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Fun Times At Fishing Seminar



Jaiden Rodrigues holds his snapper catch



Guilio Diracco and Capt. George Howell

The parent/child fishing seminar, Introducing Your Child to Fishing, was held at the Cape Coral Yacht Club June 14. Many children got the opportunity to fish off the yacht club pier.

Capt. George Howell's seminar placed emphasis on keeping things simple, fun, and productive in a hobby that often requires a lot of patience. Kids learned the equipment including rods, reels, knots, rigging gear as well as handling fish and bait, and problem solving. Then everyone went off to the pier to try out what they learned.

Jaiden Rodrigues and some friends from the seminar looked on as Capt. George unhooked a snapper that Jaiden caught.

Tara Perchall came along for the seminar her brother Teddy wanted to attend, but she was the first out of the two to catch a fish.

Guilio Diracco, visiting from Bari Italy, caught his first fish that he said "looked like a frog."

Capt. Howell was born and raised on the outer banks of North Carolina. He grew up fishing waters very similar to the back bays, sounds, rivers and beaches of Southwest Florida. Before moving to Lee County to pursue his dream of becoming a professional angler, Howell earned his degree in biology from the University of North Carolina, an education that provided insight into the world through the eyes of fish. He is an active participant in CAST for Kids Foundation (www.castforkids.org) and Operation Open Arms (www.OperationOpenArms.com) for the Southwest Florida area.

For more information about the next parent child fishing seminar at the yacht club, call Mark Hunter at 574-0806 or Howell at 541-1735.✪



Jaiden Rodrigues and friends gather around Captain Howell to see how to take out a hook



Tara Perchall and her mother Denise