



Fishing Post

Atlanta Salt Water Sportsman's Club

November 2007 Issue

2007 Was a Fun-Packed Year

For the most part, Mother Nature was good to our club this year, enabling us to have some really great tournaments and events. In addition to the annual Sailfish Classic at West Palm Beach, tournaments were held at Apalachicola, FL Keys, Orange Beach, Destin, and Pensacola. If you weren't able to join in the fun in 2007, we look forward to fishing with you in 2008.

Just a few photo memories from 2007:

West Palm Beach



Apalachicola



Florida Keys



Orange Beach



Destin



Pensacola



News Bites



Goodbye to A Good Friend

While this has been a great year in so many ways, it also brought immeasurable sadness. This year, long-time member Robert "Bob" Lynn passed away, leaving a void that will never be filled. Bob was an extremely positive presence within the club and the sportfishing community. His legacy of sportsmanship, conservation, and companionship will remain an inspiration for all of us.



In his honor, the club established the Bob Lynn Junior Angler Award and the Robert L. Lynn Award.

New Circle Hook Regulation

Effective January 1, 2008, all participants in billfish tournaments on the East Coast, the Gulf of Mexico and U.S. territories in the Caribbean will be required to use a non-offset circle hook when fishing with natural or natural/artificial bait combinations. This means that circle hooks will be required for the upcoming West Palm Beach tournament (when using live/natural baits or natural/artificial combination baits).

Snapper Season Shortened

It looks as if the Snapper Season will be shortened in 2008 to June 1st thru September 30th. That means the annual Apalachicola tournament in April would fall outside of snapper season; the Tournament Committee is currently considering whether or not to change the dates for this tournament.

Annual Christmas Party - Dec 8th

The 2008 Christmas Party looks like it's going to be a good one. Lots of fun, prizes, dancing, & merriment. The 2008 Committee members will also be introduced at this party. The fun will start at 7pm at Winfield Hall on Saturday December 8th. For more information, see the enclosed Reminders page.

Speak Up

As anglers, it is not enough any more for us just to have good intentions; we need to speak up and take action in order to save our sport. Recreational sportfishing faces ever-increasing threats from many sectors. Oil companies and other big business interests cause irreparable environmental damage in the name of profits. Marine governing agencies impose more and more restrictive catch limits for recreational anglers, while allowing commercial concerns to decimate fish populations. Unless we stand together (as the commercial interests do), we will continue to get the short -and *sharp*- end of the stick. Support one or more of the organizations dedicated to protecting our marine resources. Write your congressional representatives. Do whatever it takes to make your voice heard.

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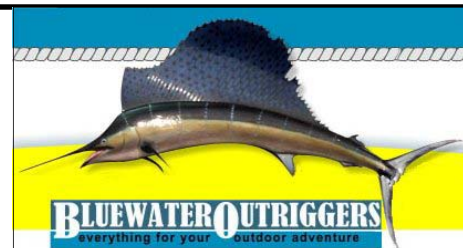


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Upcoming Events, Reminders and Deadlines

CHRISTMAS PARTY: Saturday, December 8th

Winfield Hall — 7PM

Fun • Dancing • Prizes - Don't Miss It!

\$69 Room Rates available at the nearby Country Inn and Suites

Call 678-405-2900 for reservations

Mention code "ASWSC" to get the \$69 club rate

2008 MEMBERSHIP DUES

Time to renew your membership - or become a New Member!
Complete the enclosed Membership Application and return with
payment to the P.O. Box or bring to the Christmas Party.
(go to **Membership Info page to download application)**

NEXT TOURNAMENT: Annual Sailfish Classic

West Palm Beach ♦ January 9th - 12th, 2008

(Captain's Meeting 1/9; Fish 1/10 - 12; Awards Dinner 1/12)

Got a good fish story? Or a cool photo?

Send it along and maybe we'll include it in an upcoming newsletter.

Email to: ASWSC@nmsmail.com

ARE YOU IN THE LOOP? *If you are not getting emails from the club, please send an email message to Lenny Pisarski at skidoable@juno.com. He will add your address to the list so that you can receive all of the latest tournament updates and club information.*

For latest club information check out www.aswsc.org