

Fort Myers Beach Tarpon Hunters Club

TARPON TALES

Club Member Newsletter

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July 2017

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The President Gets a Tow Job!

I'd like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a great 4th of July holiday. It's hard to believe we are now in July as the year has seemed to roll by. It caught me by complete surprise as I see me our monthly meeting

is tomorrow and that explains my effort with this months "newsletter."

We had a busy June with some great events. We started out with the annual Picnic at the causeway where we roasted a pig and dined on an assortment of items provided by our members. We also had a great raffle and we missed the rain. Thanks to all who pitched in and helped.

The clubs Up North Hunt has proven to be "annual event" worthy. This year several members stayed two days on Cabbage Key and fished the Boca Grande Pass area. The fish were plentiful but uncooperative. This didn't stop us from having a great time. Most of the non-fishing time was spent at Don and Kim's cabin fixing meals and getting to know the membership a little bit better. Once again, we were overloaded with food and beverage for the event. A special thanks to Mary Laser who rescued me on the way up and brought Marya and I to Cabbage Key. Speaking of overloaded, Mary's deck was so crammed with food and luggage I thought we would surely sink on our passage to Cabbage Key. This has become my favorite event of the year and I would encourage everyone to consider the trip north next year.

The Dean –O Hicks Kids Fishing Day was held Saturday and we had several members who volunteered to help with the event. This is an event that the club has supported not only with funds but staff for many years. Dylan fished his first event with limited success but many observers gave him very high marks on hotdog eating and water fighting. I would like to take this opportunity to apologize to all our members who were assaulted during the water fight, especially those who were in a secure location inside the bar. (Kim)

Looking forward to the July schedule, we have a few hunts this month but most notably the Veterans and Rookies Team Hunt on Saturday July 8th. We will pair Veterans with Rookies at the meeting. I will have a signup sheet for all those

interested. A Rookie is an angler who has not recorded a release while a member of the club. Please consider putting your boat in for this event.

I look forward to seeing you at Bonita Bills tomorrow.

Kevin





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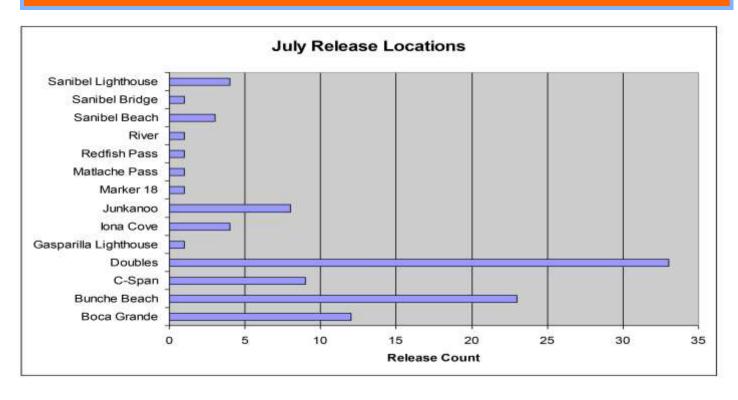


Current Fish Count 2017

| Rank | Name | Tarpon | Date of first fish | Time of first fish | Date of last fish | Captains pts. |
|------|------------------|--------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------|---------------|
| 1 | Pete Maastricht | 3 | 5/29 | 3:45 Pm | | 1 |
| 2 | Jerry Stephenson | 1 | 3/10 | 8:45 | | |
| 3 | John Zupanovich | 1 | 4/19 | | | |
| 4 | Warren Teigen | 1 | 4/30 | 8:45 Pm | | |
| 5 | John McDaniel | 1 | 5/12 | | | |
| 6 | Steve Johnson | 1 | 5/13 | | | |
| 7 | Aaron Virnig | 1 | 5/13 | | | |
| 8 | Kevin Vertesch | 1 | 5/17 | | | 1 |
| | Totals | 10 | | | | |

Historical Catch Locations for the Month of June.

Thanks to Don Taylor



Upcoming Events

Team Hunt, Veterans and Rookies, Saturday July 8th One Day Hunt July 16th. Midnight to Midnight Two Day Hunt July 29-30th Weigh-in 4pm at Bonita Bills

BTW: The President actually has had 2 Tow Jobs this month, ask him about his lower unit.

Be sure to visit our Sponsors and let them know we appreciate all they do for us!

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

Check out our NEW WEBSITE: www.FMBTHC.com

Up North Hunt

Our Up North Hunt this year was held at Cabbage Key, June 24-25. Everyone had a great time, good weather and we seen a lot of fish.









Dean-O Hicks Memorial Kids at Hunt at Bonita Bills







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