

CLOWN KNIFEFISH  
INVADE FLORIDA WATERS

THE LOWDOWN ON KEY  
WEST SMOKER KINGS

CATCH MORE WITH THREE  
SIMPLE SONAR ADJUSTMENTS

# FLORIDA SPORT FISHING

2016  
GEAR  
OF THE  
YEAR

Sunglasses



## Sunny Days are Here to Stay

Hot Optics to Elevate Your Blue  
Water Endeavors | STAFF REPORT

▶ YOU'VE HEARD ALL ABOUT the benefits of polarized sunglasses and their ability to penetrate surface glare, but the truth is they are equally important in their ability to protect our eyes. But, let's face it, looking cool is part of the plan as we head out for a day offshore. Despite the desire of vanity, our eyes need protection against the elements especially those conditions the Sunshine State is most noted for.

While manufacturers attempt to gain market share with stylish designs, serious fishermen want frames that are designed to shield stray peripheral light from all directions to provide the most enhanced visual acuity in bright light conditions.

Our team of editors selected several brands and models to test for their color perception, durability, clarity and polarization in the harshest of environments: the open ocean. Given this reality and coupled with Florida's ever-present sunshine, a high-quality pair of sunglasses need to shield the sun's harmful UV rays but also offer the enhanced clarity and con-

trast needed to extinguish ocean glare while searching for diving birds, free jumping game fish and floating surface debris. We also took into consideration scratch resistance and military-standard shatterproof lenses that assure protection of our most precious gift: eyesight.

With well-protected eyes, vision may be preserved and glare-generated headaches prevented when blue water fishing. In the shallows, providing anglers increased depth perception while reducing eye fatigue and improving clarity, polarized sunglasses are an integral piece to the sight-fishing puzzle because you can't catch what you can't see. **FSF**

### Flying Fisherman Morocco

Website:  
[flyingfisherman.com](http://flyingfisherman.com)  
MSRP:  
\$79.95

#### Specs

**Lens Material:** Polarized  
Polycarbonate RhinoLens

**Lens Coating:** AcuTint

**Frame Material:** Grilamid TR-90

**Frame Color:** Crystal

**Lens Color:** Smoke-Blue Mirror

**Fit:** Medium

**Visible Light Transmission:** 13%

**Weight:** 1.0 oz.

**Prescription Capable:** Yes

**Warranty:** One-Year Limited

#### Key Features

- Master Angler series
- Shatterproof RhinoLens
- 100% UV protection
- Scratch resistant
- Microfiber drawstring case