



WHAT'S BITING

2008 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

TOURNAMENTS

General/Shakedown (Fish Fry April 13)	April 12
Bluewater Captain's Meeting May 15	May 15-17
General	May 31
Powder Puff Captain's Meeting June 5	June 7, 7/14
General	June 28
Young Anglers	July 12
General	July 26
Kingfish/General	August 9
General	September 6
General	October 4
Inshore Fish Fry Oct. 26	October 25

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

MEETINGS

May 14 (Blue Water Captain's Meeting)
Savannah Yacht Club

August 7 (Thursday)
Savannah Yacht Club

October 23 (Inshore Captains Meeting Thursday)
Savannah Yacht Club

December 12 (Annual Meeting)
Savannah Yacht Club

All of these meeting are open to the entire membership and their guest.

2008 OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Officers

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

Board Members

Carter Mobley (2008)	Barry Bazemore (2008)
Ryan Martin (2008)	Steve Miller (2008)
Wright Smith (2009)	Nick Hale (2009)
Mike Sweeney (2009)	Brent Bazemore (2009)
Robert Hale (2010)	Mike Smith (2010)
Lee Yates (2010)	Chuck Stein (Past Pres.)
Steve Fabrizo (2010)	

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

There are presently 219 club members.

The following individual(s) have been invited to membership: **Thomas Fiorentino, Randy Cornwell, Ben King, Robert Benson, Juha Jaukkola, and Chris Gall**

The following individual(s) have been placed on the waiting list: **Eric Gladden and Tim Hale**

Waiting list: Currently 4 people are on the waiting list

UPCOMING EVENTS

Shakedown General Tournament

April 11th, 2008 6:00 PM Captain's Meeting at the Savannah Yacht Club Bilge Club

April 12th, 2008 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM Weigh-In Savannah Yacht Club Bilge Club

April 13th, 2008 1:00 PM Cajun Country Boil at Captain Butler's

Blue water Tournament

May 14-18 Savannah Yacht Club

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

If you have a prospective member and need an application, please contact Dave Hickey at 912-484-3061. Applications are also available on the www.SSFC.org website.

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.

WHAT'S BITING

There are Black fin Tuna on the ledge and they are biting, however, it seems they only bite ahead of strong wind! Several have been caught over the past few weeks. The largest was only around 30 lbs. Also, a few dolphin and Wahoo have been landed.

MEMBERSHIP ALERT

Gray's Reef NMS Research Area Scoping until April 21, 2008.

The public comment period on the proposal to establish a research area within Gray's Reef National Marine Sanctuary is open and will remain open until April 21. THE SSFC STRONGLY URGES OUR MEMBERSHIP TO STAY INFORMED AND OFFER COMMENTS.

The concept of a research area was first introduced in 1999 as part of the early stages of the Management Plan review process. If established, a research area would be a smaller area within the existing boundaries of the sanctuary. The size and shape of a research area will be determined through a public process where all constituents of the sanctuary are encouraged to participate and offer their views. However, an overriding sanctuary goal is that the research area be created in such a way as to best replicate habitats of the entire sanctuary in a smaller area to make sure that it is representative of the sanctuary as a whole.

Full details about the research area proposal and the on-going public process can be found on the Sanctuary's website at <http://graysreef.noaa.gov/researcharea.html> and <http://graysreef.noaa.gov/rascoping.html>.

During this time NOAA wants to hear from all constituents through email, fax, standard mail, or in public meetings. Feel free to contact Stewardship Coordinator Becky Shortland with any questions (912-598-2381; becky.shortland@noaa.gov).

Sea Tow Special Offer

For any members of the SSFC Seatow is offering to donate \$20.00 to the SSFC for any member who signs up for membership. For more Information, contact Brent Bazemore @ 912-656-5507.

New Rules for General Tournaments

- Effective immediately the SSFC General Tournaments will no longer award points for billfish.

The SSFC will begin a Tarpon Registry for members submitted catches.

Good Fishing,

Brent Bazemore

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