

Fourth Week

Topic: The knots you need to know
Gear: Lures and Live Bait
Environment: Fishing Regulations
Knot: Line To Line knot

Refer to pages: 32 thru 42 and the Fishing Regulations. In class we will talk about Lures and Live Bait

This Saturday (Nov 3) is our offshore trip. This is a half day outing that leaves the dock at 7 am from the Englewood Bait House. Don't Be Late!

DIRECTIONS can be found at:
<http://www.waterlifemagazine.com/OutingInfo2.pdf>

CLASS REVIEW:

Now you're past the half way mark in our 6 week online fishing class.

Hopefully you have read about tides and weather and learned that the best fishing is often when the tide is coming in. Hopefully you have also learned how to read a tide chart.

And hopefully you have learned how to tie a uni knot.

For this week's quiz I want you to tie two pieces of line together with a uni knot. Then, take a picture of it, and text me that picture along with your quiz answers. If you don't have fishing line use something else.... like your shoelaces! or a piece of rope!

IN CLASS THIS WEEK we will be going over *lures and live baits*. This will be a good session.

EXPERIMENT! In fishing you get to do things your way (as long as it's not breaking any regulations) You can see the current fishing regulations in the back of the Online Resource Manual.

Doing things your way means experimenting. Maybe you put a shrimp on your hook by hooking it through the head and cast it out...and maybe you keep getting bit off - when you bring up your hook the shrimp is gone. So what happened and what do you do?

First off were you paying attention? You have to wait for that little tug on your line and know that a fish is nibbling. Maybe you should have hooked it right away... or maybe you should have waited just a little longer.

Maybe you had too big of a shrimp and they just picked it away little by little and you didn't feel it. Maybe a smaller piece of shrimp hooked through the tail instead of the head would have been better. Maybe a smaller piece of shrimp hooked through the tail instead of the head would have been better. Maybe a peeled little piece of shrimp would have worked. Some fish, like pompano, are easier to catch with a peeled shrimp. Maybe the hook was too big.....

As you can see there are a lot of things to change around, to experiment with, when you are fishing with shrimp.

Same goes for lures, different sizes, different colors, lures that float on the top of the water and lures that sink, or dive... and they are made to dive or sink to specific depths. Lots of things to try.

This week we are giving the in-class students a top water lure and a diving lure. The size and color are the ones that work around Charlotte Harbor.

You'll get these too, plus a bunch of other stuff after the last class.

I hope to see you Saturday. If you have any questions, just ask me then.

Lets Go Fishing... don't be late!



Manufacturers 'experiment' with lures too.

Top: a redfish lure with a spinner

Middle: a topwater with a propeller on the back

Bottom: the big 'nose' will make this plug dive deeper quickly

Don Ball School of Fishing Online Quiz

Fish Quiz # 4

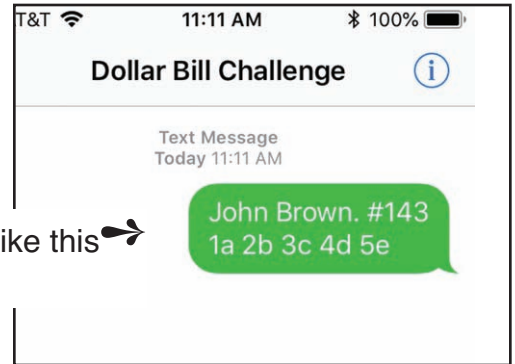
please DO NOT GUESS! If you don't know the answer just answer I DON'T KNOW.

You have until noon on October 30 to submit your answers

Text your name and angler number
along with your answers

Text to the tournament phone number you were given

Your text should be like this →



These Questions are based of the 2018 Fishing Regulations, at the back of the Online Manual

1. **What is the longest a legal snook can be?**

- a. 22-inches
- b. 28-inches
- c. 33-inches
- d. I don't know

2. **Which of these fish IS NOT a Coastal Species?**

- a. Permit
- b. Flounder
- c. Snapper
- d. I don't know

3. **Which of these fish IS a REEF FISH?**

- a. Hog Fish
- b. Mullet
- c. Bull Shark
- d. Tripletail
- e. I don't know

4. **How many triggerfish can you legally harvest every day?**

- a. 1
- b. 10
- c. 30
- d. I don't know

5. **Text a Knot Picture**

- a. I did this
- b. I did not do this

Answers to these questions will be posted at the end of the 4th week

3rd Fishing Period answers: b-a-b-a-a

If you have questions you can always text your mentor