



# CHUMLINE

APRIL 2024

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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

16 April 2024 7:00pm (1900)

Welcome to April and our second meeting of the new year.

**For April:** PSWSFA is excited to have Captain Pete "Walleye" Dahlberg speak at our April Meeting. There is an article about him on pages 6 & 7.

The banner picture is of the eclipse I took in 2017. My trip to Syracuse on 8 April went well but the weather barely cooperated. I have some clear pictures of the ring but it was filtered through a high layer of clouds. I was also able to get some good shots before it went total and the clouds were more cooperative. There are a few more pictures inside the Chumline.

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Stay well  
Mike the Editor

### FROM THE PRESIDENT

Folks,

April has arrived and a number of species have entered the bay. Specks are starting to move from their winter haunts and have been caught as far north as Maryland. Flounder are in the bay, and some have been caught on the Hampton Bar and around Ft. Monroe and Rudee Inlet. Tog are biting inside the bay as well as offshore. A few big reds have been caught with three citations registered by club members up to 48 inches. There are plenty of puppy drum in most of the traditional areas. Black drum are at the shoals and probably at the Cabbage Patch. My son had a grey trout that was 25 inches and weighed 7 lbs. He also had a about a 10lb bluefish and several rockfish up to 55 inches at the HRBT. Things should just continue to get better. We need a steady bay water temperature of 56 degrees for the crabs to start shedding and hopefully that will happen by the end of this week.

The April club meeting should be extremely interesting to all of us who use our electronics to navigate and find fish. Pete Dahlberg is well known up the bay for his mastery of utilizing electronics and Google Earth to put his clients on quality fish under less than desirable conditions. A few of our club members have chartered him and can attest to Pete's expertise when it comes to finding quality fish when others cannot.

Get out there and fish and try to get a youngster/youngsters out with you.

Remember to turn in your Monthly Tournament Entry Forms to Milton by the beginning of the meeting. It could very well be worth \$10. You can't win if you don't enter. Especially remember to enter youth entries for the youngsters.

I look forward to seeing you all at the meeting on the 16th.

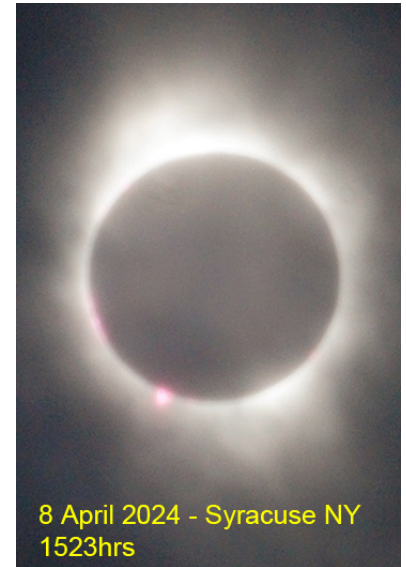
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8 April 2024 - Syracuse NY  
1523hrs

**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.

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# Right Whale Mother Found Dead Without Calf Off Virginia Coast

By Bay Bulletin / April 2, 2024

Editor's Note: This story contains an image and some details regarding the most recent right whale death that some may find disturbing. Please view at your discretion.

The struggling North Atlantic right whale population has taken another hit in the mid-Atlantic region: a female whale, who had given birth to a calf in recent months, has been found dead off the coast of Virginia.

Right whale #1950, who researchers have been following since 1989, was found floating about 50 miles east of Back Bay National Wildlife Refuge in Virginia. She was a mom from the 2024 calving season, having given birth this winter. It was her sixth documented calf, according to NOAA Fisheries. The calf would still have been nursing, dependent on its mother. It was not found anywhere near its mother's floating carcass.



Female right whale #1950, seen here in January 2024 with her calf in Cumberland Island, GA, has just been found dead off the Virginia coast.

On April 2, 2024, experts conducted a necropsy (animal autopsy) on the adult female North Atlantic right whale #1950. Preliminary findings included catastrophic injuries with a dislocation of the whale's spine and fractures to all vertebrae in the lower back. These findings are consistent with blunt force trauma from a vessel strike prior to death. Additional histological and diagnostic testing of samples is pending. NOAA's Office of Law Enforcement is investigating this incident.

On March 30, a company conducting Mid-Atlantic whale surveys for the Navy discovered the dead right whale and notified NOAA Fisheries. Its carcass had been scavenged by sharks, but marine biologists made the decision to bring the whale in tow back to land to conduct a necropsy (animal autopsy) on what is left of it.

A huge team of organizations worked together to identify, recover and tow the whale some 50 miles back to shore. NOAA Fisheries says wind, weather and the long distance from the coast caused logistical challenges. Nonprofits and agencies from five states and federal partners helped with the whale's recovery and the necropsy.

Right whale #1950 was last spotted with her calf, February 16, 2024 off Amelia Island, Florida. Based on how long NOAA Fisheries had been tracking her, the mother was at least 35 years old, but could have been older. Fisheries scientists assume the calf will likely not survive without its mother.

Number 1950 is the 40th North Atlantic Right Whale to die since an Unusual Mortality Event went into effect for the species in 2017.

As always, NOAA Fisheries reminds anyone who sees an injured or stranded whale (dead or alive) to stay at least 500 yards away, and report it to the Greater Atlantic Marine Mammal Stranding Hotline is (866) 755-6622 and the Southeast Marine Mammal Stranding Hotline is (877) WHALE-HELP or (877) 942-5343.

Whale conservation groups responded quickly to the sad news. Gib Brogan, campaign director at Oceana, said in a statement, "There are now at least seven dead North Atlantic right whales in just three short months. The death of right whale #1950 is just the latest tragedy facing this species as it swims on the edge of extinction along the East Coast of the United States and Canada. While we wait for the necropsy results, we also know it will likely have deadly consequences for the mother's newborn calf, born just this winter, which cannot survive on its own."

## Blastoff! Intelligence Satellite Launches From Wallops Island, Virginia

By Eric Sylva

It's always exciting when rockets launch from the NASA flight facility in Wallops Island, Virginia. They're often visible up and down the Chesapeake Bay. This one was especially exciting for its classified, U.S. intelligence payload—but you had to stay up into the wee hours to see it.

The National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) satellite launch we told you about this week sped off successfully from Wallops Island on March 21, 2024, supported by NASA's Wallops Flight Facility and conducted by Rocket Lab.



This mission, titled “Live & Let Fly,” marked Rocket Lab’s first NRO launch from U.S. soil, specifically from Launch Complex 2 at the Wallops Island Flight Facility. Prior to this, Rocket Lab had conducted four successful launches for the NRO from New Zealand. The launch time was planned for no earlier than March 21 at 2:40 a.m., but there was a four-hour launch window that lasted until 6:30 a.m. The mission aimed to explore launch opportunities for small satellites and remains classified, although satellite trackers typically attempt to identify the payloads shortly after launch to determine their orbits.

**Rocket Lab’s rocket lit up the night. Photo by Brady Kennioston**



After waiting for the right conditions, the launch finally lifted off at 3:25 a.m. local time and was livestreamed. The stream ended at about 11 mins after the launch, likely at the request of of NRO officials.

The classified payload from NRO’s “Live & Let Fly” mission is a part of the NRO’s larger operations profile. While the specific details of the payload remain classified, such NRO missions typically involve the deployment of intelligence-gathering satellites to support national security and global monitoring effort. NRO is responsible for designing, building, launching, and maintaining America’s intelligence satellites. Given the classified nature of most NRO missions, specific objectives are often not publicly disclosed in detail.



**Captain Pete knows how to find some seriously nice fish in the shallows.**

This month we talk with Captain Pete Dahlberg, otherwise known as Walleye Pete, of Four Seasons Guide Service. Our topic: Finding and fishing shallow water structure.

**Q:** Let's start with gear, what do you throw for a mixed-species bag?

**A:** My three favorite lures are easy. A 6" BKD or 4" to 5" soft plastic paddletail on a 1/4 to 3/8 ounce jighead. These baits can be worked on and around structure like shallow wrecks, rockpiles, grass beds, current rips, etc.

When the water is 50 to 60 degrees, a hard bait can really help with a finicky bite shallow. I like a Rapala X-rap 10 if in 4' or less water, or a X-rap 12 in 4' to 10' or so. These baits rattle, vibrate, and really draw attention from a distance when the fish aren't numerous in an area. Work them aggressively and redfish, stripers, and speckled sea trout will all eat them.

When water temps in the spring are warming through the 60s all shallow species will bomb a surface plug. A Storm Chug Bug is one I love. It's big enough to draw strikes from big stripers but also small enough to be attacked by specks and reds. Throwing well past structure and working back over it is most effective. Don't land the lure right where you think the fish may be or spooking could occur.

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As for rods I like a 6' 8" medium-action rod, or something close is fine, with a 3000 size reel and 14- to 15-pound braid line. Anything heavier impedes long casts with light lures.

**Q:** What are some of the most important visual cues you look for when prospecting for hotspots?

**A:** Current and structure are always what I look for. Points with current ripping around or underwater structure with a current rip over it are a huge visual clues for me. I always attempt to position the boat adjacent to these current rips and about 3/4 of a cast away. Staying quiet on the boat is also important. When you're this close to the spot, stomping, hatch-slamming, music, or big abrupt man voices are bad.

**Q:** What are some of the ways you use to look for spots that aren't visible to the naked eye?

**A:** Before fishing a new area I'm going to use Google Earth for shallow regions, and charts like Navionics and Humminbird's latest stuff for deeper areas. Another super tool are books by Wayne Young covering the region you are going to fish. His books show structure, give history, and grid coordinates on structure. Once I'm on the water, Humminbird MEGA side-imaging is invaluable for spotting underwater structure that isn't visible to the eye.

**Q:** How do you know when the timing is right to fish the shallows versus deeper areas?

**A:** In spring and fall water temperature is the key thing for me. In spring when I see 50 degrees I will start fishing shallow. I key on days with sun, and afternoons are usually more productive. I like points with a big cove nearby, with sun-warmed water coming out and flowing over a point with a trough of 4' to 8' of depth. Many times this situation can see a water temp difference of five to eight degrees from the water in the main-stem Bay. The bigger the difference the better. In the fall when temps drop below 50 degrees shallow life seems to disappear. Bait rolls out to deep water and so do the fish.

**Q:** Open mic time—is there anything we haven't discussed that shallow water anglers need to know?

**A:** One thing which comes to mind is what drives me to fish one region over another. Conditions are the driving factor. Wind direction and speed, tide prediction, and once I'm on-site the water clarity. I don't care where fish were yesterday if today's conditions aren't conducive to fish the area again. Trying to push a square block through a circular hole just doesn't work, so the existing conditions are what rule my location game.

Thank you, Capt. Pete!





Pictured: (top row): Lewis Gillingham (VMRC), Stan Simmerman, Henry Troutner, Wally Veal, Susanna Musick (VIMS), Ed Shepherd, David Griffith; (bottom row) Alex Perez, Ken Neill, Jay Duell.

Photo credit: Wendy Zach

**Top volunteers tag more than 8,400 fishes in one year!**

March 18, 2024

By Susanna Musick

With more than 417,000 fishes tagged since 1995, the Virginia Game Fish Tagging Program (VGFTP) had a lot to celebrate at its annual awards program at Bass Pro Shops in Hampton last Friday night. The VGFTP is a cooperative program between the Marine Advisory Program at the Virginia Institute of Marine Science (VIMS) and the Virginia Saltwater Tournament at the Virginia Marine Resources Commission (VMRC). Using state saltwater license funds, the tagging program trains volunteer anglers to tag recreationally important finfishes. Data collected by the VGFTP helps anglers and managers learn more about fish migration, growth and habitat use. In 2023, VGFTP volunteers tagged more than 14,700 fishes; of these, 8,457 (57%) were tagged by the Top Taggers who won an Award Friday evening.

The Top Tagger trophy was awarded to Yorktown angler, Ed Shepherd, who tagged more than 3,260 fishes in 2023. Award winners hailed from all over Virginia and the Eastern Shore. Elizabeth River Youth

Category	Winner	Runner Up	2nd Runner Up
Overall Tags	Ed Shepherd (Yorktown)	Scott Vinson (Williamsburg)	Stan Simmerman (Hampton)
Overall Recapture	Ed Shepherd	Scott Vinson	David Gladysiewicz (Greenbackville)
Black Drum	Scott Vinson	Jay & Jim Duell (Smithfield)	
Black Sea Bass	Scott Vinson	Alex Perez (Norfolk)	
Cobia	Jorj & Hayden Head (Seaford)	John Limroth (VA Beach)	
Summer Flounder (Fluke)	Scott Vinson	Ed Shepherd	
Red Drum	Ed Shepherd	David Griffith (Cape Charles)	
Sheepshead	Drew Aladj (VA Beach)	Jim Limroth	
Spadefish	Alex Perez	Nick Grez (Millsboro, DE)	
Speckled Trout	Ed Shepherd	Scott Vinson	
Tautog	David Gladysiewicz	Wally Veal (Newport News)	
Triggerfish	Alex Perez	Rob Collins (Norfolk) & Henry Troutner (Smithfield)	

Special VGFTP Awards	
Most Experimental Tags	Winner: Bryan Lewis (Beaeton), Runner up: Scott Vinson
Grand Slam (All Ten Species!)	Alex Perez
28 Years of Service	Dr. Ken Neill (Seaford)

For more information about the Virginia Game Fis Tagging Program, visit [www.vims.edu/vgftp/](http://www.vims.edu/vgftp/)



## Water Monitors Empower Kids To Test Water Quality

By Kendall Osborne / April 8, 2024

The Elizabeth River Project (ERP) and local schools have created a fantastic program to get students involved in the health of our local waterways. Youth Water Monitors ages 8-17, from grades 3 through 10, take water samples that help track the health of the waterways, and hopefully give notice to rising problems.

Their research isn't just a school assignment, it's used in the real world. Results end up on the [Elizabeth River Project's website](#) for the public to see.

The monitors check pH, bacteria, nitrates and phosphates, oxygen, temperature, turbidity, and salinity. The pH of a healthy river is between 7 and 8. Most of the bacteria comes from pet and wild animal waste. The simplest way humans can reduce bacteria contamination is to pick up pet waste. As for oxygen, 4 parts per million and above is what the fish and crabs prefer. Nitrates and phosphates come from fertilizers. Results show the water quality is improving, but there is plenty of room for more improvement.

"Right now, we are preparing for our spring session, said Hailey Lauritsen, environmental educator at ERP. "We have a lot of interest, so I expect that the 15 slots will fill," she said.

Participants come from a variety of local schools. Most are from Norfolk, Portsmouth, and Chesapeake. Some participants are home schooled. Youth monitors who don't have water access are directed to public access locations.

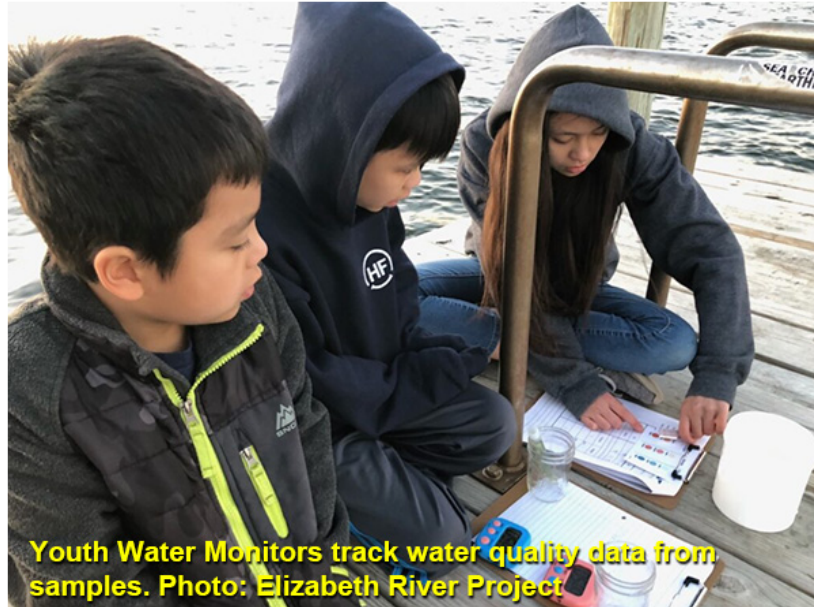
For the most part, the results so far have been as the experts expected, which shows students the cause and effect of different conditions. "There haven't been any startling results," said Lauritsen. "We are happy to see kids make connections between the weather and their results, such as high precipitation leading to higher nitrates and phosphates due to runoff."

Brittany Cantada, whose home-schooled children participated in the program for eight weeks in 2023, had nothing but praise for the program. In addition to collecting data, the family made additional observations as well. "We also charted tide level as well as date and time of day. We would make note of specific weather conditions that were from the prior day or same day that may affect water testing results. We noted activity in the water we observed such as when there were many jellyfish and/or shrimp or when the water was very calm or even at other times when it was rough and choppy."

She noted, "While this was a new scientific learning experience for my children, our entire family was surprised to learn about how much Coliform was usually present. I have been intentional about raising my children to be conscientious about our activity and making sure to do our part to prevent runoff into our local water ways but we didn't realize how vital it is to 'scoop the poop'. Yes, this is a 'gross' topic, but it honestly never crossed our mind how not scooping behind one's dog in the neighborhood could detrimentally affect the health of our river. It truly was a great opportunity for our family to learn together, volunteer to help support our community, and enjoy time outdoors."

By working on water quality themselves, the family also grew to appreciate the work done by the ERP day in and day out.

If you know a junior scientist who would like to sign up for the next session as a Youth Water Monitor, [visit elizabethriver.org/youth-water-monitoring/](http://elizabethriver.org/youth-water-monitoring/)



Youth Water Monitors track water quality data from samples. Photo: Elizabeth River Project

# Virginia Saltwater Fishing Report

As the chill of winter begins to thaw and the waters of Virginia's coastline warm, anglers gear up for an uptick in fishing. Early April marks the beginning of a vibrant fishing season, with Tautog, Black Drum and Flounder being first up.

Anglers are starting to find Black Drum along the Eastern Shore. Long Bay Pointe Bait and Tackle registered their first Black Drum release citation March 30th, it was caught

and released near Fisherman's Island by Jonathan Hughes. Look for them to show near the Concrete Ships, the cabbage patch and some of the favored Striper haunts like the 36A Buoy and the High Rise of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel. Surf anglers are finding them in the surf on the Barrier Islands.

Flounder, known for their delicious taste are showing up in seaside inlets on Virginia's Eastern Shore. Wachapreague especially, will become bustling with activity as the Flounder season kicks off. The world-class fishery there is renowned for its peak season from April through June, drawing anglers from all over in pursuit of the perfect catch.

Tautog, or 'Tog' as they are known, are another early April favorite. These fish are notorious for their strong fight and ability to hide in structures such as wrecks, reefs, and rock pilings. The Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel is a particularly popular spot, where the Togs are known to congregate over the tubes and around the numerous pilings. The allure of Tautog fishing is not just in the challenge they present but also in the reward of their rich, flavorful meat. Virginia's coastline is dotted with nearshore wrecks that serve as excellent habitats for Tautog. The Concrete Ships, Cape Henry Wreck, The Cell, and Back River Reef are among the many inshore spots that offer good Tautog fishing. Further offshore, the reefs around the Chesapeake Light Tower and the Triangle Wrecks provide more adventurous anglers with the opportunity to land a significant catch.

Not to be overlooked, the Trout and Puppy Drum are also making their presence known in the shallows. These species are particularly fond of cut Shrimp and Crab, and their activity in the backwaters provides a perfect opportunity for those looking for a more relaxed fishing experience.



**52 inch Black Drum release citation from Fisherman's Island for Jonathan Hughes – Long Bay Pointe**

## The March Mystery Fish Sea Robin of Course



Triglidae, commonly known as gurnards or sea robins, are a family of bottom-feeding scorpaeniform ray-finned fish. The gurnards are distributed in temperate and tropical seas worldwide.

Triglidae gurnards have mouths which are either terminal or positioned slightly below the snout, which has its tip normally having paired rostral projections, frequently armed with spines, and these create the impression of a 2 lobed snout when seen from above. There are no barbels on the head and the preorbital bones typically project forward.

Gurnard have firm white flesh that holds together well in cooking, making them well-suited to soups and stews. They are commonly used in the French dish bouillabaisse. One source describes gurnards as "rather bony and lacking in flavour"; others praise its flavour and texture.

Sea robins can be caught by dropping a variety of baits and lures to the seafloor, where they actively feed.

They are often considered to be rough fish, caught when fishing for more desirable fish such as striped bass or flounder.



# Virginia Recreational Saltwater Fishing Regulations

*Last Revised  
January 2024*



### 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](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: Feb 1-29 (permit required); May 15-July 15, July 27-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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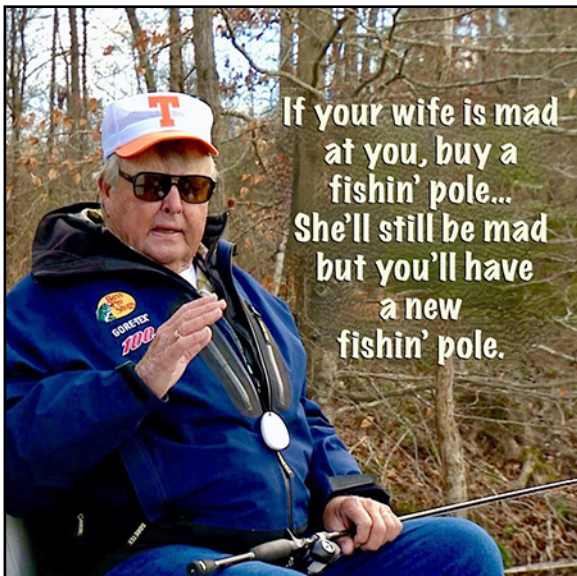
Dennis Parmenter & 48" Drum



Stan's nephew and his 1st citation speck



Stan and a 27.25" Speck



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# Monthly Tournament List January 2024

**Sea Bass**  
Rick Wineman 23"

**Speckled Trout**  
Stan Simmerman 22.5"

**Striped Bass**  
Wally Veal 53"

**Tautog**  
Charles Randolph 22.5"

# February 2024

**Speckled Trout**  
Stan Simmerman 26.5"

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.

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Deadline for turning in your 2024 entry forms:			
Month of Entry	Deadline (RegMtg)	Month	Deadline (Reg Mtg)
January	13 Feb	July	20 Aug
February	19 Mar	August	17 Sep
March	16 Apr	September	17 Oct
April	21 May	October	19 Nov
May	18 Jun	November	17 Dec
June	16 Jul	December	by Brd Mtg 14 Jan 2025



- Three ways to turn in your forms:**
- hand deliver to monthly meetings
  - e-mail to [judygee03@gmail.com](mailto:judygee03@gmail.com)
  - mail to: Milton Hudgins, 1894 Katie Lane, Hayes, VA 23072

## OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

### ELIGIBLE SPECIES

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

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).

NOTE: Copies of release citations with this form are acceptable.

### Required Information:

Tournament: \_\_\_\_\_ Fish: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Caught: \_\_\_\_\_ Time Caught: \_\_\_\_\_ <sup>circle one</sup> am / pm Length: \_\_\_\_\_

Name (printed): \_\_\_\_\_ <sup>check one:</sup>  Adult  Youth

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Witness Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

### Optional Information:

Weight: \_\_\_\_\_ Where Caught: \_\_\_\_\_

Weight Master Signature: \_\_\_\_\_





# 2024 PSWSFA TOURNAMENTS

Download "Official Entry Form" at

[Monthly Tournament - Peninsula Salt Water Sport Fisherman's Association \(pswsfa.com\)](http://pswsfa.com)



## FOR ALL TOURNAMENTS

You must register prior to fishing and use the PSWSFA official monthly entry form

Questions Contact: Tournament Director Rick Wineman: [rick@getanetsportfishing.com](mailto:rick@getanetsportfishing.com) or 757-268-1539

### Bishop's Trophy Red Drum Tournament April 1<sup>st</sup> – May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024

Must Receive Completed Form no later than the Board Mtg. June 11, 2024  
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>, 2024

Angler who catches the most saltwater species in a single day  
Must Receive Completed Forms no later than the Board Mtg. July 9, 2024

### Youth and Ladies Croaker/Spanish Mackerel Tournament July 1<sup>st</sup> -31<sup>st</sup>, 2024

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 13, 2024

### Don Forman Club Cobia Tournament sponsored by Bishop Fishing Supply

August 1<sup>st</sup> -31<sup>st</sup>, 2024  
Must Receive Completed Form no later than the Board Mtg. Sept. 10, 2024. See Rules below for weight tournament

### Sheepshead Tournament 21 September 2024

This is a Separate Paid Entry Event.  
Details and rules to be announced.  
Rules and fees listed below  
do not apply to this tournament.

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### Club Spot Tournament September 21<sup>st</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024

Weigh in: 2:00pm Sept. 22<sup>nd</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. 20<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>, 2024

Most number of Spots Wins (photos required)  
Must Receive Completed Forms and copies of photos no later than the Board Mtg. Nov 12, 2024

### Wilcox Bait and Tackle Irv Fenton Rockfish Tournament

December 1<sup>st</sup> -31<sup>st</sup>, 2024  
Must Receive Completed Form no later than Jan. 14, 2024  
See Rules below for weight tournament

MAIL ENTRY FORMS TO: MR. MILTON HUDGINS, 1894 KATIE LANE, HAYES, VA 23072  
(e-mail: [judygee03@gmail.com](mailto:judygee03@gmail.com))

# 2024 PSWSFA Tournaments Rules

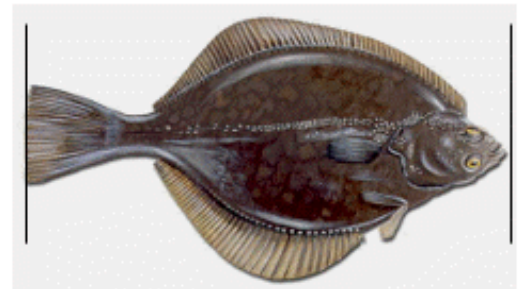
## **ALL Club Tournaments (Except as noted on front):**

- 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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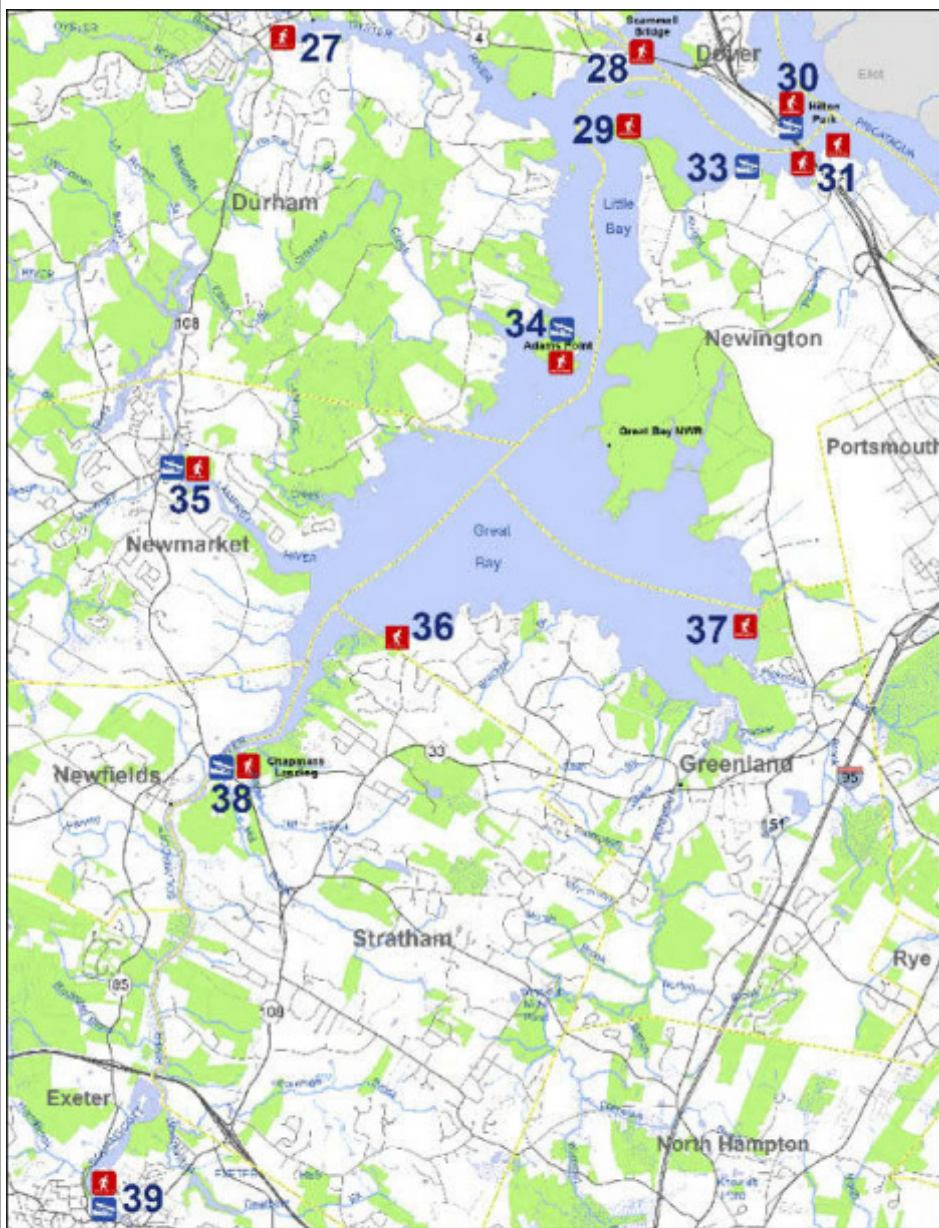
# Fishing Around the World











## Looking for Exciting Sportfishing?

Surf fishing is great along New Hampshire's sandy beaches and rocky coastline. Use the map on this page to find shore and boat access points for saltwater fishing in the Great Bay Estuary and its tidal river tributaries. For prime coastal access points, see below.

### Great Bay Access Sites



#### Legend

-  Boat ramp/Marina
-  Town boundary
-  Road/Street
-  Waterbody
-  Shore fishing access
-  Conservation
-  Stream/Shoreline
-  Wetland

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What is it?





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For the PSWSFA Coop group #

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## Directions to PSWSFA Meeting

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

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

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

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

## WHAT'S UP NEXT & BEYOND



**16 April - Member Meeting**

**Guest Speaker:** Captain Pete "Walleye" Dahlberg



**21 May 2024 - Member Meeting**

**Guest Speaker:** Ms Susanna Musick

Speaking about her time on Ascension Island as lead biologist



**21 September - Sheepshead Tournament**

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