

SIFC Outings Section - October 2025 Newsletter

To recap, the Outings final standings for the 2024/25 season are shown below. Many congratulations to Jerry Vadnais for winning Angler of the Year and Bob Stern for winning Captain of the Year!

<u>ANGLERS</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>	<u>CAPTAINS</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>
Jerry Vadnais	382	Bob Stern	58
Bob Stern	323	Bill Schneider	54
Lauren Schneider	203.5	Roger King	37
Andrea Dankenbrink	201	Simon Tutt	36
David Gurney	162	Chuck Bye	20
John Bringham	144.5	Matt Joyce	16
Simon Tutt	133	Tom McKeehan	16
Sandy Tannenbaum	115.5		
Frances Tutt	98.5		
Greg Easter	82.5		
Roger King	75		
Joe Schneider	73		
Bill Schneider	69		
Chuck Bye	65.5		
Jo Sanacore	55.5		
Matt Joyce	22.5		
Tom McKeehan	11		
Chet Mohr	8		

Our first Outing for the new season is scheduled for Saturday October 18 (weather/tides permitting) and I'll have Captain and Angler Signup sheets at the October 14 meeting. Please note that these Outings can only happen due to the kindness of SIFC Members with their own boats who volunteer as Captains in order to provide fishing opportunities for other Members.

As I go round talking to you, some Members are telling me that they're holding back from volunteering as Captains for a number of reasons, such as 'I don't know where to go', 'I'll feel bad if I don't put my guest fishermen/women on any fish', 'what about liability?', 'what about gas costs?', 'I'm only comfortable going out with people I know', etc. Believe me I was in the same "boat" too and it took a while before I had the confidence to volunteer my own boat, but when I did I was pleasantly surprised to find that my guests were more anxious to make sure I was comfortable and that they were not a burden! Obviously we wanted to catch fish, but the experience and comradery became the prime motivation and the fish were the bonus on top! As a potential Captain, if this any of this resonates with you please don't hesitate to talk to me at the meeting, or email me at sifcoutings@gmail.com and we can set up a meeting, or schedule a call to chat – strictly no obligation or judgment!

For our first Outing I have planned an inshore 'Dartboard' format that has a nice wide variety of target fish species: snook, redfish, black drum, snapper, sheepshead, pompano, ladyfish, mackerel, jacks, grouper and trout. This should also provide for a good conversation at the November meeting when we can share what bait, or plastics, etc., were working and where the hotspots were. Equally important is to take a note of the water health, clarity, baitfish abundance, and seagrass locations to share.

Tight lines everyone and see you on 14th! Best, Simon (sifcoutings@gmail.com)