

SUMMER 2026 **AHOY!** SUMMER 2026  
**EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!**

**EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION EXTENDED UNTIL FRIDAY, FEB 13TH AT 11:59**

**WHAT'S NEW IN 2026?**

- Summer program extended by 1 HOUR daily (8:30 AM - 2:30 PM)
- NEW Jr. Instructor Training program for ages 15-18
- Professional guest presentations from Sheriff Marine Dept., FWC, and Florida Fishing Products



**PROGRAMS & EARLY BIRD PRICING**

PROGRAM	AGES	REGULAR	EARLY BIRD
<b>SUMMER PROGRAM</b> 8:30 AM - 2:30 PM Includes lunch!	8-14	\$625/wk	<b>\$565/wk</b> (Save \$60!)
<b>ACADEMY</b> First Mate Certifications 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM	8-18	\$275/wk	<b>\$250/wk</b> (Save \$25!)
<b>COMBO</b> Summer Program + Academy 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM	8-14	\$900/wk	<b>\$800/wk</b> (Save \$100!)
<b>JR. INSTRUCTOR TRAINING</b> 8:00 AM - 2:30 PM + ACADEMY (optional) 3-5 PM Lunch included!	15-18	\$185/wk	<b>\$165/wk</b> (Save \$20!)

**Jr. Instructor Training:** The Jr. Instructor Trainee role will primarily consist of learning and assisting with day to day summer program operations as well as how to instruct younger summer program students ages 8 to 14. Trainees will not participate as boat passengers on a daily basis, with the exception of when a Captain or Senior First Mate Instructor requests additional assistance while on the water. Jr. Instructors will primarily remain at the marina assisting with and leading dry land activities under the direction of Captain Andy Benedict and other Senior First Mate Instructors. Dry land activities will consist of knot tying, cast netting, mooring and other organizational needs.

**2026 SUMMER PROGRAM & ACADEMY WEEKS (ACADEMY programming is not themed by species)**

June 1-5	<b>REDFISH WEEK 1</b>	July 6-10	<b>SHARK WEEK</b>
June 8-12	<b>REDFISH WEEK 2</b>	July 13-17	<b>SNOOK WEEK 1</b>
June 15-19	<b>TARPON WEEK 1</b>	July 20-24	<b>SNOOK WEEK 2</b>
June 22-26	<b>TARPON WEEK 2</b>	July 27-31	<b>INSHORE SLAM WEEK</b>

**LOCATION**

Speckled Trout Marina  
 370 Bayshore Drive  
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 (Ozona)

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