



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

### Next Meeting

21 March 2023 7:00pm (1900)  
see last page for directions

Only one month to go before our first meeting of the year.

We had a good time at the boat show. We met a lot of great people and sold quite a few raffle tickets for the custom Rod by Neill Drumheller and a Shimano Stradic 2500 reel. The club made close to \$800 profit.

The winner was Zach Annon from the Eastern shore. Danny was able to contact Zach and tell him of his win and was able to drop the rod off with his sister and brother-in-law in VA Beach. Pic on page 11.

We have a table again this year at the Great Bridge Fishing Flea Market on 11 March 2023. We will be raffling off another Rod and Reel combo to get funds for the club. If you have a chance please come by and say hey! See the flyer on page 20 for time and location.

The club Banquet is this month on the 25th at our usual meeting place. We still have room for you if you can

make it. See the sign up information on page 3. If you can't print out the page send the needed information and money to Christina Grice. If you can't get this mailed out before the 17th or 18th call Christina and make sure there is space available.

On another note, Charles Randolph has graciously accepted the role of Program Committee Chairman. The position hasn't been filled in a very long time. It's a tough job and we appreciate his willingness to take on this challenge.

The PSWSFA currently has 77 members plus family and only a small percentage ever come to a meeting. The board is working hard to get some first rate speakers to address the club this year but we need you to support us by coming to the meetings.

I hope to have a list of our upcoming speakers starting in the March Chumline. You just can't beat meeting face to face to find the most recent skinny on what's biting where or what VIMS, VMRC and others are doing to improve the fish population in the bay.

Also, Yearly dues are due in March!

Stay well  
Mike the Editor

Remember, blue text within an article represents a link.



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**A**ttention 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

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\*Family must be living with you

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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



## 2022 ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2023

MEETING HALL  
2605 CUNNINGHAM DRIVE  
HAMPTON, VA 23666  
6:00pm – 10:00pm

**RAFFLES**

**Social Hour: 6:00pm - 7:00pm**  
**Dinner: 7:00pm - 8:00pm**  
**Awards and Raffles to follow**

PLEASE PRINT:

MEMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

SPOUSE/SIGNIFICANT OTHER/ 1 GUEST \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF GUEST/S OF MEMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

CHILDREN: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

How many:

\$20.00/MEMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ \$10.00/CHILDREN (AGES 3-10 YEARS): \_\_\_\_\_

FREE/CHILD (AGES 2 and under): \_\_\_\_\_

\$40.00/GUEST: \_\_\_\_\_ \$20.00/ GUEST CHILD (AGES 3-10 YEARS): \_\_\_\_\_

Buffet includes Pulled Pork, Beef Brisket, Fried Chicken, Mac-n-Cheese, Corn Muffins, Cole Slaw, Green Beans and Dessert.

TOTAL NUMBER ATTENDING \_\_\_\_\_ AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Email address or Phone No. for Confirmation: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Mail this form along with check payable to "PSWSFA" postmarked by Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> 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.



## Virginia Charter Boat Workshop Scheduled for March 25th, 2023

The Virginia Charter Boat Workshop will be held on Saturday, March 25th at the Gloucester Point campus of the Virginia Institute of Marine Science, and online via Zoom.

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

The workshop will provide an opportunity for members of the charter industry to speak first-hand with regional experts in fisheries and maritime safety. Participants can look forward to presentations from Robert

Beal, Executive Director of the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission, in addition to the U.S. Coast Guard, NOAA Greater Atlantic Regional Fisheries Office, and the Virginia Marine Resources Commission. Tips for getting started in the business will also be shared from experienced captains. "This is a fantastic chance to participate in a program committed to helping the charter boat operator address current topics and challenges in the for-hire industry" says Susanna Musick with VIMS. Advanced registration is required.

The workshop will be offered in a hybrid format with in-person attendance at the Gloucester Point campus of VIMS and virtual participation via Zoom available. Registered participants will be given virtual or in-person options based on availability.

The workshop is free, but space is limited, so please register by March 17. To register, please email your contact information to: Susanna Musick, [susanna@vims.edu](mailto:susanna@vims.edu), before March 17.

This meeting isn't just for Charter boat captains. Anyone can attend, especially those fishing the bay and its tributaries.

**Virginia Charter Boat Workshop**  
at the Virginia Institute of Marine Science, Gloucester Point  
Saturday, March 25, 8:30 - 12:45

*Featured speakers:*

- United States Coast Guard
- Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission
- Virginia Marine Resources Commission
- NOAA Greater Atlantic Region
- Virginia Saltwater Sportfishing Association
- Virginia Institute of Marine Science

Space limited, register for free by  
EMAIL: [susanna@vims.edu](mailto:susanna@vims.edu)

*Raffle prizes!*



## Multistate Alliance To Make Bay Region Offshore Wind Energy Hub



Maryland, Virginia, and North Carolina have teamed up to advance offshore wind projects in the Mid-Atlantic and to promote the region as a hub for offshore wind energy.

The three states' governors announced the Mid-Atlantic Regional Transformative Partnership for Offshore Wind Energy Resources (SMART-POWER) to streamline the development of regional offshore wind resources. The states say the fast-growing industry can drive economic development, create jobs, and reduce greenhouse gas emission and other harmful air pollutants. The U.S. Department of Energy estimates that by 2030, offshore wind projects will support up to 86,000 jobs and \$57 billion in investments.

An offshore wind project is already planned just off the coast of Ocean City, Maryland, though it's been met with strong opposition to the proximity and visibility of large turbines to the beach.

In Virginia, the Coastal Virginia Offshore Wind Project includes turbines 27 miles off Virginia Beach, and a Norfolk Harbor staging area already leased, [\*as Bay Bulletin reported.\*](#)

"Harnessing the power of offshore wind is key to meeting the urgency of the climate crisis and achieving 100 percent clean energy by 2050," says Virginia Governor Ralph Northam. "Virginia is well-positioned to scale up offshore wind development with a 12-megawatt wind demonstration project already built off our coast."

The states say the bipartisan agreement combines the states' economic power and will make the effort more cost-effective. The three states will work together to manufacture component parts and reduce costs through supply chain developments, among other commitments.

Visit [governor.maryland.gov](https://governor.maryland.gov) to read the full SMART-POWER agreement.

-Meg Walburn Viviano



# Virginia Beach Fishing

1 Feb 2023



Johnny Boyd and small tautog

Big tautogs are being caught on the ocean wrecks. Dr. Ken Neill successfully fished the triangle wrecks with Johnny Boyd over the weekend. They kept a few big ones and tagged and released the rest. Four already had tags in them. The largest weighed 10 pounds. I've heard anglers are finding FISHBITES E-Z CRAB strips effective.

Our February black sea bass season returns for 2023, last year we didn't have one. The Virginia Marine Resources Commission voted to open a special recreational season from February 1-28. Interested in participating? You can read more about the permitting and reporting requirements by downloading VMRC's pdf file and you can acquire your free permit [here](#).

Rockfish anglers are still finding some large stripers. This is all catch and release now.

Outer Banks North Carolina anglers are picking up some giant bluefin tuna offshore. The bite hasn't gotten red hot yet, but some boats have managed to find some. Along with the bluefin, there have been reports of blackfin tuna, king mackerel and an occasional wahoo.

Inshore fishing has been good on the western side of the sound with plenty of nice trout and a few puppy drum being caught.

In the surf, fishing has been slow for those fishing the beaches north of Oregon Inlet, however to the south from Buxton to Ocracoke there has been a decent amount of puppy drum, scattered black drum, and large sharks.

## Last Month's Mystery Fish Salpa Maggiore another easy one



Well it's a fish of sorts...

Although they are mainly transparent, the bizarre creatures have gills and a heart. Like other tunicates, their bodies are encased in a sac-like structure, which has an opening at each end. As water pumps in and out of the openings, or siphons, Salps are propelled through the water. Filters inside their body sift through the water and collect their food, which consists mainly of algae and phytoplankton.

As reported by Plankton Chronicles, Salpa maggiore can grow to around 10 inches long and often travel in large groups, or chains. As they are asexual, the creatures are capable of producing their own offspring to form the massive chains. While part of a chain, salps use electrical currents to communicate and synchronize their movements.

Salps may look similar to jellyfish, but they are more closely related to marine vertebrates including fish.

## 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.virginia.gov](http://www.vmr.virginia.gov)



### Spotted Seatrout

- 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

## Latest Dead Humpback Whale Found Floating Near Mouth Of Bay



**Virginia Beach boater Jacob Beller shared this photo on Facebook that appears to show the dead whale floating near Lynnhaven Inlet.**

By Bay Bulletin / February 7, 2023

Humpback whales continue to wash up dead along the mid-Atlantic coast, and the most recent one hits especially close to home—at the mouth of the Chesapeake Bay.

The Virginia Aquarium says it received a report Tuesday of a dead humpback whale floating in the waters of Virginia Beach, near Lynnhaven Beach. Boater Jacob Beller shared a photo on Facebook of a large marine mammal floating at the surface, warning fellow boaters to be on the lookout coming into Lynnhaven Inlet.

The Virginia Aquarium Stranding Response Team coordinated with the Virginia Beach Police Marine Patrol to track down the whale's specific location. Now the Stranding Response Team is working with the Coast Guard and the Army Corps of Engineers to bring the whale ashore on Wednesday in the area of First Landing State Park.

Once on land, biologists will examine the whale carcass and perform a necropsy. Authorities are asking everyone to steer clear of the whale and any associated gear. It is illegal to touch a whale they are protected by the Marine Mammal Protection Act.

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Tension has been steadily mounting between federal regulators for the offshore wind industry and those who blame the spate of whale deaths on wind farm development. The highest concentration of deaths has been in New Jersey. Seven whales were found dead there in December and January alone. New York and New Jersey together have seen a total of 10 recent whale deaths, including one on Long Island on Jan. 30.

Seafloor surveys had been taking place in that region for upcoming projects, but the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) stressed that none of those deaths were attributed to offshore wind activity. They acknowledge that “harassment” of whales can take place with offshore wind projects through noise exposure. And the risk of vessel strikes could increase because of the additional boat traffic that wind farm development brings.

NOAA maintains there are no documented cases of whale deaths being linked to offshore wind projects and no evidence of whales being injured due to the seafloor probing developers have been doing to identify cable corridors or other wind energy activity.

Three weeks ago, a dead whale washed up on the beach at Assateague Island National Seashore. The news prompted Maryland Congressman Andy Harris (R-1) to call for an “immediate moratorium” on all offshore wind activity and geotechnical testing until it can be proven the activities definitively aren’t causing these deaths.

But the wind energy advocacy group American Clean Power maintains that the wind industry is being used “as an excuse by clean energy detractors trying to stop the growth of a new energy source for Americans.” In a statement, the group writes, “Groups opposed to clean energy projects spread baseless misinformation about the role of offshore wind development that has been debunked by scientists and career experts in the environmental and regulatory worlds.”

American Clean Power goes on to point out that clean energy sources like offshore wind can combat warming oceans from climate change, which in itself is a major threat to marine life.

You can report any stranded marine mammal or sea turtle sightings to the Stranding Response hotline at (757) 385-7575. Please note the exact location.

-Meg Walburn Viviano



## Princess Cruises Plans 2024 Stops In Yorktown, Bringing Tourism Boost

By Bay Bulletin / February 12, 2023

Princess Cruises, whose vessels travel to 330 destinations around the globe, has just added Yorktown, Virginia to their list of port calls. There will be five stops in Yorktown starting in the 2024 summer season.

John Padgett, president of Princess Cruises, said “Princess is already well known for our unique itineraries that appeal to our guests who gravitate toward interesting historical and cultural opportunities and Yorktown is perfectly in tune with that philosophy, offering not only a glimpse at the Revolutionary War but also dining, shopping and activity options with wide-ranging appeal. It’s a win-win for everyone.”



The Emerald Princess is one of two Princess cruise ships that will stop in Williamsburg and Yorktown next year

Kristi Olsen-Hayes, the director of economic and tourism development for York County, added, “Our community is rooted in history and it is an important part of our visitor mix. We are honored that Princess Cruises sees the value in bringing their customers to Yorktown.”

The large vessels will take over the waterfront while visiting the scenic town. The Emerald Princess, which will make two calls in Yorktown, is 951 feet long, 19 decks high, and has 1539 cabins. The Island Princess, which will make three calls in Yorktown, is 964 feet long with 987 cabins. Both vessels are packed with amenities, such as restaurants, wine bars, spas, fitness centers, entertainment, and special areas for children and adults only. The Emerald Princess even boasts an art gallery.

The ships will berth at Riverwalk Landing, just east of the Coleman Bridge. Riverwalk Landing offers restaurants, shops, bicycle rental, fishing pier, handicap beach access, and more. A convenient and free trolley service and can take passengers to popular spots in town.

For those who like to stretch their legs, Yorktown is a perfect place to visit on foot. The streets are lined with historical houses and buildings. Just up the hill from Riverwalk is Grace Church, which dates to 1697. The Customhouse was built in 1720 when Yorktown was a thriving seaport. Dr. Daniel McNorton, an African American doctor, bought the building in 1882 and used it to treat African American patients. The Nelson House, from 1730, contains a secret stairwell. Both the National Park Service Visitor Center and the American Revolution Museum are within a mile of the docks.

There will be opportunities for passengers to take trips to Williamsburg and Jamestown as well. History buffs can travel from 1607 in Jamestown, the first permanent English Settlement, through Williamsburg, to the Yorktown battlefield where we gained our independence in 1781.

Princess Cruises will be releasing more information on these cruises in the near future. Those who want to plan ahead can call Princess Cruises at 1-800-PRINCESS (1-800-774-6237) or visit [princess.com](https://princess.com).

*MTE asks: Any idea how much Yorktown will be shelling out to make this happen*



# Boat Show 2023 Photos



Yes, that says \$18,000 minus a penny



Regulator LOA 39'4" on sale for only \$675,000



John Matson minding the store



Ronnie and Danny swapping lies



Danny with raffle winner Zach Annon's brother-in-law Richard



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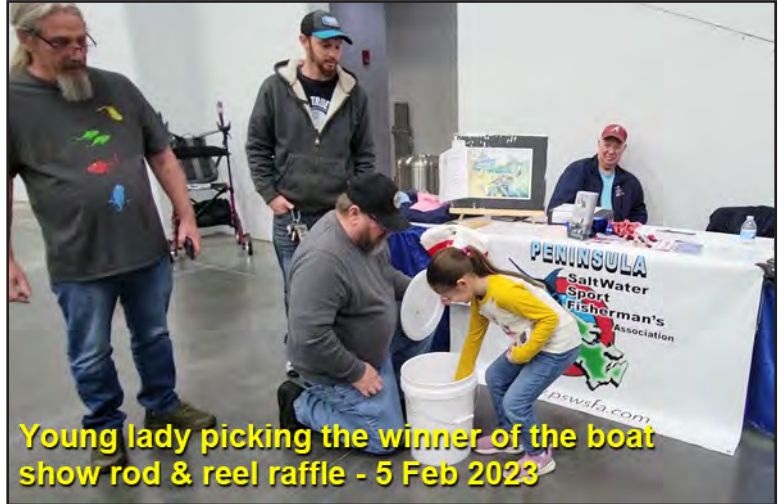




# FISH TALES



Fishing with Richie and part of his family



Young lady picking the winner of the boat show rod & reel raffle - 5 Feb 2023



Mike the Editor about 1991 wearing my new PSWSFA hat



Champion raffle winner picker



Dr. Neill with a 26.5" Citation Speck



Stan with 24.5" Citation Speck



# Monthly Tournament List December 2022

## Speckled Trout

Stan Simmerman 27"  
15 total caught

## Striped Bass

Caleb Sava (youth) 45"

## Yellow Fin Tuna

Paul Hunt 39"

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](mailto: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 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@gatanatsportfishing.com](mailto:rick@gatanatsportfishing.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@gatanatsportfishing.com](mailto:rick@gatanatsportfishing.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)





## Fishing Around the World



Senegal offers a wide diversity of fishing opportunities, from the Nile Perch in the Senegal river to the abundance of Sailfish and Marlin in its offshore waters, this French colony can be relied on to produce excellent sport. Just a 6 hr flight from UK via Paris, it is easily accessible, safe, excellent value for money and has one of the most consistent climates anywhere in the World.

Sporting opportunities are just opening up and this is the time to take advantage of the as yet untapped fishing potential available in Senegal. Our two comfortable lodges and three quality hotels offer accommodation which will also appeal to the wife and family with a wide range of amenities and excursions to choose from. Both lodges and hotels offer the best of the target species available. ranch de Bango in the North producing Huge Nile Perch and Record Sailfish fishing in both Fresh and Saltwater, and both Dakar and Saly offering easy access , world class Marlin , Sailfish , Shark fishing and some excellent vertical jigging as well.

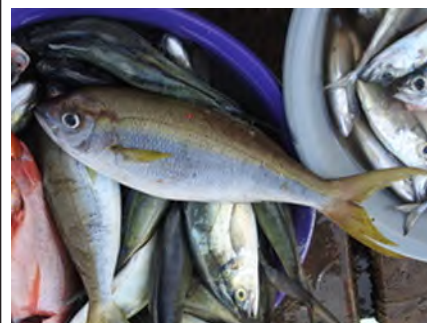
Senegal Blue water fishing: – During the summer June – Dec, huge numbers of Migratory Marlin up to 1200lb and Sailfish up to 120lb run down the Senegalese coast, along with Dorado, Tuna, Wahoo and Sharks. This adds up to an excellent sport fishery. Dakar and Saly offer excellent access to deep water just off shore and now a direct shipping channel has been cut through the sand bar in St Louis allowing access to the Blue water within 10kms of the dock, this means with our fast 9mt boats you are fishing within a maximum of 35 mins. Brand new international class gear has been used to equip all the boats and 2 international Guides are skippering the boats. Large Sailfish and Marlin abound in season and 10 – 12 strikes a day is not unusual. The prices are competitive with any sport fishing destination in the world, and a lot cheaper than most. We offer three different areas to stay with several different hotels to meet all tastes.



### So you think you know your Fish

Name this fish?

Answer next month





## New Bill Would Make Chincoteague Ponies Official Virginia State Pony



**A roundup of the southern herd November 2022. Photo: Chincoteague Fire Co**

Update: the bill to make the Chincoteague pony Virginia's state pony has made it to the governor's desk and is waiting to be signed into law.

With a busy legislative session underway, Virginians from both sides of the aisle can agree: the Chincoteague ponies are a treasure of the Commonwealth. An officially recognized breed since 1994, these stocky horses roam wild on the barrier islands, grazing on marsh grasses and delighting tourists as they meander the dunes.

Recently, there has been movement to have the Chincoteague pony declared the official pony of Virginia. Delegate Robert Bloxom (R) and Senator Lynwood Lewis (D) have introduced to the Virginia Legislature a pair of bills doing just that. If the bills pass, the ponies will join the northern cardinal, brook trout, and American fox-hound as official Virginia state fauna.

As a sophomore in college, Hunter Leonard, Public Relations officer for the Chincoteague Volunteer Fire Company (CVFC), learned of North Carolina's Corolla beach horses, another genetically distinct breed of wild horse recognized as the State Horse of North Carolina. Seeing the success the accolade brought these horses, he wished to bring the same recognition to his hometown herd. His sentiments are echoed by many Chincoteague locals.

"Last fall, I mentioned to Senator Lewis at his Town Hall meeting here in Chincoteague that the Commonwealth of VA needed a state equine—most states have a state flower, tree, bird ... Since the Chincoteague ponies are so famous already, it only makes sense to name them the state pony," Evelyn Shotwell, Executive Director of the Chincoteague Chamber of Commerce, said. "Senator Lewis and Delegate Bloxom are now making our dream come true."

The Chincoteague ponies have engendered widespread affection for nearly a century. In 1925, the CVFC held a carnival during the annual pony penning practices, exposing a regional audience to the spectacle of the Pony Swim. Now a multi-day public event, the Pony Swim is the process of gathering the herd for veterinary examinations and auctioning off eligible foals to maintain a healthy herd size.

Chesapeake Bay Magazine followed the "Saltwater Cowboys" of the fire company through their unique pony-penning duties in our July 2022 issue.

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In 1947, author Marguerite Henry brought the Pony Swim beyond the Chesapeake region with her book, *Misty of Chincoteague*, and a Hollywood movie followed in 1961. Since, families have flocked to the Chincoteague beaches in hopes of encountering the titular Misty and her ancestors.

“The wild Chincoteague ponies bring thousands of equine lovers to our community annually in search of that magical place described in Ms. Henry’s book. They find it here on the shores of Chincoteague Island,” Shotwell said.

The Pony Swim, held during the last week of July, now draws almost 50,000 visitors to Chincoteague and raises funds for the CVFC, who oversees the event and sponsors the permit for the ponies’ grazing land in the Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge.

“We’re really reliant on the ponies for fundraising, so we owe it to the ponies to give them every bit of protection or accolade we can,” Leonard said. “They deserve it.”

This accolade would only heighten the ponies’ celebrity status, increasing awareness for their conservation needs. The Corolla Horses’ notoriety led to community conservation efforts, including the establishment of the Corolla Wild Horse Fund in 1989 and the funding of a fenced-in sanctuary to allow for safe grazing in high-traffic areas.

“Anything we can give the ponies, and everything about a Chincoteague pony that can influence someone—that’s one more person that can advocate for the ponies,” Leonard said.

Besides the economic boost pony-based tourism brings to Chincoteague, the ponies mean something seemingly inexplicable to the barrier island’s people. They value the equines as their own neighbors, grateful for what they bring to the island community.

“Chincoteague is the town the ponies built, it’s like Babe Ruth and the Yankees to New York. We don’t exist here without the ponies,” Leonard said. “They’re as much a piece of the island as the oysters, the beach or anything else here.”

The Chincoteague pony is a symbol of home for those that live alongside them, their likeness adorning schools, immortalized as statues, and taking center stage on the CVFC logo.

The informally-titled “pony bill” currently has the most public comments of any bill currently being heard by the Virginia State Senate, and thousands have chimed in via social media comments to voice their support or share their connections to the ponies.

“They technically belong to the Fire Company, but they really belong to everyone, and everyone supports them,” Leonard said. “We’re just gracious to be stewards of this amazing thing.”

-Alaina Perdon

Very nice article about the Chincoteague horses and saltwater cowboys here: <https://chesapeakebaymagazine.com/saltwater-cowboys/>





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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 Bercuse 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.

**11 March 2023 - GBFA Fishing Flea Market** see pg 17

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

