



Greetings Members,

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

July Club Meeting (July 7, 2025)

Ninety-eight (98) members were in attendance. It was a very quiet meeting, as I think the summer is in full swing. Many of our Captains are focused on scalloping, so the trip activity is minimal. However, the good news for those Captains NOT focused on scalloping is that the fishing pressure is very low and the bite is strong. But, it is hot out there! We welcomed four new members.

Highlights:

NOAA Releases Final Rule on South Atlantic Red Snapper

Ken shared highlights of NOAA's final rule, which avoids the proposed bottom fishing closures. It also sets a 2-day recreational season of July 11 & 12.

I also shared that recently, the governors of Florida, Georgia, and South Carolina, along with the entire congressional delegation of South Carolina and Florida, signed joint letters to U.S. Secretary of Commerce Gina Raimondo (not Howard Lutnick) requesting that the states take over management of red snapper and avoid this government mismanagement.

Fishing Reports: Our club's coordinators shared the fishing activity for July and upcoming trips for July and beyond. Presenters included Steve Newman, Jim Scheer, John Hogan, Randy Herring, Joe Italiano, Bruce Speck, and Joe Cicman.

Of interest, members can take advantage of a quaint Bed and Breakfast in Cedar Key at reduced rates. It's a great way to explore the Cedar Key area and fish with Captain Carl Robinson. Contact Bruce Speck if interested in this offer.

AMERICAN PATRIOT – Ken informed members of the cancellation of the Club's June trip on The American Patriot. Due to the rebooking policy, the new trip dates are Monday, May 25, 2026, through Thursday, May 28, 2026.

THERE ARE 4 SPOTS AVAILABLE IF ANYONE IS INTERESTED IN THIS TRIP.

Please get in touch with Ken if you are interested.

Guest Speaker Bill Black – Al Anderson introduced Club member Bill Black, who spoke about shore fishing the jetties in Ponce Inlet and other areas. He demonstrated the tackle he uses, the bait needed, and also showed some lures for catching fish. Questions from the members

followed the talk. Members were advised to contact AL Anderson if they are interested in this type of fishing. Great job by Bill Black!

Until next month,
Ken