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Shark tracking in the Gulf of Mexico

By Dr. Greg Stunz, Ph.D

The Center for Sportfish Science and Conservation and OCEARCH assemble the Gulf of Mexico's leading shark scientists for a ground-breaking expedition.

OCEARCH.org is bringing its unique research vessel, the M/V OCEARCH, to the Gulf of Mexico to help unravel the mysteries surrounding the migration and habitat use patterns of the gulf's top predatory sharks.

Encouraged by the growing number of captivated "shark trackers" of all ages and the unprecedented data this collaboration has produced, Expedition Scientists will set sail with OCEARCH to build the most extensive shark-tracking program within the Gulf of Mexico region.

The primary goal of this 20-day expedition is to generate previously unattainable scientific data critical to ocean conservation, specifically for hammerhead, tiger, and mako sharks in Gulf of Mexico.

During October 2015, the Harte Research Institute for Gulf of Mexico Studies at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi will serve as the science lead in a joint scientific expedition with OCEARCH and other leading shark research programs in the Gulf of Mexico. This team will work with OCEARCH

to educate a worldwide audience about Gulf of Mexico sharks through OCEARCH's world-renowned online Global Shark Tracker.

The expedition will bring together a large and diverse team of scientists to participate in the collection of information on migratory patterns, population connectivity, and physiology, while broadening the general scientific understanding of the role sharks play as key marine predators.

"We assembled a great multi-institutional team that will gather data critical to the health of the Gulf," said Dr. Greg Stunz, Professor of Marine Biology at the HRI at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi, and lead scientist. "Little is known about shark migration patterns in the Gulf and particularly in the western region," Stunz said. "Our aim is to change that by providing migration data through satellite tags along with a wealth of other scientific data collection tools."

OCEARCH's Global Shark Tracker recorded 3.9 million online sessions by more than 2.5 million users in 2014, and the number of "captivated" shark trackers is only expected to climb. CCA-Texas has provided key support that will facilitate millions of adults and children in gaining a much closer and comprehensive look at one of the Gulf's more important indicator species, the challenges

sharks face worldwide, and the important information they provide about the Gulf's biodiversity.

Sharks are such outstanding ambassadors for the ocean, given their charismatic status, and this unique collaboration allows for scientists to communicate to the general public through this unique partnership. You can see the vessel and learn more at several opportunities with Moody Gardens in Galveston, Texas State Aquarium in Corpus Christi, and at the Aquarium of the Americas in New Orleans. Learn more and track the #Expedition at [#expedition](#), OCEARCH.org, and [www.sportfishresearch.org](#).





Onboard a research vessel in the middle of the Pacific, Dr. Greg Stunz emailed *Currents* while tagging makos for another Discovery channel feature. Looking at our screen shots for this article, he said, "The photos are all from capturing sharks for satellite tagging. The shark on the *Currents* cover is nick-named 'Madeline,' a tiger. The large shark alongside the boat is another tiger, and the other sharks are makos. The boat with fish alongside is the *Sam Houston*. You can follow all of these sharks in real-time at the online Global Shark Tracker, ocearch.org."



Dr. Stunz is Lead Scientist, Gulf of Mexico Expeditions; Director, Center for Sportfish Science and Conservation, and Professor of Marine Biology, Harte Research Institute for Gulf of Mexico Studies, Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi.

Dr. Stunz was honored as the 2014 Dallas CCA Sportsman Conservationist of the Year.





26th Annual CCA State of Texas Anglers' Rodeo

FINAL WINNERS!

The 26th Annual CCA/Texas Ford Dealers/Tilson Homes Corp/Capital Farm Credit State of Texas Anglers' Rodeo closed at 5PM on Labor Day, Sept. 7 with some pretty exciting action down to the wire... even more proof that ANYBODY can win ANYTIME! A fifth tagged redfish was caught Sept. 4, plus an 8 year-old lady angler took the lead in the StarKid Scholarship Division with an 11 lb. Sheepshead on the last day of the tournament! And, for the first time ever in the history of the STAR Tournament, the StarKid \$50,000 Scholarship Division was dominated by little lady anglers, ages 8, 9 and 10 years old... WOW! Now that's what we call girls with "reel" power! Great job!

With less than seventy-two hours remaining before the close of the 2015 CCA Texas STAR Tournament, Corpus Christi resident Joe Contreras went fishing after work. Wade fishing, he was down to one last mullet. He decided he would make one last cast, then go home. He wasn't paying attention when he realized his cork was gone. After a short fight, he landed a nice red. The fish was covered with grass, so Contreras cleaned the grass off, but one piece didn't want to come off. Contreras realized it wasn't a piece of grass... it was a CCA tag covered in moss! "I couldn't believe my eyes!" said Contreras. The next morning, Contreras took tagged redfish #TA723 to weigh it in at official STAR weigh station, Roy's Bait & Tackle. "Glad I went fishing!" Contreras exclaimed.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FIFTH TAGGED REDFISH WINNER! Fortunately for Joe Contreras, he remembered to register for the 2015 STAR Tournament and went fishing. He's now the fifth lucky winner of a 2015 loaded Ford F-150 "Texas Edition" XLT SuperCab, pulling a brand new 23' Haynie Big Foot boat rigged with a Mercury 150L Pro XS OptiMax motor and Coastline trailer prize package, which will be awarded to him at the STAR Awards Ceremony in October.

At the close of the tournament on Labor Day (Monday, September 7), a total of ten tagged redfish had been caught, but only five were confirmed winners.

Each will be presented a 2015 Ford F-150 "Texas Edition" XLT SuperCab, 23' Haynie Big Foot boat rigged with a Mercury 150L Pro XS OptiMax motor and Coastline trailer at the STAR Awards Ceremony on Friday, October 9th.

Over 48,000 registered for the 2015 STAR... a NEW RECORD!!! And approximately 7,000 NEW members were recruited into CCA. Thanks for supporting CCA Texas and fishing the STAR Tournament! Don't forget to take advantage of the great benefits your CCA membership has to offer!

2015 TOURNAMENT RECAP - The Texas Ford Dealers Redfish Division had a total of **FIVE** lucky winners! Four will be driving home the awesome Ford F-150 Texas Edition truck with a Haynie 23 Big Foot boat, Mercury 150 OptiMax Pro XS motor and Coastline trailer. Sadly, there were **FIVE** unfortunate anglers who lost out on prizes to the tune of about \$45,000 - \$80,000 each!!!

This year's tournament offered 123 fabulous prizes. A total of 117 prizes were claimed and the **twenty-five** top prizes will be presented to the winners during the CCA State of Texas BBQ and STAR Awards Ceremony on Friday, Oct. 9th at the Stafford Centre! These are the lucky winners of each division:

StarKids Scholarship Flounder Division – The StarKids Scholarship Flounder Division will provide a young angler between the ages of six and ten with a college scholarships totaling \$50,000 for catching the largest flounder. This year's winner is Adair Bates, age 10, of Corpus Christi – 3 lbs. 15 ozs.

Houston Community Newspapers StarKids Scholarship Sheepshead Division – The Houston Community Newspapers StarKid Scholarship Sheepshead Division will provide a young angler between the ages of six and ten with a college scholarships totaling \$50,000 catching the largest sheepshead. This year's winner is Maritza Martinez, age 8, of Baytown – 11 lbs.

FS Southwest StarKids Scholarship Gafftop Division – The StarKids Scholarship Gafftop Division will provide a young angler between the ages of six and ten with a college scholarships totaling \$50,000 for catching the largest gafftop. This year's winner is Laken Bellanger, age 9, of Orange – 7 lbs., 6 ozs.

Academy Sports and Outdoors StarTeens Scholarship Trout Division - The Academy Sports and Outdoors StarTeens Scholarship Trout Division was open to all New Tide/STAR members ages 11-17. These fisher-teens with the largest speckled trout in each region – upper, middle and lower coast – will be awarded a \$20,000 college scholarship:



2015 Ford F-150 "Texas Edition" XLT SuperCab with Haynie 23 Bigfoot, the Redfish Division prize.

Upper Coast:Austin Calhoun, age 14, of Texas City9 lbs., 2 ozs.

Middle Coast:Pending Polygraph

Lower Coast:Collin Dziuk, age 15, of Falls City7 lbs., 12 ozs.

Time Warner Cable StarTeens Inshore Scholarship Division – The Time Warner Cable StarTeens Scholarship Inshore Division was open to all New Tide STAR members ages 11-17. These fisher-teens with the largest flounder, gafftop and sheepshead will be awarded a \$20,000 college scholarship:

Flounder:Freddie Velez, age 14, of Santa Fe5 lbs.,10 ozs.

Sheepshead:David Hill, age 12, of League City8 lbs., 8 ozs.

Gafftop:Colton Carner, age 14, of Santa Fe6 lbs., 6 ozs.

Awarding these ten scholarships is truly the highlight of the year for STAR and makes a serious statement toward getting kids on the water. We couldn't be happier for these kids and their families. The kids are really what the tournament is all about. They are the future generation that will keep the vitality of our precious marine resource going for years to come. This brings our total awarded scholarships to **\$5,235,000!**

Texas Ford Dealers Tagged Redfish Division – We have **FIVE** confirmed winners in the ever-popular Texas Ford Dealers Redfish!

These five winners will be presented with a fully-loaded 2015 Ford F-150 "Texas Edition" truck and Haynie 23 BigFoot boat, Mercury 150L OptiMax Pro XS motor and Coastline trailer:

Scott Hajovsky of Hempstead
Tag #TA687 caught 5/28/15
Michael Gibbs of Hemphill
Tag #TA679 caught 5/30/15
Cuong Nguyen of Katy
Tag #TA688 caught 6/5/15
Ryan Cantu of San Antonio
Tag # TA719 caught 7/29/15
Joe Contreras of Corpus Christi
Tag # TA723 caught 9/4/15

Trout Division – These registered anglers brought in the largest trout for Upper Coast, Middle Coast and Lower Coast will each receive a Shoalwater 21' Cat, Mercury 150L OptiMax Pro XS motor and McClain trailer:

Upper Coast: James Pallan of San Leon9 lbs. 13 ozs.

Middle Coast: Harvey Kramer, Jr. of Rosenberg 9 lbs. 14 ozs.

Lower Coast: Lee Roy Navarro of Corpus Christi 9 lbs. 2 ozs.

Offshore Division - In the Offshore Division, the following anglers who hooked the biggest kingfish, dorado and ling (cobia) will each be awarded an awesome Polaris Ranger® Crew 570 EPS UVs in Polaris Pursuit Camo each with a Big Tex 35sa Trailer:



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Kingfish:Chris Jacobs of Sweeny 57 lbs. 13 ozs.

Dorado: Pending Polygraph

Ling:Pending Polygraph

Inshore Division - These Inshore Division winners will take home a Blue Wave 180 SV-Southern Skiff with a Mercury 115L OptiMax engine and McClain trailer for hooking the largest flounder, gafftop and sheepshead:

Flounder:Eric Thomas of Houston 8 lbs. 3 ozs.

Sheepshead:Wayne Grice of Houston 10 lbs. 12 ozs.

Gafftop: Larry Capps of Bay City 7 lbs. 11 ozs.

Coors Light "Early Bird" Grand Prize Drawing

- Every 2015 STAR entrant, ages 21 and up, who registered prior to May 24th went into this special drawing for a chance to win the awesome was drawn to win a Dargel 210 Skout boat, Mercury 150 Pro XS OptiMax outboard and McClain trailer. The lucky winner will be announced in the next issue of CURRENTS.

New Tide Member Scholarship Drawing - All "New Tide" Members (ages 6 - 17) were eligible for a bonus drawing that netted one lucky youth a \$20,000 college scholarship. The lucky winner will be announced in the next issue of CURRENTS.

Member Bonus Drawing - Every 2015 STAR entrant's name was put into a drawing for a chance to win a fabulous boat prize package even if the participant never wet a line during the tournament. One lucky contestant's name was drawn to win an Explorer by Dargel 210TV boat, Mercury 150 Pro XS OptiMax outboard and McClain trailer. The lucky winner will be announced in the next issue of CURRENTS.

It has been a phenomenal year for CCA Texas and STAR! Many thanks to our fine sponsors weigh stations and tickets stations, and to the many volunteers for their hard work and dedication to enhancing our marine resources. Of course, without YOU there would be no STAR, and we are most grateful to you... especially those who added kids to their fishing experience. Immense thanks to our official STAR Weigh Station friends that do such a tremendous job for us each year:

Peggy On The Bayou in Orange; SGS Causeway in Port Arthur; Sportsman Supply in Sabine Pass; Stingaree Marina on Crystal Beach; Marburger's Sporting Goods in Seabrook; GYB Bait & Tackle in Galveston; Pelican Rest Marina in Galveston; West End Marina in Galveston; Surfside Marina in Freeport; Caney Creek Marina in Sargent; Harbor Bait & Tackle in Matagorda; Indianola Fishing Marina in Indianola; The Fishing Center in Port O'Connor; Terry's Seaworthy Marine Supply in Fulton/Rockport; Woody's Sports Center in Port Aransas; Roy's Bait & Tackle in Corpus Christi; Harbor Bait & Tackle in Port Mansfield; South Shore Bait & Tackle on South Padre Island.

It's true that CCA does not make a dime on STAR, but we ALL reap big dividends with new anglers and kids coming into the sport and learning about conservation. Look for more upcoming coverage about kids winners whose "life paths" changed with their STAR scholarships.

Major sponsors for the 26th Annual CCA Texas STAR Tournament include: Texas Ford Dealers, Tilson Home Corporation,



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For more information, go to <http://www.star-tournament.org>. Thanks for supporting CCA Texas and the STAR Tournament!



Welcome the winners of the 26th STAR tournament!



Adair Bates,
2015 StarKid
Flounder
Winner

Maritza Martínez,
2015
StarKid Sheepshead
Winner



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Austin Calhoun,
2015 StarTeen
Upper Coast Trout
Winner



James Pallan,
2015 UC Trout
Winner



Collin Dziuk, 2015
StarTeen Lower
Coast Trout Winner

Michael Gibbs,
2nd Tagged
Redfish Winner



Harvey Kramer, Middle Coast Trout
Winner

Freddie Velez, StarTeen In-
shore Flounder Winner



Cuong Nguyen, 3rd Tagged Redfish,
Mercury motor



Nathan Crowe, Ling Winner



David Hill, 2015 St-
arTeen Sheepshead
Winner



Ryan Cantu, 2015 Tagged
Redfish Winner



Colton Carner, 2015 StarT-
een Gafftop Winner

Joe Contre-
ras, 2015
Tagged
Redfish
Winner
5th
Redfish
Winner



Eric Thomas, 2015 Floun-
der Winner

Wayne Grice,
2015 Sheeps-
head Winner

Larry Capps, 2015 Gafftop Winner



**STAR has reached \$5,235,000 in scholarships
awarded to children 6-17 years of age.
Many thanks to our sponsors for making this
happen. Without them, it would not be possible.**

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Good luck! —**Brian Weaver,**
Banquet Assistant, CCA Texas



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1 Redfish on the half shell
1 Cup Canola Oil
3-4 Cloves
½ Cup Soy Sauce
3 oz Canadian Rye Whiskey
Mix Marinade with wire whisk, pour over redfish and marinate 2-3 hours flesh side down in large container making sure entire fillet is covered.

Prep grill with an onion to prevent sticking and for flavor. Sear fish flesh side down on grill over red coals for a couple of minutes. Turn fillets over and cook skin side down 15-20 minutes. To check, stick a fork in fillet and when it goes through easily, it is done.



We want you to fish for us!

CCA Texas and the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department (TPWD) are looking for volunteers to help with fishing surveys for the East Galveston Bay Reef Restoration project. It's critical to have data before and after. You can be that important Fishing Scientist.

The \$3.7 million project will restore approximately 140 acres of oyster reef in the East Galveston Bay system. Areas targeted for restoration include one location on Hannah's Reef, two locations on Pepper Grove and two locations on Middle Reef.

This effort is an important part of the project. As a Fishing Scientist, your efforts will be critical in understanding the benefits of oyster reef restoration all along the Texas coast.

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Or, Bryan Legare (TPWD)
Or, John Blaha (CCA Texas) at 713-626-4222, jdblah@ccatexas.org



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All of the videos and several other HTFT
projects are also available for viewing on the
CCA website and the YouTube channel.—
Kim Ogonosky



Habitat Today for Fish Tomorrow

BUILDING A FUTURE FOR TEXAS MARINE HABITAT

CCA Texas strengthens commitment to Nearshore Reefing

By John Blaha

The Texas Parks & Wildlife Department (TPWD) Artificial Reef Program is currently in the process of seeking a permit for the largest nearshore artificial reefing site to date in Texas waters.

This site will be located north of the Brownsville Jetties and within easy reach of local recreational fishermen. CCA Texas has been a longtime proponent of nearshore reefing and at its August Executive Board meeting, the Executive Board approved a \$100,000 commitment to the Rio Grande Valley (RGV) Nearshore reef at the request of CCA Texas's Habitat Today for Fish Tomorrow (HTFT).

With this commitment, CCA Texas has now contributed \$800,000 to nearshore reefing projects in Texas and is actively seeking other funds for the nearshore reefing program from outside sources. In addition to these funds and others currently being pursued, CCA's national habitat program, Building Conservation Trust (BCT), has also tentatively approved an additional \$100,000 to the Rio Grande Valley project pending final approvals.

With the final approval of these funds, CCA's total commitment will then be approaching \$1.0 million dollars to nearshore reefing in Texas.

"CCA Texas is committed to helping TPWD provide easily accessible nearshore fishing sites for the recreational anglers of Texas," commented Jay Gardner, CCA Texas HTFT Committee Chairman. Gardner continued, "Not only is TPWD providing close proximity nearshore fishing sites, but they are also creating much needed Gulf habitat that is being removed at alarming rates with the removal of nearshore wells and rigs."

With this commitment to the Rio Grande Valley nearshore site, CCA Texas has now taken an active role in six nearshore sites along the Texas coast. These sites include Freeport: Vancouver, Matagorda, Port O'Connor, Corpus Christi, Port Mansfield and Rio Grande Valley.

CCA Texas has been involved in these projects in many ways. CCA Texas has helped identify and secure reefing materials, secure temporary storage facilities for materials, managed the transportation

of materials and also just supplied funds that allowed projects to be expanded.

CCA Texas is committed to the vision of having a nearshore reef out of every port in Texas. With the upcoming approvals for permitted nearshore sites out of Galveston and Sabine by TPWD, this vision is a fast approaching reality. This is not only a vision, but an effort that CCA Texas will continue to support both financially and with volunteer efforts.

The RGV nearshore reefing site will be unique in many ways. The most telling is its size. TPWD is seeking a permit approval for 1,650 acres, making it the largest permitted nearshore site in Texas.

CCA Texas, local recreational fishermen, local academia and community leaders met with TPWD in early 2015 to pitch a new nearshore site for South Texas.

CCA Texas remains committed to the nearshore reefing efforts in Texas and looks forward to expanding habitat and fishing opportunities along the entire Texas coast. For more information and CCA Texas and HTFT projects, be sure to visit www.ccataxas.org.

Strong leadership and support from the local recreational fishing community as well as a lot of up front data collection and planning was very telling at this meeting. TPWD supported the idea and was impressed with the efforts of the local community and began the permitting process almost immediately.

The long-term vision of this site is to have low relief materials in the reef site for the small marine life and fish, and higher relief materials such as pre-constructed pyramids for higher relief habitat and larger fish, thus creating a "life-cycle" reef. Long term visions also include sinking a large vessel for habitat and diving opportunities.

"Recreational fishermen in the valley are excited to have a new nearshore site with easy access for fishing and what we feel will offer excellent fishing opportunities for many species," commented local fisherman Bob Glick. Glick added, "The vision of the local active members of this effort is to create a nearshore site that isn't just a one-time effort, but a continuous effort to reef the entire site and create a habitat within it that supports

the entire life cycle of the Gulf fishery."

Nearshore reefing site updates for other new projects:

Matagorda and Freeport - Vancouver

The Matagorda site will be completely reefed with 1,600 pre-constructed pyramids and the Freeport - Vancouver site will receive 800 pyramids. This reefing effort will complete the reefing for both sites. The funding for these projects came from NRDA Restore Act funds, stemming from remediation to the BP Deepwater Horizon spill.

CCA Texas has a commitment of \$200,000 to the Matagorda site, but because this award will completely fund the reefing for the Matagorda site, CCA Texas will move those funds to other projects within the artificial reefing program.

Galveston and Sabine

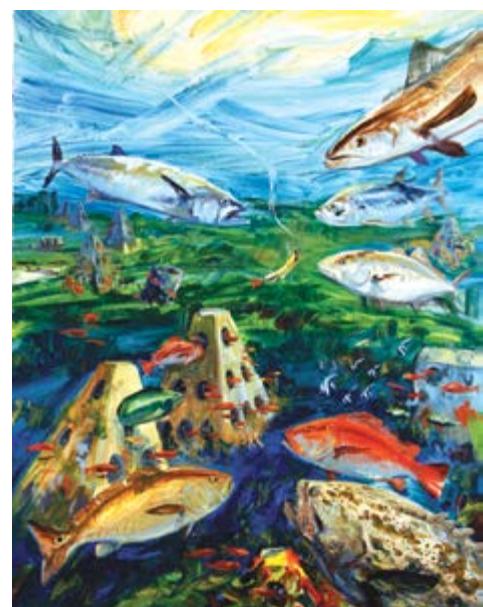
Galveston and Sabine will both have new nearshore reefing sites in the very near future. The Galveston site will be located between the Galveston Jetties and San Luis Pass, closer to the Pass, and in Texas state waters.

The Sabine site is located out of the Sabine Jetties to the southwest and adjoins the Texas/Federal state water dividing line.

Permitting is almost completed for both of these 160-acre sites, with hopes of reefing to begin in 2016.

Port O'Connor

The permit is expected to be in hand for the new Port O'Connor site by the end of September. This new site will be 380 acres and has two existing well heads standing in it. CCA Texas, Building Conservation Trust and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Foundation have teamed up to raise \$1.0 million for the initial reefing effort. CCA Texas has also contributed \$100,000 to the permitting effort.



Fore Casts



Upper Coast

By Capt. Steve Hillman

Summer is over, but the heat is on!

Despite cooler weather, fishing will continue to heat up. Our bay system has been blessed with timely rainfall this year resulting in an explosion of primary forage species such as shad and shrimp, so trout and redfish shouldn't be hard to find. With an abundant food supply, trout tend to give us more signs such as slicks and concentrated (balled up) nervous bait. Let's not forget about schools under hovering gulls. There should be plenty of groups of birds working with the bountiful white shrimp crop this fall.

Barring any excessive rainfall events, the upper reaches of Galveston Bay will be a solid bet especially after the first few cold fronts.

The same applies to Trinity and East Bays. Bayou drains will be productive for wade fishing while oyster and clam shell reefs in 4 to 7 feet of water will pay off for drifters. West Bay tends to turn on pretty good around Thanksgiving. Wading south shoreline coves or drifting open-water mud streaks consummate a good game plan over there.

As cool fronts become more frequent, fishing will become even better as trout, reds and flounder gorge themselves, sensing the onset of winter. Unfortunately, some fronts bring stiff northerly winds. Falling in love with one area can be a problem when conditions change abruptly. If I'm catching most of my fish on a south shoreline reef, I'll have a few north shoreline areas in my hip pocket.

As always, Salt Water Assassins are our go-to baits. Fall can also produce some of the most violent topwater eruptions of the year. Low-pitched surface baits such as Heddon Super Spook Jr's work well in calm conditions, while Rapala Skitterwalks and MirrOlure She Dogs are fantastic choices when it's a bit choppy. I hope everyone has the opportunity to enjoy this wonderful fishery with which we've been blessed. And, remember to respect it. There are others after we're gone who will thank you. Happy Fishing! —**Captain Steve Hillman** 409-256-7937
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Middle Coast

By Capt. Tommy Countz

A magical time

October and November on the Matagorda Bay System can be magical times. It's a very much "alive" time of the year. One of my favorite things is to work grassy shorelines using topwaters, searching for schooling redfish. Shore birds are one of the most effective ways of locating these schools. Watch for cranes and snowy egrets nervously hopping along the shore feeding on shrimp as they skitter through the grasses attempting to elude the jaws of a feeding school of bronze demons.

East and West Matagorda Bays have vast grassy shores giving anglers plenty of opportunities to spot and ambush unsuspecting pods of schooling reds. Or, cruise East Matagorda Bay looking for gulls working. Trout zero in on big bunches of shrimp. Gulls spot the shrimp, and dive down looking for an easy meal. A savvy fisherman positions the boat up wind, kills his motor and casts toward the birds. This can be a fast and furious way to take some nice fish. In East Bay we catch redfish and specks under these birds.

If birds aren't working, we drift deep shell tossing 1/4 to 3/8 lead heads rigged with soft plastics, bouncing the baits just off the bottom. I enjoy wading West Matagorda's south shore, working topwaters early near the shore and later concentrating on grass beds. Lighter lead heads are the ticket, rigged with glow/chartruese Mirrolure soft shads or Mirrolure Little Johns. Another venue is the Colorado River. After a couple of cold fronts, trout fishing can be excellent up the river.

Fishing this bay system provides many options. If you haven't experienced Matagorda fishing, come on down. We've got plenty of places to stay and several quality restaurants. Heck, if you really want to give yourself a treat, then you need to give me a call and set up a trip.

—**Capt. Tommy Countz** 281-450-4037 or tcountz@sbcglobal.net

Tommy has been fishing Matagorda for over 40 years and guiding for 30 years. A past winner of the Matagorda Bays Guides Cup and recipient of the CCA STAR Guide of the Year, he may be the only saltwater guide in the universe with a business degree from Rice University.

One of the new CCA signs now available for boat ramps across the Texas coast was recently erected at Sabine Pass. Thanks to Jefferson County Judge Jeff Brannick (big supporter of CCA), Mark Redwine (Superintendent Of Roads & Bridges Precinct 3) and Precinct 3 County Commissioner Michael Shane Sinegal. CCA members who erected the sign are Phillip Hallmark, Homer Kiker, Joe Taylor, and Sid Boullion. Photo Courtesy of Mark Redwine. —**Rocky Chase**



Lower Coast

By Capt. Rene Hinojosa

Fronts—the good and the bad

As we get into early October and cool fronts begin moving through, be aware of wind direction. Water levels can come up, making trout happy in the deeper water, while scattering reds on the flats. Watch your weather reports, and unless you're an old salt like me, be aware that maps and charts are essential to pinpoint protected regions. Academy has an excellent selection for the entire coast.

Now's the time when our gamefish gorge for spawning, and for that hungry winter ahead. For fishermen, it's a good time for drift fishing and sight casting. Hello, topwater action. Recently, Miller Bassler and his crew had a fine morning on topwaters. I like the Skitter Walker in white and pink, and the She Dogs work well. Vary your retrieve, of course, until that big hit happens. Then try to remember exactly what you were doing when the explosion occurred. Through October, I will go to the tops early, especially when the water is not crystal clear. For topwaters, I like the bone She Dogs, but trout can be picky, so take along a selection. Later, they'll be in the deeper grass flats, looking for my old reliable go-to lure, the Norton Sand eel. The Bull Minnow will also pay off, but never miss a chance to tie on that topwater when nothing else seems to be working. Remember that when wind murkies up the deep water, the flats can still be clear, simply because they're shallow.

Beach fishing can be great in October when conditions are right, like swells less than a foot. Tarpon on flies in the surf were spectacular in recent months.

Into mid-November, after fronts, the fish liven up and the wind settles down. This will be a good time for fishing under the birds. Always remember that Texas weather is always about to change, so go prepared. Be considerate of the fish and your fellow fishermen.

—**Capt. Rene Hinojosa** 956-966-0719

Capt. Rene is known as one of the lower coast's most knowledgeable fishermen.

Nick Appling caught (and released) this tarpon on fly with his Dad in Port Mansfield in August. Nick was President of the CCA's Austin Junior Board, and has been involved in CCA since he was 13. For his graduation, Nick received a CCA Lifetime membership. Father Dan Appling said, "It was a really special 3 days in Port Mansfield. The Gulf was slick, green water to the beach. We saw hundreds of tarpon each day. Landed 3 (none for me) and had over a dozen on the line—but jumped off. Plenty of jacks and sharks as a bonus!" —**Dan Appling**



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Pictured here is 8-year old Jake Pults with his first keeper redfish, coming in at 28". Great job Jake! And thanks for sharing, Dad (Shane Pults)!



Twitter

@anfernee576: @Real-SaltLife @CCA_Texas got to get those young ones started early!* Pictured is Ezra Escobar. Photo credit Mutley Escobar.



Insta-gram

@cca_texas: TGIF, Folks! Get out there and get fishing! If you're lucky you'll catch a beautiful red, like CCA Member Courtney Martinka's, pictured here! And if you're even luckier, that red will have a tag on it—so be sure sign up for the @startournament if you haven't already! #joincca #conservation



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Chapter Updates

CCA Texas Banquet Season Kicks into Full Speed

CCA Texas is excited about the early success of the banquets held to date and looks forward to a successful Autumn. Check out the CCA Texas calendar and attend the banquets of your choice in your local area and across the state.

ANNUAL BANQUETS NOW SCHEDULED:

- 9 OCT HEART OF THE HILLS
15 OCT LEE COUNTY
17 OCT PORT O'CONNOR
22 OCT SOUTHWESTERN
4 NOV BRUSH COUNTRY

Alvin-Pearland

Emery Sadler 713-501-2778

Monthly General Meetings (Anglers Night Out): 7PM - First Tuesday of the month. Location: Spring Creek BBQ, 9005 Broadway, Pearland Tx.77584
Alvin/Pearland CCA Chapter Banquet June 16, 2016, 6pm. Location: Knights of Columbus Hall, 2320 Hatfield Road, Pearland, Texas 77581.

Our June 2015 was the best ever and a great time was had by all! Thanks to the following sponsors: CommonWealth Financial, Sun Belt Valve, Academy, Payne Brothers Firearms/Allied Fire Protection, Del Papa, Faust Distributing, Tran Sport Boats, Fishing Tackle Unlimited, Crain Group, Critical Project Services, Dorsett Concrete, Sprint Waste, Alliance Equipment, Dashiell Corporation, BAAD Marine, Texas Tail Vodka, Frost Bank, ICS Management, Third Coast Graphics, Sarge Customs, Ron Carter Autoland, Meadows Group, Goddruim Auto Repair, Southwest Refractory, Mikes Glass & Mirror, Baumann Marine, Texas First Bank, and 3J Ryan. We would like to say thanks to all our sponsors, we would not be able to do what we do without their support!

September 1st- General Meeting (Anglers Night Out) / SPEAKER: BAAD Marine-Brian Diert October 8th -THURSDAY- General Meeting / Speaker: To be announced.

November-February: NO MEETINGS.
2016 Meeting schedule: March-1, April-5, May-3, June-7, September-6, October-4.

We would welcome new board members who would like to get plugged in. Our monthly chapter meetings have a great speaker lineup and we will have a raffle. Bring a friend, a kid and get plugged in! —Emery Sadler 713-501-2778

Aransas Bay

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We held our 16th Annual Banquet on 8 August and thanks to our sponsors, donors, friends and fellow CCA members, we were sold out for the second year in a row.

We would like to extend a special thanks to Ron Hoover RV and Marine, Title Sponsor, for their support year after year. In addition, our chapter is blessed with an exceptional group of dedicated sponsors: ACE Hardware, Star Sponsor; Poor Man's Country Club and Prosperity Bank, Key Sponsors and a large contingent of Table Sponsors - Academy Sports & Outdoors, Bang Service, Beilaire Environmental, Burkholder, Chip Harmon,

Chapter Updates have been edited for brevity to allow everyone's voice to be heard. For the full version, go to your chapter's area in the CCA website.

Drop by www.ccatexas.org, click on **Chapters**.

Dr. Atiee, First Community Bank-Rockport, Gator Bait, George Aitee, Keller Williams Realty-Rockport, Redfish Bay Chapter-CCA, Richard Bianchi, Rio Engineering, and Stewart Title Company. A big thank you goes to L & F Distributors, Ltd. Corpus Christi for furnishing the beer for the banquet. The success of the banquet is dependent on the many donors and individuals whom through their dedication and support are responsible for the continued success of Aransas Bay Banquet. A special thanks to each and everyone of you. Last but not least, a big thank you to our Banquet Chairman, Michelle Green.

We look forward to seeing everyone next year for the 17th annual Babes on the Bay and Aransas Bay Chapter Banquet. Dates to put on your calendars:

13-14 May 2016 - Babes on the Bay / 13 August 2016 - Aransas Bay Chapter Banquet. Tight lines.
—Carter

Austin

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Fall is here! It's my favorite time of year but full of conflict. Hunting season opens and the field beckons. Football season begins. Cooler weather means redfish herd up and big trout near their winter pattern. The flounder run begins and fewer boats are on the water. There are a lot of options but one thing's for sure—it's an awesome time on our Texas coast.

Did you pay attention to the STAR tournament this year? As of this writing four lucky anglers have caught tagged reds and own a new truck/boat/motor rig. And it happens every year, really unbelievably, but tagged reds were again caught by anglers NOT entered in STAR! How could you hit the water without being entered?

A lot of HUGE fish were caught in a lot of divisions but the trout division was most impressive where it took almost a 10 lb. monster to win in all 3 divisions. If you haven't seen the results, go to <http://www.startournament.org/about-star/leader-board/> and check them out. What a statement it makes for the health of our fishery and the great work CCA does.

It's a long time until the 2016 banquet on May 12, 2016 (save the date now) but Austin doesn't stop. Anglers' Night out is the third Wednesday every other month and a great event. Come out and hear the best guides tell all, get a free meal compliments of Smokey Denmark's, and enjoy an evening with your fellow fishermen and fisherwomen. It's all free! So join us for those event, bring a friend, and ask them to join CCA.

Keep up with the Austin Chapter on Facebook or at www.ccaustin.org. If you aren't receiving Austin Chapter emails, and want to, let me know or contact the state office at 713-626-4222 and they'll get you squared away. Happy hunting, fishing or football season, or all three if you can manage the conflict! —Scott Sanderson
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We had our August meeting on August 27th. It was a great crowd listening to an informative presentation from our local game warden, Eddie Hines. Also on hand were some members of the local brigades groups including Reid Aschenbeck pictured below.

Please also remember our Chapter's **October Attendance Tournament to be held October 17th in Matagorda**. For more information about the tournament Contact **Russell Hall** *Rdh1334@gmail.com* or 979-451-9225.

Our chapter meetings are sponsored by Mike Hopkins Distributing. —**Dennis Crowson**

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Colorado Valley

Eugene Ulrich 979-249-7425

Greetings from the Colorado Valley Chapter! At this writing, our chapter is busy planning a general membership meeting. It promises to be a great night especially with our guest speaker Captain Robert Sloan out of Port O'Connor.

Hope all is going well with your summer fishing. Be safe always on the water.

Wishing bent rods and tight lines to all! —**Eugene Ulrich** 979-249-7425

Corpus Christi

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Howdy from the Corpus Christi Chapter! Hope you're enjoying the fall weather and are able to get out and fish. It's been a banner year for species like flounder down here on the coast that the new regulations set forth a few years ago have really helped.

By the time this comes out, we will be right in the middle of our fall events. The Guides Cup (thanks Bruce Laser!) will be held the first week of October. We look forward to some sizzling competition this year between some of the local pro's.

Unfortunately, we will not be having the Poco Rojo kidsfishing event this year. The CCA/MDC is in the process of changing the liners on all of their ponds. Please stay tuned to your email as we will be

trying to get out details for an alternative event this fall.

We will be holding the **Babes on Baffin Ladies Fishing Tournament**, however, with Chair Lauren Roesener and Committee consisting of Judy Arnold, Michelle Gutierrez, and Valerie Chilton getting things together for the October 9th and 10th Tournament date.

Please get in touch with the crew at *fishbobb2005@yahoo.com*, or 361-500-3799 if you'd like to be a sponsor or to fish the tournament. If it's not too late, you may be able to get on www.babesonbaffin.com and sign up.

As for what's next, I'd like to announce that **Cliff Johnstone** will be at the banquet chair helm this year for the 2016 CCA-Corpus Christi Fundraiser Banquet. Food and Beverage Chair **Jake Herring** is working on some exciting new improvements, **Mike Henry** and the Live Auction Committee of **David Harris** and **Corey Servant** are coming up with some great, brand new trips for this year, and the wheels are already in motion for some great artwork and other prizes in our Silent and Raffle sections, again led by **Judy Arnold** and her team that also includes the **Island Anglers** from TAMUCC. Our Boat Chair **Joseph Briones** has received the **Ma-jek boat** from Premier Yamaha and has started selling tickets already! **Gulf Tractor** is working on getting the UTV together and delivered as well. Thanks everyone for getting a serious jump on preparations this year! Make sure to plan on joining us March 10th for the biggest and best yet to come! —**Jay Gardner** *jgardner@naismith-engineering.com*

Dallas / North Texas

Hal Thomas 972-612-1684

While the Dog Days of Summer just won't go away, the Dallas Chapter volunteers are already planning for the 2016 year. We are planning local chapter meeting events for Jan, Feb and Mar which lead up to our annual banquet on April 21, 2016. Save the date! —**Hal**

East Texas

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Fort Bend

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Salutations. I am sure y'all are loving these few cold fronts like I am! With every approaching low pressure comes higher catch rates. We had our annual All ladies fishing tournament known as **Lingerie On The Bay**. Although this was our first year at our new date, I was thrilled with the turn out for the tournament.

I would like to thank all the ladies who fished, and all the gentleman who helped. A special thanks goes to **Dawn Miller** and everyone who helped her **Hooked On Hope** program for finding a cure for breast cancer! Pictures of our winners can be found at our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/fort-bendfishermen. Until next time, enjoy your turkey, enjoy your naps, and enjoy great Fall fishing. —**Robb Gaston**

Fort Worth

Hunter Baird 817-437-8351

The Fort Worth Chapter will be hosting its annual Fall Membership Event on November 12 at the Rahr Brewery. We will be raffling off some great items that will come in handy for your fall hunting and fishing trips.

Check out our chapter page at www.ccataxas.org and like us on Facebook. We'll be sending out more information regarding the details for the event at a later date. Until then, take a kid and get outdoors and enjoy this great fall weather. —**Hunter Baird**

Galveston

Dr. Ken Ellis 713-962-7731

We held our 23rd annual banquet on August 8th and had a fantastic crowd. We'd like to thank all of those that came out to support the Galveston Chapter. We had a delicious fajita dinner and lots of cold beverages. Thanks to our Platinum Banquet sponsors: **AES Services** and **Jomar Electrical Contractors**. We'd also like to thank our Redfish table sponsors: **Academy**, **Andon Specialties**, **DW Industries**, **Foster Fabrication & Oilfield Services**, **G & K Services** and **Longhorn Dental**. Trout Table Sponsors: **Central Bank**, **Meredith Welsh RE/Max**, **Powell Industries**, **PricewaterhouseCoopers**, **Rowan Companies** and **Sector Transport**. Flounder Table Sponsors: **B & C Painting** and **Wall Covering**, **Galveston Fishing Charters**, **Intermar Products and Services**, **Joe D Koskin**, **Lazer Marine**, **Moody National Bank**, **Peter and Dale Hewett**, **Ron Hoover RV & Marine**, **Total Electric/Tim Macon**.

Thank you to all of our generous donors and for all of you who participated in our live and silent auctions. We had a fantastic line up of items. Thanks to **DW Industries** for sponsoring our Yeti Rambler raffle; to **Moody National Bank**, **Sector Transport** and **Intermar Products and Services** for sponsoring our Pick of the Stringer Cap Raffle. Koozie Sponsor: **Jomar Electrical Contractors**. Cup Sponsor: **Longhorn Dental**.

Congratulations to **Orlando Alvarez**, the 2015 Boat Winner. He drove away with a 22' Pure Bay Blue Wave.

We have a great board of directors and they worked hard all year to put on this event. We'd like to congratulate them on a job well done: **Blake Horton**, **Corey Carpenter**, **Karen Larue**, **Jake Larue**, **James Larue**, **Brenda Bock**, **Ceci Sink**, **Jill Bryant**, **Bova**, **Sammy Bova**, **Joe Cappadona**, **John Hays** and **Sharon Ellis**. We appreciate all of our members and thank you for supporting our efforts. We will be hosting a General Membership meeting in the fall and will be sending more information to our members via email. Tight Lines —**Ken Ellis**

Golden Triangle

Joel Foxworth 409-466-2614

We had our annual director's dinner and tournament this August on Bolivar Peninsula at the **Anderson/Petit house**. We had a great time with food, fishing and fellowship.

Kevin Picard catered some of the best food you'll ever eat for our dinner and our friends at **Sam's Package Store**, **Giglio Distributing**, and **Del Papa Distributing** supplied the beverages. Once

Report from TP&W Game Wardens
Caught Red-handed!



On July 21, after hearing rumors of flounder being caught over the bag limit, Calhoun County Wardens Robert Dominguez and Ben Bailey began an investigation. After several hours of patient waiting, they made contact with two local men. The men were in possession of 32 Flounder over the bag limit, and also in possession of three undersized flounder. Multiple cases were filed and bids were taken for the over the bag limit fish.





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again the man, the myth, the legend, **Mike Petit** won the tournament, making him back-to-back champion. We were joined with several wounded war veterans from the organization **Heroes on the Water**. It was a true honor to have them join us in fishing. One of the veterans even won the division for longest trout. Special thanks to **Cobb Real Estate** for donating a rental house for the entire weekend for the veterans and their families. And thank you to everyone that had a part in making it a wonderful year for the Golden Triangle Chapter and another fun event.

Keep a look out for an upcoming inter-chapter tournament on Sabine between the **Golden Triangle, Sabine-Neches, and Orange Chapters**. We are in the early phases of planning but hope to have more information to communicate in the near future.

Over the last two years, the Heroes on the Water – Southeast Texas Chapter has developed a unique relationship with CCA-Golden Triangle. While talking at the recent Director's tournament it occurred to me that just about everywhere there is a HOW chapter there is bound to be a CCA Chapter. I'd hope we could spark some more conversations with CCA members and HOW chapters. The way we've been fortunate to do in the Golden Triangle Chapter.

Heroes on the Water has spent the last several years taking veterans and their families on kayak fishing outings, as a means to first, get them outdoors and second to give them a skill set that they can use to help relax, rehabilitate and reintegrate into civilian life. Everyone knows the therapeutic qualities of a day on the water and we are dedicated to helping the warriors and their families achieve that. We'd like to thank the Golden Triangle Chapter for getting involved and welcoming us to the Director's Tournament and Annual banquets and most importantly helping spread our message. It's this kind of support that allows us to continue to serve our veteran's on the water, and give back to those that have given us their all. I'd like to challenge the other CCA chapters to seek out a HOW Chapter in your area and see what you can do to help their local efforts. Follow the links below to find a chapter in your area and to learn more about the nationwide programs at HOW. <http://heroesonthewater.org/> —
Joel N. Foxworth

Greater Sugar Land

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Greater Sugarland CCA 2015-2017 President **Richard Lindley**, Vice President **Robert Bailey**, Treasurer **Paul Lawson**, Banquet Chairperson **Pam Canavan** and Kid fish Chairperson **Barbra Lindley**.

Our August 5, 2015 meeting was enlightening. **Shimano** showed us their new rods and reels, plus their new fishing line. I saw and met a lot of new faces and hope they will become active members.

We completed our last Kid Kish for this year. On August 21, **New Territory** tried for a second time to have their Kid Fish. The first try was rained out, this time we got about two hours of fishing before the rain came and ended the fun.

Looking for a great year — **Richard Lindley**
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Greater Woodlands

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Thank You all for attending, participating and donat-



Adam Gilvary says, "Chased some reds in the muddy marsh of Galveston. Notice the red in the kayak trying to make an escape. Both released to swim another day." #lovetherelease
[The photo editor wonders if that's not a third red bending the rod, upper right.]

ing to one of our best banquets. Last article I recognized our Top Sponsors, **Royal Purple Synthetic Oils, VCC Construction & Anadarko Petroleum**. A special Thank You from our Board Members and CCA Texas. We also want to recognize our other Silver Sponsorships: **Gullo Ford, Polar Rig Specialties, Praxair, RM Rock Materials and Texas Marine of Conroe**. Corporate Sponsorship **Capital Farm Credit, CDM Resource Management, Enerflex, Jeff Burton Insurance, Kinder Morgan, Mustang CAT, Reddico Construction and SEC**. To all CCA Members, Please support these sponsors in your purchases and use of their services.

A few of The Greater Woodlands chapter members and friends took their GWC banquet auction trip to POC with **Captain Tom Hans!** After a pleasant evening telling stories on Captain Tom's newly expanded deck overlooking his duck pond, we enjoyed perfectly grilled steaks on the gas grill. We turned in early and got an early start Friday morning and managed to get to the beach before daylight. The fish were waiting for our croakers and any pink baits that we threw. Sharks and Slimers dropped by so Captain Tom moved to his secret spot where the larger specs were waiting. The crew limited out before it got too hot so we returned to the lodge to clean up while Tom cleaned the fish. We bagged the filets and headed back before noon Friday. Thanks to Captain Tom for a great limit of specs "catching" trip after a memorable evening at his lodge. —CW

We are currently seeking new faces to attend our meetings and join our board. Bring a friend (CCA Member and/or non CCA member) and get a free raffle ticket for your chance to win a great prize awarded at our next meeting. Our next general membership meeting is coming up soon, so please refer to our web page for our next event. Also make sure your contact info is up to date, so you won't be missing out, contact the CCA Office and give them you updated information. **Charlotte**. A special Thanks to my guest writers CW & Charlotte. Keep Conserving...To Keep Fishing! —**James Kay**

Guadalupe Valley
Jon Eric Rodriguez 361-243-1017
That time of year again, banquet season down in the cross roads area. If you're not busy November 12 afternoon, come to the venue on Church street, located downtown Cuero, Texas. We will have all

the good silent and live auction items, as well as some great food and beer. We will be selling tickets for a sportsman raffle which includes guns, rod-n-reels, and other electronics. Please contact **Jon Eric Rodriguez, Cliff Weber** or any other board member. Thank you and happy fishing.
—**Jon Eric Rodriguez**

Hays County

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We are hard at work on the 2015 Chapter Banquet. The banquet will be held November 18, 2015 at the VFW Hall in Wimberley. Our 2014 banquet was a great success and we are expecting the 2015 banquet to be even better. To purchase a table or individual tickets, send us an email at hayscountycca@gmail.com or contact our Chapter President, **Tim Young** at 512-573-7939.

We would like to once again give a huge "Thank You" to last year's sponsors: **Lone Star, McBride's Guns, Reel'em Inn Lodge, Grande Communications, PGMS, Clearwater Plumbing, Legal Shield, Lawrence Malek, River City Cabinets, Woodward and Stewart, Friedman Real Estate, Wirth Telecom, Austin Engineering Co., Inc, The Kovac Group, Chris Lawrence, Rodney Bennett, G.A. Powers, Jim Kothmann Enterprises, Coachman Homes, and DeMasters-Daniel Insurance**.

We encourage all our members to support these sponsors when purchasing goods or services.

We are looking for more sponsors and volunteers to join a great group of people in helping lead our chapter. It is the generosity of our sponsors and our volunteers that allows us to raise funds and awareness for CCA. Please consider volunteering and come join us at one of our monthly meetings.

If you are interested in becoming a Hays County Sponsor, volunteering with the chapter or just being added to our email list, send us an email at hayscountycca@gmail.com or call **Tim Young** at 512-573-7939.

Hope everyone has made time to enjoy some great fishing and we look forward to seeing you at an upcoming chapter event! —**Tim Young**

Heart of the Hills

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We had a busy summer in the Heart of the Hills. On July 14th, chapter members met at the **Boerne Civic Center** for an evening with **Captain Robert Hamilton** of Aransas Bay Fishing Charters. Everyone had a great time learning information on the Rockport area and listening to stories. Congratulations to **Tom Wayland** who won a guided trip with **Captain Hamilton**.

As this article goes to press, we are preparing for our Annual Banquet on September 10th. We sold many tables early this year and are expecting a sell-out crowd. Check out the next issue of Currents for banquet results.

Last but not least, a big Thank You and congratulations to **Jim Simmons** for his service in the Heart of the Hills Chapter! Jim is a founding member of this chapter, and will be stepping down from the president and treasurer positions this year after continuous involvement since 2002! Thank you for your volunteer spirit and a job well done! —**Jim Simmons**

Hill Country

Miles Engelke 830-303-1827

Our banquet was held August 20 at the New Braunfels Civic center. WOW, it will go down as a record-breaker for our chapter. We rented the whole Civic Center for the first time and sold it out.

I would like to thank our **Marlin, Tarpon, Bull Red and Regular table buyers** for purchasing tables and attending our banquet, we need your support. **Black Tie Affairs Catering** provided a wonderful selection of food and **Cow Girls Unlimited** provided drinks that quenched our thirst. Thanks to my board of directors who pulled together and worked hard all year attending meetings, selling raffle tickets, getting donations and assisting with setup and cleanup.

Plans are already being made for the 2016 banquet, so if you have any ideas send them my way, I will put them in my file.

Our next and final general meeting for this year will be held **Tuesday October 20** at the **Elks Lodge in New Braunfels**. The social will begin at 6 pm with our speaker beginning around 7 pm. Food and drinks will be available. Since we should see some cooler weather by that date and our interest's may shift, **our theme will be hunting**, so tell your friends and everyone to wear their Camo clothes. We will have some vendors setup and door prizes.

Our speaker will be **D. Michael (Mike)**

Krueger – recently retired from the Wildlife Division of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department with 27 years of service, more than 15 of which were as a Technical Guidance biologist providing wildlife management assistance to private landowners in the Edwards plateau and Cross Timbers regions of Texas. He finished his TPWD career in Kerrville, serving five years as the district leader for the 25-County Edwards Plateau Wildlife District.

Mike's Hill Country wildlife management skills and experience are a wonderful resource for HCLT landowner-partners. Mike's program will be on deer management, and will include a couple of power point presentations. He will update it with some things going on with Chronic Wasting Disease and other issues.

Wish I could share a fish story with you, but have not been in a while. Be safe on the water. If you would like to get involved with our chapter, Cast me a call, 210-260-8968. Remember, it's for the fish. Treasure the Trips —Miles Engelke

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Lee County
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The 5th Annual Lee County CCA chapter banquet will be held on Thursday, October 15, 2015 at the Sons of Herman hall in Giddings, Texas. We will have gun raffles, cap raffles, pick of stringer raffles, live and silent auctions, plus a pre-banquet Sportsman's raffle. Tickets are available from any banquet committee member or you can contact myself. Looking forward to another successful year.
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The tarpon are back! Or, so it would seem from recent months along the Texas coast. Here, long-time GCCA/CCA worker John Milne releases a Joe Richard-caught tarpon near Port O'Connor's Pass Cavallo.

We had our 7th annual Kids Fishing Tournament on Saturday August 22nd at Harborwalk Marina. We had over 100 entered, with over 300 fish caught.

Smallest Fish – Dominique Meyer / Largest Fish – Dakota LaMarie / Most Fish – Grant Wilkinson / Largest Croaker – Sharon Wilkinson / Largest Trout – Justin Audilett Largest Hardhead – Evan Butler / Largest Flounder – Juan Rio / Largest Piggy – Tori Peters / Largest Red – Dakota LaMarie / Largest Whiting – Wade Wilkinson.
—Eric Minor

Matagorda Bays

Chad Hensley 979-543-2734

Greetings from Matagorda Bays. As you read this, we will have wrapped up our **Jim Ehman Memorial Guide Cup**. At this time we'd like to thank the sponsors of this great tournament: **Duckett, Bouigny and Collins LLP, Harbor Bait and Tackle and El Campo Sheet Metal**. We'd also like to thank the guides who donate their time and help make this event such a great success: Capt. Charlie Paradoski, Capt. Troy Keen, Capt. Floyd Cirut, Capt. Ray Sexton, Capt. Walt Schelle, Capt. Scott Reeh, Capt. Michael Rolf, Capt. Stan Sloan, Capt. Mark Talasek, Capt. Ken Sabin, Capt. Ozzie Newsom, Capt. Kenny Hauff III, Capt. Kevin Kosik, Capt. Jimmy Riddle, Capt. Mike Kubecka, Capt. Rob Cummings, Capt. Walt Wendlandt, Capt. Leighton Keen, Capt. Bink Grimes, Capt. Lee Warmke, Capt. Kit Caston, Capt. Nate Koenig, Capt. Tommy Alexander, Capt. Nick Stillwell, and Capt. Kenny Hauff Jr.

We'd also like to thank those buyers who participated in this year's guides cup. As always, we appreciate your support. We will look forward to the next *Currents* where will list the winning teams. Again, we'd like to thank all of our members in the Matagorda Bays chapter. We thank you for your continued support of our efforts to protect our marine resources. —Chad Hensley

MidCoast

David Jenkins 361-578-5580

At this writing we are in the dog days of summer and with all of the rain and flooding, the bay systems in the Port O'Connor area are still inundated with fresh and brackish water. We have had several

cases of our fishermen that have contracted Vibrio here in our area. Normally we may have 2-3 cases, but this year, we have had 9-10 cases, some being very severe. If you decide to fish in our area, please take precautions not to get infected.

In May we had our annual banquet. 950 attendees enjoyed a great meal, catered by **Uncle Mutts Bar B Que**, drinks and a fun night. We honored my and CCA's good friend, **Hector Mendieta**, by dedicating the banquet in his name.

I want to thank all who attended; the donors, and our own board members who helped make our banquet a success again this year. We have committed board members who make things happen, and it is greatly appreciated.

A special Thank You! goes to **Rick Kresta, Krestas Boat and Motors, Dennis Stumfoll, Bernies Boats and Motors, Hartman Distributing, Del Papa Distributing, Cliff Thomas, Speedy Stop, Jimmy Burns, WaterLo Custom Rods USA, Darrel Hester, Victoria All Sports, Eichorn, Gonzales and Miller Fine Jewelers, Atzenhoffer Chevrolet/Cadillac, The Tackle Box, and the 21 Guides** who participated in our 2015 Guides Cup Tournament.

We have chosen our boat for the 2015 Banquet, a 23' **Haynie CAT**. It is fully loaded and powered by a 250 **MercuryXS**. It will also have a **Coastline Trailer** for easy hauling. Our next events will be the **Speedy Stop Guides Cup in October**, and the **Lighted Christmas Parade** in December. If anyone would like to join a great team of CCA Volunteers, please contact me or one of the Mid Coast Chapter Board Members. We welcome you with open arms. Tight Lines, —David Jenkins 361-578-5580

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First off, we would like to give a **HUGE** thank you to all of our sponsors and supporters at our 26th Annual Banquet Fundraiser! We had a sell-out attendance come out and enjoy some great food, cold beverages and Live Auction/Raffle items that would make any outdoorsman drool! Along with our sell-out event, we raised nearly \$120k for the organization! This great event would not have been possible if not for our loyal and generous sponsors. Thank you **Houston Distributing, Beck & Masten Buick GMC, Blue Water Seafood** and all of our banquet sponsors. A Live Auction highlight was a JJ Watt autographed football that raised \$3,250 to fund our 2016 Kid Fish! Last but definitely not least, thank you to our amazing Board of Directors. The hard work and preparation these guys and gals do throughout the year make this all possible!

By the time you are reading this, hopefully our next General Membership Meeting hasn't passed. On Tuesday, October 6th, we are proud to welcome Bill Olson, Publisher and Editor of the Texas Outdoors Journal! Bill also co-hosts the multi-award winning weekly outdoor news-format, Texas Outdoor News radio show. An avid big game hunter and saltwater angler, come out and hear some of his great stories! The meeting will be held at the **Houston Distributing facility (Stein Room)** located off High Life Dr, starting at 7pm. We will have beer on tap, so don't miss this!

As always, we welcome any current or future CCA members to join our chapter Board of Directors. We have a great group of men and women and are always inviting more hands to grow our chapter! If you are interested in joining our banquet planning committee, contact our President, **Alan Massey** or our CCA Assistant Director, **Drew Adams** (713) 626-4222. We meet every first Tuesday of every odd month (November 3rd will be our next) at the Houston Distributing facility off High Life Drive in the Stein Room - starting at 7pm. We would love to see you! —**Alan Massey** / Drew Adams: O: 713-626-4222 / M: 361-649-9223

Orange County

Scott Bandy 409-988-3667 sabanydy@ymail.com

We'd like to thank **Granger Chevrolet** and all the **Redfish and Speck table sponsors** for an awesome banquet in 2015. Without these guy's and all the donations from the community, we would not have had such success. This year's attendance topped all other banquets from the past. The food prepared by **Spanky's Restaurant** was amazing as always. We would like to thank the banquet committee for their tireless efforts to make this event, one of the best banquets in Orange County history.

Remember, if you would like to be a part of the Orange County CCA Chapter Board or Banquet committee, all you have to do is contact a board member and make the meetings on the 2nd Monday of each month at **Roberts Steakhouse and Restaurant**. — Scott Bandy President - 409-988-3667; Davis Dixon Vice President - 409-920-3405; Louis Moore Historian - 409-988-4845

Port O'Connor Bill Moore 361-983-4690

As summer comes to a close, and we prepare to usher in the fall activities, it also signals the time for everyone to come join us for the 16th annual POC CCA Banquet. This again will be held at the POC Community Center on Saturday, October 17.

Tickets are available, as well as Bull Red or Trophy Trout tables from any POC CCA member or CCA Assistant Director **Ellen Ohmstede** at 713-626-4222) or ellen@ccatexas.org. In POC, take note of CCA banners at the following business where tickets and tables may be purchased: **Sonny's Marine, Coastal Boat Services, Coastal Bend Marine, Port O'Connor Rod & Gun and Tigrett Real Estate**.

A slate of officers was presented at a recent meeting: VP – **Mike Sharp**, VP- **Dain Whitworth**, Treasurer- **Ann Brownlee**, and Secretary **Jim Busby**. Also, thanks to **Carl Ray** and **Jim Busby** for stepping up and being our banquet chairmen again.

So, if you are in the area enjoying the fall weather, fishing or just kicking back, make arrangements for tickets or a table, as we continue to support our coastal resources. Bring everyone and join us at the POC Community Center on Saturday, October 17, "Where it all began." —**Bill Moore**

Prairie

Sharon Goebel 979-877-4103

On August 1, we hosted our annual **Kids Fish Tournament** at the **Wietstruck Farm** in Bellville Texas.

This year we did something different; instead of using worms, we had live minnows for the kids to fish with, Thanks to **Laura, Gerald and Justin Strum** from **Sturm Hatchery and Bait farm** (4913 Hwy 36 S Sealy Texas 713-894-7653). For providing all the live minnows, the tent was set up centrally located at the pond so the kids could come up with their bait buckets and get the bait. There were 75 anglers and 60 of them were kids.

When everybody was done fishing we served hot dogs, drinks and chips to all. After the meal, the awards were handed out. There were 4 categories of winners all of whom received some great prizes. The winners were:

Ages 0-6: 1st place Reid Engelbrecht / 2nd place Ryland McDonald / 3rd place Weston Surtherland

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Age 12-15: 1st place Dillon Samples / 2nd place Connor Bookout / 3rd place Vonte Green

Ages 16-99: 1st place Chrystiam Thomas / 2nd place Jill Samples / 3rd place Dustin Scherbig

After all the awards we had a silent auction with some great gifts, and we had some very happy winners. I would like to thank all the board members for all their hard work putting together this tournament, and a special thanks to **Larry and Sandy Wietstruck**



The Sabine Nechoe kidfish was another big success for everyone.

for the use of their property and catfish pond. Hope to see everybody at next year's Kids Fish. The date will be posted sometime next year. Thanks —**Ron Chess** 979-525-9254

Redfish Bay

Norman Oates 361-758-0266

The year is winding down, but what a great ride it has been! CCA is a great organization, and I want everyone to know that Redfish Bay Chapter appreciates the support that we receive from our supporters. The Board can plan events and make the arrangements, but, without your participation, we could not be successful.

Special thanks to **Chris Marine** for being our Title Sponsor for the Banquet and **Glenn Martin** for making the Take a Kid Fishing event a success. Our Banquet, Take a Kid Fishing event, and the Beeville Fish Fry have many donors and supporters that help make them successful. If you buy a ticket at the door, you are supporting CCA, and we need you there.

The Redfish Bay Board, which includes the Beeville members, has done a great job this year. CCA members need to know that virtually every event happens because of your local volunteers. We get a lot of support from CCA Texas and specifically from **John Blaha** who is always there to help us out and keep us in line. Again, thanks for your support and efforts. —**Norman C Oates** 361-758-0266 H 361-790-2748C

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Where does the time go? Just yesterday we were planning a banquet and talking about summer fishing patterns on Sabine, and now the kids are back in school and wing shooting is back in session!

September 10, some of our board members volunteered at the Sea Rim State Park Kid Fish event hosted by Texas Parks and Wildlife. The event had 150 young anglers show up and try their hand at surf fishing, what better way to beat the heat than a good surf wade! While the fish didn't fully cooperate, we still had good numbers of the usual suspects; croaker, hardhead, and a few small black drum mixed in.

We are working on an event that will involve the other two chapters in SE Texas. While details are still emerging I can say that it would be some type of chapter challenge; Sabine Nechoe vs Golden Triangle vs Orange County in a **bragging rights showdown on the Sabine!** Stay tuned for more details, we still have a long way to go before we say it's go time. Until next time, tight lines to all—**Darin M Johnson** 409-502-1010.

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San Antonio

Jimmy Gibson 210-287-4378

Fall has arrived and the reds are schooling up, marking their return to the gulf. I hope you have planned

time to be out on the water as this time of year is some of the best fishing and weather we have each year. We at San Antonio CCA have taken our summer break but with the fall weather patterns we are reminded it is time to start planning the rest of the year and our 2016 events. Speaking of events, put down CCA San Antonio Night Out October 1st at the Barn Door Restaurant.

We are planning a great evening that will include very special friends of CCA's, **Captain Sally and Aubrey Black** who will give us an update on Baffin Bay and forecasts for the next six months. Come out and enjoy the evening as we will have a raffle, giveaways and as the grand prize—a guided day of fishing with **Sally or Aubrey**. The evening will kick off at 6pm and we look forward to seeing you there.

Your San Antonio CCA Chapter is always looking for individuals to volunteer their time, resources, and thoughts as to how we can better serve this great organization. Come join us and have some fun. We will begin meeting mid-January and would welcome you to our group.

Remember our first battle cry — "SAVE THE REDFISH." As Always, Thank you for doing your part. Vaya Con Dios Mi Amigos, —**Jimmy Gibson**. Contact me for any information, e-mail me jimmy.gibson@cstbrands.com. Regards — **Jimmy Gibson**

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All I can say is WOW! We had a great event on Aug 20th. All of our board members were a little nervous moving into the Cedar Park Center, myself included, but we had an awesome banquet. We came very close to doubling our attendance and gross revenue over last year. While we have a few kinks to work out for the future, making this move was great for our chapter. Our success is the result of hard work by the board, especially **Jeff Bible and Ryan Threll**.

Of course, none of this would have been possible without the remarkable support of all our sponsors. **Don Ross** and his crew at **Don Ross Chevrolet** once again lead the charge as our title sponsor. His increased support made the move to the Cedar Park Center much more feasible. I also want to thank all of our sponsors, such as **PMB Helin Donovan, Aday & Associates, Morris Glass, R Bank, Gibson Concrete, Independence Title Co, NAVCON, CHASCO, Independent Bank, Cornerstone Site, Services, First State Bank of Central TX, Plateau Land Group, RDO Equipment, Van Houten & Associates, Wheeler Companies, and Keystone Concrete** just to start the list.

Thanks to all who attended and donated their hard earned money to our cause, regardless if you spent \$50 or \$5,000 every dollar counts! If you would like to join our list of fine sponsors or help with next year's event, please feel free to contact me. — **John Melnar / 512-497-8284 jmelnar@plateauland-group.com**

San Jacinto

Jim Wilson 713-828-7639

We just completed our annual Youth Tournament on Sept 12 at the Sylvan Beach Pier. Our chapter does this event every year. Fishing started at 8 am and ended at 10 am. Everything was free for the kids.

This year we had 200+ kids. Our chapter and volunteers provided the bait, 80+ rod and reels for any child that didn't have one, food, drinks and trophies. It's so cool when parents tell us that their

child had never fished until this event and is now hooked.

Lots of good catches were had this year. In addition to the usual redfish, trout, sand trout, croaker and piggy perch caught, several nice flounder were also landed. We went through 100+ pounds of shrimp this year. A great big thanks goes out to **Boyd's One Stop** for the shrimp.

A lot of volunteers were involved in this tournament. We had two Radio Clubs participate: **HAM's (Houston Amateur Mobil Society)** and the **Jefferson County Radio Club**. The Radio Clubs have participated in this event for several years. You wouldn't think that an 800' Pier is that long until you walk it eight to twelve times each way during the event. The Radio operators make this event so much easier. They call in the catches to the judges.

Pasadena Dairy Queen on Spencer Hwy donated 150 Hot Dog wienies. **John, Kathy and Nicole Wood** have provided the rest of the food, chips, pickles, drinks, cookies, condiments, sausages and the cookers for several years at their own expense. This year they cooked over 600 wienies and sausages.

The **Dickenson HS FFA** has helped the Wood's for the last three years with this event. This is the first year we ran out of food. **Thanks to Fishing Tackle Unlimited** for their generosity. This year one of our chapter members, **John Powell** and friend donated a generous cash donation and a new bullhorn for the event. Thanks to **Linda's Baft Camp** for all of the flyers and good press they handed out. Our Grand Prize donor was from: www.paddlepunks.com. Paddlepunks donated The **WooHoo! Floundering Light**. It is a submersible LED light with two 640 lumen LED bulbs, an adjustable shoulder strap, power switch, waist pouch, 8ah battery (lasts 12-14 hours of continuous use) and a 1ah charger. The value of the item is \$149.99. This was our grand Prize for a lucky winner. A final thank you goes out to the City of LaPorte for the generous use of their

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The 10th Annual Laguna Madre Showdown Fishing Tournament is in the books and was as good as ever. Teams gathered in Port Mansfield the third weekend in July and enjoyed great food, fellowship and fishing.

In the live bait division, **RFL** won heaviest stringer, **Saint Jeromes** caught the first place trout (6.07), **RFL** won 1st place redfish (8.13) and **Reel Jerks** took first place in the flounder division.

In the artificial division, **Donkey** walked away with the heaviest stringer and first place redfish, **EDP Concrete** caught the biggest trout and **Flounder Pounders** stood true to their name and won first place flounder.

Reagan Sadovsky and team had to cut their fishing time short to rescue a husband, wife and three small children who capsized their boat! When Reagan pulled up in his boat, he saw the husband and wife were in the water and had their three children on the capsized boat. Reagan got in the water and swam all the children safely to his boat before rescuing their parents. **Great representation of a courteous fisherman and CCA is proud to have Reagan as a member!**

It's always good to see all the familiar faces and restore a little friendly rivalry each year at this tournament. We thank everyone who made it out this year and look forward to seeing everyone we missed (**Ed Geyer**) next year in Port Mansfield.

A special thank you goes out to **Capital Farm Credit** for sponsoring the trophies. Next year's tournament will be July 23rd so mark your calendar and make room reservations early. Hope everyone enjoys the remainder of your summer! —**Christian Hildebrand**

desire to get involved while bringing some fresh ideas and sponsors aboard. Based on the totals, this was our most successful event to date, shattering the numbers of any of our past banquets.

As always, we want to give a huge thanks to the many sponsors that continue supporting our conservation efforts: **Platinum Sponsor; Sunbelt Valve Service . Title Sponsors; Castang Ford - Future Fasteners - Specialty Metals Products - Trinity Bay Pipe & Supply.**

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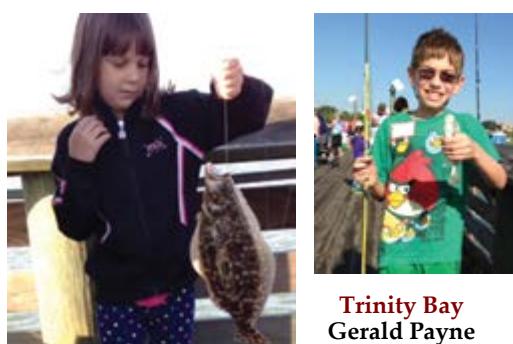
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The San Jacinto Kid Fish was great, with over 200 young fishers winning rods and reels, prizes and hot dogs.

pier and equipment. —Steve Wilson

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After months of preparation, the 25th annual Trinity Bay banquet took place in August. For the second year, the event was held in Baytown, Texas and was once again a sell-out. Based on the energy in the building, it appeared all attendees had a fabulous time and enjoyed the tasty shrimp and beverages throughout the evening while participating in our many raffles, games and auctions.

The past year brought some new faces to our chapter. All of these folks had a good attitude and a strong



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Trinity Bay's 26th Annual banquet was again a sellout. Chapter Pres Gerald Payne wears his new fishing hat, while John Ritchie of Sunbelt Valve collects on a winning number.



Trinity Bay's sold-out banquet crowd enjoyed a fine evening.



Stephen Boriskie of Bay Flats Lodge sent this action shot of 8-year old Sydney with a 28" redfish. It went home on the halfshell.



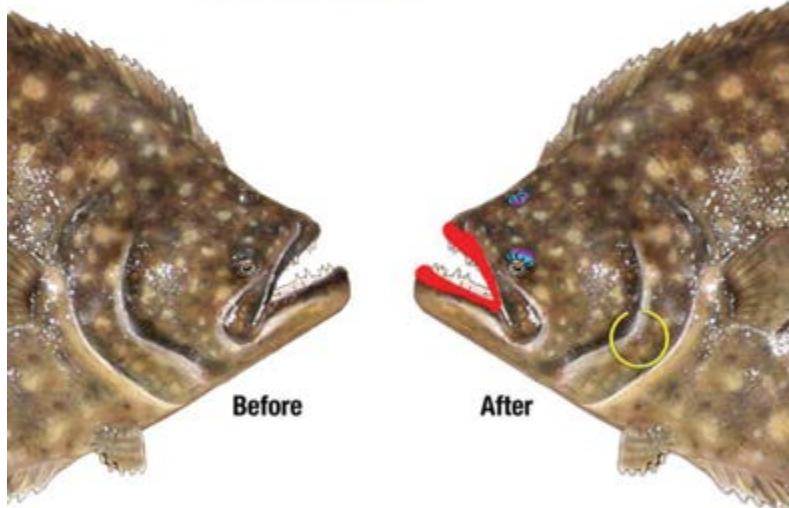
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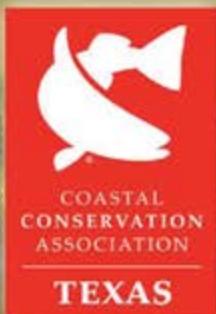
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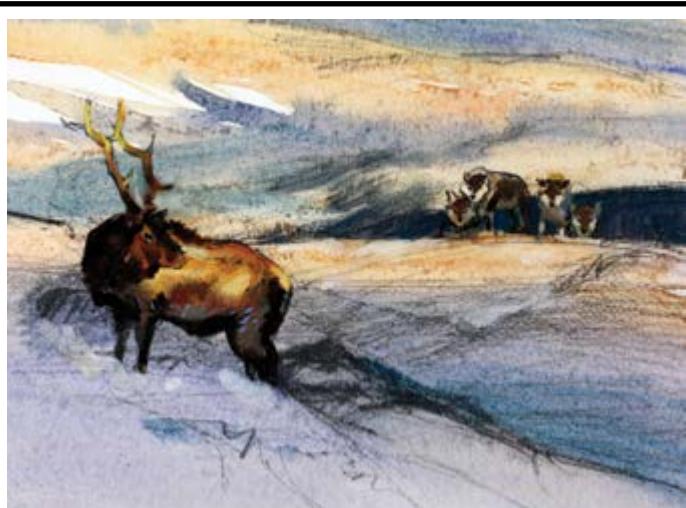
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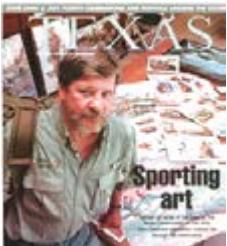


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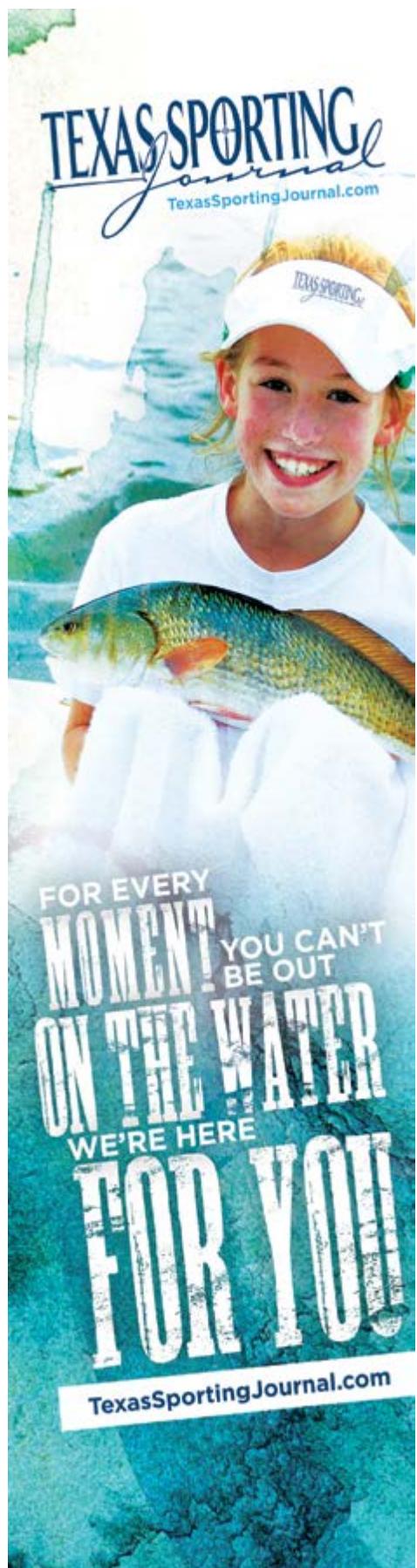
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