



"God wants to use you to make other people happy! And the happier you make others, the happier you will be because you reap what you sow." ~ Joyce Meyer

Fish Tales and Marina Life

Scalloping Laws & Limits

Mother Nature has yet to decide what type of weather she will bring in for May. Within the first week, it has been hot and muggy, windy, and chilly. With the uncertain weather, the fish seem somewhat confused, but the bite remains to be expected. Live or cut bait are working great but don't forget to buy extra for the pin fish. If you choose to fish with artificial, the baits with colors of whites and pinks such as Salt Water Assassins Snow Storm, Pink Ghost, or Stinky Pink are working great. As the months and water begins to warm up, the colors will include greens such as Green Moon.

For those of you that are anxiously awaiting the beginning of scallop season, scallops have begun to appear in the shallow waters within the grass beds and the edges of sand holes along the Flats. Please be aware of the laws and limits. A few of the new laws and limits and recommendations are below:

- Scallop season runs from June 15th through Labor Day. Bag limits for June 15-30 is 1 gallon whole or 1 cup shucked per person or 5 gallons or 2 pints shucked per vessel. July 1st through Labor Day limits remain 2 gallons whole or 1 pint shucked per person, vessel limit is 10 gallons, or 4 pints shucked. Vessel limit is the limit per boat regardless of the number of people on board.
- The Diver Down flag must be flown



Captain Tony Jackson with a MONSTER redfish!

anytime you have a swimmer in the water. The flag should be 20x24 inches and flown from the highest point of the vessel and visible 360 degrees. A personal buoy is 12x12 inches and must have a wire or other device holding it straight out. If a flag is displayed, others must observe a 300-foot safety radius in open water and 100 feet in rivers or inlets. When you are moving or no longer have swimmers in the water, the flag must come down.

- Kill Switch lanyards must be attached to the body of the driver if the combustion engine is running. If you need a replacement, Lifeguard Lanyards has very comfortable cuffs that can be worn on the wrist or ankle.
- Masks and snorkels are needed to see underwater; fins or water shoes are recommended as there are sharp objects buried in the grass and sand. A proper face mask fit will make or break your day. For a proper fit hold the mask to your dry face and breath in, if you can move your head without it falling off or moving you have a secure fit.
- Know your boat, equipment, and surroundings. The flats can be great and fun but can also be very costly when hitting sandbars or rocks. If you are unsure of the area, hiring a guide would be the recommended way to safely scallop or fish.
- Above all, please be courteous to other boaters and respect the nature of the flats.

The Dockside Grill is open on the back porch of the marina. Come enjoy a cold drink, great food, and fishing stories.

Captain Tony Jackson
TJ's Charters
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Sonja and Greg had a great day fishing with Captain Mike Baker



Erin was checking out our super friendly manatee



Paul, Josh and Jake fished with Captain Donald Campbell



The crew from Monroe, LA (working at mill in Perry) had a great adventure paddling on the Steinhatchee river.



Erin, Nicole, Serenity and Rayonna
It was a wonderful Mother's Day gift of time with my favorite girls. We saw an alligator and a large wolf spider jumped on my leg. And Nicole wants to add that "we did not die!" Kayaked from the falls back to the marina.



Fishing with Captain Donald Campbell is always fun!



Tammy, Savannah and Austin did a half day



Our friendly manatee kept us entertained

fishing charter with Captain Buddy
Moorman for Mothers Day



The Greens, fishing with
Captain Mike Farmer



Miss Karen with an oversized Red pic took
and released fishing with
Captain Steve Kroll

for quite a while



Karen and Duane with a couple good reds
for supper, fishing with Captain Steve Kroll



Captain Mike Farmer took this incredible
photo last month, when the weather was
"acting out!"



Shout out to Danielle from Sea Hag helping us keep our people safe. Lots of folks and pets cross Riverside Drive all the way from Roy's to Fiddler's - let's slow down and be careful. We are a community in unity!



Tammy and Clay met Karen Reddish at our local American Legion and enjoyed an airboat ride, sightseeing Steinhatchee.

Dockside Bar & Grille



Abbie gave our new Belgian waffle a "taste test" while Hunter preferred to stick with the traditional breakfast sandwich.



The debut of Belgian waffles Dockside was a big hit!



Kathy and Lori enjoyed their "MOMosas"



Tammy and Son, Clay, celebrating 30th birthday and Mother's Day together

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WHERE: Sea Hag Marina; Steinhatchee, Florida

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO MAKE A DONATION CONTACT:
Ron Cadle at 386/364-9589 OR www.hookedonheroes.com

- *Mandatory Captain's Meeting Friday, May 21 at 6:00p-Sea Hag Marina
- *Weigh-in 2:00p-3:00p May 22, 2021 at Sea Hag Marina-must be in line at 3:00p
- *Catches must be brought by boat to the Sea Hag Dock

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT:

- Good Times Marina, Steinhatchee River Inn and Marina, Steinhatchee River Club, Sea Hag Marina,
- Steinhatchee Bait & Tackle, Wilson's Bait and Tackle

HEAVIEST RED FISH	HEAVIEST TROUT	KIDS 12 AND UNDER
1ST PLACE: \$1,000	1ST PLACE: \$1,000	HEAVIEST FISH (CANNOT BE A RED-FISH, TROUT, SHARK OR STINGRAY)
2ND PLACE: \$500	2ND PLACE: \$500	1st PLACE: Reel and Rod
3RD PLACE: \$200	3RD PLACE: \$200	

CAPTAINS MEETING:

WHERE: SEA HAG
WHEN: FRIDAY, 6:00P, May 21, 2021

OVER \$3,000 IN PRIZES

100% of Proceeds will be used to take Veterans Fishing.



LOTS OF RAFFLE PRIZES
TOMMY KNOCKERS FOOD TRUCK WILL BE ONSITE



Treat Mom to a refreshing Mimosa on Mother's Day! Docksides Bar & Grille will be open 7 - 11 a.m. on Sunday!

T-Shirt Winner!

The winner of our Mother's photo contest is MORGAN JOHNSON! Congratulations! Morgan submitted the photo below and was randomly drawn as the winner. Submissions were numbered as they came in and then we called into the office and Leslie picked a number! When we notified Morgan as the winner, she said "give the t-shirt to my Mom." Such a sweet daughter!



"My Mom has taught me so much about life. Important things. Like how to catch fish and look good doing it. Molye Rogers Henley, you are my rudder and anchor. I love you beyond the seas and the stars, forever.

~ Submitted by Morgan Johnson

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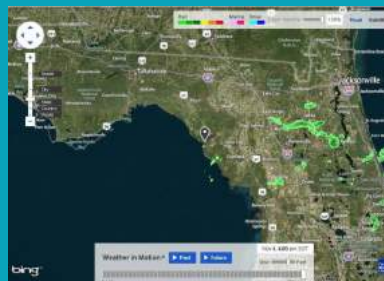
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Thank you for reading. See you soon in the Hatch!

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