



WHAT'S BITING

2009 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

TOURNAMENTS

General (Bilge Club)	April 25
General (Bilge Club)	May 30
Powder Puff-Capt. Meeting June 4	June 6
	(13 Backup)
General (Bilge Club)	June 20
Blue Water	June 25 thru 27
	(28 Backup)
Young Anglers (Bilge Club)	July 11
General/Kingfish (Bilge Club)	August 8
General (Bilge Club)	August 29
General (Bilge Club)	September 26
General (Bilge Club)	October 10
Inshore-Fish Fry Oct. 25	October 24

General Tournaments: Weigh In ** 5:30pm – 7:00pm
 Other additions and/or amendments could be made to the tournaments.

MEETINGS

- June 24** (Blue Water Captain's Meeting, Wednesday)
Sail Loft
- August 6** (Kingfish Captain's Meeting, Thursday)
Main Bar - Dining Room
- October 22** (Inshore Captain's Meeting, Thursday)
Sail Loft
- December 4** (Annual Meeting)
Main Bar - Dining Room

All of these meetings are open to the entire membership and a guest.

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 25th General Tournament

2009 OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Officers

President	Richard Coomer
Vice President	Mike Dodd
Treasurer	Beau Lynch
Secretary	Dave Hickey

Board Members

Wright Smith (2009)	Nick Hale (2009)
Mike Sweeney (2009)	Brent Bazemore (2009)
Robert Hale (2010)	Mike Smith (2010)
Lee Yates (2010)	Steve Fabrizio (2010)
Houstoun Demere (2011)	Larry Austin (2011)
Madison Elliott (2011)	Steve Schmelter (2011)
Chuck Stein (Past Pres.)	

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

This club currently has **213 members** and **3 honorary members**. Five invitations are pending.

Waiting list: No waiting list.

Postings: The Board has nominated **Peter Moore**, **Jeffrey Morris**, and **Jonathan Waldorf** for membership. We ask that any member that opposes this nomination to please contact a Board member before May 14th.

Elected to Membership: The Board has approved **Joey Wigley** for membership. He has been sent an invitation.

NOTICE

In order to reduce snail mailing costs, the SSFC Board is asking all members to immediately provide their email address to the SSFC Secretary (info@ssfc.org) How do you know if we have your email address? We have been sending email notices to our members for over a year now. If you aren't getting them, we don't have your current email address or you have us blocked!!

2009 MARCH SHAKEDOWN TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Offshore was blown out and so was the weigh-in crew as the wind and hail came in.

INSHORE RESULTS

Place	Angler	Place	Boat
1st	Mike Smith	1st	Fishfinder
2nd	Jimmie Cannon	2nd	Miss Carlisle
3rd	Charlie Kilpatrick	3rd	Ocean Lynah
4th	Guy Hoffman	4th	My Way

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Robert Hale and his General Tournament Committee are working on some Tournament-within-a-Tournament contests to go with our General Tournaments. Back by popular demand is the Kid’s Whiting TWT. Please see the SSFC website for the announcement and sign-in sheet. We will also have some other TWT’s which will be posted on the website and emailed soon.

Brent Bazemore and the Blue Water Tournament Committee are announcing a date change for the Blue Water Tournament. Instead of running 5/14/09 thru 5/16/09, the tournament is now planned for 6/25/09 thru 6/27/09. The Captains Meeting will be on 6/24/09 and the backup fish day will be 6/28/09. This was changed so that more boats could participate as well as avoid some other tournament conflicts.

The 2009 Handbooks are nearly ready. It takes time to get all the sponsor info for the advertisements. We will send out an announcement soon about our plan to distribute them to our members.

SSFC WEBSITE

If you haven’t looked yet, make sure that you log on to the web site www.SSFC.org. Our Web Site is kept up to date with any changes or information that you as a club member might need. You now can download club membership applications from the site. Please get us your fishing pictures so we can post them for the world to see.

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On Sunday, April 5th, many of our members ventured to the Blue Water since it was finally a decent weekend day. Most boats came back with dolphin, wahoo, and/or blackfin tuna. On the way back in, a few boats had the typical “shakedown” issues and other members stopped to help out. It was a good thing as the weather was getting really ugly towards the end of the day. Kudos go out to the Captain’s that stopped! You demonstrated a major reason this club was originally founded.

MEMBERSHIP ALERT

We have been sending out updates and notices now via email. If you have not been receiving them, then please send an email to info@ssfc.org <mailto:info@ssfc.org> and we will get you on the email list. This is just another way for us to keep in touch with our membership other than the monthly What’s Biting.

As a reminder, the Sports Fishing Club is privileged in that the Savannah Yacht Clubs allows us to host many our events on the grounds and also assists the club us in many different areas with our tournaments. For those SSFC members who are not members of the Yacht Club, please remember that while on the property, you are a guest of the Sport Fishing Club and you should remain in the area that the SSFC club is using. If you go to another area, you need to be accompanied by a member of the Savannah Yacht Club as their guest.

Good Fishing,

Dave Hickey

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