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# LHPSSA NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2023 ISSUE

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

JOHN PIOTROWSKI

Dear Members,

Its almost March Madness! It will be this year for the LHPSSA. We are planning our February Dinner Event for March 1<sup>st</sup> and we will host our March meeting on March 29<sup>th</sup>. Our March 1<sup>st</sup> dinner event will the much anticipated rigging and demonstration event. We will have dinner and our meeting at Galuppi's in Pompano. We will have a fantastic dinner and rigging seminar prepared. We are planning on starting a little early for this meeting to ensure we have lots of time to check out all the tables. Don't miss this dinner!

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This meeting will also be our Annual Board Member Nominations. If you would like to get involved with the board or to help on a committee please let us know. We need help with scheduling and preparing meetings, social events, tournaments, communications, social media and more. Please let me know what interests you and where you would like to see us improve. [Johnp579@hotmail.com](mailto:Johnp579@hotmail.com).

We had a wonderful turnout for our January meeting and we had well over 15 guests / interested new members. We inducted 9 new members in the last board meeting which included our first three female anglers! We are so excited for all of the new members. Please join me in welcoming them!

This month one of our new members caught a fish of a lifetime while fishing for swordfish. Ruy Rodriguez was fishing with his dad and Capt. Michael Dumas when the monster took the bait. Ruy successfully and legally landed a 585 bluefin tuna. There was a story written in the Pelican and I also wrote about this fishing adventure in the Lighthouse Point Magazine that will be published in March. I encourage you to find Ruy and ask him about the story.

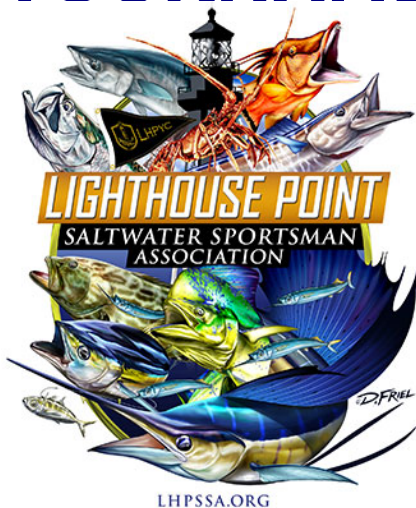
Its sailfish tournament season and soo many members are participating in all the various tournaments. The biggest of which will be the Jimmy Johnson Quest for the Ring which will be held the second week in March. Best of luck to all the anglers.

Please remember to invite new potential

members to come to our next meeting. It will be a great one.

Sincerely,  
John

## TOURNAMENT REPORT



### TOURNAMENT CORNER:

South Florida fishing has kicked into high gear with a solid Sailfish Bite all the way from the Keys up to Jupiter. Sailfish are migrating south as the waters cool up north. The cold fronts that push south into Florida generate strong north winds which help push the migration to our local areas. Many of our club members have been "IN THE BITE" this month. The most popular technique for catching sailfish is flying kites with live baits such as Goggle Eyes, Threadfin Herring, Sardines and Pilchards. These fish travel in packs and where there is one fish, there are usually many others. This allows for multiple hookups at the same time. Having a spinning rod rigged with a 6/0 circle hook proves handy once that 1<sup>st</sup> fish hits. Take a live bait and bridle it through the nose and pitch it in the area of the bite. The aerial acrobatics are unbelievable and quite the site to see. Trae

The current conditions are unfavorable and gave the bite to our Trae West, Charlie Greenberg, Michael Kuehl and New York guest, Ray went 3 for 4 just north of Boca Inlet between 60-135ft of water. There were many schools of flying fish leading them to believe sailfish were on the hunt.

We are at the beginning of the Tuna migration as well. Club Member Ruy Rodriguez and crew hauled in a MASSIVE 581lb Bluefin Tuna while they were daytime sword fishing. They were using electric reels, heavy leads and a rigged sword bait in deep water. Once in a lifetime catch right here in our South Florida waters. It just proves that you never know what you are going to catch in the ocean. Great job and what an outstanding catch!!

Make sure you log your catches on [Fishangler.com](http://Fishangler.com) as the annual tournament is over March 31<sup>st</sup>. All catches MUST be REPORTED by March 31<sup>st</sup>. Any catches reported after that date will not qualify for the annual tournament.

Best Regards,

Trae West

#### TOURNAMENT RESULTS FROM MAG BAY:

Billfish releases -

##### **Week 1**

Team West, Jones, London, Pedersen, Furia – 10 (pretty sure it was 11)

Team Seigel, Greenberg, Greenberg, Lynch – 10

Team Wye Cubed – 9

##### **Week 2**

Team Aberfeldy (Stewart, Hirsch, Lodejwic, Buxton) – 9

Team Cornwall, Leach, Tenberg, Jones - 8

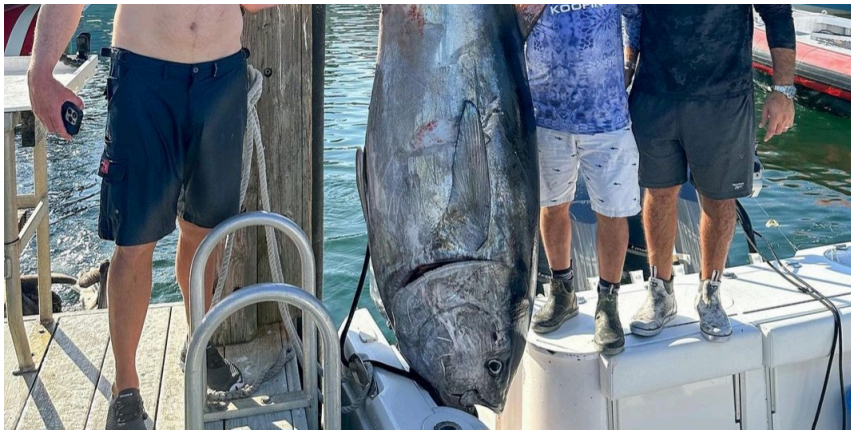
Team STDD (Donato, Heller, Maurer, Roof) – 6



Be sure to get in on the 2023 trips - see dates and openings below.

Ruy Rodriguez and crews' giant bluefin tuna





Trae West, Charlie Greenberg et al with a nice sailfish release



Skip Dana, Joey and Danny Accardi, Tom Jones and Mark Repetski had a great day christening the new Sir' Reel tender with 6 sailfish releases in Palm Beach.







**LHPSSA Fishing Leaderboard as of 2/13/2023  
(Apr 1, 2022 - March 31, 2023)**

**Offshore**

<b>Dolphin</b>	<b>Wahoo</b>	<b>Kingfish</b>	<b>Blackfin Tuna</b>	<b>Swordfish</b>	<b>Cobia</b>
Dave Maurer 38 lbs.		Michael Zislin 48.5 Lbs.	Randy Strauss 33lbs.		Davis Stewart 24.5lbs.
Mark Repetski 34.5 lbs.			Tom Wye 24 Lbs.		
Steven Siegel 28 lbs.					

**Inshore**

<b>Snook</b>	<b>Tarpon</b>	<b>Bonefish</b>	<b>Permit</b>	<b>Redfish (over 26 inches)</b>
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Maurice Jemison 42  
inches

Carl Treyz 40 inches

Mike Price 8lbs 2.5ft

## **Tournaments Results 2022/2023:**

### **Blackfin Tournament 4/14/2022:**

1. Meat Wagon – Jones, West, Azeem, Randy Strauss, Sean Donato, Steve Lewis
  - a. 20.5, 20.5, 33lbs Blackfins
2. Makin Time – Steve Fishman, Skip Dana, and 4 or 5 others
  - a. 16.5lbs, 19.5 lbs
3. Overboard – Savona, Carl Treyz, Dave Maurer, Charlie Berkley, Allen Furia plus 3 of Savona's professional fish killers
  - a. 27.5lbs Blackfin
4. FishAngler – Tom Wye, Tom Heller, Pete Prior and 3 or 4 others
  - a. 24lbs Blackfin with a 9.5lbs Backfin head!
5. Relentless – Siegel (x2), Repetski, Walls, Price, Stewart, Dudziak, Lynch
  - a. 24.5 Cobia

### **Dolphin HAT Tournament Results 6/18/22**

1. Relentless – Steve Siegel, Mike Lynch, Dave Stewart
2. Triple Play – Mark Repetski, Greg McLaughlin, Mike Price
3. Overboard – Jon Savona, John Piotrowski, Tony Azeem, Owen Gall
4. Twisted – Charlie Berkley, Don Euston, Pete Prior

### **Chokoloskee tournament October 22, 2022**

1. **Frank Schmidt, Dennis Brammer, Ray Little 7 Snook, 1 Redfish, 7 Sea trout**

2. **Owen and Keith 5 Redfish, 5 sea trout**
3. **Don Huston**

## **Mag Bay Trip Tournament Results Nov 2022**

### **Week 1**

1. Team West, Jones, London, Pedersen, Furia – 10 (pretty sure it was 11)
2. Team Seigel, Greenberg, Greenberg, Lynch – 10
3. Team Wye Cubed – 9

### **Week 2**

1. Team Aberfeldy (Stewart, Hirsch, Lodejwic, Buxton) – 9
2. Team Cornwall, Leach, Tenberg, Jones - 8
3. Team STDD (Donato, Heller, Maurer, Roof) – 6

### **Most Sailfish Catches Per Day**

- 3 sailfish on 12/4 on Siegel's boat with anglers Siegel, Repetski, Bryant, Donato, Azeem and Dudziak

### **Most Outstanding Catch Nominations**

## **2022-2023 LHPSSA CLUB ANNUAL AWARDS Rules**

### **Goal:**

To create a fun and challenging competition that is fair and equitable for all our club members. We want to encourage the highest participation amongst active club members.

**Prizes:**

This year (2022-2023), in addition to the year-end club trophies, the crowned "**Club Champion**" will received a free LHPSSA membership for the 2023-2024 year, a \$550 value!

**Time Period: Apr 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 / March 31, 2023**

**Annual Tournament Champion (Major Award – Trophy) –**

Qualifications will remain the same. Most points acquired through the entirety of the annual hat & money tournaments.

Points: 3 for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2 for 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1 for 3<sup>rd</sup>. Most points acquired annually by individual.

**Most notable/ outstanding catch award (Major – Trophy)**

–Notable catches will be documented by pictures submitted to the board. (In person or online) Board will vote at tournament year conclusion. Notable catches can be caught anywhere in the world and can be any fish species. Points will count toward Club Championship (3 for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2 for 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1 for 3<sup>rd</sup>). **If you catch something notable/outstanding you must tell me that you want to nominate it for this category and send me a picture.**

**Club Sanctioned Travel & International Trip Tournaments -**

Tournament Rules will differ by tournament. Each club sanctioned away trip will be its own tournament. Some of these tournaments will have individual winner(s); some will be by boat. In order for the Club to sanction a travel/international tournament, there must be at least 3 boats if it will be a boat tournament or 6 LHPSSA anglers if an individual tournament. Points will count toward Club Championship (3 for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2 for 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1 for 3<sup>rd</sup>).

**Most sailfish releases in a day –** Fish must be caught on day trip out of local inlets Fort Pierce to Key West and not on a Charter.

Points will count toward Club Championship (3 for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2 for 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1 for 3<sup>rd</sup>).

Points given to LHPSSA anglers on board. Points will count toward Club Championship and Florida Championship (3 for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2 for 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1 for 3<sup>rd</sup>).

**Most Fishing Spots shared** with club members by logging each spot as "Fishing Spot" posts on the private "LHPSSA Fishing Intel" group on the FishAngler mobile app. Points will count toward Club Championship (3 for 1<sup>st</sup> (most), 2 for 2<sup>st</sup>, 1 for 3<sup>rd</sup>).

**Offshore targeted species champion:** Awards given to the angler who catch the largest Blackfin Tuna, Swordfish, Dolphin, Wahoo, Cobia and Kingfish. Fish must be caught on day trip out of local inlets of Fort Pierce to Key West. For Swordfish - girth and length measurement calculated weight will count if weight by scale is not possible.

The 1st place angler for each species will be crowned the champion for their respective species for the year and they will earn 3 pts. Second Place and Third Place anglers or captains will gain 2 or 1 point respectively. Points will count toward Club Championship and Florida Championship (3 for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2 for 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1 for 3<sup>rd</sup>).

**Florida Inshore targeted species champion:** Awards given to the anglers who catch the highest number of any of the following individual species in a day: Snook, Redfish, Tarpon, Bonefish or Permit in a day of fishing. Try to document your catch by picture if possible. These species can be targeted on any day trip in Florida waters.

3 Points will be awarded to each winning angler. The 1st place angler for each species will be crowned the champion for their respective species for the year. Second Place and Third Place anglers will gain 2 points or 1 point respectively. Points will count toward Club Championship and Florida Championship.

### **Permanent Trophies:**

Club Champion – **(Major)** Points will be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place for the annual tournament champion winners (3x) or **triple**

**credit**, each club sanctioned travel trip (1x), the most sailfish releases (1x) and for each of the offshore and inshore targeted species and for most notable catch (1x) in order to determine the club champion. Name on Permanent Trophy, Individual Trophy award.

Florida Champion – **(Major)** Member with the most points acquired from the Targeted offshore and Florida Inshore awards. – Name on Permanent Trophy, Individual Trophy award.

International Champion – **(Major)** The person with the most points from the Club sanctioned travel and international trips. – Name on Permanent Trophy, Individual Trophy award

**We will not award the Club Championship and Florida Championship to the same person. If the same person is in first in both categories, then the next person with the most combined Club Champion and Florida Champion points will be the Florida Champion.**

### **Fishing Reports!**

Must be submitted to the “LHPSSA Fishing Reports & Intel” group on the FREE FishAngler mobile app that can be downloaded from the Apple & Google Play store. Post as a “Catch” with the following information filled out.

- Catch Date: required
- Catch Location: required
- Fish Species: required
- Weight: required for off shore catches
- Length: optional for all inshore catches
- Bait used: optional

**How to submit a “LHPSSA Fishing Report”!**



A fishing report must be submitted to the "LHPSSA Fishing Reports & Intel" group on the FREE FishAngler mobile app. Download from the Apple & Google Play store. Post a "Log a Catch" with the following information filled out.

- Catch Date: Required
- Catch Location: Required
- Fish Species: Required
- Weight: Required for offshore species
- Length: Required for inshore species
- Bait used: optional
- Water depth: optional

### **Step 1) - How to download the FREE FishAngler mobile app**

1. Download the "FishAngler" mobile app from the Apple or Google app stores onto your mobile smart phone!
  - a. Use keyword "FishAngler" as the store search keyword to find the FishAngler app
2. On Google play store <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.fishangler.fishangler>
3. On Apple store <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/fishangler-fishing-app/id1073941118>
4. Download and open the app and register as a user
  - a. Check your email for an account confirmation email and click on the verification link
  - b. If you can't find the account confirmation email check your SPAM box.

### **Step 2) - Join the "LHPSSA Fishing Reports & Intel" group**

2. Once the App is downloaded & your registered
  - a. Open the FishAngler mobile app
  - b. Tap "More" icon on the bottom right navigation menu
  - c. Tap on the "Groups" entry on the "More" menu
  - d. On the top menu under the search box enter keyword

“LHPSSA” and tap on “REQUEST”

- i. Select “LHPSSA Fishing Reports & Intel” group
  1. Tap on the “REQUEST/JOIN” button on right side
  2. This will send a membership request to the group administrators to approve you joining the PRIVATE LHPSSA group
- e. Once “accepted” into the LHPSSA group you will receive a push notification which you can then tap on. The tap will take you into the app to the LHPSSA group profile page.
- f. Notice the different info tabs “About, Feed, Catches, Fishing Spots, Photos”
- g. Once you are in the group, as other members post catches/reports you will automatically see their posts under the main “Following News Feed”

### **Step 3) - How to post a LHPSSA Fishing Report**

1. Open the FishAngler mobile app & login
2. Tap on “+” icon on the bottom of screen
3. Tap on “Log a catch” and fill in the following fields
  - a. Select one or more fish photos of catch or next (no photo)
  - b. Tap on Catch Date & Time – required then tap “Next” top right
  - c. Tap Catch Position – use map to mark spot if not automatically updated
  - d. Tap on Fish Species – required then tap “Next” top right
  - e. Tap on Catch Weight – required for Offshore species
  - f. Tap on Catch Length – required for Inshore species
  - g. Tap on Gear used – optional then tap “Next” top right
  - h. Add a catch description – required then tap “Next”
  - i. Post Setting Privacy menu -
    - i. Select the “LHPSSA Fishing Reports & Intel” group
    - ii. If you want to only to let LHPSSA members see the post change “Share Post with FishAngler community” to “NO”
  - j. Tap on “done” at top right of menu!
  - k. You’re done, the report will show up to all members on

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## DIVE REPORT



Local and Bahamas diving continues to be very productive. Most divers locally are still getting their lobster limits and some fish, and big hogfish are plentiful over in the Bahamas. Diving locally over the weekend, Carl Treyz and I got our limit of 30 lobsters, 2 dog snappers and a big yellow jack and missed a shot on a 25 lb cubera snapper. We also saw half a dozen legal black groupers, so it should be exciting when the season re-opens in a couple of months.

We now have a bunch of new members who are divers. In order to help members get information and find people to dive with, I am trying to put together a list of our club scuba divers and free divers. If you would like to be on either or both lists please text (954.594.4514) or email ([ssiegel@fisherphillips.com](mailto:ssiegel@fisherphillips.com)). Please also include if you would like to be contacted by club members who are looking for people to dive with locally. And if you are not a diver but would like to drive the boat or tag along when divers are going, please also let me know. Once I get that put together, I will distribute it to all of our club members.

Steven A. Siegel



## MEMBERSHIP

January and February were very big months for the club in a few ways. In January, we had one of the largest groups of potential members attend our monthly meeting. From the 15 that attended, we were able to get 9 of them to the February board meeting for interviews. All 9 were approved by the board and they excited to join the club. While it was impressive to add 9 new members, the most exciting part is that 3 of them are women. This is an tremendous milestone for the club.

Please join me in welcoming our new members...

- **Bill Bayne** – LHP resident, has 3 grown children, works in Telecom, owns a 37' Grady White
- **Jackie Solins** – LHP resident, a yacht broker for My Yacht Sales, has a 47' Intrepid, likes to dive

- **Lindsey Tenberg** – Hillsboro Beach resident, an attorney for a title company, owns a 35' Contender
- **Mark Jagel** – LHP resident, has 5 grown children, is a business owner, owns a 24' Boston Whaler Vantage, loves to scuba dive
- **Maurice (Reece) Poririer** – Pompano Beach resident, has 2 grown children, retired police officer, owns a 28' Contender
- **Michael Chapman** – Pompano Beach resident, has 5 grown children, an investment banker for Orion, owns a 36' Yellowfin
- **Nicole Zapetis** – Pompano Beach resident, the better half of Trae West, owns Big Dog Tackle, owns a 20' Robalo
- **Ryan Allison** – LHP resident, a local real estate agent, newer to the tri-county area, but has spent a lot of time in the Keys
- **Steve Savage** – Boca Raton resident, a local real estate broker, owns a 54' Bertram, wife is a captain

It goes without saying, but all of them love to fish and are excited to join our LHPSSA. Please make an effort to get to know them and invite them on your boats for fishing!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**3/1 - LHPSSA Meeting at Galuppi's. Please RSVP!**

**February's meeting has been changed to March 1<sup>st</sup> due to scheduling conflicts.** Sorry for the change of date.

Our meeting starts half an hour earlier than usual with happy hour at 5:30 and dinner at 6:00 to accommodate our famous knot tying, bait rigging, cast net throwing, kite fishing seminar which starts after dinner.

This is one meeting you don't want to miss! We'll have tables set up outside with various captains and members sharing their fishing knowledge. Bring something to take notes with, it's very educational.

### **3/18 - St Patricks Day Raft Up**

Breakout your Irish Green!

We're having a club raft up Saturday, March 18th, at Lake Boca.  
Assemble your crew!!

Decorate your boat and yourself in Irish Green, there are prizes for best decorated boat, outfit, and food!

Please RSVP and let me know if:

- You're bringing your boat (its make and size), who's on your crew, and if you have any room for more
- 
- If you're looking for a ride - I'll put you on a boat, I'm sure there's room!

The raft up will be start at Noon!

Look for us in the Northeast Corner of Lake Boca! Bring food and drink to share! It's a dual raft up with the SFSC Crew.

Looking forward to a great raft up!

### **3/31 - ANNUAL CLUB DUES**

TREASURERS REPORT:

Members,

Special notice to all **previous members of the LHPSSA**, current members please pass to any previous members you know. The

members please pass to any previous members you know. The Board has extended the **Covid Waiver for one more membership billing cycle**. Which means you can rejoin for the standard membership fee (\$550), the **\$150 re-initiation fee is waived for previous members (only)**.

Our 2023-2024 dues will be due by March 31<sup>st</sup>. The dues are to remain at \$550, and initiation fee of \$150 for new members. The preferred method of payment is still by check, at the monthly dinner, or via snail mail. Please mail to : **Mike Price 3411 S Indian River Dr, Fort Pierce, FL 34982**

I can take Zelle also, but I need a text request to **my phone (954-605-0918)** and I will send you a request for payment. Zelle charges the club 1% service fee for incoming. Please do not look up my name for Zelle payment as it will go to my personal account, creating additional work.

I can also accept PayPal, **@LHPSSADUES** PayPal charges us 3% Yes, again this year we will offer a special raffle for all members that pay prior to March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023

Please if you have questions call, text, or email me.

Tight lines, and safe travels

***Treasurer LHPSSA***

***Mike Price***

***954-605-0918***

***[MP4Aviationsecurity@comcast.net](mailto:MP4Aviationsecurity@comcast.net)***

## **10/24 - 11/17 MAG BAY TRIPS**

Below are the secured dates for the 2023 trips for club members. I have already given those that went on the trip this past year first dibs. So, now there are new dates and I have secured 3 weeks with 12 spots for each week. The cost is \$2.111 per person and I need

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\$1,000 deposit payable to LHPSSA and brought tonight at the Club Meeting. \$300 in tips for Captains, Drivers, Maids, Cooks, etc is customary and required. Plane fare is approximately \$500-700. Reach out to Trae West if you are interested. If you think you have time to think about it, you don't. These spots will be full in no time.

Dates and available spots:

**October 24-29<sup>th</sup> (10 spots left)**

Erik Lodewijk  
Allen Furia

**Oct 31-Nov 5 (5 spots left)**

Trae West  
Nicole Zapetis  
Mike Leach  
Rachel Leach  
Lyndsey Tenberg  
Jerry London  
Joe Whitefall

**Nov 12-17 (6 spots left)**

Dave Maurer  
Dave +1  
Dave +2  
Tom Heller  
Dave Stewart  
Kurt Tegeler

**LHPSSA on Facebook**




Everyone should have received an invitation from Maurice to join the club's Facebook page. Please join if you haven't already.

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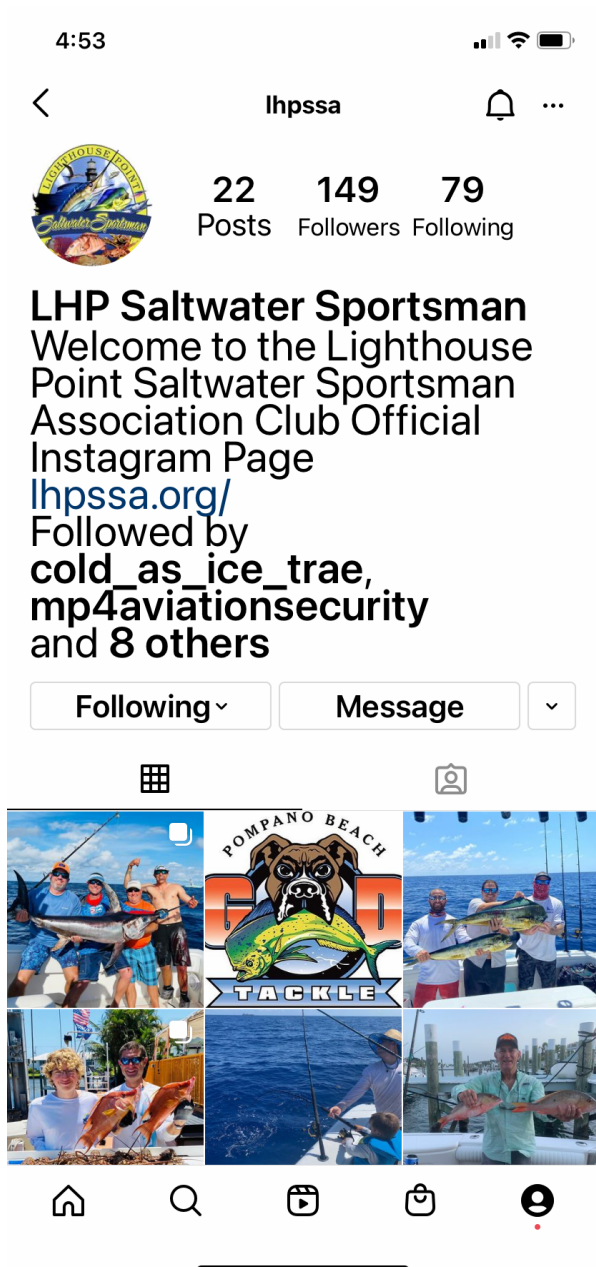
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## LHPSSA Instagram page

Please check out and follow the club's new Instagram page for all the latest pictures. Contact Jon Savona at 561-927-5274 and get your pictures posted.



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