



Greetings Members,

We will email the monthly minutes within a day or two of each meeting to keep you informed about Club activities and make it easier for you. We aim to share this information promptly and let you know what you missed if you could not attend the meeting.

Here is our electronic transmission of last night's meeting. As always, I welcome your comments.

February Club Meeting (February 3, 2025)

One hundred forty-three (143) members were in attendance. The room was energetic, as many members inquired and signed up for trips in February and beyond. We welcomed two new Captains and three existing Captains. They were impressed with our Club facility and how we fill our charters. Having these Captains visit our meetings is a great two-way street. It allows our members to meet and talk to them, and the Captains get to see what our Club is all about.

Highlights:

The tackle/Swap Meet scheduled for February 21st has been postponed due to minimal member interest. The Deep Sea and Freshwater Clubs will assess the next steps.

Fishing Reports: The Coordinators shared January activity and upcoming trips for February. Three visiting Captains joined the update to share their perspectives.

NOAA Secretarial Amendment – an update on NOAA's latest proposal was presented. I also shared Senator Scott's (FL) recent introduction of the Red Snapper Act that would prevent NOAA from "unilaterally closing the Red Snapper fishery in the South Atlantic" until a proven and reliable stock assessment is completed. The Club has reached out to Senator Scott's office to ask how our Club could best advocate for the passage of this bill. More to follow.

Charlie Pryde Video—There was keen interest in the video of Charlie's recent trip on the American Patriot in late December.

Captain Louie Argiro of Crystal River was our guest speaker. Louie shared information about his background and his passion for fishing. He walked members through the various fishing options they could take advantage of over the coming months and the charters he would provide.

Until Next Month,
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