

6-22-2014 Chum Line

Ahoy Fishing Club members,

About a month ago I sent out an email to 46 Fishing Club members and I received 11 back (which I thought was pretty good), thank you for those responses. I asked for and received information regarding a number of things fishing related. Based on the information I received we rolled out the Mentor program with 5 experienced “mentors” to help guide those of us new to the area or wanting to learn a new style. See the Fishing Club tab on the BSIBC web site for more on that information.

Other information I received related to a second program I called Crew looking for boats and boats (Captains) looking for crew. We have decided to call this one the “Chum Line” program.

Rolling out this program we have four members that would love to accompany any of us with a boat (and a spot) on a fishing trip and that will gladly share the expenses, help clean up, etc. (most of these guys have some local knowledge as they have been fishing here for a number of years, but no longer keep a boat). Also, we have seven members that have graciously offered at least one spot on their boat for a fishing trip. A couple of these are kind of unique, I think. Below is our inaugural “Chum Line” list.

The names of those (Crew) who would love to accompany any of you with an opening on a fishing trip is as follows, **Crew List**:

George Weaver – olisgw@gmail.com – George told me he is old and creaky but still likes to fish, has boated these waters off and on for 13 years and knows the area fairly well. He likes flats fishing and offshore, he can bring beer and buy gas and would love to share his knowledge with someone in exchange for some time on the water. (941) 505-4228.

Tom Amatucci – twafish1@gmail.com - In addition to volunteering as a mentor Tom told me he would very much like to participate in all costs etc. associated with a fellow BIBC fishing club member on their boat in this area. (941) 456-0060.

Bob Talley – bobtalley378@gmail.com - Bob told me he no longer owns a boat but would love to join others fishing and he expects to help with fuel, bait, cleaning the boat, etc. (610) 636-2160.

Doug Holmes – dsholmes51@comcast.net – I would enjoy going out with anyone just about any time for just about any type of fishing and sharing the cost. (740) 505-1381.

The names of those (Captains) that have graciously offered at least one spot on their boat for a fishing trip is as follows, **Captains List**:

Tom Svehla — nltsvehla@comcast.net - Told me he would be interested in utilizing his 21ft deck boat for flats or deep water in harbor. (410) 802-0442.

Tom Amatucci — twafish1@gmail.com - In addition to volunteering as a mentor Tom told me he would gladly take members on his 23' Wellcraft, if they don't mind the 50 minute car ride to Englewood. (941) 456-0060.

Pete Kondo – peter@carpe-datum.com - In addition to being a mentor Pete told me he has a 19 foot center console bay boat that has a draft of about 1 foot and has room for three or four when fishing inshore. (941) 639-0300.

Eric Munoz – eredio@comcast.net - Eric told me I can include his name in the “bulletin board”, as willing to fill one spot of his crew with a “new guy”. (941) 916-2846.

Dick Sellers – dick_sellers@msn.com - Dick told me he operates a 35 Cabo Sport Fisherman out of a marina in the Keys, during the summer. Accompanied by his friend and neighbor, Bob Thompson, they drive down every other week (weather permitting) typically, on a Monday and fish for 3 days and come home on a Friday and are always looking for a 3rd as working a 35 footer pulling a spread of 5 lines is tough work on just the 2 of them. They sleep on the boat but eat out in one of the local Marathon restaurants. They share the fuel bill 3 ways which makes for a reasonable expense for 3 full days of off shore fishing and have all the equipment including lures on board and have been fishing in the keys the past 5 years. While he does not hold a charter boat license he has passed the Coast Guard Captains test. Anyone interested in making the trip please give him a call at (941) 585-1201.

Merrill Bales – haybales71@aol.com – Merrill told me he has a 21foot Angler & could take up to three people. He will be getting the club emails this summer & will be back here in paradise the 1st part of Oct. (941) 916-9192.

Doug Holmes – dsholmes51@comcast.net – I have a 19 foot center console (room for one, maybe two others) and am willing to go out just about any time for just about any type of fishing. (740) 505-1381.

I think it appropriate to also list a few “recommendations” we should all be aware of if we are guests on others boats. Captain’s Rules – The boat captain has the final say for all rules on board his vessel. Generally, each individual is expected to furnish their own food and drink, fishing pole(s) and necessary tackle, share the cost of fuel and share the cost to obtain bait and ice for the duration of the trip with the other crew members.

Fuel expenses and possibly bait and ice expenses will be determined by Captain. Individuals are expected to have any and all fishing licenses, stamps, etc for each species they plan to catch and keep (compliance with all FWC rules and regulations). Any person prone to have sea sickness problems must take his medications **before** heading out! Non-marking shoes and your own fishing rag are appreciated by the vessel owners. Other considerations involve picking up and dropping off crew, storage for keeping fish, time on the water, etc. and should be discussed when setting up the trip.

At this point, I am open to suggestions on how best to get these two groups together. If one of you Captains has a trip planned and has a spot open, do you email one or all of those on the Crew list and take the first one to respond back, or do those of us looking for a ride, email one (or all) of the captains and ask to be put on their list to call when an opening comes up? Originally, I envisioned some kind of bulletin board, but I'm not sure how best to produce or maintain one. I will continue to present, develop and update this through e-mails, for now and add anyone else that would like to be included, either as Captain or Crew.

Oh, and is everyone aware of the Waterline radio hour (Fox News Radio 1580 AM) on Saturday from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM? Waterline's Publisher Josh Olive and local guide Captain Mike Myers talk area fishing in a laid-back format, it's usually pretty informative.

At least for the summer, while the meetings are on hiatus, I'd like to continue to offer up fishing type information (as long as Captain's Doug Rhees and Nevin Colver don't object) so, look for more "Chum Line" e-mails in the future. As always, if you don't wish me to e-mail you just respond back and let me know and I will remove your name from my list.

Thanks and good fishing,

Doug Holmes