

# FORT MYERS BEACH TARPON HUNTERS CLUB.



# TARPON TALES

CLUB MEMBERS NEWSLETTER [www.fmbth.com](http://www.fmbth.com)

August 2011

## It's even more a sad, sad situation

**PRESIDENT'S CORNER**

*"It's a sad, sad situation and it's getting more and more absurd"* Well that was my theme for the July newsletter, but this month has been nothing to sing about either! **Four** Tarpon released by club members in August. **Gary Colecchio** released what I believe is his first fish with the club, July 31st (he "claims" to have caught Tarpon in the Keys- at Robbies?) With that Tarpon, Gary won the one day hunt at my spot at Don's hole. Congratulations must go to **Larry Scrabis**, a new member this year, who also caught his first rookie Tarpon with our club in the mouth of the river on August 5th. We hope you've caught Tarpon fever Larry. The two day hunt Aug 20/21<sup>st</sup> produced the last two releases, also at Don's hole between the "C" span and the Sanibel Lighthouse. 1<sup>st</sup> place for **Ben Alderman** on Saturday, and 2<sup>nd</sup> place for **Rick (RD) DuJardin** on Sunday. Last year in July we released 35 Tarpon and 30 in August, this year over the same period a total of 5 Tarpon have been caught! Ben now has 24 releases and RD 15 After the Labor day weekend, Ben is going on an extended trip to Europe. RD is just waiting for that time and hoping the elusive "Silver Kings" start showing up in huge numbers on the beaches of FMB and Sanibel, where they ought to have been for the last couple of months! 2010 a total of 81 fish were released off FMB. This should have been prime Tarpon territory this time of the year, but so far – nothing. I was going to explain where the Tarpon have got to this year, but I've got no idea! Reports of still a few Tarpon released "up the river" to Franklin Locks, but very few Gulf fish. Last year at this time we had released 147 fish by 28 members – this year 117 Tarpon by the same number of members. But we started this year fast, with a lot of Tarpon released "up the river" **Dale Johnson** (not a river fisherman) was last year's winner with 45 releases, mostly drifting live bait around the "C" span. This year, a bout of ill health, boat troubles, lack of fish and therefore enthusiasm (like the rest of us) have made 2011 his total, 2 releases – so far. Music, Elton ~ *"It's a sad, sad situation"*, but it can only get better, says RD!

Ray Lister – Just Lookin' – sometimes.

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## Tarpon Club Members in the News – Captain Gary Colecchio

**Florida Guides Association** member and Southwest Regional Director, Capt. Gary Colecchio, has a new job. Capt. Colecchio will be joining the Florida Department of Environmental Protection in their Southwest District Office beginning August 9, 2011. The Southwest District has jurisdiction over Citrus, Desoto, Hardee, Hernando, Hillsborough, Manatee, Pasco, Pinellas, Polk, Sarasota, Sumter, and west Marion County. The appointment was announced by Jeff Littlejohn, Deputy Secretary for Regulatory Programs. Mr. Littlejohn welcomed Capt. Colecchio to the new position as Director of DEP's Southwest District Office saying, "With more than 30 years of experience in environmental planning, policymaking and regulation, Gary is an excellent addition to DEP's Regulatory Leadership team." Speaking of his new appointment, Capt. Colecchio said, "This represents a very exciting opportunity for me as an FGA Captain to continue our support of recreational fisheries as your local natural resources manager for habitat and water quality for our coastal environment".



Gary, I wish I could sing as well as you!  
.....Are you a Baritone or Castrato



Captain Gary Colecchio, on "Silver Dawn"  
with his first local Tarpon, at "Don's Hole"?



EPA or DEA or CIA

Good luck Gary with your job.

## Fort Myers Beach Club, Tarpon Releases – Honor Board August 31<sup>st</sup> 2011

#	Club Members Name	# of TARPON	DATE last TARPON	TIME of 1st FISH	DATE of 1st TARPON	Captains Pts.	DNA
1	BEN ALDERMAN	24	20-Aug	7:27	4-Apr	3	1
2	RICK DuJARDIN	15	21-Aug	8:48	24-Mar	10	16
3	JERRY STEPHENSON	14	12-Jun	7:50	16-Apr	1	
4	GARY REICHART	10	25-Jun	8:30	30-Apr	1	
5	<b>RONDA FYFFE</b>	7	15-Jun	11:00	16-Apr		
6	<b>MELISSA STANDLEY</b>	6	8-Jun	9:30	9-Apr		
7	RICH CHRISTIAENS	5	18-Jun	12:00	29-May		
8	KEG MCLUCAS	4	6-Aug	10:05	20-Mar		
9	BOBBY RATTERREE	3	18-Jun	9:02	1-May	1	5
10	JEFF DOYLE	3	27-May	9:30	7-May		
11	RYAN BRANDT	2	18-Jun	9:20	16-Apr		
12	<b>LOIS MACKENZIE</b>	2	28-May	11:39	18-Apr		
13	JOHN MCDANIEL	2	26-Apr	10:15	26-Apr		
14	ROB PHELAN	2	7-May	13:00	6-May		2
15	PETE MAASTRICHT	2	17-Jun	7:30	8-May		
16	MAC MACKENZIE	2	25-May	14:00	11-May	1	
17	DALE JOHNSON	2	20-May	8:40	20-May		
18	TOMMY STEPHENSON	1	16-Apr	9:15	16-Apr		
19	MATT STANDLEY	1	17-Apr	12:00	17-Apr		
20	CALEB KLINE (Jnr)	1	23-Apr	9:50	23-Apr		
21	PETER CUTLER	1	5-May	11:30	5-May		
22	<b>JESSICA ALSOP</b>	1	15-May	9:48	15-May		
23	BOB REED	1	21-May	8:00	21-May		
24	<b>NICOLE REED</b>	1	21-May	18:00	21-May		
25	CHRIS VERTESCH	1	22-May	11:40	22-May		
26	TAYLOR DuJARDIN	1	8-Jun	9:00	8-Jun	2	
27	KEVIN VERTESCH						
28	RAY LISTER	1	17-Jul	10:15	17-Jul		
29	GARY COLLECHIO	1	31-Jul	10:17	31-Jul		
30	LARRY SCABIS	1	5-Aug	8:30	5-Aug		
31	Total Releases	117	End of August				

Thank you to our Weighmaster extraordinaire Mr. Gary Danis for all your work with my Tarpon data base - the spring releases were hard work – but now!

Would you fish in weather like this?



From the computer of our own Mike Kreuser came this photo. Tarpon fishing has been bad of late, but who would dare going out with a gesture like this looming over you. Even after that brief early cuddle with your significant other, when she said she'd rather you went fishing, it may be prudent to go back to home port - and try again!

### Club Sponsor (returned)

I am glad to tell club members about the revamping as "Andersons Rod and Reel Repairs" on McGregor Blvd. in Fort Myers. John Anderson the owner has a great stock of rods, reels, terminal tackle and frozen baits. As well as an extensive parts inventory for repairing rods and reels. I had a number of rods repaired, including refinishing a battered Tarpon rod, it now looks great, but will it catch Tarpon? 15675 McGregor Blvd. Ft. Myers 239-334- FISH

## Fort Myers Beach Club, Final Weeks of Tarpon Hunts - Don Cook take note!

<u>September</u>	Sat/Mon	3/4/5 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Three Day Hunt</b>	3pm Weigh-in <b>Mon</b> at Bonita Bills (Labor Day y Weekend)
	Wed	7 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Monthly Meeting</b>	7pm Bonita Bills <b>Last regular meeting of 2011 – be there</b>
	Sun	11 <sup>th</sup>	<b>One Day Hunt</b>	
	Sat/ Sun	17 <sup>th</sup> & 18 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Two Day Hunt</b>	3pm Weigh-in Sun at Bonita Bills
	Sat/Sun	24 <sup>th</sup> & 25 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Two Day Hunt</b>	3pm Weigh-in Sun at Bonita Bills
<u>October</u>	Sat/Sun	1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Two Day Hunt</b>	3pm Weigh-in Sun at Bonita Bills
	Wed.	5 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Board Meeting</b>	7pm <b>Bonita Bills, all Invited</b>
	Sat/Sun	8 <sup>th</sup> & 9 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Two Day Hunt</b>	3pm <b>Final Weigh-in Sun at Bonita Bills</b> Season ends midnight Sun. Oct. 9 <sup>th</sup>
<u>November</u>	Sat.	5 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Tarpon Club Awards Banquet</b>	Details to be announced

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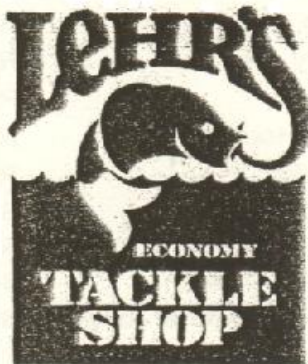
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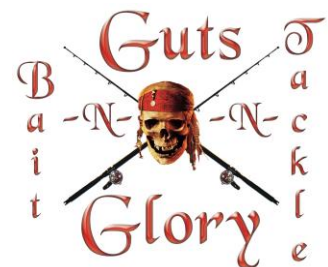
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