

NFGFC GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

June 21, 2007

President Steve Taylor (JumpTrout51) brought the June NFGFC meeting to order at 7:04 p.m..

He welcomed all and introduced Randy Pert as the speaker for the night speaking on hot weather fishing.

Reports from officers -

John Vickers (TinCan), Tournament Director gave report from the past tournament.

Indicated that the next tourney is 7/7 and will be a draw tournament. Deadline to submit your names for the draw will be 6 p.m. 7/3. If you are a Capt., include information about how many crew you want to take. The draws will be made on 7/3.

Tom Keels(TomKeels), BOD, Technical Manager gave treasury report that "we had plenty of money". Announced that we had new members tonight and to be sure to get new or renew fees in. Indicated that David had the hats and stickers.

David Griffith (RodBow), co-Secretary had no recap from the prior meeting but had the visitors raise their hands and the new members stand so the club could recognize them. Advantage Marine had the promised discount ID cards to pass out and to get with Dale for them.

Ty Smith (TyeOneOn), co-Secretary/Raffle Master introduced tonight's raffle sponsors including Dale Evans aka Devans- Advantage Marine, Medart spinning combo.

JT introduced John McBride to tell about the Hands Helping Anglers event. John indicated that he needed more boats for this annual event that is taking place on 6/30. JBT will be the distribution point for sandwiches, etc. Stickers will be available along with ribbons to place on your vessel indicating your participation in the event.

JT introduced Capt. Randy Pert.

Randy target topic was hot weather summertime fishing around St. George Island. He indicated that they had been catching trout, reds, and a lot of fun with sharks. He said there is a bunch of black tips that will keep you busy and are enjoyable to catch.

A technique to use is to find shallower grass flats along deep water. Fish will hang in those areas. When catching sharks, the best way to preserve them is to bleed immediately and gut him, stuff with ice inside and pack ice around it in the bottom of the cooler. Filet and skin as soon as you get home.

Standard fishing technique is to fish near deep water on an incoming tide. Target points of grass to 6 foot in depth. He finds that 50lb. mono leader works well to handle most of the fish you will encounter. He uses 1/16 oz. jig with SWA Glow under the oval Cajun Thunder. He prefers braid so you can get it way out and when it's hotter – harder the pop! He will rinate a CT by the end of the day. Blues, Ladys, Macks, sharks are all out there.

In 3' of water, use a 15" leader. He also uses Skidderwalks, Chugbugs early in the day. He suggests keeping your rod at high ~75° to get the action you need from the stick baits.

Capt. Pert said that crank baits are good – Catch2000 Jr. in the spring especially.

He prefers to use PowerPro (braid) on a smooth reel like the Shimano Symetre or Stradic.

With topwater he uses mono and razor sharp hooks so a gentle snatch can be made without having to worry about ripping the fishes mouth out.

Sometimes in 6' of water, a straight jig 1/16 or 1/8 oz with a 5" jerk shad works well.

Gulp is good.

He likes to keep a Crocodile spoon available on a rod – replaces the treble with a single hook.

For deep water, a 7' medium lite rod with 10lb. PowerPro and 10' mono leader joined with a 4 turn sturgeon knot works well.

Trout can be holding in 14' of water at times. In 6' - 9' of water you can use a CT with 3½' leader.

Something you don't see very much is using bucktail jigs. 3/8 oz all white or chartreuse works well. Count down on the sink and bump it back. Ignore the pinfish taps and set the hook on a good one.

As a last resort, go with a straight jig with a ½" X 3" strip of cut bait.

Another rig is CT with 4' leader with jig - shrimp hooked from the underneath upwards at the tail.

For the Cobia that comes by the boat, a bucktail with shrimp dropped right under the boat will work.

More lures are the spinnerbaits like ThunderSpin.
15' – 25' of water, you can jig with shrimp for grouper/macks

Night time is good for flounder gigging.

Captain Pert suggested at all times on the water to use sunblock (50) to preserve yourself!

Asked about chum blocks, he said you can make your own out of ground menhaden (oily) and freeze it.

Ty held the raffle with the assistance of a StarFishGirl. Many top water individual lures, packs of GULPS, shake up flashlights, scallop bags, dive flags, tote bags, etc. were in the general raffle with the Advantage Marine spinning combo as the big prize for the night.