

**2008 SLTFC Survey Results
1 February 2008**

BACKGROUND

1. Overall

- 38 responses (41 last year)
- 84% indicated they own a boat
- 81% indicated they'd be willing to share a ride, 15% said "No," and one responded "Maybe"

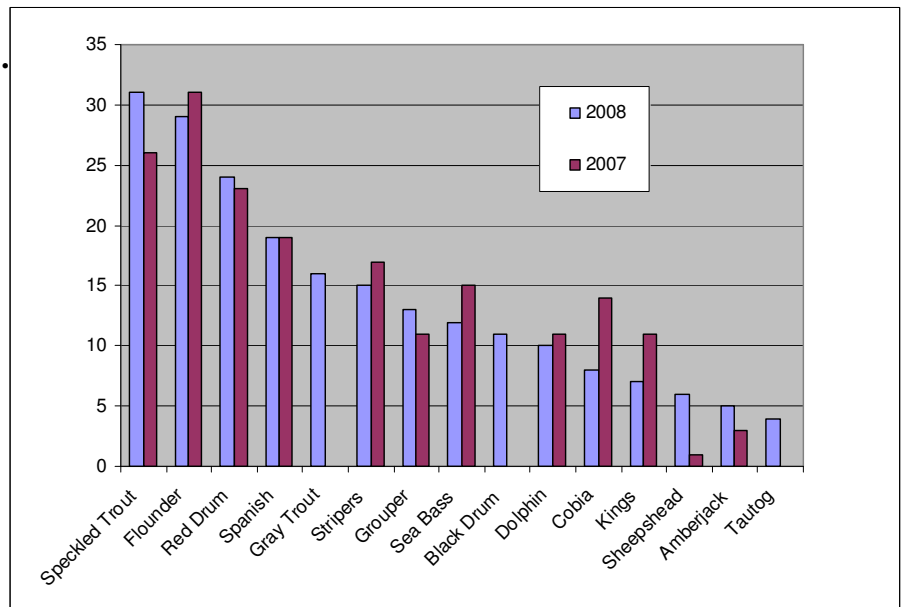
2. Where members now fish (Rank order)

- 1 – Inlet
- 2 – Near-shore trolling
- 3 – Bottom inside
- 4 – Creeks and marsh
- 5 – Ocean wrecks and reefs
- 6 – Deep-water trolling
- 7 – Neuse River and sounds
- 8 – Surf
- 9 - Pier

3. Where members would LIKE to learn to fish better (Rank order; number in parentheses is 2007)

- 1 – Creeks and marsh (5)
- 2 – Near-shore trolling (1)
- 3 – Deep-water trolling (7)
- 4 – Inlet (3)
- 5 – Neuse River and sounds (8)
- 6 – Surf (6)
- 7 – Ocean wrecks and reefs (4)
- 8 – Bottom inside (2)
- 9 – Pier (Not on 2007 survey)

4. Species Interests



5. Willingness to share information

- YES – 29
- NO – 6
- No Response – 3

SPEAKERS PROGRAM

1. Rank order of “Topics would like to see covered in meetings.” (Parentheses indicates # of responses)

- 1 - Rigs & techniques for specific fish (25) [especially flounder, Spanish, sea bass, specs, gray trout & sailfish]
- 2 - Small boat trolling techniques (24)
- 3 - Tackle and equipment (24)
- 4 - Catching bait (22)
- 5 - Tide and weather effects on fishing (21)
- 6 - Fishing our creeks and shorelines (21)
- 7 - Live bait fishing from small boats (20)
- 8 - Fishing rock walls, docks, and shipping piers (19)
- 9 - What’s new in electronics (12)
- 10 - Crabbing (7)
- 11 - Pier fishing (6)

2. Additional topics written in (no particular order):

- 1 - Migration patterns of spec, gray trout and Spanish, what it means for fishing them
- 2 - How new regulations (15” minimum or more) will change our flounder fishing approach
- 3 - Regulatory and conservation issues and how these affect our fishing
- 4 - GPS navigation/new fish finders and how to use them techniques WITH screen examples
- 5 - Small boat use of planers & downriggers
- 6 - Wreck / reef configurations
- 7 - Local boat manufacturers and new features coming down the line (e.g., Parker, Grady White)
- 8 - Boat maintenance and repair

3. Suggested speakers and/or topics:

- Bobby Freeman – Grouper and bottom fishing
- Jeff Cronk – Inshore fishing: Where to go, when to go, and what to use
- Brent Creelman (Mari. Museum) – Impact of area growth on fishing and access
- Ms _?___ Sanderson – Flounder and trout fishing inside

4. Other speakers suggested, but no topics given

- Fred Slann, local guide
- Capt Charles Brown, Old Core Sound
- Pete Allred

5. Other comments/suggestions:

- Great set of speakers last year
- If possible, try to schedule speakers before the related “season” sets in
- Cut down on “side-bar” discussions during speaker’s talk AND in meeting
- Ask ahead for cell phones to be turned OFF
- Don’t cut speakers off if there’s a lot of remaining interest and/or questions

SPEICIAL EVENTS

1. Interest in “listed” special events ranked by total number of # 4 or #3 responses indicating very high interest. This possibly represents a “pool” of potential participants:

- 1 - Grouper and snapper 6-pack (Bobby Freeman) (23)
- 2 - Surf fishing (15)
- 3 - Inshore 3-pack(s) for trout and/or drum
- 4 - Cooking lesson at the Aquarium (15) Note: the Aquarium does this on a sign-up basis on Thursdays with local chefs presiding. There is a nominal cost. Have to reserve.
- 5 - Six-pack tuna and dolphin trip (11)
- 6 - A pier fishing day (5)
- 7 - Salt water fly fishing (6)

2. Special Events for which members volunteered to organize:

- Clamming – Tom Temple
Surf fishing – Dr. Bogus

3. Members who are interested in the “top-4” special event categories (not sure about name spelling).

Grouper	Surf	Inshore 3-Pack	Cooking @ Aquarium
Ron and Jan Masten	Summerlein (?)	R.B. Boylton (sp)	R.B. Boglton
Zimmerman	Zimmerman	Glenn Curtis	Ron & Jan master
Glenn Curtis	Dan & Sharon Giffin	Tony & Sharon French	Jim Stallworth
Tony & Sharon French	Tom Temple	Sharon Giffin	Glen Curtis
Dan & Sharon Giffin	Paul Brady	Lee Dantzler	Tony & Sharon French
Jim Gregson	Rich Leckert	Paul Brady	Judi Price
Tom Temple	Pat Mitten	Ed Dell	Sharon Giffin
Tup Carris	David Sipes	Rich Leckert	Lynda Bronaugh
Lee Dantzler	David Pattee	Bill Ohler	W.P. Bretagle (?)
Paul Brady	Dr/. Bogus	Vivian McGowan	Ed Dell
Ed Dell		Walter Cook	Bill Ohler
Rich Leckert		David Pattee	Dr. Bogus
Pat Mitten (?)		Bert Owens	
David Sipes			
Bill Ohler (?)			
Vivian McGowan			
Walter Cook			
Bert owens			
Ron McPherson			
Bill Cosgrove			

4. NOTE: To reduce the overhead in special events and help avoid surprises, here are my suggestions on recommended rules for special events where there’s a cost or reservation.

1. Slots will be allocated on a “first-come-first served” basis.
2. You are expected to pay up when you “sign up” to hold your slot.
3. Once paid, no refunds will be made UNLESS a substitute is found.
4. It’s your responsibility to find a substitute. The Special Events Coordinator may help you find a substitute in whatever way possible (e.g., from a “wait list”), but is not required to do so.
5. The substitute will reimburse the member who cancelled, not the Club.

TOURNAMENTS

1. Participation – 15 of the 38 survey respondents participated in our tournaments.

2. Of those that DID NOT PARTICIPATE, the reasons given were:

- 1 – I feel I don't have enough experience, but would like to (8)
- 2 – Couldn't fit it in my schedule (7)
- 3 – Not a member (3)
- 4 – I don't have a boat and couldn't arrange a ride (1) [related to #1 above]
- 5 – I work and couldn't get off (1) [related to #2 above]
- 6 – Didn't like the weather (1)

3. How can our tournaments be improved

- 1 – Don't change it, it isn't broke (11)
- 2 – Incorporate some catch-and-release (4)
- 3 – When they are scheduled (4)
- 4 – Where the check-in occurs (4)

OTHER tournament suggestions

- 1) Larger pay-outs
- 2) Consider 1-2-3 placements at the end
- 3) Forget July and August and schedule tournaments in Apr, May, Sep, Oct and/or Nov when the best bite is on
- 4) Can a surf fishing part of the tournament be organized?

LOGISTICS AND MEETING SUGGESTIONS

1. Comments:

- 1 – Meetings are fine ...
- 2 – Get stricter on controlling side-bar discussions
- 3 – Buy a projector for the Club
- 4 – Consider Crystal Coast Country Club for Holiday Gala
- 5 – “Two-buck Chuck is great!”

2. Suggestions on possible caterers. No volunteers came forward.

- > New York Deli (2)
- > Chinese (2)
- > Captain's Choice
- > White Swan
- > Chef's 101
- > Claussen's