



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

21 Nov 2023 7:00pm (1900)
see last page for directions

Greetings and welcome to November. Turkey day is just around the corner. I also hope you were able to honor our Veteran's on the 11th. My best wishes and thanks to all our members who are veterans.

Fishing Around The World this month is fairly unusual. A very difficult place to get to but the fishing is world class.

I went fishing with Stan on the 9th but wasn't able to get my first citation trout. We fished from before dawn until after dusk, mostly in the Elizabeth River. I caught only two with one break off at the boat and Stan managed four. Fishing was very slow with fish in the area but apparently not hungry.

Our guest speaker this month is Stan Simmerman who will be speaking to us about Sea Bass.

The Sheepshead Tournament is set for 21 September 2024.

Finally, the club awards banquet is set for 24 February 2024.

Stay well - Mike the Editor

Remember, Blue text within an
article represents a Link

FROM THE PRESIDENT

A big shout out to club member Danny Taylor who did an outstanding job on his flounder presentation last month. If you missed it shame on you. It was one of the best presentations we've had this year.

We have transitioned into the fall fishing season. Flounder fishing has continued to be good with several of us who have been speckled trout fishing have been catching flounder on mirrolures in shallow water. I personally have caught 4 in the past two weeks. Quality flounder fishing is still taking place at the CBBT and around the various wrecks inshore and at the Triangle Reef. Speckled trout fishing is hit and miss but the fish are moving into their wintering areas. The Elizabeth River is full of trout when they want to eat. There have been several fish over 28 inches in the past couple of weeks and at least 2 32-inch fish that I am aware of. Puppy drum are almost everywhere with many fish within slot and a good number of reds in the 31 to 32 inch range. Some quality sheepshead were caught over the past week and they should be around for another couple of weeks. This is the time of year for those citation triggerfish on

the wrecks and also big seabass. Offshore there are good catches of swordfish, some tuna and wahoo fishing should be excellent if the weather permits.

The November meeting will probably be our last meeting of the year and we also have elections to conduct. The guest speaker for this month will either be on a topic we have not had before relating to boat owners' insurance. I know I have several questions about it since I lost two offshore rods overboard a few years ago when fishing on a friend's boat. His insurance wouldn't cover it since they weren't his rods, and my insurance wouldn't cover it since it was on someone else's boat. An expensive lesson. If we don't have the insurance rep we will have a presentation on winter seabass fishing.

Again, bring a guest with you to the meeting. Get out there and fish and try to get a youngster/youngsters out 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

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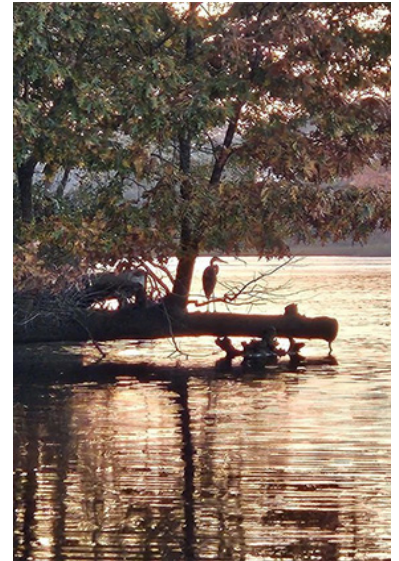
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Attention all members: This is a reminder that all memberships will now expire on the last day of February of each year. Forms are available from Johnny Boyd (membership committee). At the December 2019 board meeting the board voted to increase the 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

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

Name: _____ Spouse: _____

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*Family must be living with you

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☐ Yes, please add my name to the club membership book
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Virginia Saltwater Fishing Report

Today VBSF honors and celebrates the brave men and women who have served our country with courage and dedication. They have sacrificed so much for our freedom and security, and we owe them our deepest gratitude and respect. We also remember those who gave their lives in the line of duty, and we keep them and their families in our thoughts and prayers. Thank you, veterans, for your service and your legacy. You are our heroes and our inspiration.

Quality Speckled Trout are being caught in local creeks and inlets. Prolonged, unseasonable warm water temperatures, (61.2 F in the bay), have held smaller speckled trout longer than usual. Larger trout should show in greater numbers as the water cools. Grassy areas using either popping corks baited with shrimp, swim baits or Mirr-o-lure plugs are effective. The minimum size limit is 14 inches and anglers are allowed 5 per person, only 1 greater than 24". The capture citation size is 5 Lbs. and the release citation size is 24 inches.

Puppy Drum and Grey Trout or Weakfish are feeding in the same areas. Grey trout must be at least 12 inches, with a bag limit of 1 per person. Citations are available for any greater than 9 Lbs. or any released 30 inches or greater. The Drum capture slot limit is 18 inches to 26 inches, 3 per person.

The Rockfish bite is still mostly up the rivers. The islands of the CBBT have been producing a few at night. The minimum size for Rockfish inside the Bay for the Fall Chesapeake Bay Season is 20 inches, with the maximum size being 31 inches. The possession limit October 4 through December 31 is 1 per person.

Offshore anglers are doing well for Sea Bass on ocean structures. Quality Triggerfish are also being caught. Boats have been targeting Swordfish successfully.

Offshore anglers in Carolina have been finding Blackfin Tuna, King Mackerel, and some Wahoo.



Mike Firestone and nice speck



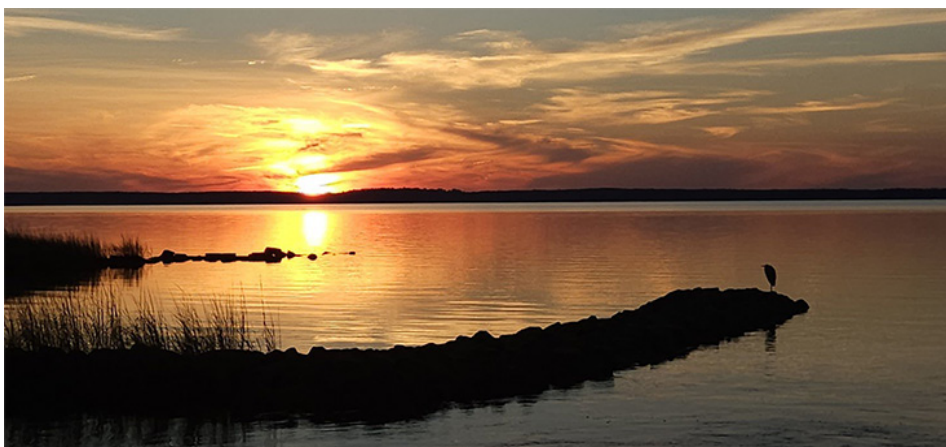
Small Grey Trout



Dr. Neill and Tautog



Black Seabass



Britain's Largest Aircraft Carrier To Be Homeported In Norfolk For Months To Come

By Bay Bulletin / October 10, 2023

Anyone with a view of Hampton Roads harbor might notice something a little different in the near future. Britain's HMS Prince of Wales (no, not the one who married Kate Middleton; we mean the British aircraft carrier!) will be based at Naval Station Norfolk for the next few months. The U.K.'s carrier will come in and out of Norfolk as it carries out joint exercises with the U.S. Navy.

The ship is the largest in the British fleet, though it is smaller than the American Nimitz and Ford class carriers that are often visible in the area. It's also light blue compared to our gray aircraft carriers. Ford class carriers are 337 meters long, and the Prince of Wales is 280. The Prince of Wales is easy to spot because of its pair of islands. Islands are the superstructure on an otherwise flat carrier deck. In addition to the two islands, the Prince of Wales has a very noticeable "ski jump" on the bow. This up-turned aircraft launch caters to Short Take-Off and Vertical Landing (STOVL) aircraft.

HMS Prince of Wales has a distinctive light blue color and two "islands" on its deck. The aircraft carrier will be homeported in Norfolk for the next few months. Photo: Royal Navy



The Prince of Wales is designed exclusively for STOVL aircraft. It does not have a catapult or arrestor gear for landing traditional aircraft. It will be hosting Merlin helicopters, MV-22 Ospreys (while visiting the U.S.), and the F35B fighter. The Lockheed Martin F35B is a stealth fighter that can direct its thrust down, allowing for a short takeoffs and landings.

According to the Royal Navy, "We see these ships as maritime platforms, adaptable and powerful, ready to deliver carrier strike missions, enforce no-fly zones, deploy Royal Marine Commandos, deliver humanitarian aid, and build international partnerships."

Interestingly, the ship is powered by Rolls Royce gas turbine engines, making it different from U.S. Navy carriers. Our carriers are nuclear powered and only need refueling about every 10 years.

The British ship is also optimized for drone use. The Royal Navy is testing Mojave drones, which can carry supplies as well as surveillance equipment and weapons. The Mojave drone has just completed supply flight testing. This use will allow supplies to be delivered to the ship on a regular basis, without the Navy having to deploy manned aircraft.

While on the East Coast, the Prince of Wales will be working jointly with U.S. forces. The British carrier intends to practice takeoffs and landings in the rough waters of the western Atlantic during our windy fall weather that can even include hurricanes. On October 6, British personnel flew the MV-22 Osprey, a tilt-motor aircraft, successfully from the deck of the warship. Ospreys can fly faster, higher, and longer than British Merlin helicopters.

The Royal Navy is posting frequent updates of the ship's visit to the U.S. You can [follow along here](#).

-Kendall Osborne

Striped Bass Survey Shows Juvenile Rockfish Numbers Are Dropping In “Disturbing Trend”

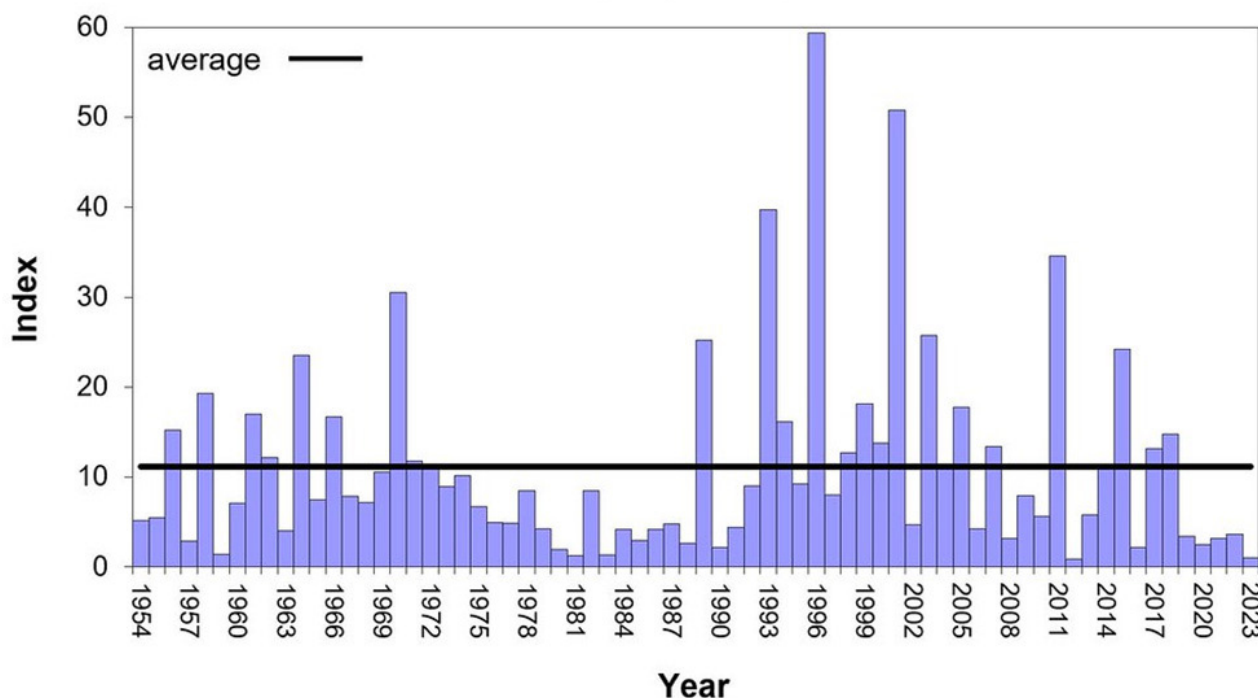
By Bay Bulletin / Oct 16, 2023

The annual juvenile striped bass survey results are in for Maryland and Virginia, and the news keeps getting worse. This time, it's not just Maryland where the prized Chesapeake fish appears to be in trouble. Virginia's count also came in significantly lower this year.

Maryland's juvenile rockfish numbers had already been sitting well below average for four years. This year, they were the second-lowest they've been since 1957—the index sitting at 1.0 compared to a long-term average of 11.3. You can see the year-by-year numbers below:



Maryland's Juvenile Striped Bass Index
Arithmetic Mean (AM) Catch per Haul



Even Virginia, where the survey has been generally much more positive in recent years, saw poor recruitment in 2023. The Commonwealth's rockfish index was significantly lower, with a mean value of 4.25 fish, well below the average of 7.77.

The results in both states show a recruitment failure, fishery experts say. Recruitment refers to the number of surviving fish that were spawned in the spring. The group of fish hatched this spring will grow to fishable sizes in three to four years, giving a snapshot of the predicted rockfish harvest a few years down the road. The Maryland survey is conducted by Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and the Virginia survey by the Virginia Institute of Marine Science (VIMS) on behalf of the Virginia Marine Resources Commission.

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This [Chesapeake Bay Foundation video](#) shows how the surveys work.

Maryland DNR points to ongoing climate conditions as a cause. “The warm, dry conditions in winter and spring during the past several years have not been conducive to the successful reproduction of fish that migrate to fresh water for spawning,” said DNR’s Fisheries and Boating Director Lynn Fegley.

The Chesapeake Bay Foundation (CBF) also blames recreational rockfish harvest pressure along the Atlantic coast, estimated in 2022 to be “nearly double that of previous years”. The Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC) instituted emergency action in May to decrease the maximum size limit for most striped bass fisheries to 31 inches.

CBF calls this year’s numbers “a disturbing trend”. Senior Regional Ecosystem Scientist Chris Moore says the poor recruitment shows that rebuilding the striped bass population is not guaranteed. “With five years of poor recruitment on the books, there will be fewer spawning adult fish left to help the population recover,” Moore says in a statement.

DNR now says it is “working with the ASMFC to support management actions we can take now to protect striped bass and improve spawning success.” According to Fegley, the agency is also considering additional state-specific actions to boost protections in Maryland.

In Virginia, VIMS calls 2023 **“an off year”** for juvenile rockfish, saying that recruitment can vary considerably from year to year. The last year with notably low recruitment was 2012, followed by 10 years of average or above-average recruitment. They say the strong years mitigate the effect of less productive years. Three continuous years of poor recruitment would trigger management actions to identify and address issues of spawning success.

DNR and VIMS look so closely at striped bass numbers because, not only are they a popular recreational sportfish and commercial fishery, they also serve as a top predator in the Chesapeake Bay ecosystem. Rockfish saw historic lows in the late 1970s, prompting total fishing bans in Delaware, Maryland and Virginia in the 1980s.



Scientist Jack Buchanan measures juvenile striped bass on the Pamunkey River. Photo: Samantha Dowiarz/VIMS

CBF’s Moore says there are several steps the Chesapeake Bay states should take.

“To increase survival, states must work with all fishery sectors to limit striped bass mortality through quota modifications, summer season closures, and addressing fisheries that target fish before they spawn. Anglers should also use careful catch and release techniques that keep released fish alive or target other species when available to reduce stress on striped bass populations.”

-Meg Walburn Viviano

Endangered Atlantic Sturgeon Threatened By Ship Strikes In Busy James River

Early 2024 will mark 20 years since the first evidence came to light that Endangered Atlantic sturgeon, believed to be wiped out in the James River, were still spawning there.

The Rice Rivers Center at Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) has been keeping a close eye on the river's stock of these "living fossils", which haven't changed much since they swam around in the time of the dinosaurs.

As the 2023 fall spawning run wraps up, Chesapeake Bay Magazine talked with the Center's sturgeon expert Dr. Matt Balazik about a concerning trend that parallels a larger issue with endangered whales along the Atlantic coast: vessel strikes. In Balazik's latest update from Nov. 4, he notes, "Lots of ship strikes are being reported."

Researchers count on citizen scientists to gather information about possible vessel strike victims they find and even salvage the fish carcass for study. Balazik says, "Data suggest that relatively there are a lot of carcasses floating around right now so please keep a lookout and report your discoveries."

The ship strikes on adult (spawning age) sturgeon have been concerns for years. The James has considerable traffic, from U.S. Navy vessels around Hampton Roads to bulk carriers visiting Hopewell and multiple tugs pushing barges as far up as the Richmond Intermediate Terminal. While sturgeon hug the bottom when at rest and feeding, they swim 4-5 meters (13-16') deep, just about the depth of many vessels' large, powerful, slow-turning propellers.

Odd as it may seem, the VCU team has been placing ultrasonic tags in carcasses to see how they drift, in order to begin assessing how many sturgeon get hit each year. It's a difficult research problem, but it's important to gain mortality insight about a fish that can spawn for decades—unless its life is cut short

VCU has implanted more than 200 ultrasonic tags on sturgeon during a catch and release process. The ultrasonic markers "talk" for up to ten years each to several coordinated arrays of receivers up and down the Atlantic coast. Researchers caught a sturgeon this fall that was tagged on Oct. 11, 2013. They say the battery in his tag should die any day now.



Researchers catch a sturgeon during the fall spawning run. Photo: Matt Balazik



This sturgeon's tail was cut off in a likely vessel strike. Its carcass can provide researchers valuable information. Photo: Dr. Matt Balazik

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Next, the VCU team will start the juvenile sturgeon trawl, but aren't expecting a strong year due to low rainfall and river flow and high salinity.

Under a new collaboration with the Nature Conservancy, researchers will be able to tag 10 subadult James River sturgeon. At 20-40" long, these "teenager" fish are older than the young-of-year juveniles but not fully mature either.

"We haven't focused on this size fish in the James for some time now and are happy to be back at it," the Rice River Center noted in their latest update. "We ended up with three during a few days of sampling and all three have 10-year telemetry tags. It's always exciting to see where these fish will end up spawning."

Watermen have known for years that subadults hang out at certain times of year in the Lower James's Burwell's Bay, but Balazik says they also go on a sort of "walkabout" up and down not only the Chesapeake and its rivers but also the whole Atlantic coast.

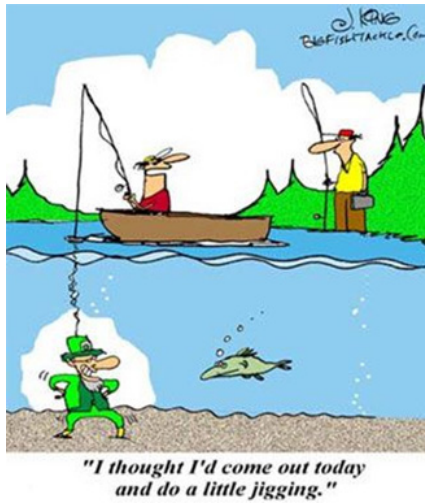
Tagged sturgeon that travel off the coast may offer insight into how offshore wind energy development affects their migrations. "You don't know what the data will show," Balazik tells us. "We just try to interpret what we find."

Balazik notes that an online education outreach tool is coming within the year to show the public the Rice Rivers Center's Atlantic sturgeon data from 2013 up to the present. There is potential for teachers to use sturgeon research into their curricula, with interest building already.

There is also potential for schools, clubs, and interested citizens to 'adopt' an individual tagged sturgeon and follow it through the VCU research. Anyone who would like to hear more should contact Dr. Matt Balazik at balazikmt@vcu.edu.

-John Page Williams





Last Month's Mystery Fish Filefish



The filefish (Monacanthidae) are a diverse family of tropical to subtropical tetraodontiform marine fish, which are also known as foolfish, leatherjackets or shingles. They live in the Atlantic, Pacific and Indian Oceans. Filefish are closely related to triggerfish, pufferfish and trunkfish.

Appearing very much like their close relatives the triggerfish, filefish are rhomboid-shaped, with beautifully elaborate cryptic patterns. Deeply keeled bodies give a false impression of size when the fish are viewed facing the flanks. Filefish have soft, simple fins, with comparatively small pectoral fins and truncated, fan-shaped tail fins; a slender, retractable spine crowns the head. Although there are usually two of these spines, the second spine is greatly reduced, being used only to lock the first spine in the erect position.

Adult filefish are generally shallow water fish, inhabiting depths of no more than about 30 metres. They may be found in lagoons or associated with seaward reefs and seagrass beds; some species may also enter estuaries. Some species are closely associated with dense mats of sargassum, a particularly ubiquitous "sea weed"; these filefish, notably the planehead filefish are also colored and patterned to match their weedy environments.





Virginia Recreational Saltwater Fishing Regulations

*Last Revised
June 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
- Gaffing prohibited



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: 20-31 inches
- Recreational Bag Limit: 1 fish per person
- Season: October 4 - December 31

Coastal Season

- Size Limit: 28-31 inches
- Recreational Bag Limit: 1 per person
- Season: January 1 - March 31, May 16 - December 31

Select species provided for information purposes only. Not all regulated species are included. All regulations are subject to change. It is the angler's responsibility to know and abide by all current regulations and laws. Check for new regulations before you go fishing.
www.mrc.virginia.gov



Spadefish

- Minimum Size Limit: No size limit
- Recreational Bag Limit: 4 per person



Sheepshead

- Minimum Size Limit: No size limit
- Recreational Bag Limit: 4 per person



Black Sea Bass

- Minimum Size Limit: 13
- Recreational Bag Limit: 15
- Season: May 15 - July 6, August 9 - Dec. 31



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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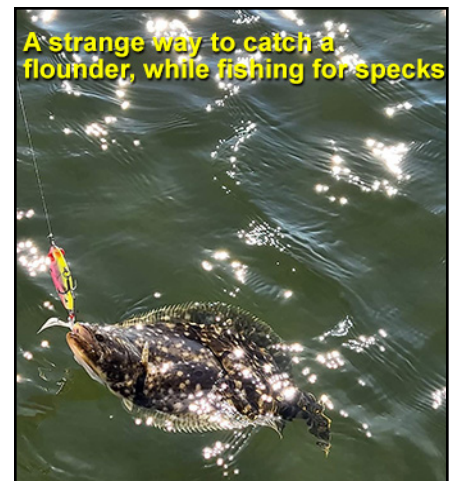
Ken neill with another nice Speck



Wally and his 4lb trigger



Stan with overly aggressive blowtoad



A strange way to catch a flounder, while fishing for specks



Not exactly my biggest speck but a good day fishing with Stan

Monthly Tournament List September 2023

Sheepshead
Wally Veal 25.5"

Flounder
Stan Simmerman 24"

Red Drum
Danny Taylor 46"

Spanish Mackerel
Cyler Brooks 21.5"

Speckled Trout
Gary Lawson 30"

Cobia
Charles Randolph 51.5"

Critters - Ballyhoo & Hogchoker
Donnie Fricks

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 Oct 2022 by the Editor at Hapuna Beach, 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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(e-mail: 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@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.

Go to www.PSWSFA.com

For Entry Forms and fees etc.

Grafton Fishing Supply

Club Spot Tournament

September 16th – 17th, 2023

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

All entries will be weighed using the same club scale
followed by the Annual Club Picnic

Spot Tournament - Two categories with 1st – 3rd place
winners:

"ADULT ENTRIES" and "YOUTH ENTRIES"

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

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

Club Puppy Drum Tournament

October 1st – 31st, 2023

Most number of Spots Wins (photos required)

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

Wilcox Bait and Tackle

Irv Fenton Rockfish Tournament

December 1st -31st, 2023

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

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

ALL Club Tournaments (Except as noted on front):

- Entry Fees: \$20 for member & \$30 for non-member. Youth and Ladies croaker/Spanish mackerel tourney is free.
- Rules and Entry Fees listed below do not apply to the Sheepshead Tournament. This is a sperate paid entry tournament.
- You must register before fishing by e-mailing Rick Wineman: rick@getanetsportfishing.com or call 757-268-1539.
- Leaving a message will be sufficient to register, give all anglers names (specify club members and club guest), and also give a phone number.
- Guest(s) must fish with at least one member on boat/shore/pier/kayak
- Use a club "Official Entry Form" and weigh in fish at any Va. Saltwater Tournament official weigh station for weight tournaments. Record the weight of fish, date and time caught and have the weigh master sign the form to verify catch. If two identical fish are caught on the same day, the earlier fish wins. That is why time is so important. Length tournament entries require witness or photo.
- All pertinent PSWSFA bylaws apply.

**To register or ask questions, e-mail Rick Wineman, Tournament Director
at rick@getanetsportfishing.com or call Rick @ 757-268-1539**

MEASURING INSTRUCTIONS

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



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Ascension Island Yellowfin Tuna Frenzy

By Al Mcglashan Updated: September 24, 2016

A few years back reports started to filter through to me, in Australia, of monster tuna in plague proportions. I quickly discovered that reaching the island is a mission in itself, not only because it is extremely remote, but it's also a British and American military base.

It took us almost a year and enough paperwork to destroy a entire forest but eventually we got there, and it proved one of my most amazing trips ever.

On the very first day we had yellowfin swarming around the boat in a matter of minutes. It wasn't just that once, but every day that we encountered tons of fish, including several monsters well over 200 pounds. Nor were they shy about hitting poppers, as Sondal Benson proved when throwing a popper.



When it comes to remote, Ascension is it smack bang in the middle of the Atlantic between Brazil and the Congo. Nothing more than a rock ... it doesn't even have a boat ramp!

It wasn't just the tuna that had us mesmerized in the waters around Ascension. Inshore we saw some amazing baitball action, with hundreds of amberjacks and black jacks harassing bait. To get their attention all we needed to do was take the hooks off a Halco Roosta Popper and start working it back, and we had an immediate audience.

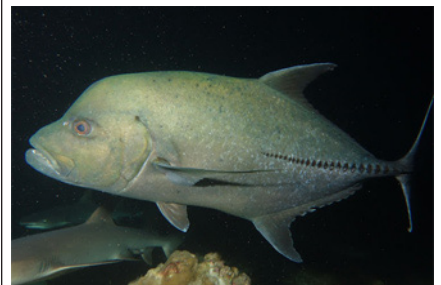
Inshore around Ascension, the fishing was just as hot as offshore, with literally hundreds of amberjacks and black jacks cruising around the rocks. It was almost impossible to not catch them with jigs or spoons, even off the rocks.



For the full story from Ascension Island click the following link: <https://www.sportfishingmag.com/yellowfin-tuna-ascension-island/>

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Or Visit facebook.com/GreatBridgeFishermansAssociation

- Monthly Newsletter • Annual Awards Banquet
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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



21 November - Last member meeting of 2023



2-4 Feb - Mid Atlantic Sports & Boat Show
Virginia Beach Convention Center



2 March - Great Bridge Fishing Flea Market



19 March - First member meeting of 2024

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