

SW FLORIDA FISHING

2025 G.I.F.T. tourney is here ...

■ **BY CAPT. WILL WATERHOUSE**

The 30th annual Gasparilla Island Fly Fishing Tournament is only a few days away! This years event will have prizes for all three of our back country slam species, redfish, snook and trout.

First place for the tournament will consist of the two longest combined length redfish while second place will consist of the second two largest combined length redfish.

This year we have added a snook Calcutta where there angler who catches the longest snook will win that category.

Finally to compete the backcountry slam the team who catches the longest two speckled sea trout combined length will take home the trout prize.

All proceeds raised form this event will be donated to the Boca Grande

Historic Society.

It's not too late to join this event, if you are interested please reach out to me ASAP.

The back country fishing has been very productive these last few weeks so we hope to have lots of fish caught and a great time out on the water. Get out and enjoy our great Boca Grande Fishing!



Capt. Will Waterhouse is a local fishing guide and can be reached for fishing charters at 914-907-6628. He can also be reached at Gasparilla Outfitters, 941-964-0907.



■ Last years winning Captains and Angler. Left to right: Capt. Danny Latham/angler, Tina Sexton, First Place. Capt. Jarrett Bottjer/Capt. Melanie Gannon Second Place. Photos courtesy of Capt. Waterhouse

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