



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

It's finally here, the first meeting of 2023. We would really like to see a big turnout for this meeting. As usual we'll have our monthly raffle for great stuff as well as the 50/50 as well as the Rod & Reel combo we started raffling at the Fishing Flea Market.

The banquet on 25 February was a big success. The food from Scoot's Bar-b-que was delicious with plenty to go around. The raffle went well even though I won bupkis.

The 50/50 at the banquet won someone \$187.

Our guest speaker will be Troy Sheilas from Troy Marine. He'll be speaking on outboard motor maintenance tips and other pertinent information for boat owners. I'm sure he'll answer any trick motor questions you may have.

Remember, blue text within an article represents a link.

For our 2nd year in a row we were represented at the fishing flea market at the Chesapeake convention center on 11 March 2023. It was packed as usual. We sold apx \$205 in raffle tickets for the rod and reel and about \$280 for the Speck trip with Stan Simmerman. Both of these raffles will be on sale at the March and April meetings.

Raffle tickets for both the Rod and reel and the cooler will be on sale until our 18 April meeting along with a raffle to fish with Stan Simmerman, our resident speckled trout fishing expert. An all day fishing extravaganza. All you need to bring is your food, everything else is provided by Stan.

There are a number of good articles and worthwhile information in this month's Chumline. Check out the VMRC article on page 7 for instance,

Stay well

Mike the Editor

### FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings everyone,

Welcome everyone to the 2023 fishing season for the PSWSFA. I will take this time to remind everyone dues are to be paid before participating in any of the club tournaments, including the monthly tournaments. The dues will remain the same again this year, at \$40 per member. According to Article No. 5, Section No. 2 of the club by-laws, membership includes an unmarried adult and any dependent. Membership also includes the head of any family, his or her spouse and any dependent. An unmarried member may invite one friend to any Association function at the same fee as for a spouse or dependent.

Please see Johnny Boyd or any board member to get signed up for the year.

Fisherman able to find a weather window to get offshore

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## 2022 Club Officers

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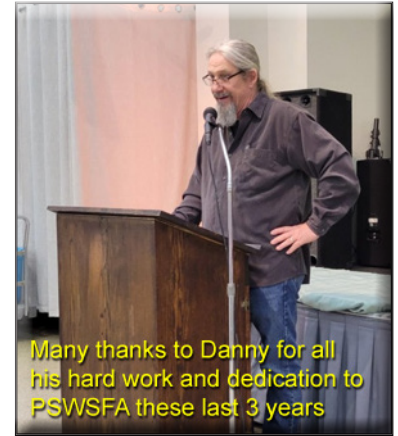
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Many thanks to Danny for all his hard work and dedication to PSWSFA these last 3 years

**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)**

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Send this form with a check (payable to PSWSFA) to:

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Please check one of the following:

☐ Yes, please add my name to the club membership book  
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are catching nice creels of tautog. The February black sea bass season produced some nice trips for several club members. Specks are the main species being targeted and caught inshore. Tuna fishing out of Ol has been hit or miss, but I have seen some really nice reports recently. Look for all the fishing to pick up as the weather warms the local waters.

The club is holding another raffle to raise money for the many expenses throughout the year. The tickets are \$5 dollars each or five for \$20. The drawing for this raffle will be held at the club meeting in April. First prize will be Penn rod and reel combo, featuring a Penn Spinfisher 3500 reel on a Penn Spinfisher VI 7ft rod. Second place for this raffle will be a Lifetime 65QT hard cooler.

We have a second raffle going on at the same time. Stan Simmerman, our resident trout expert, will be taking a lucky winner on an all day trout fishing trip. Tickets for this raffle are \$20 dollars each. The drawing will be held at the club meeting in May.

This will be my last President's Note as I am stepping down this month. During the November general membership meeting, I asked everyone to think about getting involved with the board, specifically the office of President. I reminded everyone at the banquet about this situation. Unfortunately, we had no volunteers. Milton gave me his vote of confidence, as did everyone at the banquet. I really appreciate everyone's support in maintaining my role as President. I must say it would be easy to let my ego convince me to stay on, but the office is supposed to be elected every year. I have been the club's president for three years now. It is time for a new president. Former president, Stan Simmerman has reluctantly agreed to take on the position, with the backing of the board. We will be presenting his name in a special election at the meeting this coming Tuesday. I still encourage others to think about this office. I don't think Stan's feelings would be hurt if there were another name on the ballot, even if they ended up in the office. Think about it.....your club could use some new ideas at the board meetings.

I hope to see you all at the meeting Tuesday evening.

Tight Lines, Stay Safe  
Danny Forehand,  
President, PSWSFA





# More photos from the 25 Feb 2023 Banquet





## 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.

### Even more banquet pictures



## Extended Va. Oyster Season Poised For Largest Harvest In 35 Years

By Timothy B. Wheeler, Bay Journal News Service

With Virginia watermen enjoying their most bountiful wild harvest in 35 years, state fisheries managers have agreed to extend the season by two weeks.

The Virginia Marine Resources Commission (VMRC) voted unanimously to allow wild oyster harvests for an extra 10 working days in areas where commission staff judged the bivalve populations abundant enough to withstand additional fishing pressure.

The move follows a decision

Feb. 1 to extend harvests in parts

of the James and Rappahannock rivers that had been due to be closed then. Those areas are not getting an additional extension, but more harvest will be allowed in seven other smaller areas around the lower Chesapeake Bay. Depending on the type of gear used, oyster harvests in some areas due to be closed Feb. 28 will now be permitted until mid-March, while others can go until mid-April instead of concluding at the end of March.

Andrew Button, deputy chief of shellfish management, told the commission that the state's oyster stock was in its best shape in decades. But he urged them to limit any further extensions to no more than two weeks to keep it that way.

"We are on track to harvest for the first time since 1987-88 over 300,000 bushels, likely," Button said. If achieved, that would be a 50 percent increase over last year's wild harvest of about 200,000 bushels.

"We've had a great oyster season, and it's still going strong," said J.C. Hudgins, head of the Virginia Waterman's Association. "It's been good everywhere we go."

Looking back, it's quite a turnaround. Harvests that numbered in the millions of bushels around 1900 gradually declined and then plummeted in the late 1980s after two parasitic oyster diseases, Dermo and MSX, flared up, devastating bivalve populations throughout the Chesapeake Bay. Landings in both Virginia and Maryland hit record lows about 20 years ago and have since been gradually recovering amid evidence that the diseases have abated.

Both states have also been engaged for about a decade in large-scale oyster reef restoration projects which take place within sanctuaries set aside from harvest—five in each state. Costing \$82 million so far, those projects are more than two-thirds complete and on track to be finished by 2025, Button said Wednesday in a presentation to a group of Bay fisheries experts.



A waterman harvests oysters from the Nansemond River.  
Photo by Dave Harp

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The two states also underwrite replenishment of public oyster reefs regularly open to wild harvest by license holders. In recent years, Virginia has spent \$2.5 million annually to dredge ancient oyster shells from the James River and use them to replenish harvested reefs elsewhere.

Virginia fishery managers have also worked to maintain sustainable oyster populations for the wild fishery by rotating areas open for harvest and closely monitoring them to prevent depletion.

Button suggested there was a link between all those efforts and the rebound seen in Virginia's oyster harvests. "I'm not saying there's causation but correlation," he noted.

Chris Moore, senior regional ecologist for the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, called the projected Virginia harvest "another promising sign that oyster populations are continuing to recover in the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries.

"We are fortunate to now be able to contemplate harvest increases that benefit local economies and local seafood lovers," Moore added. But he urged caution, saying that the Bay's oyster population is "still in the very early stages of a comeback."

Wild oyster harvests in Maryland have experienced a rebound similar to Virginia's, with watermen reporting a 35-year high in landings of 511,000 bushels for the six-month season that ended March 31, 2022. That surge has benefited from unusually good natural reproduction in some recent years.



February 28, 2023: The Commission voted to terminate Recreational Cobia Mandatory Reporting Program (RCMRP) at the Tuesday, February 28th Commission meeting. Anglers no longer need a recreational permit to target cobia in Virginia waters. We encourage voluntary cobia reporting (especially release data) using the Virginia Saltwater Journal ([www.vasaltwaterjournal.com](http://www.vasaltwaterjournal.com)) to help assist with stock assessment data. Otherwise, the 2023 recreational regulations remain the same: season open June 15-September 15; 1 fish per person, 2 fish per vessel possession limit; and a prohibition on gaffing. The minimum size is 40" total length with one allowed on a vessel >50" total length.

### **[Recreational Crabbing](#)**

### **[Recreational Shellfishing & Non-Hook & Line Fishing](#)**

Shark Identification Information (shark regulations vary by species, shark species can be difficult to differentiate, please visit this link to learn more on how to properly identify the species of sharks).

### **[Saltwater Gamefish Records](#)**

## **Last Month's Mystery Fish African Forktail Snapper**



The African forktail snapper is found in the eastern Atlantic Ocean where it is found along the western coast of Africa from Mauritania to Namibia, including the Cape Verde Islands. It is rare in the northern part of its range and is very uncommonly caught off Senegal.

The African forktail snapper is found at depths between 15 and 300 m (49 and 984 ft), although it is typically encountered at depths in excess of 50 m (160 ft). It is found over substrates consisting of rock or coral, frequently on reefs. It is found with either singly or in small aggregations. It is a predator with a diet made up of small fishes, crustaceans and cephalopods.

The African forktail snapper was first formally described in 1830 by the French zoologist Achille Valenciennes with the type locality given as Porto Praya in the Cape Verde Islands.

The African forktail is regarded as being of potential interest to fisheries as it has good quality flesh. It is caught using handlines, set nets and bottom trawls and the catch is sold fresh. It is caught as a bycatch by commercial octopus fisheries.



## 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, 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.mrc.virginia.gov](http://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



# The Eastern Shoreman

## Sean Mann and the goose call that changed everything

By Patrick Ottenhoff / March 10, 2023

In each flock, there's one goose that's sort of in overall command," Sean Mann whispers from the corner of pit blind. He's eyeing a group of Canadas cruising down the Miles River on a mission to somewhere.

Mann blows into his Eastern Shoreman goose call. "You want to say taaa- hoot," he says, and somehow the distinctive herrrr-onk of a Canada goose chirps out. The geese, about 300 yards out, take a look.

"When the geese are on their wintering grounds, as they are here in Maryland, one goose usually leads the flock," Mann says. He changes up the pitch and frequency to a greeting call as the flock turns his way. "This is the cluck call, h'ronk, h'ronk. This goose is the one that you want to talk to—herrrr-onk, herrrr-onk. The lead goose is the only goose calling until they commit to landing, and then all of the others will join in."



Sean Mann

Mann belts out a volley of clucks with the lead goose, which commits. The flock locks in for landing.

You could be forgiven for thinking Mann was raised by geese. Generations of geese have been fooled into thinking his hails, greeting, and laydown calls were coming from one of their own.

Growing up in Easton, he absorbed everything he could, hanging around his dad's gun shop, and was obsessed with learning how to "talk goose" from a young age. He was guiding by the time he was in high school and won the World Goose Calling Championship soon after graduating from college.

Mann started making goose calls to get that extra edge as a hunter and a guide, since nothing on the market could quite capture what he was hearing from the birds. After a few trials and errors, he created the Eastern Shoreman call, which is so effective he could charge a premium price and still hardly meet demand. Today, Sean Mann Outdoors makes a variety of duck and goose calls and boasts a professional staff of over a dozen guides.

"I was severely bitten by goose hunting at a young age," says Mann. The business of making calls came from his desire to improve his game. "Making a better call meant being a better hunter, which meant being a better guide, which meant better pay, which meant I could spend more time hunting!"

Calling the geese can be more satisfying than the shooting. "It's also just really a lot of fun to be able to see a bird and call it in," he says. "In contrast, you can't see a fish approach very often. You can't call in that bluefish

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or rockfish, and watch them come in. But you're able to watch geese sometimes from over a mile away based on your presentation."

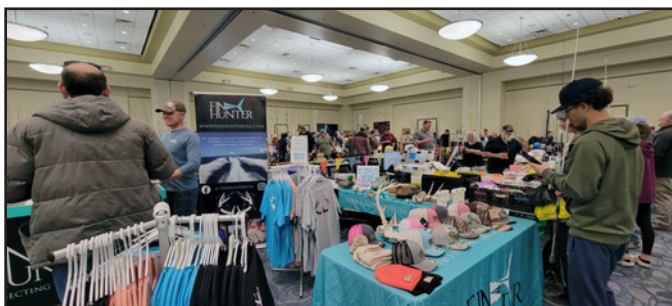
Nothing gets a hunter's adrenaline pumping like the sound of honkers on the horizon and the anticipation as they move your way like a group of WWII bombers. Mann says the first waves start arriving in mid-September, but it's usually not until around Thanksgiving that we get our first major push of birds. A cold front will usually slam into the region overnight, bringing thousands of Canada geese riding in on a northwest wind. "But January is my sweet spot," says Mann. "When the holidays wrap up, a lot of people have checked waterfowling off their list, but we're just getting started! The snows [snow geese] are showing up, new waves of Canadas are coming in. If you're going to have friendly, fresh new birds, you're going to have them in January."

On some of the colder winters, the Shore can hold half a million geese, or over half the Atlantic Flyway population.

But Mann says the birds in Kent County, Cecil County, Queen Anne, and on the Sassafras and Chester rivers, don't always act like the birds in Talbot or Dorchester Counties. "They're very different birds up there," he says. There's also multiple kinds of Canadas and multiple kinds of snow geese, and they all act differently and talk differently.

"Every hunt is different too, and the lighting conditions change the way the hunt goes," says Mann. "When it's snowing, it's magic, and after the snow, when it's totally freezing, and the sun hits the goose as it flies across the snow, and you can see its breath—that just knocks me out. It's sensory overload."

### Pictures from the Fishing Flea Market





## Md., Va. Stick With Tighter Crab Limits Amid Population Concerns

The Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has announced the crabbing catch limits for the first half of the 2023 season, April 1- June 30. DNR says regulations will stay the same as the tightened-up limits that were put in place for the second half of the 2022 season.

Beginning on July 1, 2022, the bushel limit on boats was reduced from two bushels to one, and that change will carry over at least for April-June 2023. All other limits are unchanged for the spring season, according to DNR spokesman Gregg Bortz. These are based on the 2022 winter crab dredge survey, which resulted in the worst overall crab abundance in the history of the survey.



Blue crabs are measured as part of the annual Winter Dredge Survey. Photo: Stephen Badger, DNR

The same goes for Virginia crabbing, according to Virginia Marine Resources Commission spokesperson Zach Widgeon. Recreational crabbers will abide by the same rules that were put into place at the end of last June.

The 2023 winter dredge survey and results reporting is underway now, with the report expected to be released in May. Those winter 2023 results will determine the crab catch limits for July-December 2023 for both Maryland and Virginia.

Maryland DNR says its April-June limits apply to recreational crabbers harvesting from a boat in the Chesapeake Bay in its tidal tributaries, including the Maryland section of the Potomac River and its tributaries. These limits don't apply to recreational crabbing from shore or on a vessel in the Atlantic or the coastal bays and their tributaries.

DNR outlines the specific limits as follows:

Daily catch and possession boat limits for April 1 – June 30, 2023		
Unlicensed Boat	With 1 unlicensed individual	2 dozen male crabs
	With 2 or more unlicensed individuals	4 dozen male crabs
	With 1 or more licensees and any number of unlicensed individuals	1 bushel of male crabs
Licensed Boat	With any number of licensed or unlicensed individuals	1 bushel of male crabs

DNR says its catch limits are necessary to ensure male blue crab harvest stays within the limits referenced in the Chesapeake Bay Blue Crab Fishery Management Plan.

-Meg Walburn Viviano

## U.S. sea-level report cards: 2022 once again trends toward acceleration

Want to know how sea level in your area is changing due to global warming and other factors? Sea level “report cards” from William & Mary’s Virginia Institute of Marine Science forecast sea level to the year 2050 based on an annual analysis of tide-gauge records for 32 localities along the U.S. coast. The analysis now includes 54 years of water-level observations, from 1969 through 2022. Scroll down to discover this year’s highlights and learn why our report cards provide maximum value to coastal residents, businesses, and governments. Then visit our interactive charts, which are available online at [www.vims.edu/sealevelreportcards](http://www.vims.edu/sealevelreportcards).

### 2022 Highlights

Click on each below for more sea level rise information

**5.38** mm/yr

NORFOLK, VA

This naval and shipping hub again has the highest rate of sea-level rise on the U.S. East Coast

**2.49** ft

ROCKPORT, TX

Rising seas and sinking land combine for our highest U.S. projection of sea-level rise by 2050

**8.14** mm/yr

GRAND ISLE, LA

Near the mouth of the Mississippi, this hamlet had the highest rate for the entire U.S. coast

**85%**

ACCELERATION

27 of 32 stations saw an accelerating rate of sea-level rise in 2022.

## VIMS researchers dominate national aquaculture grant competition

Researchers at William & Mary’s Virginia Institute of Marine Science received 5 of the 44 grants awarded in 2022 by NOAA Fisheries’ Saltonstall-Kennedy Program. This annual nationwide grant competition—established by Congress in 1954—is designed to enhance fisheries and marine aquaculture industries throughout the U.S.

Of the 37 institutes or agencies that submitted successful proposals in the latest award cycle, VIMS was the only one to garner more than two winning proposals. Thirty-three entities earned a single award, while three other entities earned two apiece: the University of Hawaii, the University of Maine, and the Pacific Islands Fisheries Group. VIMS won a full third of the 15 grants awarded in the competition’s aquaculture category, for a total of \$1.5 M in research funding.

Overall, NOAA considered 270 pre-proposals and received 137 full proposals during the 2022 Saltonstall-Kennedy (S-K) award competition. The 44 successful awards amount to \$11.8 M in research funding and will be disbursed to institutes or agencies in 14 states and one U.S. territory: Alabama, Alaska, California, Connecticut, Florida, Hawaii, Maine, Massachusetts, New York, N. Carolina, Oregon, S. Carolina, Virginia, Washington, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. VIMS was the only Virginia institute or agency to earn an award.



Of the 5 grants earned by VIMS, 4 focus on aquaculture of the Eastern oyster *Crassostrea virginica*. © AJ Verderame/VIMS.

Click on the oyster picture for the rest of the story

or go to: [https://www.vims.edu/newsandevents/topstories/2023/aquaculture\\_sk\\_grants.php](https://www.vims.edu/newsandevents/topstories/2023/aquaculture_sk_grants.php)



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# FISH TALES



Charles and a black sea bass



Rick and nice Tog



Despite the blood Jim's tuna was released okay



Stan with Amberjack



Wally and another tagged Tog



Ken's 25.5" speck...I need one like that



Stan with Bluefin off Hatteras



Stan with another nice citation 24"

# Monthly Tournament List January 2023

**Speckled Trout**  
Stan Simmerman 23.5"

**Striped Bass**  
Wally Veal 46.5"

**Sea Bass**  
Stan Simmerman 24.25"

**Amberjack**  
Stan Simmerman 48"

**Tautog**  
Ken Neill 25"

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.

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## 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](mailto:rick@getanetsportfishing.com) or 757-268-1539

### **Bishop's Trophy Red Drum Tournament**

**April 1<sup>st</sup> – May 31<sup>st</sup>, 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 1<sup>st</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>, 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 1<sup>st</sup> -31<sup>st</sup>, 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 1<sup>st</sup> -31<sup>st</sup>, 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 16<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

Weigh in: 2:00pm Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> place  
winners:

"ADULT ENTRIES" and "YOUTH ENTRIES"

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

RSVP by Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> if you are coming to the Annual Club  
Picnic to the Tournament Director

### **Club Puppy Drum Tournament**

**October 1<sup>st</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup>, 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 1<sup>st</sup> -31<sup>st</sup>, 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](mailto: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](mailto:rick@getanetsportfishing.com) or call 757-268-1539.
- Leaving a message will be sufficient to register, give all anglers names (specify club members and club guest), and also give a phone number.
- Guest(s) must fish with at least one member on boat/shore/pier/kayak
- Use a club "Official Entry Form" and weigh in fish at any Va. Saltwater Tournament official weigh station 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](mailto:rick@getanetsportfishing.com) or call Rick @ 757-268-1539**

### **MEASURING INSTRUCTIONS**

With the fish lying on a flat surface, measure in quarter inch increments, from the tip of the mouth to the tip of the tail with the fish in a natural position and the mouth closed.



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## ★ Fishing Around the World ★



Curacao is a well known island in the world of Caribbean travel. It is easily accessed by air travel and cruise ships visit there almost daily. This interesting destination is part of the ABC Islands (Aruba, Bonaire and Curacao), which all lie north of the Venezuelan marine coastline. However, the old alliance title of the islands — the Netherland Antilles — is no longer accurate since each of the three islands has formed their own unique relationship to Holland.

### Fishing Choices in Curacao

The fishing is divided into two types of fishing: offshore and inshore, the latter being divided into inside bays and coastal beaches.

The epicenter of offshore fishing operations is in the waterfront of Punda. This is located in the principal city of Willemstad. Punda's image is the frequently published facade of rows of brightly colored Dutch-style ornate building fronts.

The offshore charter boats are the same flying bridge sport fishermen (FBSF) vessels one might find in Miami, Florida or Key West. The ride from Punda harbor out the inlet and into blue water is relatively short, so you'll be trolling before you know it. Expect to catch plenty of mahi, wahoo, blackfin tuna, and a shot at a marlin is quite possible.

### So you think you know your Fish

Name this fish?

Answer next month





# Virginia Beach Fishing

The Bay water temperature dropped a little this week, down to 47.8 F. But spring is right around the corner and the trend should reverse. This is an exciting time of year for anglers. Warmer water will mean more angling opportunities.

Speckled Trout anglers are doing well in the shallows that feed into the Elizabeth and York Rivers. Soft plastic swim baits and Mir-o-lures are working.

The tautog bite continues to be good. Larger fish, up to 20 pounds have been found on the nearshore wrecks and reefs and smaller ones should be biting at the CBBT and on artificial Bay reefs. Fresh crab baits always work best but Fishbite E-Z Crab strips are popular as well.

Long Bay Pointe Bait and Tackle says that puppy drum are being caught inside Lynnhaven Inlet and Captain Todd Beck, Knot Wish'n charters has landed a few inside Rudee Inlet. As the weather warms look for the bite to pick up.

Black drum usually start showing at the end of March and peak in April. Look for them along the bayside of the Eastern Shore. At the Cabbage Patch, the Concrete Ships, Buoy 13, and near the high rise of the CBBT.

## OBX North Carolina

Surf fishing is picking up. Puppy drum are being caught around Oregon Inlet. Down south near Buxton there have already been reports of large red drum at the point and on Ocracoke Island. Puppy drum, sharks, sea mullet and bluefish are starting to show up in the Hatteras Island surf as well.

Large speckled trout and puppy drum are still being caught on the western side of the Pamlico Sound. Some small trout are being caught at Little Bridge on the Manteo Causeway, as well as some rockfish around the Manns Harbor Bridges.

Blackfin tuna, kings and a few wahoo are being caught offshore and it's not too late to go catch a giant Bluefin, there are still plenty of them around for catch and release.



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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

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

 18 April 2023 - Second meeting of the year

