



CHUMLINE

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Newsletter of the Peninsula Salt Water Sport Fisherman's Association



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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. We meet at the Plumbers & Steamfitters Local Union 540, 7812 Warwick Boulevard, Newport News, VA 23607. The meetings are free and open to the public. Our meetings 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. 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 can be found at <http://pswsfa.com/services/>.

******* Information******* The December meeting will be the last meeting held at the union hall. The new meeting facility will be announced at a later date. We hope to secure the location in the near future. Please check the website and Facebook page regularly to find out where the meetings will be held next year. We will also announce the new location at our Annual Banquet on February 29th, 2020.

Attention all members: This is a reminder that all memberships will now expire on the last day of February of each year. We need to update our records again this year. We are asking everyone to fill out a new membership form when you pay your dues, if you have not recently updated your information. New forms are available from Johnny Boyd (membership committee).



Come join us this Tuesday, December 17th for our last meeting of 2019. Wally Veal and Rick Wineman will be sharing their knowledge of catching jumbo sea bass off the Virginia coast. There will be no monthly meeting in January and the February meeting is at the end of the month during the annual banquet. There will be a winter season for seabass again this upcoming year. It will likely be a permitted fishery again and will at least include the month of February.....stay tuned.

Menhaden have recently been in the news and Virginia has been found to be out of compliance with Interstate Fishery Management Plan for Atlantic Menhaden by the ASMFC. The following is a letter sent to the Secretary of Commerce and signed by nine Atlantic State Governors, including Gov. Northam of Virginia.



December 13, 2019

The Honorable Wilbur L. Ross
Secretary of Commerce
1401 Constitution Ave NW
Washington, DC 20230

Secretary Ross,

As you know, the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC) recently voted to find the Commonwealth of Virginia out of compliance with the Interstate Fishery Management Plan for Atlantic menhaden. This action was the direct result of Omega Protein Corp. brazenly exceeding the Chesapeake Bay harvest quota by more than 35 million pounds. The vote was unanimous and as governors of the states that collectively made this recommendation to you through ASMFC, we urge you to uphold the integrity of this important body and its legitimate science-based management process by imposing a moratorium on this industrial menhaden reduction fishery in Virginia waters, as Virginia Governor Ralph Northam has already requested.

The science is clear that the Chesapeake Bay is a key feeding and nursery area for migratory species like striped bass, bluefish, seatrout, drum, and others that are recreationally and commercially important to states up and down the Atlantic coast. The science is also clear that Atlantic menhaden are a critical part of the diet of these fish species as well as seabirds, and marine mammals that live in the Chesapeake Bay and Atlantic Ocean marine ecosystems. Limiting menhaden harvest in Virginia's portion of the Chesapeake Bay while ASMFC develops ecological reference points to guide future stock assessments and quota setting helps ensure that we minimize unintended consequences to all managed stocks and impacted ecosystems.

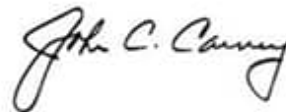
The coastal economies of our states depend on healthy ecosystems to support recreational and commercial fisheries that are worth tens of billions of dollars and responsible for hundreds of thousands of jobs according to NOAA's Fisheries Economics of the United States report.

Allowing any one company to jeopardize that balance is simply unacceptable. We urge you to bring Omega back in line with American fishery management standards by imposing a moratorium on their fishing operations in Virginia.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ned Lamont".

Governor Ned Lamont
State of Connecticut

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John C. Carney".

Governor John C. Carney
State of Delaware

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Janet T. Mills".

Governor Janet T. Mills
State of Maine

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Larry Hogan".

Governor Larry Hogan
State of Maryland

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Charlie Baker".

Governor Charlie Baker
Commonwealth of Massachusetts

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Phil Murphy".

Governor Phil Murphy
State of New Jersey

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Andrew M. Cuomo".

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo
State of New York

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Gina M. Raimondo".

Governor Gina M. Raimondo
State of Rhode Island

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ralph S. Northam".

Governor Ralph S. Northam
Commonwealth of Virginia



2019 ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 2020

Paradise Ocean Club
509 Fenwick Rd
Hampton, VA 23651
6:00pm – 9:00pm

**Raffles
and a
Cash Bar**

Cash Bar: 6:00pm - 9:00 pm
Hors d'oeuvres: 6:00pm - 7:00pm
Dinner: 7:00pm - 8:00pm
Awards and Raffles to follow

LIMITED TO THE FIRST 100 RSVPs

PLEASE PRINT:

MEMBER: _____

SPOUSE/SIGNIFICANT OTHER/ 1 GUEST _____

NAME OF GUEST/S OF MEMBER: _____

CHILDREN: _____

How many:

\$20.00/MEMBER: _____ \$10.00/CHILDREN (10 and under): _____

\$41.00/GUEST: _____ \$20.00/ GUEST CHILD (10 and under): _____

Hor d'oeuvres: Fruit Platter, Boneless Chicken Bites. Buffet includes: Chicken Marsala, Broiled Flounder, 6 oz. Flat Iron Steak, Green Beans, Roasted Red Potatoes, Mixed Greens Salad, Dinner Rolls, Assorted Mini Desserts.

TOTAL NUMBER ATTENDING _____ AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____

Email address or Phone No. for Confirmation: _____

Mail this form along with check payable to "PSWSFA" postmarked by Feb. 10th to guarantee dinner:

**TO: Christina Grice
P.O. Box 32
Gwynn, VA 23066**



**Questions: Call Christina at 757-869-7238 (after 5pm)
Please do not call in your reservation. Reservations
need to be in writing.**



BRAGGING BOARD



Monthly Tournament Awards October 2019

SPECIES	MIN. SIZE	ANGLER	LENGTH
Albacore Tuna	35 inches		
Amberjack	40 inches		
Bigeye Tuna	40 inches		
Black Belly Rose Fish	14 inches		
Black Drum	40 inches		
Blackfin Tuna	20 inches		
Bluefin Tuna	45 inches		
Bluefish	25 inches		
Blue Line Tilefish	20 inches	Johnny Boyd	28"
Blue Marlin	Release		
Channel Bass	40 inches		
Cobia	40 inches		
Croaker	16 inches		
Dolphin	35 inches		
False Albacore	25 inches		
Flounder	22 inches		
Golden Tilefish	30 inches		
Gray Trout	24 inches		
Grouper	16 inches		
Jack Crevelle	36 inches		
King Mackerel	35 inches		
Pompano	12 inches		
Sailfish	Release		
Sea Bass	15 inches		
Shark	60 inches		
Sheepshead	15 inches	Danny Taylor	27.5"
Snapper	12 inches		
Spadefish	18 inches		
Spanish Mackerel	20 inches		
Spearfish	Release		
Speckled Trout	21 inches		
Spot	8 inches		
Striped Bass	36 inches		
Swordfish	Release		
Tarpon	Release		
Tautog	18 inches		
Triggerfish	15 inches	Charles Randolph	17"
Wahoo	40 inches	Charles Southall	64"
White Marlin	Release		
Whiting (Roundhead)	14 inches		
Yellowfin Tuna	35 inches		

If you need an entry form, you can download a copy from the club's website at <http://www.pswsfa.com/MonthlyEntry.pdf>

Deadline for turning in your 2020 entry forms:

MAIL ENTRY FORMS TO:

MR. MILTON HUDGINS
1894 KATIE LANE
HAYES, VA 23072

(e-mail: judygee03@gmail.com)

Month of Entry:	Deadline: (Board Mtg.)
Jan.	Feb. 11
Feb.	March 10
March	April 14
April	May 12
May	June 09
June	July 14
July	Aug. 11
Aug.	Sept. 08
Sept.	Oct. 13
Oct.	Nov. 10
Nov.	Dec. 08
Dec.	Jan. 12



2019 PSWSFA TOURNAMENTS

Download "Official Entry Form" at

<http://www.pswsfa.com/MonthlyEntry.pdf>



FOR ALL TOURNAMENTS

You must register prior to fishing and use the official monthly form filled out by an official weigh station with time, date and weight of fish, & weight master's signature to verify catch. All Club Tournaments will have Awards for the first 3 places.

Questions Contact: Tournament Director Rick Wineman: rick@getanetsportfishing.com or 757-268-1539.

CLUB TOURNAMENTS

For Club Members: \$20 entry fee for each individual tournament or
\$60 if you sign up for all tournaments at one time

Bishop's Triple Threat Tournament

Cobia – Channel Bass – Black Drum

"Combined total number of inches"

April 1, 2019 through July 31, 2019

\$20/each member & \$30/each non-member

Leave from any port, no weigh in (length total of 3 fish)

Must Receive Completed Form no later than the Board Mtg. Aug.13, 2019

See Rules below for Catch and Release fish totals. (Witness or photo)

Don Forman

Club Cobia Tournament

sponsored by Bishop Fishing Supply

August 1-31, 2019

\$20/each member & \$30/each non-member
Leave from any port

Must Receive Completed Form no later than
the Board Mtg. Sept. 10, 2019

Grafton Fishing Supply Club Spot Tournament

September 21-22, 2019

\$20/each member & \$30/each non-member

Weigh in: 2:00pm Sept. 22nd at Dare Marina

All entries will be weighed using the same scale

followed by the **Annual Club Picnic and Awards Ceremony** for the Spot and
Youth & Ladies Croaker / Flounder Tournaments

Spot Tournament - Two categories with 1st – 3rd place winners:

"ADULT ENTRIES" and "YOUTH ENTRIES"

(Anglers for the Spot Tournament must be present to win)

RSVP by Sept. 17th if you are coming to the Annual Club Picnic to the
Tournament Director

Wilcox Bait and Tackle

Irv Fenton Rockfish Tournament

December 1-31, 2019

\$20/each member & \$30/each non-member

Must Receive Completed Form no later than
the Board Mtg. Jan. 14, 2020

MAIL ENTRY FORMS TO: MR. MILTON HUDGINS, 1894 KATIE LANE, HAYES, VA 23072 (e-mail: judygee03@gmail.com)

Youth and Ladies Croaker/Flounder Tournament

July 1-31, 2019

Free Tournament for Lady and Youth members/Guests

(Do not need to register to participate)

Must Receive Completed Entry Forms no later than the Board Mtg. August 13, 2019

Awards will be given at the **Annual Club Picnic on Sept. 22nd at Dare Marina**

(Anglers for the Youth & Ladies Tournament are not required to be present to win)

RSVP by Sept. 17th if you are coming to the Annual Club Picnic to the Tournament Director

2019 PSWSFA Tournaments Rules

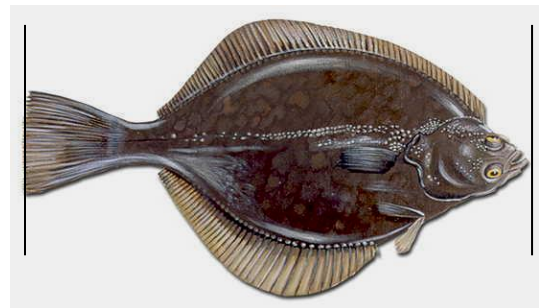
ALL Club Tournaments (Except as noted on front):

- Entry Fees: \$20 for member & \$30 for non-member. Youth and Ladies croaker/flounder tourney is free.
- You must register before fishing by e-mailing Rick Wineman: rick@getanetsportfishing.com or call 757-268-1539.
- Leaving a message will be sufficient to register, give all anglers names (specify club members and club guest), and also give a phone number.
- Guest(s) must fish with at least one member on boat/shore/pier/kayak
- Use a club "Official Entry Form" and weigh in fish at any Va. Saltwater Tournament official weigh station. Record the weight of fish, date and time caught and have the weigh master sign the form to verify catch. If two identical fish are caught on the same day, the earlier fish wins. That is why time is so important. ***Triple Threat entries require witness or photo since this is a length total tourney.***
- All pertinent PSWSFA bylaws apply.

To register or ask questions, e-mail Rick Wineman, Tournament Director
at rick@getanetsportfishing.com or call Rick @ 757-268-1539

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.



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The R/V Virginia will be open to the public in Alexandria, Virginia, this month.



VIMS dead-zone report card reflects improving Bay water quality

The 2019 "dead-zone" report card for the Chesapeake Bay indicates that the volume of low-oxygen, "hypoxic" water was on the high end of the normal range, a finding scientists actually consider relatively good news.

[Read More](#)



Oyster fossils help create model of a long-ago Chesapeake Bay

Researchers from VIMS and William & Mary's Department of Geology examined 900 fossil oysters and compared them to oysters today to create a model of how the Chesapeake Bay looked and functioned before humans. [Read More](#)

EVENTS

TRIBEFUNDING

Open the Doors to Discovery!

Discovery Labs at VIMS inspire children, parents, and grandparents to cherish and conserve the marine environment and to take action for the Chesapeake Bay. These fun, interactive programs offer curious minds the opportunity to learn more about marine science through hands-on activities and lessons. Your gift will help continue this free, popular program and help expand it to Richmond. **Donate \$50 or more, and receive a hands-on seining trip for four people as a thank you!** [Please support Discovery Labs now!](#)



TIDEWATER



VIMS Public Tour

Thursday, Jan. 16, 10:00am–12:00pm

Gloucester Point, VA

During these two-hour guided tours you will receive an overview of VIMS, a guided tour of our Visitors Center, and visits to two research laboratories where you will talk with our scientists. Tours are free and designed for adults. Children must be at least 9 years old to attend. Space is limited. Registration is required and must be completed at least two days in advance.

[Register here.](#)

PSWSFA 2020 MEMBERSHIP
Dues: \$40 per year for entire *family
(March through February - not prorated throughout year)

(Please Print)

<input type="checkbox"/> New Membership
<input type="checkbox"/> Renewal
<input type="checkbox"/> cash <input type="checkbox"/> check

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:

**PSWSFA
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

***** Membership dues have remained the same for many years. We will be increasing the dues by ten dollars next year to help keep up with increased costs of running the club. The membership will still include the entire family.**

Attention Club Members:

To sign up and save 50% off a Boat U.S. membership, contact Gary Donaldson at garyd66@cox.net



BoatUS.com
800-395-2628

As a member of _____ Peninsula Salt Water Sport Fisherman's Association _____,
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- Savings with local businesses and national partners
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