



The PSWSFA is a family-oriented fishing club established in 1957. Our meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month (March-Dec.) at 7:00pm. The meetings are free and open to the public and are a great place to swap stories with other local fishermen, find new fishing partners and plan trips together. We have raffles with nice giveaways-donated by local businesses plus prizes we buy ourselves. Each month we have speakers sharing their experience on one of the local fisheries. Come join us and get to know some of the other fishermen in your local area. Directions on last page.

REMEMBER
First Meeting of the Year
15 March 7:00pm

Please remember that we are at that time of year when dues are due again. Our year goes from 1 March to the end of February. We **really** need your support if we want to continue having a club.

Great balls of fire it's March already. A few more weeks and I may actually get to catch something from shore besides a cold.

I was going to put in an article about the Mason-Dixon line (original mapping and the rediscovery of all the original markers) but it was over 5 pages long. So I put in a multi-page article about seahorses (a bit more fishing related).

The first time I ever saw wild sea horse (besides the ones in Corolla) was at the Langley AFB marina in 1990 swimming next to my boat. I had no idea they were native to the Chesapeake bay.

Also, we will be having a booth at the Fishing Flea Market this Saturday 12 March. See the flyer on page 16.

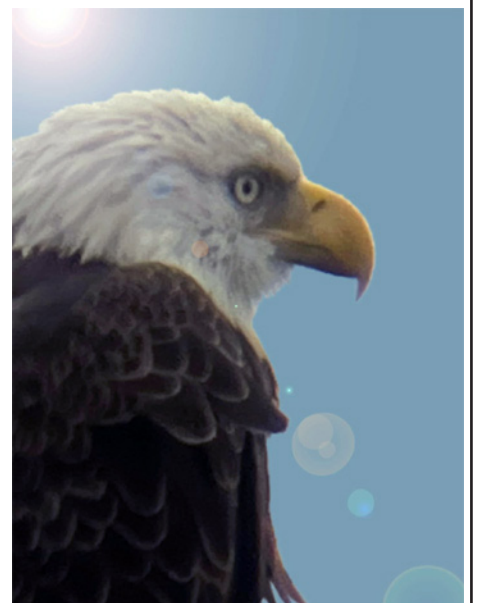
If you have stuff to sell bring it on over early on Saturday and be prepared to hang around with it. The club isn't planning on selling it for you (unless of course you are donating the proceeds to the club).

We will also be raffling off a rod and reel combo to try and get funds for the club.

So come on out and support the club. There will be dozens of booths selling fishing related gear and maybe a few freebees thrown in for good luck. You might want to carpool to save some gas money. Offshore fishing is getting stupid expensive now as well. But I guess it always was.

Charles Randall will be talking about the VMRC committee he is a member of and what to expect in the coming year(s).

Stay well - Mike the Editor



REPLICA 1768 SLOOP TO LAUNCH IN DELTAVILLE AS FLOATING CLASSROOM



Luna backs up traffic on its way to Crown Marine in Deltaville to be rigged and launched in the coming months. Photo: Stephen Blue

July 2021

When in Deltaville, Virginia's proclaimed Boating Capital of the Chesapeake Bay, one never knows what might come cruising down the road.

The 48-foot sloop Luna was trucked closer to the water last week as it was hauled carefully down main street Deltaville dodging power lines along the way.

The boat took a three-mile ride from the home location of Colonial Seaport Foundation (CSF) where the vessel had been up on the hard for over a decade to Crown Marine on Broad Creek where the boat is going to be rigged and launched.

CSF owns Luna and has been rebuilding and modifying the replica 1768 Virginia sloop to use the boat as a floating classroom and as a sail cargo vessel throughout the Chesapeake Bay region. CSF was established in 2007 as a maritime educational group.

"The purpose of CSF is to preserve facets of America's colonial maritime heritage by providing historically-accurate information and education to the public," said Jock Collamore, president of the nonprofit.

The wooden hull of the vessel was built in 1972 by Rosborough Boats of Nova Scotia. The line of vessel was part of what the company named its Privateer Class, said Collamore. The original name of the vessel was Luna and part of the deal in purchasing the boat was that the foundation had to keep that name. "That worked out well for us," said Collamore. "Luna is Latin for Dianna, which means Goddess of the Hunt, which is not a bad name for a privateer."

"The Luna will fit exactly into our program," said Collamore. "We are a non-profit organization and our focus is preserving 17th- and 18th-century maritime history in Virginia, North Carolina and Maryland."

The group's other areas of interest and expertise depicted in its reenactments and addressed in its educational programs include life in coastal and maritime communities; life aboard a vessel of the period; common trades within the maritime community; and coastal transportation along the Atlantic Seaboard. In addition Luna will be used to move nonperishable cargo between historic ports of call through the region.

-Larry Chowning

SADDLE UP WITH THE BAY'S TINY SEAHORSES

1 March 2022

By Rachel Kester



A lined seahorse (*Hippocampus erectus*), also known as the northern seahorse, lives at the Virginia Living Museum in Newport News, Va.

As the largest estuary in the United States, the Chesapeake Bay holds countless natural wonders, and behind its best-known species are many others you likely haven't heard of. Take the lined seahorse. It has a quiet presence and plays a surprisingly crucial role in the Bay's health.

And it also happens to be heavily susceptible to the ever-growing challenges this body of water faces.

This incredible creature is the only seahorse species that inhabits this historic waterway. It comes in an array of colors ranging from light brown to rusty red, and measures around 4 to 6 inches long. It's primarily found from the Bay's middle portion to Southern Maryland, although it also has a limited presence in a few other shallow coastal areas along the Atlantic.

The species itself is remarkable despite its small size. While they might be tough to see with the naked eye, each seahorse is covered in tiny bony plates that provide extra protection from predators and keeps them upright when swimming. Known of course for their horse-like heads, they slowly bob through the water with the help of a tiny dorsal fin that moves up to 70 times per second. To keep itself from floating away in waves or currents, the seahorse will wrap its prehensile tail around nearby grasses for stability.

The lined seahorse has a rapid digestive system, and because of this, it constantly needs to eat for energy. When they find a meal (they're partial to minuscule crabs or plankton), the fish will slurp them up through its tiny snout.

This whimsical sea creature is also equipped with impressive camouflage skills. When a predator passes by, the animal will instantly change its color to match its surroundings. For extra defense, the seahorse will tightly secure its tail around a nearby object to stay steady. This disguise works so well

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that the seahorse is usually safe from being a snack, but still needs to watch out for frequent nemeses such as crabs and birds.

During courtship season, which runs from May to October, the male seahorse will dance and make clicking sounds around a potential partner while shimmering in various colors—a display meant to impress a potential mate. Often, the hue will match the surroundings, so if the pair is situated near a thick bunch of seagrass, his body could adopt green and brownish shades. Once they pair up, the two will be life partners.

Perhaps what makes the seahorse so remarkable, though, is what happens after the courtship. Once accepted, the female will pass her eggs into a pouch in the male's abdomen where they will be fertilized. Here they'll stay for a few weeks before he releases them—a number which can sometimes reach 200 babies, and which makes the seahorse one of the only animals on earth where the male is responsible for giving birth.

While the lined seahorse's behavior and looks are engrossing, one of the most intriguing aspects of this sea creature is the role it plays in the Chesapeake Bay's health. This fish not only feeds on troublesome organisms such as brine shrimp and algae, but it is a favorite meal for much of the Bay's iconic wildlife, including crabs and seabirds. That makes them a small yet critical piece in ensuring the Bay's ecosystem stays in check.

Despite their critical role in the Bay's health, however, their population is in decline. During yearly trawls by the Virginia Institute of Marine Science, only about 40 to 100 seahorses are typically found. While their original population numbers aren't fully known, it's suspected that pollution has led to even more drastically lower numbers.

"Seahorses are present in the Bay but are considered to be uncommon," says Perry Hampton, the Calvert Marine Museum's estuarine biology curator. "I suspect that in the past they may have been more plentiful when seagrass beds were abundant. For many species that are threatened or endangered, the primary culprit is often loss of habitat and that is definitely the case with the Bay's seahorses."

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Because the Bay is heavily bordered by agricultural and residential areas, any time it rains or snows, released fertilizers get washed into its waters. Once these components drain into the Bay, they increase the water's turbidity (or cloudiness), which makes it harder for sunlight to peer in and supply the grass with energy for photosynthesis. As Hampton points out, "groups like the Chesapeake Bay Foundation track the Bay's percent coverage of seagrasses and they have found a definite link between growth or loss of acreage and rainfall/snowfall in a given year.



A lined seahorse resides in an aquarium at the Calvert Marine Museum in Calvert County, Md.

In years with heavier rain/snow there is usually a loss of acreage, while drought years tend to bring an increase in the amount of acreage of seagrasses."

While pollution has played a major role in its demise, warming waters have done so as well. Eelgrass thrives in cool water, and when temperatures reach 74° it begins to die back. To relieve itself from the heat, it releases excessive amounts of oxygen to cool down—an overwhelming process that eventually causes it to wither. As summers become hotter and temperatures linger a bit longer throughout the year, it forces this seagrass to tirelessly fight against these conditions until it no longer has the vigor to do so.

It's not quite known how these problems will affect the seahorse overall but there is hope that it might adapt to the shifting conditions, like other Bay creatures have, including the blue crab. As Hampton notes, "we have seen from other species that they sometimes try to adjust their range to seek more suitable conditions. For example, species that prefer colder water may move farther north as temperatures increase. Conversely, those that like warmer water may move into areas they have not historically been in."



The Mid-Atlantic states surrounding the Bay have put some environmental practices into place, such as a 2010 Environmental Protection Agency law that limits nitrogen, phosphorus, and sediment pollution pouring into this waterway. Many organizations and volunteers also work tirelessly to preserve this vital piece of nature. Still, more needs to be done to ensure this unique species continues to thrive and amaze for generations to come.

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Picture by Tricia Neill

Attention all members: This is a reminder that all memberships will now expire on the last day of February of each year. Forms are available from Johnny Boyd (membership committee). At the December 2019 board meeting the board voted to increase the dues by \$10. As before, the \$40 is per individual or family. We haven't had a dues increase in pretty much forever and this will help the club pay for the increased cost of our meeting space as well as supporting events like the picnic, awards banquet, and fishing related events, organizations, and tournaments.

PSWSFA 2022 MEMBERSHIP

Dues: \$40 per year for entire family*
(March through February - not prorated throughout the year)

Name: _____ Spouse: _____

Dependents Names and ages

1) _____ 4) _____

2) _____ 5) _____

3) _____ 6) _____

*Family must be living with you

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Home Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Boat Name/Call Sign: _____

Total number in your membership: _____

Send this form with a check (payable to PSWSFA) to:

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P.O. Box 5194
Newport News, VA 23605

Please check one of the following:

☐ Yes, please add my name to the club membership book
☐ No, please do not publish my information

Virginia Beach Fishing



March can be a busy month for anglers. Good fishing is right around the corner. Charter crews are working on their boats, tackle shops are servicing reels and replacing old line. Marinas are prepping for the season, Long Bay Pointe Marina patrons can look forward to new fish cleaning tables.

March will have some angling opportunities. Puppy drum should be available in Rudee Inlet, Lynnhaven Inlet, the Elizabeth River and other inlets and rivers. In fact Connie at Long Bay Pointe Bait and Tackle reports a few puppy drum coming from the back waters near the shop on warm days. Speckled trout could be in the same areas.

Tautog are available on ocean wrecks, which should be home to bluefish and Flounder as well. For sure sea bass, but they are out of season.

Deep droppers will be looking to put their crews on golden tilefish.

Bluefin tuna catches off the OBX have been good. Haven't heard about any being hooked in Virginia yet.

Virginia anglers have a lot to look forward to over the coming weeks. By the end of March tautog action will pick up inshore. Local charter captains are taking advance booking for tautog trips now, so if plan to go you should contact one asap. As April rolls around the tautog action will continue approve and flounder will become a possibility. By mid April the big black drum roll in. Bluefish and gray trout will also be a possibility. The flounder bite should continue improving and speckled trout will become more numerous. By the end of May plenty of large red drum will have made their way into the lower bay. In June everything starts to peak, inshore and off! Black drum, red drum, cobia, croaker, flounder, gray trout, round head, sheepshead, spadefish, spanish mackerel, speckled trout, small striped bass, mahi, yellow fin tuna and school size blue fin tuna.

Last Month's Mystery Fish The Common Mola or Ocean Sunfish...Duh!



The ocean sunfish or common mola (*Mola mola*) is one of the two heaviest known bony fish in the world, the other being the southern sunfish (*Mola alexandrini*) of the same genus. Adults typically weigh between 545 and 4,409lbs. The species is native to tropical and temperate waters around the world. It resembles a fish head with a tail, and its main body is flattened laterally. Sunfish can be as tall as they are long when their dorsal and ventral fins are extended.

Sunfish are generalist predators that consume largely small fishes, fish larvae, squid, and crustaceans. Sea jellies and salps, once thought to be the primary prey of sunfish, make up only 15% of a sunfish's diet. Females of the species can produce more eggs than any other known vertebrate, up to 300,000,000 at a time. Sunfish fry resemble miniature pufferfish, with large pectoral fins, a tail fin, and body spines uncharacteristic of adult sunfish.

Ocean sunfish may live up to ten years in captivity, but their lifespan in a natural habitat has not yet been determined. Their growth rate remains undetermined. However, a young specimen at the Monterey Bay Aquarium increased in weight from 26 to 399 kg (57 to 880 lb) and reached a height of nearly 1.8 m (5 ft 11 in) in 15 months

Select Recreational Fishing Regulations

January 2022



Atlantic Croaker

- Minimum Size Limit: No size limit
- Recreational Bag Limit: 50 per person; additional 50 live bait per customer capacity on for-hire or charter vessels



Spot

- Minimum Size Limit: No size limit
- Recreational Bag Limit: 50 per person; additional 50 live bait per customer capacity on for-hire or charter vessels



Kingfish

- Minimum Size Limit: No size limit
- Recreational Bag Limit: No bag limit



Grey Trout (Weakfish)

- Minimum Size Limit: 12 inches
- Recreational Bag Limit: 1 per person



Bluefish

- Minimum Size Limit: No size limit
- Recreational Bag Limit: 3 per person from shore or a rented or private vessel
- 5 per person on for-hire or charter vessels



Spanish Mackerel

- Minimum Size Limit: 14 inches
- Recreational Bag Limit: 15 per person



King Mackerel

- Minimum Size Limit: 27 inches
- Recreational Bag Limit: 3 per person



Cobia (Permit Required)

- Minimum Size Limit: 40 inches
- Recreational Bag Limit: 1 per person or 2 per vessel, whichever is more restrictive. Only 1 fish per vessel may be greater than 50 inches total length.
- Season: June 15 - September 15



Summer Flounder

- Minimum Size Limit: 16.5 inches
- Recreational Bag Limit: 4 per person



Striped Bass

Any person fishing striped bass recreationally shall use non-offset, corrodible, non-stainless steel circle hooks when fishing with bait.

Chesapeake Bay Spring Season

- Size Limit: 20-28 inches
- Recreational Bag Limit: 1 fish per person
- Season: May 16 - June 15

Chesapeake Bay Fall Season

- Size limit: 20-36 inches
- Recreational Bag Limit: 1 fish per person
- Season: October 4 - December 31

Coastal Season

- Size Limit: 28-36 inches
- Recreational Bag Limit: 1 per person
- Season: January 1 - March 31, May 16 - December 31

Select species provided for information purposes only. Not all regulated species are included. All regulations are subject to change. It is the angler's responsibility to know and abide by all current regulations and laws. Check for new regulations before you go fishing.
www.mrc.virginia.gov



Spadefish

- Minimum Size Limit: No size limit
- Recreational Bag Limit: 4 per person



Sheepshead

- Minimum Size Limit: No size limit
- Recreational Bag Limit: 4 per person



Black Sea Bass

- Minimum Size Limit: 12.5 inches
- Recreational Bag Limit: 15 per person
- Season: May 15 - Dec 31



Tautog

- Minimum Size Limit: 16 inches
- Recreational Bag Limit: 4 per person
- Season: January 1-May 15, July 1- Dec. 31



Speckled Trout

- Minimum Size Limit: 14 inches
- Recreational Bag Limit: 5 per person, only 1 greater than 24"



Red Drum

- Minimum Size Limit: 18 inches
- Maximum Size Limit: 26 inches
- Recreational Bag Limit: 3 per person

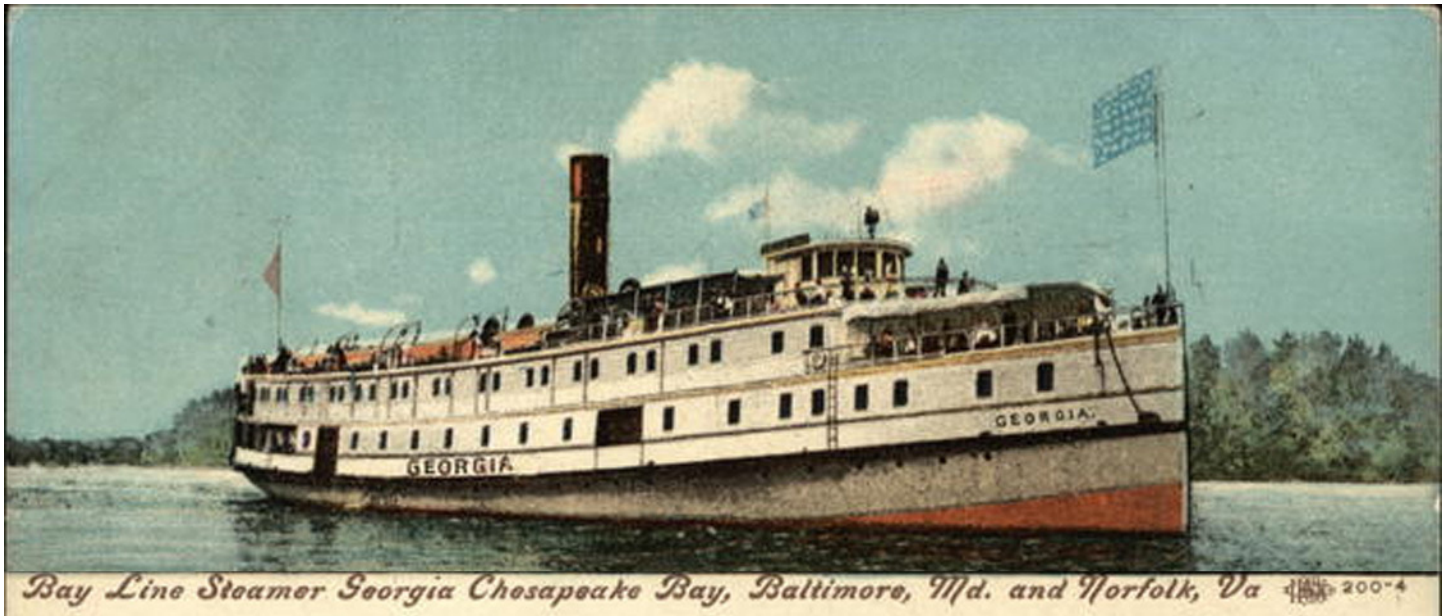


Black Drum

- Minimum Size Limit: 16 inches
- Recreational Bag Limit: 1 per person

THE CHESAPEAKE BAY

STEAMSHIPS OF THE CHESAPEAKE BAY



Written by Susan Einicki wade July 2017

As soon as they saw puffs of smoke rise above the trees at the river's bend and heard the blast of a ship's whistle, townsfolk rushed at breakneck speed to the wharf. From farmers, watermen and preachers to housewives and especially children, everyone knew when the steamboats of the Chesapeake Bay arrived in the remote waterside village.

What caused all this ruckus? Keep in mind that land travel at the dawn of the 19th-century was inconvenient. Trains were just starting to chug out of urban pockets, horse-drawn stagecoaches rattled across dusty roads, and automobiles hadn't yet entered the transportation scene.

The best way to link growing populations between Baltimore and Norfolk was to master the water. And so a new era of mass transit began in the Chesapeake Bay in 1813 when a Baltimore shipyard built the first local steamboat. "Over the next 120-plus years, the fleet would swell to nearly 600 vessels that reached 300

locations in an intricate network crisscrossing the Bay," says Barbara Brecher, executive director of the Steamboat Era Museum in Irvington, Virginia.

Steamboats on the Chesapeake Bay changed everybody's lives in the region. Farmers and fishermen expanded their markets by shipping wares to urban consumers. Once-isolated rural folks received the latest fashions, machinery, books, mail and more. They could travel easily to cities to conduct business, go shopping or visit doctors. Their urban counterparts gained access to new buyers for manufactured goods, welcomed the arrival of fresh foods and cruised to picturesque parts of the Bay to escape city life.

This waterfront boom wasn't just about commerce. Steamboats were also built for fun. By the mid-1800s, many ship companies wanted a piece of the Chesapeake pie and competed for customers by promising hard-to-resist amenities and attractions. Floating theaters delivered entertainment to arts-starved small towns, while moonlight dance cruises brought music to sleepy harbors. Many companies lured travelers with luxurious staterooms decked out with velvet, crystal and brass, and meals served on linendraped tables. A Chesapeake Steamship Co. menu from 1900 kicked off with oysters prepared five different ways, followed by steak, tongue, lamb, chicken, soft-shell crabs and lobster salad.

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SURVIVING WAR-TORN AMERICA

After decades of amiable trade between the industrial North and agrarian South, the Civil War's maritime restrictions caused the Bay's steamboat routes to turn murky.

When President Lincoln set up blockades in Southern ports to curb the flow of goods and weapons to the Confederacy, access to Norfolk was cut off and travel between Baltimore and Richmond came to a screeching halt. Old Point Comfort became the boats' last stop south. Fortunately, steady traffic between Washington officials and Navy facilities in Virginia's Tidewater region kept steamboat companies afloat during this difficult time.

Postwar conditions created a favorable climate for steamboats. As the South rebuilt its communities, construction materials and life necessities were loaded into boats' hulls and carried south. Cargo traffic bloomed, and a heyday even grander than before ensued. Once again, travelers were courted with lavish, swanky ships. Galley chefs dazzled passengers with feasts of local duck and terrapin. Revelers danced their way around the Bay to Big Band tunes on evening cruises.

Along the Eastern Shore, Potomac River and other destinations, savvy steamer companies developed amusement parks where city dwellers could find relief from the sweltering heat. One of the most famous was Tolchester Beach, which opened in 1887 in Maryland's Kent County north of Rock Hall. Every summer day, thousands of Baltimore passengers took a short steamboat trip across the water carrying bathing suits and picnic baskets. Tolchester eventually grew to 150 acres and offered vacationers a hotel, beach, music pavilion, horse racing, roller coaster, merry-go-round and other fun-filled attractions. By the turn of the century, six steamboats ferried about 20,000 revelers there and back each weekend.

RUNNING OUT OF STEAM

Steamboats reached such popularity that it was hard to imagine life and commerce on the Bay without them. But the deck was stacked against the ships, and fate dealt more bad cards than they could handle. They paddled through World War I relatively unscathed, but the Great Depression shrunk passenger rosters and

put a dent in the steamers' revenue stream. In 1933, a Category 4 hurricane shattered many of the wharfs and washed away scores of boat landings.

During World War II, the War Shipping Administration gained the power to expropriate civilian-owned ships, and seized the cream of the steamboat crop for the nation's defense. Many of the pilfered steamboats were sunk abroad or sustained extensive damage that was too costly to repair.

The knockout blow came from planes, trains, automobiles and bridges. Post- WWII America became infatuated with modern transportation. Superhighways replaced bumpy dirt roads, and bridges spanned waterways where ferryboats once reigned. Railroads could transport more cargo and people longer distances across the continent than watercrafts. The 12-hour cruise down the Chesapeake Bay seemed slow and outdated compared to speedy new modes of travel.

The remaining steamboat companies tried to win back the hearts of their passengers. They ran ads extolling the romance of adventure on the water and the benefits of a leisurely cruise. Vessels were reconfigured to carry cars, but travelers' interest was lukewarm and ticket sales sunk. In 1962, steamboat service on the Bay ended, as did an era of elegance on the Chesapeake Bay.

To experience life during this extraordinary time, and to see Chesapeake Bay Steamboats, visit the Steamboat Era Museum in Irvington, VA (steamboateramuseum.org).

More detailed info can be found at:

https://www.wikiwand.com/en/Baltimore_Steam_Packet_Company



FISH TALES



Ken Neill and Tog - late Feb 2022



Stan says the trout are here



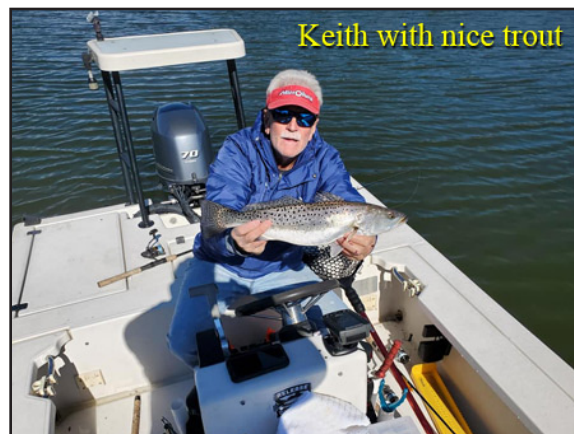
Stan is beside himself with glee after catching this nice sea bass on Ken's boat



Wes with nice tog fishing with Ken and Stan



Another monster for Wally



Keith with nice trout



Davie with nice tog



Rick with nice eating size tog

Monthly Tournament List January 2022

Sea Bass

Wally Veal 24"

Tautog

Rick Wineman 29"

Bluefish

Wally Veal 34"

Striped Bass

Wally Veal 51.5"

Wally had 11 sea bass from 20-24"

| Monthly Tournament Contenders | |
|-------------------------------|----------|
| Species | Min Size |
| Albacore Tuna | 35" |
| Amberjack | 40" |
| Bigeye Tuna | 40" |
| Black Drum | 40" |
| Blackbelly Rosefish | 14" |
| Blackfin Tuna | 45" |
| Bluefin Tuna | 45" |
| Bluefish | 25" |
| Blueline Tilefish | 20" |
| Blue Marlin | Release |
| Channel Bass | 40" |
| Cobia | 40" |
| Croaker | 16" |
| Dolphin | 35" |
| False Albacore | 25" |
| Flounder | 22" |
| Golden Tilefish | 30" |
| Gray Trout | 24" |
| Grouper | 16" |
| Jack Crevalle | 36" |
| King Mackerel | 35" |
| Pompano | 12" |
| Sailfish | Release |
| Sea Bass | 15" |
| Shark | 60" |
| Sheepshead | 15" |
| Snapper | 12" |
| Spadefish | 18" |
| Spanish Mackerel | 20" |
| Spearfish | Release |
| Speckled Trout | 21" |
| Spot | 8" |
| Striped Bass | 36" |
| Swordfish | Release |
| Tarpon | Release |
| Tautog | 18" |
| Triggerfish | 15" |
| Wahoo | 40" |
| White Marlin | Release |
| Whiting (Roundhead) | 14" |
| Yellowfin Tuna | 35" |

Photo taken in 2017 by the Editor at the Hilton Waikoloa lagoon, Da Big Island, Hawaii

Bring your entries to Milton at our monthly meeting by 7:00 pm or send an email or snail mail to the address' on the left (Yellow Box). Please direct any questions to Milton.

MAIL ENTRY FORMS TO:
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HAYES, VA 23072
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Deadline for turning in your 2022 entry forms:

| Month of Entry | Deadline (RegMtg) | Month | Deadline (Reg Mtg) |
|----------------|-------------------|-----------|------------------------|
| January | 15 Feb | July | 16 Aug |
| February | 15 Mar | August | 21 Sep |
| March | 19 Apr | September | 18 Oct |
| April | 17 May | October | 15 Nov |
| May | 21 Jun | November | 20 Dec |
| June | 19 Jul | December | by Brd Mtg 10 Jan 2023 |

Virginia Charter Boat Workshop Scheduled for March 26th, 2022

The Virginia Charter Boat Workshop will be held on Saturday, March 26th via Zoom.

Organized by the Marine Advisory Program at the Virginia Institute of Marine Science (VIMS) in partnership with the Virginia Saltwater Sportfishing Association (VSSA), the workshop will highlight fishery resource, regulatory, and US Coast Guard updates.

“We are excited to offer this program to charter and head boat captains, mates, and marina professionals, in addition to folks interested in entering the charter business,” says Susanna Musick with the VIMS Marine Advisory Program.

Workshop speakers will be regional experts in their respective fields. Participants can look forward to a fisheries keynote address from Robert Beal, Executive Director of the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission, in addition to talks from the U.S. Coast Guard, our Virginia NOAA Port Agent, the Virginia Marine Resources Commission, and some business best practices from established captains. This is a great chance to participate in a program committed to helping the charter boat operator address current topics and challenges in the for-hire industry. Attendance is expected to fill quickly, so advanced registration is strongly encouraged.

The **workshop is free**, but space is limited, so please **register by March 14**. As COVID restrictions change, a hybrid format (with some in-person attendance at the Gloucester Point campus of VIMS) may be available. Registered participants will be notified if this option becomes available closer to the date of the event.

To register please email your contact information to: Susanna Musick, susanna@vims.edu.

Susanna's e-mail to me (the editor) mentioned that even though the workshop is targeted to the for-hire industry, **interested anglers are very welcome to participate.**

If you register, she would like your name, business name, email & mailing address and phone number.





PLEASE HAND DELIVER TO MONTHLY MEETING or MAIL TO:
PSWSFA, P.O. Box 5194, Newport News, VA 23605

OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

Eligible Species

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|-----------------------|---------|---------------------|---------|
| Amberjack | 40" | Pompano | 12" |
| Albacore Tuna | 35" | Sea Bass | 15" |
| Big Eye Tuna | 40" | Sailfish | Release |
| Black Belly Rose Fish | 14" | Shark | 60" |
| Black Drum | 40" | Sheepshead | 15" |
| Black Fin Tuna | 20" | Snapper | 12" |
| Blue Fin Tuna | 45" | Spadefish | 18" |
| Bluefish | 25" | Spanish Mackerel | 20" |
| Blueline Tilefish | 20" | Spearfish | Release |
| Blue Marlin | Release | Speckled Trout | 21" |
| Channel Bass | 40" | Spot | 8" |
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| Dolphin | 35" | Tarpon | Release |
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| Gray Trout | 24" | White Marlin | Release |
| Grouper | 16" | Whiting (Roundhead) | 14" |
| Jack Crevalle | 36" | Yellowfin Tuna | 35" |
| King Mackerel | 35" | | |

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS ARE THE TRUTH, AND THE RULES OF THIS CONTEST HAVE BEEN COMPLIED WITH (see back of this sheet)

Required Information:

Tournament _____ Fish: _____

Date Caught: _____ Time Caught: _____ am/pm Length: _____

Name (printed): _____ Adult Youth

Signature: _____ Witness Signature: _____

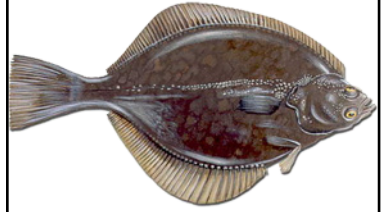
Optional Information:

Weight: _____ Where Caught: _____

Weight Master Signature: _____

MEASURING INSTRUCTIONS

With the fish lying on a flat surface, measure in quarter inch increments, from the tip of the mouth to the tip of the tail with the fish in a natural position and the mouth closed. **All paid club tournaments will be judged by weight, unless otherwise indicated.**



FISHING CONTEST RULES

1. Contest will run from January 1 to December 31. Only fish caught for recreational purposes, in accordance with state regulations, are eligible.
2. The territorial limits for this contest shall be from Ocean City, MD to Morehead City, NC. Slight variations north or south of these limits will not disqualify entry.
3. This contest is open only to PSWSFA members and their families whose dues have been paid before the catch. Youth anglers must be 15 or less on the date of the catch. Youth entries must also meet state minimum requirements.
4. Only fish caught on hook and line, rod and reel are acceptable. No assistance at the rod or line shall be permitted, except holding the leader while the fish is being gaffed or boated.
5. There are no restrictions on tackle with the exception that power reels are not permitted.
6. Awards will be made for fish caught each month (1st through last day) at the next monthly meeting. All entries must be in the hands of the tournament chairman by the beginning of the meeting. A later entry will not be accepted. Only monthly entries are eligible for awards.
7. Acceptability of fish entered in this contest is to be entirely within the discretion of the Tournament Committee or the Board of Directors.
8. In case of a tie, the first caught will win.
9. Signature of witness or release must accompany entry
10. November and December entries must be submitted/received by January 10th.
11. Monthly prize money must be picked up within 3 months after being announced.
12. A person who enters fish into another fishing club is ineligible to enter fish into the PSWSFA monthly tournament

Angler of the Year Award

The angler of the year award is designed to honor the fisherman who consistently submits qualifying entries. The Tournament Committee will recommend Angler of the Year candidates and the PSWSFA Board will make the final Angler of the Year determination.

Angler of the Year Scoring System

- 2 points will be awarded for each species of fish entered for the monthly contest. The fish must meet the club's minimum length to qualify, including all release entries.
- 2 points will be awarded when an entry is accompanied by a copy of a State Fishing Tournament Citation
- 2 points will be awarded for any fish that wins the monthly contest in each species
- 6 points will be awarded for the 1st place annual award winner in each species
- 4 points will be awarded for the 2nd place annual award winner in each species
- 2 points will be awarded for the 3rd place annual award winner in each species
- 5 points will be awarded for the 1st place winner of any PSWSFA tournament
- 3 points will be awarded for the 2nd place winner of any PSWSFA tournament
- 1 point will be awarded for the 3rd place winner of any PSWSFA tournament
- 5 points will be awarded for any fish that becomes a new club or state record

Anglers are limited to 3 fish per species

Those fish with the highest point value will be entered in the Angler of the Year point system.

Fish of the Year Award

The Tournament Committee will make Fish of the Year recommendations to the PSWSFA Board of Directors. If in the opinion of the Board of Directors, no fish is deemed worthy of Fish of the Year, no award will be made. Regardless of the method used to determine Fish of the Year, the decision of the PSWSFA Board of Directors will be final.

Critter of the Year Award

Any unusual catch submitted by a club member will be eligible for award when approved by the PSWSFA Board of Directors.



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Fishing in Bora Bora

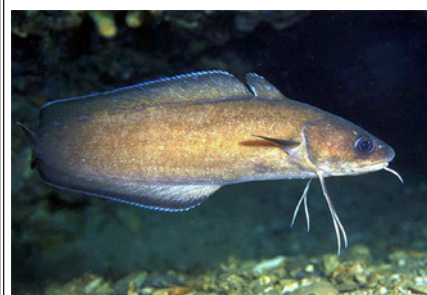
Not only is Bora Bora one of the most beautiful islands in the world, renowned for its stunning water and great hospitality but it is also home to incredible sport fishing and huge Pacific Blue Marlin. Join us as we fish in Bora Bora for Blue Marlin, Yellowfin Tuna, Mahi Mahi, Wahoo and a variety of other species that can all be found just outside the lagoon.

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**So you think you know
your Fish**

Name this Fish?
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Directions to PSWSFA Meeting

Former St Mark's Episcopal Church

From 64 (either direction) take the Mercury Blvd exit towards the James River Bridge (West) stay in the right hand lane and turn right at the light onto Todds Lane. Go past Zaxby's chicken about 400 ft and the driveway to the church is on the right. The original St, Mark's sign is still on the lawn just short of the driveway.

If you come to the traffic light at the intersection of Cunningham you went to far. Turn right on Cunningham and look for the Cunningham entrance to the church (500ft). If it is blocked you will need to do a U-turn on Cunningham and go left onto Todds Lane.

From Mercury, the church driveway is just short of the Bercuese Funeral home entrance or just after if coming from Cunningham.

WHAT'S UP NEXT & BEYOND



12 March 2022 - Fishing Flea Market see Pg 16



15 March 2022 - 1st Regular Members Meeting of the year 7:00pm

