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## 2022 High-E-Fishin-Sea-Tournament

here was a cloudy sky, calm sea, and simply ...just another day in paradise for the High-E-Fishin-Sea XXX event. The Palm Beach Air Conditioning Contractors Association's 30th annual Kingfish, Wahoo, Dolphin Tournament, was held at the Rivera Beach Marina on June 11th. Special thanks to the Riviera Beach Marina for hosting and Rafiki Tiki catering a successful event.

The Tournament was a great deal of fun for those who attended! Nineteen boats participated, with 80 fishermen. More than \$2,000.00 was raised for the Maurice J. Jacobson Scholarship Fund, exceeding our expectations. We are delighted and these earnings will go directly for scholarships to be awarded this year.

PBACCA President Tony Kaiser, Secretary/Treasurer Steve Castillo, and Past President Jim Pickard, served as weigh masters for the Tournament this year.

Special Thanks to Jeff Schlichenmeyer of Today's- A/C news, & Peter Montana of HVAC Insider for the great photos.

## The Winners of the 30th High-E-Fishin-Sea Tournament

First Prize of \$1000 was awarded to, Don Connelly of EDS Air Conditioning with his catch of a 26.4lb Kingfish.

Second Prize of \$750 was awarded to, Cade Pavlakos of Maloy's A/C with his catch of a 24.8lb Kingfish.

Third Prize of \$500 was awarded to Caleb Cook of Carrier with his catch of a 20.1lb. Kingfish.

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Trifecta of \$500 Sponsored by CMI Air Conditioning was won by Wade Maloy of Maloy AC.

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Don Connelly of EDS Air Conditioning with his first place catch of a 26.4lb kingfish



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PBACCA Presents

GENERAL MEETING Thursday, August 4, 2022

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## President's Perspective



## **Greetings HVAC community!**

June's 30th Annual High-E-Fishin-Sea Fishing Tournament was a great success—a big thank you to all the sponsors and fishermen who joined us for the event! Overall, we had a day of beautiful weather that ended with a perfectly-timed rainstorm, pouring on us as most boats were weighting in. Good company, good weather, and good food really made the tournament. Congratulations goes to team EDS

Air Conditioning and Plumbing for bringing in the largest fish, as well as the many raffle prize winners. Our sponsors really kicked it up this year with the raffle offerings, including sought-after fishing gear, incredible handmade art, and even a big screen television. We also send our appreciation to all the volunteers for making this event happen and, of course, Pam, without her we couldn't do it at all.

Speaking of awesome events which we all want to be a part of, your PBACCA Board is diligently working on additional experiences to keep bringing us together. We are looking to vary the activities so we can offer something for everyone, so get ready to show off your skills! This fall, look forward to our annual golf tournament—another great networking and business opportunity. The Board is also working on a proposal to host a clay pigeon shooting event as well.

Back in April's Plenum, I wrote about keeping up your task list and calendar. In addition to the upcoming events I mentioned above, be sure to add to your calendar the monthly PBACCA general meetings as we have some great speakers lined up. If you are a vendor and are considering the opportunity to sponsor one of our general member meetings, or any other PBACCA event, I encourage you to reach out to Pam so you can hear about all the perks.

I wish you and your loved ones a fun and safe long weekend in celebration of the greatest country in the world.

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#### <u>APPRENTICESHIP</u>

By Kelly McCann

I would like to discuss our apprenticeship program and share my experience with the program. I went through the program a little later in life, after my military service. In 1993 my brother had recently opened an A/C company and offered me a job. A few years in I enrolled in the apprenticeship program, finishing in 1999. There are two people that led me to want to be an instructor after I graduated; my 3<sup>rd</sup> year instructor, Steve Sparks who has been an inspiration to me for many years, and still is! The 2<sup>nd</sup> person was a tech I was working with at the time, Kevin Perron, who is no longer a "tech" but one of the most knowledgeable people I know in our industry. I consider myself lucky to have been influenced by these guys, as well as others; I learned a great deal from them. I recall one day, we had just finished changing a compressor near the Apprenticeship Office, Kevin told me, "hang on I want to stop in here." When I asked why we were stopping he told me that he wanted to get an application to apply to be an instructor for the apprenticeship school. I thought to myself, this guy is so smart, I could never do that. Although, I provided instruction in the military and liked it, so I challenged myself to gain the knowledge needed to teach.

The first thing I did upon graduation was to take my contractors exam, the next thing I did was to apply to be an instructor for the apprenticeship program. I was brought on and started teaching the 3<sup>rd</sup> year. I started providing instruction in 2000, mostly to the 3<sup>rd</sup> year students, I can tell you that I still get so much back from our students. My focus is to provide the best instruction that I'm capable of without wasting my student's time. Soon after starting I quickly learned that old adage, "you never really know a topic until you teach it." I would spend my free time researching and going deep into a subject because I didn't want to get a question that I didn't know the answer to. Silly - I recognize that now, but it really helped me have the depth of knowledge I needed to feel comfortable standing in front of a classroom. Over the years there have been students who tested that depth of knowledge....just like I did to Steve Sparks a few years earlier © I remember Steve's patience with my questions and I try to emulate that patience. I do enjoy those discussions as they keep me on my toes - all the while providing great content for the entire class.

The reason I'm sharing my apprenticeship story is that our group, FACAA (Florida Air Conditioning Apprenticeship Association) needs instructors. My thoughts are, if I enjoy doing this wouldn't others be interested in teaching the next generation? I know my story is not unique, nor am I; however, I know there are very well qualified people in our trade who may want to share their knowledge. I can tell you from my 20 + years teaching it's a rewarding experience. The interaction with the students, the relationships you make and build on for many years makes it all worthwhile. I get a big smile on my face when a former student calls me to say "hey" or ask a question. To me, it makes me feel like I've made a difference. So here I am almost 30 years later with diverse experiences, still working with my brother and enjoying the challenges of our trade. I also enjoy the feedback I get every Monday and Wednesday night from our apprentices. Our trade has so much to offer the next generation, I'm happy to share in that.

Additionally, if you are a contractor or vendor who has new people, or employees who want more knowledge please send them our way. After COVID, we really need to build our classes up again, to put it plainly we could use 80 or more first year students. They will gain a wealth of knowledge in our labs, in our classrooms and with their peers. A full breakout of our program can be found on our website: <a href="https://facaschool.com/">https://facaschool.com/</a> or email us <a href="registerfacaa@gmail.com">registerfacaa@gmail.com</a>

If you are interested in teaching, we need you, please reach out to me, Rhonda Hutchison or Steve Sparks, our contact information is listed in the inside cover of "The Plenum" or call 561.315.8187





# Instructors Needed EARN ADDITIONAL INCOME

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Our Platinum Raffle sponsor was Johnstone Supply/The Ware Group

Grand prize raffle a 65" flat screen Smart TV. Won by David Ewing of Ewing Air

Many other raffle prizes donated by Pro Tech Coating, HVAC Insider and Fresh Aire UV.

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# Without the help of our PBACCA members, and friends who volunteered in this years tournament we would not have able to do it without you!

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Peter Montana, of HVAC Insider Jeff Schlichenmeyer, of Todays A/C and News Jessica Alperin of Unifirst Debbi Chalhoub, James Cody, David, and Garrett Ewing

High-E-Fishin-Sea XXXI is already in the planning stages, with hopes to expand upon this year's success and fun. Anyone interested in serving on the HEFS Committee please call Pam Ripple at 561-585-3880.



Todd Boorstein, Chris Rhoades, and (Jr Angler) Casey Bootstein of CMI Air Conditioning caught a winning 9.3lb kingfish



Rene Barrera, Andy Sanchez of ProTech, and Junior Florez of CMI Air Conditioning



Dale Harrison of Fresh-Aire UV(also sponsor) caught a 12.3 kingfish



First fish of the day by Randy Poulette AC, Matt Weaver, Randy Poulette, and Cliff Neering caught a 48.8lb Raider Amberjack



Todd Boorstein, Chris Rhodes and Casey Boorstein of CMI with a 9.3 lb kingfish



Caleb Cook (left) of Carrier with his big catch of a 20.1lb kingfish



Mandy Pavlakos, Ana Paladino, Cade Pavlakos, and Wade Maloy of Maloy AC who caught two kingfish, a 11lb and 24.8lb



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David Ewing, James Ewing, and James Ewing III of Ewing & Ewing AC, each caught a nice dolphin weighing in at 6.2lb



Penn fishing combo winner Jonathan Scott (center) with PBACCA President Tony Kiser and Tom O'Connor of prize donor Johnstone Supply The Ware Group



Richard Marshal, Chris Thurman, John Dunn, and Robby Eddy, of Spectrum AC caught a 12.4lb dolphin



Ken Ottaway of EDS Air Conditioning with PBACCA President Tony Kiser



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Kate Winslow, Mark Hartig, Bruce Thorton, Kevin Hartig and Andrew Nixon of Shoreline Air Conditioning



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David Ewing of Ewing & Ewing AC

David Ewing of Ewing & Ewing AC won the big screen Roku T



Ed Sasso won the JR Ewing Raffle of \$1000 sponsored by Ewing & Ewing



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Ibrahim Chalhoub of Cedars Electro-Mechanical won the American flag art made and donated by Andy Sanchez of Pro Tech Coatings



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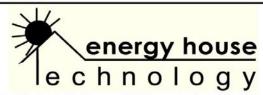
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July 7 **Board Meeting** - 4:30 p.m.- **Zoom** 

Aug 4 General Meeting - 5:30 p.m.-The Beach Club

One 7th Ave. North, Lake Worth, FL

Apprenticeship Graduation

Sept 1 Board Meeting - 4:30 p.m.- Zoom

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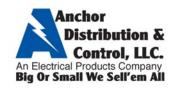
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