



# Fort Myers Beach Tarpon Hunters Club

## TARPON TALES

Club Member Newsletter

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October 2017

**PRESIDENT'S CORNER**

# IRMA BLOW THRU

Well the month of September was a bust. Not because the lack of activity but the lack of the ability to fish. Irma had us all kneeling on the sidelines. I hope everyone weathered the storm ok and didn't suffer any significant hardships.

I had my Indiana bass fishing crew in town last week to do a few days of tarpon fishing. Since the nonrefundable tickets were purchased we decided to give it a shot. What I assumed would be a "you should have been here before the storm trip" turned into becoming an interesting four days on the water. The first day of fishing began running the Sanibel beaches with no sightings. On the second morning, Mary Laser provided us some intel while she was out scouting for a redfish tournament. We found fish scattered around the Chino Island area just past the Sanibel power lines. Bait, birds and ladyfish were showing strong and the presence of Cape Club members were noted. After observing several Tarpon the wind kicked up and we were forced to abandon our program for the day and never really got back on them as they had seemed to move with the bait. Our last day we found some activity working the power line area and managed a couple releases drifting pinfish. Congratulations to John Young (Rookie) and Mike Vertesch for their releases. John was the winner of the two day hunt.

As a side note, congrats goes out to Mary Laser who won the Low Key Tiki Redfish Tournament and the Snook Calcutta last Saturday.

We are now in the final stretch of the season with only a few weekends remaining I encourage you to get out and fish. The fishing should get better every day and I for one want to put a few more fish on the board. I would normally recommend your focus be on the beaches of Sanibel, Fort Myers and Bonita and will still encourage you to do so. But as last week has taught me, don't overlook the brown water in the bay.

We have several hunts scheduled. Two one day hunts on September 30<sup>th</sup> and October 1<sup>st</sup>, a one day hunt on Saturday October 7<sup>th</sup> and our final two day money hunt on October 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. Now is the time to go all in and put some numbers on the board.

And let's not forget, our awards banquet is schedule for Saturday November 4<sup>th</sup> this year at the Moose. Please RSVP and send in your payment early to help us plan the event more efficiently.

Kevin

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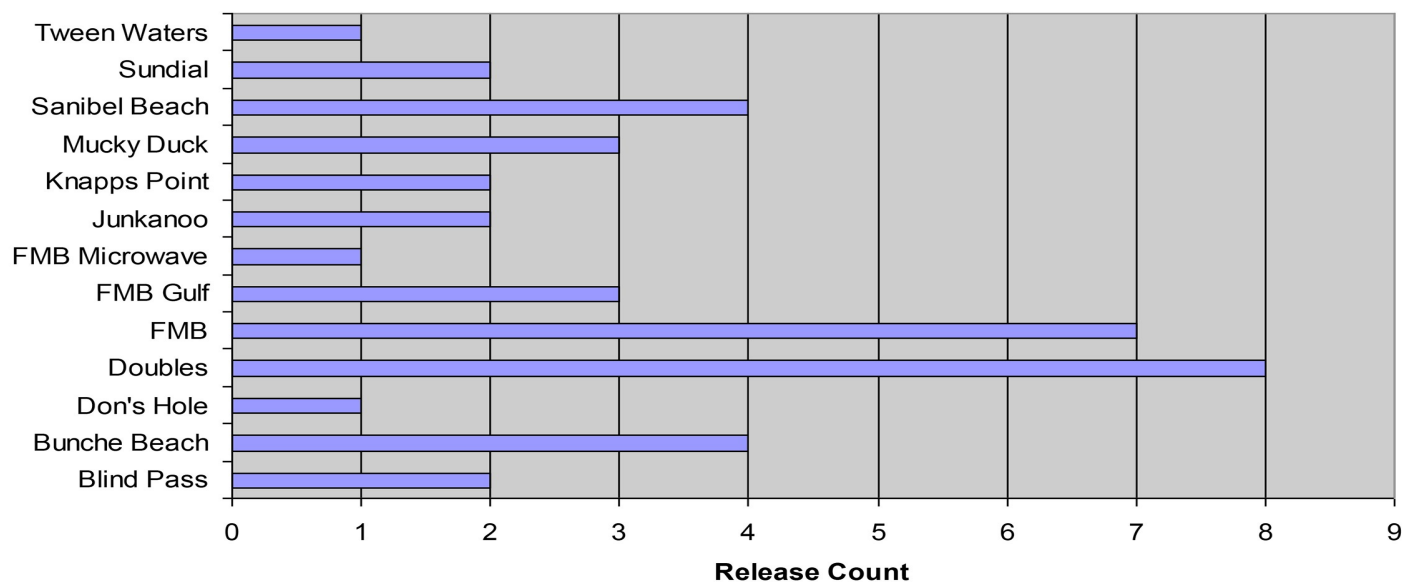
## Current Fish Count 2017

Rank	Name	Tarpon	Date of first fish	Time of first fish	Date of last fish	Captains pts.
1	Kevin Vertesch	5	5/17		8/19	7
2	Steve Johnson	5	5/13		9/04	
3	Pete Maastricht	3	5/29	3:45 Pm	5/29	1
4	Jerry Stephenson	1	3/10	8:45	3/10	
5	John Zupanovich	1	4/19		4/19	
6	Warren Teigen	1	4/30	8:45 Pm	4/30	
7	John McDaniel	1	5/12		5/12	
8	Aaron Virnig	1	5/13		5/13	
9	Mary Laser	1	8/15		8/15	
10	Rick DuJardin	1	8/17		8/17	
11	Chip Rivers	1	8/17		8/17	
12	Kim Owens	1	8/19		8/19	
13	John Young	1	9/24		9/24	
14	Mike Vertesch	1	9/24		9/24	
	Don Taylor					1
	Totals	24				

## Historical Catch Locations for the Month of October.

Thanks to Don Taylor

### October Release Locations



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A Special Thanks to **Bill Semmer** for his continued hospitality for letting us meet at Bonita Bill's.

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