



Fort Myers Beach Tarpon Hunters Club

TARPON TALES

Club Member Newsletter

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August 2018

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Seeing RED!

Water quality is the single most important issue we face here in Southwest Florida. It was hard for me driving over the causeway today on the way to work on Sanibel. Dead fish were present as far as the eye could see. It is easy to sit back and take the position that red tide is a naturally occurring event that historically has been recorded for several hundred years. The fact remains that the red tide events are becoming more frequent and the durations are longer. The effects on the estuary are headed toward critical mass and I fear a collapse.

I ask you to please consider taking a more active role. There are several organizations dedicated to fighting on our behalf and in search for short term controls and long-term solutions. I would ask you to consider supporting organizations such as Captains for Clean Water and the Sanibel Captiva Conservation Foundation, to name a few. Check out their websites and also look for links to send our politicians letters voicing your concerns.

Steve will also be acting as President at our next meeting. I will be traveling to Indiana to fish an annual bass tournament at my Brothers lake. Please give Steve the respect that the office deserves. He will not be tweeting in advance of the meeting. Historically speaking, when I travel to Indiana, RD or Steve calls me and tells me the fish have shown up off the Doubles and I need to get back. This has held true for many years. August and September has afforded us many years of great fishing. Start looking at Fort Myers Beach for bait and tarpon near the no wake buoys. In my mind, the season has just started. Late summer and early fall have always been productive. Don't sit on the sidelines, I'm getting reports that confirm its time to spend some time South.

The August schedule kicks off with a two day hunt August 11-12. And yes, feet on the dock at 4:00. Also, we have a one day hunt Saturday the 25th.

Let us hope that the red tide disappears soon and we can get ready for a great fall run.

Kevin

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Anderson's
ROD & REEL REPAIR



2018 Fish Count

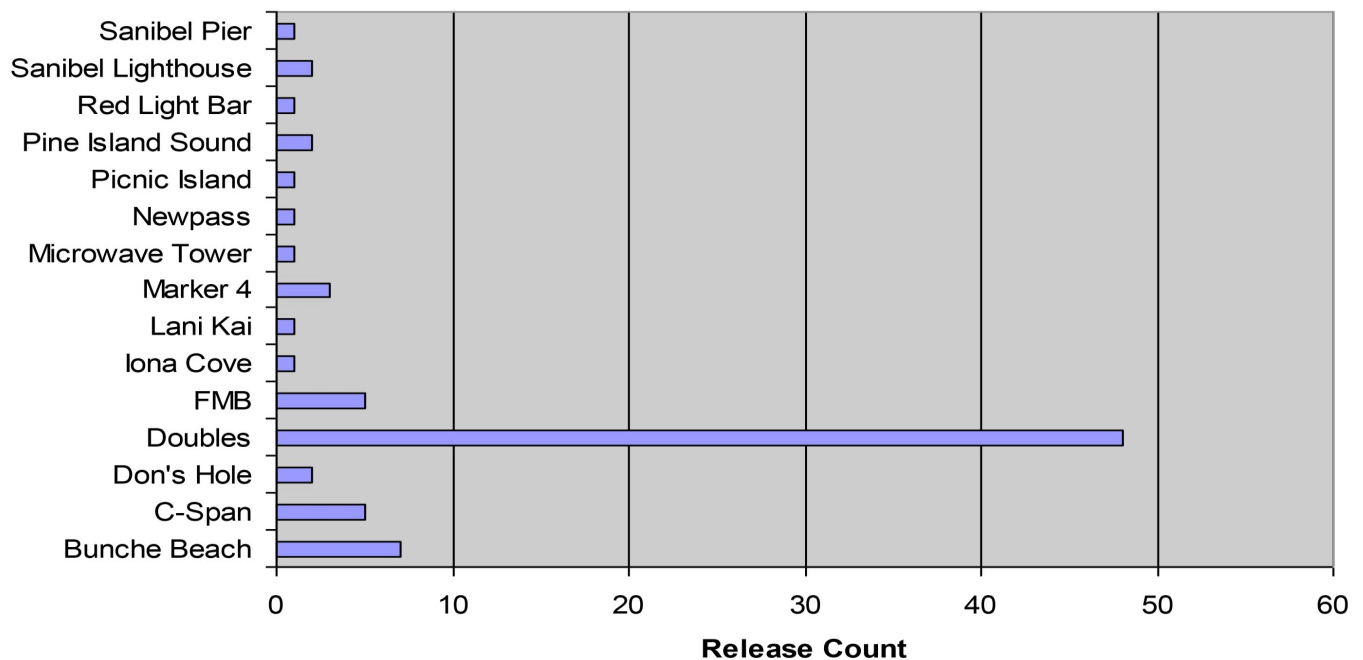
Rank	Name	Tarpon	Date of first fish	Time of first fish	Date of last fish	Captains pts.
1	Pete Maastricht	8	4/1		5/19	3
2	Leslie Miller (R)	2	4/28		5/5	
3	Jerry Stephenson	2	5/19		5/19	
4	Aaron Virnig	1	4/6		4/6	
5	Marya Teets (R)	1	5/5		5/5	
6	Bart Sharp (R)	1	5/5			
7	Kevin Vertesch					2
8	Don Taylor					2
	Totals	15				

**The Club Picnic is Sunday June 10th on the Causeway
See attached flyer for more information**

Historical Releases

Thanks Don Taylor

August Release Locations



2018 Annual Picnic



2018 Up North Hunt



2018 Schedule - Fort Myers Beach Tarpon Hunters Club

<u>January</u>	Mon.	1 st	One Day Hunt	4pm Weigh-in Hangover time at Bonita Bills
	Wed.	10 th	Board Meeting	7pm Bonita Bills New Year Plans, Clinic set-up
<u>February</u>	Wed.	7 st	Board Meeting	7pm Bonita Bills Clinic Set-up
	Sun.	25 th	Fish Fry	Details to be determined
<u>March</u>	Wed.	7 th	Tarpon Clinic	7pm Bonita Bills, come early and help set-up!
	Sun.	18 th	One Day Hunt	All One Day Hunts are Midnight - Midnight No Weigh-in
	Sat/Sun	24-25 th	Two Day Hunt \$\$ Cutbait Classic	All Two Day Hunts-Midnight Sat.-4pm Sunday Weigh-in 4pm at Bonita Bills
<u>April</u>	Wed.	4 th	Monthly Meeting	7pm Bonita Bills
	Sat.	7 th	Orientation Hunt	Midnight-4pm, Food, Weigh-in 4-6pm at Bonita Bills
	Sun.	8 th	Junior Hunt	Midnight-4pm Weigh-in at Bonita Bills (Must have a Kid)
	Sat.	15 th	One Day Hunt	Midnight-Midnight
	Sat.	22 nd	Ladies Hunt	Weigh-in 4pm at Bonita Bills (Gena Clarke Memorial)
	Sat/Sun	28/29 th	Two Day Hunt	Midnight-4pm Weigh-in at Bonita Bills
<u>May</u>	Wed.	2 nd ^d	Monthly Meeting	7pm Bonita Bills
	Sat.	5 th	Rookie Hunt	Midnight-4pm Weigh-in at Bonita Bills (Any club member who has not caught a Tarpon)
	Sat.	11 th	Ding Darling Hunt	Ding Darling Tournament
	Sat.	19 th	Interclub Hunt	Cape Club to Host
	Sat.-Mon.	26-28 th	3 Day Memorial Hunt	Al Jackson / Al Thomas Memorial Hunt Midnight Sat.-4pm Monday Weigh-in at Bonita Bills
<u>June</u>	Wed.	6 th	Monthly Meeting	7pm Bonita Bills
	Sat.	9 th	One Day Hunt	Midnight-Midnight
	Sun.	10 th	Club Picnic	11am on Sanibel Causeway
	Sat/Sun	23 rd -24 ^t	Up North Hunt	No Weigh-in
<u>July</u>	Sat.	1 st	Dean-O Hicks	Bonita Bills Kids Fishing Day – Come out and Help
	Wed.	11 th	Monthly Meeting	7pm Bonita Bills
	Sat.	14 th	Team Hunt	Veteran & Rookies- Midnight-4pm Weigh-in at BB's
	Sun.	15 th	One Day Hunt	Midnight-Midnight
	Sat/Sun	28-29 th	Two Day Hunt	Midnight - Weigh-in 4pm at Bonita Bills
<u>August</u>	Wed.	1 st	Monthly Meeting	7pm Bonita Bills
	Sat/Sun	11-12 th	Two Day Hunt	Midnight - Weigh-in 4pm at Bonita Bills
	Sat.	25 th	One Day Hunt	Midnight-Midnight
<u>September</u>	Sat-Mon.	1 st -3 rd	3 Day Hunt	Midnight Sat – Monday Weigh-in 4pm at Bonita Bills
	Wed.	5 th	Monthly Meeting	7pm Bonita Bills
	Sat.	15 th	One Day Hunt	Midnight-Midnight
	Sat/Sun.	22-23 rd	Two Day Hunt	Midnight-4pm Weigh-in at Bonita Bills
	Sat.	29 th	One Day Hunt	Midnight-Midnight
<u>October</u>	Wed.	3 th	Monthly Meeting	7pm Bonita Bills, all are invited
	Sun.	7 th	One Day Hunt	Midnight-Midnight
	Sat/Sun	14-15 th	Two Day Hunt \$\$	Midnight Sat – Sunday Weigh-in 4pm at Bonita Bills

\$\$ Hunts – Captains meeting on prior Wednesday 7:00pm at Bonita Bills, you must register to be eligible.