

SW FLORIDA FISHING

G.I.F.T. - Nov. 25 on the calendar

■ **BY CAPT. WILL WATERHOUSE**
The 30th annual Gasparilla Island Fly Fishing Tournament (G.I.F.T.) presented by Gasparilla Outfitters is only a few weeks away and coming fast! This year all proceeds will benefit the Boca Grande Historic Society to help kick start the new Boca Grande Fishing Hall of Fame.

If you are interested in fishing in this year's event please reach out to myself, Capt. Will Waterhouse, for sign up information. Along with this exciting event, the fishing has also been something to look forward to. Lots of really nice snook are still being caught on higher



tides around the mangrove and deeper outside edges on the lower tides. Along with snook we have had a solid push of redfish into the back, ranging from small 15 inchers all the way up to

fish have also been caught on topwater artificial lures along as bait. Reports of grouper and kingfish offshore have also been coming in. Finally the usual jacks, ladyfish, trout, mangrove snapper and sharks have all still been very active. Get out on the water 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.



■ Michael Lebeourgois with a redfish and James Lebeourgois with a redfish and snook while Nick Stinnett hoist a big snook on a recent backbay trip. Photos submitted by Capt. Waterhouse

Next generation of memories

■ My son, Mike Reems and his boys, Grayson and Gavin, visiting from Tampa, found the "King" tides in Gasparilla Sound to be a dinner bell for fish! Here's Gavin with a fat Trout, Grayson smiling with a nice snook and Gavin with his first redfish. Story and photos by granddad Roland Reems



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