

# The Scuttlebutt

October 2015

The change is in the air! We made it thru summer and can look forward to cool evenings and fall breezes. Hope everyone gets out to enjoy the water on your boat, bring us stories and pictures! Enjoy a fun and Happy Halloween! Charlie, Sheryl, Jim and Jeff

## High Tide Alerts

It's already started! Every fall with the full moon, the high tides force us to turn off all power on the docks. It will happen again at the end of October, so please make sure you're lines are correct for the increased tides, and your consideration is appreciated.

## The Hooker Retires

Good Bye to our old friend Capt. Billy Smitherman and his commercial charter boat "The Hooker". Captain Billy and his wife Sandy have both retired and moved to the North Carolina mountains.

Congrats! Filling his slip is Capt.



Jason Hardy on the Try N' Hooker. The name just fit, right? Welcome Capt. Jason!

## Mark Your Calendars for Saturday, Nov. 14, 6-10pm The 5th Annual AYH Pot-Luck Dock Party!

Dust off your dancing shoes, and get out that favorite recipe! AYH Boaters are invited to bring a favorite sharing dish (heavy appetizer) and meet your boating neighbors. Wine, Beer and soft drinks provided. The drunken' chicken is in rehab this year, so we'll have shrimp!

## Fall Fishing Report

You know fall has arrived when schools of mullet are



swimming along the beaches, in the river and the Intracoastal Waterway. The "fall mullet run" doesn't just mark the change of season, it also offers some of the best fishing of the year... everything feeds on the baitfish as they migrate south before heading offshore to spawn. Pompano, Cobia and Flounder are starting to show up, as well as the Dolphin and Wahoo. It's Atlantic Snook Season as well, September 1st – December 14th. The minimum Snook size is 28" with a maximum of 32" and a bag limit of 1 fish per day. Along with a valid fishing license you must also buy a snook stamp. Commercial charters boats can not keep snook and the fish can not be sold commercially. Snook tactics include bridge fishing, sight fishing and top water plugs in the morning and evening. Weather will dictate fishing, pick your days and get out there!

## Need a road trip?

Many Seafood festivals happen at this time of year as the weather gets cooler, here are a couple:

- 46th Annual Seafood Festival at Cedar Key, October 17th-18th [www.cedarkey.org](http://www.cedarkey.org)
- 34th Annual Johns Pass Seafood Festival- Madeira Beach, FL, Oct 23rd-25th, [johnspasseafoodfestival.com](http://johnspasseafoodfestival.com)



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## Upcoming Events

**2nd Annual The East Coast Boat show** will be October 9th-11th in Port Canaveral. [www.eastcoastboatshow.com](http://www.eastcoastboatshow.com)

**The Tampa Boat Show**  
October 2nd-4th convention center [www.tampaboatshow.com](http://www.tampaboatshow.com)

**56th Ft. Lauderdale International Boats Show** Nov 5th-9th [www.FLIBS.com](http://www.FLIBS.com)

**The 61st Annual Columbus Day Regatta** in Biscayne Bay is Oct 10th-11th and is always the first stop on your way to Key West and the annual Fantasy Fest, anybody in this year?

**October is National Seafood Month!** Celebrate at Boondocks with steamed shrimp, the ocean breeze, and the best view of the marina (and the boat you should be using... better yet, get your shrimp to go!).

## Welcome To Adventure!

**Jason Hardy** with "Try N Hooker" (a commercial fishing boat) to slip A-05.  
**Richard Lowell** to C-55 with his 39 ft s/v  
**Shannon Holeman** to B-8 with a 27 ft m/v

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