



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. You can visit us at www.pswsfa.com.

**Next meeting
21 Mar 2023 7:00 pm**

OMG it's 2023 already. Another new year and another chance to do more fishing than last. Woohoo!

25 Feb at 6:00pm is our Banquet and 2022 awards presentation. See the last page for details and Danny's news on the right.

NOAA needs your input to understand what is most important to you about the Dolphin fishery. Comes with pizza and drinks... what a deal!

There is a link at the bottom of the page 10 where you can RSVP or call Cassidy Peterson 910-708-2686.

We still need a couple more folks to work at the Boat Show in VA Beach on Saturday 4 February. We will be raffling off a rod and reel combo so you will be selling tickets as well as representing the club. Contact Danny Forehand at fish4funtoday@gmail.com if you can help. I will be there as well.

Mike the Editor

Remember, blue text within an article represents a link.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings everyone,

I hope everyone had a safe and joyous holiday season. Hopefully, most of you were able to get some time away from work to unwind. It is always nice to find extra time to spend with the family. The holidays present a good excuse to make sure everyone gets together. I know some of you also had an opportunity to get out on the water and get in a little fishing. We had some members catch rockfish, although they had to work very hard to get the bites. A few of these big rockfish are still being caught. Other members spent time chasing trout with mixed results. Although the trout fishing has been a little slow this winter, we did have a few members who were able to find a couple nice fish. The winter black sea bass fishery appears as if it will take place for the month of February, however, it still has to be approved at the January 24th meeting of the VMRC. If it is approved, permits will be available (and required) through the VMRC website. There are no 2023 recreational permits available right now on their site.

I am delighted to announce we will be having our annual banquet this February for the first time in

three years. We will be holding the banquet at our meeting hall, which is located at the corners of Cunningham Dr. and Todd's Lane. *See the last page for directions.* It will be on the last Saturday evening of February. Dinner will be catered by Scoot's BBQ. As usual, we will have a myriad of prizes to be raffled off and the awards ceremony for the 2022 fishing season will take place. Stay tuned for more information on this event. I hope everyone has the opportunity to come out and join the other members for fellowship and fun. It will be really nice seeing those of you who have not been able to attend regular monthly meetings. Please consider bringing your family and friends. I hope to see you all there. In my opinion, it has been far too long since we were able to gather as a large group and enjoy each other's company.

In other news, the club still has a few positions open on the Board of Directors for the 2023 season. **We are looking for a President** and also a Corresponding Secretary. Also, we are still looking to put together a programs committee. If you would like to be more involved in the club, contact any board

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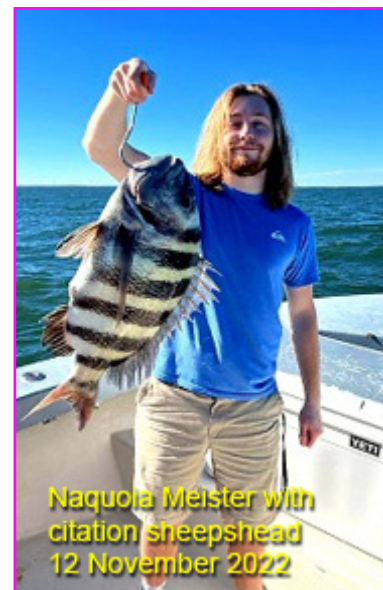
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Johnny Boyd

Gerald Abrams (alt)



Naquola Meister with
citation sheephead
12 November 2022

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:

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

Cownose Ray Management

Researcher applies findings to ray management

Compare humans to cownose rays, and you might spend so much time listing differences, you'd overlook their most important similarity—both eat shellfish. This competition causes concern among Chesapeake Bay's shellfish growers whose oysters, scallops, or clams might fall onto the plates of cownose rays instead of humans.

There are several management practices that may help to alleviate their worries. Bob Fisher is researching cownose rays to develop approaches that stave off income loss to shellfish growers while ensuring the sustainability of the Chesapeake's cownose ray populations.

Fisher is a Fisheries Specialist with Virginia Sea Grant at VIMS. His research explores everything from ray growth and social behavior to devices that may act as cownose ray repellants. All of these aim to help resource managers and scientists choose appropriate management techniques for limiting rays' impact on commercial shellfish beds.

Fisher suspects that magnetic fences could be used to deter rays from entering a shellfish bed. Rays have a specialized organ called the Ampullae of Lorenzini that allows them to detect weak electrical fields at short ranges. The organ comes in handy as rays search the floor of Chesapeake Bay for prey, but Fisher suspects that over-stimulating the organ with magnets could cause rays to change direction to avoid the magnetic field.

When Fisher tests this idea using captive rays, the rays initially avoid prey that is surrounded by magnets. However, after several minutes of exposure, the rays seem to get used to the magnets, what biologists call "habitualization."

"In the wild, that may not be the case," Fisher says. "Wild rays may detect the magnetic field and completely avoid the area and swim downstream." Fisher hopes to test the magnets in Chesapeake Bay next spring.

Another option may lie in developing a market for cownose rays as a seafood product. Fisher says that although demand for ray meat may be low today, there's the potential for a fishery to develop.



A cownose ray at the Virginia Aquarium feeds on an oyster



Ray By-catch Bob Fisher holds a cownose ray on a pound-net boat out of Lynnhaven, VA. Rays can be a large component of by-catch in some fisheries, meaning they get inadvertently caught in nets targeting other fish.

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“Similar ray species are harvested in other regions in the world,” he says. “So this species warrants biological assessment.”

The biological assessment aspect of Fishers’ work includes gathering information about rays’ population, growth, and behavior, all of which could help resource managers develop a sustainable fishery plan. Currently, the population of the cownose ray is unknown, and the species is slow to reproduce. Cownose rays do not reach maturity until they are 5 to 7 years old, and mature females produce only one offspring per year. This means the population may not be able to replenish itself quickly enough to cover demand for cownose ray meat.

It is also important to consider rays’ migratory behavior and reproductive cycle.

“The animals come into Chesapeake Bay [in the spring] when the embryo is not at term,” Fisher says. The rays live in the Bay for several weeks before giving birth. Shortly afterward, they mate again before they migrate out of the Bay for the winter. So the timing of harvest could affect the rays’ population.

“Whether we develop a ray fishery or not, it is important that we do the research so we can make these decisions without impacting the population in a negative way,” Fisher says.

More from VIMS

Bay Info

Gain the information you need to more fully enjoy Chesapeake Bay

Visit these pages to gain information about your dynamic Bay.

FAQs

Have a question about the Chesapeake Bay or the coastal ocean? Visit our [*“Frequently Asked Questions”*](#) pages for an answer.

UMOs

Have you encountered an unfamiliar marine organism on the beach or in the water? [*Let our experts help you identify it.*](#)

Jellyfish

Learn how to identify different species, avoid and treat stings, and other information related to one of Chesapeake Bay’s most familiar class of organisms.

Fish-Kill Events

A few dead fish washed up on a beach is of little cause for concern. However, if you observe large numbers of dead fish on the shore or in the water, visit our [*fish-kill pages*](#) for contacts and breaking information.

Tide Charts

View and download [*monthly tidal calendars*](#) for Gloucester Point, Hampton Roads, and Wachapreague, Virginia.

Tidewatch

[*Track the “extratidal” water levels*](#) responsible for coastal flooding.

VIMS SAV Program

[*Learn about underwater Bay grasses*](#) (aka submerged aquatic vegetation or SAV) and their value to the Chesapeake Bay; locate published papers and reports on Bay SAV and; find out where underwater bay grasses are found in the bay from our baywide annual aerial monitoring program.

BIGGEST FISHING BOAT IN THE WORLD: PROJECT 406

If you appear on the world's billionaires list and think it would be cool to own the biggest sportfishing boat in the world, you'll find Project 406 of interest even if it might be a little large for Chesapeake Bay fishing. In fact, this fishing boat is so darn big that it might scrape the bottom of the Bay Bridge with its outriggers.



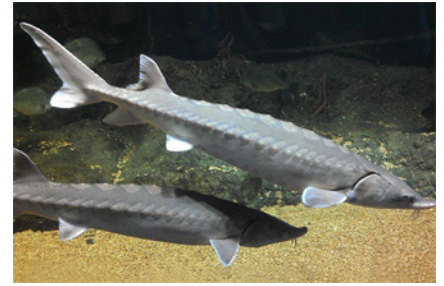
Designed by Vripack (which has offices in the Netherlands, Monaco, and Dubai) and currently under construction at the Dutch shipyard Royal Huisman, this aluminum, 171-foot-long, six-story sportfish is set to be the largest recreational fishing boat in the world upon its launch in 2023. Few additional specifics have been disclosed about the yacht at this point, but what we want to know is how the heck you'll get the rods out of the bridgedeck rocket launchers!?!?

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member to let us know. PSWSFA will have a table set up at the Mid Atlantic Sports and Boat Show from February 3rd through the 5th . We could use a few more volunteers to man the table on Saturday, Feb 4th . Please let any of us know if you can help out during this show. We will be raffling off a rod and reel combo during the show. Last year, we got a table at the Great Bridge Annual Fishing Flea Market and plan to do the same this year. We will be raffling off a second rod and reel with ticket sales starting during the flea market. That event takes place on 11 March 2023. See page 18 for additional information.

Tight Lines, Stay Safe
Danny Forehand,
President, PSWSFA

Last Month's Mystery Fish Atlantic Sturgeon of course



Atlantic sturgeon live in rivers and coastal waters from Canada to Florida. Hatched in the freshwater of rivers, Atlantic sturgeon head out to sea as sub-adults, and return to their birthplace to spawn, or lay eggs, when they reach adulthood.

Atlantic sturgeon are slow-growing and late-maturing, and have been recorded to reach up to 14 feet in length and up to 60 years of age.

Indigenous tribes have harvested Atlantic and shortnose sturgeon for their meat and eggs (roe) beginning some 4,000 years ago, and sturgeon are credited as the primary food source that saved the Jamestown settlers in 1607. Atlantic sturgeon were once found in great abundance, but their populations have declined greatly due to overfishing and habitat loss.

Today, all five U.S. Atlantic sturgeon distinct population segments are listed as endangered or threatened under the Endangered Species Act. The populations in Canada are not protected species under the U.S. Endangered Species Act. The primary threats currently facing Atlantic sturgeon are entanglement in fishing gear, habitat degradation, habitat impediments, such as dams and other barriers, and vessel strikes.

[More Info Link](#)

Select Recreational Fishing Regulations

May 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



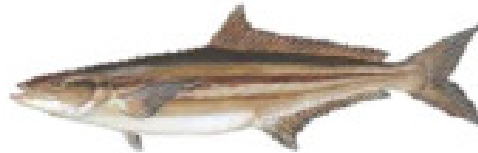
Spanish Mackerel

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



King Mackerel

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



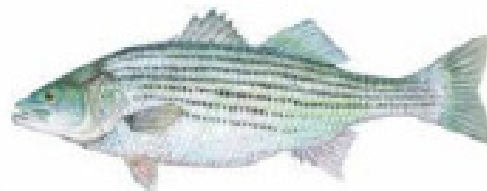
Cobia (Permit Required)

- 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 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

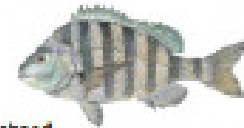
- Size Limit: 28-36 inches
- Recreational Bag Limit: 1 per person
- Season: January 1 - March 31, May 16 - December 31

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.vmr.org



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: 13
- Recreational Bag Limit: 15
- Season: May 15 - December 11



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

“Tough News”: CBF’s Bay Health Grade Remains At D+

By Bay Bulletin / January 5, 2023

The Chesapeake Bay Foundation (CBF) just released its [State of the Bay report](#), which comes out every two years. The overall score for 2022 remained unchanged from 2020’s grade at a D-plus—not the result the foundation was hoping for.

The State of the Bay report looks at 13 indicators within the categories of pollution, habitat and fisheries. Each indicator gets a score, and together they provide an overall score out of 100. A score of 70 would mean a fully-restored Bay has been achieved; a 100 is the Bay’s condition before European settlers arrived in the 1600s.



Biologists measure and tag rockfish during their annual survey. Photo: Stephen Badger/ Maryland Department of Natural Resources

This year, the score remained a 32/100. Three indicators improved, three worsened, and the remaining seven were unchanged.

Phosphorus levels came down, but overall water clarity worsened. Nitrogen, toxics, and dissolved oxygen indicators were unchanged from 2020.

CBF says one of the biggest places where Bay restoration efforts are struggling is agriculture pollution. Urban and suburban runoff are also increasing due to land development, increased stormwater from climate change, and “inconsistent enforcement by government agencies,” CBF says.

In one sign of hope, the Bay’s dead zone in the 2022 season was the 10th-smallest since the states began tracking it 38 years ago. And the Bay region has seen more farm conservation funding from the federal government and the states that should reduce nitrogen and phosphorous.

The Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA) Chesapeake Bay Program recently acknowledged that the Bay states aren’t going to reach the 2025 “pollution diet” goals set back in 2010.

The Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) was meant to task each state and Washington with reducing a set quantity of pollution, with specific deadlines to reach benchmarks. CBF praises this federal/state pollution plan as the most promising for restoring rivers, streams, and the Bay. However, CBF says implementation has been lacking.

When asked whether the TMDL should be abandoned now that its 2025 goal is out of reach, CBF President Hilary Harp Falk said, “2025 was always the milestone and not necessarily the end. Those efforts the states and the EPA will continue and we’re excited to create more momentum towards these goals.”

Looking at the State of the Bay data on fisheries, we find good news for oysters, reason for optimism on rockfish and worsening blue crab population health. CBF says oysters are seeing a “renaissance” after years of overharvesting and declining natural reproduction. According to CBF Senior Regional

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Ecosystem Scientist Chris Moore, watermen are expecting a good harvest in the next few years, but regulators need to ensure reproductive sustainability.

“That’s something we haven’t always been good at in the Bay—when abundance is high, making sure we don’t take too much of a good thing.”

In the striped bass fishery, Atlantic coast managers have been fighting a declining population with strong catch limits and measures to prevent catch-and-release deaths in rockfish. CBF says these regulations should allow the striped bass population to rebuild by 2029.

In the fisheries category, the rockfish (striped bass) and oyster indicators rose, while the blue crab indicator declined.

The worst news among the three major Bay fisheries is a large drop in the blue crab population. CBF’s overall score for blue crabs fell five points. The 2022 dredge survey found the lowest abundance of crabs in the survey’s history. Storms, predators like blue catfish and a lack of underwater grasses (key habitat for crabs) have all contributed, Moore says. When it comes to the crab harvest, Moore wants to get better information about just how many crab pots are out there and what impact the shift from a female- to a male-focused fishery is having.

The State of the Bay’s habitat report finds that underwater grasses are sitting at 70,000 acres, down from a high of 105,000 in 2019. Eelgrass, in particular, is in danger. CBF Director of Science and Agricultural Policy Beth McGee says some models show eelgrass disappearing entirely from the Bay in the next decades. Forest buffers and wetlands scores also remain unchanged, but there was a drop in “resource lands” like forests and open areas, thanks to development.

When it comes to funding and projects, CBF says it’s prioritizing those with multiple benefits. For example, cover crops and tree plantings reduce runoff and also help reduce greenhouse gases to help fight climate change.

And funding is coming: the federal Inflation Reduction Act includes \$20 billion for the U.S. Department of Agriculture to support farm pollution reduction practices nationwide, and Pennsylvania and Virginia have both built agricultural conservation funding into their budgets. The key is to direct these funds to the places where they can have the biggest impact.

“The State of the Bay is at a precipice,” says McGee. “We need to accelerate our efforts at reducing farm pollution to ensure the watershed-wide restoration effort is successful. New funding at the federal and state levels is an opportunity to directly address the Bay’s largest pollution source, but it must be spent efficiently on the projects that provide the most benefit for each dollar spent.”

-Meg Walburn Viviano

News from Hampton Roads

I found this out at the January board meeting: 200 metric tons of debris from the construction at the Hampton Roads bridge tunnel was donated to the Artificial Reef program and will be deployed during 2023. Newport News Shipbuilding has donated a barge (don’t know about a tug or crane) to use in transporting that debris to build up reefs already in place. I don’t know about any new reefs being built, however. Mike the Editor

James River Advocate, “Champion” For The Bay To Lead Chesapeake Bay Commission

By Karl Blankenship with Timothy B. Wheeler, Bay Journal News Service 9 Jan 2023

The Chesapeake Bay Commission, a panel that represents state legislators from across the Bay region, has named Anna Killius as its new executive director.

Killius, who has experience working with lawmakers at both the state and federal levels, succeeds Ann Pesiri Swanson, who retired last November after holding the post since 1988. The commission, which includes legislators from Maryland, Virginia and Pennsylvania, plays a critical role in passing Bay-related legislation in state general assemblies and works with Congress to advance Chesapeake initiatives.



Killius, the advocacy director for the James River Association, works with Virginia lawmakers to advance conservation policy and legislation. She previously worked in Washington, D.C., on the staff of U.S. Rep. John Sarbanes (D-MD), handling environmental and resource issues, including those related to the Bay.

“Anna’s breadth of experience at the state and federal level working with policymakers to find common sense and bipartisan solutions for protecting the Bay, combined with a keen vision for the future of this work, will continue the legacy of accomplishment that has defined CBC,” said Democratic Maryland Sen. Sarah Elfreth, chair of the Bay Commission, in making the announcement Jan. 6.

Killius is a 2013 graduate of the William & Mary School of Law. While in law school, she was a legal intern with the Chesapeake Bay Foundation’s Richmond Office.

After graduation, she was selected by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration as a 2014 Knauss Sea Grant Legislative Fellow to work on Capitol Hill in Washington, after which she joined Sarbanes’ staff.

For nearly five years, she has held several positions with the nonprofit James River Association, working with lawmakers, conservation groups, industry stakeholders and others to advance programs, policies and legislation related to the James River. In those roles, she served on the Virginia Conservation Network’s Legislative Committee and as a representative on various state advisory committees.

“Anna just has tremendous knowledge and skills and sound judgment beyond her years,” said Bill Street, president and CEO of the James River Association. “She’ll do a fantastic job and I’m delighted that she’ll continue to work to help the whole Chesapeake and not just the James River. I’m really sad to lose her from our team.

“She has been our point person on policy with the General Assembly,” Street added, “so she is well-versed in both the process and the substance of all the policy work, and she has served on many commissions and boards, so she’ll hit the ground running.”

Killius also serves on the Citizens Advisory Committee of the state-federal Chesapeake Bay Program and has represented the James River Association within the Choose Clean Water Coalition, an organization that advocates for more than 275 local, state, regional and national groups within the Bay watershed.

Killius was named a “Champion of the Chesapeake: Next Generation” by the Chesapeake Conservancy in 2020.

Dolphin Stakeholder Workshops



CALLING ALL COMMERCIAL, FOR-HIRE & RECREATIONAL DOLPHIN FISHERMEN AND INTERESTED COMMUNITY MEMBERS!

We need your input to understand what is most important to you about this fishery:

- What are your top priorities for managing dolphin?
- What do you most value in the fishery?
- What concerns do you have about the fishery?

These workshops will focus on gathering more specific information on preferences, priorities, and concerns with the dolphin fishery, in order to evaluate future management strategies.

Drinks and food will be available!

Monday, Jan 23, 2023: SCDNR, Marine Resources Research Institute, Room 145, 217 Ft. Johnson Road, Charleston, SC 29412

Tuesday, Jan 24, 2023: UNCW - Center for Marine Science, 5600 Marvin Moss Lane, Wilmington, NC 28409

Wednesday, Jan 25, 2023: Coastal Studies Institute, Room 242, 850 NC 345, Wanchese, NC 27981

Thursday, Jan 26, 2023: Brock Environmental Center, 3663 Marlin Bay Drive, Virginia Beach, VA 23455

Workshops will start at 5:30 PM and end at 8:30 PM

Please RSVP to:

Cassidy Peterson, NOAA Fisheries
910-708-2686, cassidy.peterson@noaa.gov

Or online at: <https://safmc.wufoo.com/forms/q3kbewc0axi6cm/>



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This is open to anyone. Note the date and time for Virginia Beach - January 26th at 5:30pm Pizza and drinks available...free, maybe? Don't forget to RSVP to the phone number provided or the web site link below. I used the web site and it works easy squeezy.

<https://safmc.wufoo.com/forms/q3kbewc0axi6cm/>



FISH TALES



Monthly Tournament List November 2022

Speckled Trout

Stan Simmerman 22.5"

Bluefish

Rick Wineman 38"

Wally Veal 37.5"

Wally had 10 more blues from 30" to 34"

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

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



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

OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

Eligible Species

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"
Cobia	40"	Striped Bass	36"
Croaker	16"	Swordfish	Release
Dolphin	35"	Tarpon	Release
False Albacore	25"	Tautog	18"
Flounder	22"	Triggerfish	15"
Golden Tilefish	30"	Wahoo	40"
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: _____



2022 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 PSWSFA official monthly entry form

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

<p>Club Tog Tournament March 1st – April 11th, 2022 Must Receive Completed Form no later than the Club Mtg. April 19, 2022 See Rules below for weight tournament</p>	<p>Bishop's Trophy Red Drum Tournament May 1st – 31st, 2022 Must Receive Completed Form no later than the Club Mtg. June 21, 2022 See Rules below for Catch and Release fish totals. (Witness or photo)</p>
<p>Club Multiple Species Tournament June 1st – 30th, 2022 <i>Angler who catches the most saltwater species in a single day</i> Must Receive Completed Form no later than the Club Mtg. July 19, 2022</p>	<p>Youth and Ladies Croaker/Spanish Mackerel Tournament July 1st -31st, 2022 Free Tournament for Lady and Youth members/Guests (Do not need to register to participate) Must Receive Completed Entry Forms no later than the Club Mtg. August 16, 2022</p>
<p>Don Forman Club Cobia Tournament sponsored by Bishop Fishing Supply August 1st -31st, 2022 Must Receive Completed Form no later than the Club Mtg. Sept. 20, 2022 See Rules below for weight tournament</p>	<p>Grafton Fishing Supply Club Spot Tournament September 17th – 18th, 2022 Weigh In: 2:00pm Sept. 18th at Dare Marina All entries will be weighed using the same club scale followed by the Annual Club Picnic 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. 16th if you are coming to the Annual Club Picnic to the Tournament Director</p>
<p>Club Puppy Drum Tournament October 1st – 31st, 2022 <i>Most number of Spots Wins (photos required)</i> Must Receive Completed Forms and copies of photos no later than the Club Mtg. Nov 15, 2022</p>	<p>Wilcox Bait and Tackle Irv Fenton Rockfish Tournament December 1st -31st, 2022 Must Receive Completed Form no later than Jan. 17, 2023 See Rules below for weight tournament</p>

MAIL ENTRY FORMS TO: MR. MILTON HUDGINS, 1894 KATIE LANE, HAYES, VA 23072 (e-mail: judypec03@gmail.com)

2022 PSWSFA Tournaments Rules

ALL Club Tournaments (Except as noted on front):

- Entry Fees: \$20 for member & \$30 for non-member. Youth and Ladies croaker/Spanish mackerel 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 for weight tournaments. 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. Length tournament entries require witness or photo.
- 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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Fishing Around the World



The Channel Islands are scenic, and beautiful archipelago, each of the islands has its own unique and exciting character. The Channel Islands are just a short trip away from both the United Kingdom and also the European mainland. It could be an exciting and wonderful way to spend your vacation days fishing in the picturesque locations surround the Channel Islands while catching some tasty and unique fish species.

Each of the different Channel Islands has its own unique character. If you think you have visited one of the islands and seen it all, then think again because there is some fantastic saltwater fishing to be done around each of the islands.

The Channel Islands are divided into two British Crown Dependencies, the Bailiwicks of Guernsey and Jersey. The Islands aren't part of either the European Union or the United Kingdom. Instead, they are possessions of the British Crown with their own independent administration.

The seven Channel Islands include Guernsey (63,026) (65 km²), Jersey (173,945) (118 km²), Alderney (2,039) (8 km²), Sark (600) (5.45 km²), Herm (60) (2 km²), Jethou (3) (0.2 km²), and Brecqhou [Brechou] (0.3 km²). There are a variety of different fishing options in the Channel Islands, including from a boat and also from the shore of many of the islands.

It doesn't matter if you escape to Bailiwick or Jersey. There truly is some great saltwater fishing to be had in the Channel Islands. The coastal waters off of the Channel Islands are teeming with a variety of different fish species, many of which are delicious to eat. Only minutes from the coast of many of the Channel Islands, there are dozens of different saltwater fish species waiting to be caught, and best of all, there's a bunch of different ways to catch them.

For many anglers, fishing in the Channel Islands is a dream come true. Depending on what time of the year you fish the Channel Islands, there is a variety of different saltwater fish just waiting to be caught on your rod and reel. You can expect to see popular species such as:

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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 with a new Baptist church message.

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 you miss it you will need to do a U-turn on Cunningham and go left onto Todds Lane.

The church driveway is just short of the Bercuese Funeral home entrance or just after it if coming from Cunningham.

WHAT'S UP NEXT & BEYOND



25 February 2023 - Awards Banquet is at our usual meeting place with a BBQ meal served cafeteria style. Time 6PM and cost \$20 for members and \$40 for non-members. Members can bring one guest at \$20. Kids under 2 are Free, Kids 3 to 10 are \$10 Food provided by Scoots BBQ in Gloucester Point.



3-5 February - VA Beach Boat Show: The club will be there this year. Come out and see the new boats and help support the club and our special raffle.



11 March 2023 - GBFA Fishing Flea Market see pg 18



21 March 2023 - First meeting of the year. Same location as 2022

