



# CHUMLINE

November 2019

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 [www.pswsfa.com/meetings.htm](http://www.pswsfa.com/meetings.htm).

Editor's note: If you have announcements, fishing pictures or reports you would like to share with your fellow club members, please send them to me at the following email address [pswsfa\\_chumline@cox.net](mailto:pswsfa_chumline@cox.net).

The topic for this month's meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> will be tog fishing in the bay. Poquoson resident and owner of Altist Welding, Gary Lawson, will be the guest speaker. Gary has fished the bay for many years. He is an avid tog fisherman and will be sharing his techniques for catching these elusive critters. Please join us and welcome Gary to the monthly meeting of the PSWSFA.



[Altist Welding](#)



## **Announcements:**

The meetings will be moving to a new location. Stay tuned for more information on where we will be holding our monthly meetings. Keep your eyes peeled for an email announcement and/or notification on the club Facebook page and website.

A supplemental newsletter will be sent out with a registration flyer for the Annual Club Banquet.

The 2019 PSWSFA Don Forman Cobia Tournament sponsored by Bishop Fishing Supply ran from August 1, 2019 through August 31, 2019. This annual tournament is a weight tournament with the winner based on the single heaviest cobia.

Here are the winners for 2019:

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Wally Veal – 44.5lbs. / 52” (caught 8/28/19) - First Place gift from Bishops and \$56 from PSWSFA.

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Wes Blow – 39.5lbs. / 52” (caught 8/24/19) - \$42 from PSWSFA.

**For Sale:** Former club member Jack Lawson has many different size lead sinkers with brass swivels for sale at 18 cents/oz. Most of these are 12 and 13 oz with a handful of 14, 16 and 20 oz sinkers as well. Jack can be contacted at 757-771-0433

CCA Northern Va is asking for our help. The following is an excerpt from an email I received from the Hickory Shad Conservation Coordinator. I have included the letter that was attached to the email. I am including the letter in case any individual would like to get involved with this situation. This is not necessarily the opinion of the PSWSFA as we have not discussed the topic in any of our meetings:

**The harvest of Hickory Shad in Virginia currently has no limitations!!**

- Unlike its' close relative the American Shad, which is a protected species in Virginia and adjacent jurisdictions, there are no regulations in Virginia regulating the harvest of Hickory Shad. The result has been the spectacle of large numbers of Hickory Shad being taken from their Spring spawning grounds with cast nets, hook and line, and any other means available, without regard for the future of the species.
- CCA Northern Virginia has taken the initiative to remedy this situation by proposing changes to the regulations on the harvest of Hickory Shad.
- Earlier this year CCA Nova began the process with a presentation by two of its' members to the VMRC that included a very detailed and convincing Power Point Presentation that described the problem, and proposed changes in the regulations. (attached) Included was the proposal for a reasonable recreational bag limit.
- The presentation was well received by VMRC, which then **requested letters of support** from stakeholders supporting the change in regulations before they would proceed.
- I recently spoke with Patrick Geer, Chief of the Virginia Marine Fisheries Commission, and Jeff Deem, Chairman of the Finfish Management Advisory Committee, **and they are awaiting our letters of support to start the review and approval process.**

**We are asking for your support!**

- **Attached is a sample letter** to Pat Geer; it outlines the issues and the need for additional regulations. Please feel free to **modify the letter, and send it to Pat Geer**; with a copy to me so I can track the responses.

We look forward to your support of this important fisheries issue; please contact me with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

Richard A. Redler

Hickory Shad Conservation Coordinator

CCA Northern Virginia, 2801 Mansway Drive, Herndon, Virginia 20171

C. 703-980-7532 richredler@verizon.net

*(example letter)*

*Please use your Letter head....also, it will have greater impact if you would add your organization name into the text where appropriate.*

*(Date)*

Mr. Patrick J. Geer  
Chief, Fisheries Management Division  
Virginia Marine Resources Commission  
380 Fenwick RD, Building 96  
Fort Monroe, Hampton, VA 23651-1064  
Via e-mail: PAT.GEER@MRC.VIRGINIA.GOV

Re: Responsible Hickory Shad Management

Dear Mr. Geer:

Hickory Shad have an important role to play in Virginias' marine and estuary ecosystems. They are currently a protected species (moratorium on harvest) in Maryland, the District of Columbia, and the waters under the jurisdiction of the Potomac River Fisheries Commission.

In contrast, Virginia does not have any creel limit on the harvest of Hickory Shad; and they may be taken with hook-and-line, cast nets, seines, and gill nets. Concerned about the historic decline in abundance, and a lack of Creel Limits in Virginia, two members of the CCA Northern Virginia Chapter; Wayne Lumsden, and Wayne Young delivered a PowerPoint presentation (attached) to the Virginia Marine Resources Commission (VMRC) on February 25, 2019 indicating their concerns. Their presentation included observations of excessive harvest of staging and spawning Hickory Shad by cast nets, dip nets, and multiple hook mini-longlines at and near the Fall Line during the Spring 2018 recreational fishery in Virginia's Rappahannock River and Occoquan River.

Their presentation concluded by encouraging the Commission to consider establishing a "rod and reel" only recreational fishery, a modest creel limit informed by best available fishery information, and bans on cast nets, dip nets, and multiple hooks greater than two per line. In response, the VMRC requested evidence of support for these regulations from the recreational fishing community.

We support the Northern Virginia Chapter of CCA and its' request for new regulations based on the facts that were presented to the Commission. We believe these conservative fishery management actions would serve the Commonwealth and its citizens well by conserving the Hickory Shad stock and maintaining a quality recreational fishery. These measures would also correspond with and better support conservation measures adopted by fishery management authorities elsewhere in the region in response to Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commissions Fishery Management Plan for American and Hickory Shad.

We look forward to hearing from you as you evaluate these proposed changes to managing the Hickory Shad Fishery.

Very truly yours,  
Name, Title, Contact information.

Virginia Saltwater Fishing Tournament  
380 Fenwick Road  
Fort Monroe, VA 23651  
(757) 491-5160  
(757) 247-8014 (fax)  
[vswft@mrc.virginia.gov](mailto:vswft@mrc.virginia.gov)

## For Immediate Release

November 6, 2019

# State Record Albacore Tuna Landed

A 70-pound 11-ounce Albacore Tuna, sometimes referred to as “True” Albacore or Longfin Tuna, caught on September 22, 2019 by Wendy Brockenbrough of Virginia Beach, VA, has been certified as a Virginia State Record by the Virginia Saltwater Fishing Tournament.

Brockenbrough caught the record tuna while deep dropping for swordfish at the Washington Canyon aboard the private boat Sea Trader skippered by Shey Mahoney. The record catch was made using a 50-pound class custom rod mated to a Shimano 80 reel loaded with 100-pound braided line and baited with a large strip of fresh dolphin belly. Seated in the fighting chair Ms. Brockenbrough was able work the fish to the boat in about 20 minutes. The fish was checked-in at Fisherman’s Wharf Marina, registering 70 pounds and 11 ounces on a recently certified digital scale. The tuna measured 52 inches in total length, had a 47-1/2-inch fork length and sported a 34-inch girth.

Brockenbrough’s catch erases Virginia’s initial and current state record of 68 pounds, set September 2, 1992, at the Norfolk Canyon by Irv Fenton, Jr. The IGFA All-Tackle World Record stands at 88 pounds, 2 ounces and was caught off the coast of Spain in November 1977.

For more information, contact Lewis Gillingham, Virginia Saltwater Fishing Tournament, 380 Fenwick Road, Fort Monroe, VA 23651, (757) 491-5160, [vswft@mrc.virginia.gov](mailto:vswft@mrc.virginia.gov).





## Call to Action

### **Hold Canadian-Owned Menhaden Harvester Accountable**

*Anglers sign petition to uphold non-compliance finding against company ignoring Chesapeake Bay conservation measures*

Omega Protein, the sole commercial harvester of East Coast menhaden, has brazenly announced that it knowingly went over its menhaden quota by almost **35 million pounds**. The foreign-owned company harvested 67,000 metric tons (147,668,000 pounds) of menhaden from Virginia waters of the Chesapeake Bay and has been unapologetic about its intentions to no longer abide by the harvest cap lawfully set by the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC).

For this reason, the ASMFC voted unanimously in October to find the state of Virginia out of compliance with its menhaden fishery management plan. Virginia is the only East Coast state that still allows reduction harvesters in state waters. Commercial harvest of menhaden in the Chesapeake Bay has been under intense scrutiny for decades due to its concentrated removals of a critical food source for striped bass and other important sportfish in their primary spawning grounds on the East Coast. Some studies indicate the menhaden fishery could be reducing striped bass populations by as much as 30 percent.

Anglers have applauded the ASMFC for its decision to find the State of Virginia out of compliance due to the careless actions of Omega Protein and are now calling on U.S. Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross to uphold that finding and ensure that no one is allowed to willfully ignore U.S. laws and regulations.

By signing this petition, you will be joining thousands of conservationists in their call for Secretary Ross to defend the marine resources of the United States and shut down the menhaden fishery in Virginia until Omega Protein comes back into compliance with the fishery management plan.

Click the link below to sign the petition:

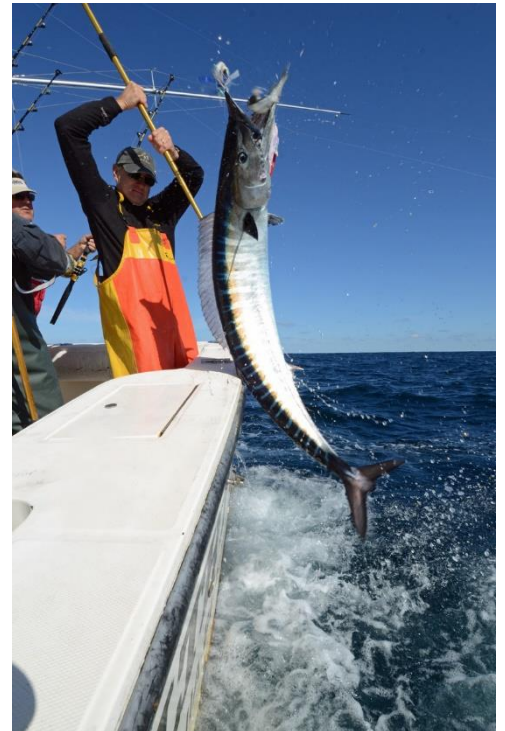
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## BRAGGING BOARD



Help fill this space up. Send  
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[pswsfa\\_chumline@cox.net](mailto:pswsfa_chumline@cox.net)



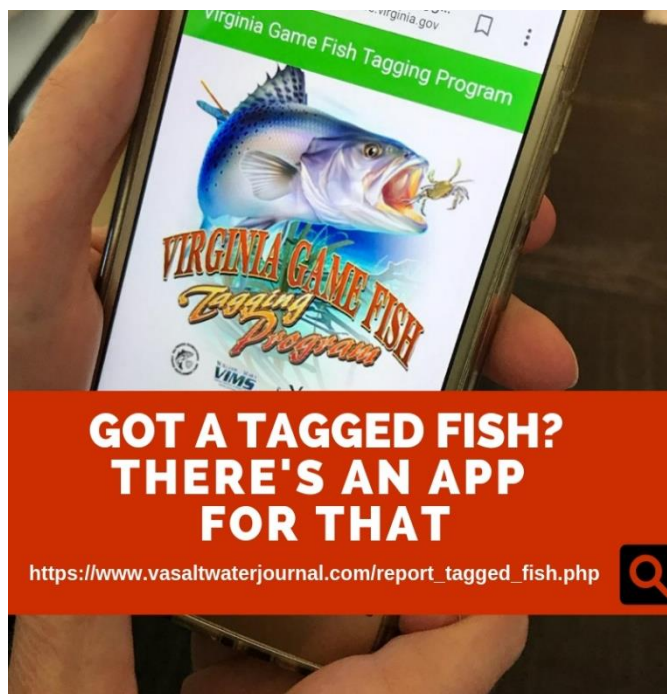






Don't forget to check out the Virginia Game Fish Tagging Program's (VGFTP) mobile ready platforms? Now, anglers who catch a tagged fish can easily enter their tagged fish's information such as number, species, date, location, length, and even choose their recapture reward. Anglers can keep their eyes out for VGFTP target species such as black drum, black sea bass, cobia, grey triggerfish, red drum, spadefish, sheepshead, speckled trout, summer flounder and tautog. For more information about the Virginia Game Fish Tagging Program visit: [www.vims.edu/vgftp/](http://www.vims.edu/vgftp/) and to report a tagged fish use: [https://www.vasaltwaterjournal.com/report\\_tagged\\_fish.php](https://www.vasaltwaterjournal.com/report_tagged_fish.php)

Susanna Musick, VIMS



## COBIA REWARD \$100-300 / FISH

**\$100 Per Red Streamer: Cut off  
for either harvest or live release**  
(North Carolina Division of Marine Fisheries tags)

**\$100 Smaller Electronic Tag: Search guts, follow green streamer**  
(Virginia Institute of Marine Science electronic tag)

1. Call us!
2. Record: Total length, date, location of capture
3. Take photos

**Call : (804) 684 - 7819**

Researchers at the Virginia Institute of Marine Science and North Carolina State University are tagging cobia with surgically implanted electronic tags: acoustic transmitters and data loggers. The transmitters allow the fish to be detected by receivers that are located along the East Coast. The data logger (smaller tag) needs to be **returned** in order to download important data on fish habitat preferences. Please follow all applicable state and federal fishing regulations. Not all fish have all tags. Thank you for returning tags. Want to learn more? Please visit our websites via the QR codes or contact us:

Dan Crear  
Email: [dcrear@vims.edu](mailto:dcrear@vims.edu)  
Phone: (804) 684 - 7819

**VIMS** | WILLIAM & MARY  
VIRGINIA INSTITUTE OF MARINE SCIENCE  
[fish.vims.edu](http://fish.vims.edu)

Riley Gallagher  
Email: [rgallag2@ncsu.edu](mailto:rgallag2@ncsu.edu)  
Phone: (800) 790 - 2780

**NC STATE UNIVERSITY**

## Monthly Tournament Awards September 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 Tile Fish	20 inches		
Blue Marlin	Release		
Channel Bass	40 inches		
Cobia	40 inches	Wally Veal	40"
Croaker	16 inches		
Dolphin	35 inches		
False Albacore	25 inches		
Flounder	22 inches		
Golden Tile Fish	30 inches		
Gray Trout	24 inches		
Grouper	16 inches		
Jack Crevelle	36 inches		
King Mackerel	35 inches		
Pompano	12 inches	Crystal Simmerman	15.5"
Sailfish	Release		
Sea Bass	15 inches		
Shark	60 inches		
Sheepshead	15 inches		
Snapper	12 inches		
Spadefish	18 inches		
Spanish Mackerel	20 inches	Danny Forehand	28"
Spearfish	Release		
Speckled Trout	21 inches		
Spot	8 inches	David Shield	10"
Striped Bass	36 inches		
Swordfish	Release		
Tarpon	Release		
Tautog	18 inches		
Triggerfish	15 inches	Wes Blow	18.75"
Wahoo	40 inches	Wally Veal	56"
White Marlin	Release		
Whiting (Roundhead)	14 inches		
Yellowfin Tuna	35 inches	Rick Wineman	52"

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

### **MAIL ENTRY FORMS TO:**

**MR. MILTON HUDGINS  
1894 KATIE LANE  
HAYES, VA 23072**

(e-mail: [judygee03@gmail.com](mailto:judygee03@gmail.com))

Month of Entry:	Deadline: (Board Mtg.)
Jan.	Feb. 12
Feb.	March 12
March	April 9
April	May 14
May	June 11
June	July 9
July	Aug. 13
Aug.	Sept. 10
Sept.	Oct. 8
Oct.	Nov. 12
Nov.	Dec. 10
Dec.	Jan. 14



# 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](mailto: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. 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners:

"ADULT ENTRIES" and "YOUTH ENTRIES"

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

RSVP by Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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. 22<sup>nd</sup> at Dare Marina**

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

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



# 2019 PSWSFA Tournaments Rules

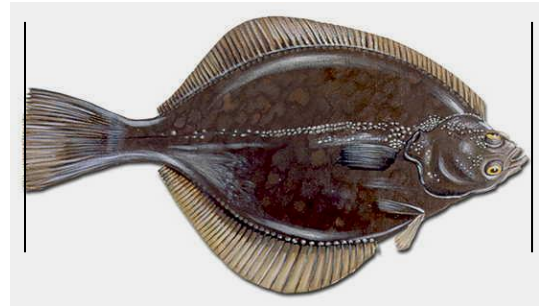
## ALL Club Tournaments (Except as noted on front):

- 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.



[www.pswsfa.com](http://www.pswsfa.com)

**PSWSFA 2019 MEMBERSHIP**  
**Dues: \$30 per year for entire \*family**  
(January through December - 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

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**\*\*\*Don't forget to fill out a new membership form even if you are renewing an old membership or have already paid your dues for 2019. We are updating all our records and want to ensure accuracy of the information.**

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Attention Club Members:

To sign up and save 50% off a Boat U.S. membership, contact Gary Donaldson at [garyd66@cox.net](mailto:garyd66@cox.net)



**BoatUS.com**  
**800-395-2628**

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**Membership@BoatUS.com**  
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