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Citizens For Florida's Waterways promotes public access to and the responsible use of Florida waterways, coexistence among recreational and commercial boaters, marine industry, property owners and the marine environment. CFFW advocates education in the safe use of watercraft with consideration of our environment.



The Canaveral Power Plant *by Daniel Dvorak*

This is my favorite picture of the smoke stacks coming down at FPL's Canaveral power plant near Port St. John, Florida. Those big red and white stacks have been a landmark on the Space Coast since they were constructed in 1965 and 1969, and a thorn in the side of environmentalists since they (the environmentalists) moved to Brevard much

later. I remember boating on flat calm mornings on the Banana River and scanning the horizon in awe of the beautiful, cloudless mornings, only to come to a brown pall hanging in the air above the stacks as their exhaust got trapped in a temperature inversion and couldn't go higher or dissipate. I remember the burnt smell during my ride-along on FWC's synoptic survey where the pilot of our small plane flew right through the dingy exhaust. And I remember newspaper articles describing problems of people who moved in right next to a power plant and had the gall to complain about what was coming out of the smokestacks.

The picture is great because it's taken from the vantage point of a manatee who has become very, very dependent on the warm water from that nasty-ole power plant.

If manatees were as smart as the tree-huggers say they are—and could talk—they'd be saying "Uh-Oh" right now, because even they'd know that there's no such thing as global warming and winter is right around the corner.

Since 1965, that power plant has been spewing warm water into the Indian River in Brevard County, and the manatees have come to love it. Not just love it, they've come to depend on it for their lives, gathering in the waste heat by the hundreds on an average winter. Following this year's cold spell, 243 of them were found dead of "cold stress." Another 173 were later found dead with no propeller marks and were lumped into the "undetermined" category. That "undetermined" may be a tough one to figure out, but here's a hint: you don't need a "weedless" lure to fish the Indian River near the power plants. Get it? Wherever there's warm water, there's NO SEAGRASS.

Those smokestacks are down, along with the rest of the power plant, soon to be replaced by three super-efficient, jet engine-powered generators with heat-recovery boilers to make use of the waste heat in the jet exhaust. The new plant will create some warm water, but not nearly as much as ole-smoky, so you'll be paying FPL to burn oil in special boilers just to warm the lagoon.

As an engineer I like the idea of more efficiency—the new plant should be able to turn about 50% of the energy it uses into electricity while the old one was likely stuck around 30%—but hate what we had to swallow to get there. FPL has to promise the environmentalists that the new plant won't be smoky, will create less CO₂, and that manatees still won't have to migrate. They have to brag about how many jobs the construction project will create, that the office roof will have solar panels (possibly an even stupider idea than heating the water) and, most disgustingly, how much taxes the new plant will generate, as though we're all just thrilled to have more money fed into government and oblivious as to where it comes from in the first place (your bill).

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Canaveral Lock Closure Update

Canaveral Lock will NOT be closed for de-watering to install a new Manatee Protection system this year. A previous notice had been issued this past March stating the closure, but that has been delayed and is expected to take place sometime between January and March of 2011.

A new Notice to Navigation will be issued by the Army Corps of Engineers when the new dates have been secured. Please call Aaron Kelly at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at 904-232-2103 for the latest information regarding the lock closure.

Additional information may be obtained by accessing the Jacksonville District Website at <http://www.saj.usace.army.mil> and choosing the Operations Division tab and then selecting the Notice to Navigation in the pull down menu. ♦

Florida Fish and Wildlife Study Reinforces Importance of Boating

A report released by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) titled "Florida Boating Access Facilities Inventory and Economic Study" showed that spending related to recreational boating trips supports 97,000 jobs in Florida, with recreational boater expenditures totaling **\$8.5 billion**. This figure represents about 50 percent of the total jobs and spending associated with Florida's diverse marine industry. The report also indicates that there is a need to address critical boating infrastructure now to continue to adequately accommodate boating activities in the future. FWC will also develop a database that contains records for more than 3,100 boat ramps throughout the state, of which 51 percent are open to the public. The report is on the web at http://myfwc.com/ABOUT/About_economics.htm

FWC estimates Florida boaters took an estimated 21.7 million boating trips in 2007. ♦



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Television Show

Capt. Jim has joined a host of other top professional guides across the State of Florida on a new television show called the “Chevy Florida Insider Fishing Report”. The TV show is on the SunSports on Thursday evenings from 5:00PM to 6:30PM. Reporting expert, Capt. Jim will bring you an up-to-date fishing report from our offshore and inshore local waters.

Capt. Jim also provides daily reports Sunday through Wednesday on the TV shows web-site: www.floridainsiderfishingreport.com

If you would like to contact Capt. Jim, his phone number is 321-636-3728 and his web-site is www.fineinefishingcharters.com. ♦



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Fishermen Aim Vineyard Protest at Obama

by Richard Gaines, Gloucester Daily Times

Leaders of the recreational and commercial fishing industry are planning a boat protest against federal policies Thursday outside the harbor of Vineyard Haven on Martha's Vineyard, where President Obama and his family are summer vacationing.

The protest is being organized after a bipartisan, bicameral coalition of federal lawmakers -- including the core of the President's Congressional base on banking and health care issues -- have given up hope of working productively with Obama's top appointee for oceans and fisheries, Jane Lubchenco, who heads the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

Boats from Gloucester and New Bedford, the hub ports of New England, Point Judith, R.I., and New York and New Jersey are expected, according to Tina Jackson, president of the American Alliance of Fishermen.

The heads of the region's two primary seafood auctions in Gloucester and New Bedford have agreed to co-sponsor the protest, with the Ciulla family that owns and operates the Gloucester Seafood Display Auction agreeing to provide fuel to boats in need of help to make the trip. An anonymous donor has given the protesters a grant of at least \$5,000 for fuel vouchers.

With elements arriving from different directions, the armada is timed to meet in Vineyard Sound at noon on Thursday. The Coast Guard was being informed of the action, Jackson said Monday.

A co-organizer is the Recreational Fishermen's Alliance, the lead organizing group behind the national protest outside the U.S. Capitol in February that drew as many as 5,000 demonstrating against federal policies seen as heavily tilted against the industry and unduly swayed by non-government environmental organizations.

Since her appointment to head the NOAA by President Obama, Lubchenco, who had been an officer of the Environmental Defense Fund and a leader of the Pew Oceans Commission, has pushed to convert the fisheries into commodities markets under a management system known as catch shares.

In a statement to the Times soon after her confirmation by the Senate, Lubchenco's office said her goal was to see a "significant fraction of the vessels ... removed."

With the stocks rebuilding strongly, fishermen wonder at the need to reduce the size of the work force.

Mayors Carolyn Kirk of Gloucester and Scott Lang of New Bedford have condemned federal fisheries policies for bringing unnecessary social and economic hardship as a certain price for the uncertain resource management benefits of catch share regulations.

Lubchenco has argued that consolidation, which has consistently followed catch shares, produces fewer but better jobs while giving the government a stronger hand in conservation.

The industry sees catch shares as an invitation for market speculation that will condemn the fishing culture to the same fate that conglomeration brought to the family farm.

New England's groundfishery, America's oldest continuing industry which had harvested commonly owned resources, was converted to catch share principles on May 1 -- with a total allocation divided and distributed to fishermen as catching rights that can be bought, sold or traded.

But the minute size of the total allocation and the eccentric mixes of quota from the 15 species and 20 stocks in the groundfishery have pushed many businesses into -- or close to -- insolvency, a development that earlier this month brought a proposal from a bipartisan coalition of U.S. senators for a \$100 million buyout.

The planned Thursday protest also comes amid growing anger over a fisheries law enforcement system that has been found by the U.S. Commerce Department's own Inspector General's office to have subjected the fleet to vindictive treatment and excessive fines used by the agents and lawyers to finance foreign travel and daily operating expenses.

The longtime federal fisheries police chief, Dale Jones was put on paid administrative leave in April following the first report by Inspector General Todd Zinser, but Jones remains on the NOAA payroll to the tune of \$150,000 a year.

"We will be lining up to protest law enforcement abuse of funds, the blatant arrogance and abuse of Dr. Lubchenco and her ENGO (environment non-government organization) driven agenda, the continued employment of Dale Jones and every other abuse our regulators have punished our industry with over 33 years of corruption and egregious behavior," the organizers said of the protest in a prepared statement.

"There is a call for a protest of all fishermen, commercial, recreational, lobstermen," the statement said. "... Now is the time to show our backbone, our strength and our unity." ♦

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Webster's Wrap-Up *by Steven Webster*

Election Predictions... With the primaries behind us, what can boaters expect in the general election? One important observation that gets lost on too many politicians: boaters vote for politicians who like boaters. Just take a look at Brevard County. The two most pro-boating state reps in the county -- Steve Crisafulli and Ritch Workman -- had no opposition. And they'll breeze to deserved victory this November, too.

CFFW-endorsed candidates for the legislature just plain win. For years, Brevard boaters and CFFW have had the support of their state representatives -- and in Congress -- but this is the first time in my memory where Brevard boaters have supporters with the power to affect change. Steve, Ritch and Mike are long-time CFFW supporters. The big question is -- and sorry to sound so selfish, but here it is -- what can these leaders do for us?

My simple theory is this. We CFFW folks all know there is no justification for spending millions every year "protecting" manatees with hard-fisted enforcement of speed zones.

In a year (and years to come) with multi-billion dollar deficits, doesn't this sound like a budget "turkey" that needs to be chopped? (Pardon me for getting on my high horse, but "midnight basketball" is a better use of money!) Is this the year "boater-friendly" legislators let FWC know it's time to fix the unfair mess in Brevard?

As those of us who toiled for years in the Manatee Forum sadly learned, science and consensus don't matter when a governor gets worried.

This is a true story. Most of you know I'm in Tallahassee these days. Just before the primary, I was stuck in traffic behind a small car with a big CRIST sign. The driver couldn't decide whether to turn left or right. He'd stop, then back up, then stop again, unsure where to turn. Finally -- surprise -- he turned left. I was almost surprised it wasn't Charlie himself at the wheel.

So what does the governorship hold in store? Brevard Republicans voted for Scott over McCollum by a small margin. Please don't ask me why, because I seriously don't know what caused you to do that.

I haven't a clue where Scott stands on boater issues. It's not on his website, not in any of his campaign materials. He is literally the monkey wrench in the system. Who knows what will happen?

Alex Sink overwhelmingly won the Dem nod, in Brevard and Statewide. I've worked with her on boating issues, and on my "day job" of renewable feedstocks, energy and fuels. On the "day job", she is smack on target, very accessible, and very knowledgeable about

our opportunity to turn Florida into a leader in renewable feedstock farming and fuel production. On boating issues, she's pro-jobs -- keeping boat builders here in Florida -- but her position on manatee regs and the like? Not as clear.

My job over the next month is to get answers from both candidates. The US Senate race between Kendrick Meek, Marco Rubio and flip-flop has nothing to do with boating, unfortunately. We aren't even on the radar screen, because boating remains a local issue. But, my job is to see where Meek and Rubio stand. I won't bother with flip-flop. I am rarely a one-issue voter, but what he did on that one issue beginning with M will forever cost him my vote. I don't write that in spite. Rather, I believe he spited us -- and our years of hard work, patience, and our repeatedly stated willingness to follow where sound science leads. He decided based on which way he thinks the wind blows.

CFFW has time and again showed that informed boaters can be a potent voting bloc, deciding elections. I've written this before, too -- that no election has been decided by Manatee Club votes, a voting bloc that just plain doesn't exist. Will the gubernatorial and senate candidates heed the call?

A Big Idea

As we all know, our government promises to do everything for us. Or, at least take credit for everything. That's why they spend money on midnight basketball and manatee signs, and spend big money they don't have to do it. In the meantime, the Federal debt is now \$43,000 per person.

If our congressmen and women are so anxious to take credit for everything, then how about we ask them to take responsibility for everything, too? How about asking every candidate for Congress to take a pledge to pay back to the Treasury, each year, their family's share of the national debt? That way, when a congressman or woman votes to print a bazillion dollars borrowed from China on new manatee signs and basketball nets, they can at least say they really paid for it themselves.

I know I'd vote for the candidate(s) who take the pledge! ♦



2011 FLEA MARKET

APRIL 2nd and 3rd

Our Annual Membership Picnic *by Kelly Haugh*

What a great day for a picnic! A little hot, but a nice breeze was blowing all day to help keep it cool in the shade of the pavilion at Kelly Park on Merritt Island.

We were joined by a few people running for some of the local government offices, and they shared their visions with us and we gave them some perspectives on some of the waterway issues we are currently dealing with.

We had our great Chef, Tom Riordan cooking again this year with assistance from Bob Brett and a couple of other guys willing to help pitch in too.

There were the usual hamburgers and hot dogs with all the fixin's and lots of yummmie stuff to go along with it. The pineapple upside down cake was a big hit!

Bob Brett brought his Corn Hole game and there were a couple of heated games with wagers made using the door prize winnings. Sorry Bob, but the kid beat ya fair and square!

We had lots of door prizes and just about everyone there took home a nice little prize. Below is the list of what was given away with the winners.

Shot glass set; Marie Bridges
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 Wade Master Fisherman's helper; Bob Brett
(forfeited to the kid)
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 Palm Tree Trivet; Barbara Riordan
 Picture Frame; Kiersten Rush
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 Picture Frame; Linda Diggs
 BoatUS Package; Tom Riordan

I'd like to thank everyone that helped with the set-up and clean-up and everyone that came out to enjoy the day. The day was forecast to be very hot, and those brave souls that came anyway were; greatly rewarded with some fine friends sharing stories. ♦

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The Canaveral Power Plant *continued from page one*

Oil? Remember earlier in the year when there was a big oil spill in the Gulf? Unless you're looking for it, news about the spill is pretty rare now, especially since there aren't any oil-soaked pelicans for the environmental organizations to use in their anti-oil drilling rhetoric. The only spill-related news I've seen lately is mostly about how scientists are having a hard time finding the oil, but have discovered new microbes that eat the stuff without depleting the oxygen in the water. Not surprisingly, nature is once again shown to be more resilient than many thought. Reporters hoping to show us the perils of offshore drilling were disappointed to find that coastal marshes were sprouting new life only weeks after being doused in oil. I still don't understand why we're surprised to find that nature has a way of dealing with this naturally-occurring substance.



Seeing the massive response that BP set in motion to stop the leak and clean up the mess is a reaffirmation of what mankind can do when our minds are set. Before the accident, how many of us knew how common and capable those undersea robots are? Watching them perform delicate and difficult operations a mile under the sea just put a smile on my face. And I knew that drilling technology had come a long way, but never suspected we were capable of drilling a relief well half a

mile away that could meet up with an 8-inch pipe 18,000 feet below the seabed. Know what I did to understand what was really going on? I went to the one source that knew every detail of what was happening, and what was planned—bp.com. Their technical briefings made me more knowledgeable than any 'expert' on TV, and certainly more than any nut driving around with a "stop offshore drilling" bumper sticker on his car.

Politics...I'm finding it harder and harder to write anything about the environmental movement without getting really political. Though CFFW is a non-political organization, and I know our members and readers are of different political persuasions, I can't help but point out that elections have consequences on every facet of our lives.

Later in this issue you'll find an update of where we are headed on ocean policy. The folks over at the Pew Oceans Center have been laying the groundwork for years to get mankind off the oceans and reserve seafood for only the most wealthy. They belch out reports saying we're running out of fish and advocate no-fishing zones and permanent bans on catching many species.

And now their former director is heading up NOAA, pushing for a communist approach to fishing permits that she knows will put fishermen out of business and result in less fish being caught.

On the brighter side, we've had a great summer of boating so far, and are going to keep going until it's too cold to get in the water. We pulled the boat to Big Pine Key this summer for snorkeling on one of the most beautiful reefs in the world, Looe Key. We took Rose and her friends kneeboarding and tubing for her 10th birthday. And we helped my sister get the old Mercury running on her newly-acquired center console. The smile on her face as we zipped across the river made all the work worthwhile. ♦

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Sebastian Trip 2010 *by Kelly Haugh*

Where was everybody? We went down to Sebastian for the Hiram's weekend and only ran into 1 other couple that we knew! Well, you missed a great boating weekend if you didn't make it out.

We headed out at 11AM on Friday, and stopped at Squid Lips at the Eau Gallie Causeway for lunch a little after 12. They serve a great lunch, and the view is wonderful!

After lunch we headed back out to the water, and another hour later, we were at the Sebastian Inlet. It was high tide, and the water was a beautiful turquoise! I wish our water looked like that. We pulled up on the sand bar just inside the inlet and jumped in. I gotta tell ya, it was a little cold, but refreshing all the same, especially after the high temperatures we had this weekend!

We met up with the Friedlander family after dinner and hung out on the dock the rest of the evening, listening to the band playing at the Sand Bar, and talking and enjoying the evening.

Saturday morning we headed out to explore the area. A new marina and restaurant just opened and we wanted to check it out. It's called Capt'n Butcher's and is just 2 blocks north of Hiram's and looks pretty nice. They have a full bar, restaurant, dock with fuel, and 1 and 2 bedroom apartments with full kitchens for rent! They will be adding a pool in the spring too. We will definitely be checking this out for future reference!

We headed south from there to Vero Beach and the Riverside Café for some lunch. It's about a 40 minute boat ride from Hiram's (in our boat anyway), and the view along the way is great. We had a great lunch as always, and then headed back north to Hiram's. Saturday afternoon is usually hang around the pool time, and that is exactly what we did. Not very many people there this time, which was different. There are usually so many people in the pool, you can barely swim around. Not so this year. I was really happy to have a low key weekend, as the month of July has been very hectic for us!

We did dinner at Hiram's with Teri, Dan and Danielle and just hung out again at the dock on their boat, having cocktails and sharing stories.

Sunday morning we got moving and decided to head back a little earlier to beat the storms that were building. We left Hiram's dock at 9:30 and did a couple of short little detours, just checking out some things along the way. Curiosity got the better of us and we ended up in some pretty shallow water at one point and had to very carefully work our way back to the channel. We made it

to Grill's Riverside by 11 and had a great lunch. What a great place, our first time there, and we will definitely be back, by boat and car!

From there we headed north, then thru the Barge Canal at slow speed, with the temperature at 95 degrees and higher! Not the most fun I can think of on a hot summer day!

We finally made it home right at 2, and immediately jumped in the pool. You could see the steam rising from our skin when we hit the water! The skies waited until we were safely unloaded with the boat washed and back on the lift before blessing us with some much needed rain. It was a nice weekend, the weather co-operated fully, and we had a chance to get to know Teri, Dan and Danielle Friedlander a little better.

Hopefully next year more people will take the trip and see what it's all about. I hope you enjoy safe boating in the meantime! ♦

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The Fishery Conservation Transition Act Fact Sheet

S.3594, The Fishery Conservation Transition Act, was introduced by Sen. Bill Nelson (D-Fla.) on July 15, 2010. FCTA has five key areas which steer NOAA Fisheries back to the intent of the 2006 reauthorization of the Magnuson Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (MSA): ending overfishing.

1. A Transition to Rational Management and Sustainable Fishing – Bill Section Two
FCTA addresses current MSA problems pertaining to fishing in a fishery that includes a stock that is undergoing overfishing. Gaps in MSA regarding multispecies complexes have led to overreaching moves such as the current proposal in the South Atlantic to close all bottom fishing for all snapper-grouper species in order to carry out rebuilding of one species -- red snapper. This section maintains the prohibition on fishing for an overfished stock. However, FCTA gives the Secretary of Commerce the ability to allow fishing for other stocks in the complex IF specific thresholds are met and IF certain conservation actions prescribed in the bill are being taken, such as:

- Measures to minimize bycatch and bycatch mortality;
- Actions to improve data collection and implementation of a targeted research and monitoring program for the challenged fish stock and the fishery as a whole;
- A program for on-board observers;
- Immediate steps to close stock assessment data gaps in that fishery complex including a stock assessment for the challenged stock, and
- A report from the regional fishery management council on a long-term discard mortality reduction program for the challenged stock.

2. Time to Transition – Bill Section Two
FCTA gives NOAA Fisheries and the regional councils time to transition to a new management framework that will deal more rationally and scientifically with rebuilding of stocks undergoing overfishing. Closures will still be an option but only after actions above have been taken. Under FCTA, if actions above have been taken and total fishing closures are still deemed necessary, they would not be considered before the end of fishery year 2015.

3. Economic Assistance – Bill Section Three
FCTA amends MSA’s economic assistance program to better ensure funding is targeted to those directly affected by closures. The bill more specifically directs the Commerce Secretary to carry out an examination of who is being affected and how they are being affected when prioritizing economic assistance.

4. Better Information Gathering and Use – Bill Section Five
FCTA directs Commerce to carry out better social and economic data gathering and analysis pertaining to a given fishery closure decision and directs the department to look at alternative fishery management measures. Requirements in this area include analysis of social and economic impacts on fishing communities and industries related to the fishery in question; fishery management measures to enhance the sustainability of the challenged stock; an evaluation of alternative measures to enhance the sustainability of that stock and a stock assessment update for stocks undergoing overfishing every two years and a full assessment at least every five years.

5. National Academy of Science Study – Bill Section Five
FCTA directs the Secretary of Commerce to conduct a National Academy of Science study focused on questions surrounding multispecies complexes and the impediments to managing all stocks in such a fishery to maximum sustainable yield.



2011 CFFW Board of Directors Slate

All CFFW Members are eligible and encouraged to vote.
Please turn in your ballot at the Annual Meeting on October 27th.

Alternately, you may mail in this ballot to:
CFFW
P.O. Box 541712
Merritt Island, FL 32954-1712
It must be postmarked by October 18th, 2010.



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