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APRIL 2023

Supporting Hampton Roads Fisherman since 1957

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

18 April 2023 7:00pm (1900)
see last page for directions

I'll keep my input short, our new president has a lot to say this month. If you haven't been in a while, or never have, please join us on the 18th.

We'll be drawing for the winner of the Rod & reel combo and the cooler at the April meeting plus our regular raffle stuff. Our guest speaker will be Charles Randolph on Artificial Reefs.

Stay well

Mike the Editor

FROM THE PRESIDENT

As you all know, I was elected as president of PSWSFA for 2023. Danny Forehand did a great job getting us through the past three years and dealing with COVID and deserves much credit for keeping the club together. I hope I can build on what he has done.

2023 is getting off to a great start. Our March meeting had a large turnout and Mr. Troy Shields of Troy Marine was our guest speaker. To say that Troy wowed the crowd with

his knowledge of Yamaha outboards and outboard motors in general would be an understatement. I believe every one of us learned something from him but especially, in my opinion, his knowledge of the fuel that we put in our boats, whether outboard or inboard and the reason for only using quality fuel as well as not mixing ethanol and non-ethanol fuels. On top of that, Troy was so impressed with our club that he has joined us as a member, and I hope to see him at many more meetings. Troy is an excellent fisherman and has fished in the US and in foreign countries.

I want to encourage you to get more involved in the club by attending meetings and participating in the monthly tournament as well as the other club tournaments. Especially get young folks/kids involved. They are welcome at the meetings and other events. If you have ideas on how to improve things mention them. If there is a topic you want to learn more about ask us to cover it. Ask questions at the meetings. If you have a question about how to target certain species, or how to rig/tie knots etc. I guarantee that others in the audience have the same questions. Don't be afraid to ask. Some of the best fishermen/women in the state are members of this club. Most of them are more than willing to

share their knowledge. They may not tell you exactly where they are fishing but they will give you enough information to greatly improve your chances of catching trophy fish.

I will begin each meeting talking about fishing and what is going on in that arena. As many of you know I've been fishing/catching trout all winter and I've taken several club members along. I will continue to do so. Puppy drum have also been available all winter. We will talk a little bit about that at the next meeting. The spring season is coming alive with tog, bull reds, black drum, specks, and puppy drum moving into their early season haunts. The blue crab harvest has started out with a bang. Commercial crabbers are getting daily limits without tending all their pots and some that I know are even pulling pots and placing them on shore. I mention this because the forecast by the scientist was for a poor season. If there are plenty of crabs, there will be plenty of peelers and that means better fishing.

Get out there and fish. Bring a quest with you to the meeting.

I look forward to seeing you there.

Tight Lines
Stan Simmerman

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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 2023 MEMBERSHIP

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(March through February - not prorated throughout the year)**

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The Wicked Problem

By Kelsey Bonham - April 3, 2023

Abandoned fiberglass boats never fade away.

Dan Corder, a retired firefighter on Virginia's Northern Neck, is giving abandoned boats a second chance by transforming them into pirate-themed spectacles. His eclectic hobby started when his neighbor was planning to get rid of a boat that "sank more than it floated," and Corder offered to take it instead. "I towed it over to my dock and that evening, after I think my third bourbon, I looked at it and I said, you know what, we can put some lipstick on a pig here... I literally turned this thing into the most gaudy-looking pirate ship that you have ever seen," he says. That first project became such a legend that someone offered him \$10,000 for it.



Corder, currently working on his 33rd pirate ship, has sold his transformed boats to nonprofits, charters, and even Disney, although money isn't his motivation. "Usually if I'm lucky I will break even," he explains. "I just hate to see these things end up in the landfill."

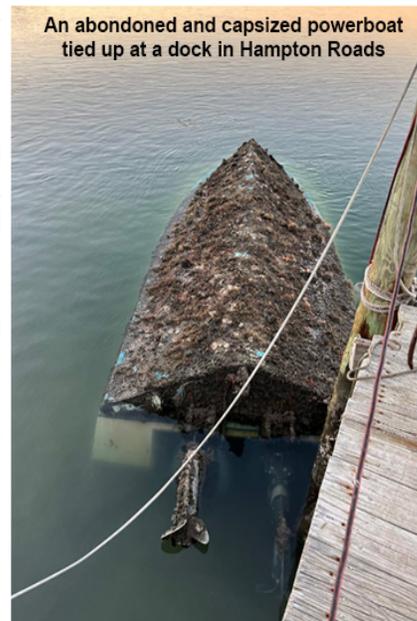
It may be difficult for non-boaters to imagine allowing a boat to deteriorate extensively or abandoning it altogether. Boat owners, however, usually understand how it happens. Corder compares boat ownership to relationships: "It's enchanting, and then reality sets in."

Maintenance is no joke, and catching up on missed maintenance is even harder—it usually takes Corder a year to revitalize each of his pirate ships. I restored an essentially abandoned boat a few years ago, and that took a year and the equivalent of a semester of college tuition. Even then, the only reason my boat could be revived at all is because she's steel, so the hull was still sound. Most recreational boats are fiberglass.

Large-scale production of fiberglass boats took off in the 1960s and 70s. They're cheap and efficient to produce, have an excellent strength to weight ratio, and are much easier to maintain than wood. But stress cracking can develop around critical points, and many fiberglass boats have balsa wood-cored decks that will rot if water intrudes. Even the best maintained fiberglass boats often degrade beyond reasonable repair after 40 or 50 years. Since the first wave of fiberglass boats was produced about 50 years ago, their time is up.

Unlike cars and other vehicles made of metal that can be scrapped, fiberglass is not recyclable. Its strength comes from its structure and long fibers, so it can't be crushed up and reformed into something new without losing all its desirable qualities. Although there are efforts to burn crushed fiberglass as an alternative fuel for cement production, these programs are still in the pilot phases. Because the value can't be recouped, it currently costs more to dispose of an old fiberglass boat than the boat is worth. Considering hazardous materials, demolition and landfill fees, owners of older vessels might seek alternative, and often illegal, disposal options. "Unfortunately," says Corder, "what happens down here a lot, is the unwilling victim ends up being the marina" where the boat got left behind.

LaNika Jackson, manager of Willoughby Harbor Marina in Norfolk, reports that abandoned vessels have been problematic for them. Sometimes customers will bring boats in, pay the initial slip fees, and vanish. "It's a pain,"



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she adds. “There’s no way for marinas to actually go after the customer and have them take responsibility... half the time the boat in question is not even registered to the person who we last knew to own the boat, it’s registered to someone four owners ago.” Besides being a logistical challenge, the expense also falls on the marina: “Depending on who you contract with, it can cost anywhere between \$70 per foot up to \$150 per foot to get the boat removed from the marina and disposed of,” Jackson says. “That’s money that we could be using to make improvements in other areas of the marina, but instead we have to use it to remove a boat that we don’t even own.”

Some boats are left in marinas like Willoughby Harbor. Others are blown out to sea by rough weather and aren’t

sought after by their owners, while others sink in their slips due to lack of maintenance. Some are set adrift, deliberately sunk, or tied up in a remote marsh, often with registrations removed. Regardless of where a boat is abandoned or where it ends up, it becomes marine debris, and a hazard to people and the environment.

Robin Dunbar, director of education at the Elizabeth River Project and a PhD student focusing on marine debris, says that the materials from abandoned boats can entangle or be ingested by animals, damage habitat, and pose a hazard to navigation. “If something becomes abandoned or adrift, it ends up smothering the wetlands, or damaging them, or crushing bird nests.” They may also leak contaminants, such as fuel, oil, paints, and sewage, and become a source of microplastics, since fiberglass is a plastic composite. Boaters might collide with submerged vessels they can’t see, and stray lines from rigging or fishing gear may foul propellers, endangering those aboard.

Given these threats, many coastal states have programs to deal with what they call ADVs, or Abandoned and Derelict Vessels. In Maryland, the Department of Natural Resources is authorized to remove ADVs, and funding is provided by the Waterway Improvement Fund through taxes on the sale and registration of boats.

In Virginia, it’s a different story. The Virginia Marine Resources Commission (VMRC) is the only state entity with the authority to remove ADVs, but they have never had any funding to do so, as Mike Provost discovered in late 2021. While boating with his kids in Virginia Beach, they encountered a 35-foot powerboat tied to a tree. After promising his kids he’d ensure it was cleaned up, Provost called around for months seeking state assistance, to no avail. “The sentiment was, ‘Hey, thanks for calling, this is really important, however I don’t have the money to do anything about it, if you want something done you’ll have to do it yourself,’” says Provost. “So I...started a GoFundMe ... and we raised \$11,000, and that was just enough to cover our costs.” He hired someone to tow it to a ramp, and then “we literally just went out there with axes and chainsaws and demoed this thing in the parking lot, threw it into dumpsters, and then took it to a dump.”

After that first boat, Provost started the Vessel Disposal and Reuse Foundation. “We’re the nonparticipatory fundraising entity. I have relationships with a couple of really down-to-earth people who own marine salvage companies, and they give VDRF the nonprofit rate,” Provost says. So far, VDRF has removed 17 abandoned boats in the Hampton Roads area.

Although abandoning a vessel is a misdemeanor in Virginia, Provost feels that the punishment is misguided. “In my experience, the people that create ADVs fall into five categories. They are typically elderly, have a fixed income or have had a change in their wealth, are physically handicapped, mentally ill, or they’re addicted to substances,” Provost says. “They’re at-risk individuals. They’re not some wealthy guy who’s just trying to be a jerk.” Even if the law is enforced, which it rarely is, “Just because they send someone to jail doesn’t mean they’re going to clean up the boat.” Provost believes a vessel turn-in program that allows boatowners seeking affordable



An abandoned fiberglass sailboat being removed by barge and crane.

Photo courtesy of Vessel Disposal and Reuse Foundation/Mike Provost

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disposal options to surrender their boat to the state would be more appropriate than punishment, save millions in removal costs, and prevent untold environmental damage. He has started a petition to establish one.

Despite Provost's experiences with state officials, Virginia has come closer to solving the problem of ADVs. In June 2022, the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program released a report by its Abandoned & Derelict Vessels Work Group. The report detailed years of work by state officials and stakeholders to better understand the issue, and made several policy recommendations, including that the state legislature budget \$3 million to the VMRC for abandoned vessel removal. The \$3 million was approved, marking the first time the VMRC has ever had funding to achieve its mandate.

Now the work group is collaborating with the VMRC to create an equitable, transparent mechanism to remove abandoned boats throughout Virginia. "You're constantly balancing speed versus getting it done right," says Jefferson Flood, a co-author of the report. According to Flood, the first step is removing the highest-priority boats, "the ones that are actively a threat to the environment in the water, in a marsh, leaking fuel, that someone could strike at night." The work group identified approximately 230 known ADVs in Virginia, but "we know that they are so under-reported, and there are probably a ton on private property. So maybe you have twenty more, maybe you have a hundred," Flood explains. "I would say the plurality, probably 25 to 30 percent of all these vessels, are in southside Hampton Roads. The next biggest concentration is probably on the Middle Peninsula, the Piankatank, Mobjack." These hotspots, and those vessels in the worst condition, will likely be the first to be targeted by the VMRC.

A sailboat at Willoughby Harbor Marina that isn't currently abandoned, but was bought by someone as salvage (it had previously been sunk; you can see barnacles on deck).

Photo courtesy of Vessel Disposal and Reuse Foundation/Mike Provost

Flood says that they're still working on what to do after the \$3 million runs out to create a robust system for the long term. The work group determined that increasing taxes on boat sales and registrations, as is the case in Maryland, is not politically feasible. "Everyone benefits from cleaner waters and safety of navigation, even if they're not a boater," Flood says, so they don't want to disproportionately tax boaters when only a tiny percentage of them contribute to the problem.

Regarding the possibility of a vessel turn-in program, Flood explains that the work group sees it as an option down the road. "If we demonstrate that the money was well spent, then you're going to probably see a request for more funding to turn off the faucet by having a vessel turn-in program."

Abandoned vessels are a complex problem. Robin Dunbar from the Elizabeth River Project went so far as to describe them as a "wicked problem," a policy term used to describe social dilemmas that have no singular solution and defy standard approaches. "It seems so simple to say, 'I want this boat out of my backyard,'" Flood adds, and yet, "It is like layers of an onion. You're peeling them back, and you find out even more stuff that you don't know." But the layers are being peeled back. Creatives like Corder are keeping boats out of the landfill, community leaders like Provost are raising awareness and pulling boats from the water, and the state mechanism is in motion to create sustainable change. The problem won't be solved overnight, not without more effective ways to recycle fiberglass or alternative boatbuilding materials, but for the first time in Virginia's history, there may be fewer abandoned boats littering waterways a decade from now than there were a decade ago.



A sailboat at Willoughby Harbor Marina that isn't currently abandoned, but was bought by someone as salvage (it had previously been sunk; you can see barnacles on deck).

Photo courtesy of Vessel Disposal and Reuse Foundation/Mike Provost

In Virginia, go to https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd4WWq5Ik66l_yIupZBwJA8bRWguUUJvqwnznrYk_6U19zPRA/viewform to report abandoned vessels:

Virginia Gamefish tagging program recognizes Dr. Ken Neill

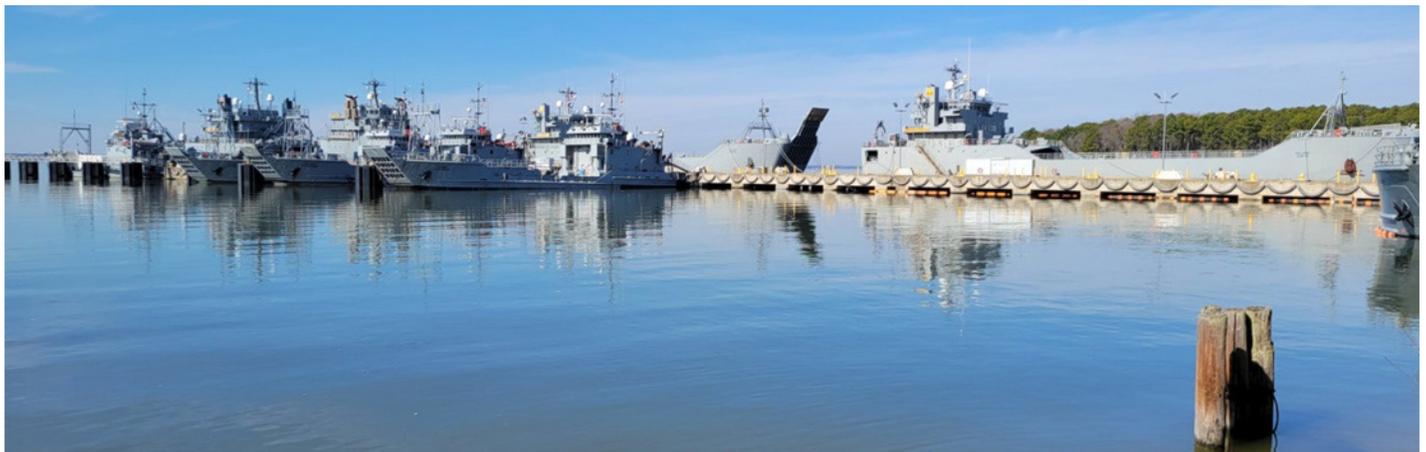
Volunteer Dr. Ken Neill breaks another record for the Virginia Game Fish Tagging Program April 10, 2023 Virginia anglers know that wreck fishing for tautog can be pretty rewarding in the spring. One angler who is very familiar with the joys of tautog fishing is Virginia Game Fish Tagging Program volunteer tagger, Dr. Ken Neill. Since joining the program at its inception in 1995, Dr. Neill has tagged more than 3,700 fishes for the program. During this time, he's contributed a tremendous amount of data and set a few program records. The most recent record being for the longest days at large (the length of time between when a fish is first tagged and released, and when it is last caught).

On March 23, 2013, Neill tagged a 12.5-inch tautog at the Morgan Wreck. This fish was initially recaptured by another VGFTP volunteer tagger, Mr. Wally Veal, at the Morgan Wreck on January 22, 2017, and measured 16 inches at the time. However, it was the most recent recapture that made the fish a record breaker. The tautog was last recaptured on March 26, 2023, by Mr. Andrew Homer at Triangle Wreck (part of the same complex as Morgan Wreck) and measured 22 inches long. This recapture marked a new record of 3,655 days at large (more than 10 years!) for a VGFTP-tagged fish.

Surprisingly, this was not the first time that a fish tagged by Neill has been a record holder. It was eleven years ago today when the VGFTP first shared a record-breaking tautog recapture by Dr. Ken Neill. Neill first tagged that 11.5-inch tautog on April 10, 2004 off Cape Henry, and that fish was at large for 2,826 days, only 94 days short of 8 years. Neill's tautog set a new record at the time for days at large which was broken in 2019 when a cobia (originally tagged by Sheldon Arey at Latimer Shoal in 2009) was recaptured and released at the York Spit 3,623 days later.

VGFTP Principal Investigator Susanna Musick of the Virginia Institute of Marine Science (VIMS) says, "Thanks to Dr. Neill and Mr. Homer, we have another outstanding recapture record! These long-term recaptures help highlight site-fidelity and show how much these fish can grow. We can see the significance of this type of habitat for structure-oriented species like tautog. Also, multiple recaptures of the same fish show the importance of good catch and release handling and tag retention. We're lucky to have devoted volunteer taggers like Dr. Neill in our program and are grateful to the anglers who report these tagged fishes."

The VGFTP is a cooperative fisheries research program in partnership with recreational anglers, the Marine Advisory Program at VIMS and the Saltwater Tournament at the Virginia Marine Resources Commission (VMRC). The program's funding is from state saltwater license funds and VIMS. To learn more visit: www.vims.edu/vgftp/ or www.facebook.com/vagamefishtagging/





April 10, 2023:

With the passage of SB 1811 and HB 2181 by the 2023 General Assembly, effective July 1, 2023, VMRC will no longer require permits for the proposed use of any non-tidal waters throughout the Commonwealth's state-owned subaqueous lands. Any applicant proposing such use may now be required to obtain state authorization from the Department of Environmental Quality's Virginia Water Protection Permit Program. A permit WILL still be required from VMRC for any proposed use of tidal waters involving the Commonwealth's state-owned submerged lands pursuant to Section 28.2-1203 of the Virginia Code. VMRC is drafting updates to its Subaqueous Guidelines to reflect this change in jurisdiction.



NEWS FROM VIMS

2023 York River and Small Coastal Basins Symposium May 17, 2023

All day

Location

VIMS - Watermen's Hall

1375 Greate Road

Gloucester Point, VA 23062

Returning for its first biennial appearance, the ***York River and Small Coastal Basins Symposium*** convenes practitioners and residents throughout the York, Mobjack, and Piankatank watersheds for a day of knowledge exchange and networking.

This forum, hosted by CBNERR-VA and the York River and Small Coastal Basin Roundtable, will provide an opportunity to learn of watershed research, education, stewardship and management efforts, past, present and future, from a variety of regional perspectives.

Find inspiration in keynotes and a series of place-based presentations, in addition to a poster expo and networking opportunities.

Registration is required to attend this event. For more information, view the [webpage](#).



Last Month's Mystery Fish Blue Striped Grunt



The bluestriped grunt (*Haemulon sciurus*), also known as the boar grunt, golden grunt, humpback grunt, redmouth grunt, or yellow grunt, is a species of marine ray-finned fish, a grunt belonging to the family Haemulidae.

The bluestriped grunt is found in the western Atlantic Ocean, from South Carolina and Bermuda south along the coast of the United States to the Bahamas. They extend into the Gulf of Mexico from the Florida Keys north as far as Cedar Key and from Tuxpan in Mexico along the northern coasts of the Yucatan Peninsula to northwestern Cuba, and in all of the Caribbean Sea.

The bluestriped grunt is found in shallow water, at depths between 1 and 40 m (3 ft 3 in and 131 ft 3 in). It is common in mangroves, reefs, and beds of sea grass. The adults aggregate in small schools over coral and rocky beds, especially in the vicinity of drop-offs.

The bluestriped grunt was first formally described in 1803 as *Sparus sciurus* by English zoologist George Shaw (1751-1813), with the type locality given as the Antilles.



Select Recreational Fishing Regulations

February 2023



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

- 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, corrosion-resistant, 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.mrc.virginia.gov



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: February 1-28 (Permit Required), May 15-December 11*
- *Season to be finalized in April



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

Respected Coastal Resilience Center Shut Down, Replaced With New Program

By Bay Bulletin 11 April 23

With Virginia widely recognized as ground zero for coastal flooding risk now and in the years to come, there was surprise and concern ten days ago when news broke ten days ago that The College of William & Mary was shutting down its well-respected **Virginia Coastal Policy Center**.

Law School Dean A. Benjamin Spencer **announced** the center was to close upon the retirement of its Executive Director, Professor Elizabeth Andrews, on June 30. Since it was founded in 2013, the Center has become the go-to authority for effective coastal policy development and analysis along Virginia's waterfront. In that announcement, Spencer promised to replace the Center with an interdisciplinary approach to coastal resilience research, scholarship, education and advisory work.



Storm barriers are built as part of a VA Beach hurricane protection project. Photo: U.S. Army Corp of Engineers

Many parts of Virginia's Chesapeake Bay and Atlantic seashore face sinking land combined with rising seas and stronger storms. Meeting the challenges is always complex. It takes legal analysis, developing policies and planning around them, ecologically-minded engineering, training, community outreach and helping the contractors who install living shorelines and other solutions.

Late last week, Spencer outlined his new plan. The new **Virginia Coastal Resilience Collaborative** will be a university-wide effort to help the Commonwealth deal with **water** as a resource. "A signature initiative of Vision 2026, W&M's strategic plan, [it] will offer a centralized approach to coastal resilience research, scholarship, education, and advisory work." The Collaborative will work with communities, state and federal agencies and other industries offering research, training programs and consulting to inform their resilience needs now and in the future.

"We're excited about the potential of this new university-wide collaborative to expand, evolve and streamline the scholarship, educational, and advisory work that W&M and [the **Virginia Institute of Marine Science** (VIMS)] have been engaged in across campus," said Brian Whitson, the university's chief communications officer.

Beginning April 15, a new steering committee chaired by Dr. D. Derek Aday, the Dean of the School of Marine Science and Director of VIMS, will meet to develop a detailed plan for the Collaborative. The committee will include staff from **Virginia Sea Grant**, other school leaders, legislators, local municipalities, policymakers, and industry representatives. An ambitious schedule calls for the draft plan to go to W&M's President and Provost by June 15, with hiring over the summer for an Assistant Provost, who will coordinate work across William and Mary's five schools of marine science, law, business, education and arts and sciences, as well as with other universities and state agencies. Other staff at the collaborative will include a policy analyst and clerical support. The Collaborative will launch officially September 1.

A broad partnership with interdisciplinary strengths would seem to be a good multi-tool for addressing Virginia's coastal resilience challenges. With so many moving parts, the plan for this **Virginia Coastal Resilience Collaborative** will have to include clear mechanisms for authority, responsibility, and accountability in its operational processes.

-John Page Williams

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Even More Pictures from The Banquet



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FISH TALES



Dolnald R with nice Speck



Jerald and Speck fishing w/Stan



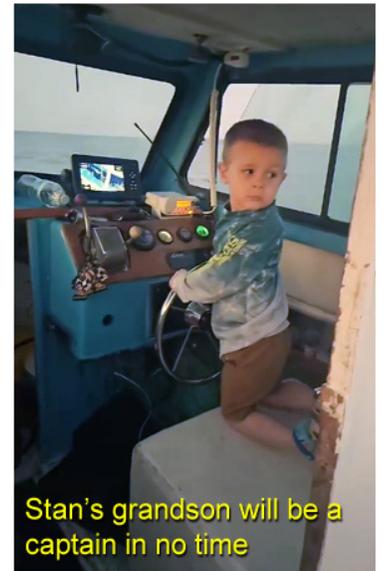
Stan's Grandson with nice bass



Stan and 25.75" Speck



Nice early April Drum for Stan



Stan's grandson will be a captain in no time



Ken with a Red with Heart



Looking for Drum



Stan and smallish Tautog

Monthly Tournament List February 2023

Speckled Trout	Ken Neill III	26.5"
Bluefin Tuna	Stan Simmerman	66"
Blackfin Tuna	Stan Simmerman	37"
False Albacore	Stan Simmerman	32"
Sea Bass	Wally Veal	22.5"
Amberjack	Stan Simmerman	46"
Tautog	Wally Veal	29.5"

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 - Drum	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: _____



2023 PSWSFA TOURNAMENTS

Download "Official Entry Form" at

[Monthly Tournament - Peninsula Salt Water Sport Fisherman's Association \(pswsfa.com\)](https://pswsfa.com)



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

Bishop's Trophy Red Drum Tournament

April 1st – May 31st, 2023

Must Receive Completed Form no later than the Board Mtg.
June 13, 2023

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

Club Multiple Species Tournament

June 1st – 30th, 2023

Angler who catches the most saltwater species
in a single day

Must Receive Completed Forms no later than the
Board Mtg. July 11, 2023

Youth and Ladies

Croaker/Spanish Mackerel Tournament

July 1st -31st, 2023

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 8, 2023

Don Forman

Club Cobia Tournament

sponsored by Bishop Fishing Supply

August 1st -31st, 2023

Must Receive Completed Form no later than
the Board Mtg. Sept. 12, 2023.

See Rules below for weight tournament

Sheepshead Tournament

August 5, 2023

Separate paid entry tournament. Details and rules to be
announced. Rules and fees listed below do not apply to this
tournament.

Grafton Fishing Supply

Club Spot Tournament

September 16th – 17th, 2023

Weigh in: 2:00pm Sept. 17th at (Location to be
determined)

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. 15th if you are coming to the Annual Club
Picnic to the Tournament Director

Club Puppy Drum Tournament

October 1st – 31st, 2023

Most number of Spots Wins (photos required)

Must Receive Completed Forms and copies of photos
no later than the Board Mtg. Nov 14, 2023

Wilcox Bait and Tackle

Irv Fenton Rockfish Tournament

December 1st -31st, 2023

Must Receive Completed Form no later than Jan. 9, 2024
See Rules below for weight tournament

MAIL ENTRY FORMS TO: MR. MILTON HUDGINS, 1894 KATIE LANE, HAYES, VA 23072 (e-mail: judyqee03@gmail.com)

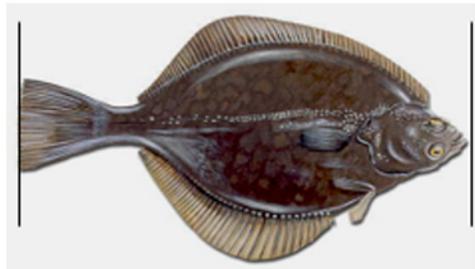
ALL Club Tournaments (Except as noted on front):

- Entry Fees: \$20 for member & \$30 for non-member. Youth and Ladies croaker/Spanish mackerel tourney is free.
- Rules and Entry Fees listed below do not apply to the Sheepshead Tournament. This is a sperate paid entry tournament.
- 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

NATAL BRAZIL FISHING TOURS

Whatever type of sports fishing adventure you choose, you are sure to find fishing tours in Natal that are managed by English-speaking operators. The big and feisty game fishes of the Atlantic attract a lot of sports anglers and charters can fill quickly, so you need to make your reservation in advance. Whether you book a traditional houseboat tour or the multi-day luxury boat for fishing and leisure, you will find a lot of fishing tour packages that will fit your budget.



Once you have decided where to go fishing in Natal Brazil, you'll probably want to know the types of game fishes involved. One of the most popular game fishes in Natal is the blue marlin, the largest of the Atlantic marlins. If wrestling with this more than three meter long, 1000 kilogram creature doesn't give you an adrenaline rush, you're probably dead. Considered to be a ferocious fighter, pulling this beast out of the water will surely be an unforgettable day for you.

BEST NATAL BRAZIL FISHING SPOTS

Located 30 kilometers from the coast of Natal, Canto Fundo is one of the several high sea fishing spots destinations most favoured by sports fishermen. The seabed in this area abruptly plunges from 50 to 70 meters to over a kilometer deep. Canto Fundo has strong sea current with varying temperatures, and is a rich feeding ground to many aquatic species that inhabit the area.

There are other great fishing spots in Natal for anglers who prefer shorter fishing trips and want to stay closer to the shore. Praia da Pipa, for one, offers an amazing coastline and calm waters for bathing. Located 80 kilometers south of Natal, Pipa is known for its tall cliffs, excellent beach and natural pools and lagoons.

So you think you know your Fish

Name this easy fish?
Answer next month





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Directions to PSWSFA Meeting

**Former St Mark's Episcopal Church
Now used by Peninsula Baptist Church**



WHAT'S UP NEXT & BEYOND

18 April 2023 - Second meeting of the year

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.

PENINSULA SALT WATER SPORTS FISHERMAN'S ASSOC.
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