

**Jacksonville Reef Research Team (JRRT) Meeting**  
**27 August 2008**  
**6:30 pm to 8:00 pm**  
**Jacksonville Public Library – Gate Parkway Branch**

Attendees:

Sue Wilcox, President	Jose Zouain
Bill Lindholm, Treasurer	Mike Zounkawicz
Phil Harville, Public Relations	Tiffany Wray
Mike Barnes, Training Officer	Jessica Weatherby
Jim Davis, REEF Coordinator	Katie McCallion
Mary Jo Davis	Kristen Anderson
Denise Hughes	Chris Miller
Daniel Hughes	

1. Recent events
  - a. City of Jacksonville (COJ) – Environmental Symposium 26 August 2008
    - i. JRRT (Joe Kistel) and the Jacksonville Offshore Sport Fishing Club (Rob Darner) presented on artificial reefs.
    - ii. JRRT had a booth.
  - b. COJ application to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) for a artificial reef construction grant
    - i. COJ submitted the grant application March 2008.
    - ii. Unofficial word has been received that COJ will be awarded the grant.
  - c. “Spike” – U.S. Coast Guard tugboat on land at the Safe Harbor Boys Home proposed for placement offshore Jacksonville
    - i. Cleanup to meet the Coast Guard inspection criteria – JOSFC coordinating cleanup (Labor Day Weekend); this has been cancelled for now.
    - ii. It has been discovered that the hull is in bad shape and the tug may not float once placed on the water. Now need to look into placing the tug on a barge to move offshore.
    - iii. Proposed deployment site is at Harms Ledge.
  - d. JRRT’s FWC 2006-2007 Monitoring Grant
    - i. Final report was submitted to FWC 30 June 2008.
    - ii. Have not heard back yet from the State of Florida on revisions or timeframe for reimbursement for the work.
    - iii. Fish count data needs to be submitted to REEF. Jim Davis needs REEF form data with fish counts sheets – Sue will follow up
  - e. The revised by-laws are being printed – Mike Barnes is working on them.
  - f. FWC 2009-2010 Monitoring Grant applications are due mid-March 2009.
2. Upcoming events
  - a. 20 September 2008 – Ocean Conservancy’s International Coastal Cleanup [http://www.oceanconservancy.org/site/PageServer?pagename=press\\_icc](http://www.oceanconservancy.org/site/PageServer?pagename=press_icc)
  - b. End of 2008 – Florida Sportsman Show <http://www.floridasportsman.com/>
3. Training Updates
  - a. Class last week.

- b. Upcoming scientific photography and fish count classes.
  - c. No updates on Panama City's request for assistance from the JRRT to form a new artificial reef research team.
4. Treasury Updates – Bill Lindholm
- a. No changes.
  - b. Mike Barnes and Bill Lindholm have set up a JRRT account with Good Search. For each hit, JRRT earns \$0.01, so spread the word.
  - c. Fundraisers – look at Café Press to sell Jax Spots books and with each book sold, JRRT will make money. Café Press will print books and deliver to customer – nothing for JRRT to do, just sign up for free and start advertising.
5. Public Relations Updates – Phil Harville
- a. JaxSpots book
    - i. An order has been submitted for a new print job.
    - ii. Phil requested a check for \$1,200 to pay the print company for books.
    - iii. Consider selling books at Wal-Mart, Gander Mountain, Stike Zone, etc.
  - b. Waterproof sheets for JRRT's fish identification/count list – Jim Davis has been coordinating with REEF on this.
  - c. Adopt-A-Highway (Betty Carter) program
    - i. JRRT is now responsible for SR 105 between milemarkers 4.0 and 6.0, on both sides of the road. SR105 is near Hecksher Drive and Little Talbot Island.
    - ii. The clean up efforts are four times a year. Before we do this, each member must watch the safety video - go to [www.dot.state.fl.us](http://www.dot.state.fl.us) and click on doing business w/FDOT, then click on Maintenance, then click on Adopt-A-Highway, and then click on Safety video.
6. Safety Updates – Jim Davis
- a. A new Dive Safety Officer (DSO) is needed since Jim Davis is retiring from this position.
  - b. Jim Davis will ask John Perkner if he is still interested in becoming the new DSO.
7. Guest Speaker – Vivian Harrell, COJ – International Coastal Cleanup 20 September 2008
- a. COJ's Clean It Up, Green It Up program has partnered with the Ocean Conservancy on the Ocean Conservancy's International Coastal Cleanup.
  - b. The JRRT is signed up to be Site Captain at the Helen Cooper Floyd Park (Little Jetties), 3600 SR A1A (9:00 am – 11:00 am).
  - c. Two volunteers are needed at the registration table.
  - d. No preregistration is required.
  - e. Anyone under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.
  - f. Volunteers will receive a Scout/Community Service Certificate.
  - g. A sign in sheet will be available.
  - h. JRRT will also have divers collecting debris on reefs. Anyone wishing to volunteer diving for trash should contact Phil Harville or Mike Barnes.
8. Next Meeting
- a. Wednesday, 17 September 2008, 6:30 pm at the Southeast Branch Library.