



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](#).

June Club Meeting (June 2, 2025)

One hundred eleven (111) members were in attendance. There was the usual camaraderie and mingling as members signed up for charter trips. We welcomed ten new members.

Highlights:

Thanks to our volunteers - Ken recognized the efforts of all our volunteers who make this Club function. He asked for a round of applause for these hardworking folks.

American Patriot raffle—Members were reminded that the free spot raffle for the upcoming Club trip on The American Patriot would be held later in the meeting, and they had one last chance to buy tickets.

Gulf Star Endurance 44-hour trips — Ken introduced Joe Italiano, who is our Club's Coordinator for the Gulfstar Endurance. He asked Joe to advise on the status of the two planned Club trips and answer any questions. Joe informed the group that the club's trip on **August 5th** still required eight anglers. Joe shared the value of this trip when compared to The American Patriot. He said, "At \$825, it's half the cost, half the time commitment, half the drive, and equal to the 'catching potential' of the Patriot." Joe advised that for a Club of our size, getting twenty members to fill this trip should be an easy task. He said he would hate to return the spots to the Gulfstar because it could affect our ability to get future dates from the Gulfstar team.

Joe also updated that the **September 5th** trip for Gag Grouper was filling up quickly, and a handful of spots were still available. He encouraged members to act soon to get their place.

Fishing Reports: Our club's coordinators shared May's fishing activity and upcoming trips for June and beyond. Presenters included Steve Newman, Jim Scheer, John Hogan, Randy Herring, Gaylon Thompson, and Gary Doerfert.

Fishing in North Carolina — Member Jim Scheer talked about a recent May trip to North Carolina to fish for Yellowfin Tuna and more. Jim shared information about the boat they fished on, the fish camp where they stayed, and their three-day fishing experience. Jim shared many pictures and talked about the thrill of kite fishing as well as the thrill of catching large fish. There were many questions from the members. Thanks, Jim, for an enlightening fishing option.

AMERICAN PATRIOT RAFFLE – Ken asked Captain Carl Robinson to draw the winning ticket for the four-day Club trip on June 22nd. Carl selected the winning ticket, which member Bill McFarlane held. Ken thanked members for their support of this raffle.

Captain Carl Robinson – Club Coordinator Bruce Speck introduced long-time Club favorite Carl Robinson as our guest speaker. Carl discussed his two boats and the types of fishing he does on each. Carl shared that a significant number of the charters he runs are from our Club and how much he values this relationship. He hopes to grow it even more. Carl also shared that he has sold his restaurant and joked that he was looking for a way to get his famous Clam Chowder to the dock upon return from a fishing trip.

Until next month,
Ken