> for fisheries research!

We are in need of Sheepshead as soon as possible and any live fish donated will help us further understand the ecology of this species.



Fish will do fine in a live well or a large cooler with water that is aerated or even for an hour or two in a 5 gallon bucket (though not preferable) if they are aerated.

Contact <u>Pearce Cooper</u> at the Dauphin Island Sea Lab if a fish is caught and you are interested in donating it.

Thank You!

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