



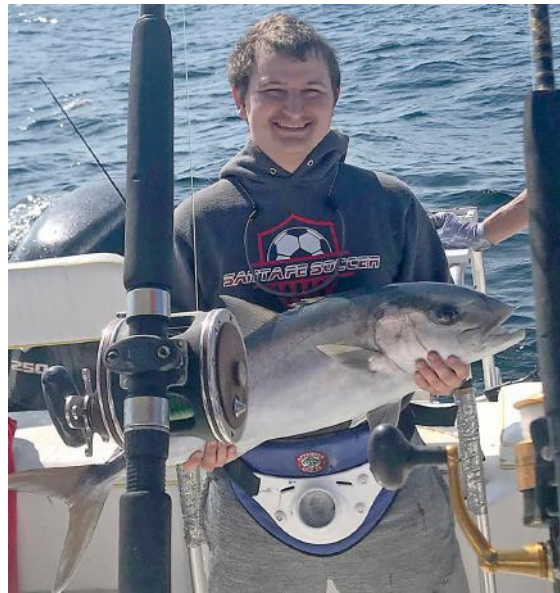
“The charm of fishing is that it is the pursuit of that which is elusive but attainable, a perpetual series of occasions for hope.” ~ Author Unknown

Fish Tales and Marina Life

That's Not Big Enough?

“That's not big enough?” Davy said after an exasperating amberjack—reef donkey—experience. “I'm sorry”, said the only required uncloaked dolt--me-- for the otherwise mandatory masked-train of cubically-sequestered-irrational-political regulation stampers seeking career advancement. I'm the un-wanting, yet, the only point of contact, accountability and designated one required, to look into the face of another and feel the unspoken utter disappointment. “But, why?” “You can look overboard yourself and observe the hundreds of “over harvested” fish and understand why the land bound cubical fish-bean-counters came to their facsimile-reality decision. “Watch, I can hand feed live fish to the obviously depleted amberjack population due to your unjust act of catching one, Davy. The United States federal government has a proven history of superior guidance over individual experience, intellect, invention, etc. via bureaucratic expansion paid for by your taxed ancestors, as well as, you and your family. It's for your own good.” Sorry to misquote, “It's for your own good”, was Hitler 1936. I'm read not indoctrinated.

We enjoyed constantly hooking up with double and triple headers, boxing three legals, until angler fatigue and the pure sportsman sickness of watching gut hooked undersized amberjack float away to feed the unseen sharks—you know SLM 'shark lives matter'.



A prize from the Bill Ken trip with Captain Brian Smith



Jon & Kenny with their catch, fishing with

I went to another waypoint. I'm far from a one-hole-wonder. The same thing occurred! Those over harvested amberjack are every where.

It would behoove the amberjack population tremendously, if the size limit, based on region, was reduced so that far less damage was done to the healthy fish simply by requiring less additional fishing time/pressure/incidental undersized kill so to meet the federal regulated length of Gulf water amberjack—as well as other species.

In the past—when minimal amberjack fork length was 28-30"—, I would allot 45 minutes to fulfill the limit of one per each six anglers. Now, it can take over two hours while failing to collect the 'legal' limit. Folks regretfully watch the fish that thrilled them moments ago, float off dead. Very anticlimactic to say the least. Happy, happy then Sh@#! Beautiful unharvested fish dead off the stern. "Why" Felt by all aboard. It is not greed at all! It is shame we feel. Shame, due to our volunteer accountability contributing to the waist of a bountiful amberjack resource, by submitting to obviously irrational regulations.

Hopefully, Davy will not need to express the same story title for another reason during his life

Captain Brian Smith
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Michael Farmer, Stacy Burk & Shannon Maxwell fishing with Captain Donald Campbell



The Head family had a good trout day, fishing with Captain Mike Baker

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Paul, Josh and Jake fished with Captain Donald Campbell



Buck Floyd, Carey Grant, Britt Stewart, Nick Davis, Curt Lane and Steve Dillingham fished with Captains Mike Farmer and Tony Jackson



Brenda and Holly, soul sisters, saving the mermaids.



Thirsty crew celebrating National Mimosa Day at Dockside Bar & Grille



Sisters Doris and Judy caught 55lbs of pink mouth and Black Sea bass, fishing with Captain Donald Campbell



Fishing with Captain Brian Smith is always an adventure - you just never know what's on the hook!



First mate, Charlie, wrestling a big 'un with Captain Brian Smith



Fishing offshore with Captain Brian Smith



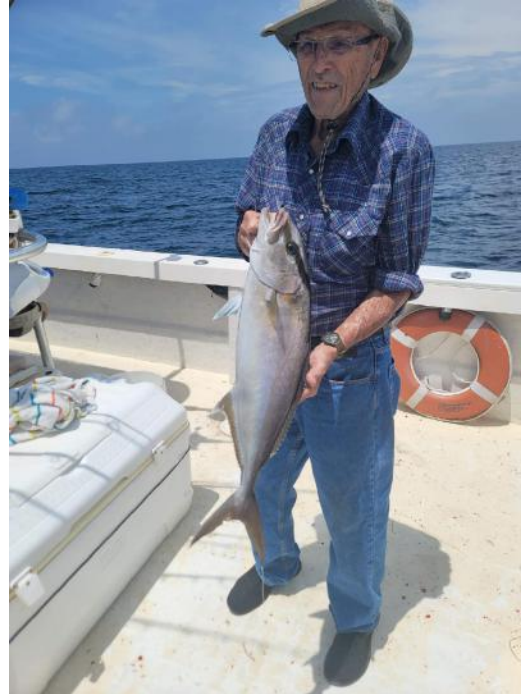
Day 1 - Justin & Michelle on Mother's Day, fishing with Captain Donald Campbell



Day 2 - Justin & Michelle fishing with Captain Donald Campbell



Shannon, Michael & Stacy fishing with Captain Donald Campbell



Captain Brian Smith - "What a fight to bring this bad boy in - talking about the fish." :)

Amberjack Season

Greater Amberjack Regulations

Gulf Waters

Season: Open May 1-31 and Aug. 1-Oct. 31.

Minimum Size Limit: 34" Fork Length

Daily Bag Limit: 1 per person



GREATER AMBERJACK (*Seriola lalandi*)

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Lesser Amberjack Regulations

Minimum Size Limits:

Atlantic and Gulf - Cannot be less than 14" or greater than 22" fork length

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

Atlantic and Gulf - 5 per person aggregate of the two species

Sea Urchins



Bon Appetit!

Last year, Dr. Bill Choisser and his lovely wife, Dana, were scalloping with Captain Tony Mathis and they began harvesting a few Sea Urchins. Later, on the boat he found out why. Though he refused to try some, they claimed urchins were very delicious and a true gift of the sea. Captain Tony said he's going to try them this year - would you?

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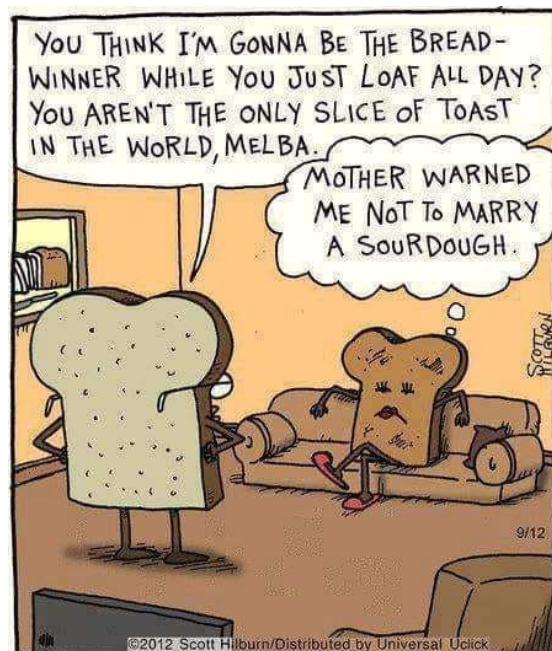


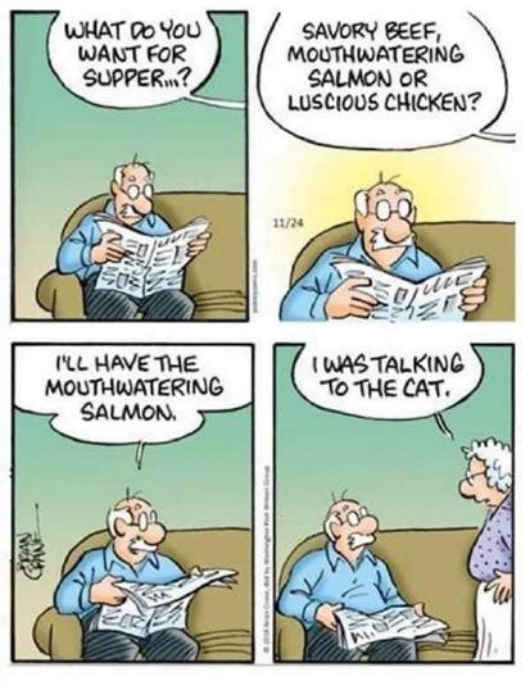
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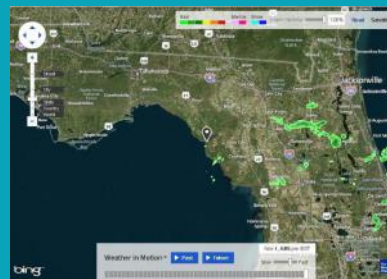
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