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LHPSSA NEWSLETTER

June 2024 Issue

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Trae West

LHPSSA Members:

The Springtime fishing has definitely heated up in South Florida. There are local tournaments pretty much every weekend now. The Ladies Fish Off, organized by Club Member Lindsey Tenberg with assistance from Nicole Zapetis, Carolyn Stash and Gina Ciccolini was an amazing opportunity for the Lady Club Members & other local ladies to get out there and show their skills.

The Sailfish haven't stop biting and have been plentiful in our local waters. The afternoon Blackfin Tuna bite has been on fire with Club Team Relentless / Capt Steve Siegel catching 7 Whoppers in our recent HAT Tournament!! The seas have calmed down for the most part compared to the beginning of the year giving our divers a chance to get out there and fill the fish boxes. The yellowfin tuna were pretty thick in the Bahamas with many club members having success, surprisingly, with less pressure from the sharks.

The Annual Club Tournament has started as of April 1st. Please log your catches in www.fishangler.com to be eligible for prizes at the end of the fiscal year. This year's Annual Award Party has been locked in as far as date and venue. You don't want to miss that party!!

The Ocean Reef Annual Club Trip, organized by John Piotrowski, was a HUGE SUCCESS!! Thank you to Member Greg McLaughlin for helping the trip happen. If you've never been there, it is a definite MUST for next year. We have many exciting Club Trips coming up including Chokoloskee and Guatamala!!! Sign up and get involved. Don't miss out on all the fun.

With many New Members joining the club, don't be shy, introduce yourselves and mingle at the Club Meeting and Social Happy Hour. Things are exciting!

See you at the meeting this coming Wednesday!!

Trae West

LHPSSA President

TOURNAMENT REPORT



TOURNAMENT CORNER:

Mahi fishing has been red hot out there so we are holding our annual mahi hat tournament a little early this year. It will be next Sunday, June 30th. If you want to enter your boat, please let Carl Treyz or Steve Siegel know the name of your boat and who will be your first and second mate. If you want to enter as an angler, just let us know and your name will be put in the hat to be placed on a boat.

For those new members who haven't done one of these, this is great way to meet people, learn some new tricks and hopefully catch a lot of fish. Last few weeks have been epic!

As a reminder if you are entering your boat, you get to choose a first and second mate and everyone else will be assigned randomly. If we don't have enough people to fill boats, you can then add non-club anglers to fill your boat.

Scoring will be 1pt per pound for the 5 biggest fish, then 1pt per fish after that. Daily limits 5 per person and 30 per vessel.

Lines in at 8, out at 3.

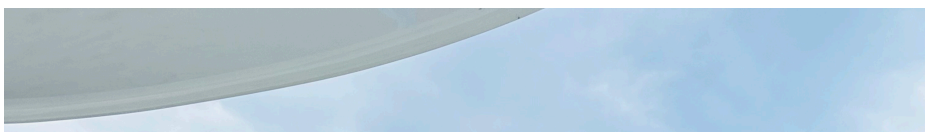
Weigh in will be at raft up in Hillsboro inlet or at LHP marina dock.

Boundaries are Boynton inlet to Haulover inlet.

Upcoming tournaments

6/30 - Mahi HAT Tournament - See above

Carl Treyz and Steve Siegel







DRY TORTUGAS PULLEY RIDGE FISHING TRIP

What a great time I had fishing with Mark Hyatt out of Sugarloaf Key along with fellow club member Bill Dudziak and two of Mark's friends.. Another great benefit of our club is the people we meet through other club members. Mark has been fishing these waters for 40 years and he knew the spots. We caught red grouper, snowy grouper, black grouper, tilefish , yellow eye snapper, queen snapper, mangrove snapper ,mutton snapper, yellowtail snapper, amberjack, vermillion snapper, and of course a few sharks. Prize fish goes to the captain with a 46 pound black grouper. Kelsey had a 250 pound plus Goliath grouper that we revived and released. Fellow club member Bill Dodziak caught a nice mutton along with all the other fish we all caught. I thank Mark Repetski for giving me his spot so he could chase marlin. Dave Maurer





LHPSSA Fishing Leaderboard as of 6/1/2024

(Apr 1, 2024 - March 31, 2025)

Offshore

Dolphin Wahoo Kingfish Blackfin Tuna SwordfishCobia

Ryan Allison 30lbsTrae West 37.2lbsMike Price 34lbsTom Wye 32 lbs

Mike Price 14lbs

Tom Jones 29 lbs

Tom Jones 24 lbs

Inshore

Snook TarponBonefishPermitRedfish (over 26 inches)

Mike Price 1x

Special categories

- Most Sailfish Catches Per Day
 - 14/16 Meat Wagon – Tom Jones
- Most Outstanding Catch Nominations

Tournaments Results 2024/2025:

LHPSSA HAT TOURNAMENT FOR CATFISH/MEAT FISH 4/12/24

LHPSSA HAT TOURNAMENT FOR SAILFISH/MEAT FISH 4/15/24

- 1st.) Meat Wagon Tom Jones, Trae West and Richard Antone and Melnicoff
- 2rd.) Relentless – Steve Siegel & Bill Dudziak, Nolan and Sonnier
- 3rd.) Mays Runner, had Jay Mays, Tony Azeem, Kyle Branyon and Brendan Barry

LHPSSA FORT PIERCE INSHORE ANNUAL TOURNAMENT 4/27/24

- 1st was Guide Capt. Lam Nguyen with Darren Sonnier 29" Snook, Bruce Sullivan, and Owen Gall. Paid \$250, which was donated to Scuba4good
- 2nd was Guide Capt. Mark Yanno, John Piotroski, 29" Redfish, son JW, and David Kaznecki. Paid \$150, think it went to JW college fund 😊
- 3rd was Guide Capt. Adam White, Mike Price, Julia Price, David Stewart, and Steve Siegel with 28" Redfish. Paid \$100 donated to Scuba4good.

LHPSSA HAT TOURNAMENT FOR BLACKFIN TUNA 5/15/24

- 1st place Relentless: Steve, Mike Lynch, Carl Treyz, John Swanson, Dave Maurer, Maurice
- 2nd place Meat Wagon: Tom, Trae, Tony, Mark Intreglia
- 3rd place Jay mays had to get back to his lift apparently caught one

Ocean Reef

- 1st Brett's boat – Brett Normandeau, Bill Lucas, Joel Brow, Brian Paperny, Tom Heller
- 2rd - Ruy's Rodriguez boat
- 3th – John Piotrowski

Dolphin Hat Tournament June 30th

TBD

Apr 1st, 2024 / March 31, 2025 – “2024-2025 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, 2024 / March 31, 2025

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

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

DIVE REPORT



Dive update:

Local diving has been fantastic. Lots of black grouper and hogfish and the occasional big mutton snapper. But the big news is an extra day of Lobster Mini Season. Sunday July 14th is the day, so make plans now to get out there diving. Regular mini-season is July 24th and 25th. While Frank is not up for hosting it at his house this year, we will be having the annual post-dive lobster mini-season party on Wednesday July 24th hosted by Steve Siegel and Frank at Steve’s house at 3730 NE 24th Ave, Lighthouse Point. The club will be supplying burgers, dogs, snacks, beer and sodas. Divers should come by boat and all others are welcome around 3:30 pm. We will need some help on the grill and getting organized, so let Steve know if you can help.

The Club Freedive trip to Bimini is July 19-21. This is an incredible trip whether you are a total beginner or an experience diver. We have 3 boats and a bunch of divers already committed, so let Steve and/or Carl know ASAP if you want to be a part of it.

Steve Siegel

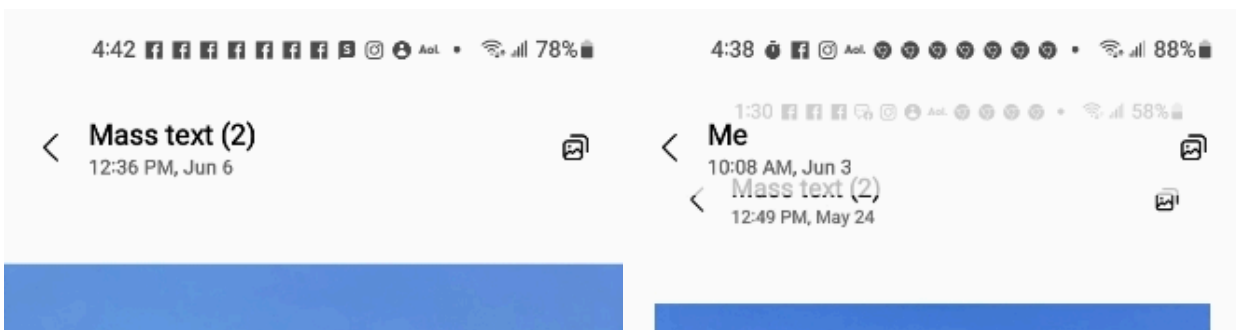


This past month has been perplexing for many of my fellow fishing and diving club members. Tracy catches some beautiful Wahoo in 249 feet straight out the Inlet, Steve Seigel tempts faith and leaves his dock on father's day and once again comes home with a load of Mahi. Meatwagon with our famously talented "Tony" on board is guided by Capt. Tom Jones to some beautiful Black fin almost nightly. Most members who put some baitstth in the water are rewarded with multiple sails.

Another game equally participated in is Hog fish and Grouper season opening. Almost an overload of what to do for LHPSSA people. Personally I fished for mutton and dove for some great Hogs.

Ain't we lucky to be so perplexed!

Frank Schmidt





NEW MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

We have continued to grow over the past few months with many potential members attending our meetings. In June, we welcomed 5 new members.

Please join us in welcoming:

Bill Lucas, Ruben Socarras, Mark Stoller, Mark King, Tom McAlpin

Please make an effort to get to know them and invite them to participate in our events!

UPCOMING EVENTS

6/26 - LHPSSA Meeting

Our next meeting is Wednesday June 26th at Galuppis in Pompano Beach.

Check in/Bar Opens at 6pm

Dinner and the meeting will begin around 645pm

Don't forget to bring cash for our raffle! (\$20 gets you tickets for a chance to win a prize pack worth \$500+)

Our Guest Speakers this month will be Jim "Chiefy" Mathie and Vinny Hogan

Jim "Chiefy" Mathie is a locally-known lobster slayer for more than 30 years and author of "Catching the Bug, The Comprehensive Guide to Catching the Florida Spiny Lobster-second edition" and "Catching the Spear-it! The ABC's of Spearfishing."

Chiefy has been written about in the Fort Lauderdale Sun-Sentinel & Miami Herald newspapers and featured on the Paul and Young Ron Morning Radio Show and ScubaRadio for his expertise in lobster hunting.

Jim is featured in the "Dive, Dock and Dine," television show seen on Fox Sports Sun and NBC Sports New England as part of the ScubaNation series. He is also the host in a weekly YouTube series "Cooking the Local Catch" where local chefs prepare delicious recipes as "Chiefy" engages and entertains the viewing audience. In 2014, Jim hosted for the City of Deerfield Beach a monthly YouTube channel series titled "Hot Spots," with the sport fishing episode going viral with over 1.2 million views.

Presently, Jim writes a weekly column "Catching the Ocean View" for the New Pelican Newspaper and is a featured blogger and Brand Ambassador for Life League Gear (Vinny is the founder). Prior to these duties, he was the Editor-at-Large for the Deerfield Beach Magazine and featured "On the Waterfront" columnist in the Lighthouse Point, Pompano and Deerfield Beach Magazines. Additionally, he's been a blogger and "Chief Enthusiast Officer" for the snorkel and scuba page for hellosunny.org, the Greater Fort Lauderdale Convention and Visitors Bureau. He established the Observer weekly Newspaper "Nautical Views" column in 2012, promoting a variety of outdoor marine activities for years.

Together, Vinny and Chiefy have come up with some great ideas and tools for lobstering, they both promote dive safety and have a passion for the ocean which they will share with us next week.

They both will be discussing the new EXTRA Mini-Season day (July 14th), some upcoming spearing and diving events, mini season as a whole, and they will be sharing some dive stories as well.

This is a meeting that you do not want to miss.

See you there!!

Best Regards,

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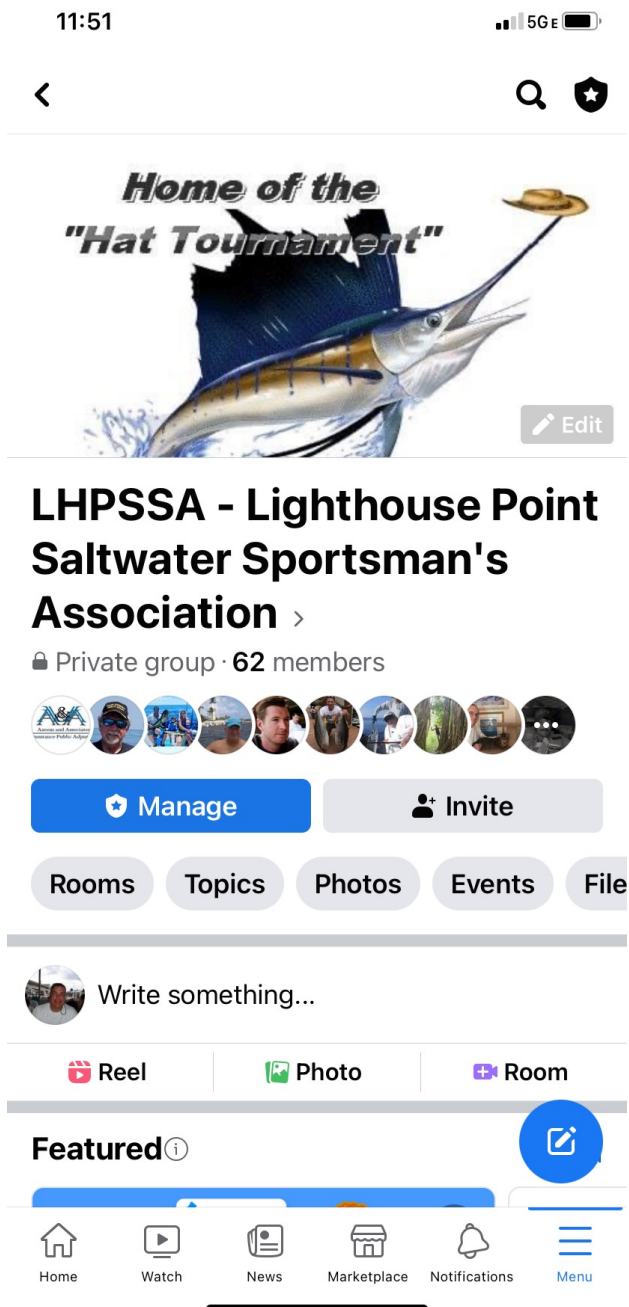
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7/19 - 21 Bimini Freedive Trip

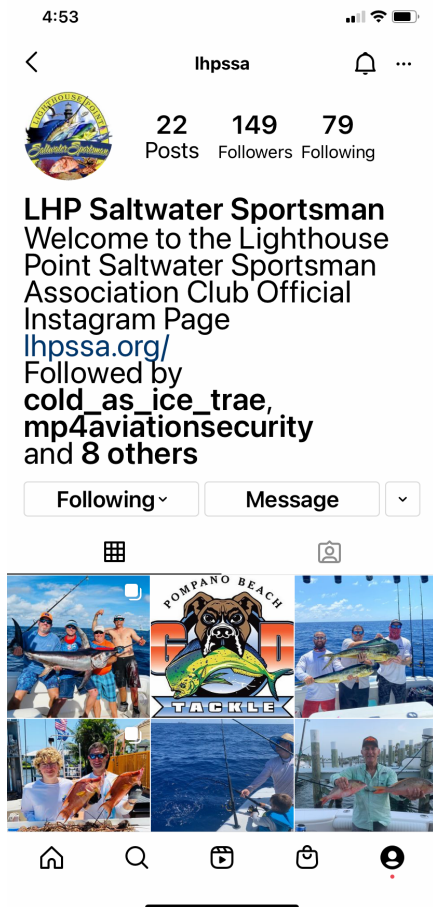
LHPSSA on Facebook

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



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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