



## Greetings Members,

If you missed our 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](#).

## OCTOBER Club Meeting (October 6, 2025)

One hundred seven (107) members were in attendance.

Our Club rolled out our new branded apparel and offered shirts for sale. There was considerable interest in these items.

Ken shared that our Club ran 10 charters in September. While he added that this is a low number, the summer heat was still impacting anglers' interest in getting out to fish. He said, "That is about to change". The Fall season is upon us, and the fish bite is strong. This was reinforced by the eight (8) Coordinators who provided updates to the Club. Their message was well-received and straightforward – if you're thinking of getting out fishing, don't delay to get a trip booked. With the return of our valued seasonal members, spots on charters will become more difficult, so act fast! **We welcomed fourteen (10) new members.**

## Highlights:

### Election of Officers is coming

Ken shared that four Officer positions are up for reelection this Fall. The Club still seeks a volunteer for the Treasurer position.

Dave Easton is heading up our Nomination Committee. Elections will be held at the November Club meeting on November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### 30<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Pete Liebig shared an update on the Club's planned 30<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration, which will take place at the December 1<sup>st</sup> monthly meeting. Pete introduced his planning committee co-members, Bill Bartosch and Ralph Brautigam, who provided an update on the event's planning.

Pete shared that the event will be "Expo-type" with tables down the center of the room and seating around the room perimeter. All of our Captains are invited to attend. There will be raffles, giveaways, and surprises. Light finger food will be provided, and members are welcome to bring their own beverages if they wish. Pete stressed the importance of all Coordinators promoting this event with their Captains. He shared that John Rohan, Director of Recreation for The Villages, will be our guest speaker. He identified tasks that require volunteers and asked for help. Lastly, he encouraged members to mark their calendars and plan to attend.

### **Guest Speaker Leiza Firtzgerald –**

Captain Leiza, Director of CCA's Florida STAR Program, brought high credentials to our Club and didn't disappoint. She is a knowledgeable angler and conservationist. She delivered a high-energy presentation full of great angling tips on bait, gear, fish catch and release, and CCA's STAR program. She shared the extensive fish restocking activity of CCA in Florida, particularly in Crystal River, as well as the deployment of artificial reefs. She also demonstrated her favorite rod and reel for catching Red Fish. In all, members were very pleased with Captain Leiza.



Until next month,  
Ken