



LHPSSA NEWSLETTER

June 2023 Issue

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dear Fellow Members:

It has been an amazing last few months with record growth in new membership. There are a lot of new faces in the club, so get out to the next meeting and introduce yourself to someone new. The club has surpassed 95 total members with several still looking to join. We've had many former members re-join which is a breath of fresh air. It is great to hear the stories and the memories from years of comradery and time out on the water. The friendships and relationships that are made in this club are priceless. If you are a NEW MEMBER please do not hesitate to get involved in Tournaments, Trips and Socials. The more you get involved, the more rewarding it will be to you.

We had a great time at The Cove Happy Hour that was organized by our very own Maurice Jemison. We had over 60 Members and Guests come out to the social event on the water. The rain cleared up just in time for us to enjoy some appetizers and cold beverages. What a great turnout. THANK YOU MAURICE!!

We have some events coming up on the horizon. Be on the lookout for the Bimini Free Dive Trip, Local Club FUN Dive Trip, Dolphin HAT Tournament, Lobster Mini Season Dive & After Party at Frank Schmidt's house. Our next club meeting is on June 28th and we have a great speaker ... Sam from Force-E Dive Shop to talk about local dive tips & techniques and safety especially with mini season around the corner. ONE IMPORTANT EVENT on OCTOBER FRIDAY THE 13th We will be HOSTING an LHPSSA Halloween Party at the Sea Ranch Lakes Club House right on the BEACH!!! COSTUMES WILL BE ENCOURAGED so start working on them now. Thank you WALTER CORNWALL for reserving this amazing location.

The fishing has been great out there as well with a lot of boats and great weather. The Mutton bite has been on fire and our club divers have been filling the coolers as well. Jackie Sabins had a stud Mutton in our local waters this past month if you saw the picture on social media!! Steve Seigel and Carl Treyz have also been doing a lot of grocery shopping out there!! The mahi have been showing up recently but mostly schoolies. There have been the occasional double digit fish caught and we expect bigger ones to show up as the waters warm. The deep drop bite has also been good with some nice Golden Tiles being caught and some nice Swordfish.

Keep Fishing & Tight Lines!!

Best Regards,

Trae West

LHPSSA President



TOURNAMENT CORNER:

On June 3rd we had the Ladies Fish Off which featured over 40 boats and had many of our members participate. Lindsey Tenberg put on a fantastic tournament this year starting with the pre party. Jackie Sabins won first place Blackfin tuna at 16.4lbs, Joel Brow's team Day Tripper placed 2nd overall, 2nd placed angler, and 2nd place kingfish at 28.4lbs. Carolyn Stash weighed in two kingfish of 9.2 and 8.6lbs. It was a great tournament despite the thunderstorms that rolled in later in the day. It was great seeing the ladies represent the LHPSSA.

We have two upcoming tournaments for July, the first on July 8th is our Mahi HAT tournament out of Hillsboro Inlet. If you have not participated in any of our HAT tournaments yet, it is a great way to fish on different boats and meet new members. They are always a ton of fun and we will have some great prizes again. We are looking for both boats and anglers so sign up by contacting me on WhatsApp or by email <u>Carl.treyz@gmail.com</u>.

On July 21st-23rd we have the spearfishing club trip to Bimini where we will have a prize for biggest grouper, hogfish, and snapper. This trip has always been a blast and year after year continues to improve. Prizes will be set before the trip so sign up if you haven't already!

Carl Treyz

LHPSSA Fishing Leaderboard as of 6/21/2023

(Apr 1, 2023 - March 31, 2024)

Offshore

Dolphin	Wahoo	KingfishBlackfin Tuna	Swordfish	Cobia
Anthony Azeem	Carl Treyz 47.6	Maurice Jemison	Steven Siegel 14	OTrae West 26.6
12lbs.	Ibs.	19.9 lbs.	Ibs.	Ibs.

Inshore

Snook	TarponBonefishPermit	Redfish (over 26 inches)
Allen Furia 12	Michael Leach 2 releases same	
snook	day	

Tournaments Results 2023/2024:

Sailfish Tournament (Apr 16th)

- 1st Meat Wagon, Tom Jones, Tony Azeem, Trae West, Jackie Sabins, Carl Treyz
- 2st Crescendo Charles Greenberg, Charles Berkley
- 3rd BB3, Bill Bayne, Ryan Allison, Mark Jagel, Richard Antone

Lucaya Trip (May 6th)

- 1st Relentless 125 lbs. Steve Seigal Carl Treyz, Mike Price, Mike Lynch
- 2nd Average Joe Grote 65 Lbs. Joe Grote, who was on boat??

Blackfin Tournament (May 17th)

- 1st place- RELENTLESS with 60.9 lbs. Steve Seigal, Mike Lynch, Recce Poirier, Charlie Berkley, John Swanson
- 2nd place- MEATWAGON with 59.2 lbs. Tome Jones, Tony Azeem, Ray Little, Brett Normandeau, Maurice Jemison

• 3rd place- SOULMATE with 18.0 lbs. Jerry London, Trae West, Richard Antone, Ryan Allison

Ocean Reef Tournament (May 20th)

- 1st, Charter boat, Randy Straus 53.6 lbs
- 2rd, RELENTLESS, Steve Seigal, John Piotrowski, Mike Price, Michael, Lynch, Richard Holson 21.6 lbs.
- 3^{rd,} FishAngler, Tom Wye, Steve Lewis, Ryan Allison, Nicole Zapetis, Trae West, Scout Morse 10.6 lbs.

Most Sailfish Catches Per Day

• Four sailfish catches, Tom Jones

Most Outstanding Catch Nominations

- Mark Repetski, 67.8 lbs. Mahi Mahi
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Apr 1st, 2023 / March 31, 2024 – "2023-2024 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. Also, we want to encourage the club members to share where, when, and how (baits and equipment) they used to make their catches!

Prizes:

This year, in addition to the year-end club trophies, the crowned "**Club Champion**" will receive a free LHPSSA membership for the next year, a \$550 value! Also, to promote participation we will be giving away \$100 in cash during our monthly meeting at randomly based on the latest fishing reports posted in the last 30 days in the "LHPSSA Fishing Intel" group on the FishAngler app. To enter this drawing, you must post one or more of your fishing reports or leader board catches during the month to the LHPSSA Fishing Intel" group to qualify. The first random drawing will be held during our May's meeting!

Time Period: Apr 1st, 2023 / March 31, 2024

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 1st, 2 for 2nd, 1 for 3rd. 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 1st, 2 for 2nd, 1 for 3rd). 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. 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 1st, 2 for 2nd, 1 for 3rd).

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 given to LHPSSA Captain an angler that lands Sailfish on board for a maximum of 3 points per person. Points will count toward Club Championship and Florida Championship (3 for 1st, 2 for 2nd, 1 for 3rd).

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 1st (most), 2 for 2nd, 1 for 3rd).

Offshore targeted species champion: Awards given to the angler/LHPSSA Captains 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 1st, 2 for 2nd, 1 for 3rd).

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 1st, 2nd and 3rd 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!

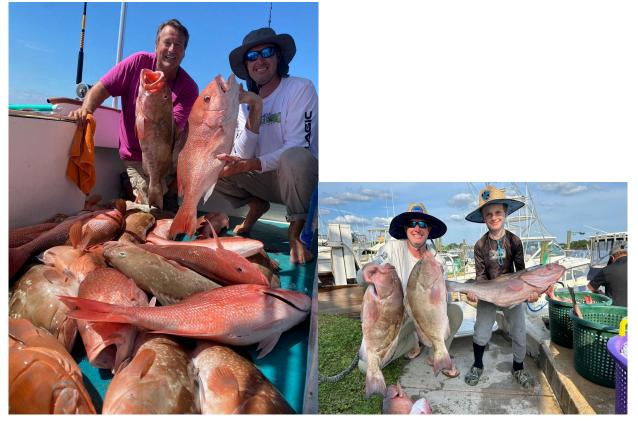
Must be submitted to the "LHPSSA Fishing Reports & Intel" group on the FREE FishAngler mobile app that can be downloaded from the Apple & Google Play store. Post as a "Catch" with the following information filled out.

- Catch Date: required
- Catch Location: required
- Fish Species: required
- Weight: required for offshore catches
- Length: optional for all inshore catches
- Bait used: optional
- LHPSSA boat Captain name if you're not the captain of boat

Mark Repetski and friends with a nice haul from a picture perfect Dry Tortugas trip



John Piotrowski and Rich Holson on yet another epic panhandle trip



Allen Furia with one of many snook to get to the top of the leaderboard

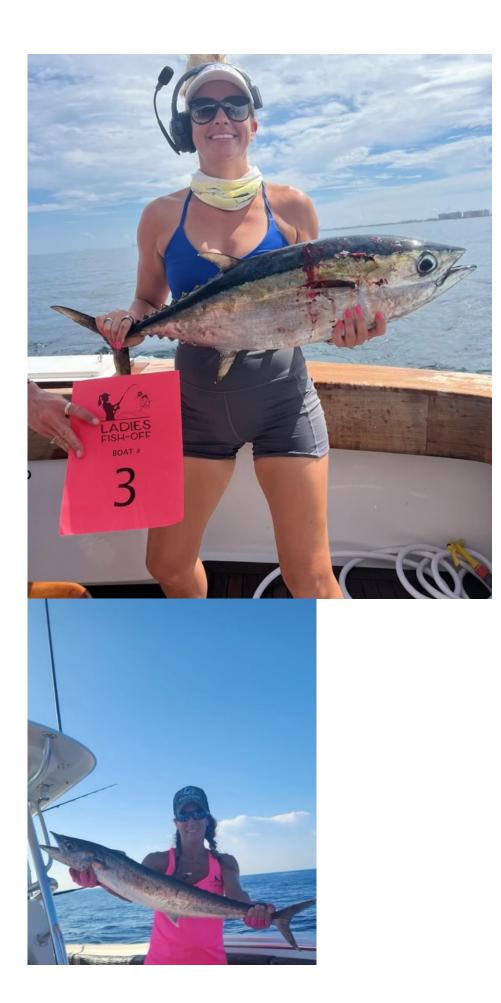


Congrats to Ryan Allison with his first swordfish



Jackie Sabins with the top blackfin in the Ladies Fish Off Carolyn Stash with a nice king in the Ladies Fish Off





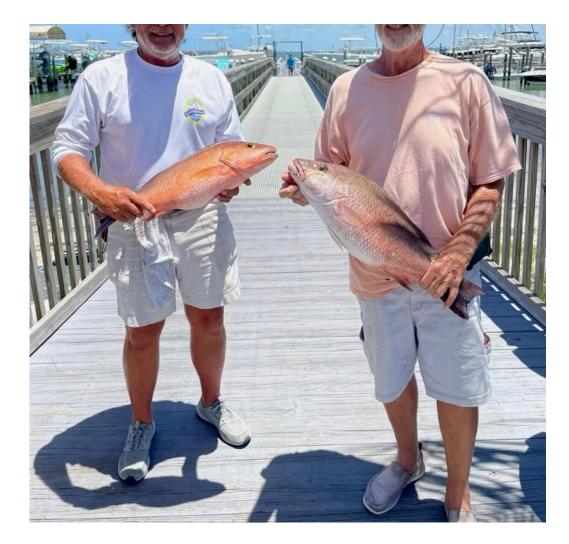


Tom Jones and Tony Azeem with a beautiful mutton snapper on the Meat Wagon Abacos trip



Mike Price with some huge mangroves





DIVE REPORT



Announcing the LHPSSA annual spearfishing tournament starting June 28thending March 30th!

2 categories – SCUBA and freediving.

4 subcategories: Grouper, Snapper, Hogfish and Pelagic (cobia, wahoo, kingfish, African Pompano, Blackfin or yellowfin tuna, permit, mahi)

Will be based on length and will require a photo with measuring device from lower jaw to fork of tail.

Top 3 in each category gets points (3 points for 1st place, 2 for 2nd place and 1 for 3rd place) in order to decide overall SCUBA and overall Freedive champion.

Pictures must be sent to Steve Siegel and Carl Trevz within a week of the catch Prizes will be

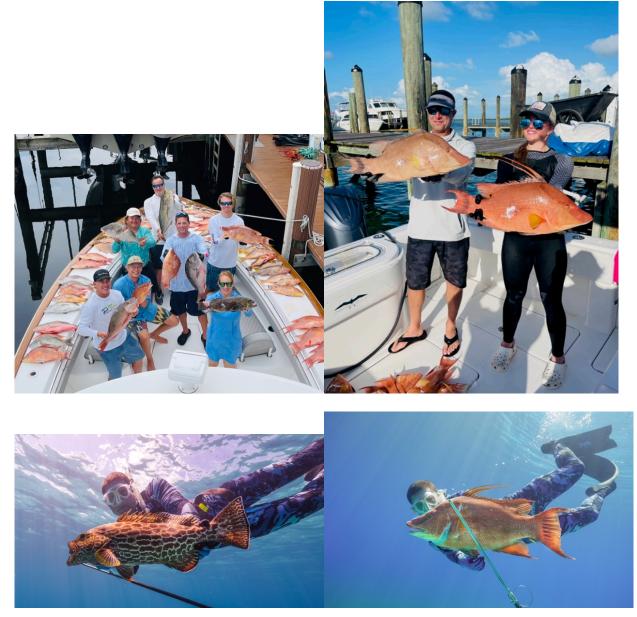
awarded.

The spearfishing has been very good lately both locally and in the Bahamas. Now is the time to get in the water. If you want to register for our upcoming Bimini freediving trip on July 21, reach out to me. We will be going from Friday to Sunday and diving lots of shallow spots with big hogfish, muttons, strawberry grouper, Nassau grouper, cero mackerel and the occasional black grouper, yellowfin grouper, African pompano and cubera snapper. We have 3 boats and about 15 people so far.

And we are only 1 month away from lobster mini-season, or as Frank calls it, the high holy days. Look for an announcement soon about club events around mini-season. Bugfest is back on, so if you are interested in signing up for this event, go to www.BugfestPompanoBeach.com.

Steve Siegel

Bimini free dive trip



NEW MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

We have had a lot of interest and many potential members attending our meetings. Please welcome the following 2 new members who joined us in June.

1. Robert Defelice- lives in Pompano, from NJ. 36' Rabalo. Looking to fish.

2. Matt Pickron- Lake Worth dentist, lives in Boynton, from Atlanta. 26' SeaVee. Likes slow pitch, scuba, spearfish.

Please make an effort to get to know them at the June 28 meeting and invite them on your boats for some fishing or diving!

Dave Kaznecki

UPCOMING EVENTS

6/28 - LHPSSA Meeting

We have an ACTION PACKED MEETING this Month!!!

- It is **AWARDS NIGHT** where we honor those club member achievements from 2022-2023
- Bring Your Significant Others to the Meeting to share in the FUN!!(dinner on the club for S.O.'s)
- PLEASE RSVP to John Piotrowskijohnp@yourdockexperts.com ... with whether you will be attending with or without an S.O.
- Don't forget to bring your Fish Stories from the prior month
- DINNER will either be at the Hillsboro Beach Club or at Galuppi's. We will confirm tomorrow !!

SPEAKER OF THE MONTH

Sam Fretz, District Manager of Force E Scuba Centers

Topics of Discussion: Upcoming Lobster Season, SCUBA Certification, Refresher Courses, and Spearfishing.

He has been with Force E for 10 years and has been managing for almost 3 years, more recently becoming their District Manager for all of their SFL stores which continue to expand. They have shops in:

- Riviera Beach
- Boynton Beach
- Boca Raton
- Pompano Beach
- Fort Lauderdale
- New training facility in Fort Lauderdale as well

He has been a SCUBA instructor for 12 years and has been Spearfishing for 10 years. He has dove all over Florida and the world, including, but not limited to, all of the Bahamas, Philippines, Cayman Islands, Belize, Costa Rica, Bay Islands of Honduras, Mexico and has been cave diving in Guatemala.

He is a well-known instructor and spearfisherman in the Pompano Community.

See you there next Wednesday!!

7/8 - Mahi HAT Tournament

7/21-23 - Bimini Free Dive SpearfishingTrip

7/11 - Standing Happy Hour at the Cove

- Second Tuesday of every Month, 5-7 pm.
- Club providing appetizers.
- Happy hour drink pricing.

10/13 - Halloween Party

- Sea Ranch Lakes (Thank you Walter!)
- 7 p.m. to Midnight. Costume Contest.
- Decorations club is buying decorations, need help putting them up on Oct 13th.
- Food Potluck, so bring a dish to share, club is providing a Center cut Ham and Turkey, plates, and silverware.
- Alcohol Club is providing top shelf liquor and bar tenders.
- Music Club is providing a DJ.

TBD - Holiday Party

- Looking for someone to host the party. Please contact Maurice Jemison if you're interested.
- Club will provide food, drink, and alcohol.
- Club will provide a DJ and Bartenders.
- Club will provide decorations and cleanup.

LHPSSA SOCIAL MEDIA

THE MORE PHOTOS THE BETTER!

Keep sending them in, we are getting not only the website together, but the social media as well.

Lots of people have been sending photos in so I've been working on integrating a more reliable scheduling app to post more photos and videos.

We know you're out there all of the time...

SO KEEP SENDING THEM IN!

My cell is 410.530.3500 And thanks for your help!

Also, make sure you follow us on social media Instagram: @lhpssa Facebook: Lighthouse Point Saltwater Sportsman Association (for the private group, let me know if you're not a part of it)

And the WhatsApp! Are you a part of LHPSSA MEMBERS? If not, let me know so we can get you added.

See you all next week!

Jackie Sabins

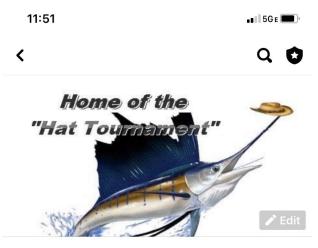
Website Update:

The new website is coming along nicely. We are on track to have the new website launch by the next membership meeting. We are also working on having order forms for new club merchandise where you will be able to pre-order burgees, shirts, hats, stickers, etc.

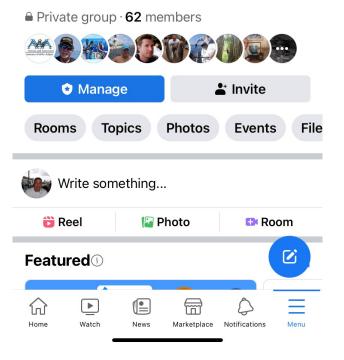
Ryan Allison

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.

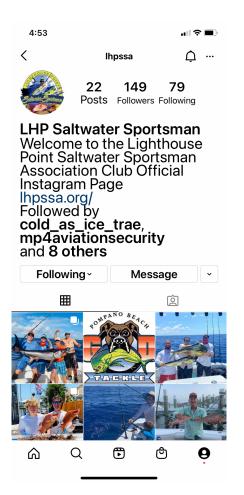


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LHPSSA Instagram page

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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