

# FORT MYERS BEACH TARPON HUNTERS CLUB.



# TARPON TALES

THE OFFICIAL CLUB MEMBERS NEWSLETTER April 2010

## Season off to a VERY slow start

### PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Shall we blame the colder water and the windy conditions for a frustratingly slow start to our 2010 Tarpon season? A few scattered sightings, but most of those Tarpon didn't want to eat the delicious morsels thrown by our members. Two bright spots in March, the first Tarpon release of the year goes to **Les Boyle** who released his



Tarpon on March 15<sup>th</sup> in Pine Island Sound. He was fishing with **Don Cook**, who took the photo. Don, you took a great picture of...Les! Our second congratulations go to a new member **Richard Christiaens** who not only caught his first Tarpon with our club, but caught it on a fly rod. **Ryan Brandt**, also a new member sent in some fine photo's of Richards Tarpon, which are being put on our website and on this 2<sup>nd</sup> page. Ryan has also kindly offered to give Don photography lessons! The April meeting was well attended, with "**Dockside Dennis**" giving a good talk on boat electrics. 19 new memberships have been signed up so far this year. We welcome you and hope you all become active club members.

Last year we released 5 Silver Kings in March and the water was a lot warmer, but in May we released a whopping 72 Tarpon, that was over 40 percent of our 2009 total for the season. Those fish were caught from Boca Grande to Franklin Locks to Knapps Point, but strangely very few were released off FMB, that area lit up later in the year. So fellow members get ready, let's hope we can even outdo last May's total – It would really give me something constructive to write about.

Ray Lister – Just (started) Lookin'

### Rule 17 Revised at April Monthly Meeting

New members at our last meeting early this month must have wondered what sort of club they had joined!

Rule 17 introduced at the March Board meeting was the subject of a lengthy debate, the rule read:-

"No Fort Myers Beach Tarpon Hunters Club member may belong to another Tarpon club in the area" (No dual memberships)

This new rule went a "little overboard" in its extent and common sense has now prevailed and the revised

ruling now reads :- "A club member may belong to more than one Tarpon club, but "releases" will qualify for one organization only. That club must be specified on our membership application each year"

**Carl Keutgen** mentioned that we had a ruling like that in years past, but nobody else remembered it. After talking to the venerable **Mac Mackenzie** after the last meeting, Mac emailed me a copy of the 2002 club rules, which had that rule with very similar wording. If your Board had known or had recalled that rule, we would not have looked as quite as silly as we did! Our rules were "tidied up 5 or 6 years ago, but we must have left that one out!

To see the full set of rules and the revised membership form – go to our website [www.fmbth.com](http://www.fmbth.com)

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### Club Logo

Don't forget we have club hats/ visors on sale, plus we can have your shirts etc. embroidered with the club logo

**May 5<sup>th</sup> Monthly Meeting** Our speaker for this meeting, Randy Mote is going to take us into the lower depths of our boats, not the bilge, but even worse, the inner most regions of our fuel tanks. We don't know what lurks there, but he does and will tell us all about it – **Warning** - faint hearted members should stay in the bar! There may be a change of speaker or no speaker, if Randy doesn't make it back from a working trip to the Bahamas!

**Photo's of Richard Christiaens first Tarpon with our club – caught on fly. Way to go Richard.**



Photo's by Ryan Brandt



Note the purple of the fly matches the color of the Tarpons eyes



### May Club Schedule

Sat.	1 <sup>st</sup>	All Night Hunt	5pm-7am, Breakfast 8am Sun, Bonita Bills
Wed.	5 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Monthly meeting</b>	7pm Bonita Bills
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Sat/Sun	15 <sup>th</sup> & 16 <sup>th</sup>	Two Day Hunt	3pm Weigh-in Sun. at Bonita Bills
Sat	22 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>INTERCLUB HUNT</b>	7am - 2pm Food later at Bonita Bills
Sun	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Rookie Hunt	
Sat//Mon	29 <sup>th</sup> -31 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Three Day Memorial Hunt</b>	Al Jackson/Al Thomas Memorial Hunt
			3pm Weigh-in <u>Mon</u> at Bonita Bills
June	Wed. 2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Monthly Meeting</b>	7pm Bonita Bills

**Note: The Orientation Hunt was moved from April to May 8<sup>th</sup> – Captains talk after May 5<sup>th</sup> meeting**

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