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Greetings Members

In case you haven't heard, our Club will be celebrating its 30th birthday in December. That's an incredible milestone for a social Club in The Villages. What started in December 2005 with a small group of anglers, the Club's membership has grown, and so has the number and diversity of fishing charters that the Club offers. Today, with over 500 dues-paying members and, on average, about 30 charters being offered monthly, your Club continues to attract considerable interest from the growing population of "new" Villagers.

Our volunteer team is planning a memorable evening for our birthday celebration at our December meeting. More details will be shared with you shortly, but please mark your calendar for **Monday, December 1st**, and plan to attend.

Election of Officers - IMPORTANT

If you're looking for a volunteer opportunity to make a meaningful contribution, consider running for an Officer position in our Club. Every two years, we elect a new slate of Officers. The available positions are President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. **WE ARE IN NEED OF A NEW TREASURER THIS ELECTION CYCLE.** The time demands for the Treasurer are about 15 hours per month. The club will provide training and support. If you are interested, please get in touch with Dave Easthon, our Nominating Committee Chairperson. Dave will be happy to record your interest. Elections will be held at the November meeting. Dave can be reached at (352) 661-6803 or via email at deasthon23@gmail.com. Additionally, please don't hesitate to contact me with any specific questions regarding job roles and responsibilities.



October Monthly Meeting at Everglades Recreation Center

Get ready for an incredible meeting. We are honored to have an accomplished individual with a passion for fishing, hunting, and conservation. **Captain Leiza Fitzgerald** will be our guest speaker. Amongst her many accomplishments and awards, she is an advocate for the Coastal Conservation Association (CCA) and Director of CCA's Florida STAR program - Florida's largest Catch, Photo, Release, family-friendly fishing competition. Leiza will share tons of great information and some red fish "catching tips" as well.

As usual, the doors open at 6 PM for trip sign-ups and socializing, followed by the meeting at 6:30 PM.

See you there!



Be part of a fishing trip like this! One spot (1) on the American Patriot

Due to medical necessity, **one** spot is available for the Club Private fishing trip on The American Patriot.

The trip is scheduled for **November 10-13, 2025**.

The total cost is \$2,024 (includes charter, tackle, meals, and electric reel rental)

This is a four-day deep drop trip using electric reels to fish depths of 500 to 800+ feet at Pulley Ridge in the Gulf of America on a 135-foot boat.

Your bucket list will thank you!

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

Regulations updates and activity

There is always activity with the Agencies that regulate the fishing industry in Florida. Here are the latest headlines:

Gulf recreational greater amberjack season closed September 27, 2025

NOAA Fisheries issued an Executive Order to close the recreational season for greater amberjack in state waters of the Gulf of America beginning at 12:01 a.m. on Sept. 27, consistent with the federal closure. Harvest will remain closed through Aug. 31, 2026. [CLICK HERE](#) for more info.





FWC hosting public workshops to gather input on recreational Atlantic red snapper management

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) will host a series of in-person public workshops

and one virtual webinar to gather input from stakeholders that will help shape the recreational red snapper fishery off Florida's Atlantic coast, including state management. Workshops will begin at 6:00 p.m. ET and conclude by 8:00 p.m. ET. Here are the closest seminars to The Villages if you are interested.

- **Oct. 6 – Jacksonville** at William "Bill" Gulliford Community Center, 4871 Ocean St., Jacksonville, FL 32233
- **Oct. 7 – St. Augustine** at Willie Galimore Community Center, 399 Riberia St., St. Augustine, FL 32084
- **Oct. 8 – New Smyrna Beach** at Brannon Center- River Room, 105 S. Riverside Drive, New Smyrna Beach, FL 32168

So you want to go fishing?



Well, our Club has just the answers for you!

Regardless of whether you are a new(er) member or a seasoned veteran, our Club gives you lots of opportunities every month to get out fishing. Below is a snapshot of over 25 dates you can book to get out fishing. Numerous other trips are already full, so don't delay, as the remaining trips will fill up fast. You can also visit our website for real-time updates.

CLICK HERE for the latest information.

Atlantic Ocean

Waterproof Charters – October 14 & 22

Gulf of America

Stars & Stripes – October 7, 14 & 22

Tail Walker Charters – October 6, 7, 13, 15, 20, 24, 28, & 29

Captain Louie Argiro – October 13 & 21

Captain Don Heard – October 23

Captain Tyler Reese – October 4, 5, 15, & 16

Captain Carl Robinson – October 9, 10, 13, 14, & 17

Gulfstar Endurance - November 13 & December 5 (12-hour trips)

Trips are filling fast, so don't delay to avoid waving from the shore!

Until next month - Tight Lines!!

Ken Jagodzinski

President,

The Villages Deep Sea Fishing Club

