



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

19 March 2024 7:00pm (1900)
see last page for directions

OMG it's December already, again. I'm beside myself with how fast this year has gone.

As we close out the year I want to wish you all a Merry Christmas, a Happy Hanukkah and a Happy New Year and good fishing in 2024.

I think we can look forward to some great fishing in 2024, especially for flounder and specks. I just wish both would move closer to where I fish. I suspect the weather this winter will have something to say about the specks though.

We have some important dates coming up in 2024, starting with the boat show Feb 2-4, 2024, the PSWSFA Banquet on 24 February 2024, followed by the Great Bridge Fishing Flea Market on 2 March 2024 (in a new location in VA Beach). All of which need your support and participation, especially the Banquet.

We are also looking for volunteers to man the booth at the boat show again this year. We need to cover

Friday 10am - 8pm, Saturday 10am to 7pm and Sunday 10am to 5pm. If you can only do 1/2 a day that's fine. I know I'll be there the whole time taking pictures etc.

BANQUET NEWS

As for the banquet it will be at the same location as last year, on 24 February 2024. We had a great turnout and some very good food from Scoot's Barbecue last year and we are doing it again with Scoot's in February. Please print out the flyer on page 4 and send it and your check to our treasurer Christina Grice. Her address and phone number are on the flyer.

If you can't print it, send her a neatly written note with all of your information; how many adult members, kids and their age and any guests etc. She can't do anything over the phone, but you can ask her trick questions.

On another note, remember the Rock Fish tournament is going on the entire month of December. There are only 2 people entered as of the 12th. Please contact Rick Wineman at 757-268-1539 to join.

Stay well - Mike the Editor

FROM THE PRESIDENT

As we are now into December, let me start by wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and hoping that you have a great New Year. The past year has been a good year for the club. We gained a few new members and pulled off the first Sheepshead Tournament in Virginia. The tournament was a success and provided the funding for the club to continue through 2024.

Our monthly meetings have been well attended and the subjects have been educational and informative. Work is already underway for next year's subjects and we hope to have discussions on topics that the members want and need to know.

The banquet for this year will be held on February 24th and seating will be limited. I look forward to seeing all of you there and recognizing all the folks who have caught so many noteworthy fish over the past year.

We will be having another Sheepshead tournament in 2024 and this one should be bigger and better than last year. The

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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: _____

Dependents Names and ages

1) _____ 4) _____

2) _____ 5) _____

3) _____ 6) _____

*Family must be living with you

Address: _____

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Boat Name/Call Sign: _____

Total number in your membership: _____

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

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Please check one of the following:

☐ Yes, please add my name to the club membership book
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tournament will be in September so as not to interfere with all of the cobia tournaments that take place during cobia season. Letters seeking sponsors will be ready to go out in January and I encourage you to help find as many sponsors as possible. Sponsors are the lifeblood of the tournament and financing the club for the following years.

I've received word that flounder regulations will become more restrictive in 2024 with larger minimum size and perhaps smaller bag limits and closed seasons. Seabass is also going to be affected and the February season may not happen this year. neither of those changes are good news for the recreational fisherman.

On a brighter note, there was very good flounder fishing this year and our own Danny Taylor continues to hold onto the 1st place in the state with his 10+ lb flounder. Speckled trout fishing has been very good with many big fish being caught. There seems to be a few more and a nicer class of stripers around our area. I've seen fish up to 44in being caught a little North of us and quite a few 20 to 25lb fish being caught in the James and Elizabeth rivers. Citation size seabass and bluefish are on the offshore wrecks. Bluefin Tuna are just outside the mouth of the bay with fish being caught between Cape Henry and the Chesapeake Light Tower with many fish being hooked just offshore of Smith Island. There's no telling how long they will stay around but in 2012/13 they stayed almost all winter. Tog are available inside the bay for a few more weeks if the water temperature remains above 45o and they are on the inshore and offshore wrecks. Swordfish are being caught offshore and deep dropping in the deeper waters can produce golden tilefish, blackbelly rosefish and God only knows what other critters might be down there.

Get out there and fish and try to get the youngsters out with you. Enter your fish in the monthly tournament and especially the youth entries. I look forward to seeing you at the banquet.

Tight Lines.
Stan





2023 ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2024

RAFFLES

CLUB MEETING HALL
2605 CUNNINGHAM DRIVE
HAMPTON, VA 23666
6:00pm – 10:00pm

RAFFLES

Social Hour: 6:00pm - 7:00pm
Dinner: 7:00pm - 8:00pm
Awards and Raffles to follow

PLEASE PRINT:

MEMBER: _____

SPOUSE/SIGNIFICANT OTHER/ 1 GUEST _____

NAME OF GUEST/S OF MEMBER: _____

CHILDREN: _____

How many:

\$20.00/MEMBER: _____ \$10.00/CHILDREN (AGES 3-10 YEARS): _____

FREE/CHILD (AGES 2 and under): _____

\$40.00/GUEST: _____ \$20.00/ GUEST CHILD (AGES 3-10 YEARS): _____

Buffet includes Pulled Pork, Beef Brisket, Fried Chicken, Mac-n-Cheese, Corn Muffins, Cole Slaw, Green Beans and Dessert.

TOTAL NUMBER ATTENDING _____ AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____

Email address or Phone No. for Confirmation: _____

Mail this form along with check payable to "PSWSFA" postmarked by Feb. 15th to guarantee dinner:

TO: Christina Grice
P.O. Box 32
Gwynn, VA 23066



Questions: Call Christina at 757-869-7238 (after 5pm)
Please do not call in your reservation. Reservations
need to be in writing.

Virginia Saltwater Fishing Report

Giant Bluefin Tuna have shown up in numbers off Virginia Beach. The fish are strung out from Morehead City NC to Maryland. Slot size fish have been caught in 50 to 60 feet of water off Smith Island, where there are a lot of Omega Menhaden boats competing for their food source. Oversized fish have been released to the south, near the Chesapeake Light tower. Catches have come from as close in as just outside the CB buoys. I believe it was 2012 when a few were caught inside the Chesapeake Bay. VBSF sponsor High Hopes Charters is offering inshore trips for these fish now. Most likely our sponsor AquaMan Charters will also.

Bluefin tuna can be caught in Virginia waters from November to January. However, there are strict regulations for catching this species. According to the Virginia Marine Resources Commission (VMRC), anglers who want to catch bluefin tuna must have a valid recreational fishing license and a Highly Migratory Species (HMS) permit from the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS). They must also follow the size, bag, and possession limits set by the NMFS, which vary depending on the season and the area. Additionally, anglers must report their catch to NMFS within 24 hours of landing and use only rod and reel or handline gear. Failure to comply with these regulations may result in fines and penalties. Don't bother trying to catch these monsters unless you have ... HEAVY tackle!



Dr. Ken Neill and 72in Bluefin.
Caught off his dock...it could happen!

Larger Rockfish are becoming more numerous in the rivers. Umbrella rigs seem to be producing best. Stripers are also around the CBBT. The best fishing is at night under the lights.

Trout and Puppy Drum get a lot of attention this time of year. Anglers continue to make good catches on fresh cut bait as well as with Mirr-o-lures, and paddle tail swim baits. Captain Todd, Knot Wish'n Charters says Trout fishing continues to be good inside Rudee Inlet with the water temperatures around 55°. He is catching both speckled and gray Trout.

Sheepshead and Tautog are available at the CBBT. The best bait is crab, but shrimp and clams work well also.

The ocean wrecks are holding Tautog, and Sea Bass.



Declining Insect Population Prompts New Sediment Pollution Limits For Rural VA Counties

Insects seem unnecessarily pesky when we spend time around the water in the warmer months. But their presence is a sign of good water quality—so when the state of Virginia discovered insects were lacking in five Bay watershed counties, they got worried.

Low levels of insect larvae from mayflies, stoneflies, and caddisflies prompted Virginia's State Water Control Board (SWCB) to approve new pollution limits on suspended sediment waste for the streams of five rural Virginia counties: Rockbridge, Augusta, Bedford, Franklin and Pittsylvania. These species of flies serve as sensitive indicators of water quality.



Declining insect populations indicate poor water quality in five rural Virginia counties.
Photo: Virginia Save our Streams

The new limits will benefit not only the local waters in those counties but also the tidal rivers downstream, the James flowing to the lower Chesapeake and the Roanoke, flowing to North Carolina's Albemarle Sound.

Mayfly nymphs, along with stonefly and caddisfly larvae, have long figured in scientific water quality assessment protocols for freshwater streams. These insect larvae require clean water to survive. They also play important roles in the healthy ecological process of their streams, which in turn influences healthy functioning in tidal waters downstream.

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) had already classified those counties' streams as impaired because of their low numbers of benthic (stream-bottom) invertebrates (like insect larvae, mussels, and crayfish) in its 2020 Water Quality Assessment Integrated Report. The following year, further study revealed the cause to be excessive sediment runoff. Some came from construction sites and urban areas, but the majority came from hay and pasture farmland not cultivated with soil-conserving conservation practices.

To fix the problem, DEQ and the Department of Conservation and Recreation work with farmers to plan Best Management Practices (BMPs) tailored for each operation's geography and soils. Virginia's most accepted BMPs include no-till cropping, making nutrient management plans, planting cover crop mixtures growing deep roots to hold soil in winter, restoring eroded streambanks, planting buffer communities of trees and shrubs along the banks and fencing livestock out of those buffers and streams.

Installing such whole-farm packages costs money. Virginia's General Assembly allocated \$286 million in the recently adopted 2023 budget for cost-share programs to help farmers defray those costs, on top of \$116 million directed to those programs in 2022. Additional cost-share funds may come from federal, local, and nonprofit sources. Those numbers sound large, but Virginia is a high-value farm state with large acreage in production.

At this point, participation in the combinations of practices is voluntary, but legislation from 2020, as amended this past session, set a deadline of 2028 for those BMPs. A multi-agency task force will track progress, and if there isn't enough progress in meeting those goals, it would be come mandatory to adopt the BMPs.

Many Virginia farmers have already seen results from conservation and restoration practices over the past 40 years. It's evident when streams running through the farms show good water quality, robust communities of mayflies, stoneflies, caddisflies, healthy fish stocks (including trout, smallmouth bass, and fallfish), resident and migratory waterbirds, and other wildlife. By extension, so do Virginia's big tidal rivers.

-John Page Williams

\$10 Million Grant To Uncover Hidden Norfolk Creek, Build Public Green Space



This artist's rendering shows the previously filled-in creek uncovered and restored with public water access. Image courtesy of city of Norfolk

The city of Norfolk has received a \$10 million grant to help create what is being called the St. Paul's Blue Greenway. The 22-acre project will provide a variety of benefits, including recreation, open space, flood resilience, and even the uncovering of a previously filled-in creek.

The St. Paul's Blue Greenway is part of an even larger project called the St. Paul's Transformation Project, which aims to replace aging public housing built on fill with modern affordable housing adjacent to the Blue Greenway.

Both projects are located in the Tidewater Gardens neighborhood, which is tucked between Tidewater Drive and downtown Norfolk. According to the City of Norfolk, the area has the highest concentration of poverty in the city. The neighborhood originally consisted of 618 apartments built in the 1950s as public housing. It is close to downtown Norfolk, but nevertheless isolated from the city in many ways. Because the neighborhood was built on fill, it is subject to flooding. The neighborhood was in dire need of a makeover.

According to Dr. Susan Perry, Director of Norfolk's Department of Housing and Community Development, "The site of St. Paul's Blue/Greenway was historically a waterway connected to the Eastern Branch of the Elizabeth River formed through tidal action and a natural creek later named Newton's Creek. As Norfolk continued to grow and urbanize, the area was progressively filled in; surface drainage was routed into an underground storm drain. The filled waterway and wetlands is prone to flooding, and it has unstable, subsiding, organic soils coupled with groundwater challenges."

Dr. Perry described the planned open space as a "stormwater park." It will provide both flood mitigation and recreation—a win-win. There will be a recreational meadow designed to flood during periods of high water. Wetlands will be restored. Water in the neighborhood will drain more readily into the uncovered creek.



This drawn map shows where the uncovered creek and the blue greenway will be. Image courtesy of city of Norfolk.

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The park will not just reduce flooding. It will provide a bounty of recreational activities for nearby residents: playgrounds, picnic venues, a large gathering space, community center, splash pad, and pathways around the park. There will be access to the restored creek with kayak rentals. Visitors can stay fit at the 10-station fitness area. Trails will connect the park to downtown Norfolk and the Elizabeth River Trail. For those who are interested in history, the trails will be marked with interpretive signs explaining the history of the area including the nearby monument to Martin Luther King Jr. The trails will be lighted for nighttime use.

Most of the original apartments have been demolished. They will be replaced by a combination of affordable housing and retail/commercial space built adjacent to the park. There will be 714 new apartments. Residents of the former Tidewater Gardens community retain the right to live at the new St. Paul's Transformation Project neighborhood.

Norfolk reports that the plans for the project are 65 percent complete. The plans should be finished in the spring of 2024, with construction starting in the summer of 2024.

Regarding the term Blue Greenway, Norfolk Communications Lead Chris Jones said the term is "used to signify the intertwining of water (blue) and the green spaces." The term has been used by other localities before it was adopted by Norfolk.

Several consultants have helped the city plan this innovative project. These include Moffat & Nichol, Stromburg/Garrigan Associates (SGA), and Toole Recreational Planning Consultants. The park will be administered by a variety of City departments, especially Parks and Recreation and Public Works Stormwater. SGA has a detailed overview of the project [here](#).

-Kendall Osborne

Wild Turkeys Make a Comeback in Chesapeake Region



By Alonso Abugattas, Bay Journal News Service / November 20, 2023

The wild turkey has made an incredible comeback. Not that long ago, wild turkeys were all but wiped out by a combination of overhunting and habitat loss.

By the early 1900s, none remained in the District of Columbia and very few remained in the woods of Maryland, Virginia, New York, Delaware or Pennsylvania, to say nothing of the other 34 U.S. states that the birds were known to inhabit. They are thought to have vanished entirely in as many as 18 of those states.

Then, thanks to great restoration efforts by game commissions and hunting groups, wild turkeys were reintroduced into their former native range.

Early efforts to replenish populations with birds raised in captivity were largely unsuccessful. But "trap and transfer" programs begun in the 1940s—capturing wild birds and strategically relocating them—began to have the desired effect.

Turkeys are becoming increasingly more common. Plus, the land need not be that wild for them to survive.



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They're found in not only suburban areas, but in major cities such as Washington, D.C. and New York.

According to the National Wild Turkey Federation, the species you're most likely to see east of the Mississippi River is *M. gallopavo sylvestris*. Its subspecific name (*sylvestris*) refers to the bird's preferred environs: forests.

Wild turkeys are the largest and heaviest game birds and the heaviest of all so-called land fowl (order Galliformes), which includes chickens, pheasants, quails, grouse and many other species.

Male eastern wild turkeys grow to about 40 inches tall and weigh 17–21 pounds, according to the Cornell Lab of Ornithology. Females are considerably smaller, typically about 30 inches tall and 8–11 pounds. The heaviest known wild turkey weighed 38 pounds, yet it was a lightweight compared with the Guinness world record domestic turkey, which weighed 86 pounds. That was also the most expensive turkey ever sold, at \$4,400.



While domestic turkeys are ungainly and flightless—having been bred to be meatier and heavier—the wild turkeys they descend from can run up to 25 miles per hour and can fly at more than twice that speed. Still, with their plump bodies, long necks and showy, rounded tails, even the wild birds don't look like they can move that quickly, nor are they easily mistaken for other game birds.

These birds also have some unusual features. The male, for instance, has an essentially naked face and a long, thin plume of hair-like feathers sprouting from its chest. Unlike other feathers, this “beard,” as it is known, is permanent and not replaceable. It won't be replaced with new feathers during molts. The older the male, the longer the beard. A less prominent version of the beard occurs on about 20 percent of females, according to Cornell.

The male's face can change color and has other interesting features, complete with interesting names. The flap of skin dangling from the bird's neck is called a wattle or dewlap, as is its equivalent on a bovine. The sometimes reddish bumps on the male turkey's neck and head are called caruncles, and the fleshy projection on top of its beak is called a snood.

In the absence of disease and predation, a wild turkey can live up to 15 years.

For most of the year, these nonmigratory birds tend to form same-sex flocks, though the hens are solitary when nesting in the spring. After mating (late March to early April in the Mid-Atlantic), the hen makes her nest on the ground, usually no more than a shallow depression in dead leaves, often next to a live or fallen tree. She lays 8–12 eggs that hatch roughly a month later.

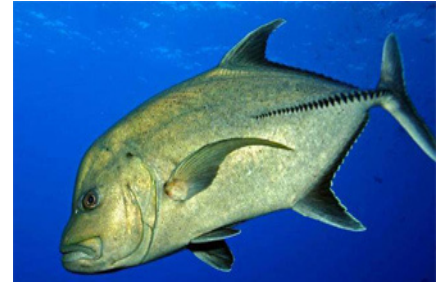
During incubation, when the hen leaves the nest to feed, she kicks leaves onto the nest, to hide the eggs from raccoons and other predators. The young all hatch on the same day and can fly just two weeks later, which greatly increases their survivability, as all turkeys roost or sleep in trees to avoid predation.

It is great to know that conservation efforts and game regulations have increased the wild turkey numbers. As of 2023, the estimate for wild turkeys within the U.S. was 84.2 million, a robust enough number for the Cornell Lab to consider them a species of “least concern.” That's not to say we can let our guard down. Even though hunting is well-regulated, habitat loss—courtesy of suburban sprawl and rampant development—continues to be a threat, as it is for so many of our native species.

CHRISTMAS FISH



Last Month's Mystery Fish Black Jack Travally



The black jack, black trevally, black kingfish, coal fish or black ulua, is a species of large ocean fish in the jack family Carangidae. The species has a circumtropical distribution, found in oceanic, offshore waters of the tropical zones of the Pacific, Atlantic and Indian Oceans. The species is particularly prevalent around offshore islands such as the Caribbean islands in the Atlantic, Hawaii and French Polynesia in the Pacific and the Seychelles and Maldives in the Indian Ocean. Black jack are rare in shallow waters, preferring deep reefs, ledges and seamounts in clear waters. The species is easily distinguished by its black to grey fins and jet black scutes, with the head having a steep profile near the snout.

The black jack is a large fish, and is confidently known to grow to a length of 1 m and a weight of 17.9 kg, although is more common at lengths under 70 cm. At least one source asserts a fish of 2.21 m has been reported, which if true would make the black jack the second largest species of carangid behind the yellowtail amberjack (2.5 m).

The black jack is of moderate to high importance to commercial fisheries throughout its range, often being the most abundant large carangid in offshore island catches. The species is taken by both various nets and traps as well as by hook and line.



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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Dave Brabrand and 25" Speck



Gary Lawson and speck from October



Stan with a monster 29 7/8 speck



Stan caught on camera going to one of his hot spots



My Tiger Muskie from August



So maybe it's not Ken's dock...



Monthly Tournament List October 2023

King Mackerel	Charles Randolph	39"
Flounder	Chis Harris	22"
Channel Bass	Aurora Badger (Youth)	16.5"
Sea Bass	Kenny Meyer	21.75"
Speckled Trout	Stan Simmerman	29"
Black Fin Tuna	Charles Randolph	29"
Spot	John Hunt Sr.	9.75"
Triggerfish	Rick Wineman	21.5"

Monthly Tournament Contenders	
Species	Min Size
Albacore Tuna	35"
Amberjack	40"
Bigeye Tuna	40"
Black Drum	40"
Blackbelly Rosefish	14"
Blackfin Tuna	45"
Bluefin Tuna	45"
Bluefish	25"
Blueline Tilefish	20"
Blue Marlin	Release
Channel Bass - Drum	40"
Cobia	40"
Croaker	16"
Dolphin	35"
False Albacore	25"
Flounder	22"
Golden Tilefish	30"
Gray Trout	24"
Grouper	16"
Jack Crevalle	36"
King Mackerel	35"
Pompano	12"
Sailfish	Release
Sea Bass	15"
Shark	60"
Sheepshead	15"
Snapper	12"
Spadefish	18"
Spanish Mackerel	20"
Spearfish	Release
Speckled Trout	21"
Spot	8"
Striped Bass	36"
Swordfish	Release
Tarpon	Release
Tautog	18"
Triggerfish	15"
Wahoo	40"
White Marlin	Release
Whiting (Roundhead)	14"
Yellowfin Tuna	35"

Photo taken 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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1894 KATIE LANE
HAYES, VA 23072
(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.



www.pswsfa.com

Fishing Around the World

As well as relying on the Mediterranean for trade and communications, people have been fishing in Crete for millennia. So grab a rod – it's time to take part in one of Europe's most ancient traditions yourself.

Crete Fish Species

Crete's position at the southern reaches of the Aegean Sea makes it a potential stopping point for any fish that's migrating through the Mediterranean. So although fish stocks have decreased noticeably over the last few decades, there's always the possibility of a catch.

Some pelagic fish like Tuna and Mahi Mahi stop by every year, while a variety of small Groupers, Porgies, and Wrasses find food and shelter in the local rocks and reefs. Here are some of the most popular catches on and around the island.

Several species of Tuna travel through the Mediterranean, from the giant Bluefin Tuna all the way down to tiny Bonito and Bullet Tuna.

Possibly even more exciting to catch than Tuna, Mahi Mahi look beautiful, taste fantastic, and will also test your fishing skills.

It's quite rare to find large fish around Crete, but the island's waters hold a surprising variety of smaller reef fish. Common Pandora, Red Mullet, Red Porgy, and Sea Bream are all quite common, and they taste great cooked up fresh in the local taverna. Small Barracuda and Bluefish are quick to attack lures and bait nearshore, while you might be lucky and land a larger Amberjack in deeper waters.

Crete is gradually becoming home to a collection of invasive visitors from the Red Sea. The highly poisonous Silver Cheeked Toadfish is a fairly common catch nowadays, as is the impressive – but destructive – Lionfish. There are also some Mediterranean natives that you should always treat with respect. Weaver Fish and Scorpionfish can both cause painful injuries if you handle them.

Most people who visit Crete spend their time on the north coast of the island, looking out onto the idyllic Sea of Crete and the Aegean. This is also where most fishing trips start. So while the seductive, underdeveloped south coast borders the deeper waters of the Libyan Sea, our top fishing spots focus on the popular northern shores.



<https://fishingbooker.com/blog/fishing-in-crete/>



So you think you know your Fish

These are different varieties of the same type of fish.





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a BoatU.S. Cooperating Group, you are invited to become a BoatU.S. Member
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BOAT U.S. COOP GROUP #: Contact Gary Donaldson at
GaryD66@Cox.Net
For the PSWSFA Coop group #

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ANNUAL *Fishing Flea Market*

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March 2, 2024
8:00 am - 2:30 pm

VIRGINIA BEACH FIELD HOUSE

Free Raffles!

50/50

Best Locations Go Fast. Register Now!

Come buy, meet, greet, and eat !!

- New & Used Rod & Reels
- Fresh & Saltwater Gear
- Custom Lures
- A Variety of Boats & Trailers
- Hot Food & Cold Refreshments
- Admission \$5 (Children 12 & Under Are Free)
- **FREE PARKING**
Over 3,000 customers in the past year

NEW LOCATION!

Virginia Beach Field House
2020 Landstown Centre Wy,
Virginia Beach, VA 23456

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LOCATION!**

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George - geva1963@cox.net 757-421-7333
Lavern - rv2mnts@gmail.com 757-974-3090

You are invited to visit or join the best fishing club in Tidewater. Each month the club has a speaker to present an informative program on various local fishing topics. Check us out at www.fishgbfa.org

Or Visit facebook.com/GreatBridgeFishermansAssociation

- Monthly Newsletter • Annual Awards Banquet
- Fishing Tournaments (Boat & Surf) • Special Events such as Oyster Roasts & Picnics
- Philanthropic Events to Benefit Organizations such as Hope House and Wish-A-Fish
- 12 High School Scholarships Presented in 2023

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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