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HOOKED ON HABITAT INSHORE SLAM

By Gregg Holshouser

Andre DeMoux and Daniel Hill consider the area around Jacksonville and Surf City, N.C., their home waters, but that doesn't mean the long-time fishing partners aren't pretty darn familiar with Georgetown and the Winyah Bay vicinity.

DeMoux and Hill have fished the Georgetown area in various red drum tournaments, particularly the now-defunct IFA Redfish Tour, and in May, the duo finished fourth in a Southern Redfish Cup event in Georgetown. While in town for that event, DeMoux and Hill saw a promotional sign for the inaugural Hooked on Habitat Inshore Slam in June.

"We saw a sign on the habitat tournament, and that's how we wound up fishing this tournament," said DeMoux. "We've gotten pretty familiar with Winyah Bay over the last eight years, it's not our first rodeo there. We love



Andre DeMoux and Daniel Hill won first-place in the inaugural Hooked On Habitat Inshore Slam in Georgetown on June 10.

going down there. The people are nice, the fishing is great and you've got elbow room."

DeMoux and Hill won one IFA

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Redfish Tour event in Georgetown in 2016, and now they can add the first title in the Hooked on Habitat Inshore Slam to their trophy case.

The duo weighed in and released one redfish, one trout and one flounder for an aggregate of 9.98 pounds to finish atop the field of 28 boats in the live-release event staged out of the Carroll Ashemore Campbell Marine Complex. They won the largest trout category with a 3.86-pounder that measured 21 ¼ inches, and also weighed in a 3.05-pound, 19 3/4-inch redfish and a 3.07-pound, 20-inch flounder.

Jordan Pate of Pawleys Island and Robert O'Donnell claimed second place with an aggregate of 9.08 pounds, plus won first and third place in the youth division.

John Bonniville, Jr., and Will Bonniville of Georgetown finished third with an aggregate of 8.85 pounds, including the largest redfish weighed in, a 4.52-pounder that measured 22 ¾ inches.

Connor Strickland and his team out of Georgetown weighed in the largest flounder, a 3.95-pounder that measured 20 ³4 inches.

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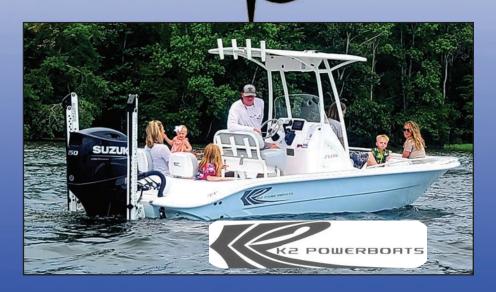




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It is the peak of summer here along the Grand Strand and there are pretty much two places you better bring plenty of patience when you venture out. Any area grocery stores or Wally Worlds and the local public landings. We bring this up non stop on our radio show, The Southern Anglers Radio Show, and for very valid reasons. I had my patience tested multiple times over the Fourth holiday weekend. I had to remember that I preach this regularly and almost found myself failing miserably. I find that I have far more patience with the obvious new boaters or the once or twice year visitors than the "idiots". Yep, I said it. There are just those that don't get it and never will. Things such as loading your boat and preparing your passengers across the street and not on the ramp. Walking your boat to a finger dock instead of having someone drive it off and free up the space quicker. How about the guy with the motor issues that decides that the bottom of the ramp is the place to work on your 1988 Evinrude. All of these are things that get me boiling as they are completely controllable. Be Ready When It Is Your

Turn......This is the best thing that all of us can do to help speed up the process and afford all of us a happy day on the water instead of one that starts off with a double dose of our blood pressure medicine.

The tone for the entire day can be set in that first 10 to 30 minutes at the landing and honestly it can improve

your enjoyment of the time on the water. I spoke with an individual this weekend that was newish to boating and he felt like he may honestly put his boat up for sale afterwards and be done with all the added stress that he gets from something he thought was going to be a stress reliever. I got to witness his wife and mother in law giving him a bit of lip over what he should be doing and what he was doing. This only creates added stress to your captain and is another thing that is completely controllable at the end of the day.



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Also, we would like to wish everyone the best of luck on the Red Snapper season on July 14th and 15th. We hope you are going to be fishing the Hooked on Miracles tournament on these dates, but if not be sure to report your catches to SAFMC or SCDNR. We need to help and curve the science they are basing the strong regulations on and get back to harvesting an acceptable number of ARS year round in our waters here in the southeast. Have a great July and hope your food plots are growing and you are as ready for deer season in August as we are. Tight Lines, Capt. E



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Silver King Makes Big Splash At Folly Pier By Jeff Dennis

The fishing pier at Folly Beach is administered by Charleston County Parks and had been closed for two years for a complete renovation. Saltwater anglers began trickling back onto the pier in March of 2023 but the cooler temps meant the fish weren't biting strong just yet. Fast forward to June 19 when a series of tropical rainstorms and humid overnight temps tempted friends Phillip Sullivan and James Strange to rig up some king mackerel rods and fish from the very tip of the pier. When a rod got hit, Sullivan picked it up and set the hook, and after feeling a tremendous presence he looked down to see a full-grown tarpon jump out of the water.

"We had no idea there was a tarpon around until we saw it jump," said Sullivan. "It was the biggest tarpon I had ever seen, and it stayed clear of the pier and I was able to fight the tarpon. It wasn't long and my forearms were on fire, and a squall hit the pier and the rain felt like pins and needles on my skin. The fish ran towards the beach and most folks had cleared off due to the weather, and at one surreal moment we looked down into the water and saw three other tarpon following the large one I had hooked up. The image of those tarpon swimming free by the pier is burned into my saltwater memory forever now."

The big tarpon was seemingly spooked by the surf zone and turned to head South down the beach and away from the pier. The decision was made for Strange to leave the pier and go down to the beach below, and then Sullivan dropped the rod into the water and trusted his buddy to retrieve it and take





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Angler Phillip Sullivan and James Strange with a trophy tarpon on Folly Beach

up the fight until he could get down to the beach too. Somehow the plan worked out, and Sullivan finished reeling the fish into knee-deep water and Strange was able to grip the jaw and carefully remove the fish hook. The tarpon never left the water except for one quick photo, and the men swam the fish past the breakers into clear water, watched it revive and released it to fight another day.



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With other adjacent areas available within the tournament boundaries, DeMoux and Hill stuck with fishing in Winyah Bay on tournament day – June 10. The duo most often target redfish in the Winyah Bay vicinity, and went after that species first, but they got off to a slow start during a low and rising tide.

"We won one of the IFA (Redfish Tour) tournaments, so we said let's get the drum out of the way and then go to the hardest of the species to us," said DeMoux. "We went and got bait (mullet). We tried artificials and bait for a good while and caught nothing. We tried the places we know to get a drum in the boat, and nothing. We finally caught a 17-incher and upgraded to a 20-incher."

DeMoux caught the larger redfish on a Gulp paddle shad on a Trout Eye jig head. With a decent slot red in the live well, next up was the trout, as the tide got higher.

"We had gotten off the bait and started using artificials since that's what we're used to," said DeMoux. "About 2 p.m., (Daniel) caught the four-pound trout, and the adrenaline shot through both of us. We hadn't done anything all day and it changed real quick when he caught the trout. The tournament was back on for us. We were psyched. We thought 'That's got a good shot at the big trout (award).' We started doing the math and we figured we needed about a two-pound flounder to finish in the top three."

Hill caught the trout on a Gulp ripple mullet with an unpainted Blue Water Candy jig head.

With a slot red and the nice trout in the live well, the big question was, where to find a decent, keeper flounder over South Carolina's minimum size limit of 16 inches.

"We usually don't target flounder when we're down there," said DeMoux, "and we really hadn't caught any flounder where we had been fishing. We had some decision-making to do. We ran ¾-mile to where we had caught some flounder before. We pulled up to that spot and four casts later, we caught the flounder. Then we felt we had something worthy to take to the weigh station."

DeMoux was the angler on the flounder, again using a Gulp paddle shad on a Trout Eye jig head. He placed the flounder in the live well just in time, about 30 minutes before they had to zoom away to the weigh-in.

At the weigh-in at the Carroll Campbell Marine Complex, the duo from three hours up U.S. Highway 17 in North Carolina had indeed ventured south to win the inaugural event staged by Habitat For Humanity of Georgetown County.

"Our goal for the tournament was it was an excuse to go fish Georgetown and have a good time," said DeMoux. "If we did good, great. If we did great, even better."

With the first annual event in the books, Jake Rigapoulos, the tournament coordinator, has big plans for the future of the tournament. The event paid out \$5,000 for first-place aggregate, \$3,000 for second and \$2,000 for third thanks to community sponsors. The Big Fish Redfish earned \$980, Big Fish Flounder earned \$800 and Big Fish Trout earned \$600.

"We planted the seed with the first tournament to get it going," said Rigapoulos. "The community support we had was what really made the tournament. Next year we're trying to go to a two-day event, June 1-2, which is the start of National Boating and Fishing Week in America. This will be a kickoff event for that."



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By Daryl Hodge of The Wreckin Crew

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If you have access and permission to private land, we recommend bushhogging roadbeds and right aways for not only easy access but taking ownership and showing gratitude to the landowner. If you have pre-established food plots, we recommend spaying to kill any grass and weeds prior to bushogging, and disking.

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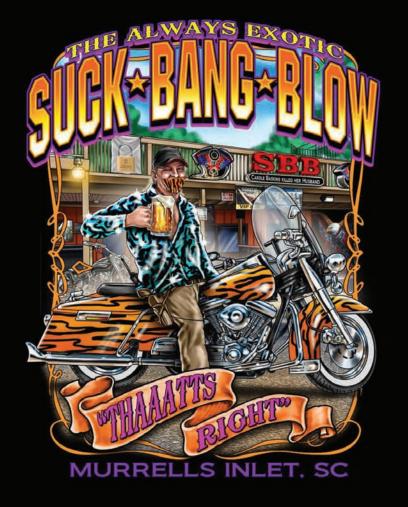
If you hunt primarily woods, it's the perfect time to trim/cut shooting lanes especially with a hunting buddy. Blake and I typically, will ice down a cooler with water and Gatorade, wear snake boots, long sleeves, and spray down prior to going into the woods. One of us will climb into the stand (previous or new) and the other will be directed to which limbs/trees need to be cut.

Now to Blake's favorite part, checking out the heard with trail cameras. Here are three good sources to check on the bachelor groups and to see which deer made it through last season, 1, is to place a camera over a salt, mineral lick, and 2, a water source or trail to or leaving and 3, the old faithful, a corn pile. We do recommend utilizing satellite cameras which save time, money and help with not leaving as much scent, but if satellite models are not for you, check with your local sporting goods dealer for their recommendations.

If you're hunting public land, I would refer to the rules & regulations for your game zone, and if utilizing trail cameras, you may want to go with the less expensive cameras due to the obvious reason

We all know the saying that practice makes perfect. Well, for both bow hunters and rifle hunters alike, we don't need to fall short here. We not only owe it to ourselves, but for the magnificent whitetail as well.

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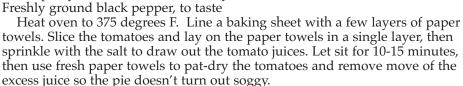
1/2 cup chopped green onion

1 clove garlic, minced

1 cup grated mozzarella cheese

1 cup grated sharp cheddar cheese

3/4 cup of your favorite brand of mayonnaise



Roll out pie crust and use it to line a pie plate. Crimp the edges and poke holes in the bottom of the crust using the tines of a fork. Pre-bake the crust for 10 minutes.

While the crust bakes, combine the basil, green onion, and garlic in a bowl and stir. In a separate bowl, combine the mozzarella cheese, sharp cheddar cheese, mayonnaise and season with freshly ground black pepper. Stir to com-

When the pie crust has baked for 10 minutes, layer half of the tomatoes on the bottom of the crust, then sprinkle with half of the basil-onion mixture. Layer the remaining tomatoes on top and sprinkle with the remaining basil-onion mixture. Spread the cheese mixture over the top of the pie.

Decrease the oven temperature to 350 degrees F, then return the pie to the oven and bake for 30 minutes, uncovered, until the cheese begins to get lightly brown on top. Let rest for 10 minutes, then slice and serve warm.

Squash Casserole

3 lb yellow squash, sliced or diced

1/2 c diced Vidalia onion, optional

1 can(s) cream of mushroom or chicken soup, 10.5 oz.

1 c mayonaise

8 oz shredded cheddar cheese (sharp is my favorite)

1/2 tsp fresh ground black pepper

TOPPÎNG

2 sleeves of Ritz crackers, crushed

1 stick melted butter

Preheat oven to 350.

Wash and slice squash into small medallions or dice into smaller pieces if the squash is large. I prefer smaller sized squash since it is tender. Put squash into a large bowl for mixing with the filling.

In a separate bowl, mix together the soup, mayo, eggs, cheese, onions, salt, and pepper.

Pour over squash.

Stir until well mixed.

Then pour into a casserole dish for baking.

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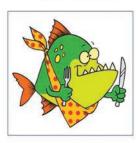
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When you think about it, the same is true for our piscatorial friends in both fresh and saltwater. Although they may not be pushing a squeaky-wheeled cart down a grocery aisle, they will find a home where there's ample forage. And their schools teach more about the benefits of "safety-in-numbers" than quantum physics.

Picking the most suitable location to make a homestead is as important to fish as it is to us two-legged critters. If you keep that in mind as you make your selection on where to fish, and in many cases...how to fish, you'll find your days will become more productive.

With perhaps the exception of the top predators, most fish base their location selection on the Big Three...Food, Comfort and Safety. Identify where all three of those factors converge and you've got a very fishy spot.

Game fish have to eat, and they have to eat often...whether it's a rain-bow trout dining on tiny nymphs or billfish that will eat a 25 pound tuna in one bite. A yellowfin tuna has to eat nearly its own weight in food every day, because it spends its entire life roaming the ocean currents. And that uses up a lot of energy. On the other hand, large trout will find a spot in a slip-stream behind a rock waiting for a tasty tidbit to float by. They simply tilt their pectoral fins and the current lifts them up, just like airplane wings to grab a tiny midge and then glide back down to their rock again. Not a lot of energy expended for the protein they just gulped.

So your first task is to find the kitchen. Sometimes it's pretty obvious when you see baitfish being corralled on the surface. Sometimes it takes a little more thought and knowledge to locate the dining area. There are seasonal patterns that occur and if you do a little research, or ask around at the local tackle stores, you can get some very valuable information.

The next component is Comfort. Fish will move both horizontally and vertically to find a location that is comfortable. Just like us, they have to breathe. So they will congregate in place in the water column that has the right amount of dissolved oxygen. Ever notice how reservoir-based stripers will move to deeper water in the summertime? Sure the water is warmer at the surface than it is 50 feet down, but that warm water doesn't hold as much oxygen as the cooler water does down deep. Fish are cold-blooded, and the actual temperature of the water may have less to do with preferred locations than the oxygen content. Look at how many fish hang around a natural spring upwelling or at a seamount, compared to a placid, sunbaked flat. Remember the old adage about water temperature... "68 and the Fishin's Great!". Most of us have experienced the impact weather can have on the fishing. And changes in the barometric pressure, especially quick changes that occur with rapidly moving fronts can make a dramatic difference in the bite. As the front approaches, the bite can really fire up. And when the front arrives the fish may get lock-jaw for a couple days. I believe the change in pressure (which transfers into the water) can make fish either lethargic or frisky.

And the third piece of the puzzle is Safety. Why isn't Safety the number one factor? Well if you are starving to death, or can't breathe, being in a safe place doesn't really matter does it? Safety can come in the form of a good hiding place like a rock outcropping, vertical structure such as pilings or ledges; or it can be exhibited by large numbers like we see in schooling baitfish. The ability to blend into the environment or use camouflage is another trait that provides safety from being eaten by something larger. Similarly, predator fish use those same techniques for finding food. Flounder will change their color pattern to match the shelly bottom as they quietly wait on an unsuspecting meal to swim overhead. Speckled trout have unique color patterns on their back that makes them virtually invisible in the grass flats, concealing them from overhead predators like ospreys.

Starting to see a pattern?

Inland lakes, coastal waters, even mountain trout streams all have places that provide at least two out of the three factors. And during certain times of the year, you'll find a spot that has all three. That would be considered the gold mine. To find these spots, modern technology has provided us anglers with an assortment of tools. Simrad DownScan will show ledges and drop-off's, structure, creek channels, bottom composition. Sirius/XM Marine offers Fish Mapping; a visual overlay on your chart plotter that displays sea surface and subsurface temperatures, plankton concentrations, sea surface anomalies, weed lines, and even fishing recommendations for offshore species. Plus, their real time weather feature will let you know when it's time to head for the barn.

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Kitchen Fats, Oils, And Grease: Pour It, Cap It, Cool It, Trash It

How do you properly dispose of kitchen grease, and why is it important?

When preparing meals in the kitchen, fats and oils are often used, and grease is typically leftover. Fats, oils, and grease, sometimes referred to as F.O.G., can be a form of pollution if not disposed of properly.

Fats, such as butter; cooking oils; and leftover cooking grease, can have harmful effects when poured down drains. They will eventually cool and solidify in your septic or sewer lines causing unwanted backups, overflows, or system failure.

Never pour cooking oils or grease down the drain! Instead, can or bottle your kitchen grease, allow it to cool, and then seal and dispose of at a local recycling center or in your household trash. And be sure to remove any remaining F.O.G. from pans and dishes by scraping and absorbing with a paper towel. Hot water and soap do not eliminate F.O.G. because they will eventually reform and solidify in pipes. For more information, https://hgic.clemson.edu/kitchen-fats-oils-and-grease-pour-it-cap-it-cool-it-trash-it/.





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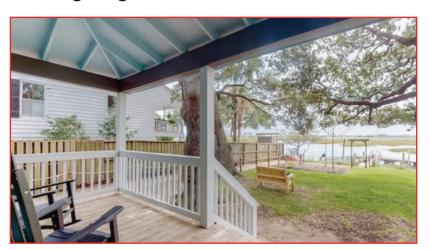
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Reading a Rod and Reel, How to Shop for the Perfect Combo

By Bebe Harrison

As a female angler I can freely admit that my 2 favorite activities are Fishing and Shopping. So, when I am shopping for fishing gear I am in my happy place! The colors, textures, equipment, and accessories can be overwhelming, but selecting your fishing rod is a great place to start. When you decide you are ready to buy fishing rod, you need to understand how to "read" a rod and reel. You can find out valuable information just by reading what is printed directly on the equipment. First of all, rods and reels can come as separate pieces, or they can come together in a combo. If they are sold as a combo, they will already be perfectly paired...like a fine red wine and filet mignon! If you are buying the equipment separately there are pieces of information that you need to look for and match when making your selections. This should help you figure out how to "pair" a rod and reel.

How to Read a Rod

When reading a fishing rod, the information is usually written along the rod just above the reel. You will generally see several valuable pieces of information. Many times it will start with a model number. I use a Penn Battle II and the first number listed is BTLII612S70. This "code" can actually be deciphered once you understand how to read it. The next number listed is 7' 0' which is the rod length. Some rods will notate if it is a one piece rod or two piece rod. This particular rod is a one piece and does not break down. Two piece rods are much easier to transport but one piece rods are typically stronger. The next piece of information stated is "Xtra Fast Action". The action of a rod is determined by where the rod flexes and bends. If the bend action is closer to the tip of

the rod it is a faster action. Medium action rods bend closer to the middle and slow action is more of a total length flex. The action determines many functions including how the rod handles casting and setting the hook. The next bit of information describes what pound test line can be handled using this rod. This is where you will match the numbers on the rod with the numbers on the reel. This Penn Battle II states that it takes 6-12 pound monofilament or 6-15 pound braid. This indicates the range that can be handled by the rod. For example, if I have 15 pound monofilament line, that would not be appropriate for this rod. But if I had 15 pound braid instead, it would be a suitable weight line to load on a reel for use with this rod. And the last set of numbers indicates the weight range of lures that I could use when fishing. This rod says 1/16-5/8 ounce lures are acceptable to use when fishing. I usually fish with a ¼ ounce jighead which is within the range. So now vou can look at the model number and understand what these numbers mean for this model fishing rod.

How to Read a Reel

Next, we move to reading and understanding the reel. On the side of the spool on your reel, you will find numbers for monofilament and braid, just like the numbers on the rod. Not only will it give you the pound rating for each, it also indicates the number of yards per type of line. For example, if you are using 6 pound monofilament you will need to load no more than 255 yards on the reel for optimal performance. If you are using braid that is 10 pound test you will load no more than 240 yards. The reel has a range of weights listed so you can select your best choice of line to load. Gear ratio is also listed on the reel. Gear ratio is technically the number of times the spool turns for each single turn of the handle. This means that a higher number on the gear ratio will typically indicate a faster retrieve. Spool size and other factors can also influence the retrieval rate.

Selecting the Perfect Combo

If you are new to shopping for a fishing rod and are nervous about matching the rod to the reel you can select a perfectly paired "combo" and head to the water with no worries! Many times, combos even come with line already loaded on the

reels. But if you are adventurous and want to select separate pieces, use this information to help you match them so that they work together. I encourage you to visit the closest locally owned tackle shop. There are sure to be friendly folks there that can help you match the rod and reel, select line, and even help pick out lures. Some reels even have their own accessories like spare spools (that can be loaded with another size monofilament or braid listed within the range on both pieces of equipment). But let's not get started on the many accessories...vet!

There are hundreds of choices of fishing gear out there but do not let it overwhelm you. Use these tips to help you select the rod and reel to help you get started on the water. Don't be scared to ask questions, watch videos, and attend local clinics to help you get started. Fishing is truly a hobby to last a lifetime. Let's go fishing...





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One of the longest running tournaments in the southeast is back. The Grand Strand Fishing Rodeo is going to be an annual event that culminates with a celebration of all of our monthly winners at a banquet and awards ceremony at a location along the Grand Strand in November 2023. This years tournament will begin November 1st and continue monthly through October 31st, 2023. Our annual banquet, celebrating fishing along the Grand Strand will follow completion where our overall winners will be decided and celebrated. Our presenting sponsors will be on hand to spotlight their services and products as well. Someone is going to Costa Rica or going on an African Safari from one of our many sponsors. Visit www.trilogyoutdoorsmedia.com to see each months results and to find out more on how you can weigh your catch and become the years rodeo champion. We are including all of our incredible freshwater fishing in this event as well and want everyone to have a fair chance at the grand prizes. Get signed up now and find your nearest weigh in location. The rules are available at www.trilogyoutdoorsmedia.com and you will also find the list of our current weigh/registration stations. You are going fishing! Why not try to become the 2023 Grand Strand Rodeo Champion and win some incredible prizes? Scan the code and enter today!!









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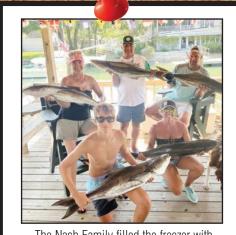


10 Quick Tips To A Safe Day Of Boating

- Take a boating safety course. Gain valuable knowledge and on-water experience in a boating safety course with many options for novice to experienced boaters.
- Check equipment. Schedule a free vessel safety check with local U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary or U.S. Power Squadrons to make sure all essential equipment is present, working and in good condition.
- Make a float plan. Always let someone on shore know the trip itinerary, including operator and passenger information, boat type and registration, and communication equipment on board before you leave the dock.
- Wear a life jacket. Make sure everyone wears a life jacket every time. A stowed life jacket is no use in an emergency.
- Use an engine cut-off switch it's the law. An engine cut-off switch is a proven safety device to stop a powerboat engine should the operator unexpectedly fall overboard.
- Watch the weather. Always check the forecast before departing on the water and frequently during the excursion.
- Know what's going on around you at all times. Nearly a quarter of all reported boating accidents in 2021 were caused by operator inattention or improper lookout.
- Know where you're going and travel at safe speeds. Be familiar with the area, local boating speed zones, and always travel at a safe speed.
- **Never boat under the influence.** A BUI is involved in one-third of all recreational boating fatalities. Always designate a sober skipper.
- **Keep in touch.** Have more than one communication device that works when wet. VHF radios, emergency locator beacons, satellite phones, and cell phones can all be important devices in an emergency.











2023 Annual Photography Contest Open!

sutmitted by Winyah Rivers Alliance

The 2023 Winyah Rivers Alliance Photography Contest is open! Our Clean Water Team invites you to participate in our photo contest and celebrate our fishable, swimmable, drinkable rivers during our Spring into Summer Campaign now through September 23rd.

Our categories this year include:

FISHABLE – Photos should capture how our rivers provide for everyone. Photos of fishing, wildlife, and other interpretations are welcome! **SWIMMABLE** – Photos should capture how we use our rivers for recreation. Photos of people enjoying the river and of our river landings are welcome!





Opens June 1st

Categories

Fishable Swimmable Drinkable Georgetown County Youth







DRINKABLE – Photos should capture the splendor of our surface waters. Photos of scenic landscapes – or waterscapes – are welcome! **GEORGETOWN COUNTY** – Photos should demonstrate the water resources and culture of Georgetown County. Photos from throughout the county are welcome!

YOUTH – Photos should be taken by children and young adults under age 18. Photos for any category are welcome!

Rules for Entering:

- 1. The contest is open to everyone. Emphasis in judging will be given to photographs that highlight our fishable, swimmable, drinkable water in the greater Winyah Bay watershed.
- **2.** Each contestant may enter as many photographs as desired. Entry fee is \$11.00 per photograph.
- 3. Entry Categories are Fishable, Swimmable, Drinkable, Georgetown County, and Youth.
- **4.** The photographs must be taken in North or South Carolina. Photos submitted for the Georgetown County category must be taken in Georgetown County, SC.
- **5.** Each contestant agrees to allow Winyah Rivers Alliance, and its sponsors, to use their entries without compensation to promote our vision of fishable, swimmable, drinkable water for all communities. Use may include exhibition, calendar, and fundraising. All entrants will retain the right to their work.
- **6.** To enter, go to https://client.smarterentry.com/WinyahRivers. No need to resize your image; the website will resize it to fit. Should your image win, a TIFF or PSD file at 300 PPI must be made available for printing purposes.
- 7. Winners will be contacted prior to and announced at our River Celebration fundraiser on Saturday, October 21st at the Riverside Club in Conway. All participants will receive discounted tickets and winners will receive free tickets to the event.
- **8.** Winning photographs will be displayed at various locations following the River Celebration event. Winners will receive their photograph at the conclusion of the tour.
- **9.** The following awards will be presented: Best of Show (\$150), 1st Place in each category (\$100), 2nd Place in each category, 3rd Place in each category. Winners are eligible for only one prize.
 - **10.** All entries must be received by midnight on September 23rd, 2023.
- **11.** For questions, email winyahrivers@winyahrivers.org or call (843) 349-4007

Winners of the photo contest will be announced and presented with awards at our River Celebration event on Saturday, October 21st at the Riverside Club in Conway. Winners will receive prizes including a print of their photograph which will be part of a traveling local exhibit following the competition!

We want to thank 803 LABS, Inc. and the Frances P. Bunnelle Foundation for sponsoring our 2023 Photography Contest. Visit winyahrivers.org for more information about the contest and how our Clean Water Team is protecting fishable, swimmable, drinkable water throughout the greater Winyah Bay watershed.

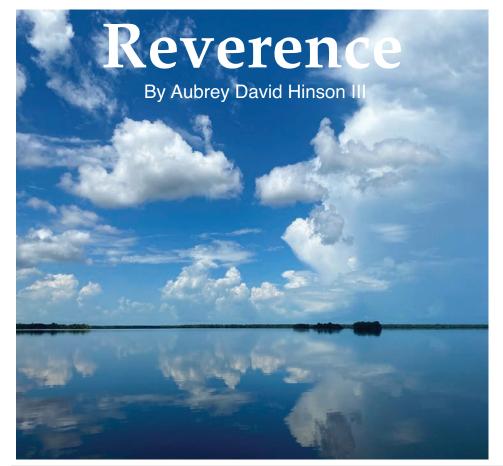
After years of traveling back and forth to the Ten Thousand Islands, one thing is certain – there have been fish-filled trips and fishless trips. Our last excursion was one of those lackluster times so far as the fishing goes. Out of three-and-ahalf days, we only had one good afternoon with a bunch of small tarpon and one morning with the snook and just a scant few fish here and there. That being said, fishing is only part of it – down there especially. One could go and not even fish and still have an experience you would never forget.

As we tirelessly searched, we kept coming across some very beautiful moments. A particular bay that we frequent had a good number of manatees in about 3-4 feet of water that were feeding on aquatic grasses. We have encountered this many times beforehand, but it's always a treat to see them again.



It was quite hot on our second day, so we sort of tucked under a mangrove canopy. While we enjoyed that shady reprieve, we noticed that even the snails were seeking shelter. They were hiding under the bottom side of the mangrove limbs and the air plants to get out of the direct sunlight. Hot is hot, but it just seems to us the heat can be unbearable down there at times.

On the third day, we decided to walk on one of the small beaches that dot the mangrove coastline



where it meets the Gulf – what we like to call *The Front*. We got to experience some horseshoe crabs spawning on the flood tide. We stayed quite a while, walking and just laying in the water observing and cooling off.

The most notable thing happened early one morning after a long boat ride. As my wife Anita and I reached our destination and motored down to idle, we got to witness an absolutely magnificent site. A Swallow-Tailed Kite was perched high atop a tall, dead mangrove tree. What really made it special was the rising sun's light, illuminating the Kite's body. It was one of those mixed moments of reverence and a gratefulness to God Above for such things. There are those days when the wind is absent and the backcountry waters are plate-glass calm that really seem to make time stand still (for me anyway). I am always thinking of the next trip; and no matter how it transpires, there will be experiences to enjoy. I hope everyone is having a great summer and enjoying the outdoors. Thank you.







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11:17p

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3:28a

4:20p

11:48;

1:14a

1:53a

6:31a

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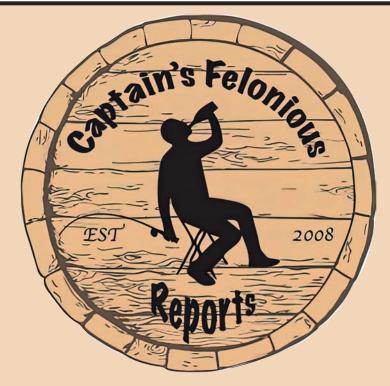
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