



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

19 Sep 2023 7:00pm (1900)  
see last page for directions

Another month in the books. At least it's starting to cool off a bit.

I Managed to catch another 34-36" Tiger Muskie at my sisters lake house on 15 Aug but hurt my damaged pinky trying to control it while it was in the net. Then there was the bat I caught flying around in my room one night. Lucky for me there was a net sitting against the wall. Hurt my finger, again!

Several of our members have been doing well off shore this summer with catches of Snapper, Tilefish, Grouper, Marlin, Sailfish Wahoo, Tuna, etc. If it's out there they've been catching them.

Turns out we did a lot better than we originally thought with the Sheepshead Tournament. We ended up make \$6280...woohoo!

Looking to do much better next year.

We are also planning on being at the boat show in February and the Great Bridge Fishing Flea market on 2 March at a new location in VB.

Stay well - Mike the Editor

### FROM THE PRESIDENT

Last month's meeting topic was "Fish Handler's Disease (Vibrio)" and was well attended. There were several handouts provided by the department of health and some good information was provided. As most of you may know there has been a good deal of information in the national news lately about the flesh-eating disease that several folks to our north, New York, Connecticut, Massachusetts, etc. have been experiencing. What they have been calling flesh eating disease is in fact Vibrio.

As I reported last month, the Sheepshead Tournament was a success, and we will be conducting it again in 2024. We will again form a committee to run the tournament and we are looking for volunteers to assist with the committee. You do not need to be a member of the board to assist. With a year to plan this should be a much

easier tournament to pull off.

We are also looking at setting up a committee to investigate/initiate various forms of social media activities to broaden the reach of PSWSFA and to attract new member.

As I stated last month all of the summer species are here. Flounder fishing is better than it has been in many years. There are some big specks starting to show and I will probably be taking Donnie Fricks (winner of the Speckled Trout Raffle) on the trip he won within the next few weeks. Sharks that we don't normally see in the bay are showing up even off of Chesapeake Ave. I know of bonnet head, black tips, and spinner sharks being taken in that area. Puppy drum are almost everywhere, and we got into several big schools in the last two weeks including one where there were probably a couple hundred that we fished over for nearly 2 hours. They

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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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3) \_\_\_\_\_ 6) \_\_\_\_\_

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have been taking topwater and are a lot of fun on light tackle with fish up to 32 inches but many that are within the slot limit. Flounder fishing is still very good with a lot of big fish being caught and that should continue through October. Cobia are starting to school up and are being found in larger groups. Offshore species are also doing well.

Omega has been plundering the bay recently and you may have seen Facebook posts about another fish spill or at least a lot of dead bunkers floating down current from where they are working. There are also some reports of Osprey's and Eagles that are being rescued and being deemed as suffering from malnutrition due to a lack of fish to eat. I know from personal experience that I am not seeing as many eagles and ospreys this time of year as I normally do and that many of the nests are empty or just missing. Hopefully something will be done about it but who knows. I'm not getting my hopes up.

I hope to see all of you at the September 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

## Virginia Beach Fishing

### 11 Sep 2023 - Virginia Saltwater Fishing Report

Hurricane Lee is on the radar of many anglers, but it seems that it will not affect the local fishing conditions much, except for some big swells.

The lower bay and the oceanfront are good spots to troll for Spanish Mackerel, and maybe some King Mackerel and Albacore as well.

Red drum are leaving the Bay and heading to the ocean, where they can be seen in large schools on the surface. Surf fishing for them should be good in the coming weeks.

Cobia are also starting to move out of the Bay, and they can be caught along the oceanfront until September 15th, when the season closes.

The CBBT structures and the local reefs are holding sheepshead and even some trigger fish, which are fun to catch on light tackle.

Flounder fishing is getting better, especially for those who use live Spot as bait. Some of the biggest flounder of the year are caught in September. Spot fishing is also picking up, with some nice yellow belly spot showing up.

Speckled trout and puppy drum are active in the creeks and inlets of the Bay, and they can be caught on a variety of lures and baits.

Offshore wrecks are producing a mixed bag of black sea bass, triggerfish, spadefish, amberjacks, and flounder. All of these fish are good to eat and put up a good fight.



*Dr. Ken Neill*

The Virginia Beach Fishing Pier is offering some decent fishing for spot, pompano, drum, small croaker and few roundhead. These fish are easy to catch and good for beginners.

Offshore bluewater crews are having a blast with billfish action. White Marlin numbers are increasing, and Blue Marlin are also being caught. Dolphin, Tuna and Wahoo and Tilefish are also in the mix, making for some exciting trips.



Dr. Marjy Friedrichs at VIMS has been developing the Chesapeake Bay Environmental Forecast System to provide forecasts and real-time “nowcasts” of temperature, salinity, dissolved oxygen, and other physical and chemical factors within the Chesapeake Bay to help monitor Bay health and plan on-the-water activities. Based on observations and computer models developed by the Virginia Institute of Marine Science and partners, these tools accurately predict the current status of important environmental variables and how they are likely to change in the short-term.



Since 2016, I’ve been working with anglers to help provide feedback to develop this fantastic resource and provide easy access maps to help folks plan their fishing. All of these maps and resources are available for free everyday in the CBEFS portal: <https://www.vims.edu/research/products/cbefs/index.php>.

I’m happy to answer any questions you may have.

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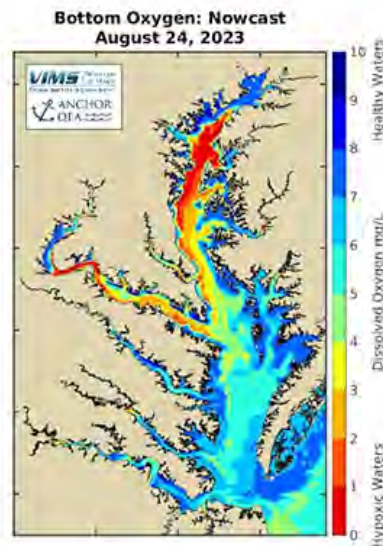


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## Bay Bridge Tunnel Project Halted By Antique Anchor Discovery

By Bay Bulletin / August 29, 2023



The Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel's (CBBT) Thimble Shoal Tunnel project literally dug up a delay this month. The massive tunneling machine, known as Chessie, ran into a large antique ship's anchor at the bottom of the Chesapeake Bay. This has put a stop to the tunneling entirely.

According to Michael Crist, Deputy Executive Director of Infrastructure at the CBBT, construction crews conduct surveys of an area before they start digging and boring tunnels. However, they can't always find everything. "Any time you dig in the ground you will find something," said Crist. The anchor, which Crist estimated at about 10-feet long with flukes are 3 or-4-feet long each, was not found

in the preliminary survey. "It was buried under large rocks. We missed it," he said.

The anchor has marking of "W.L. Byers Company." According to Jeanne Willoz-Egnor, Curator of Maritime History and Culture at the Mariner's Museum in Newport News, "It is difficult to provide more information about the anchor without better photographs and more details. But, based upon the limited available info, the anchor is likely from the 20th century, possibly 1920's." Willoz-Egnor noted that the battleship Missouri ran aground in the Thimble Shoal channel in 1950. A large number of anchors were deployed in the area in the efforts to re float the battleship.



**A close-up of the anchor dug up during tunnel construction**

The W. L. Byers Company was famous for their "stockless" anchor. The stock of an anchor is a bar that sticks out from the main anchor shaft at a different angle from the flukes. It functions to roll the anchor on its side on the seabed, which causes one of the flukes to dig into the sea bottom. Of course the other fluke sticks up, creating a hazard in shallow water. They were difficult to store. Stockless anchors worked and were much easier to stow.

The tunnel boring project is on hold until the anchor can be removed. "We don't know if there is any damage to the cutters," said Crist. "We won't know until we get crews down to clear the area and assess the situation." He said it will likely be December before they will have more answers. Crist noted that even though the tunneling is paused, there is still plenty of work to do.

The \$756 million project aims to create a second, parallel tunnel between the first and second islands of the bridge tunnel complex. The new tube will be a mile long, and will carry two lanes of traffic southbound, while the existing tube will change from two-directions to two northbound lanes. Chessie, the German-made boring machine, has a 43-foot diameter head. The tunnel tube is built behind the head as the machine moves slowly forward. A huge conveyor belt system moves material from the tunnel to trucks for haul off. The tunneling is about 13 percent complete.

It is now estimated that the project will not be complete until 2027. "We will keep at it," said Crist.

-Kendall Osborne



# Anglers Petition To Stop Menhaden Seine Nets From Scraping Bay Bottom

By Bay Bulletin / August 22, 2023

A pair of new petitions are pushing Virginia regulatory agencies to crack down on commercial menhaden fishing in the Chesapeake Bay—one on the damage purse seine fishing causes to Bay life and the other on the wastewater that menhaden boats pump back into the Bay.

One petition, submitted July 6 by Bill Dunn, an avid fisherman, calls on the Virginia Marine Resources Commission to bar purse seine fishing for menhaden in shallow Bay waters. It argues that nets used by fishing vessels owned by Ocean Harvesters, a subsidiary of Omega Protein, scrape along the bottom, contrary to industry best practice. Omega, based in Reedville, Virginia, processes menhaden into animal feed and fish oil for dietary supplements.



The dragging nets capture large numbers of fish other than menhaden, the petition says, and uproot submerged Bay grasses that provide habitat for crabs and fish. The nets also are prone to snagging and tearing as they drag along the bottom, which has spilled large numbers of dead fish into the water. There were several spills last year, causing an outcry and prompting the marine resources commission to negotiate an agreement with Omega to develop a quick-response protocol for future net tears.

The public comment period on the petition closes Aug. 21, and more than 300 supportive comments had been received by midmonth. The commission will then decide whether to go ahead with crafting such a regulation.

The other petition, filed July 21 by Andy Cortez, a member of the Virginia Anglers Club, asks the state's Department of Environmental Quality to regulate water pumped from the menhaden fishing vessels as water pollution. The petition contends that the vacuum pump water discharged into the Bay by the Ocean Harvesters vessels contains dissolved organic matter, including nutrients and suspended solids.

"After a school of menhaden are caught in a purse seine, the fish are compressed into a tight ball, squeezing liquid from them and expelling waste as the fish struggle and die," wrote Cortez. "This process generates water pollution. The mass of dying fish is then suctioned into the ship via a powerful vacuum pump where the fish and polluted water are separated. The fish go into the hold for profit and the polluted water goes over the side. No other fishery in Virginia uses vacuum pumps on the water."

That petition is open for public comment through Sept. 4. Once the comment period ends, the State Water Control Board will decide whether to move forward with rulemaking.

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The Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission, an interstate body, is responsible for managing the Atlantic menhaden population along the East Coast. In 2022, it found the stock is not overfished and approved a 20% increase in coastwide harvest.

The interstate commission has maintained a longstanding cap of 51,000 metric tons on harvests in the Chesapeake, but conservationists and sport anglers worry about the impact of any large-scale menhaden fishing near the mouth of the Bay on local fish and wildlife populations. Their concerns have only increased with the release of a study blaming osprey nesting failures in Virginia's Mobjack Bay on a lack of menhaden for the birds to eat.

A spokesman for Omega Protein has dismissed as unfounded the assertions of a localized depletion of menhaden in Virginia's portion of the Bay. To address the debate, state lawmakers have moved to study the condition of the Bay's menhaden population.

Meanwhile, a hearing is set Sept. 7 in Richmond Circuit Court on a lawsuit brought by a group of Southern Maryland recreational anglers challenging the marine resources commission's regulation of commercial menhaden harvests.

That case, filed May 10, contends that the Virginia Marine Resources Commission failed its legal obligation to protect menhaden from overfishing when it approved an increased commercial catch earlier this year. The suit also argues that the commission failed to consider the impacts of that harvest on species that depend on menhaden for food, including Atlantic striped bass and osprey.

The commission, through the attorney general's office, has filed a motion to dismiss the lawsuit. It says the agency is bound by state law to permit the catch allowed by the Atlantic states fisheries commission. The fishing group counters that the Virginia commission has both the authority and the conservation obligation to limit harvests below what was set by Atlantic fisheries managers.

### **2023 Youth and Ladies Croaker & Spanish Mackerel Tournament 2023 PSWSFA Don Forman Cobia Tournament**

#### **2023 Youth and Ladies Croaker & Spanish Mackerel Tournament**

##### **Youth (Croaker)**

1st Place – Aurora Badger 0.39lb Croaker (\$100 Check from PSWSFA)

2nd Place – Taliya Veal 0.33lb Croaker (\$40 Check from PSWSFA)

3rd Place – Cristiano Strickland 0.28lb Croaker (\$20 Check from PSWSFA)

##### **Ladies (Croaker)**

1st Place – Tanya Veal 0.33lb Croaker (\$100 Check from PSWSFA)

There were no Spanish mackerel entries for this year's tournament.

Awards will be handed out at the Annual PSWSFA Club Picnic (location and date TBD)

#### **2023 PSWSFA Don Forman Cobia Tournament sponsored by Bishop Fishing Supply**

1st Place – Chris Harris 44.10lb / 54.5" Cobia (Gift Certificate from Bishops and a \$32 Check from PSWSFA)

## Videos from Chesapeake Bay Magazine



### Celebrating Jimmy Buffet Chesapeake Style

Singer-Songwriter Jimmy Buffett lived the Bay lifestyle and visited the Chesapeake often. Here are the untold stories from people who spent time with him here. [WATCH HERE](#)



### Inside New Barren Island Restoration Project

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has launched a massive undertaking: a \$4.5 billion project to rebuild wetlands on the disappearing Barren Island in the mid-Chesapeake Bay. Barren and its neighbor, James Island, have withered away to small spits of land. They'll serve as the long-term site for dredged material from the Port of Baltimore's shipping channels. Cheryl Costello got a first look at the construction underway that will transform these islands. [Watch Here](#)



### CBM Neighborhoods: Great Bridge In Chesapeake, VA

Great Bridge, situated in Chesapeake, VA, offers a lovely blend of maritime heritage and contemporary living along the Intercoastal Waterway. Residents enjoy scenic water views, convenient access to the Great Bridge Locks Park, and a close-knit community with excellent schools, making it a haven for boating enthusiasts and families alike. Realtor Greg Garrett takes us around this Chesapeake neighborhood in the video.

[Watch Here](#)



### Eastern Shore Champion Goose Caller Gets Prison Time For Waterfowl Hunting Violations

A well-known outdoorsman and national champion goose caller is sentenced to time behind bars for outfitting and leading hunting excursions without a license. Federal prosecutors say his company, Wye East Outfitters, repeatedly went after snow geese using unlawful methods—even after probation conditions barred him from doing so.

Cheryl Costello finds out what led to the waterfowl hunting case that comes with a prison sentence. [Watch Here](#)

## Last Month's Mystery Fish Black Scabbardfish



The black scabbardfish is bathypelagic by day, but moves upwards in the water column at night to feed at middle depths on crustaceans, cephalopods, and other fishes, mostly grenadiers, codlings (family Moridae) and naked heads (family Alepocephalidae). The black scabbardfish coexists spatially with *Aphanopus intermedius*, which is a species commonly known as the intermediate scabbardfish. The narrow, elongated body of the black scabbardfish, along with its pointed head and long dorsal fin, is adapted for fast swimming. This fish has a large terminal mouth with large fang-like teeth for efficient predation. To camouflage well, it has a coppery-black coloration with an iridescent tint. The fish's large eyes, which have a diameter around 18% of the head length, are of such a large size to facilitate sight in low light.

Black scabbardfish have 35 or more prey categories, including crustaceans, cephalopods, mesopelagic fish, shrimp, teleost fish, and blue whiting. Blue whiting may be a preferred prey; other mesopelagic fish are also preferred. When black scabbardfish are not feeding on these, they may chase after baitfish, feeding on *Sardina pilchardus*, *Scomber colias*, or squid.





## 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



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# FISH TALES



Wally's Grandson Cristiano Strickland with a junior Tautog



Stan and 30" red snapper



Gary Lawson and 30" Speck



Stan and nice 51" wahoo



Cylet Brooks with dad Ryan & 54" Cobia



Not big but one of several caught by Mike the Editor

# Monthly Tournament List

## July 2023

<b>Sheepshead</b>	Rick Wineman	27"
<b>Red Drum</b>	Chris Harris	50"
<b>Flounder</b>	Danny Taylor	30"
<b>Spanish Mackerel</b>	Michael Hudgins	23"
<b>Yellow Fin Tuna</b>	John Hunt Jr.	49"
<b>Amberjack</b>	Stan Simmerman	40"
<b>Cobia</b>	Chris Harris	50"
<b>Bluefish</b>	Joe Durso	26"
<b>Goldern Tilefish</b>	Rick Wineman	35"
<b>Blueline Tilefish</b>	Charles Randolph	37"
<b>Croaker</b>	Aurora Badger (Youth)	9.25"
<b>Whiting</b>	Cyler Brooks (Youth)	12"
<b>Ballyhoo (Critter)</b>	Stan Simmerman	

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.

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HAYES, VA 23072  
(e-mail: [judygee03@gmail.com](mailto:judygee03@gmail.com))

### 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@pswsfa.com](mailto:rick@pswsfa.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



The island of Ireland has for many years been recognized as one of the Worlds premier sea angling destinations. The 3000 km coastline is among the most varied and spectacular in the northern hemisphere with it's hundreds of tranquil bays and backwaters, roaring surf beaches, and miles of awe inspiring sea cliffs. The diverse nature of the coastline and Ireland's unique geographical position, on the edge of the European continental shelf, where the inshore waters are warmed by the North Atlantic Drift (an offshoot of the Gulf Stream) means that the native marine life is extremely rich and varied. The coastal waters of Ireland abound with fish and visiting sports fishermen can expect something in the region of 80 species to aim at, so anything from a blenny of a few grams to a sixgilled shark of over 400 kg can be expected!

### Ireland as a Sea Angling Destination

Sea Angling in Ireland can be divided into three distinct categories:

**Shore Angling:** (spinning, fly fishing, bottom fishing) from beaches, rocks, estuaries, quays and piers. This is probably the most widely practised form of sea fishing, and is enjoyed all round the coast, being most popular south of a line from Galway to Dublin. More about shore angling.

**Inshore Angling:** (trolling, bottom fishing and spinning) from self drive small boats up to 6 metres (20 feet) in length, in bays and sheltered waters, generally less than 5km (3.5 miles) from land. This is the fastest growing branch of marine sport fishing in Ireland, and from its traditional bases on the eastern and southern coasts is rapidly growing in popularity and spreading to other areas. More about inshore angling.

**Offshore or Deep Sea Angling:** (trolling, bottom fishing, wreck fishing, and drift fishing for shark) usually from purpose built charter vessels of 9 metres (30 feet) and over, and capable of carrying 12 passengers up to 32km (20 miles) offshore. This is the form of fishing on which much of Ireland's international sea angling reputation has been built. There are currently over 100, top quality, state certified, charter boats dotted around the coast offering the whole gamut of offshore fishing experiences. It is most popular in the south-west, west and north-west of the country. [More about deep sea fishing.](#)



### So you think you know your Fish

Answer next month







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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 Bercuse Funeral home entrance or just after it if coming from Cunningham.

## WHAT'S UP NEXT & BEYOND

19 September 2023 - Regular Meeting 1900hrs

PSWSFA Picnic - TBD but soon



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