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## President's Message

# Happy New Year



**TCFF President**  
Frank Cuttone

Greetings Fly Fishers. A new year is upon us and we're looking for some great springtime fishing ahead. Still, there's plenty of good fishing while it's cold. See Ray Cannata's [Kayaking the Mud River](#) on [page 3](#)

## Big Gun Shootout

We have great news. TCFF fishing guide **Capt. Lowell Bebout** has won

## Long Cast Champion

in the Tampa Bay Fly Fishing Club's **Big Gun Shoot out**. The event was held in Tampa's **Picnic Island Park** and TCFF members **Bob Bebout**, **Jim Humphrey**, **Bobby Lachtara**, and **Lowell Bebout** took part. Lowell, TCFF Treasurer Bob

Bebout's son, beat out some formidable competition to win **Long Cast Champion**. See the [Big Gun Shootout, page 5](#).

## Annual Christmas Party & Fund Raiser

TCFF raised \$774 from the **Live Auction** and **Silent Auction** at TCFF's 2023 **Christmas Party & Fund Raiser**. See [page 4](#).

## Casting Clinic

Also, at TCFF's recent casting at Linda Pedersen park, our club picked up three new members. Our membership continues to grow.

Once again,  
Happy New Year!

—Frank Cuttone

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**TCFF President Frank Cuttone** landed this **20 pound Red Snapper** fishing the deep on a cold blustery day in January. See [Fishing The Middle Ground, page 9](#)





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**Member News**

### TCFF Webmaster Weds



TCFF Webmaster Terry Dunne weds TCFF member Barbara Lombardo in a military wedding at the Marine Corps League 708. The couple are surrounded by the Marine Corps League's Honor Guard. The Honor Guard pays final respects to deceased veterans at Florida National Cemetery.

Winter Fishing

## Kayaking the Mud River



Ray Cannata

With winter here, the fish are moving to warmer water. Ray Cannata hit the jackpot when he launched his kayak from Bayport and paddled up the Mud River to the Mud River Spring. "The fish were everywhere", he said. He caught tons of Ladyfish, plus Sea Trout, Redfish, and Barracuda.



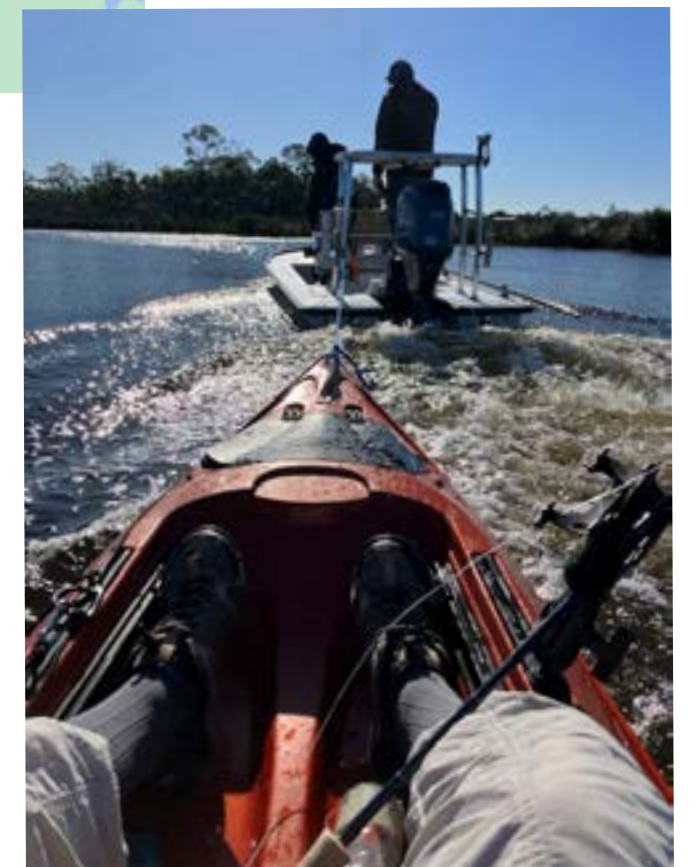
Redfish



Ladyfish



Sea Trout



Getting by with a little help from his friends. Ray Cannata's kayak gets a tow up the Mud River to the Mud River Spring, courtesy of Bob and Lowell Bebout.



# TCFF Christmas Party



Theresa Cuttone picks a raffle winner from Frank Cuttone



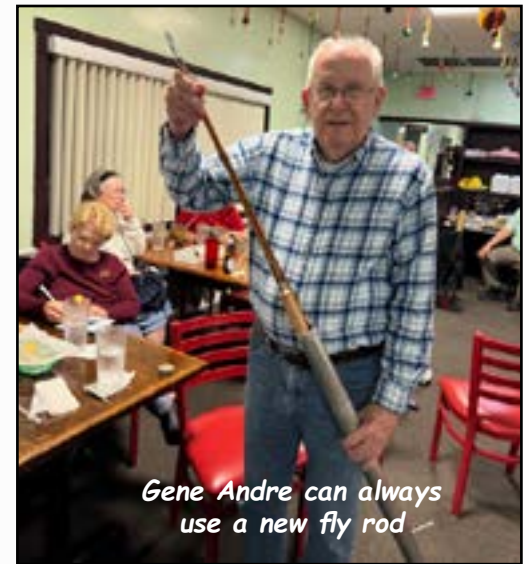
At the Christmas party, fly fishermen Bob Bebout, Frank Bourgeois, Ken Forsythe



The highest bid for Bobby Lachtara's flies was offered by Terry Dunne



Picking through the pickings, Gene Andre and Frank Bourgeois



Gene Andre can always use a new fly rod



Carol Bebout with some fine Bucktails



Debbie Bradley holds the duck purchased by Ruby Turner at the Silent Auction.



Discussing talk the art of fly fishing, Bob East and Ray Cannata



Enjoying the good Mexican food at the Coyote Rojo, Warren and Christine Parker, Marsha Andre, and Jim Humphrey



Plenty to look over at the Christmas party's Silent Raffle



Terry & Barbara Dunne won fly rod casting lessons from Lowell Bebout. Lowell won last month's Long Cast Competition at Tampa's Big Gun Shootout fly casting competition.



*Picnic Island Park*

# Big Gun Shootout



Lowell Bebout, Bob Bebout, and Bobby Lachtara warm up for the casting competition



Bob Bebout shoots a long one



Jim Humphrey on target



## Fly Casting Trophies



Lowell winds up



Lowell shoots



Lowell wins the Long Cast Champion





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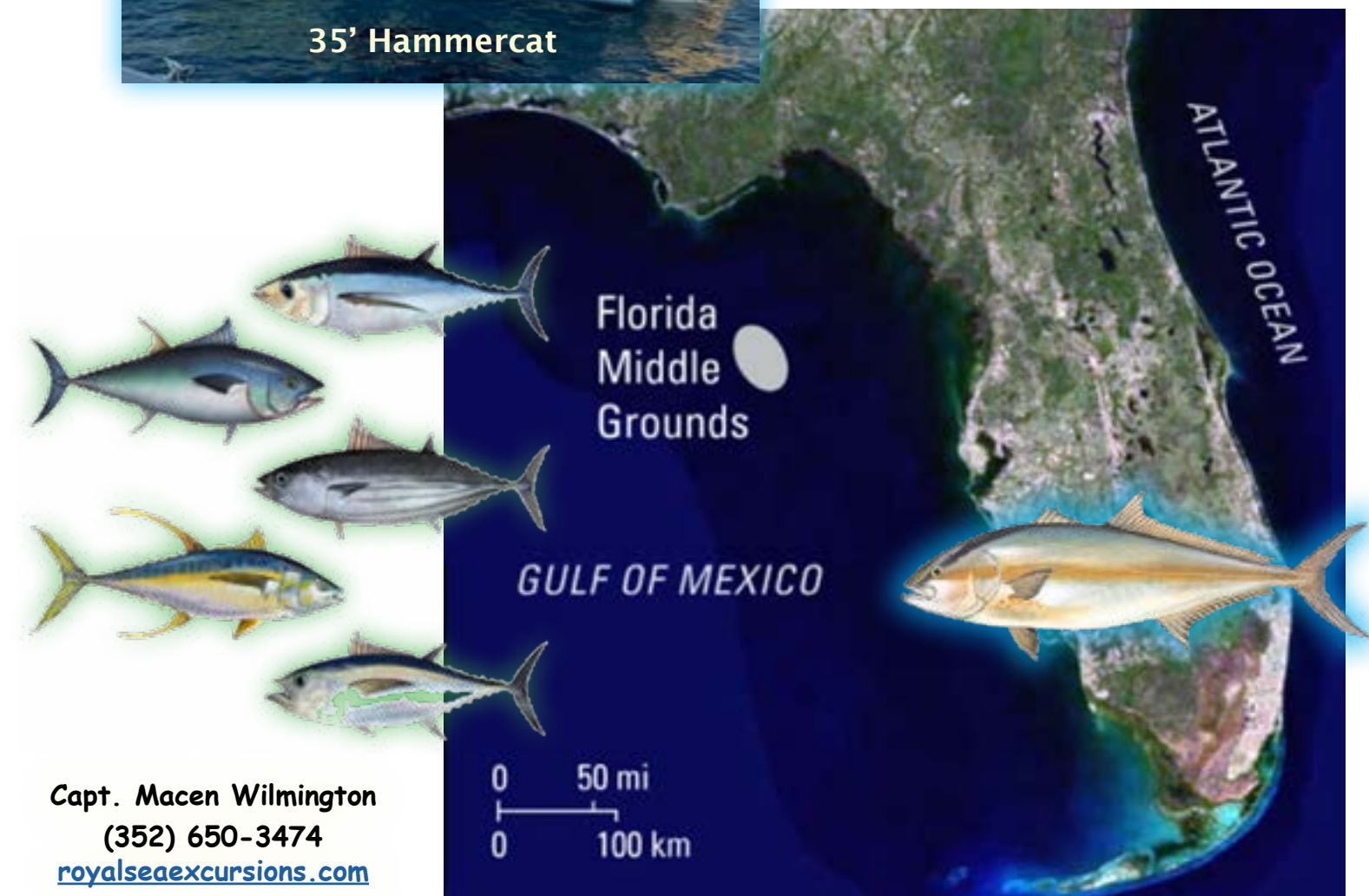


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