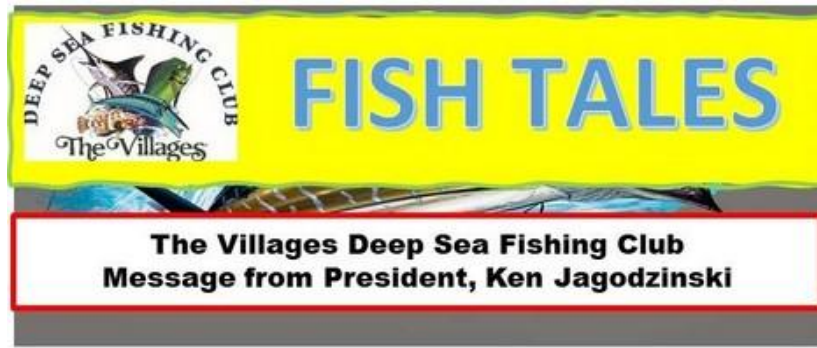




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Greetings Members

Who's ready for a 75-degree overcast day with a whisper of a cool breeze? This has been an incredibly hot summer so far, and it's also made fishing challenging. I have been on several trips the past month, and the key action plan has been to stay hydrated, wear protective clothing to block the sun, and apply sunscreen frequently. My opinion is that with water temperatures in the Gulf of America on the cusp of 90 degrees, fish are more lethargic and reluctant to bite as they also try to deal with the heat. This proves challenging for our Charter Captains. I can't wait for our monthly meeting to hear from our Club's Coordinators as they report on what their Captains are experiencing. Let's all be safe out there and smart about managing the heat. See you at Monday's meeting.



August Meeting at Everglades Recreation Center

Our August meeting is Monday, August 4th, at the Everglades Recreation Center. As usual, the doors open at 6 PM for trip sign-ups and socializing, followed by the meeting at 6:30 PM. Our guest speaker will be Club member Charlie Pryde, who will talk about the 44-hour trip that members were on last week on the Gulfstar Endurance. Charlie will share specifics on the whole trip experience with some practical tips for members looking to book a trip on the Endurance.

Three (3) spots left on the American Patriot

There's still room to get on the bucket list trip on our Club's private charter on The American Patriot (AP), scheduled for June 22-25, 2026.

The total cost is \$2,024 (including charter, tackle, and electric reel rental) and is payable in 2 installments.

Contact me, (Ken Jagodzinski) at (386) 986-7655 if interested.



Gulfstar Endurance Highlights

I'm excited to tell you that our September 5th Club trip for Gag Grouper is **FULL**. Standbys are being accepted.

Sixteen Club members are heading out on the August 5, 2025, 44-hour American Red Snapper trip. We hope there will be some incredible fish stories and pictures to come!

UPCOMING TRIPS on the Gulfstar Endurance:

Thursday, November 13, 2025 – 12-hour DAY trip 7 AM to 7 PM – COST \$155
(includes tackle, bait, fish cleaning, ice); tip not included

Friday, December 5, 2025 – 12-hour NIGHT trip 7 PM to 7 AM – COST \$155
(includes tackle, bait, fish cleaning, ice); tip not included

Thursday, February 5, 2026 – 18-hour trip 7 PM to 1 PM – COST \$325
(includes tackle, bait, fish cleaning, ice, AND FOOD); tip not included

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO SIGN UP,

Contact Joe Italiano at (203) 648-2173 or JOEITALIANOJR@GMAIL.COM

Or see Joe at the August monthly meeting.

[CLICK HERE](#) FOR MORE INFO.



Captain Don Lashley Artificial Only Charters

Homosassa has a fish with your name on it, so let Artificial Only help you catch it! With Captain Don at the helm, you're in knowledgeable and experienced hands.

You're likely to fish for Redfish, Scallops, Snook, Spotted Seatrout, and more, depending on conditions. On these trips, it's common to drift using light tackle.

GAG GROUPE TRIPS – Captain Don will be running Gag Grouper trips from September 7th thru the 13th, 2025 on his 22 ft sail fish boat. Rates are \$275 for 4, and \$255 for 5 anglers. This is a full-day trip leaving at 6:30 am from Monkey Island running 30 to 50 miles offshore. Rods, bait, fish cleaning and bagging is included. Tip is extra.

Facebook page: [Artificial Only Charters](#)

email: don.lashley@gmail.com

phone: 352-398-7539

Contact Club Coordinator Randy Herring at 412-582-4264 or rherring180@gmail.com to book a trip or get more information.

Fishery Management updates

Gag Grouper season opens Sept. 1-14 in Gulf state waters

The 2025 recreational gag grouper season for Gulf state waters will be open Sept. 1-14. It will close at 12:01 a.m. on Sept. 15. Per the FWC website, the daily bag limit is "2 per person within the 4 Grouper aggregate" with a minimum size of 24 inches. Given the extremely short Gag season, dates will be difficult to obtain. Your Club is working to secure dates. Stay tuned for details.

Sharked Act introduced into the Senate

On Monday, Senators Rick Scott and Brian Schatz officially introduced the SHARKED Act (S. 2314), which would establish a task force to improve coordination, identify research priorities, and evaluate funding opportunities to address shark depredation. CCA was proud to be among fellow organizations in the recreational angling community that signed the Senate support letter. To read the letter in its entirety, please click [here](#).

Until next month - Tight Lines!!
Ken Jagodzinski
President,
The Villages Deep Sea Fishing Club