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Ken Jagodzinski, the new president of The Villages Deep Sea Fishing Club, hopes to continue the fun excursions that the group of more than 500 has experienced over the years.

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A new era of The Villages Deep Sea Fishing Club began on Jan. 1, as Ken Jagodzinski officially took over as president.

Jagodzinski has been a member of the club for nearly three years and said he is excited to take over the role.

"It's a dynamic group," said Jagodzinski, of the Village of Pinellas. "It's a great group of avid fishermen. I've really enjoyed participating."

The Deep Sea Fishing club has about 550 members who love to fish. The club goes on about 20 charters a month, usually with about eight or so people on the boat. The club doesn't stick to one area — the trips go to the Atlantic Ocean, the Gulf of Mexico and all over Florida.

Jagodzinski is looking to build on the great legacy left by his predecessors. With a career background in marketing,

Jagodzinski is hoping that his skills help take the club to new heights.

"I just feel with my background in my prior job, I could make a difference, and take a great machine and make it bigger and better," Jagodzinski said.

The previous president, Mo Davidson, has been a big help for Jagodzinski making the transition to president. Davidson was head of the club for six years and figured it was time to step down.

Davidson gave a ringing endorsement and told Jagodzinski he'll be fine and that he wouldn't have stepped down if he didn't feel Jagodzinski, or whoever was going to take over as president, was capable. Davidson even gave a binder to Jagodzinski full of helpful notes and information.

Dean Hooker, of the Village of Hemingway, is another club member who believes Jagodzinski will make an exceptional president. Hooker has known Jagodzinski for multiple years and the two

WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION WARNS BOATERS OF ENDANGERED WHALES

Boaters in the Atlantic Ocean should be mindful of an endangered whale species. The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission recently issued an advisory for boaters to use caution toward North Atlantic Right Whales. Experts estimate fewer than 350 remain worldwide. The whales spend the majority of winter months in warm waters along Florida's Atlantic coastline. (Cody Hills, Daily Sun)

DEEP SEA ANGLERS HAVE A HOME IN THE VILLAGES

If you're looking to cast a line with friends, The Villages Deep Sea Fishing Club might be for you. The group meets at 9 a.m. on the first Saturday of each month at Paradise Regional Recreation Complex, while also holding occasional outings. Dues are \$10 per year. Visit the club online at deepseafishingclub.org. (Cody Hills, Daily Sun)



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friends fish a couple times a month together.

In fact, on one of those fishing trips in the Florida Keys, Hooker said he brought up the idea to Jagodzinski that he should be the new president.

"He's very organized and methodical," Hooker said. "Very outgoing. He plans so well. He does our organization of our trips down to the Keys and he plans it out in the ultimate detail."

While Jagodzinski is grateful to the club and recognizes its proud tradition, he is hoping to make some changes — one of which is growing the club to include more residents in the southern part of The Villages.

The new president is hoping to bring in guest speakers from some of the areas they fish to give the club information on what to expect.

Another goal is to make



Jagodzinski enjoys catching Amberjack and grouper on his fishing trips.

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