



### Thanksgiving vs. Giving Thanks

What an amazing time of the year it is! College Football is in full swing, the weather and leaves are changing, the water temperature is dropping, and most of all fishing is "on fire". But more importantly, it is time to give thanks for all that God has given us. Too many people are worrying about their menu items for their Thanksgiving feast, others are worrying about travel plans, and some are so anxious to be the first one to the store on Black Friday. But for me, it is a time to slow down and Give Thanks. Being a husband, father, grandfather (pop), charter captain, school teacher, and a baseball coach, is a full time job. Sometimes I get so busy that I lose focus on the big picture, and get my priorities misaligned. Keeping Faith, Family, and Friends in alignment can sometimes be challenging. And when they get out of alignment, God will always send me a message and remind me that I am screwing up and need to get back on track. I give thanks to God and my beautiful wife to help me keep grounded. The fishing report for this week is Wind, Windier, and OMG the Wind!! These are challenging times for us Charter Captains. We are hired to produce fish, but sometimes we forget as captains we are hired to take people fishing. It is called fishing not catching. I have learned a few things in my career as a Charter Captain. First of all, we are in the entertainment business. Meaning it is our job to make sure our customers have a good experience. Sometimes as captains we get so focused on getting a limit of fish for the customers that the customers are not actually having a good time. Or maybe that was not their intention at all when they hired us. Many times I have had trips and came up short on a limit of fish and yet the customers say it was the best day of their lives on the water. We as captains need to listen to our customers more and just not expect that they are there for a limit of fish. Maybe I am speaking for myself but time and time again I have had happy customers without their limit of fish. With 15-25 mph winds out of the NE and negative tides throughout the day, be prepared to ditch fish if all possible. This means, when the water levels get below normal tide depth, the flats become bare. Most of all of the fish find deep ditches or holes until water has started to come back in and cover back over the flats. If you can find these deep holes during negative tide the fish will be there. A simple soft plastic on a 1/8 jig head will do the trick. But be careful and don't always rely on tide charts, winds will make the tide charts lie. Hope to see you on the water, FISH ON!!

Happy Thanksgiving and remember to always Give Thanks!!

Captain Rick Julius of Captain "J" Charter's  
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Captain Rick Julius is **Captain J Charters (352) 745-0968**, our newsletter writer this week. Thank you, awesome job.



Birthday Bonnie and Mike Baker Charters  
What did you do for your birthday? Let's fish!





John Reynolds and the Moores Family found a few Hogs!



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When you hire a Charter Captain you have a professional who has all the safety equipment, responsibility and know how to make sure everyone gets back to the docks safely. You get to relax and enjoy





What a great way to get your company, vendors and customers together. This crowd had a great time fishing with **Captain Mike Baker Charters (352)433-6301** assisted by Captain J Charters and Florida Flats and Bay Charters.





Captain Julius with Captain J Charters is skillfully filleting his Charter's catch of the day. They will have some wonderful fish to bring home to enjoy.





Tommy, Jeremy and Stew -  
happy guys headed out on the town after fishing  
with Mike Baker Charters



PDI group from Atlanta were a million laughs, Good Times!  
Captain Mike Baker Charters with  
Captain Rick Julius and Captain Alan Mattox









Captain Mike Baker Charters found himself an Angel - really!



These Pelicans are like football players when some scraps are tossed their way.





# Santa's COMING!

**DECEMBER 16, 2023**

**4:00-7:00 PM**

Santa invites you to come eat, browse through the Festival of Trees (inside the Community Center) and take a photo with him! Santa is a crafty old fellow... he has a surprise seat this year. You'll have to keep a look out for him, and follow the reindeer tracks to see where he goes!

Steinhatchee Marina at Deadman's Bay is providing yummy chili and drinks, the American Legion is cooking up hot dogs! Bring an appetitel

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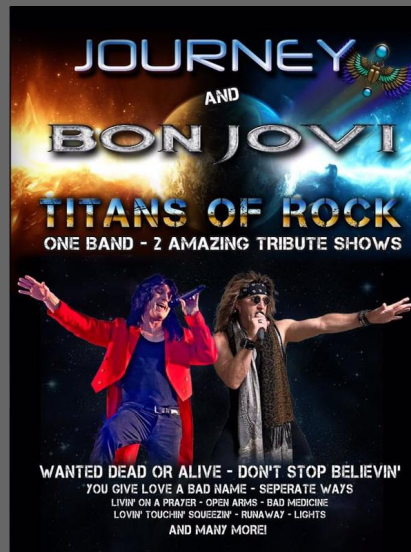
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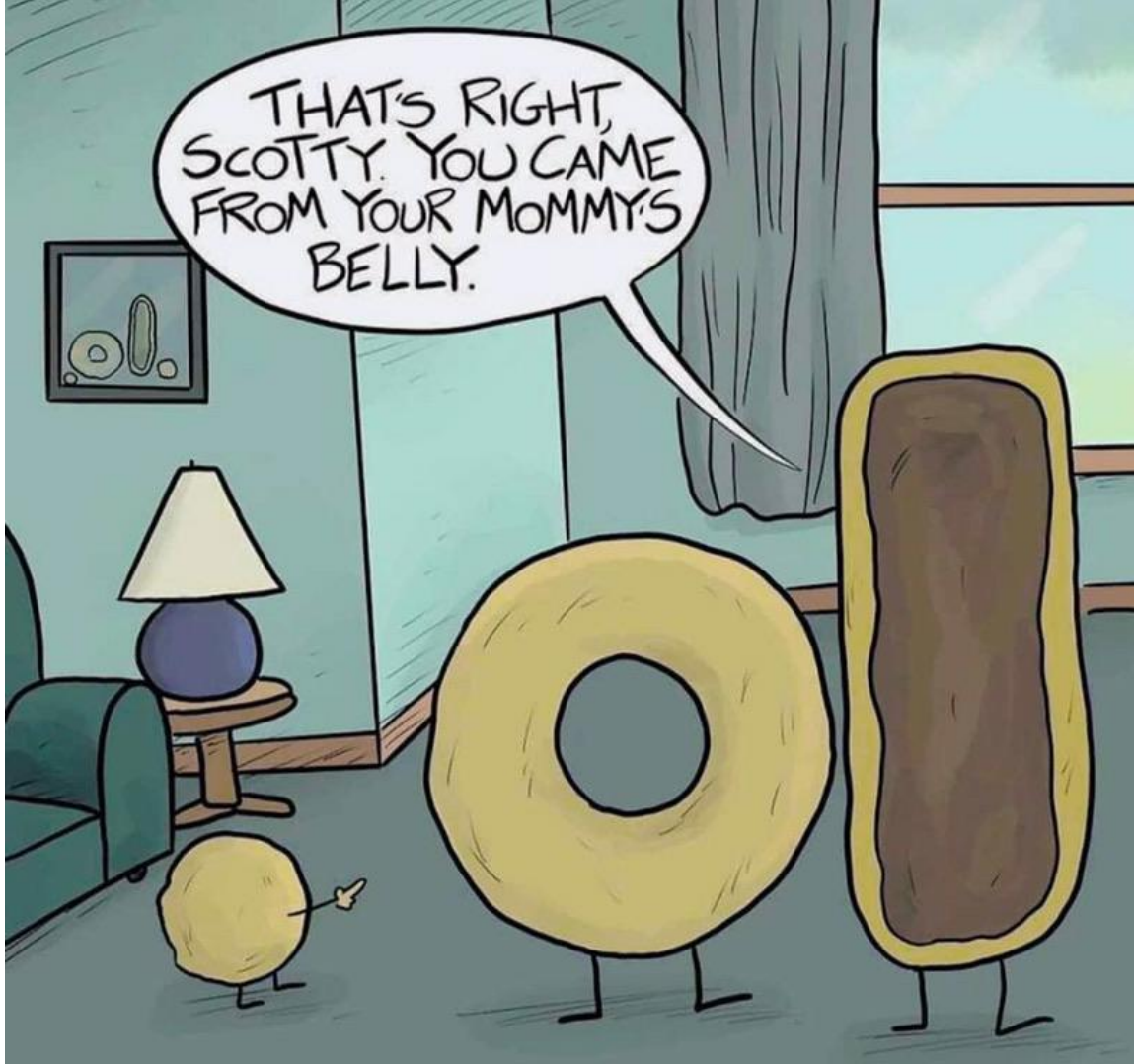
# ANHINGA VS CORMORANT

## DIFFERENCES, SIMILARITIES & FEATURES

One of the most noticeable differences is the shape of their bills. Aningas have long, pointed bills that are ideal for spearing fish underwater, while cormorants have hooked beaks that help them to grasp and hold onto slippery prey.

Another difference between these birds is their size. Cormorants tend to be slightly larger than aningas, with wingspans of up to six feet in some cases. They also have longer necks and tails than aningas do, which gives them a more streamlined appearance when swimming through water. See if you can tell the difference next time you are relaxing by the Steinhatchee River, they are both amazing creatures.





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## Captain Rick Julius

### Captain J's Charters

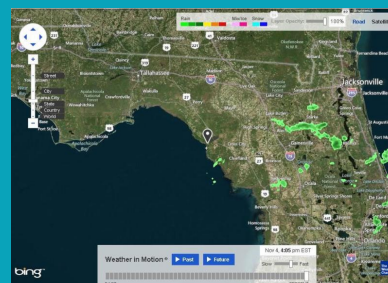
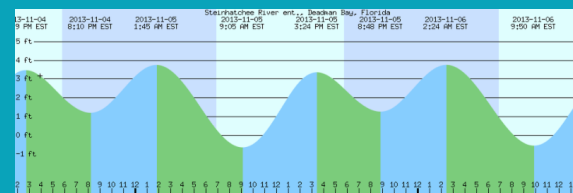
USCG licensed, Captain Rick Julius charts fishing and scalloping the flats of Steinhatchee, also available for unbelievable Sunset Tours.

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God Bless.



Wishing you and your family a very Happy Thanksgiving!

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