



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  
20 June 2023 7:00pm (1900)  
see last page for directions

Summer is finally here so now I can whine about it being to hot.

**Don't forget about the Sheepshead Tournament. Go to [www.PSWSFA.com](http://www.PSWSFA.com) for all info. Tell your friends, relations, or any fisherman about this tournament.**

Fort Eustis has finally gotten a new game warden to monitor the fishing and hunting activities. Maybe she can cut back on the keeping of way small fish that has been going on for some time.

The club would like to welcome our new members that joined over the last few months. We are always looking for fresh faces and ideas for the club.

We'd also like to thank Ace Hardware in Williamsburg for supplying use with 100 buckets for our Sheepshead tournament on 5 August.

We also have a new board member, Jenny Williamson.

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

The May meeting was well attended and I hope that continues. The topic was on the wind farm off Virginia Beach and I think we all learned something new. For me, I wasn't aware that the new windmills were going to be over 800 feet tall and that the number was now up to about 175. The last time we were briefed on this the number was 158 but nothing was mentioned about them being bigger than the 350 ft windmills currently out there. There are a number of pros for the fishing community considering the habitat that will be created. There are also a number of cons that aren't being discussed. I guess we will just have to wait and see what happens.

It's hard to believe that we are already halfway through the month of June. All of the summer species are now in the bay and off the coast. Everything from spots to cobia to tarpon. Yes even tarpon already. There is a report from a pound netter on the eastern shore who as of June 8 th had caught 7 up to and over 100 lbs in his nets. Cobia are being caught with several citations already being registered. Club member Dave Brabrand caught his first citation cobia on June 6th at 51 inches. New club member

Dennis Parmenter caught his first citation speckled trout the first week of June on topwater. Ken Neill has a citation cobia at 52 inches and I caught one at 50 ½ inches. Sheepshead seem to be almost everywhere now. There are big spadefish at the light tower and they should be making there way inside the bay at any time. Seabass season and blueline tilefish season are now open again and there seems to be a good quantity of both if the weather cooperates enough to get to them. There also seems to be more flounder around than in the last few years so maybe we will start seeing some of them turned in to the monthly tournament. Speckled trout fishing has been extremely slow since the end of March. There have been some keeper size gray trout in the deeper water off the CBBT.

The Sheepshead Tournament Committee has completed the 1st phase of the tournament preparations. Wally Veal, Charles Randall, Christina Grice, Richie Moore, Dailey Vandegriff and others have worked hard to put this together. Now it's up to all of the rest of us to get out and sell this thing. This is the biggest fundraiser for this club and we won't be able to sustain our operations in the following years without the funds

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### 2022 Club Officers

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**A**ttention all members: This is a reminder that all memberships will now expire on the last day of February of each year. Forms are available from Johnny Boyd (membership committee). At the December 2019 board meeting the board voted to increase the dues by \$10. As before, the \$40 is per individual or family. We haven't had a dues increase in pretty much forever and this will help the club pay for the increased cost of our meeting space as well as supporting events like the picnic, awards banquet, and fishing related events, organizations, and tournaments.

### **PSWSFA 2023 MEMBERSHIP**

**Dues: \$40 per year for entire family\***  
**(March through February - not prorated throughout the year)**

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raised from these types of events.

A group from Maryland has sued VMRC over their continued allowance of Omega Protein to plunder the bay for menhaden. We can only hope this gets some results.

I hope to see all of you at the June meeting and again 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.

Tight Lines  
Stan

### More from Mike the Editor

Our vice president Milton had some good news for the club at our board meeting on 13 June. A good friend of his will be bringing her expertise towards helping us get our 501(c)7 status. This will help use greatly when trying to get support from any current and new corporate donors.

Again, Don't forget to tell your friends about the **Sheepshead Tournament**. Go to [www.PSWSFA.com](http://www.PSWSFA.com) for all info.



Another nice yellow fin

## Virginia Beach Fishing



Ken with Cobia

By VBSF Staff

Cobia and drum are two of the most sought-after fish in the lower bay now. They offer exciting sight-casting opportunities and hard-fighting battles. Cobia can be found from the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel to Windmill Point. Sight-casting is the most effective technique, as cobia are curious and will often investigate anything that moves near them. Live eels are the best bait, but pogies, pinfish and croakers can also work. Bucktail jigs with curly tails are another option for artificial lures.

Drum are also available in the lower bay, especially around the Bridge Tunnel Islands and the Eastern Shore shoals. These fish can grow to trophy sizes and put up a strong fight. The best way to catch them is to fish on the bottom with cut bait, such as blue crab, menhaden or croaker. A fishfinder rig with a heavy sinker and a circle or J hook is recommended.

Spadefish and sheepshead are also on structure now, such as buoys, pilings and wrecks. Spadefish are more abundant at the Chesapeake Light Tower, where they can be caught with small pieces of clam on tiny hooks. Sheepshead are more common at the Bay Bridge Tunnel, where they can be caught with fiddler crabs or sand fleas on stout hooks.

Flounder action is picking up inside the bay as well. Some large flounder are being caught near the bridge tunnel, while smaller ones are being caught inside Rudee and Lynnhaven Inlets. Drifting with live minnows or squid strips on a flounder rig is a good way to target them.

A nice class of Spanish mackerel are biting as the water temp reaches 70 degrees. Trolling Clark spoons pulled behind an inline sinker or a plainer board will catch them.

And if you are feeling adventurous, you can head offshore and try your luck with tuna. Yellowfin tuna are showing up at the Norfolk Canyon area. In Carolina, boats have been landing Yellowfin, Big Eye and ... even a few large Bluefin Tunas. That's right, giant blue fin tuna in June!

The 2023 Virginia Beach Tuna Tournament, a premier fishing event that attracts anglers from all over, takes place this week out of Southside Marina at Rudee Inlet. Its a convenient location with easy access to the Atlantic Ocean. The tournament will run from June 21 to June 24, with a captains meeting on June 20. The official weight stations are Long Bay Pointe Bait and Tackle and the Virginia Beach Fishing center, where participants can weigh their catches and claim their prizes. The tournament offers cash awards for the heaviest tuna in various categories, as well as trophies and merchandise. The tournament also supports local charities and promotes conservation efforts. Don't miss this opportunity to enjoy some of the best tuna fishing in the world and have fun with fellow anglers at the 2023 Virginia Beach Tuna Tournament!

## Is This America's Best Ice Cream Shop?

Island Creamery in Chincoteague, Virginia, has been serving farm fresh ice cream to its customers since 1975. Kelly Conklin now owns the store with his wife Robin, after taking over from his parents Bob and Nancy Conklin. But the Conklin recipe remains a sweet creation made from local cows and ingredients from local farmers.

"Inspiration for flavors come from the local fruit farmers and from the tasty sweets created in our kitchen," the Conklins state on their website. The ingredients list is short: just cream, milk, plant derivatives and sugar. But their reputation is growing.

Being situated near the popular beachfront vacation destination of Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge has contributed to making Island Creamery a tradition among visitors each summer. "We became a part of the vacation experience," says Kelly Conklin.

And the word spread far and wide. The popularity of their sweet treats led the family to open two more locations, in Berlin, Maryland, and Salisbury, Maryland.

Now their cones are drawing national attention. The creamery has been nominated as the Best Ice Cream Shop in the USA Today's 10Best Readers Choice Awards. The nominees are submitted by a panel of experts and then the public can vote once per category per day. Island Creamery is currently sitting at No. 1 on the leaderboard. The 10 nominees with the most votes in each category will be announced July 7.

Island Creamery is also featured on the Maryland Ice Cream Trail along with dozens of other "cow-to-cone" creameries across the state. This trail is a 250-year-old state tradition and creates a sweet treat road map just in time for summer. (Visit each creamery and snap a photo to win a prize from Maryland's Best.)

The communities of Berlin, Salisbury and Chincoteague have been welcoming and supportive of the creamery says Conklin. Some longtime customers have brought in their children to introduce them to what made their childhood sweet.

Conklin praises the community for "warmly" supporting his business and shares the honor of being nominated with them. With three shops, Conklin says he has had many great personal experiences with his customers—ice cream just makes people happy, he says. "You may come in grumpy, but chances are you're not going to leave grumpy."

The creamery offers classic flavors like vanilla, butter pecan and Oreo, but also has some unique flavors popular on the Eastern Shore. Some of their signature flavors are Bourbon Caramel Crunch, Marsh Mud and Pony Tracks which is similar to the popular Moose Tracks flavor but with a nod to the famous local Chincoteague ponies. They also offer seasonal flavors pumpkin pie and sweet potato pie in autumn.

Find more information on each location's [Facebook page](#) where they update daily flavors, features and new creations. You can also find them on [Instagram](#).



Locally made ice cream draws the locals and travelers to Island Creamery in Chincoteague, Virginia. Photos courtesy Island Creamery



By John Page Williams / May 31, 2023

Atlantic menhaden are crucially important members of the vast food web in the Chesapeake Bay and its adjacent Atlantic coastal waters. But they aren't the only important fish in our Bay. We, humans, should eat a variety of foods to avoid becoming dependent on only one source and to fill a wide range of nutritional needs. So, for similar reasons, should the predator fish in the Chesapeake and the Atlantic also feed on a variety of forage fish and shellfish.

The numbers of available species vary from season to season and year to year, so food webs are the healthiest and most stable with multiple members at each level.

There's a good reason why ecologists sometimes describe food webs as food pyramids, with broad bases that become narrower going up. At the bottom of the Chesapeake's pyramid are the trillions and trillions of **producers**—plants that convert water, carbon dioxide, minerals and sunlight into the organic molecules that make life possible. These plants come in all sorts and sizes from microscopic, drifting algae (**phytoplankton**) to 6-foot-long underwater vegetation like **widgeon grass**. Sunlight and photosynthesis allow the Chesapeake's vegetation to grow a truly ginormous, continuous biomass of producers.

Herbivores eat plants, either exclusively or primarily. At the microscopic level, in the drifting zooplankton, live multiple species of the most abundant animals in the Chesapeake ecosystem—tiny crustaceans called **copepods**. Copepods graze on algae. Other Bay herbivores include filter feeders like oysters, **hooked mussels** and first-year ("peanut") menhaden, which filter phytoplankton with feather-like structures in their gills as they swim through the water.

Another grazer is the **grass shrimp**, which scrapes off algae that grow on wooden structures like fallen trees and docks. Grass shrimp have about as many fishy friends as soft crabs. Because a single herbivore eats multiple types of plants, the biomass of herbivores in the Chesapeake system, though still gigantic, is only about 10 percent of the plant mass.

Carnivores eat other animals. They might be baby rockfish, chasing down copepods, or older menhaden, which swim through clouds of zooplankton, catching them in their gills. One fierce but small predator of zooplankton is the **Bay anchovy**, the single most abundant species of fish in the Chesapeake.

What the Chesapeake's carnivorous fish eat depends on their body structure. Consider, for example, the **striped bass** and the **Spanish mackerel**. Our beloved rockfish are generalized predators. Their mouths and eyes are large, handle prey of multiple sizes, and feed effectively in low light. Their bodies are strong and streamlined for long coastal migrations, but their broad tails equip them well for maneuverability and acceleration for ambushing prey disoriented by tidal currents around marsh points, boulders, wrecks, and navigation aids. Yes, they love menhaden for their high-calorie oil and protein content, but they also love **herring** of all species and **eels** for the same reason. In the Chesapeake, they love young **Norfolk spot** and **Atlantic croakers**, along with **killifish**, **silversides**, small **mud crabs** of multiple species, grass shrimp, and, like us, **soft crabs**.



Alewife herring gather after swimming upstream to spawn in Susquehanna State Park in Harford County, Md., on April 20, 2017. (Photo by Will Parson/Chesapeake Bay Program)



American eels are migratory fish that certain freshwater mussels rely on to reproduce. Above, USFWS biologist Steve Minkinen holds an American eel captured for tagging in Buffalo Creek in Union County, Pa., on Aug. 21, 2013. Photo by Steve Droter/Chesapeake Bay Program.

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Spanish mackerel, on the other hand, are **pelagic**, built for open-water speed in straight lines and long migrations. They're even known, like their larger cousins the king mackerel, to vault high into the air to land teeth-first on pods of prey fish. In the Chesapeake, they particularly concentrate on bay anchovies, whose schooling patterns of dimples on the surface have given them the nickname rain bait. Much as Spanish mackerel love rain bait, they also enthusiastically chase down other small schooling fish like "peanut" menhaden, silversides, **needlefish**, **mullet**, and **herring**.

Another part of the food web is the detritivores or debris-feeders. This broad class of creatures eats material that is dead but was once alive. Sounds pretty gross, but every ecosystem, the Chesapeake very much included, offers a huge quantity of detritus, both plant and animal. A land-based example would be the earthworm, literally eating its way through the soil, absorbing calories from dead material and passing inorganic material straight through.

The Bay's most prominent detritivore is our beloved blue crab, but mud crabs do so, too. One of the most important and abundant forage fish of the upper tidal rivers, where the salinity is low, is the gizzard shad (also known as mud shad), which sieves out detritus by literally grubbing in the river bottom. Distantly related to menhaden, shad and herring, mud shad find plenty to eat in our waterways. Their flesh is oily, and packed full of calories and protein, not only for full-time river residents like blue catfish and largemouth bass but also for seasonal transients like rockfish.

The Bay's marine worms are also detritivores. Ever use bloodworms for bait? What did you catch on

them? Probably just about every predator species in the Chesapeake's repertoire. The bloodworms sold in bait shops come from New England, but our Bay system grows several native species of these **bristle worms**, perhaps best known as the small, pink worms that forage on oyster reefs and the "mayworms" that swarm for spawning in the late spring, a fascinating spectacle and a feast for rockfish. All along the Atlantic coast, bristle worms form an important segment of the food web. Here in the Chesapeake, we can ensure a strong stock of them by restoring oyster reefs. Ditto for three tiny fish that also forage and hide in the reefs: **gobies**, **blennies**, and **skilletfish**.

Learning about these forage species is great for fishing, but the lesson doesn't stop there. The easiest way to study them first-hand is a great summertime activity, especially for families: pulling a 20- to 30-foot minnow seine through shallow water along a Bayside beach or marsh bank. You'll be astounded and delighted at all of the life that is swimming in our waters. If you are not already familiar with these forage critters, you'll see a whole new world of Chesapeake knowledge opening up. A seine net with a couple of poles will cost less than \$75 bought either from a local tackle shop or online. The last piece of gear for seining is a good field guide. The richly illustrated, informative classic is ***Life in the Chesapeake Bay*** by Alice Jane and Robert L. Lippson, published by the Johns Hopkins University Press. It's readily available online and in local bookstores, both new and used.

These other forage fish, crustaceans, and worms are also vital to the Chesapeake and Atlantic coastal food web. Shad, herring and eels, in particular, are much depleted, confronting challenges as serious as **the ones facing menhaden**. They deserve our attention as much as menhaden because strong stocks of all of them are critical to a strong, balanced Chesapeake.



An Atlantic Silverside is held after being caught with a seine net in Annapolis, Md., on April 20, 2016. Photo by Will Parson/Chesapeake Bay Program.



## Way South Chesapeake Bay Fishing Report, June 2023

Way South Chesapeake Fishing Report, June 16 Update:

No matter where you are fishing in the lower Bay this time of year, you have a good chance at catching a variety of species. The CBBT has one of the most diverse fisheries in our region which makes it a popular spot for anglers to visit. We heard good reports from all over this area over the past week. One angler fishing the second island of the CBBT reported finding a good flounder bite where their biggest fish of the day were 23.5, 22, and 20 inches. They did mention that they lost about \$30 worth of six-inch grubs to the rock piles.

The shallow waters of the tributaries are full of life with reds, specks, and (now out of season) rockfish feeding on baitfish near grass beds and other structure. An angler fishing the Warwick River had an epic day of fly fishing using long leaders and a non-contact retrieve method. Puppy drum, perch, croaker, blue cats, stingrays, speckled trout, and rockfish made up their mixed bag for the day. The largest drum were 29.5 and 20 inches while the largest rockfish was 26.5 inches. You can't ask for a better day than that!



Specks are around in solid numbers. Stan may say differently

Cobia season opened on the 15th this week which has many anglers sitting atop their towers on the lookout for the man in the brown suit. A lot of boats hit the water but from the reports we got, it was a grind for most. Some fish were caught but we didn't receive any spectacular reports. Live eels are always best when bait fishing or sight fishing, but they can also be caught on cut menhaden or bucktails rigged with soft plastics. We expect to have more reports from this fishery by next week.

Inshore fishing off Virginia Beach has been picking up, but so have the crowds. A reader reported in from this area to say they enjoyed a great bite from multiple species, including some nice spadefish at the Light Tower (on clam bits) but another angler said that when they fished there it was "like a Walmart parking lot on Christmas Eve" with over 35 boats fishing within short distance of one another. The bite was slow, and they managed to catch a few sea bass and a skate. They noted that a few boats reeled up spadefish, but most were small. After leaving the crowds, they found some more sea bass at the Santore. Your best bet for steady fishing will be to get out during the week and avoid the weekend crowds.

## Last Month's Mystery Fish Atlantic Halibut



### Population Status

The Atlantic halibut stock is at a very low level. Fishing is still allowed, but at reduced levels.

According to the 2012 stock assessment, the Atlantic halibut stock is overfished. The overfishing status is unknown. Summary stock assessment information can be found on [Stock SMART](#).

### Appearance

Atlantic halibut can be distinguished from other right-eyed flounders by their large size, concave caudal fin, large, gaping mouth, and arched lateral line.

One of the largest fish found in the Gulf of Maine.

### Where They Live

#### Range

Atlantic halibut are found from Labrador and Greenland to Iceland, and from the Barents Sea south to the Bay of Biscay and Virginia.

In U.S. waters, halibut is most common in the Gulf of Maine.

#### Habitat

Atlantic halibut are found in the temperate and arctic waters of the northern Atlantic.

They live in coastal to upper slope areas.

Atlantic halibut are demersal fish that live on or near sand, gravel or clay bottoms at depths of between 160 and 6,560 feet.

Halibut are sometimes targeted by recreational anglers, but are most often encountered when targeting other groundfish species like cod and haddock. [Regulations](#) include a minimum fish size and a limit of one fish per vessel per trip in federal waters



## 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](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



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# FISH TALES



Stan with his first citation sheephead.



Danny and Sheephead



Nice fish for such a small fry!



Charles and Gabe with Tuna



Nice Wahoo



Wally and nice drum

# Monthly Tournament List

## April 2023

### Red Drum

Stan Simmerman 49"

### Tautog

Kenny Meyer 31.5"

### Black Sea Bass

Wally Veal 20.5"

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:  
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HAYES, VA 23072  
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### Deadline for turning in your 2023 entry forms:

Month of Entry	Deadline (RegMtg)	Month	Deadline (Reg Mtg)
January	15 Feb	July	15 Aug
February	15 Mar	August	19 Sep
March	19 Apr	September	17 Oct
April	17 May	October	21 Nov
May	20 Jun	November	19 Dec
June	18 Jul	December	by Brd Mtg 9 Jan 2024





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.

**Go to [www.PSWSFA.com](http://www.PSWSFA.com)**

**For Entry Forms and fees etc.**

### 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



**A False Albacore off the coast of Puglia**

From Trieste to Lecce, Italy's Adriatic coast spans almost 1,250 km (775 miles) and offers everything from quiet fishing villages to bustling resorts and working ports. Each destination has one thing in common, however – access to prime fishing grounds! Heck, there's even a town named after a fish – Pescara.

Seabream, Seabass, Dentex, and Pandora are the most popular catches just a few miles out from shore, but you don't have to go that much further to find something bigger. Mahi Mahi, Albacore, and Bluefin Tuna all call these waters home at certain points of the year, so you can experience big game action on an Italian deep sea fishing voyage.

Rimini and Pescara are also good starting points for exploring the northern Adriatic. Meanwhile, anywhere south of Pescara to Gargano National Park is the best for the central portion of the sea. However, the best action in the south takes place in Puglia. All the cities and small towns in between offer up plenty of charters to take you out.

**Sicily**, meanwhile, is a whole other story. All around the island, you'll find boats geared up for fishing. Combine your trip with shopping in Taormina, hiking up Etna, exploring the Graeco-Roman remains of Syracuse or Scirocco, or getting a feel for real Italy in Palermo or Catania. The same fish as off the south coast are biting, coming even closer to shore! Basically, whatever you want, Sicily has it in abundance.

### So you think you know your Fish

Name this fish with many faces?  
Answer next month







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Sign still there but with  
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further on is entrance to  
funeral home.

MASS SUN 830A  
TUE 6P WED 11A  
FREE DINNER  
THU MAY 30 830

