Findictive Cobia 2.0!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Forecast was ????, more wind than you want, sea’s +3’ at 3 seconds, seemed fishable???
Plenty of sun, temps in high 80’s.

As you would expect another **Fine Group of Athletes** was assembled for this special **Adventure!!!!!!!** Left: “BigTuna” aka “stones” as in kidney, playing HURT, from the Mid Atlantic leagues playing for the “First State” a surrogate of Caesar Rodney (now latino Cesar) our own “Cesar”, in Tues. yellow “Dr.Lee”, next a special guest out of PA, “KeyStoneLite”, last in his Tues Green, our own “KeystoneJim” sire of “KeyStoneLite” all IFFAA approved fishing Athletes!!
Our Boy “CesarChuck” enjoying SWFL, says you know this wouldn’t be bad all winter, if I didn’t have to Work?!

We head west out of Gordon’s Pass!!! Sea’s flat?? So we decide to head out, see if we can find Cobia!!

We stop for live bait. One throw of the cast net, Capt. Mikey on his game fills the Live Well!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Off we go in search of Mr. Cobia.
We get to Capt. Mikey’s spot, Cobia on top looking at us!!!!!!!

We bait up, live line White baits to **HUNGRY Cobia**, take it 2 fish at a time, we take our time, put 6 **Cobia in the cooler fast**!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

We sort through the ones we know are keepers releasing carefully anything close!!!!!!!!!!!!

Mikey tries to gaff and get the Cobia in cooler in one motion, insures no one gets hurt, these are strong fish, big ones can break a leg or knock someone over!!!
“Dr. Lee” showing off his new “FIGHTING BELT” you know Dr. are notoriously tight so Lee wants to make sure he gets his money worth, or he is going to return it and get his money back from Sunshine Ace.

Capt. Mikey asks Dr. Lee “were you an OBGYN? you made getting this fish in, like LABOR????”
Capt. Mike works hard on getting our fish in the box and on ice ASAP, this is top quality fish he wants to keep it that way!!!!!!
We get our 6 Cobia, clean up blood on the deck, get ready to put some grouper and snapper on ice!!!!!!!!!!

Some of us did better than others in putting fish in the cooler. Our boy “KeystoneJim” shows off his big red grouper!!!!!!! All excited he caught a fish, wants Mike to measure, he’s sure it is a keeper?????? We tell him: THROW it back before we get arrested by FWC for killing babies!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Full disclosure: each Athlete took a turn with cobia except “keystoneJim” it took him 4 tries to put one cobia in the cooler, lots of problems?? Equipment failure, claims Capt. Mikes knot failed?????????????? Tangled his own son and lost another, unable to execute the “Delaware Double Pump” hook set 2x???????? We were exhausted waiting for “KeyStone” to put a cobia in the cooler. His son “Lite” says “Dad do you want me to catch one for you”?????? KeyStone doesn’t think that was funny????
“Lite” is on fire!!!! He makes up for the poor performance of his dad + he is the only one on the boat, paying Social Security and Medicare payroll tax’s, we thank him often.

KeyStoneJim, scores on an open net!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Puts a beautiful Lane Snapper in the box!!

We pick through, lanes, Yellow Tail, mangroves and a few grouper!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! What a day fishing!!!!!!!!!!!!!
**BigTuna** rests his stones!!!!!!! He had a great day playing in PAIN, he was on fire all day put a lot of fish in the cooler!!!!!!!!!!
“Cesar” from the First State, shows off his hand made PB&J sandwich!!!!!

Cesar tells us he is getting married next season, Kate is going to make me beautiful hot hero sandwiches, and pack breakfast for all the Athletes on the trip!!!!!!!

“Lite” had a very big day with the ATHLETES and earned his “IFFAA” approval, glad we had him, someone had to make up for the “OLD MAN’S” Performance. Thank God we had him, we were going to ask Jim to start bringing Tammy again, we were killing Capt. Mike trying to get Jim a fish!
Cesar and Lite show off their catch
Another Great Day with Capt. Mike & Findictive, the Athletes and Capt. Mike worked hard but what results!!!!!!!!!!!
Wed. Another Adventure with V8 Jim back water fishing the 10,000 Islands!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Another great weather day plus incoming tide starting at 10

We start out at a popular Spot, Cax-Ambus Rocks!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

What a beautiful place to fish!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Big issue fishing here is competition with the Dolphins, they play with you, take your fish and run with it, let it go take it again and again, don’t even want to eat it????????????????????????????????????????????? Today no different!!!!!
We put 2 pompano on ice early, 2 more on that. Dolphin gets????????

One of our Hall of Fame Athletes V8 Jim a hard core back water guy!! We are working to improve his game, with the “Delaware Double Pump” Hook Set. V8 has picked up some bad habits in his game due to injuries and his VETERAN Status???
We give up Mr. Dolphin Wins, move inside in the same area hoping to find less NATURAL competition and put some POMPANO on Ice!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

We anchor up (equipment failure power pole out) off a bar and cast against the tide!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
We put #3 in the cooler this time larger 16 + nice thick Fillet for dinner!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Notice I am not in any of these pictures of keeper pompano, using the same jig, same bait, same boat???????????????????????????????????
Practicing for Spring in DE put a smaller flounder/fluke in the boat, good news very healthy looking fish!!!!!!!!!!

Note, targeting fish well short of the size required for the cooler??
V8 Jim casts off the port side, jigs, drag starts screaming!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Thank God for all the Work we did with V8 Jim on the Delaware Double Pump Hook Set!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
This fish runs and runs (ask Jim did you do the DE Double pump, YES!).

Fish gets close, net & Netter ready!! Hit the fish on the head 1x, 2x, miss 3rd try 4th swing, on the Deck!

Just trying to see if V8 Got the Double Pump Right!!!!!
(could have gotten him on the first try!!)
4 Pompano in the cooler, decide to spend the rest of the day in some high tide area’s hope to find trout, snook or red fish!!!!!!! Not to be today, but a great day!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Thanks to V8 Jim for another great day in the 10,000 Islands and hard work on the DE, Double Pump, would never have gotten that last 18 1/4”, pompano in the boat.

Stay tuned for our next adventure??????????????????????????????????????? TBD front coming through that will keep us off the water for a while.