



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
16 May 2023 7:00pm (1900)
 see last page for directions

It seems that April went pretty well fishing wise at least for some folks. The usual suspects caught most of the fish and will be named at our next meeting.

One of these days I'll retire and maybe get to enter something into the monthly tournament.

We have picked a design for our flyer for the Sheepshead tournament in August and I will most likely have it on its own page in the Chumline next month.

We are also looking for volunteers to help with the Sheepshead tournament in August. We need the support of all of our members in this endeavor. See Stans message...>>>

This month's guest speaker is Ron Larsen from Sea Risk Solutions who will be giving us an update on the wind farm construction 27 miles off of Virginia Beach.

And last but not least, please remember our fallen men and woman of our military this Memorial Day. We owe them a lot more than a day.

Stay well
 Mike the Editor

Remember, Blue text within an article represents a Link

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Our April meeting had another large turnout and I'd like to thank Charles (Randy) Randall for bringing us up to date on what is happening with the Artificial Reef program. I think we all learned a bit from it and hopefully we will see significant improvements in the reefs.

The big fundraiser for the club this year will be a Sheepshead tournament held on August 5th. The board established a committee to lay the groundwork for the tournament and I feel that they have done an excellent job in getting the ball rolling. We are ready to go to press with the posters and flyers. The design for shirts should be completed soon. The sponsor forms should also be completed and ready for distribution if not by the May meeting, then very shortly thereafter. We will be relying on all hands to assist with finding businesses and/or individuals who would like to sponsor the event. We will also be seeking the help of all club members to help with setting up and running the tournament so mark your calendars for Aug 4th and 5th.

The drawing for the speckled trout trip will be made at the May 16th club meeting and I will coordinate with the winner on when the trip takes place.

As I've said in the past and will

continue to harp on, I'd like 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.

Bring a guest with you to the meeting.

Get out there and fish and try to get a youngster/youngsters out there fishing with you. Enter your fish in the monthly tournament and especially the youth entries.

I look forward to seeing you at the meeting and getting an update on what is happening with the offshore windmills.

Tight Lines
 Stan

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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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Saving Victory

Will music and memories be enough to save the Victory Chimes? That's the concern facing its current owner Captain Sam Sikkema.

Sikkema is urgently trying to find a new owner—be it an individual or an entity—to buy the 128-foot three-masted schooner, currently docked in Rockland, Maine. He hopes a new owner will bring a new vision to the beleaguered ship and perhaps return her home to the Chesapeake Bay.

Victory Chimes, formerly known as Edwin and Maud and Domino Effect, is the last surviving Chesapeake ram schooner and she's now on the auction block. The ship's U.S. Coast Guard certification has expired and the extensive—and expensive—work that will be required for her to return to passenger service is forcing the owner and the lender to sell the vessel at public auction.



Built in Bethel, Delaware, at the head of the Nanticoke River in 1900 by the George K. Phillips Co., she was originally named for the children of her first captain Robert Rigger. She was designed to carry general cargo on the Chesapeake Bay. She sailed the Bay with sister ship the [Levin J. Marvel](#), a 125-foot ram schooner also built in Bethel.

This ship is the last of its kind on the East Coast. “The Victory Chimes is very special because of the significance of this vessel,” says Pete Leshner, chief curator of the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum in St. Michaels. “This is a specialized type of schooner because of the requirements of shoal water and fitting through canal locks. If you look at the history of vessels like this, three-masted schooners were once common and there were thousands of these going down the East Coast because they had a lot of cargo capacity... The insides were essentially a large open warehouse—like a railroad car on a boat.”

“A boat like this gives us a window into our past,” Leshner added. “We can gain a certain appreciation of history with photos, documents, and stories, but there is something else to be gained with the real thing—stepping on board and getting a sense of the scale of this vessel.”

Leshner says the only other wooden three-masted schooner in existence is at the San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park, the [C.A. Thayer](#).

The Victory Chimes was eventually converted to a passenger ship with 21 cabins. In the 1940s and 50s, the vessel operated out of Annapolis promoting weeklong cruises on the Chesapeake Bay. In 1954 she was brought to the Maine coast to serve as a windjammer.

Leshner has experienced the Victory Chimes firsthand. “I was up in Maine for the wooden boat show in 1988 and there were over 100 beautiful wooden boats of all descriptions sailing around the harbor. Captain Kip Files had the Victory Chimes under full sail, tacking her way out through the narrow entrance to the harbor ... He didn't usually do that but because there were cameras rolling and he was one skillful sailor he did it,” recalls Leshner. “He knew sailing and he knew that vessel and he knew how to keep her out of trouble.”

The Victory Chimes is listed in the National Register of Historic Places and has been designated a National Historic Landmark. In 2003, the ship became the inspiration for the image on the Maine state quarter.

She also inspired many guests.

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Mike and Amy Aiken are a singer-songwriter duo performing folk and Americana music all over the world. The Norfolk couple are also licensed captains and draw artistic inspiration from the ocean and ships. Their latest single “Timber She’s Hauled” is an ode to the Victory Chimes and the music video (which debuts next week) features archival footage of the boat. The Aikens hosted private performances onboard the ship for passengers cruising out of her homeport in Maine. But Mike Aiken says his intrigue with the Victory Chimes started over a dozen years ago when he kept crossing paths with the boat along the eastern seaboard and the Great Lakes.

“I first saw the boat on Lake Erie near Buffalo, New York, in the late ‘80s... and she sort of struck me. Even then, somebody was trying to bring her back to the East Coast. She’s a boat that seems to fall on hard times and then someone comes along to bring her back again,” says Aiken.

“Captain Sam contacted us in 2021 about using the Victory as a performance platform and we began performing on deck three nights a week totally unplugged, and it was such a real intimate thing. The fans were right up front and we got to personally talk to them about music and sailing.”

Aiken says they were on the boat one night, talking by candlelight when they were inspired to write a song about the Victory Chimes. “Sometimes it just comes all at once,” says Aiken. “The chords, the music, the scene was just so idyllic and beautiful. You step onto that boat and you just feel the history.”

It’s the history that matters the most to Captain Sam Sikkema. “I estimate I’m the ninth owner in her 123-year history,” Sikkema says. “But it’s certainly not the first time that a bank has stepped in—it’s not the first time she has been in this exact situation. She was repossessed before, went to auction and there were no bids. So this isn’t new ground for the ship.”



Sikkema says he needs about \$250,000 just to clear the liens on the vessel and he can facilitate a private sale between now and May 8. After that date, what happens to the boat, “is in the hands of Camden National Bank and they have yet to tip their hand on what they will do with it.” Sikkema continues to lead cruises on another windjammer in Maine, but he hopes that someone comes to Victory’s rescue. “I’m hopeful that somebody will come along—or some entity—to become her next custodian. Culturally, she’s important. These rams help build the entirety of the mid-Atlantic.”

Ideas have been floated to use the boat as a dockside museum, restaurant or other venue where it can be safely kept. “At this point I have lost hope that somebody is going to put up the money to keep the boat together and restore it to sailing condition.”

U.S. Coast Guard compliance requirements, the cost and availability of materials for maintenance, the lack of ability to haul the ship in Maine and the losses of the 2020 season due to Covid have “all become a hill too big to climb,” stated Sikkema.

Learn more about the Victory Chimes [here](#). Watch the music video for [Timber She’s Hauled](#) and see the Aikens [in concert](#) at the Deltaville Museum June 24. To bid on the Victory Chimes click [here](#).

Breaking news... As of 11 May 2023 the Victory Chimes was sold for \$75,900 to two brothers from New York who are lifelong sailors and currently operate two floating restaurants. There is a good chance that the Victory Chimes will succumb to the same fate and become another floating eatery.

VIMS To Lead Abandoned Crab Pot Program, Awarded Largest Grant In Its History

Bay Bulletin 25 April 2023

NOAA Fisheries tapped William & Mary's Virginia Institute of Marine Science (VIMS) to lead a new nationwide program to reduce "ghost fishing" by derelict crab and lobster pots abandoned or lost to storms and vessel entanglements. The new role comes with a record \$8 million grant for VIMS to administer the program.



This Trap Removal, Assessment & Prevention (TRAP) program will include partner institutions, commercial fishermen, and interested Native tribes in the Pacific Northwest and along the Atlantic coast from Florida to the Gulf of Maine. The TRAP program will initially focus on the gear used to catch crabs (blue, Dungeness, and stone) and lobsters (American and spiny). Federal funding for the program overall is \$8 million over four years, distributed by the VIMS Center for Coastal Resources Management (CCRM) through a competitive grant program.

The origins of the TRAP program lie in a longtime partnership between VIMS, the Virginia Marine Resources Commission (VMRC), and Virginia watermen to hunt down, pick up, and dispose of ghost pots in their Virginia Marine Debris Removal Program. It began in 2009 with a federal disaster declaration put in place because of a crash in crab stocks that required much lower limits for watermen.

To help them keep their livelihoods, both Virginia and Maryland used disaster funds to compensate the watermen for other work, including fishing for ghost pots using a side-scan sonar database that indicated areas of the greatest concentration of derelict pots. Maryland, for example, employed more than 300 crabbers in its derelict pot removal program. The program removed approximately 8,000 partial and whole ghost pots from targeted areas of the Bay. Watch these videos in Maryland and Virginia to see how it's done.

Replacing lost pots in the Chesapeake has always been treated as an annoying cost of doing business. Because it is often gradual, though, no one thought much about its cumulative impact until the Bay states used some of the disaster funding to look deeply into the issue. It turns out that the impact of ghost pots in the Chesapeake is astounding, as this infographic from NOAA's Marine Debris Program demonstrates. Watermen participating in the removal program saw firsthand the numbers of crabs and the range of other creatures that ghost pots kill (and waste). They reported what they found, both numbers of pots and their contents. This creative combination of the watermen's hands-on expertise and the scientists' analytical capabilities built a powerful database.

The new NOAA grant program provides a first opportunity to draw together similar marine debris removal programs in other waters across the United States.

Dr. Kirk Havens, Director of the VIMS CCRM, points out, "By coordinating the removal of derelict traps nationwide, we can leverage our experience and expertise to benefit coastal ecosystems and economies from Maine to Alaska."

The first order of business will be developing a TRAP website, an online information hub to provide users with details on trap removals and program participation. The site will also house a data and mapping dashboard similar to what VIMS currently provides for coastal shorelines and the earlier Virginia Marine Debris Removal Program.

-John Page Williams

Dolphin Stakeholder Workshops



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

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

Virtual Meeting will be held May 30 at 5:30pm!

In-person workshops were held in South Florida in October 2022 and in the Carolinas and Virginia in January 2023.

A virtual workshop will be held

Tuesday, May 30 from 5:30 - 8:30 pm

to gather input from anyone who was not able to attend the in-person workshops. Interested parties can join the webinar using the meeting link below.

Webinar Meeting Link:

<https://meet.google.com/viu-ajte-yux>

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Way South Chesapeake Bay Fishing Report 12 May 2023

If you are looking for some fishing action, areas around the southern Bay region are the place to be this week. Puppy drum and speckled trout are being caught inside Lynnhaven and Rudee Inlets. Most fish are hanging near grass beds, oyster bars, and docks. Way South Correspondent Chuck Harrison got out last weekend for a quick trip. He and a friend looked all around the HRBT area and found bluefish near the Mugler Bridge in Hampton. They then headed to Mercury Blvd Bridge and found some small puppy drum willing to bite. The Virginia Beach Fishing Pier has seen anglers reel in red drum, rockfish, croaker, sea mullet, Spanish mackerel, and skates all come over the railings this week.

Virginia Beach Sport Fishing let us know that sheepshead are showing up at the CBBT in greater numbers as water temperatures rise. They recommend fishing crab baits like fiddlers tight against the pilons. This method will produce a variety of fish including tautog, drum, sheepshead, and many other species. One boat headed out to the CBBT and reported catching seven keeper tautog, a few throwback tog, and two sheepshead during three hours of fishing. An angler fishing last weekend at the second island on the north side of the CBBT caught a bull red on live spot. They didn't get a measurement because they wanted to promptly get the fish back in the water after a quick picture. Black and red drum are at their usual locations near the high rise of the CBBT, the Islands, and areas near Cape Charles. Expect to see an influx of bull reds into the Bay as we head towards the end of the month.

Various reports indicate that the inshore flounder bite is really starting to heat up. You can find them inside the inlets, in shallow water near grass beds or drop offs, and out deep near the CBBT. Squid and minnow are a reliable combo, but live spot and strips of bluefish also work well. An angler fishing an unspecified area of the shallows reports that there are quality fish lying in two to four feet of water. During a trip this week, they landed 12 fish. Eight of them were over 17 and a half inches with the largest coming in at 24 inches. All his fish were caught at the end of the outgoing tide, and they noted the fish were feeding on finger mullet and mud minnows.



The Sheepshead have arrived

Last Month's Mystery Fish Box Fish - of course



Boxfish, also called trunkfish or cowfish, are a small group of shallow-water, marine fish in the family Ostraciidae (order Tetraodontiformes). The family is comprised of 11 genera, including Lactoria, Ostracion, and Tetrosomus and is closely related to the poisonous puffer fish of the family Tetraodontidae. To avoid confusion with these poisonous relatives, some people avoid eating boxfish despite their being good for food. Boxfish are generally oval in shape when seen from the side; while being viewed from one end, different species of boxfish resemble triangles, squares, or pentagons.

Boxfish take their shared common name from the hard shell or carapace, composed of strongly joined plates corresponding to the scales of other fish, which surrounds their bodies. Only the eyes, the low-set mouth, the fins, and the tail are not covered by this rigid shell. Boxfish reach lengths of up to 2 ft (61 cm). They inhabit warm waters from the Pacific Ocean to the Caribbean. Boxfish usually prefer shallow waters, and are often found around coral reefs. In some areas the boxfish are dried and used as decorations.

Boxfish possess an intriguing method of defense against predators, such as sharks. Like other species of fish, when disturbed boxfish can secrete molecules known as ichthyocerinotoxins or ichthyotoxins—literally, fish poisons—from their skin.



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.
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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

A Nautical Turn Of Phrase

By Joan Wenner / May 3, 2023

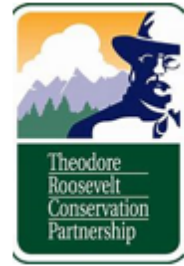
Ahoy, Bay boaters! Let's start the boating season with a clean slate. 'Clean slate' is a term that we inherited from sailing. Daily ship's logs were written on a slab of slate. Each new watch officer would erase the previous entries and start over, thus starting the day with a clean slate.

This is just one of many phrases from the time of masted sailing that we still use in modern times. We say 'down the hatch' when we eat or drink something—the original phrase comes from cargo being loaded down the hatch on a boat.



Here's a quick look at some maritime terms we still use today.

- **A1**—In Lloyd's Register of Shipping, the world's first and largest ship-classification society, A1 was the mark of a first-class wooden ship. These days we say "It's important for safety to maintain a boat in A1 condition."
- **Above board**—Pirates would have crew members gather on the decks rather than below to fool potential victims into thinking it was an honest merchant ship. Today it means to give something legitimacy.
- **All hands on deck** – Sailors gathered on the deck to discuss tasks. Today this phrase means everyone is needed for a specific task.
- **Barge in**—This term today means a tactless appearance or interruption. It is believed to have come from barges having difficulty in maneuvering.
- **Devil to pay**—The "devil" seam ran along the hull at the deck level and was the hardest to caulk (to "pay" meant to caulk). A sailor had to hang off the deck to caulk the seam and was said to be "between the devil and the deep blue sea."
- **Knows the ropes**—Knowing the function of all the ropes on a sailing vessel requires years of experience. These days, there are numerous folks at the yacht club who really "know the ropes" of boating.
- **Long shot**— The first guns on ships tended to be inaccurate. If a shot made impact from a great distance, it was considered out of the ordinary—and thus a "long shot".
- **Pipe down**—Crews received a variety of signals from the boatswain's pipe. One was "piping down the hammocks" to signal the time to head below decks for sleep. These days, it means to be quiet.
- **Tide over**—With no wind to fill the sails, sailors would float with the tide until the wind returned. They would "tide over" which now means a small amount meant to last until a larger amount is available.
- **Taken aback**—The sails of a ship were "aback" when the wind blew them flat against their supporting structures. Now it means to be startled or surprised by something.
- **Toe the line**—The British Royal Navy had to stand barefoot for inspection (or in some cases, punishment) with their toes touching the seam lines of the deck planks. Today it means to conform to a rule or standard.
- **Under the weather**—The sailor who had to stand watch on the bow taking all the pounding and spray and was said to be "under the weather."



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May 4, 2023

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New Striped Bass Regulations Aimed at Addressing Conservation Concerns

The Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC) Striped Bass Management Board **exercised a seldom-used emergency action** intended to reduce fishing mortality in the striped bass fishery with the goal of increasing the chances of rebuilding the population to the biomass target by 2029. The emergency action will implement a 31-inch maximum size limit across the entire recreational fishery (in the Chesapeake Bay and along the coast) with states tasked with implementing the change by July 2, 2023. The minimum size limit, bag limit, seasons and gear restrictions will remain unchanged. The Board also initiated Addendum II which will consider a more thorough management change using the formal public input process for implementation in 2024.

The Massachusetts delegation led the emergency action after population projections showed significant rebuilding headwinds stemming from four consecutive years of recruitment failure in Chesapeake Bay and an increase in fishing mortality in 2022.

Striped bass are extremely important to coastal communities along the Atlantic and the entire fishing economy, estimated to generate **\$7.8 billion annually in economic output**. The sportfishing industry values long-term fishery sustainability while allowing for reasonable recreational fishing opportunities. We encourage the states and ASMFC to work with sportfishing industry leaders on a communication plan to ensure a mid-year management change in 2023 will have the intended conservation benefits across the entire recreational fishery.

"The Board has signaled they are prepared to act conservatively on striped bass to ensure rebuilding," said Mike Waine, Atlantic Fisheries Policy Director for the American Sportfishing Association. "Hopefully taking emergency action now will pay dividends later so we can avoid the further use of short-term changes in regulations, and instead focus on longstanding and predictable management measures to provide stability to the most important and valuable fishery in the mid-Atlantic and New England regions."

"Controlling coast-wide fishing mortality is the key to rebuilding striped bass abundance to levels the public expects and deserves," said David Sikorski, Executive Director of CCA Maryland and Maryland's legislative appointee to the striped bass management board. "It is also important to recognize, however, that striper recruitment issues related to successive poor spawns, coupled with an expanding blue catfish population in Chesapeake Bay will continue to complicate the longer-term trajectory of this iconic fishery."

"No doubt there are a lot of factors at play that drive striped bass abundance overtime, but fishing mortality is the only thing we can address directly in the striped bass management plan," said Chris Horton, Senior Director of Fisheries Policy for the Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation, "While the increase in recreational removals in 2022 could actually be a good sign, based on recent stock assessments and the current status of the stock given the information we have available today, it is not surprising the ASMFC is erring on the side of caution and reducing mortality without reducing access to the fishery."

"The TRCP appreciates the Board taking action to increase the possibility of rebuilding the coastwide striper stock by 2029," says Whit Fosburgh, President and CEO of the Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership. "Active management to decrease fishing mortality, along with full consideration of the need for a healthy forage fish base and mitigation of impacts from interactions with invasive species, are all crucial elements to improving the chances of long-term stability of striped bass stocks."

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Another monster fish for Wally



Not sure what's going on here



Stan with drum from April

Monthly Tournament List

March 2023

Speckled Trout
Stan Simmerman 27.5"

Tautog
Wally Veal 20.5"

Black Sea Bass
Wally Veal 21.5"

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

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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



Perched like a cap on top of the Old Continent, Norway is one of Europe's most exquisite fisheries. The country boasts elite saltwater angling, an unparalleled freshwater bite, and a fishing culture spanning over a thousand years. Combine that with its stunningly rugged scenery, and you'll see why fishing in Norway should be on top of any angler's wish list.

A Fishery Destined for Success

In terms of sheer fishing opportunities, Norway has always had a lot going for it. Number one, the country boasts the single longest coastline in Europe. Stretching over 56,000 kilometers, Norway's shores meet the North, Norwegian, and the Barents Seas. Craggy and beautiful, the coast is dotted with hundreds of narrow inlets called fjords.

Norway's fjords are teeming with fish, and thanks to the country's well-developed infrastructure, you can reach most of them with relative ease.

In addition, the tail end of the mighty Gulf Stream runs along the country's entire western shore. This means that Norway has significantly more temperate seas compared to other countries on the same latitude (Greenland or Canada). Warm waters create nutrients, which, in turn, attract a number of exciting game fish to the area.

Because of this, the seas of Norway are excellent for fishing for the likes of Atlantic Cod, Haddock, Halibut, and Mackerel.

Inland, Norway is criss-crossed by thousands of pristine lakes, rivers, and streams, all of which are equally as good for fishing as the seas. These waters are prime real estate for wild Salmon, Arctic Char, and Trout.

**So you think you know
your Fish**

Name this easy fish?

Answer next month





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GaryD66@Cox.Net
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Directions to PSWSFA Meeting

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



From 64 (either direction) take the Mercury Blvd exit towards the James River Bridge (West) stay in the right hand lane and turn right at the light onto Todds Lane. Go past Zaxby's chicken about 400 ft and the driveway to the church is on the right. The original St, Mark's sign is still on the lawn just short of the driveway with a new Baptist church message.

If you come to the traffic light at the intersection of Cunningham you went to far. Turn right on Cunningham and look for the Cunningham entrance to the church (500ft). If you miss it you will need to do a U-turn on Cunningham and go left onto Todds Lane.

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

WHAT'S UP NEXT & BEYOND

**16 May 2023 - Third meeting of the year
Speaker - Ron Larsen from Sea Risk Solutions**

**13 June 2023 - Board meeting at Joe & Mimma's
1830hrs come early for dinner**

20 June 2023 - Regular Meeting 1900hrs

PENINSULA SALT WATER SPORTS FISHERMAN'S ASSOC.
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