

SIFC Youth Fishing Recap

March 31 2018



We had just under 20 youth participating and an equal number of volunteers. The fishing was tough – only 4 fish caught – on an overcast, cool and breezy morning. The most striking observation was the **enthusiasm and engagement of our club members/volunteers working with the youth.** You'll see in the photos (thanks to John Plumb for being our photographer) volunteers teaching fishing techniques, encouraging the kids and just having fun – the entire derby!! The other striking impression was the determination of the kids – they were there to fish!! And finally, the organization of the event was outstanding: set up, signage, trophies, advertising, refreshments/snacks, handouts to kids, registration, judging, forms, poles, bait, clean up, etc. were all in place and ready at the proper time! And, thankfully, our onsite doctor, member Dr Phil Marks, had no first aid cases!

A huge thanks to Mike Doran for leading this effort, Ken Kopperl for initiating the cause, and to our volunteers and sponsors for making this derby a reality!!

A special shout out to our generous sponsors/partners in this event:

- Lee County Parks and Recreation - use of Causeway Island A and Ranger led activities
- The Trophy Case - trophies and signage
- Ding Darling Wildlife Society - rods/reels
- Whitney's Bait and Tackle - terminal tackle and fish ID charts
- Billy's Rentals - Tables, easy ups, ice, water
- The Bait Box and Dan Hahn Custom Builders- bait and bait buckets

Youth Fishing Derby March 31, 2018











Congratulations to the winners of the SIFC Youth Fishing Derby!



Dylan, winner of age 9 and under division plus largest fish



Matt, winner of age 10 and over division plus largest fish