

Your 2026 Deep Sea Fishing Club Officer team



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Just some thoughts!

There's a special kind of buzz in the room when The Villages Deep Sea Fishing Club comes together—and if you've been to a meeting lately, you know exactly what we mean. With more than 600 members strong, nearly 25 charters launching every month, and close to 185 anglers filling the room at each meeting, this club isn't just growing—it's thriving.

Every month brings new faces, new friendships, and new knowledge as we welcome outstanding speakers covering everything from tactics and techniques to destinations and gear. Every meeting offers something new—no matter your experience level. It's not just about fishing; it's about being part of a crew that shares the same passion for the sea and the stories that come with it. Whether you're chasing your next offshore adventure or just love swapping stories with people who get it, our meetings are where it all comes together.

If you haven't joined us recently, now's the time. Bring a friend, bring your questions, and bring your enthusiasm—because the best catches often start right here on shore.



February Monthly Meeting at Everglades Recreation Center

Captain Paul Forsberg to speak at February's meeting

We're excited to welcome an outstanding guest to our February 2nd meeting—Captain Paul Forsberg, owner and operator of the highly respected Gulfstar Fishing Fleet out of Tarpon Springs, Florida.

Captain Paul brings decades of offshore experience and runs one of the Gulf Coast's premier fishing operations. During our meeting, he'll give members an inside look at the upcoming fishing season, including a preview of the trips he'll be offering and what anglers can expect. More importantly, Captain Paul will share practical, real-world tips to help our members better prepare for their trips—covering mindset, technique, and preparation that can make the difference between a good day and a *great* day offshore. His goal aligns perfectly with ours: helping our members become more confident, effective, and successful anglers.

This promises to be an informative, engaging, and highly valuable session for all experience levels.

Doors open: 6:00 PM

Meeting begins: 6:30 PM

This is a meeting you won't want to miss—plan to attend and bring your questions!



Proposed Amendment to the By-Laws

The Club seeks to amend Section VI (Executive Committee), Clause A of the Club's By-Laws.

Current Wording:

"The Officers, Standing Committee Chairs, and the Immediate Past President shall constitute the Executive Committee."

Proposed Wording:

"The Officers, Standing Committee Chairs, and a Member in Good Standing (recommended by the Board of Directors and approved by membership vote) shall constitute the Executive Committee."

Reason for the Proposed Amendment:

The position of Immediate Past President is presently vacant, as the former officer is no longer a resident of The Villages. This amendment is intended to ensure the Club maintains a full, active, and effective Executive Committee by permitting the appointment of a qualified member to serve in this capacity.

Meeting Notice:

This proposed amendment will be presented for discussion at the monthly Club meeting on Monday, February 2, 2026.



February 27 & 28
Friday & Saturday
10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Get ready for a fun, high-energy weekend at The Villages Outdoor Expo. We're excited that the Deep Sea Fishing Club will once again be a proud participant!

This popular event is a fantastic opportunity to showcase our Club, share our passion for offshore fishing, and connect with hundreds of fellow Villagers. Best of all, the Expo is FREE and features more than 50 outdoor clubs, making it a can't-miss event for anyone who loves the outdoor lifestyle.

Mark your calendars and plan to stop by.

Volunteers Needed — Be the Face of Our Club!

We're looking for enthusiastic members to help staff our booth and represent the Club during the Expo. It's an easy, enjoyable way to support the Club and meet new people.

Interested in volunteering?

Please contact Ken Jagodzinski at (386) 986-7655.

Let's show Villagers what the Deep Sea Fishing Club is all about—see you at the Expo!

Just a reminder!

**Renew Your
2026 Annual Dues Today!**

Skip the lines and lock in your membership for another fantastic year with the Deep Sea Fishing Club!

- Your annual dues give you access to hundreds of fishing charters, late-breaking news, monthly meetings with outstanding guest speakers, social events, raffle opportunities, and so much more.

**All this for just \$10 —
still no inflation here!**

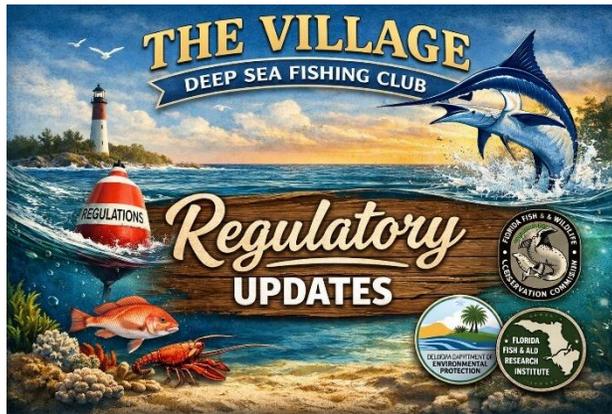
Renew now and secure your benefits for another terrific year of fishing, fun, and camaraderie.

Renewing is easy:

- Pay in person at any monthly Club meeting, OR
- Mail a \$10 check payable to:

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Gulf Council Approves Higher Red Grouper Catch Limits

The Gulf Council approved Reef Fish Amendment 62, which increases red grouper catch limits over three years. Catch limits will be split 68.2% commercial and 31.8% recreational, with current buffer levels remaining in place. A recent stock assessment found red grouper is healthy and not overfished. The new limits are expected to boost recreational fishing opportunities and provide economic benefits to commercial fishermen.

Recreational harvest of snook opens March 1, 2026

The snook season in the Gulf of America for 2026 is expected to open on March 1 and run through April 30. Additionally, there is another open season from September 1 to November 30.

Bag limit: One fish per person per day

Slot limit: 28–32 inches total length

Until Next Month

Tight Lines!

Ken Jagodzinski