



Greetings Members,

If you missed our January monthly meeting, the minutes are available here. As always, I welcome your comments. They are also available on the Club's Website by clicking [HERE](#).

JANUARY Club Meeting (January 5, 2026)

One hundred eighty-seven (187) members were in attendance.

Ken kicked off the meeting by giving a recap of 2025 activity. This included:

- The Club added 305 new members during 2025. Total membership is just shy of 600 members.
- Hosted 227 charters in 2025, with 25 more cancelled due to weather.
- Launched a new Club website in December. [CLICK HERE](#) to check it out.
- Recognized all the volunteers by name who helped make the Club successful in 2025. He asked them to stand and to be recognized.
- Special recognition to Pete Liebig and the 30th Birthday Celebration Committee for a job well done.
- Introduced Bob White, our new DSFC Treasurer.
- Reminded members that 2026 dues are now due.
- Talked about the Club's reliance on electronic communication with members and encouraged those not receiving our emails to ensure we have the correct email address on file.
- Encouraged members to purchase the 30-year Club apparel because it will not be available once the current inventory is gone.
- **We welcomed seventeen (17) new members.**

Change to By-Laws

In accordance with current Club rules, Ken advised of a proposed rule change to modify Section VI (Executive Committee), Clause A, which will be discussed at the February meeting.

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 Change: The role of Immediate Past President is currently vacant as the previous officer is no longer a resident of The Villages. This amendment allows the club to maintain a full and active Executive Committee by appointing a qualified member in their place.

Guest Speaker

Our guest speaker was fellow Club member Keith Kalbfleisch. Keith shared tips and techniques for fishing off large boats. He described the best tackle to use, bait preparation, and how to hook it correctly to maximize success. He demonstrated the effectiveness of 2-speed reels and finished with helpful information on "boat etiquette". There were numerous questions along the way. There was strong consensus for Captain Keith to return and conduct a similar seminar on inshore fishing, targeting Redfish and Sea Trout.

