



## The Sanibel Island Fishing Club

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### March 2025 Newsletter

#### President's Corner

Hi everyone,

It's a shame that the red tide increased prior to our February Sheepshead tournament. So out of an abundance of caution, and talking with SCCF's Marine Lab, we canceled the outing. We did get some safe, responsibly sourced fish for our fish fry and the event was a great success. The venue was the newly constructed American Legion. The Legion volunteers gave us good support and did a wonderful cooking job. A big thank you to our sponsors: Whitney's, Bait Box, Captain Billy and Bank of the Islands.

With the island being given an "all clear" regarding red tide and the water clearing up, it's a fantastic time to fish! We are hearing from members having great experiences.

Please continue to send your pictures and thoughts on the Fishing Club to me at [sifcpresident6@gmail.com](mailto:sifcpresident6@gmail.com). It never gets old hearing from you, sharing in your successes and celebrating the next big fish!

We will also be providing an update on the Fishing Pier reconstruction at the March meeting.

As many of us enjoy fishing from different locations, I am excited to introduce our guest speaker – Captain Eloy Custodio, Owner of Jupiter Kayak Fishing. Eloy is very experienced in our area and will share the tactics and equipment he uses in our shallow waters. Frances Tutt

#### NEXT MEETING

**WHEN:** Tuesday – March 11  
**WHERE:** Sanibel Community House  
**TIME:** 6:30pm - Pizza  
7:00pm - Meeting

#### Speaker – *Captain Eloy* *Custodio: Jupiter Kayak* *Fishing*



After serving as an aircrewman and instructor for 20 years in the U. S. Navy, Captain Eloy transitioned into kayak fishing. He provides guided fishing experiences in Southwest Florida, specializing in inshore and nearshore waters. His focus is on education, conservation and helping anglers of all skill levels develop the confidence to catch fish independently. Whether it's refining casting techniques, reading the water or understanding fish behavior.

His presentation will include:

- Preparing kayak for fishing
- Artificial and bait used
- Environmental factors and what apps he uses to plan trips
- Tactics
- Fishing stories

#### Next Club Outing

The next Outing is an Inshore Slam+ on Saturday March 15<sup>th</sup>.

#### SIFC Meeting Dates

- March 11
- April 8
- May 6

#### 2025 Outing Dates

- March 15
- April 12
- May 10

See our Website:

<https://www.sanibelislandfishingclub.com/>

#### Captain of the Year standings•

Chuck Bye is in first place and Bob Stern is in second place.

#### Angler of the Year standings•

- Jerry Vadnais - 128"
- Bob Stern – 126.5"
- Andrea Dankenbrink – 95.5"
- Sandy Tannenbaum – 90.5"
- David Gurney – 80"
- Frances Tutt – 69.5"
- Chuck Bye – 65.5
- Lauren Schneider – 58"
- Simon Tutt – 54.5"
- Bill Schneider – 53"