



joyous occasion for most Florida fishermen. Bag limits, gear restrictions, and size limits will still be in effect. These restrictions limit each angler to one fish per day and the 28 to 33 inch in length slot limit will still be enforced by the FWC. Annual closures will remain in place with the season closing again from December 1 through the end of February. The season will also be closed in 2014 from May 1st through the end of August. I am certainly excited about the reopening of Snook season. This will provide many opportunities for Snook anglers to enjoy a delicious meal.

on the fish and kept fighting the Snook, eagerly awaiting the thrill of pulling him into the boat! It was a dance to get him close enough to grab and there was a whole lot of splashing and thrashing on the surface of the water during the fight! Sure enough, we pulled him into the boat, took a few pictures and I released him gently back into the water. After that we caught several more Snook and the day turned out wonderfully.

When the recreational closure on Snook opens in the Gulf of Mexico on Sept. 1, 2013, it will be a



Needless to say, I was happy with my Snook fishing experience with Capt. Jimmy Nelson and Capt. Tim Noe. It was a pleasure to again be a part of the Flying Fish Fleet in Sarasota, Florida. The afternoon sun was shining in the clear blue sky and the salty spray brushed up against our thighs as we motored towards the harbor. During our trip, we could all feel the anticipation of the upcoming Snook season. It is still a great fish to catch, regardless of whether the season is closed. At the end of the trip, the three of us returned content with the memories and pictures of our Snook fights. There was no need to fill our Grizzly coolers. As fishermen, we share the same bond: The love of fishing, even if it's catch and release until the long-awaited season opens in September. 🍷

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