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2023 High-E-Fishin-Sea-Tournament

There was a cloudy sky, calm sea, and simply just another day in paradise for the High-E-Fishin-Sea XXXI event. The Palm Beach Air Conditioning Contractors Association's 31st annual Kingfish, Wahoo, Dolphin Tournament, was held at the Riviera Beach Marina on June 17th. 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! Twenty two boats participated, with 90 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 Elect Kelly McCann, Vice Pres Steven Castillo, and Past Presidents Jim Pickard and Steve Sparks, served as weigh masters for the tournament this year.

Trifecta of \$500 Sponsored by CMI was won by Peter Montana of ACprosite.com. Several great raffle prizes were awarded. The Grand prize raffle of a 65" flat screen Roku TV was won by Keith Dunn of Cedars Electro Mechanical.

1st place trophy went to Brice Kaylor of RL Kaylor Air Conditioning with his catch of a 51.4lb kingfish. 2nd place went to Randy Nicholas of CMI Air Conditioning with his catch of a 28.6lb kingfish. 3rd place went to Chris Aiello of Toucan Press with his catch of a 23.4lb kingfish. Special thanks to all the sponsors that made this years PBACCA fishing tournament possible. Shirts provided by Tropic Supply and Hats by Unifirst!



First Prize of \$1000 went to Brice Kaylor of RL Kaylor Air Conditioning with his catch of a 51.4lb kingfish



Second Prize of \$750 was awarded to Randy Nicholas of CMI Air Conditioning with his catch of a 28.6lb kingfish



Third Prize of \$500 was awarded to Chris Aiello of Toucan Press with his catch of a 23.4lb kingfish

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President's Perspective



Robin Worrell

The HEAT IS ON!!

Can I get an "Oh Yeah!"

It is July and summer is in full gear. Now that July 4th is near (here)

I must admit I love this holiday. Chillin', grillin', fire works, music, drinks... It is a tradition in our family. We are a patriotic family and a Gold Star family. We are grateful for this nation. I can't think of anything better than hanging out with family and friends and fellow Americans on Independence Day. I hope every one of you have your own special way to celebrate the 4th.

Cheers to everyone for a "job well done" at our Fishing Tournament. The energy, creativity, effort and passion that everyone who participated brought to the table showed why it was no surprise it was such a success. A special acknowledgement to our sponsors who deliver and support us over and over again and make it possible for PBACCA to continue to serve our industry.

We Thank You!!

Be Safe and Happy July 4th

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PBACCA UP COMING EVENTS



21st Annual Golf Tournament

To be held on October 28, 2023

Winston Trails Golf Club

6101 Winston Trails Blvd, Lake Worth, FL 33463



4th Annual Casino Night, 10th annual toy Drive, & 2024 Board Election

To be held on December 9, 2023

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TECHNICIAN'S CORNER

WEIGHTS & TANKS

By Kelly McCann

As I'm sitting down to write this we just finished our annual PBACCA High-E-Fishin-Sea Tournament. What a great time, even with a few raindrops. I didn't fish this year but I was able to work the scales. As we were going through the day I noticed the weights of the fish and it got me thinking about weights and how we apply it to our industry. The first task that came to mind was tank weights. With the upcoming EPA refrigerant transition (January 2025) and the issues with R-410a production it seems like an uptick in recovery is at hand. Did you know there is a right way to transport your recovery tanks? Recovery tanks should be filled no more than 80%. This gets a little tricky with the pressure-temperature properties of refrigerants; it can get warm

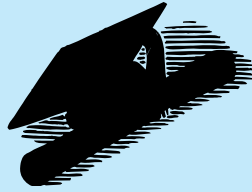


here in Sunny South Florida. You will need a few things to find the tank weight and capacity. A good electronic scale, information from the tank such as water capacity (WC) and the tare weight (TW) as well as the Specific Gravity (SG) of the refrigerant you are working with. The formula looks like this: $W = [0.8 \times WC \times SG] + TW$. In the tank image to the left we see the water capacity (WC) is 47.7, the tare weight (TW) is 28.2 and the specific gravity of R-410a is 1.08. According to the text, *Modern Refrigeration and Air Conditioning*, specific gravity is defined, "as the ratio of the mass of the refrigerant to the mass of an equal amount of water under similar pressure and temperature conditions." (there's a bunch of fun math to go along with the

specific gravity value! Its much easier to locate this information on the properties of the refrigerant you are working with; or use one of the calculators found in apps or online). Putting this formula to work looks like this: $[0.8 \times 47.7 \times 1.08] + 28.2 = 69.4$ pounds at 80% capacity. Remember this equation is worked out just under 80°F and the internal temperatures in our service vehicles can be greater than this. As a note, some recovery machines are equipped with an overfill feature to prevent the tank from being filled more than 80%; this feature eliminates the need for manual calulations.

Another item to consider is the transporation of our tanks. According to OSHA regulations, we should securely store our tanks in an upright position. This applies to most of the tanks we use. The metal refrigerant tank racks we all seem to have store the refrigerant horizontally; however, oxygen, acetylene, nitrogen and CO2 tanks should all be secured in an upright position. As an example; acetylene cylinders should be stored valve end up. If acetylene cylinders have been stored horizontally, they should be stood up vertically for at least 30 minutes before use. Acetylene cylinders contain a porous mass in the center of the tank and liquid acetone that dissolves the gas. If a cylinder has been transported or stored horizontally, it must be left to settle in an upright position for at least 30 minutes before use. This gives the liquid acetone time to return to its correct place in the porous mass. This prevents the release of solvent which can quickly vaporise and lead to problems that affect both safety and quality.

In any case we want to make sure we are safely transporting our equipment, if the tanks are not securely stored and rolling around the valve can be broken off. This can cause the cylinder to becomes a missile...not cool anywhere but especially not in a confined space. I'm sure there are plenty of "cylinder missile" videos on the interwebs....for a safety review. As always, be safe in all you do!



*Florida Air Conditioning
Apprenticeship Graduation Dinner*

**Florida Air Conditioning
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like to invite you to join us in
celebrating the 2023 Graduates**

Date: Thursday, August 3rd, 2023

*Time: 6:00 p.m. Cash Bar
7:00 p.m. Dinner*

*Place: The Lake Worth Beach Club
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Speaker: Palm beach County Commissioner District 6 Sara Baxter

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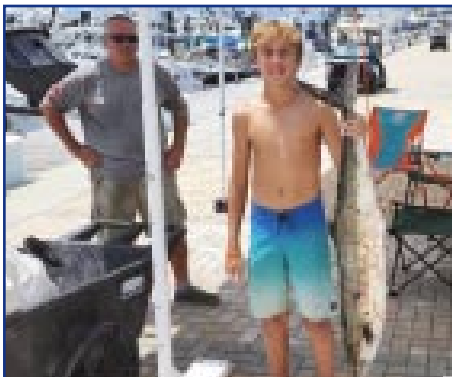
Jr, Angler - Sue Hagenbaumer



Thanks to the PBACCA members, and friends
who volunteered in the tournament; we couldn't
have done it without you.

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Jeff Schlichenmeyer (Todays A/C and News)

High-E-Fishin-Sea XXXII 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.



Cade Pavlakos of Maloy AC with his catch of a 18.1lb kingfish



Jim Holman and John Sterling of Johnstone Supply Ware Group caught four nice kingfish with biggest at 21.6lb



Ralph Kaylor, Mark Brady, Bryce Kaylor, and Mark Hartig of RL Kaylor Air Conditioning with their 1st place winning catch of a 51.4lb kingfish



Jose Chalhoub, Keith Dunn, Johnny Chalhoub, and Ibrahim Chalhoub of Cedars Electro Mechanical with a nice kingfish catch of 23.1lb



Trent Morris displaying their catch, Clyde Morris, Callie Sufco, and Tom Schaefer of Southern Air Conditioning



Kelly McCann, Terrance McCray, Chris Rhoads, Jim Pickard, Todd Boorstein, and Mike Carlson of CMI Air Conditioning with two kingfish



Dick Ottoway, Jenny Otowchits, and Don Connely holding the kingfish catch, crew Garrett and Spencer of Seagate Construction



Mike Skiles, Chris Wade, John Pollack, Randy Nicholas, and Dominic Pollack of CMI Air Conditioning with their 28.6lb kingfish



First fish of the day by Chris Aiello of Toucan Press with their catch of a 23.4lb kingfish



Mark Hartig of RL Kaylor Air Conditioning



Chris Rhodes, Todd Borstein, Mike Carlson, and Terrance McCray of CMi.



Bryce Kalor of RL Kaylor Air Conditioning



Jr Angler, sponsored by Sue from Tropic, was awarded to Cade Pavlakos of Malloy AC with his catch of a 18.1lb kingfish



Jm Holman of Johnstone Supply with the winner of Captains Meeting Cooler: Jon Sterling and daughter Sydney of Sterling Sheet Metal



JLady Angler, sponsored by Don Taylor "retired" was awarded to Ana Paladino, of Malloy AC with a kingfish catch of 10.7lb



Steve Castillo, Rob Mayhew, Jim Pickard, Kelly McCann, and Steve Sparks at the weighmaster scale



Grand Prize TV winner Keith Dunn of Cedars Electro-Mechanical with President Robin Worrell and Lexi Duemig



The Great DJ Tango



A good time was had for all at the awards ceremony at the Riki-Tiki



Mark Harding of Shoreline AC and Bryce Kalor of RL Kaylor AC



PBACCA Director Carissa Duemig with daughter Lexi



Andrew Sanchez of Protec Coating with Art Alba and Jr. Flores of CMI



Mark Harding of Shoreline AC with Arturo Alba of Arco Supply



Enjoy the festivities



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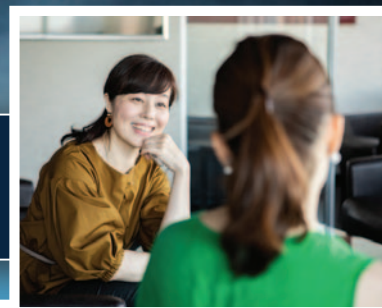
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Events Calendar

Palm Beach Air Conditioning Contractors Association, Inc.

2023 CALENDAR of EVENTS

- July 6 **Board Meeting** - 4:30 p.m.- **Via Zoom**
- Aug 3 **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.- **Via Zoom**
- Oct 5 **General Meeting** - 5:30 p.m.
9th annual food drive
- Oct 28 **21st Annual Golf Tournament:**
Winston Trails Golf Club
6101 Winston Trails Blvd, Lake Worth, FL 33463
- Nov 3 **Board Meeting** - 4:30 p.m.- **Via Zoom:**
- Dec 9 **General Meeting- 6 pm** - Winston Trails Golf Club
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2024 Board Election
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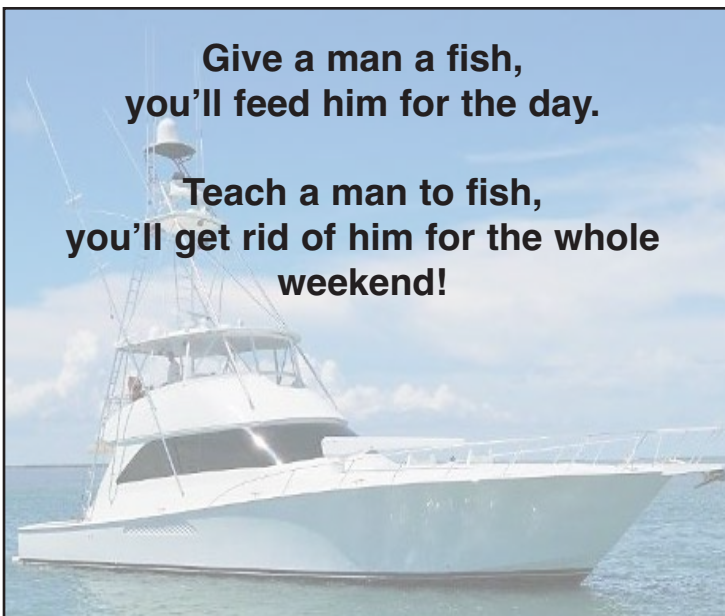
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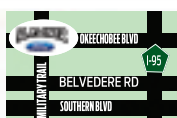


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