



# Fort Myers Beach Tarpon Hunters Club

## TARPON TALES

Club Member Newsletter

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January 2021

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

### Frigid Temps for January!

Okay, frigid according to locals, high in the 60's and lows in the 40's. I recognize that we haven't experienced the low temperatures plunging into the 30's, which was the case during the snook kill of 2010, but the overall duration of cool, blustery weather has languished for as long as I can remember for January.

The good news is that the weather has not necessarily shut down our fishery, and even with the current sporadic red tide blooms, there are fish to be caught. Snook have been on fire, especially in the back waters and readily available redfish and trout round out the ability to score an inshore slam. Shiners have also remained unexpectedly available as the live bait of choice. Having said all that, our fish of interest, the Silver King, remains on vacation in the warmer waters further south of our beaches.

Our January Board meeting was well attended and valuable input was shared as we reviewed our events from last year and made decisions that shaped our schedule for the year. Attached is the 2021 Club schedule as well as our 2021 application form. Please make a point to get your registration returned as releases **do not count** without a valid club registration.

As we roll into February, we are currently organizing a number of events. On **Saturday, February 13th**, we will hold our "Fish Fry Hunt". The intention of this hunt is to coordinate with a club member or two and head out to catch edible fish for our Fish Fry. This does not have to be the only day to contribute to the fish fry as we will accept fish up to the day before the event. The **Fish Fry** will be held starting 11:30am on **Sunday, February 21st** at Bonita Bill's Clubhouse. The time has been moved up 1/2 hour to try to avoid some of the seasonal traffic as we've had great attendance over the last four years averaging over 40 members. Don't forget, the entire family is invited to attend this Club sponsored event. You won't want to miss it!

Another event that requires advance preparation is our **Up North Hunt** scheduled for Fri/Sun, June 18-20 at Cabbage Key. Since Father's Day will be held on Sunday, June 20th this year, it would be wise to consider reserving a cottage or room at the Inn early if you plan on attending this fantastic event. Mary Laser and Kim Owens are the committee chairs for this event and can answer any questions.

I will miss our February meeting since the birth of my first grandchild will take me out of town so please behave as VP Capt "Big Daddy" Don Taylor will be in charge.

Our next scheduled Club meeting is set for **Wednesday, February 3rd at 7:00 pm** at our Bonita Bill's clubhouse. We will planning preparations for our March Tackle Clinic among other agenda items.

Tight Lines to All.....Steve Johnson

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**February 13**

One day only  
8am - 2pm

Vendors reserve your space now!

**Charlotte Harbor Yacht Club**  
**4400 Lister Street - Port Charlotte**  
Program director: Capt. Jack  
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Ft. Myers, Fl.

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10X10  
space only  
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Fresh and Saltwater Fishing - Kayak fishing  
Fly Tying Demos and Fly Fishing Instruction



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