November 2026 Newsletter

Celebrating Our Community of Anglers • Season 2026-27

Tuesday evening, November 10th, 2026, the Sanibel Island Fishing Club will be holding its second monthly meeting of the 2026-27 season. The meeting will be held in the north room of the Sanibel Island Community House, which is located at 2173 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel, FL. The meeting gets underway at 5:30 p.m. with a half-hour social among our angling members. The presentation begins at 6:00 p.m. sharp. There is no admission charge for thishments and pizza slices are available at a nominal charge. This year our focus is on “Back to the Basics," and every presentation will guide you through the best bait, tackle, and methods to use when catching fish in the waters surrounding Sanibel and Captiva.

Next Meeting

Date:	Tuesday, November 10, 2026
Social:	5:30 p.m. (pizza & refreshments available for a nominal charge)
Presentation:	6:00 p.m. sharp
Location:	Sanibel Community House – North Room 2173 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel
Admission:	Free – open to members and the public

Featured Speaker:
This month’s featured speaker is Captain Larry Hendricks of Tall Tails Charters. Captain Larry is a USCG-licensed guide based in Ft. Myers, Florida. His presentation will focus on his experience as a near-shore guide. The term "near shore" can best be described as the various reefs, ledges, and hard bottoms located no more than nine nautical miles from the shoreline. Captain Larry focuses on any number of nearshore species, including kingfish (king mackerel), Spanish mackerel, mangrove snapper, gag and red grouper, cobia, triggerfish, and a wide variety of reef fish. He will discuss the best baits to use, the best reefs to target, and how to catch these prized fishes.

Captain Hendricks fishes out of a 2018 Pathfinder 25-foot hybrid. The boat is large enough to accommodate six nearshore anglers. His tackle choices include Shimano fishing reels, G. Loomis and Orvis rods, and Hatch fly reels. Originally from Ohio, he grew up fishing the nearby rivers, lakes, and the open waters of Lake Erie. Moving to Southwest Florida more than two decades ago, he has been a successful saltwater fishing guide for over twenty years. If you are tired of fishing in the back bay and want some professional tips on our thriving near-shore fishery, this is a meeting you will not want to miss.

If you’re interested in learning more about the local fishing scene or want to become a member of the Sanibel Island Fishing Club, please feel free to drop by and see what this great organization is all about. To learn more about the club and find some great fish recipes, go to www.sanibelislandfishingclub.com. We hope to see you on Tuesday evening, the 10th of November 2026, and welcome aboard

Anglers on the Sanibel Fishing Pier – a favorite local spot for members and visitors alike.

Fall Fishing Tips: November on Sanibel

November is prime time as water temperatures cool into the 70s. Redfish push onto the flats and edges of the mangroves, snook hold in deeper cuts and around structure, and seatrout school over grass. Early morning and late afternoon bites are strongest. Watch the tides—incoming water often concentrates bait and predators.

Reminder: Always check current FWC regulations before keeping fish. Slot and bag limits for redfish, snook, and trout can change. Visit myfwc.com for the latest rules. Practice catch-and-release when possible to protect our fishery.