



"Because Everybody's Got A Fishing Story To Tell!"

BIG Bragger

SHOW OFF YOUR BEST FISHING PICTURES!

**Grab One
It's FREE!**

February 2021 • Space Coast

Angler Darren Frost brings up this yellowedge grouper from the deep with Josh Taylor aboard *Flippin' Tail*!

**DEEP
DROPPIN'
EYE
POPPIN'!**

OVER 50 GREAT FISHING PHOTOS INSIDE!



SCAN ME

Your best fishing pictures of the month from saltwater to freshwater. Remember, there's nothing wrong with bragging!

STATE-WIDE HOTLINE FOR TOYOTA TRUCK DEALS **(844) 242-3745**



Shop From The Convenience of Home!



Daytona
 **TOYOTA**
 451 North Nova Road • DaytonaToyota.com





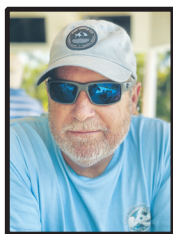
Safer Dining.

Open Air Decks!



Try Our New Cobia Seasonal Catch Dish!

6 Locations Across Brevard: Indialantic, Post Road, Satellite Beach, Palm Bay, Viera and Cocoa Beach!
 LongDoggers.com • Online Ordering for Drive Thru or Curbside Pickup To Go



BY CRAIG KRAUS

Old Photos Become Moments In Time

What makes a great photo?

Well that depends on who you ask. For me, it's always being captured with a family member or friend doing something unusual or fun.

So was the case in the photo above. That's me on the right and my dear friend Bob Mello on the left. (Circa 2002)

What made it extra special was this was the first sailfish that Bob or I had ever caught. Two friends taking the time to go fishing, in pursuit of fun in the sun.

Now technically, Bob 'caught' the sail because he reeled it in, but as most anglers know, the owner of the boat ('29 Coastal) very often claims dual ownership. Therefore, I always say 'we' caught the sail.



But what makes it a GREAT photo in my mind is the sepia tone effect (all brown highlights) that the shot is edited and processed in. To me, it reminds me of the old black and white photos I would see in my travels on the walls at old fishing stores or seafood restaurants. I use to stare endlessly at those old photos trying to image who those people were behind those old Ray Ban's and what was their connection.



Courtesy of the State Archive of Florida

I would rather enjoy an old black and white print over a full color shot any day. You know, like the classic Ernest Hemmingway photo at the dock with a couple of sailfish hanging upside down. Can't get enough of that.

And that's why I love this picture so much. Two friends, captured in time. It didn't matter to me how big the fish was, it was all about the moment. Thank God for friends and sepia tone

photos. Makes me feel like I am part of history.

And maybe someday, this photo will end up on the walls of an old fish market or bait and tackle store. A youngster might glance up and stare in disbelief on how long ago this picture was taken. Maybe we'll be mistaken for Hemmingway or legendary angler and author Zane Grey. I doubt it. Just Bob and Craig in a moment in time.



Remembering James Thompson

1937-2019 James Thompson, Satellite Beach, was a great husband, father and grandfather. He loved the outdoors including diving, fishing, and hunting. He had a distinguished career in the Navy as well as several assignments with contractors at Cape Canaveral during America's space explorations. What a classic photo of James in sepia tone.



BIG Bragger™

"Because Everybody's Got A Fishing Story To Tell!"

SHOW OFF YOUR BEST FISHING PICTURES!

Big Bragger is a monthly publication serving the Space Coast in Brevard County, Florida. Residents are encouraged to email their great fishing pictures to andykraus@live.com to be considered for publication. BIG Bragger/Andrew Kraus LLC not responsible for typographical errors or omissions. Reproduction of any materials in this publication without written approval from the publisher is prohibited.



For Advertising Information
Call (321) 750-1059



Published By
Andrew Kraus, LLC
Published in Brevard County, FL
All Rights Reserved



Happy Valentine's Day
from Vicky Stark!

**HUGE
Hugs &
Kisses!**

TOP NOTCH
MARINE (888)-278-1991
PONTOON • DECK • BAY • FLATS • OFFSHORE

EASY FINANCING!

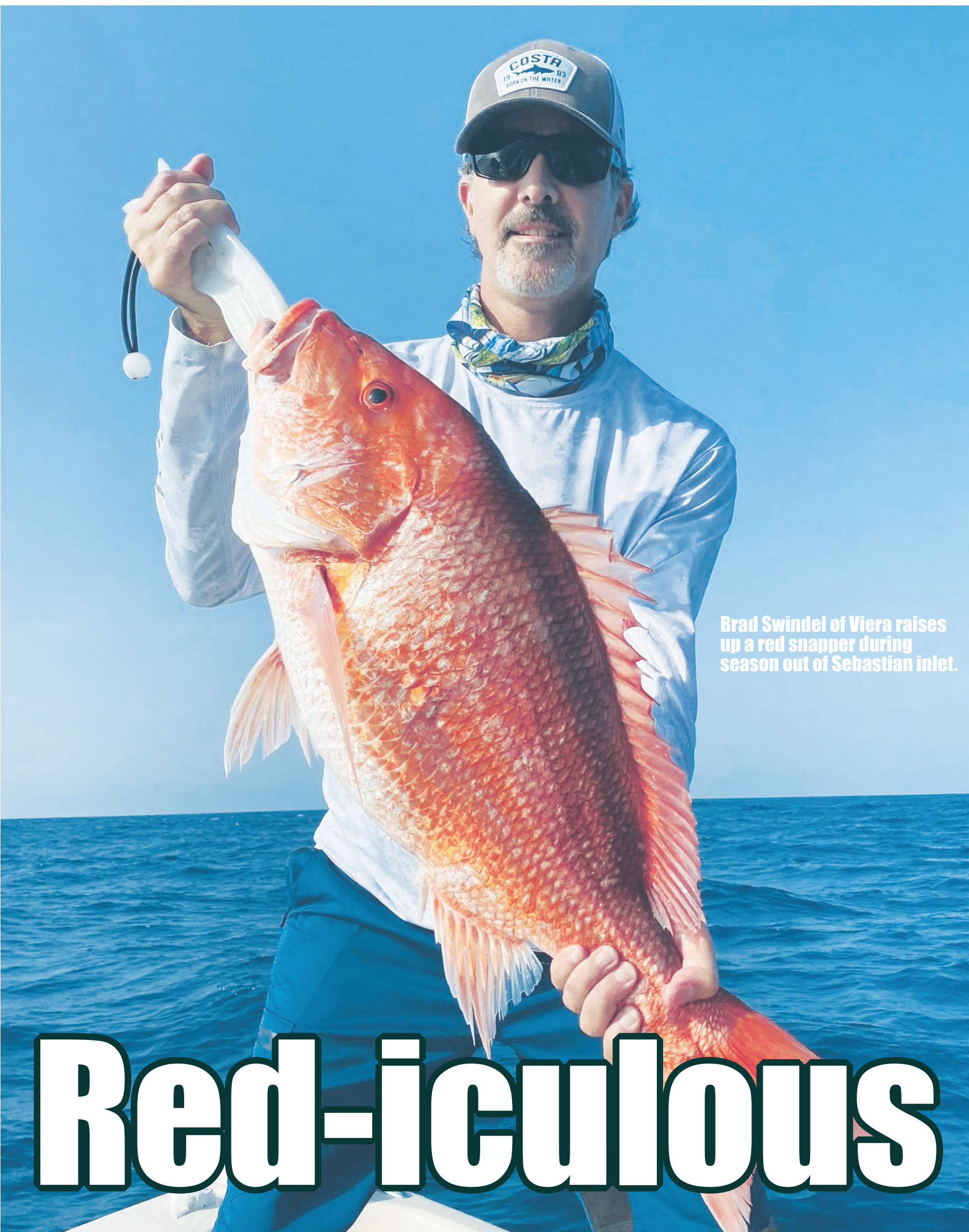
LOCATED IN MELBOURNE

NEW 2021 SEA BORN FX24

PRICED TOO LOW TO ADVERTISE!
CALL GREG FOR DETAILS: (772) 708-0820

THE #1 HONDA REPOWER CENTER!

TopNotchMarine.com



Brad Swindel of Viera raises up a red snapper during season out of Sebastian inlet.

Red-iculous

98.5 FM



The Beach

WSBH

Ryder Rocks!

Best Part of The Day

The Koos family of Indian Harbour Beach had a great day on their Key West 239 in December out of Sebastian.

The boat, appropriately named *The Best Part of The Day*, loaded up on several spies, including 2 nice tuna, a big kingfish, a giant bonita, and a fun little shark, according to Dad George Koos.

Son Ryder did a lot of the bragging while out on the water as well as onshore!



And thank you George for your message to Big Bragger about loving the new publication and encouragement!



**ORDER
ONLINE
OR DINE IN!**



877 South Babcock Street, Melbourne (321) 725-7409 HOOTERS.COM

10% OFF

YOUR FEBRUARY ORDER!

OUTDOOR LIVING



FIRE PITS



DRIVEWAYS



STAMPED CONCRETE



OUTDOOR KITCHENS



POOL DECKS



Residential & Commercial Paver Solutions

**Dependable - Reliable -
Professional**

Are you ready to have the modern outdoor living space of your dreams?

With Atlantic Outdoor Designs, *design+build approach*, your Visions can come true! Our methods fully incorporate you into the design process so that the final result fulfills your vision. We use cutting-edge technology to ensure that your design is as smart and eco-friendly as possible.

**Be The Envy of Your
Neighborhood**

Atlantic Outdoor Designs works with a wide variety of natural stone to create the most exquisite structures imaginable. From Pavers to Stamped Concrete, lit walkways to summer kitchens, we will create your dream outdoor living space. Our team has the expertise you need to create a custom outdoor living space that you and your family are sure to love for years to come. If you can dream it, We can build it!

AtlanticOutdoorDesigns.com



PAVERS • HARDSCAPES • CONCRETE

**SERVING ALL OF
BREVARD COUNTY!**
Call Scott Loveridge
(321) 302-0763



Rock-a-Bye Grouper

Lindy Stone with her first grouper! She caught it out of Port Canaveral on her birthday aboard the *Seas The Day* with Captain Steve Knowles.

You Hook'em - We'll Cook'em!

Waterfront Dining . Fresh Seafood, Steaks & More

Dock & Dine . Weekly Specials . Full Service Bar . Happy Hour

Dine-In . Dockside . Curbside . Delivery



5185 US Hwy 1 . Grant FL . ICW Marker 35 . 321-727-7007 . www.OldFishHouseBarandGrill.com



PREMIUM EYEWEAR

BORN FROM THE SEA



REDTAIL  REPUBLIC

RedtailRepublic.com

BRAG ON!

**Our New Car And
Merchant Window
Stickers Are Now Here!
Request yours by emailing
andykraus@live.com**

BIGBRAGGER.COM

MAKE ROOM!



Frequent anglers Joe Reese and Tyler Gaetzi slam another sailfish.

This large sail almost fills the boat side-to-side! The fish was quickly released after being photographed by another crew member.

Joe Reese is the owner of Dream Docks in Melbourne.

These Two Know How To Sail!

**WILDLIFE
WATERSPORTS**



RENTALS!

Boats
Jet Skis
Kayaks
Paddleboards
Craigcat Boats



**10% OFF
ALL RENTALS
WITH THIS
COUPON!**

Wildlife Watersports
Expires 4/1/21

*Call and Reserve Today! (321) 785-3244
129 Manatee Lane, Cocoa Beach • WildlifeWatersports.com*



Grandpa Mike Reed and his granddaughter, Torrie, caught these lobsters in Key Largo in July. It was her first time lobster diving and now she's hooked.

Above Mike Reed with his granddaughter Torrie. Below Glenn Cook with his granddaughter.



Glenn Cook catches his biggest red ever at the Eau Gallie Causeway on a monster shrimp. This red almost looks as large as his granddaughter watching in joy.

VIERA 
BOAT RV
STORAGE
321-272-5496

SERVICES

- Covered parking spaces, 14' height clearance up to 55' deep
- Open/surface parking for all sizes
- Wash down station
- RV pump out station
- Security gate with personalized code 24/7 access 365 days a year

SECURITY

- State-of-the-art video surveillance with motion detectors that sends alerts during off hours
- Gate operator system that documents who enters and exits the property 24/7
- Fully fenced with 8' chain link barbed wire fence
- LED sight lights covering entire property

5565 Korbin Avenue, Rockledge 32955 • vieraboatrvstorage.com





Walker's Cay is a 100-acre island 90+ miles east of Ft. Pierce and is under new ownership. (Photo courtesy of walkerscay.com)

RENOWNED SPORT FISHING RESORT WALKER'S CAY IS ON ITS WAY BACK!

By Chris Chambers

What ever happened To Walker's Cay?

Since hurricanes Frances and Jeanne in 2004 demolished the remaining buildings of Walker's Cay, this world-renowned fishing resort has been closed and has waited for someone to scoop it up and bring it back to life.

Lots of government politics were involved until 2018 when Carl Allen, a Texas businessman and childhood visitor and frequent guest of Walker's Cay purchased the tiny 100-acre island and began to bring Walker's Cay back to its glory days.

The worldwide outbreak of COVID-19 has put a temporary delay on construction, but according to the new website WalkersCay.com, things will pick up soon where they left off.

That's great news for not only anglers on Florida's east coast, but worldwide. It's just 90-plus miles east of Ft Pierce. By boat, it's just



You better bring your big boy gear with you if you return to Walker's, the fishing is outstanding!



This photograph of the captains parade during a tournament hung in the resort lobby at Walker's Cay for many years!

hours in small seas and minutes by air. (Walker's Cay has it's own airstrip for small aircraft.)

Walker's Cay has a long and storied history dating back to the 1600-1700's. Thomas Walker, a born Bahamian but Englishman by birthright, was living in New Providence, Bahamas, serving as a stand-in governor for the Vice-Admiralty Court when pirates first arrived. When he organized men to fight the pirates, the pirates swore to burn his home to the ground. Walker fled to an island 170 miles northwest. That island today is still known as Walker's Cay.

Of course, years passed until Palm Beach businessman Buzz Shonnard leased the island in 1935 and built an airstrip, marina and small hotel. Shonnard promoted the resort as a sport fishing destination.

According to Walker's Cay current website, Robert Abplanalp took over the resort in 1968 and marketed it as more than just a marlin hot spot. Abplanalp passed away in 2003 leaving his legacy for anglers worldwide. Even sparking its own television show that many will remember as "The Walker's Cay Chronicles!"

Florida's east coast will perk up when Walker's Cay finally reopens. So many memories of great fishing with family and friends. And of course, if you've made the trip, you know exactly where Rosie's Bar is on a smaller island around the corner. Classic beer conversations and fresh conch with friends and locals about the catch of the day.

Hey Walker's Cay...We can't wait to see you again!

Around Sebastian Inlet

Here are several pictures sent to **BIG Bragger** from anglers enjoying the benefits of Sebastian inlet both on and offshore!

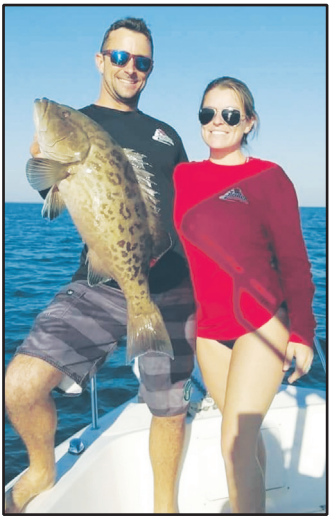


MONSTER WAHOO!

L/R: John Kaminski, Ronnie Yampolsky of Corey's Bagels and Mike Goodwin pose with this giant wahoo, caught out of Sebastian.



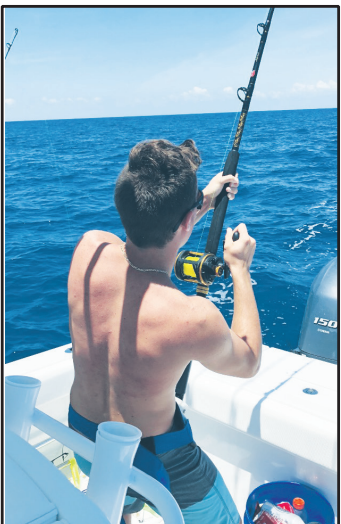
Austin Bryan & Brian Mincey



The Perchalskis



Kyle Perchalski & Chad Richard



Matt King



Bob Mello



NICE SAILFISH GUYS and GALS!

L/R: Al Steiginia, Brandi Gaffney and Vince Watson catch and release this sailfish out of Sebastian from a few summers ago. Remember, send us your pictures to Big Bragger, regardless of when they were caught!



Sunset Snook!

Denise Richard of Melbourne caught this snook at sunset at Sebastian Inlet, using a pig fish off the tip of the north jetty.



If it has to do with diving... Hatt's is the place since 1954.

2006 Front St. • Melbourne

HattsDiving.com 321-723-5932



Hatts has been family-owned and operated in Brevard county for over 66 years. Whether you are new to the underwater world or you have been a veteran for years we are your one-stop shop for all your diving, snorkeling and spearfishing needs. We have the largest selection on the Space Coast of diving & spearfishing accessories.



WHO LET THE RODS OUT? HOO!

Eric Griggs sent us this photo from his trip in January 2020 to San Diego in pursuit of wahoo. Looks like he and everyone else on the Excel Sport Fishing Boat did very well. That's Eric, almost in the middle, with the blue shirt and tan hat. Eric is also a current member of the FSFA.

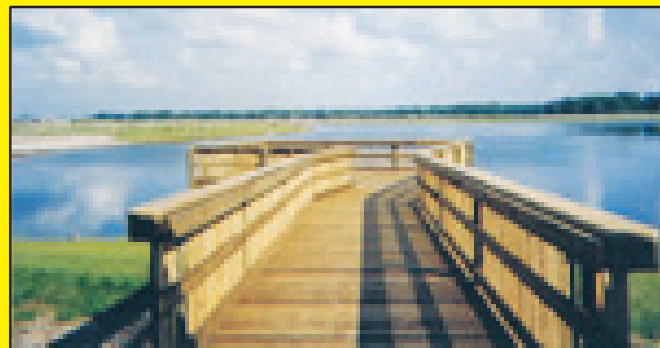


Matt Kermish and son Ethon of Palm Bay brag about this nice jack caught at Sebastian Inlet aboard *Whatever Turns You On* Fishing Charter with Captain Shane Trottier.

DREAM DOCKS
A Division of Reese Enterprises Inc.

All Phases of Marine Construction
321-253-DOCK (3625)
LIC# 009550649

WE ARE YOUR BREVARD COUNTY DOCK BUILDERS, DOCK REPAIR AND SEAWALL BUILDERS SINCE 1976!





Adam Der had a great day aboard the *Ocean Obsession 2* out of Port Canaveral with this 8.5 pound lobster!

Lobster Fest!

February Tide Chart

TIDES FOR SEBASTIAN, FLORIDA FOR FEB 2021

1-Feb	4:06 A.M. EST	Low
1-Feb	10:24 A.M. EST	High
1-Feb	4:34 P.M. EST	Low
1-Feb	10:50 P.M. EST	High
2-Feb	4:57 A.M. EST	Low
2-Feb	11:09 A.M. EST	High
2-Feb	5:25 P.M. EST	Low
2-Feb	11:45 P.M. EST	High
3-Feb	5:52 A.M. EST	Low
3-Feb	11:58 A.M. EST	High
3-Feb	6:22 P.M. EST	Low
4-Feb	12:44 A.M. EST	High
4-Feb	6:53 A.M. EST	Low
4-Feb	12:53 P.M. EST	High
4-Feb	7:24 P.M. EST	Low
5-Feb	1:48 A.M. EST	High
5-Feb	7:59 A.M. EST	Low
5-Feb	1:56 P.M. EST	High
5-Feb	8:29 P.M. EST	Low
6-Feb	2:57 A.M. EST	High
6-Feb	9:07 A.M. EST	Low
6-Feb	3:04 P.M. EST	High
6-Feb	9:35 P.M. EST	Low
7-Feb	4:05 A.M. EST	High
7-Feb	10:11 A.M. EST	Low
7-Feb	4:12 P.M. EST	High
7-Feb	10:37 P.M. EST	Low
8-Feb	5:08 A.M. EST	High
8-Feb	11:11 A.M. EST	Low
8-Feb	5:15 P.M. EST	High
8-Feb	11:34 P.M. EST	Low
9-Feb	6:03 A.M. EST	High
9-Feb	12:06 P.M. EST	Low
9-Feb	6:11 P.M. EST	High
10-Feb	12:27 A.M. EST	Low
10-Feb	6:53 A.M. EST	High
10-Feb	12:56 P.M. EST	Low
10-Feb	7:02 P.M. EST	High
11-Feb	1:16 A.M. EST	Low
11-Feb	7:37 A.M. EST	High
11-Feb	1:43 P.M. EST	Low
11-Feb	7:48 P.M. EST	High
12-Feb	2:02 A.M. EST	Low
12-Feb	8:18 A.M. EST	High
12-Feb	2:27 P.M. EST	Low
12-Feb	8:31 P.M. EST	High
13-Feb	2:45 A.M. EST	Low
13-Feb	8:57 A.M. EST	High
13-Feb	3:09 P.M. EST	Low
13-Feb	9:13 P.M. EST	High
14-Feb	3:26 A.M. EST	Low
14-Feb	9:33 A.M. EST	High
14-Feb	3:49 P.M. EST	Low
14-Feb	9:53 P.M. EST	High
15-Feb	4:07 A.M. EST	Low
15-Feb	10:09 A.M. EST	High
15-Feb	4:29 P.M. EST	Low
15-Feb	10:32 P.M. EST	High



Abram "Tarzan" Miller Is Brevard's King Of The Water!

Most people, if they are lucky, don't get their dream job until they're in their thirties or forties.

Such is not the case for Abram "Tarzan" Miller.

Miller, of Indialantic, is just 11 years-old and gets to do what he loves almost every day. And that's fishing.



"Tarzan," which he prefers to be called, is a Junior Pro fisherman with enough national sponsors to fill up the back or sleeve of any fishing jacket. Pelagic, Danco Plyers, Fish Bites, Engel Coolers and ACR are just a few of the major sponsors which provide Tarzan with clothing, equipment and even offshore rides when he's fishing in tournaments.

The next tournament happens to be in a few months at Sailfish Marina in Stuart, the Shamrock Shootout.

"I'd like to be a full-time profes-

sional fisherman on tour when I get older, I just love to fish," explains Tarzan.

And why the name Tarzan? You probably guessed it from his pictures, "It's my hair," he claims.

This young phenom prefers off-shore fishing, but it doesn't matter where the fish are biting, he'll find them.

According to his mother Mandy, Tarzan has won numerous tournaments with cash prizes. Mom also said all of his winnings have gone into a fund for college.



"We just love the beach and took Abram surfing and fishing at a very early age and he got hooked on both," Mandy said. "When he's not fishing, he's surfing for sure."

Tarzan credits his mom and dad for helping him get started as well as is Uncle "Fly" Navarro.

Abram has caught a huge variety of fish, but his favorite to eat is mangrove snapper. His biggest catch, other than a black tip shark, was a 44" snook right off the beach.

Giving back to the community is also a priority for this youngster. In August, he headed up "The Beach Clean Up" along with Longdoggers restaurant in Indialantic. He and 80 people picked up 8 gigantic bags of trash along Indialantic's shoreline.

Fishing has become young Abram's passion and it shows from the excitement in his voice when he talks about his accomplishments at such an early age. The sky is the limit for this young angler and *Big Bragger* wishes him a world of success.

Oh, and how does he catch so many fish? Well, he says his favorite lure is a D.O.A. shrimp. Good choice!



96 East Eau Gallie Causeway Melbourne, FL 32937

Sales: 321-773-3604
Marina/Services: 321-773-3620



In and Outdoor Storage • Certified Repairs • Fuel and Marine Shop • Boat Sales





February Tide Chart

Continued from page 18

16-Feb 4:47 A.M. EST	Low
16-Feb 10:44 A.M. EST	High
16-Feb 5:08 P.M. EST	Low
16-Feb 11:13 P.M. EST	High
17-Feb 5:28 A.M. EST	Low
17-Feb 11:20 A.M. EST	High
17-Feb 5:50 P.M. EST	Low
17-Feb 11:56 P.M. EST	High
18-Feb 6:13 A.M. EST	Low
18-Feb 12:00 P.M. EST	High
18-Feb 6:36 P.M. EST	Low
19-Feb 12:44 A.M. EST	High
19-Feb 7:03 A.M. EST	Low
19-Feb 12:46 P.M. EST	High
19-Feb 7:28 P.M. EST	Low
20-Feb 1:40 A.M. EST	High
20-Feb 8:01 A.M. EST	Low
20-Feb 1:40 P.M. EST	High
20-Feb 8:26 P.M. EST	Low
21-Feb 2:43 A.M. EST	High
21-Feb 9:03 A.M. EST	Low
21-Feb 2:44 P.M. EST	High
21-Feb 9:26 P.M. EST	Low
22-Feb 3:47 A.M. EST	High
22-Feb 10:02 A.M. EST	Low
22-Feb 3:49 P.M. EST	High
22-Feb 10:21 P.M. EST	Low
23-Feb 4:46 A.M. EST	High
23-Feb 10:55 A.M. EST	Low
23-Feb 4:49 P.M. EST	High
23-Feb 11:13 P.M. EST	Low
24-Feb 5:38 A.M. EST	High
24-Feb 11:44 A.M. EST	Low
24-Feb 5:44 P.M. EST	High
25-Feb 12:01 A.M. EST	Low
25-Feb 6:25 A.M. EST	High
25-Feb 12:29 P.M. EST	Low
25-Feb 6:34 P.M. EST	High
26-Feb 12:46 A.M. EST	Low
26-Feb 7:09 A.M. EST	High
26-Feb 1:13 P.M. EST	Low
26-Feb 7:22 P.M. EST	High
27-Feb 1:31 A.M. EST	Low
27-Feb 7:51 A.M. EST	High
27-Feb 1:56 P.M. EST	Low
27-Feb 8:08 P.M. EST	High
28-Feb 2:16 A.M. EST	Low
28-Feb 8:33 A.M. EST	High
28-Feb 2:40 P.M. EST	Low
28-Feb 8:55 P.M. EST	High



Tarzan Does It All!

Whether it's inshore, off-shore, in the river, or lakes and ponds... this Indialantic youngster has mastered his craft.

And when he's not fishing, he's tearing up the ocean on his surfboard. So much talent for such a young age.

Already a Junior Pro, Abram is headed for stardom in the fishing world.



Nautical Construction is a fully licensed and insured Florida general contractor that installs seawalls and docks. We have over 50 years combined experience in the construction industry and wanted to bring a better experience to the marine construction customer.



SEAWALL AND DOCK CONSTRUCTION

5585 Schenck Ave.
Rockledge

321-802-8300

LIC# CGC1526997

The McQuaigs Family Style!

The McQuaig family of Melbourne loves to fish!

Dad DJ, mom Chelsea, son Micah and daughter Kylah are all featured here with their prize catches both from the Melbourne area and spots in Key West.

The family also enjoys snorkeling and just being on the water.

Hello From The Keys!



Chelsea and DJ caught this grouper!



DJ, Kylah and Micah proudly show off this grouper!



DJ with a wahoo!

ALL FLORIDA GUTTERS



5585 Schenck Ave. #9
Rockledge



(321) 722-7977

AllFloridaGutters.com

Around the Waterways!



Carol!

This crappie was caught in December by Carol Collin, FSFA member.



Tory!

Tory Puma slams a nice red in the Mosquito Lagoon in Titusville.



Anthony!

Anthony Mccue caught this snook kayak fishing in Melbourne.



Hunter!

Hunter Allen of Melbourne brags about his bass he caught from his grandmother's pond in Suntree.

Take charge
of your
financial future.

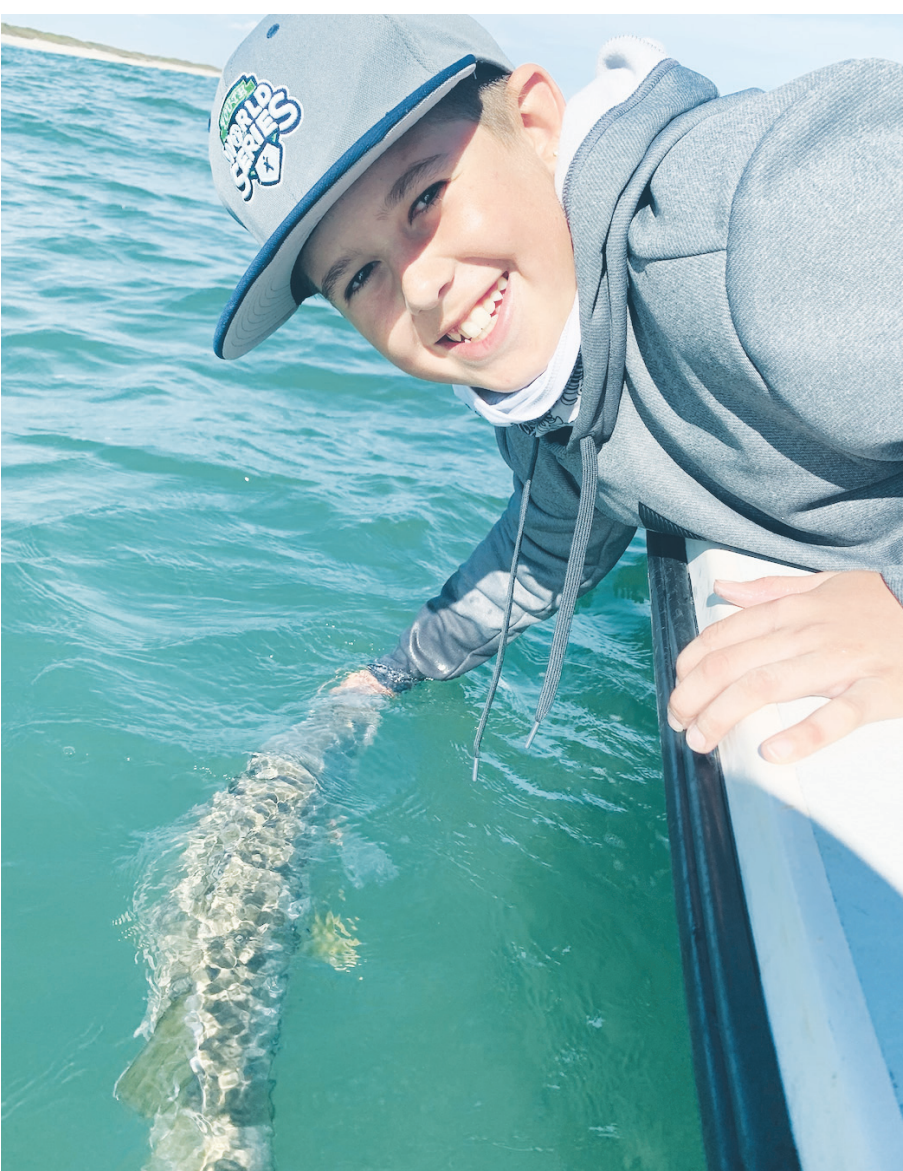


Scott J Roslonowski
Financial Advisor and Managing Partner
Roslonowski, Boucher and Associates
A financial advisory practice of
Ameriprise Financial Services, LLC.

321.428.3522
2050 South Patrick Drive Suite B
Indian Harbour Beach, FL 32937
scott.roslonowski@ampf.com
ameripriseadvisors.com/
scott.j.roslonowski



**All
Smiles!**



The Art Of Catch And Release

Here's 11 year-old Cooper Cecilione holding a nice snook with guide Faith Anne, aboard the *Attitude Adjustment*, with Captain Eric Metcalf.

It's great to learn that sometimes you have to let it go back in the water!

Spec-tacular!



Troy Murray of Satellite Beach holds this gigantic 6.5-pounds speckled trout caught in the Mosquito Lagoon. Troy used a popping cork and live shrimp.

Featured Species of the Month



SPECKLED TROUT

Cynoscion nebulosus, the spotted seatrout, also known as speckled trout, is a common estuarine fish found in the southern United States along coasts of Gulf of Mexico and the coastal Atlantic Ocean from Maryland to Florida.

While most of these fish are caught on shallow, grassy flats, spotted seatrout reside in virtually any inshore waters, from the surf of outside islands to far up coastal rivers, where they often come for shelter during cold weather.



Contrary to its name, the spotted seatrout is not a member of the trout family (Salmonidae), but of the drum family (Sciaenidae).

It is popular for commercial and especially recreational fishing in coastal waters of the southeastern United States. Adults reach 19-32 inches in length and 3-15 pounds in weight.

Source: Wikipedia



Mike Ferrara, Satellite Beach



(L/R) Julia and Ava Kraus, Rockledge



Contact James Roemer for all of your residential and commercial needs!

321-292-1172
RoemerRealEstate@gmail.com

“Done Deal!”



WATERMAN
REAL ESTATE

LIC # 3342108



James Roemer

Look at me, Dad!



Reid Latraverse braved the cold weather in January and caught this blue fish on the shores of Satellite Beach.

Double Header!



Ryan McKay of Merritt Island shows off a couple of cubera snapper caught in the Indian River with pinfish!



The Ride Out Is Half The Fun!

By Craig Kraus

At the end of the day, when most anglers are at the dock hovering over their prized catch, they often forget about how the day started.

For some, it's all about the ride out.

Think about the adrenaline running as you pull up to your boat at the marina or begin loading it up in your driveway. The pleasure of seeing everyone you invited on-time and dressed appropriately, most of the time (dude it's 42 degrees out you're going to freeze your #@\$ on the ride down). The sound of ice bags crashing on to the boat deck, rods carefully sliding down into their holders, the spreader lights on and illuminating your boat, bait tucked away. Small sips of hot coffee in between as you wait for the first glimpse of light from the east. (Unless you're a Tuna enthusiast and left the dock at 3am.)



Glen's already thinking of lunch in the morning.

It's idle speed out to the channel and then you're on plane. You can barely see, but the sun is rising rapidly. Everybody's gathered around the center console avoiding the wind. It's so flat in the river, it looks like ice. Birds are scattering off the water as you speed by. Oh the ride out!

With no major hangovers from

the night before, you crank up your favorite "ride out songs." Maybe it's Lynyrd Skynyrd, AC/DC, Boston? It's your choice, but make it loud because you have to show off that 8-speaker surround system. And best of all, there's nothing better than going through the inlet headed 90 degrees with a ball of sun in your eyes. Oh the ride out!



Mike stays warm behind the center console!

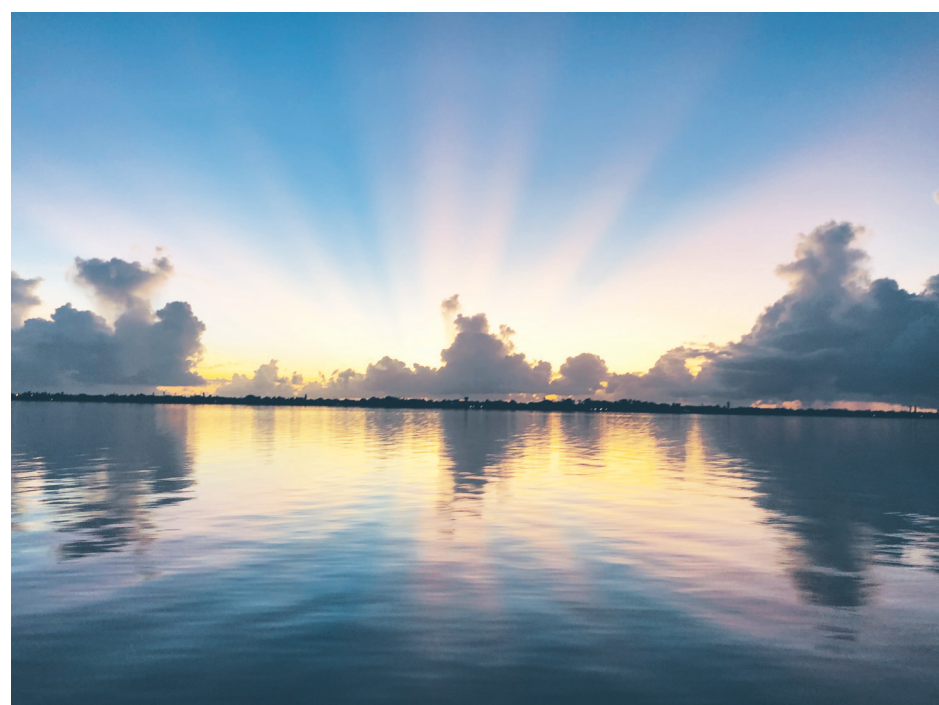
And then you do the math in your head. 30 mph gets you to 100 feet for hopefully your first sighting of weeds in about 25-40 minutes or an hour to the edge of the stream. Be sure to add on the time needed for searching for bait or a few pit stops where your crew loves to leap over the back transom only to stand on your fuel lines as they relieve themselves of last night's remaining beer. Oh the ride out!

And think about how excited everyone is when the first "Flying fish" is called out and the first weedline with bait and birds are spotted. This is the end of the morning journey and the beginning of the other half of a great day!

Never take for granted the ride out, it's half the fun. Guaranteed!



L/R: Craig and Kevin having a great time singing to the blaring of The Eagles Heartache Tonight.



You're heading south to Sebastian, it's 6:45am and as you glance to the east, you often find beautiful sunrises similar to this photo. Maybe you're sippin' on a hot coffee or maybe your crew is already enjoying a "cold one", the ride out is not only half the fun, but just plain beautiful.

Pile it on!



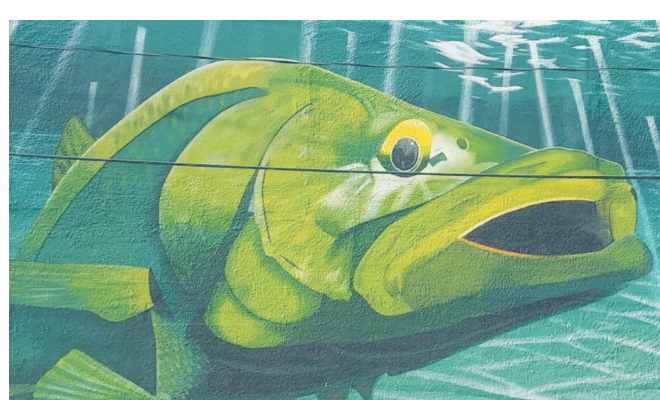
Two Hours Well Spent!

You have a wheelbarrow full of dolphin and now the fun is just starting! This pile of mahi is the result of 11 dolphin ranging from 9 to 12 pounds caught by anglers Ryan Mitchell and Steve Pettko out of Sebastian Inlet late last year before the wind brought in the high seas.



A full-service outfitter for inshore, offshore and fly fishing.

1231 East New Haven Ave
Melbourne
321-723-4751



HARRY GOODE'S
OUTDOOR SHOP
"A Florida tradition since 1966"

FLY FISHING
FILM TOUR
FEB 26TH
TICKETS SOLD
HERE



Yes Sir!

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Maple Soy Glazed Salmon

by Jilly's Kitchen



Marinate salmon filets in soy sauce, minced garlic, freshly squeezed orange juice, and maple syrup for 30 minutes.

Sprinkle with freshly cracked pepper and cayenne. **Bake** for 6-7 minutes at 375.

Drizzle with maple syrup. **Broil** on low for one or two minutes.

Accompaniment

Poach cauliflower florets in chicken broth for 5 minutes. **Add** cranberries, orange zest, chopped parsley, chopped pistachios, and a dash of cayenne. **Simmer** for a couple minutes.

Pair with La Crema Pinot Gris!

From the Cover! Officer Darren Frost of Satellite Beach is all smiles holding up this beautiful tile fish he also caught in January.



TOP NOTCH MARINE US-1 AT PINEDA CAUSEWAY

Here's a SHOUT OUT to one of our new advertisers, Top Notch Marine. The Top Notch staff is ready to handle all your sales and service needs. Give them a call soon!

TO ADVERTISE IN BIG Bragger

CALL TODAY

(321) 750-1059



1120 N. Harbor City Blvd • Melbourne
(321) 306-3800 • FrigatesMelbourne.com

Hinds Anniversary In The Grand Canal!

Mark and Amanda Hinds celebrated their 5th wedding anniversary the right way... Fishing!

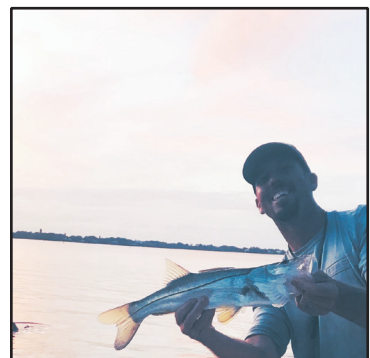
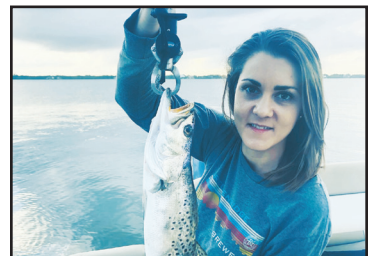
The duo caught a triple slam with a trout, snook and redfish in the Satellite Beach Grand Canal in Satellite Beach right off Sampson Island.

Mark is excited about getting his captain's license this month and will probably spend some time in the Grand Canal with clients.

IT'S A RED NIGHT!



The Hinds have been busy fishing, even outside the Grand Canal, where this nice red was caught by Amanda.



Happy Anniversary from the staff at **BIG Bragger!** We wish you luck and all the happiness with your new captain's license.

KAYAKS BY BO



3405 S. Washington Ave, Titusville • (321) 474-9365 • KayaksByBo.com

10% OFF

All accessories with the purchase of a kayak



**Everything
you need
on and off
the water!**





Bird Light!

Even this little fella gets thirsty during a hot day on the water. This guy hung around for a couple of hours just relaxing and enjoying a cold one!



If you can't find it here, we both have problems!



321-723-5425

Trailer orders and repair experts!

1315 West New Haven • Melbourne

 A photograph showing a technician in a blue shirt working on a large tire mounted on a trailer. The technician is using a tool to adjust the tire. The background shows a workshop or service area.


Polluted Stormwater Is Killing Our Lagoon!



The first few minutes of a rainfall event are the most polluting, producing a deluge of stormwater that runs along impervious surfaces, such as roadways, roofs, and driveways, collecting fertilizers, car oil, grass clippings, pet waste, & other pollutants before making its way into the IRL. Within the first inch of rainfall, a 100-square-foot roof will produce 60 gallons of water! Rain barrels can reduce the stormwater runoff of your property from entering the Indian River Lagoon.

Install A Rain Barrel



Installing a rain barrel is one of the easiest ways YOU can help reduce our negative impact on the Indian River Lagoon!

SALE
SALE
SALE

\$50 RAIN BARREL REBATE

Available for City of Melbourne Residents & Cocoa Utility Customers

To learn more, inquire about rebates, or to purchase your lagoon saving 55-gallon rain barrel, please visit <https://savetheirl.org/product/rain-barrel/> or call 321.725.7775.



SaveTheIRL.org

A COPY OF THE OFFICIAL REGISTRATION AND FINANCIAL INFORMATION MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE DIVISION OF CONSUMER SERVICES BY CALLING TOLL-FREE WITHIN THE STATE. REGISTRATION DOES NOT IMPLY ENDORSEMENT, APPROVAL, OR RECOMMENDATION BY THE STATE. The toll-free number of the department is 1-800-HELP-FLA (435-7352) - calling from within the state of Florida, or (850) 410-3800 - calling from outside of Florida. The department's website is www.800helpfla.com. [s. 496.412(1)(c), F.S.]

Fishing The Bridge!

Brandon Shackelford brought up this big drum from under the causeway!



YOUR PAINTING PROS!

321-693-9365

LIC 18-PT-CT-0010

Serving All of Brevard County





Storm Certified Experts
FREE Storm Damage
Inspections



VIRTUAL AND ONLINE
APPOINTMENTS
AVAILABLE!



Total Home Team

NEED A NEW ROOF?

Highest Rated Roofer • Financing Options • Competitive Pricing • Most Reviewed



Total Home Difference

- ✓ Serving all of Florida
- ✓ Dedicated Customer Service
- ✓ Dedicated Project Managers
- ✓ Dedicated warranty department



You Have Full Control

- ✓ Financing Available with Approved Credits
- ✓ All major credit cards accepted / No additional charge
- ✓ No down payments required



Reputation Is Everything

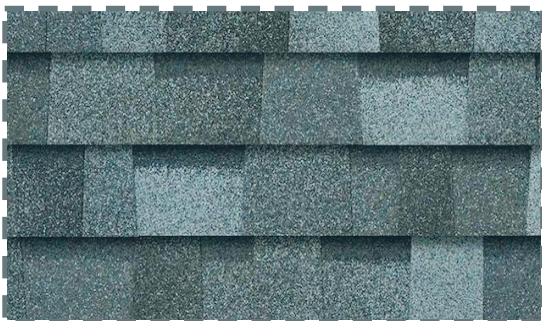
- ✓ #1 Most Reviewed Roofing Company
- ✓ #1 Highest Rated Roofing Company
- ✓ A+ Rating with BBB



Save Time

- ✓ 24hr Guaranteed leak response included with all new roofs
- ✓ Most roofs completed in 2 days or less
- ✓ Written estimates are provided SAME DAY of appointment

Asphalt Shingle Roofs



Metal Roofs



Tile Roofs



Nations Premier Re-Roof Specialist
Free Written Estimates Provided Same Day As Appointment
Fully Licensed & Insured



LIC: CCC1330489



321-341-6866

Salt STRONG

THE #1 REDFISH LURE IN THE WORLD?



Claim Your Free Pack Here - www.slamshady.com

Brunch is Back!

AT DURAN GOLF CLUB

SUNDAYS 10AM - 2PM

JOIN US FOR A COVID-FRIENDLY SUNDAY BRUNCH BUFFET
WITH FRESH OFFERINGS WEEKLY!

ADULTS \$23.99 KIDS \$10.99



NEW MENU | OUTDOOR SEATING | BOTTOMLESS MIMOSAS | THE PERFECT VIEW

FOR RESERVATIONS: CALL 321-504-7771

7032 STADIUM PARKWAY VIERA, FL 32940 WWW.DURANGOLF.COM





GRILLS
Seafood Deck
TIKI BAR

**Port Canaveral
Melbourne
Orlando**
GrillsSeafood.com



Boat Storage



Tackle & Gift Shop



Bait Station



Fish Hang

505 Glen Cheek Drive
Cape Canaveral
321-783-9535
SunriseMarina.com

**It All Happens
At SUNRISE!**



IT'S ON!

The Florida Sport Fishing Association is pleased to announce the 52nd Annual Offshore Tournament is now scheduled for Saturday, June 5th.

A Captains Party will be held Friday night, June 4th at Kiwanis Park. For more information go to OffshoreSlam.com.

\$22,000
GUARANTEED
PAYOUT



SATURDAY JUNE 5th, 2021

GUARANTEED
\$14,000
GENERAL AWARDS

GUARANTEED
\$5,000
BIG FISH

GUARANTEED
\$3,000
GENERAL SLAM

REGISTER NOW AT OFFSHORESBLAM.COM

