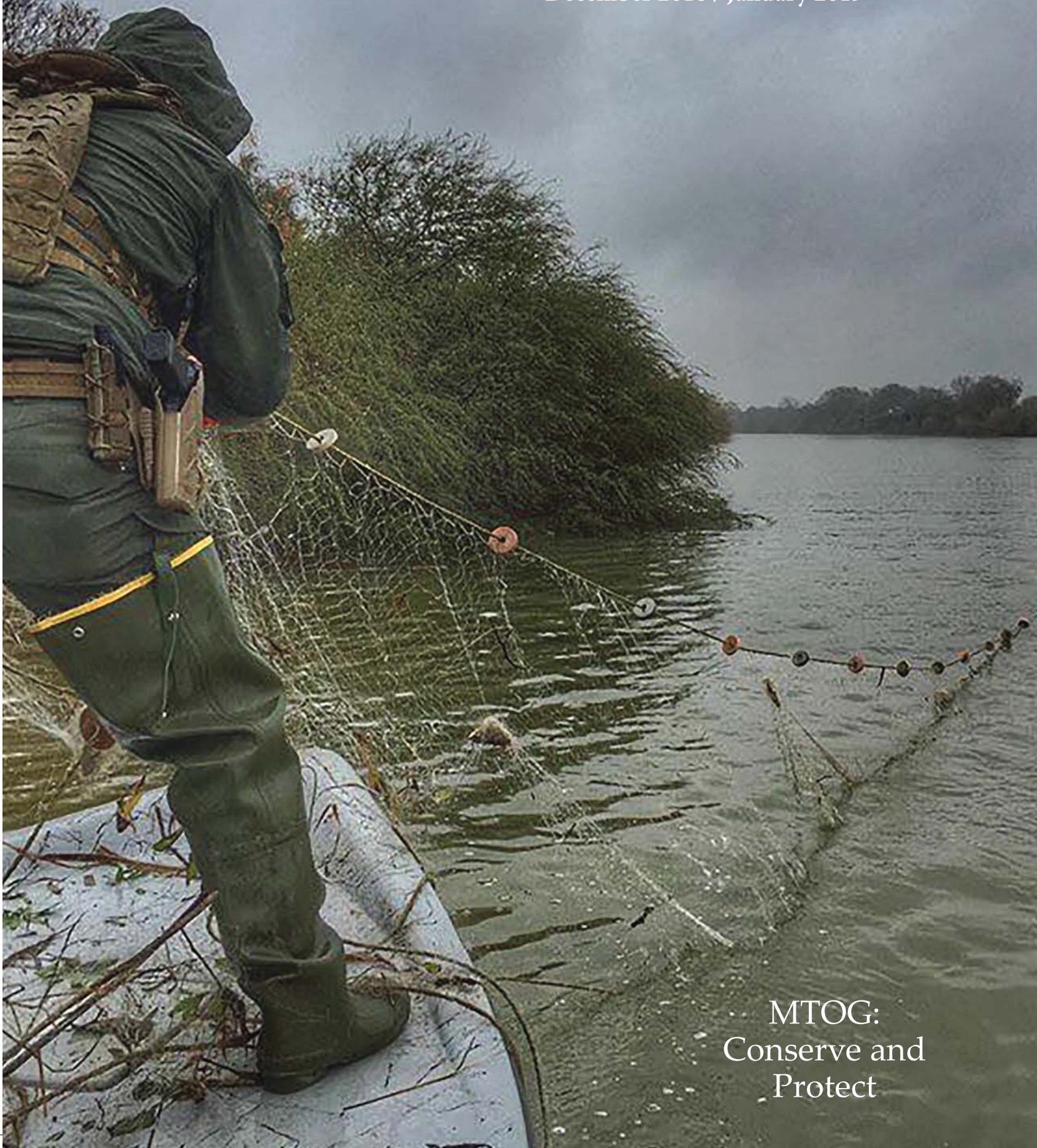


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MTOG:
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Marine Tactical Operations Group

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's Marine Tactical Operations Group (MTOG) was created in 2012 to enhance the Division's response capabilities during critical waterborne incidents or special maritime details.

By Captain Luis Sosa. Photographs courtesy of Texas Parks & Wildlife Wardens



MTOG is a small marine patrol unit trained and equipped with tactical capabilities during deployments in marine environments whose objectives are to support the Division's mission; to include but not limited to the Agency's core mission, the Division's regional operations, border operations, dignitary protection, interagency assistance, high risk vessel boarding, federal port security and safety zone enforcement, and any incident requiring high-risk maritime law enforcement response.

the following courses: Tactical Operators Course, Pursuit and Stop, Rad/Nuc detection, and the Officer Water Survival.

The team's specialized training

also includes training in firearms (lethal and less than lethal), waterborne border operations, and tactical vessel maneuverers.



From 2012 to 2015 MTOG was comprised of only part-time operators that would balance their team and field game warden duties as the need came up and as time allowed. In January 2016, the TPWD Law Enforcement Division committed to the team's mission and approved six full-time MTOG positions. The team is currently comprised of six full-time operators and three part-time operators.

The members are currently certified by the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators in



Team History Since Going Full Time

During 2016, MTOG had four full-time operators who dedicated almost 100% of their time to Homeland Security and Border Security working under a Unified Command, led by the Texas Department of Public Safety. Their objective is to disrupt activity involving the trafficking of narcotics, humans, stolen vehicles, firearms and currency along the Rio Grande River.

During 2017, MTOG had five full-time operators, and began to expand its horizon by targeting and assisting in maritime areas outside of the Rio Grande River. The team conducted numerous Homeland Security and Border Security operations along the Rio Grande River and the Texas Coast, including several Port Security operations as needed and as requested by maritime partners such as; The United States Coast Guard, Customs Office of Air Marine, and Customs and Border Protection.

In 2018, MTOG was fully staffed, and was able to again further expand its horizon. The team continued to be a support and valuable unit to its maritime partners regarding Homeland Security and Border Security to include Port Security.

With the additional manpower and the added patrol vessels, the team was able to shift some of its focus into another TPWD LE division mission; Marine/Fisheries Protection. Since January 2018, MTOG has seized 20,650 feet of gill net from the Rio Grande River coastal waters boundary, 14,081 feet of gill net from the Gulf of Mexico, and 5,580 feet of illegal trot-line in the Gulf of Mexico.


The tragic effects of this illegal fishing gear can be easily seen in the quantities and various species of fish that are indiscriminately killed: 25 Red Drum, 9 Spotted Sea Trout, 27 Snook, 53 Hardhead Catfish, 5 Soft Shell Turtle, 219 Shark, 421 Menhaden, 98 Spanish Mackerel, 15 Jack Crevalle, 3 Blue Crab, 26 Mullet, 2 Lady Fish, 37 Shad, and 1 Cormorant. The individuals responsible for this illegal activity have no regard for the harmful impact on marine life in our oceans.



Texas Warden Travis Haug retrieves a net in the Gulf of Mexico. It was 1.5 miles north of the border and 1/4 mile off Boca Chica Beach.

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Illegal fishing is a low risk, high return activity. Without targeted enforcement the probability of these individuals being caught is low.

Going forward, MTOG's objective is to continue to grow its commitment to marine/fisheries protection by targeting areas with known issues or concerns that require additional attention and law enforcement resources. MTOG is committed to providing a safe maritime environment while conserving and protecting the state's resources. 



Habitat Today for Fish Tomorrow

BUILDING A FUTURE FOR TEXAS MARINE HABITAT

CCA Habitat and Happenings

By John Blaha

Photos by Lisa Laskowski

Reefing Begins in Sabine HI20 Nearshore Site

Much like the rest of the Gulf of Mexico, the waters off Sabine Pass have seen many rigs and platforms removed due to government requirements, which require their removal once they are no longer producing or maintained sites. Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's (TPWD) Artificial Reefing Program is working with Coastal Conservation Association Texas (CCA Texas), Building Conservation Trust (BCT), CCA's national habitat program, and others to help replace these marine habitat rich structures with other artificial structures.

Much of TPWD's work up and down the Texas coast has been within Texas state waters through the nearshore reefing program. CCA Texas and BCT have been active participants in TPWD's Artificial Reefing Program, contributing over 1.6 million dollars to date. These project sites include: Rio Grande Valley Reef; Port Mansfield Reef; Corpus Christi Reef; Port O'Connor Reef; Matagorda



Above: Bargeload of concrete blocks arriving. Below, being deployed.



Reef; Freeport/Vancouver Reef; Galveston's Big Man and Kate's Reefs; and Sabine HI20 Reef. Sabine HI20 is the latest site to see materials deployed.

CCA Texas and BCT partnered with TPWD, Shell Oil Company, Sempra Energy, Music City Chapter – Coastal Conservation Association, and Friends of Sabine Reefs to make the first deployments into the Sabine HI20 site.

In early October, a 120' x 30' x 6' barge was deployed at the site. In late October and early November, a barge load of large granite blocks and other concrete materials were deployed, providing new habitat to approximately 40 acres of the 160-acre site. These deployments are the first of several planned for the HI20 site that will provide important habitat for fish species in the area, and an easily accessible nearshore fishing site for recreational anglers on the Upper Texas coast.

"The Texas coast has

seen the removal of the majority of the oil and gas platforms that provide critical habitat for fish and other marine species," commented Robert Hickman, CCA Texas Habitat Today for Fish Tomorrow committeeman. Hickman continued, "The deployment of the barge of granite blocks is an exciting time for CCA Texas members on the Upper Texas coast, and it is because of these local CCA Texas members efforts that CCA Texas and Building Conservation Trust are able to lead the way in these types of projects to create and restore marine habitat."

The removal of oil platforms in the Gulf eliminates many acres of fishery habitat. The Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSSE) states that as of April 15, 2018 that there are 532 platforms, previously installed on the US Outer Continental Shelf, that have been reefed in the Gulf of Mexico. These structures can provide a home for 12,000 to 14,000 fish, according to a study by the Coastal Marine Institute and two to three acres of habitat for hundreds of marine species.

Although the Rigs to Reef program is established and has been successful in some respects, the more recent push



by the federal government and companies themselves has been for complete removal. In many instances, this has also been dictated by the condition and location of structures, but the overriding factor has been the federal government policy and a push for complete removals.

At one time, the 12 oil blocks off the Texas Gulf coast held approximately 1,800 standing platforms. To date, there are approximately 270 platforms left. On the Upper Coast, the Brazos and Galveston Blocks contained approximately 260 platforms. Today only 22 platforms remain within these two blocks, illustrating the loss of habitat and the need for restoring and creation efforts.

CCA Texas and BCT are committed to helping restore and create nearshore marine habitat. We look forward to projects in the near future at sites up and down the Texas coast with the next focus in the Galveston area. For more information about these efforts, contact John Blaha at jdblaha@ccatexas.org or visit Texas Parks and Wildlife's Artificial Reef program website at https://tpwd.texas.gov/landwater/water/habitats/artificial_reef/.

CCA Texas and Building Conservation Trust Receive Conservation Wrangler Award

CCA Texas and Building Conservation Trust recently received the Conservation Wrangler Award from Texan by Nature. Texan by Nature brings business and conservation together through select programs which engage Texans in stewardship of land and communities. The organization's Conservation Wrangler program recognizes innovative and transformative conservation projects across the state of Texas. Each Conservation Wrangler project positively impacts people, prosperity, and natural resources.

Building Conservation Trust, CCA Texas and Texas Parks and Wildlife Department have partnered to restore a 27.7-acre oyster habitat in Sabine Lake. The habitat has been damaged over the years by sedimentation from construction of the Sabine-Neches Intracoastal Waterway and ship channel. This habitat restoration benefits the recreational angler industry, small businesses, and the local economy. In addition, the project is restoring degraded habitats, creating new habitats, advancing the science of coastal habitat and marine fisheries conservation, fostering habitat stewardship, and educating coastal communities on the value of conservation.

CCA Texas and BCT are proud to be recipients of the award along with five other great projects that positively impact people, prosperity, and natural resources in the great state of Texas. 🐠



Bush Library: CCA Texas and Building Conservation Trust representatives on hand with members of the Dallas Chapter to receive the Conservation Wrangler Award from Texan by Nature. Left to right: Matt Scherer, Greg Resnansky, John Hansen, Richard Pratt, Mark Ray, Pat Murray, Shane Bonnot.

Advocacy

GLO Announces Preferred Plans For Coastal Storm Barrier

By Shane Bonnot

On October 26, 2018 the Texas General Land Office (GLO) and the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) announced the preferred plan for the Coastal Texas Protection and Restoration Study Draft Integrated Feasibility Report and Environmental Impact Statement (DIFR/EIS).

Since 2015, GLO and USACE have worked to develop a feasibility study to address coastal storm risks along the Texas coastline. A copy of the report can be downloaded online at <http://coastalstudy.texas.gov/>

As highlighted in the February-March 2018 edition of the Currents newsletter, the main concern with the storm protection system on the upper coast is the proposed series of floodgates across the mouth of Bolivar Roads (pass in between Galveston Island and Bolivar Peninsula).

The infrastructure required to support any gate system of this magnitude will certainly influence water levels, salinities and velocity. It will also greatly impact sediment transport, fish migrations, and larval recruitment of fish, shrimp and crabs.

The current DIFR/EIS does not reference any studies that would help ascertain the level of these impacts to the fisheries in Galveston Bay. At a minimum, we should understand potential impacts to water quality, circulation and crabs, shrimp, oysters and fish in Galveston Bay before the final feasibility report and EIS are released in 2021.

The community is invited to review the plans and participate in a series of public meetings:

11-Dec | 5:30pm – 9:00pm | Winnie
Winnie Community Building
335 South Park Street
Winnie, TX 77665

12-Dec | 5:30pm – 9:00pm | Galveston
Galveston Island Convention Center
5600 Seawall Blvd
Galveston, TX 77551

18-Dec | 5:30pm – 9:00pm | Seabrook
Bay Area Community Center
5002 E NASA Parkway
Seabrook, TX 77586

Public comments can be provided at: 1) the Public Meetings noted above; 2) mailed to USACE, Galveston District, Attn: Mrs. Jennifer Morgan, Environmental Compliance Branch, Regional Planning and Environmental Center, P.O. Box 1229, Galveston, TX 77553-1229; or 3) emailed to CoastalTexas@usace.army.mil. Comments must be postmarked by January 9, 2019.

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CCA Texas Social Happenings

CCA Texas is wrapping up banquet season and setting our sights on 2019 for more work on Texas Gulf Coast habitat projects! Be sure to follow us on social media, listen to our podcast "Coastal Advocacy Adventures," and visit youtube.com/CCATexasProjects to view our habitat video page, which shows videos of our projects done in partnership with the Building Conservation Trust (CCA's National Habitat Program) and several other great organizations. With cooler weather and the holidays upon us, we hope that you can spend some quality time on the water with your loved ones. It's because of passionate members like you that we are able to enjoy the resource now and for many generations to come.

In each issue of *Currents*, CCA Texas will feature a recent Facebook photo, Twitter Tweet and Instagram photo. Please "Like" our Facebook page and follow us on Twitter, Instagram and YouTube to get the latest updates from CCA Texas and become a part of the conversation!



Facebook: Many thanks to Hailey Boeck and Vizi Lange-Caldwell for attending the Texas Outdoor Writers Association (TOWA) Stampede at Shaw's Bend on October 20th. CCA's attendance at the TOWA Fall Stampede not only made for a great time, but also showed the importance of conservation when enjoying the great outdoors!

Twitter: @CCA_Texas and @CCABCT partnered with Texas Parks and Wildlife Artificial Reef Program and #FriendsofSabineReefs to deploy a 120' x 32' barge into the Sabine HI20 Nearshore reefing site. This was the first deployment of materials into the site. Photos by Lisa Biela Laskowski



Instagram:

We hit record attendance at the 3rd Annual Oysters, Blues and Brews. Music by @mightyorq was, as always, fantastic. The food & service by @ArmadilloPalace was better than "Goode." Proceeds from the event will be going to @bct and @CCA_Texas marine habitat projects. Photo by Heather Peterek



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Fore Casts

Upper Coast

Capt. Steve Hillman

Drifting deep guts and mud streaks

As has been the case for much of the past three years, wet and cold are the two dominating characteristics here along the Upper Texas Coast. Salinities are much lower than we'd like to see overall throughout the Galveston Bay Complex with Trinity Bay being the freshest of them all. Barring any drastic weather pattern changes over the next two months, West Bay, Upper Galveston Bay and pockets of higher salinity areas in East Bay will offer the best chances at success.

Early December will find us wading and drifting near bayou drains and wash-outs, especially during an outgoing tide. MirrOlure Lil' Johns or Provokers rigged on 1/16 ounce jig heads will be our primary baits. Topwaters such as Rapala Skitterwalks and MirrOlure She Dogs could produce some big bites on the warmer days between fronts.

Upon the onset of colder weather, Corkies along with twitchbaits such as Texas Custom's MirrOlure Double D's and Borboleta's LeLe's will come into play.

This could be one of the best winters we've seen in a while for drifting the long deep guts in the middle of West Galveston Bay, especially alongside mud streaks—assuming cold and wet conditions persist.

We typically rig our soft plastics on 1/8 lead heads when drifting along the streaks in 4 to 6 feet of water. As always, the better-quality fish tend to hold over shell-bottomed areas with deep water nearby. When we're not fishing streaks, we'll be focusing on tried and true oyster reefs of West Bay, while keying on active mullet.

With the holidays approaching, let's take some extra time to spend with our families and responsibly enjoy these great outdoor opportunities with which we are blessed. I hope everyone has a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! —**Capt. Steve Hillman** 409-256-7937 www.hillmanguideservice.com

Middle Coast

Capt. Tommy Countz

Shorts today, snow suits mañana

Hey people, we live in Texas! There have been times when I've fished in shorts one day and a snow suit the next. It's rarely too cold to fish here. Bird activity is dependent on shrimp. If the shrimp are still in the bays, the birds work. If water temps drop too low, shrimp hightail it for the Gulf and bird action is over. Making long drifts over scattered shell on the west end of the bay or over big mud flats on the East end can produce good boxes of reds or trout.

I like to rig MirrOlure Marsh Minnows on 3/8 ounce lead heads when we drift fish. We also catch a lot of big trout wading the south shore of East Bay, concentrating our efforts on drains coming out of the peninsula. Corkies or LeLe's can be great baits to dupe your personal best trout. I like wading the south shore of West Matagorda Bay for redbfish after a front when the tides are extremely low. Concentrate on guts running through sand bars. When the tides are extremely low, it draws redbfish out of the back areas and creates some nonstop action. For this duty, I'll use 1/16 ounce lead heads rigged with darker baits or 1/4 ounce weedless gold spoons.

December can also be our best month to catch trout on the Colorado River. Drifting along with the current, casting heavier lead heads toward the bank can produce some great boxes of fish. January is usually our coldest month, but it can also produce some very good trips on the water. I drift the river casting to the bank with 3/8 ounce lead heads rigged with chartreuse or hot pink baits. I also recommend using braided line. It has no stretch and allows you to feel the lightest bite. I also use Fins Pink Windtamer, which is almost invisible in the water.

Another January option is to drift in East Matagorda Bay. Heavy lead heads rigged with bright paddle tails are the ticket. As in December, I like to wade the south shore of West Matagorda Bay for redbfish after a strong norther has blown the water levels down very low. Concentrate on guts coming out of the peninsula. Send the big spotted ladies back. Shorts or snow suits, don't write off December and January fishing in Matagorda. —**Capt. Tommy Countz** 281-450-4037 837 CR 243 Bay City, Texas 77414

Lower Coast

Capt. Bill Sheka

Go deep and slow...but go!

In mid-November, lower coast water temps have already dropped significantly, so experience tells me this December figures to be a colder than normal introduction to Texas fishing weather. Longtime experience also tells me that slow and deep is the way to go, just as the fish know. Their metabolism determines what we have to do to invite them home for dinner—or send 'em back as fond memories. It's actually a good time for fisherfolks who can handle cold wind and weather—with all due caution, of course.

Choices: Watch for North fronts. The dropping barometer is your friend. If you plan and be ready, I find the first three or four hours in the worst weather to be best for catching. Consult your charts for deep areas and drop-offs.

Between fronts, temps can rise from say, 54 degrees to 62, and the fish you're after will rise from the deeper areas, but the motto will still be slow. Beautiful sun! Warm, calm winds! Warming water, but still, cold water. The fish will move up a bit in the water column, and search for sustenance. Not quite as slow on the retrieve, but close.

Catching: Since you're fishing deep, usually in cold water for sluggish fish, consider my bait choices: Berkley Gulp, live bait and soft lures like Corkies. Regardless, slow is still the axiom. For live bait, cast and use patience. Move the bait very little, and let the fish come to dinner. For deep lures, try to let 'em sink near bottom with a very SLOW retrieve and the slightest tick, not a hard twitch, and wait for the fish to grab ahold. Now's the time to consult your charts, locate the shallower regions and fish the near-depths, almost as slow. But cold or mild, you will consider the safety of your crew foremost. Send the big spotted ladies back for further duty.

May we have a great year for our nation and our nation's leadership. Wishing all good fishing and a fine 2019 — **Capt. Bill Sheka** billsheka@msn.com 361-991-7197

Thanks to Capt. Bill Sheka for his many years of service to the Texas coastal outdoors, and for his distinguished service in the United States Army.

Great CPR/Action/Scenic Photo. Adam Gilvarry works the back bay channels seeking fly-hungry reds. And, shares the catch with CURRENTS.




Caught Redhanded! Reports from TP&W Game Wardens

On September 28, 2018 at 8 PM, Matagorda County Game Warden Trey Sparkman was notified by a fisherman that there were four individuals at the Matagorda jetties catching bull redfish and transporting them in trash bags to their SUV. Warden Sparkman contacted the auto as they were pulling off the beach. Upon inspection of the cooler in the back, seven oversized red drum were found with the smallest measuring 35 inches and the longest measuring 44 inches. None of them were tagged. After a brief interview all four individuals admitted to fishing and catching the red drum.

Three of the individuals had fishing licenses. Citations for possession of oversized, untagged red drum and no fishing license were issued, and civil restitution was filed.



September 23, 2018- Harris County Game Wardens Justin Amundson, John Griffin and Jeff Putnam were patrolling for Saltwater fishing violations by land late in the evening. Spreading out to cover more area, the wardens inspected common hidden fishing holes.

The three wardens in just a few hours seized over 20 game fish and issued some 15 citations, varying from undersized red drum, black drum, illegal means and methods (a cast net), as well as civil restitution pending. All seized fish were donated locally. 

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On the cover: A warden of TP&W's Marine Tactical Operations Group recovers an illegal net. Photo courtesy of MTOG wardens.



Chapter Updates

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2018 has been another very successful year for the Alvin Pearland Chapter! We would like to say "Thank You Again" to all the sponsors, donors and speakers who supported our Chapter and CCA this year!

We have big plans for 2019 as well. Stay tuned for Chapter Event Dates to be published after the first of the year. The best way to stay up to date with our latest Chapter Events is to follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/alvinpearland.cca or go

to our Chapter Website at ccatexas.org/alvin-pearland. We hope everyone has a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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We are really kicking it into high gear for **Babes on the Bay Twentieth Anniversary planning! The dates are May 17-18, 2019 and it will be held once again in beautiful Fulton.** Swag Bags are going to be great next year! There are lots of surprises in store for 2019 and are so excited to announce some amazing sponsors partnering with us next May. Just a few include **Waterloo Rod Company, Frio Ice Chests, Reel Sportswear and Goin' Coastal Outfitters!** Registration opens in early January, so make sure you start planning early if you're hiring a guide and start

organizing your teams now! Hope you all enjoyed the Holidays and don't forget to follow us on Instagram @babesonbay, our Facebook page and our website for updates. Go to

www.babesonthebay.com for team and vendor registration which both open in early January. If you have any questions or need any suggestions, please feel free to call 361-205-0182 or e-mail Jen Thomasson at ccababes@gmail.com. Catch em' up.

Austin

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With football and hunting seasons well under way, it is nice to move into the cooler side of the year in Texas. Before we know it, May banquet season will be upon us. **Specifically, the 2019 Austin banquet date is May 9, 2018.**

Our 2019 banquet boat is very close to being delivered. Please keep an eye on our chapter website (www.ccaustin.org) for up-to-date details regarding timing and ticket sales. Did I mention our banquet boat is going to be a **2019 SCB Stingray fishing machine with an Evinrude 300 this year?** Tickets and additional details will be available soon!

If for any reason you are not receiving communications from our fun and active chapter, please call the CCA Tex-



Brush Country banquet n ight

as Office at 713-626-4222 and ask them to put you on the Austin mailing list. Also, be sure to Friend us on Facebook by searching for Coastal Conservation Association Austin Chapter. It's a great way to keep up with everything in the Austin Chapter and to make sure you don't miss anything. Happy Holidays from CCA Austin! josh@ccretx.com

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Our chapter is ending 2018 with a BANG! We had a great year with our annual Baffin Bay Shoot-Out Fishing Tournament and Kids' Fish Day. On November 7th we held our annual Fish Fry Banquet. We are so excited to announce that it was a HUGE SUCCESS! There are a lot of people who helped our chapter with this achievement. **THANK YOU to ALL who volunteered their time or donated to this great event.** Without you this would not be possible. We look forward to next year and the great things to come for our Brush Country Chapter and for CCA Texas.



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and spending time with our families during these upcoming holidays. The Centex Chapter recently had a successful fishing trip in Baffin Bay where CCA's efforts are really showing in these areas. Locally we are gearing up for another awarding banquet with good food, good drinks and good people. If interested in a table, please contact bwearer@ccatexas.org

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Hello CCA Members. Our chapter had a very busy October! On October 5, our chapter held the Babes on Baffin Ladies Fishing Tournament at the recently remodeled Marker 37 on North Padre Island- what a turnout! Over two hundred and fifty lady anglers participated—check out our CCA website and Facebook page for some great photos. Congratulations to Valerie Chilton, Judy Arnold and all the board members/volunteers who donated their time to make this annual lady fishing event so successful.

On October 27, our chapter held the Poco Rojo Kids Fishing Tournament at the CCA Marine Development Center in Flour Bluff. Our committee members worked hard putting the pieces together for a great Kids Day and their families. We had 100 kid anglers participate in our Poco Rojo Kids Fishing Tournament this year. The first-place winners for each category were: Redfish- Jayden Beltran at 34 ¼ inches, Black drum-Hunter Schafersman at 28 1/4 inches, Sheepshead- Anthony DeLeon at 12 inches and Redfish Most Spots- Jordan Lewis at 8. Congratulations to

our winners and to all kids who participated in our tournament. Check out our CCA website and Facebook page for some great photos. Thank you to all of our sponsors and CCA volunteers who volunteered Friday and Saturday in order to make this event so successful each year.

Kids, mark your calendars for Saturday, April 27, 2019 for our next Poco Rojo Kids Fishing Tournament.

Next up is our 41 st CCA Banquet on February 21, 2019 at the American Bank Center. We are expecting another sellout crowd for 2019. Valerie Chilton is our Banquet Chairperson and last week was our kickoff meeting. **Many thanks go out to our banquet sponsors such as: AutoNation Corpus Christi South, Andrews Distributing, L&F Distributing, Flint Hills Resources, Majek Boats, Premier Yamaha and Corpus Christi Cycle Plaza.** Individual and Table sales are open and can be purchased on the CCA Website or by calling Courtney at 361-882-5199.

Would you like to get involved as a volunteer for one of our upcoming events? For more information, call Cliff Johnstone at 361-816-7338 or email cjohnstone@higginbotham.net or Jay Gardner at jgardner@lja.com. Thanks again to all of our volunteers and sponsors who make all of our events possible. Hope to see you at our next event!

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Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas

and Happy New Year to all of you readers out there. It is our hope that the holidays were a time of celebration with family and friends. Who knows, maybe you are one of the lucky ones that fit in a cold weather fishing trip!

The Fort Worth Chapter recently held its fall general membership meeting and fish fry hosted by your Board of Directors. We saw some new additions with frog legs making a brief showing as they were a fan favorite. For all of you who made it out thank you for your continued support and for those that missed, be on the lookout for an announcement of our Spring event coming up. It has been confirmed that we will be serving up some flavorful mudbugs for the second year in a row.

During the first event you all ate over 400 pounds of crawfish! Amazing! **Also, please mark the date of May 2, 2019 on your calendars for our annual banquet at the famous Joe T Garcias in the historic Fort Worth stockyards.** A big shout out to Tanner Fenoglio who played acoustic for us during our fall event as well. We are always looking to expand our board and bring on additional help, so if you are interested please reach out to us. Also feel free to email or call with any sponsorship/donation interest. Thanks for all you do in your support of your local chapter! – John Black

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Greetings from the new Chapter President of Guadalupe Valley, **Campbell Weber**. I am honored and excited to take on this role of President and look forward to the responsibilities coming my way.

We had our 11th Annual Chapter Banquet on November 7th, and it was a success! We had a great turnout, and everyone had a great time. I would like to first thank all board members for their hard work in preparing and making it another successful event. Huge thanks to all of our corporate sponsors, table buyers and everyone who attended or helped at the banquet, we appreciate you being there and being such a big part of the event. I would also like to thank the CCA staff for all of their hard work at the banquet as well. We, as a chapter, are excited to put another banquet in the books and look forward to next year. Be safe on the water and Happy Holidays!

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The 2018 Hays County Chapter Annual Banquet was another huge success due to our wonderful group of supporters. The banquet was held November 14 at the VFW Hall in Wimberley. Our list to thank is too extensive to name all, but we would like to thank long-time donors and sponsors, **Capital Wright Distributing and Dripping Springs Vodka**.

Plans are underway for a Spring event. Join us for our January meeting and help us kick off what we hope is a great 2019. Happy Holidays from CCA Hays County!

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We hope you were able to attend the Annual Heart of the Hills Chapter banquet on September 20, 2018 at the Historical **Don Strange Ranch**. The

meal was catered by **Hungry Horse Restaurant of Boerne** and **HEB** provided gourmet cookies. Adult beverages were donated by **Ben E. Keith, Dripping Springs Vodka** and **Keg 1 O'Neal/Lone Star Beer**. Everyone had a great evening raising funds for a worthy cause.

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Thanks also to our Trophy Trout Sponsors: **Bill Reed, Cantera Capital Partners of Raymond James, Darrell Steubing Insurance, Dry Creek Custom Homes, Esser Ranch, Hill Country Dental, Pfeiffer Land Surveying and Stehling and Walker Garage.**

This event would not be possible without our dedicated Chapter volunteers – **Randy Plummer, Blake McCarter, Darrell Steubing, Claude Aaron, Tom Wayland, Mike Saur, the Tietze Family, Tommy Rausch and many others.** We look forward to seeing you again in 2019!

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The 2019 banquet will be held Tuesday, February 5. We're expecting another sold out event along with some great upgrades in the silent auction. As usual the meal will be great, and we'll have lots of time to visit with friends. See you there.

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LCCCA Guides Cup Winning Team: Michael Kubeka, TV Tran, Capt. Stan Sloan and Donnie Tran.

**Lower Colorado
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The Lower Colorado Chapter had a busy October. A quickly called general meeting for Oct. 8 gathered a room full of members at **9ers Grill in Bay**

City to hear about a proposed research project that would help evaluate the value of recreational fishing in our area and be able to provide a more accurate level of economic impact data to such entities as fisheries management agencies. **Richard Woodward, Ph.D.** Professor in the Department of Agricultural Economics and **Gerard Kyle, Ph.D.** Professor in the Department of Recreation, Parks and Tourism Science from Texas A&M presented their proposed project and sought input from all the anglers present. They propose having anglers use a smart phone app to measure, ID and spot location of fish caught. President of Fish Verify, **Jason Randall**, joined the meeting by phone conference regarding his app. (<https://fishverify.com/>). A lot of input was given by the crowd. Especially concerns about keeping the location of where fish were caught private and how to use an app while wade fishing, offshore fishing and while trying to quickly release a fish. The members of our chapter showed a great interest in helping with the project and work with the app if it will provide better information to support the goals of CCA.

At the October 8 meeting, **Pres. Stephen Zapalac** reported on another economic matter, the final calculations of income, expenses and contributions from the 10th annual banquet and auction had been completed and our chapter had elevated itself to a top tier position in the state ahead of about 90% of all other chapters. It was agreed by the membership present to do even better next year.

The next week found the Lower Colorado Chapter gathering with our 17 Guides Cup Team Captains and the teams of anglers who won the Guides Cup Tournament fishing trips during the August banquet auction. A dinner the evening before the tournament was hosted by **Poco Playa** in Matagorda. Coolers with lunches were handed to Captains, though with the weather turning brisk with the first big Norther, the coolers weren't really necessary. Tuesday morning,

Oct. 16 found the temperature in the 50's and still windy. But all the teams were eager to get on the water and start fishing when Pres. Stephen Zapalac waved his starting hat at 7 a.m.

at Matagorda Harbor. All the Captains and teams returned between 2 and 3 p.m. for weigh-in.

Though the tournament rules regarding heaviest stringer allowed 1 redfish, up to 3 speckled trout and a flounder, the winning team only needed 1 red and 2 trout. Yes, these were all within slot and the oldest team member bragged he caught them all on a silver spoon. Well, whatever works... **Congratulations go out to Capt. Stan Sloan and the winning team of Donnie Tran, T.V. Tran and Michael Kubecka who took First place this year. Capt. Caleb Rush and team came in second and Capt. Nick Stillwell and team took third.**

The Lower Colorado Chapter representing all of Matagorda County wishes to thank all the teams and their captains including **Scott Sparks, Jerry West, Nick Mosely, Ken Marshall, Kenny Hauff, Jr., Tommy Countz, Charlie Paradoski, Matt David, Lee Warmke, Don Wood, Trey Prye, Kenny Hauff, III, and Glenn Ging.** Continue watching this space for more news of happenings in the Lower Colorado Chapter that represents all of Matagorda County fishing. – **Dr. Maury Guzick.**

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The chapter held a Banquet Appreciation/ Membership Meeting at Josie's in Port O'Connor. This was in appreciation for those who worked to make the banquet a success, and to open for new members.

We had an excellent program that was directed by CCA and ranged in topics from fish hatcheries to the oyster program. It was very informative and enjoyed by all.

This also kicked off our next banquet that will be held on March 30th, 2019 at the POC Community Center. So, if you are planning some of the holidays in POC, visit some of our vendors. If you want to get involved in the chapter activities, give us a call in POC, "Where it all began".

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2018 was a great year for Redfish Bay Chapter, CCA Texas! Even though Harvey caused severe damage in the Coastal Bend, we had a great banquet and Take-a-Kid-Fishing event, Texas Strong! Our **Beeville Fish Fry** was, as always, a fun and successful event.

I want to thank the Board Members for the Banquet and Beeville Fish

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HABITAT TODAY FOR FISH TOMORROW

1. Sabine Lake Deep Reef Oyster Restoration
2. Sabine HI20 Nearshore Reef
3. Sabine Lake Oyster Reef Expansion
4. J.D. Murphree Breakwater
5. East Galveston Bay Oyster Reef Restoration
6. Trinity Bay Discovery Center Living Shoreline
7. Dickinson Bayou Marsh Restoration
8. Moses Lake Shoreline Restoration
9. Sportsmans Road Wetlands Restoration
10. Big Man's Reef
11. Bird Island Cove Marsh Restoration
12. Snake Island Cove Marsh Restoration
13. Oyster Lake Shoreline Stabilization
14. Vancouver Nearshore Reef
15. Cow Trap Lake Shoreline Stabilization
16. San Bernard NWR Shoreline Stabilization
17. Matagorda Nearshore Reef
18. Port O'Connor Nearshore Reef
19. HRI Nearshore Reef Enhancement Study
20. Weed Eradication for Water Flow Restoration
21. HRI Oyster Restoration Site Locator/Mapping Study
22. Matagorda Island Marsh Restoration
23. Cedar Bayou/Vinson Slough Restoration
24. St. Charles Bay Oyster Restoration
25. Aransas Bay Oyster Restoration
26. Goose Island Marsh Restoration
27. Copano Bay Oyster Restoration
28. Aransas Bay Debris Removal
29. Nueces Bay Marsh Restoration
30. Nueces Bay Delta Water Management Gates
31. Nueces Bay Demonstration/Restoration Oyster Reef Project
32. Corpus Christi Nearshore Reef
33. Baffin Bay's Unique Serpulid Study
34. Port Mansfield Nearshore Reef
35. Rio Grande Valley Reef
36. Bahia Grande Restoration

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- Dickinson Bayou Marsh Grass Planting: \$25,000
- Trinity Bay Discovery Center Living Shoreline: \$40,000
- Nueces Bay Demonstration Oyster Reef: \$60,000
- Baffin Bay's Unique Serpulid Reef Habitat Conservation Science: \$60,000
- Sabine Lake Restored Oyster Reef Expansion: \$100,000
- Rio Grande Valley Nearshore Reef: \$150,000
- Sabine Nearshore Reef: \$200,000
- Big Man's Nearshore Reef: \$250,000

TOTAL DOLLARS COMMITTED: \$895,000

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Fry and their many hours of work and planning. The team in Port Aransas did a great job on the Take-a-Kid-Fishing event. Of course, **John Blaha** and the Houston staff are always there for us! Our members, sponsors and donors have supported us in every way throughout 2018 - a special thanks to all of you. Also, **Chris's Marine** has been our Banquet Title Sponsor for 15 years!

Our Chapter's success depends on many factors - local Board, Houston (John), members, sponsors and donors. We appreciate everyone's help in making the chapter a success!

Mark your calendars for May 4, the date of the 2019 Banquet. We look forward to a good time with our sponsors and donors - we will do everything in our power to make it a fun event.

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 Hello all. I hope everyone has had a great year. This time of year, everyone has stories of big fish and other hunting adventures, please share your pics on our Facebook page. Wishing all of you safe Holidays. Have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from your Sam Houston Chapter board. – **Brandon Kolaja**

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 Happy Holidays to all! Wow...what another fantastic fundraising year. Thank you to all our selfless volunteers and sponsors. We are truly blessed with the number of folks that help out with all the events we host throughout the year.

Speaking of events, mark your calendars for our **6th annual "Hooked on Clays" Sporting Clays Shoot on March 22, 2019**, at the National Shooting Complex. For information on this event you may contact me or **Tricia Kocurek** at *hookedonclays@gmail.com*.

Also coming up will be our Banquet committee meetings which will start up in January. I encourage anyone that is interested in possibly joining one of our com-



In late 2017, Karbach named CCA Texas their charity partner for their beer Tasty Waves. On October 11, 2018, Karbach Brewing company presented CCA Texas with their portion of the proceeds to the tune of \$10,396. Thank you to all our members and non-members who purchased Tasty Waves! Keep an eye out next Summer for another partnership with Karbach Brewing Company and CCA Texas.

mittees to come to one of these meetings. Please contact Banquet Chairman Robert Lozano with any questions you may have and to get the meeting dates and location. You can reach Robert at roberttolozano129@yahoo.com. **This year's banquet will be on May 2nd and will again be held at The Freeman Expo Halls.**

Look in the next issue of *CURRENTS* for our upcoming General Membership meeting date. We plan on having the same format that we had this past year by having two speakers, one being a guest from either TPWD or an affiliate of CCA, and the other a Texas fishing guide. We learn a lot at these meetings along with raffling off some nice gifts and a guided fishing trip. Come join us. I hope everyone has a blessed and happy holiday season and remember to Wet-A-Line with your family and friends!

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Our second social event of the year was held on Sunday, October 28, 2018 at the American Legion Hall in East Bernard. The steak and lobster meal was wonderful and the private acoustic performance by Isaac Corder was enjoyed by all attendees. Thank you to Isaac and William for making this happen. Thank you to all supporters for making the event possible. Special thanks to all of the help from the board members with the meal.

The San Bernard Chapter will host the 2019 Annual Fundraising Banquet on February 28 in East Bernard at Riverside Hall. Raffle tickets are already available and top prizes include a Polaris Ranger and Custom Golf Cart. Give us a call to secure your raffle ticket and it's never too early to reserve your table for the banquet. Please see your local chapter member for table pricing and sponsorship opportunities. The Matagorda Bay system has held firm and

redfish in knee deep water have been on fire. Don't be afraid to get on the grass in high tide situations. Stick to the soft plastics and always look out for the birds! Be safe on the water and leave it better than you found it. If you love to fish, this organization is and will be a great way to dedicate your time to your passion. If you are interested in getting involved, the number is at the top. Hope to see everyone on the water and make sure to like us on Facebook and share your pictures and fishing experiences with us. Tight lines and safe travels.

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29th Annual CCA State of Texas Anglers' Rodeo Round-up

Where has the time gone? It seems like just yesterday we were handing out boat keys and scholarships. Now we are wishing our readers a Merry Christmas and preparing for STAR 2019! The upcoming 2019 CCA Texas STAR Tournament will also mark the 30th year that Texas anglers have made their way to the water in hopes of catching their prize of a lifetime. To say that we are excited to celebrate this amazing milestone would be an understatement!

Looking back over the years, we can't help but reminisce about what STAR has meant to so many for so long. We'll let the story of one of this year's winners, Cayla Albers, also known as Miss CCA, do the talking.

"My name is Cayla Celine Albers. I am the winner of the Middle Coast STAR Teen Trout Division. I'm 13 years old and in 7th grade at Falls City Junior High. My dad said he wanted my initials to be CCA because he said I was destined to win the



CCA STAR Tournament.

The morning of July 3rd, my Dad and Bill got up early to go get the tacos and bait, then we all headed in the boat to the back of Nueces Bay. We stopped at our first spot. It was just getting daylight. After eating our tacos and drinking our sodas, Dad gets our bait bucket full and off wading we go. We were arguing about who was going to put the croaker on my hook. He told me, "Suck it up, buttercup!"

I finally grabbed one out of the bucket and started fishing. We caught a couple fish early but it slowed down. It was almost 8 am when another bait hit the water and it blew up! My dad said, "Wow, that's a big fish!" I just held on like there was no tomorrow! Dad kept saying "Keep the rod tip up!" I started yelling at Dad, "This reel is broken and the fish is taking drag and I can't reel!" I finally got her turned, but she had three or four good runs left in her. I must have turned around 10 times during our fight. She came to the top and kind of rolled over. My dad had his net and he missed her not once but twice. There she goes again! The third time was a charm! We got her back to the boat and put her on the Boga grip. Wow! We slid her in the live well and off to Roy's we go! She weighed 8 pounds, 4 ounces and was 31" long." —Cayla Celine Albers.



We also have a special treat for this year's 30th CCA Texas STAR Anniversary. We are featuring a brand-new STAR Platinum artist this year, a rising star, Anastasia Musick. If you are not familiar with her work yet, you soon will be. Anastasia's unique and vibrant style has been taking the wildlife art scene by storm. We are honored to be able to work with such a talented artist with such a unique story and bring you one of our favorite STAR Platinum Membership prints. This is a private commission by STAR and only available to STAR members. This artwork "brings it home" to Texas outdoorsmen and women with her iconic style. You can check out this year's print, *Texas Red*, here or online at www.startournament.org.

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Great Scenic Photo: "Wading the Pass" by Pam Parsons.

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Ingredients

Four fillets, about ¼ pound each (cod, redfish or tilapia work well)
Salt and pepper to suit your taste
2 cups all-purpose flour
2 tsp garlic powder / 2 tsp paprika / 2 tsp salt
2 tsp ground black pepper
2 eggs, beaten (reserve one egg for the Hush Puppies)

Beer batter: 1.5 cans of Karbach Tasty Wave beer. Reserve half-can of beer for the hush puppies. Rinse fish, pat dry, and season with salt and pepper. Combine dry ingredients, stir in 1 egg and gradually mix in beer until a thin batter is formed.

Heat oil in a deep fryer to 365 degrees F. Dip fish fillets into the batter, then drop one at a time into hot oil. Fry fish, turning once, until both sides are golden brown. Drain on paper towels. Serve hot, or after the Hush Puppies.

Oyster Hush Puppies: Consider cooking before the fish as a special Hors d'oeuvre. Using the remnants of your beer batter, blend ½ cup corn meal and a half tbsp of baking powder. Chop 1 cup of oysters with liquor. Add ¼ cup chopped fresh cilantro and ¼ cup minced red onion. Add reserved egg and that half-can of Karbach beer. Mix all with batter, and ease into 375-degree oil. TIP: Palm-size pups work best. —Sam Caldwell

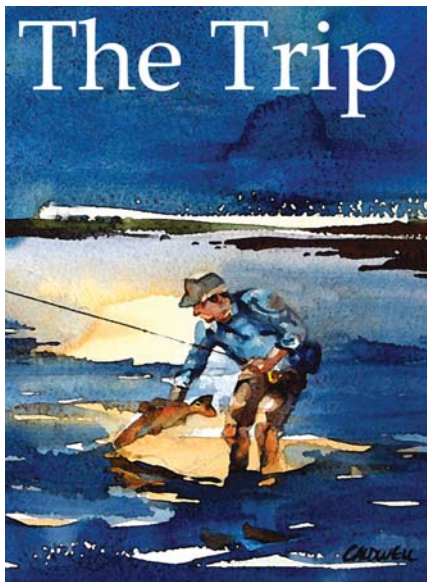


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