

JACKSONVILLE REEF RESEARCH TEAM (JRRT)
MONTHLY MEETING
MAY 15, 2013
6:30 pm – 8:00 pm
DIVER'S SUPPLY

Attendees:

Jessica Grimm, Acting Secretary	Daniel Hughes
Genny Gunsolus, Vice President / Training Coordinator	Denise Hughes Luke Lawley
Mason Cooper	Ed Kalakauskis
Larry Davis	Ed LeBlanc
Phil Harville, Public Relations	Katie Roark

Possible Collaboration efforts: (Group)

- Discussed possible collaboration between JRRT and the Offshore Fishing Club-how could the 2 groups work together to best benefit the artificial reefs offshore Jacksonville

By Laws: (Genny Gunsolus and Jessica Grimm)

- Signing of By Laws signature page by team members
- Questions and answers about by laws

Elections: (Genny Gunsolus)

- Open discussion about the elections with time for questions and comments
- Opportunity for any nominated team member to say a few words about their nomination and the election

Public Relations: (Phil Harville)

- Discussion about the JRRT booth at Earth Day

Guest Speaker: (Roger Walker)

- Roger Walker discussed the Greater Jacksonville Kingfish Tournament
 - Date: July 15-20
 - Redneck VIP tournament on Tuesday
 - Junior Angler Competition & offshore tournament with kids on Wednesday
 - Captain's meeting on Thursday-no tournament
 - General tournament and weigh-in on Friday
 - All day festival on Saturday-the top 10 competitors have a fish off to determine the winner
 - If interested in volunteering, contact Rosemarie on Monday, Wednesday or Friday at the Kingfish tournament headquarters
 - For more information, visit: www.kingfishtournament.com

JACKSONVILLE REEF RESEARCH TEAM (JRRT)
MONTHLY MEETING
JUNE 19, 2013
6:30 pm – 8:00 pm
PABLO CREEK REGIONAL BRANCH LIBRARY

Attendees:

Sue Wilcox, President	Daniel Hughes
Mason Cooper, Vice President	Ed LeBlanc
Jessica Grimm, Secretary	Doris Pope-Reyes
Mike Barnes	Rob Rush
Genny Gunsolus	Dan Schultz
Phil Harville, Public Relations	Jose Zouain

Membership: (Phil Harville)

- JRRT training completion certification given to Doris Pope-Reyes.

Elections: (Jessica Grimm, Genny Gunsolus, Phil Harville, Sue Wilcox)

- Officer Election results for 2013-2014:
 - President – Sue Wilcox
 - Vice President – Mason Cooper
 - Secretary – Jessica Grimm
 - Treasurer – Luke Lawley
- Discussion about the election process and how the results were determined.

Guest Speaker: (Dan Schultz)

- Scheduled guest speaker (Hank Watson, CPA) was supposed to discuss tax benefits for JRRT members but was unable to attend the meeting so there was no guest speaker.

Public Relations: (Phil Harville)

- Does the JRRT have a booth at the Kingfish Tournament this year?
 - It was decided it was too late to attend the tournament this year but we will look into it for next year's tournament.
- Discussion about DEMA (Diving Equipment & Marketing Association) Show at Orange County Convention Center in Orlando, FL from November 6-9.
 - DEMA is an international organization dedication to the promotion and growth of the recreational scuba diving and snorkeling industry.
- Ideas for community involvement and outreach:
 - Coloring books for children
 - Attend more festivals
 - Organize elementary school visits

Genny's Last meeting:

- Genny Gunsolus, teacher of JRRT training class and former Vice President of the JRRT, is moving and this is her last meeting with the team.

JACKSONVILLE REEF RESEARCH TEAM (JRRT)
MONTHLY MEETING
JULY 17, 2013
6:30 pm – 8:00 pm
PABLO CREEK REGIONAL BRANCH LIBRARY

Attendees:

Sue Wilcox, President
Mason Cooper, Vice President
Luke Lawley, Treasurer
Jim Cribb
Daniel Hughes
Ed LeBlanc
Bill Lindholm

Fish Identification Refresher: (Daniel Hughes)

- Daniel provided the team a Fish Identification refresher.

JACKSONVILLE REEF RESEARCH TEAM (JRRT)
MONTHLY MEETING
AUGUST 21, 2013
6:30 pm – 8:00 pm
PABLO CREEK REGIONAL LIBRARY

Attendees:

Sue Wilcox, President	Mike Kurtz
Mason Cooper, Vice President	Ed LeBlanc
Luke Lawley, Treasurer	Bill Lindholm
Mike Barnes	Rich Moriarty
Phil Harville	John Perkner
Daniel Hughes	Dan Schultz
Denise Hughes	Beth Strawbridge

Guest Speaker: (Dr. Daniel McCarthy)

- Dr. Daniel McCarthy, Assistant Professor of Biology and Marine Science at Jacksonville University, gave a presentation on life history considerations in the management and mitigation of near shore reefs along the east coast of Florida

Lionfish Rodeo:

- Information given about the first Lionfish Rodeo being held in Jacksonville.

Upcoming Events 2013

- August 22 – JRRT/REEF – Lionfish Collecting & Handling Workshop. 6:30 pm at UNF. See attached flyers.
- August 23-24 – Lionfish Rodeo. See attached flyer and registration form. Captain's meeting Friday night at Nipper's and lionfish weigh/measure-in Saturday, 5:00 pm, at Nipper's.
- September 12 – Evenings at Whitney Public Lecture Series (9505 Ocean Shore Blvd, St. Augustine). Lionfish: Vibrant, Voracious and Venomous. Thomas K. Frazer, Ph.D. Professor and Interim Director, University of Florida, School of Natural Resources and Environment
- September 18 – JRRT regular monthly meeting. 6:30 pm (location tbd) September 19 – Evenings at Whitney Public Lecture Series (9505 Ocean Shore Blvd, St. Augustine). The search for jellyfish: Exploration challenges, accidental encounters, and (painful) lessons learned. Kakani Katija Young, Ph.D. Postdoctoral Scholar, Applied Ocean Physics and Engineering, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, and National Geographic Emerging Explorer
- October 16 – JRRT regular monthly meeting. 6:30 pm at the Pablo Creek Regional Library, Community Room A
- October 22-24 – FWC Lionfish Summit. Cocoa Beach. (<https://fwclionfish.eventbrite.com/>)
- November 20 – JRRT regular monthly meeting. 6:30 pm at the Pablo Creek Regional Library, Community Room A
- November 23 – 5th Annual Right Whale Festival, 10 am – 4 pm. Seawalk Pavilion, Jax Beach (<http://sea2shore.org/programs/right-whale-festival/>)

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AUGUST 21, 2013
6:30 pm – 8:00 pm
PABLO CREEK REGIONAL LIBRARY



INVASIVE LIONFISH COLLECTING AND HANDLING WORKSHOP

**Reef Environmental Education Foundation,
University of North Florida & Jacksonville Reef Research Team**
invite you to learn about invasive lionfish and ways to get involved

When: Thursday, August 22, 2013

Where: University of North Florida
1 UNF Drive
Building 39 (Brooks Brown Hall)
Room 1009
Jacksonville, FL 32224
A parking pass (\$3) is required to park on campus
A parking garage is located next to Building 39

Time: 6:30 to 8:30 pm

Cost: Free and open to the public

Speaker: Lad Akins, REEF Director of Special Projects

Who: Divers, fishers and ocean enthusiasts encouraged

The lionfish crisis is an ever increasing problem throughout the Atlantic, Caribbean and Gulf of Mexico. The invasive species, known for their voracious appetites, venomous spines and rapid reproduction, are depleting native fish and invertebrate populations at alarming rates. Marine scientists are concerned that lionfish will significantly harm ocean ecosystems. You can help control lionfish by reporting sightings and removing them whenever you see one.

Workshop topics include background of the invasion, lionfish biology, ecological impacts, current research findings, collecting tools and techniques, market development and ways to get involved. REEF is a grassroots non-profit organization committed to ocean conservation and education. The REEF team conducts workshops to educate resource managers, divers, fishers and marine enthusiasts. By engaging stakeholders, REEF seeks to reduce negative ecological impacts.



Register and see more workshops at
www.REEF.org/lionfish/workshops



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MONTHLY MEETING
AUGUST 21, 2013
6:30 pm – 8:00 pm
PABLO CREEK REGIONAL LIBRARY



**1st Annual
NORTHEAST FLORIDA
LIONFISH ROBO**

Sponsors:
Beach Marine
Atlantic Pro Divers
SlingFish

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FWC
REEF

**Gas discount
offered @
Beach Marine
for tournament
participants**

**Near-wholesale
pricing on
Lionfish gear @
Atlantic Pro Divers**

2013

Date: Saturday, August 24th

*** Mandatory Captain's Meeting on Friday, Aug. 23rd, 6pm (Beach Marine) ***

Location: Beach Marine

Registration fee: \$35/diver (incl. t-shirt)

**Prizes: \$1500 Largest Quantity of Lionfish
\$1000 Biggest Lionfish
\$500 Smallest Lionfish
(Bonus Prize: \$100 for Largest Lobster)**

**ALL proceeds to benefit:
DSAJ (Down Syndrome Assoc. of Jacksonville) & REEF**

Contact: Walt Quinn for Registration information
E-mail: waltquinn@comcast.net PH: 904.445.1535

JACKSONVILLE REEF RESEARCH TEAM (JRRT)
MONTHLY MEETING
SEPTEMBER 18, 2013

6:30 PM-8:00 PM

GUANA TOLOMATO MATANZAS NATIONAL ESTUARINE RESEARCH RESERVE
(GTMNERR)

Attendees:

Sue Wilcox, President
Daniel Hughes
Katie Roark
Dan Schultz
Doris Pope-Reyes
Ed LeBlanc
Mike Kurtz
Anthony Rivera

Denise Hughes
Phil Harville
Luke Lawley, Treasurer
Mike Barnes
Beth Strawbridge
John Perkner
Kimberly Mann

Guest Speaker: Lauren Flynn & Andrea Small

- The Oyster Project Coordinator, Lauren Flynn, and the GTMNERR Aquatics Manager, Andrea Small, gave a presentation on the community based oyster reef restoration project.

"Discovery Dives" 2013

- The purpose is to gather information to update the JaxSpots book.
- The first dive event was August 31st at JW.
- The next dive event is scheduled for September 21st.

JACKSONVILLE REEF RESEARCH TEAM (JRRT)
MONTHLY MEETING
OCTOBER 16, 2013
6:30 PM-8:00 PM
PABLO CREEK REGIONAL LIBRARY

Attendees:

Sue Wilcox, President	Denise Hughes
Daniel Hughes	Phil Harville
Luke Lawley, Treasurer	Dan Schultz
Ed LeBlanc	Mike Kurtz
Kimberly Mann	Justina Dacey
Andrea Leontou	

Archive Meeting

- Team work meeting to continue sorting and labeling scanned JRRT documents and records from the archives

Holiday Party 2013

- Volunteers are needed to plan a December holiday party. Anyone willing to assist with planning the event should coordinate with Dan Schultz (divesomewherewarm@yahoo.com).

"Discovery Dives" 2013

- The purpose is to gather information to update the JaxSpots book
- The 1st dive event was August 31st at JW. The 2nd dive event was September 21st.
- The next dive event is scheduled for October 20th.

Training Class 2013

- The next training dive will be October 26th at the Phil Foster Park in Rivera Beach, FL. JRRT team members are encouraged to participate on the dive trip with the training class.

JACKSONVILLE REEF RESEARCH TEAM (JRRT)
MONTHLY MEETING
NOVEMBER 20, 2013
6:30 PM-8:30 PM
JRRT ARCHIVES

Attendees:

Sue Wilcox, President	Denise Hughes
Jessica Grimm, Secretary	Daniel Hughes
Luke Lawley, Treasurer	Mike Barnes
Doris Pope-Reyes	John Perkner
Ed LeBlanc	Kimberly Mann

Archive Meeting

- Team work meeting to sort and label box 1 of scanned JRRT documents, pictures, and records from the archives.
- Sorted and prepared boxes 2 & 3 of JRRT archives for scanning.

5th Annual Right Whale Festival

- November 23 –10 am – 4 pm. Seawalk Pavilion, Jax Beach
- <http://sea2shore.org/programs/right-whale-festival/>
- Volunteers are needed to represent the JRRT at our booth. Contact Phil Harville (harvpt35@bellsouth.net / 904.707.6096 cell) if you can contribute some time at the booth and talk to folks about the JRRT.

Holiday Party 2013

- Volunteers are needed to plan a December holiday party. Anyone willing to assist with planning the event, please contact Jessica Grimm (j.m.grimm09@gmail.com) / Dan Schultz (divesomewherewarm@yahoo.com).

F FWCC Grant 2013-14 Application

- The JRRT received notification of conceptual approval of our grant application to monitor the Ocean Going Tug #1 at Blackmar's Reef and the '90 Culverts at East of East 14 & 15. Contractual paperwork is expected in the near future.

JACKSONVILLE REEF RESEARCH TEAM (JRRT)
MONTHLY MEETING
DECEMBER 18, 2013
6:00 PM
MILLER'S ALE HOUSE

Holiday Social

