



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 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.



This month's speaker will be Keith Nutall. He will be sharing his knowledge on catching the speckled trout. Keith is a retired VMRC Law Enforcement Officer with over thirty years of service. Thank you, Keith, for helping to keep our waterways safe for the last few decades. Keith has been an avid trout fisherman since he was a young man. The speckled trout is his favorite fish to catch. He has suggested you bring a pencil and paper to take notes, as he is "too old to keep secrets". Come on out and join us this Tuesday, Oct. 15th in welcoming Keith Nutall.



Congratulations to Hunter Southall! He is one of the State of Virginia's newest Marine Police Officers. Hunter joined his class of recruits last week to be sworn in and start his career helping to keep our waterways safe. Hunter has been a member of this club since he was a child. He grew up in this club fishing with some of the best recreational fisherman in the state of Virginia. He has grown into an outstanding fisherman after spending thousands of hours on the water as both a recreational and professional fisherman. It absolutely makes sense that Hunter is planning a career on the water with his passion for everything involved with the saltwater. Hunter graduated from Poquoson High School and went on to get a degree from Old Dominion University. While studying at ODU, he spent his summers working as a mate on a few different charter boats out of Va. Beach. He spent a winter or two working with commercial fisherman in the bluefin fishery out of Oregon Inlet, N.C. Hunter also studied and qualified for a 100-ton captain's license in this time frame. I believe Hunter is more than qualified to make an outstanding Law Enforcement Officer on Virginia's waterways.



I am glad to know that Hunter has joined the marine law enforcement team with the State of Virginia. Make sure you have all your ducks in a row if you see his boat heading in your direction with the blue lights on. He will make sure you are safe enough to be on the water. Thank You Hunter!

PSWSFA Tournament Results

Youth and Ladies Croaker / Flounder Tournament

July 1 -31, 2019

Awards were presented at the Annual Club Picnic on Sept. 22nd at Dare Marina

Ladies Croaker

1st Place - Chauntea Shield - 0.902 lb (\$100 from PSWSFA)

2nd Place - Kim Shepard - 0.58 lb (\$40 from PSWSFA)

3rd Place - Wendy Elford - 0.53 lb (\$20 from PSWSFA)

Youth Croaker

1st Place - Chelsea Shield - 0.865 lb (\$100 from PSWSFA)

2nd Place - Grayson Shield - 0.805 lb (\$40 from PSWSFA)

Youth Flounder

1st Place - Grayson Shield - 3.61 lb (\$100 from PSWSFA)

Grafton Fishing Supply Club Spot Tournament

September 21-22, 2019

Awards were presented at the Annual Club Picnic on Sept. 22nd at Dare Marina

Spot (Adult)

1st Place - Rachel Nelson - 0.46 lb (\$120 from PSWSFA)

2nd Place - David Shield - 0.45 lb (\$80 from PSWSFA)

3rd Place - Chris Nelson - 0.44 lb (\$40 from PSWSFA)

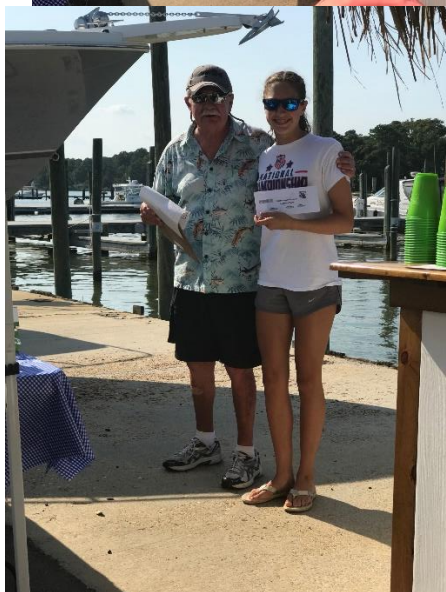
Spot (Youth)

1st Place - Chelsea Shield - 0.51 lb OVERALL WINNER (\$120 from PSWSFA) + Gift from sponsor Grafton Fishing Supply

2nd Place - Lexi Sava - 0.48 lb (\$80 from PSWSFA)

3rd Place - Caleb Sava - 0.45 lb (\$40 from PSWSFA)

Annual Club Picnic September 22, 2019



Fish News by Dr. Ken Neill III

Fall is a time of transition. Our summertime visitors leave (both fish and people). The waters are less crowded and fish are very active. It is my favorite time of the year to fish.

Offshore, September is the time we have epic marlin catches. Boats come in with riggers full of release flags. It just has not happened this year. Billfish are being caught but in the 1 or 2 or 3 rate, not in the 10s, 20s, or even 30s we've had in some past Septembers. What we are having are good catches of tuna, dolphin and wahoo. Yellowfin and skipjack tuna are the most common catch but decent numbers of bigeye and even longfin tuna are being caught. A 71 pound 11 ounce longfin was weighed in that if approved will replace the long-standing Virginia record 68-pound albacore caught by Irv Fenton, Jr while fishing on Brent Meadors' boat, Breike. Fall is the best time to catch swordfish but that fishery has been good all season. Boats dropping around 200 fathoms during the daytime have had consistent success on swordfish along with a bigeye tuna by-catch. Some are using electric reels to do this but you don't need to. They make things easier but disqualify you from any record or trophy fish citation awards. Nighttime drifting is also producing swordfish and this resulted in a new state-record this year with a 466-pound swordfish caught on the Rebel.

Closer to shore, the wrecks are holding sea bass, triggerfish, and flounder. King mackerel and false albacore can be caught trolling spoons over and around wrecks. The Tower Reef area has been good for this. There are still some spadefish hanging around but they will be leaving as we progress into October.

Cobia are still being caught along the oceanfront and in the lower bay. September 30 is the last day of this fishery for both recreational and commercial anglers. Recreational anglers make sure that you file your cobia reports. We need a good count and you must do so if you want a cobia permit in 2020.

Schools of big red drum are being encountered by anglers looking for cobia. Big red drum are also being caught near the islands of the CBBT. Puppy drum have made a good showing this year and can be caught up on the flats. Most are under the keeper slot size. Speckled trout fishing is very good in both numbers of fish and the size being caught. This fishery is very weather dependent. If we can avoid any major winter kill this year, our speckled trout population looks very good. Tautog, sheepshead and triggerfish are being caught at the CBBT. As we move later into October, the sheepshead catch will diminish as the tautog catch increases. Spot are being caught in decent numbers. They are making one of their better showings in the past several years.

There is a lot of interest in shrimp. We have always had some shrimp. The last few years, there have been eating-size shrimp here in very good numbers. They are being caught up in the creeks, rivers, inlets, and in the shallows on both sides of the bay. Fall is the prime time to catch these tasty critters. Recreationally so far, it is an unregulated species. It is time to get your cast net out and go catch some. Commercially, there is a very small trial fishery along the oceanfront south of Rudee Inlet. This will be the second year of the experimental fishery. Last fall was very successful with a very close monitoring of by-catch.

The striped bass season opens on October 4 in the bay. The coastal season is already open. Virginia continues to move ahead of and beyond anticipated ASMFC action on this overfished species. The springtime trophy fishery was closed. The fall season bag limit has been reduced from 2 to 1 fish per angler in the bay. It has been 1-fish for some time along the coast. A new maximum size limit of 36 inches applies to both the bay and coastal fisheries. The minimum sizes have not changed: 20 inches in the bay, 28 inches in the coastal fishery.

BRAGGING BOARD

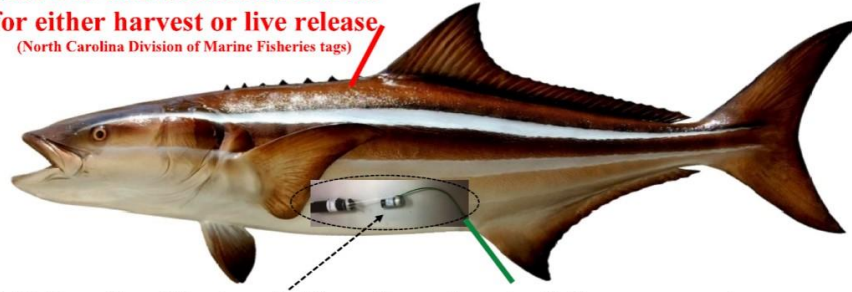


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COBIA REWARD \$100-300 / FISH

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(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:

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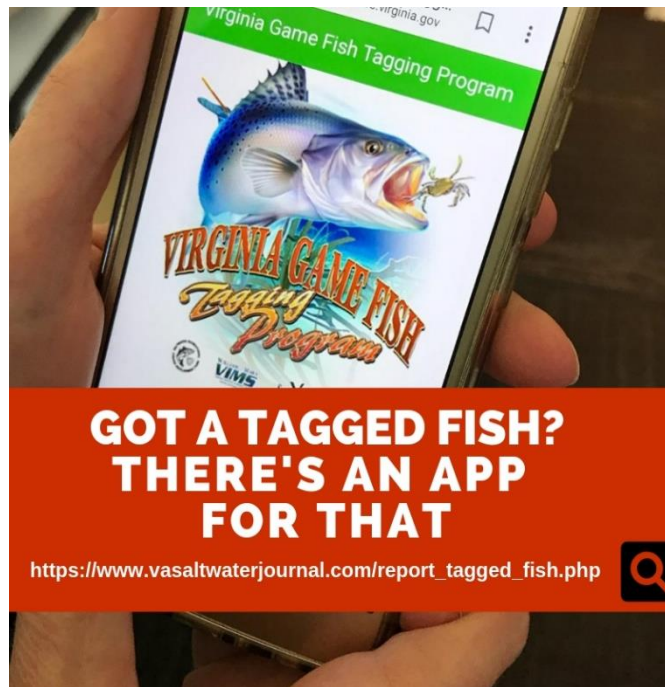
Don't forget to check out the Virginia Game Fish Tagging Program's (VGFTP) mobile ready platforms? Now, anglers who catch a tagged fish can easily enter their tagged fish's information such as number, species, date, location, length, and even choose their recapture reward.

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/ and to report a tagged fish use:

https://www.vasaltwaterjournal.com/report_tagged_fish.php

Susanna Musick, VIMS



Monthly Tournament Awards August 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	David Shield	46"
Blackfin Tuna	20 inches		
Bluefin Tuna	45 inches		
Bluefish	25 inches	Grayson Shield	14" (Y)
Blue Line Tile Fish	20 inches		
Blue Marlin	Release	Dave Wineman	144"
Channel Bass	40 inches		
Cobia	40 inches	Wally Veal	40"
Croaker	16 inches		
Dolphin	35 inches	Tabb Bridges	40"
False Albacore	25 inches		
Flounder	22 inches	Wally Veal	23"
Golden Tile Fish	30 inches		
Gray Trout	24 inches		
Grouper	16 inches	Rick Wineman	52.5"
Jack Crevelle	36 inches	Richard Wasdin	47"
King Mackerel	35 inches		
Pompano	12 inches		
Sailfish	Release		
Sea Bass	15 inches		
Shark	60 inches		
Sheepshead	15 inches		
Snapper	12 inches		
Spadefish	18 inches	Taylor Simmerman	12.5" (Y)
Spanish Mackerel	20 inches	Grayson Shield	22"
Spearfish	Release		
Speckled Trout	21 inches	Eddie McComick	21.5"
Spot	8 inches	Grayson Shield	9.25"
Striped Bass	36 inches		
Swordfish	Release		
Tarpon	Release		
Tautog	18 inches		
Triggerfish	15 inches		
Wahoo	40 inches	Matt Wadell	63"
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>

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. 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 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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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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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

Attention Club Members:

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



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