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CHUMLINE

JUNE 2024

Supporting Hampton Roads Fisherman since 1957

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

18 June 2024 7:00pm (1900)

Welcome to Summer

Well here we are once again, the start of summer, extra heat, plenty of sweat and lots of fish. Even the fishing at Fort Eustis has picked up with keeper stripers and drum and a boat load of catfish and white perch. I haven't seen any specks or large mouth bass but I'm sure they are out there.

Susanna Musick has asked me to post some information about recycling fishing line Pg 9. This seems to apply mostly to dock and shoreline fisherman who may leave discarded line laying around. It happens all the time where I fish.

If you're in a boat please don't throw any line overboard.

Stan Simmerman will be speaking on Deep Dropping this month.

You can still pay your dues online Scan the QR code on the last page. The web site also has a way to pay for the upcoming Sheepshead tournament.

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Stay well,
Mike the Editor

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Folks,

Hard to believe we are already into June. Just about anything you would want to catch is now available except for maybe King Mackerel and there may even be a couple of them around. Get out there and catch something. Make sure to turn in all eligible fish. You can't take home the \$10 if you don't turn your fish in. Besides, it keeps Milton busy.

Ken Neill attended the latest Mid Atlantic Fisheries Council meeting and reports that we will probably be taking a hit on cobia. Virginia is way over their quota so expect the tightening of regulations. There are many other issues on the table such as global warming causing changes in fish migration and how to regulate them.

Cobia season opened on June 15th and I am assisting the first tournament as a weigh master. There have been a good number of cobia in the bay and along the ocean front but for those chumming it has been feast or famine. I know that on my trips we had 8 one day and 9 the next while boats fishing very close to us had none. It's just a matter of being in the right place at the right time.

The sharks have moved in

pretty heavy in the lower bay so if you are going to chum for cobia you may want to move up the bay.

There have been some jumbo shrimp being captured in the lower bay. It is very unusual for them to be here this early and that may be why so many species of fish have shown early.

Keep in mind that as the water temperature warms, so does the chance of contracting fish handler's disease (Vibrio). It can happen to anyone and it can cost you your life if not treated early. I'm dealing with it now and was amazed when I went to the emergency room that the doctors and nurses didn't know what it was. I actually had to explain it to them. Don't take any chances.

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 18th.. Until then get out there and fish and try to get a youngster/youngsters out with you.

Tight Lines
Stan

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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 2024 MEMBERSHIP

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(March through February - not prorated throughout the year)**

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2nd Annual
Sheepshead Tournament



September 21, 2024

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Register online or Mail in Form before the end of August to save \$50

2024 Sheepshead Tournament Online Registration

Earlybird Boat Entry - 4 Anglers MAX - \$150

Earlybird Boat Entry - 5 Anglers MAX - \$200

Earlybird Boat Entry - 6 Anglers MAX - \$250

After 31 August 2024 add \$50 to all entries

Click for Online Signup: [PSWSFA Sheepshead Tournament Online Sign Up](#)

Mail-in Forms and Tournament Rules are available at the bottom of the linked page. Make checks payable to PSWSFA

Mathews, VA, Adds First-Time Boat Docking Contest To Buyboat Races

By Larry Chowning / June 13, 2024

Competitive boat docking is a summertime spectacle up and down the Chesapeake Bay. Another competition that is uniquely Chesapeake? Workboat races. On Virginia's Middle Peninsula, they're about to combine the two.

On Saturday, June 22, the Mathews Volunteer Fire Department (MVFD) brings boat docking to the docks of Williams Wharf Landing on the East River in Mathews County, along with the long tradition of racing buyboats.

The docking competition will start at 12 noon and will happen rain or shine.



The Emmett H. is the favorite to win in upcoming buyboat races at Williams Wharf Landing in Mathews County on Saturday, June 22. Photo: Larry Chowning

Workboat races were a tradition in Mathews, as many of these large deadrise boats were built in the county. On race days, those wooden boats 55 feet and over came to the starting line with houses, pilothouses, masts, and booms removed to lighten the load, with the hope of generating an extra knot or two.

There were several thousand of these boats on the Bay used to buy oysters, crabs, and fish from area watermen working in smaller craft. But today, there are currently only about 40 buyboats left on the Chesapeake, and 15 are expected in the competition.

Neal Hudgins, organizer of the event, said he is expecting the buyboats P. E. Pruitt, Mobjack, F. D. Crockett, Linda Carol, Emmett H. and Muriel Eileen and hopefully others to show up for the races. The Emmett H. is a clear favorite being the smallest buyboat on the Bay with comparable power to the others, said Hudgins. For sure, the houses, pilothouses, masts, and booms will not be removed for the races.

The docking competition will consist of 15 deadrise workboats from up and down the Bay. Boats will be staged a set distance away from a mooring slip. When given a blast from an air horn, the competing boat will take off, go full throttle to the slip, then turn and go back in between the poles. Crew members will tie off on the poles, ending the time. There will be three rounds each, said Hudgins.

There will also be live entertainment and vendors on the grounds. Tickets are \$40 with children 10 and under free of charge. Tickets are available in Mathews County at the Mathews County Visitor and Information Center and at Moughons Ace Hardware; in Gloucester County at Phillips Energy and Chimney Corner Lawnmower; in Deltaville at J & W Seafood; and tickets can be purchased online.

MATHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT.
First Annual
BOAT DOCKING CONTEST
\$40 PER PERSON (BEER INCLUDED)
JUNE 22, 2024
WILLIAMS WHARF
MATHEWS, VA

SCAN QR CODE TO PURCHASE TICKETS

By Bay Living / June 13, 2024

After 34 years, the Maryland Dove is receiving a new commander. Angela Laaro will be taking the helm from Captain Will Gates, who has been acting as the reproduction 17th century trading ship's keeper since 1989.

Gates carried the legacy of Maryland's settlers through two ships—the first Dove, built in 1978, which was a looser interpretation, and the new Maryland Dove, painstakingly created by shipwrights at the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum using specially-sourced wood and techniques studied across the ocean. Like the first Dove, it is homeported in Historic St. Mary's City, the state's first capital.



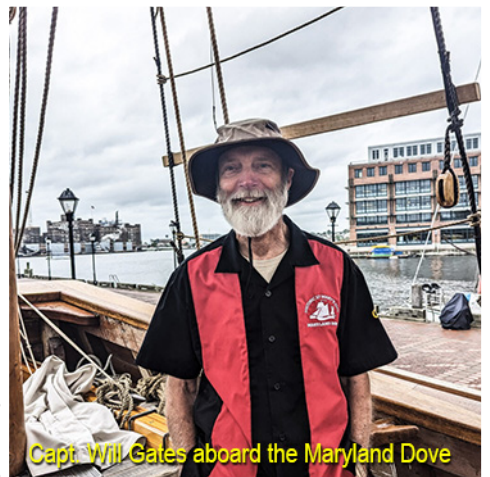
The Maryland Dove, photo by Laura Hammett

But Gates' work with historic maritime craft dates back even longer. A New England native, Gates apprenticed as a rigger at Mystic Seaport Museum, and later took on sailing adventures aboard schooners on the East Coast.

"I got hooked on historic ships at Mystic," he says. "We were teaching history as well as sailing, acting as interpreters." When Gates started working with Historic St. Mary's City, he continued to consider himself a connection to a different time.

"Our primary purpose is to act as a dockside floating classroom," he says. "But our secondary purpose is to carry on a skill preservation program. And this is a life mission. To teach, to preserve the skills. If we don't build and sail a 17th century ship, no one will know how to do it."

Gates' successor is Angela Llaro, who began her time with the museum at the age of 14. Initially acting as a volunteer at the museum's tobacco plantation exhibit, she moved to the Dove under the mentorship of Captain Gates. Later, she gained experience on historical schooners and windjammers, such as the 72-foot square topsail schooner Spirit of Buffalo and the 49-foot steel-hulled Summer Wind in Baltimore.



Capt. Will Gates aboard the Maryland Dove

"Angela has the right combination of knowledge, experience, and personality," says Gates, praising his mentee, whom he once taught to tie a bowline. "She's absolutely the right person to carry on this great legacy."

The Maryland Dove is a wooden ship based on the original Dove, a 17th century trading ship that sailed to the Maryland colony in 1634, alone with her sister ship, the Ark. Gates is leaving southern Maryland for another historic city, Savannah, Georgia, where he plans on renovating a home with his wife. A change-of-command ceremony will be held on July 13th at 10:30 a.m. at the Historic St. Mary's City Waterfront, and the public is invited to attend.



Stan presenting the rod & reel raffle winner with his prize at our Tuesday board meeting.

It is an exciting time of year to fish the southern Chesapeake Bay as fishing opportunities are seemingly endless. The cobia fishing has been kicking off with a bang this year and the catch-and-release fishing over the past few weeks has been excellent in the Virginia Beach area. The western side of the CBBT along the islands and pilings has been a hotspot for sight fishing. At the CBBT, there has also been good numbers of sheepshead with more spadefish moving in too. If cobia don't cooperate, keep these in mind as a backup plan. The Virginia Beach oceanfront has been another great place to search for these brutes in the big brown suit. One boat fishing along the beaches landed multiple cobia during a midweek trip with three fish over 50 inches. Sight fishing from towers has been very effective as these fish cruise just below the water's surface. When spotted, casting out a live eel of a large soft plastic on a jighead usually gets their attention enough to bite. Cobia season will start this Saturday, June 15th, and will remain open until September 15th. Anglers will be allowed to keep one fish per person per day with a minimum length of 40 inches. Boats will be allowed to keep two fish per vessel with a minimum length of 40 inches. Out of the two fish allowed per vessel, only one may be over 50 inches in length.



Way South contributor Charles Harrison Checked in to give us his latest report. He let us know that good size bluefish are still hanging around the Hampton Roads Bridge Tunnel. The fish weren't schooled up tight, but he managed to find a few while jigging. His boat also caught small puppy drum, small grey trout, and small flounder, with an emphasis on "small". FishTalk contributor David Rudow also checked in this week after a kayaking excursion to the CBBT. David's main target was cobia, and he did see four while out on the water. Only one was willing to eat and the bite didn't come tight. Despite a slow day for cobia, he said that big schools of bluefish were hanging around Fisherman's Island. He fished what he described as "one of the best topwater bites" he has ever experienced with bluefish over 30 inches hitting his topwater poppers aggressively. The schools were hanging close to the surface and he was able to sight fish them from his kayak.

The inlets and rivers have been offering steady speckled trout and puppy drum bites as we move into early summer. Rudee inlet, Lynnhaven Inlet, Elizabeth River, and James River have all been noted as productive. A fly angler fishing in the Elizabeth River caught five puppy drum between 18 and 20 inches along with small bluefish and croaker.

From decades of decapods to offshore energy, Alex Schneider’s fisheries expertise to inform the U.S. Department of the Interior

Reflecting on advice for others interested in a similar path, Ph.D. graduate Alex Schneider considered the evolving nature of science.

“Science is so flexible and fluid that it’s important to stay open-minded and take advantage of the opportunities that come along,” said Schneider. “Having a general framework for what you want to do is helpful, but doing what feels exciting and right at the time is also important.”

This mindset benefited Schneider during her Ph.D. journey at VIMS.

“I think marine science was a bit of a curveball for my family,” said Schneider, who grew up in a small landlocked town in Northern Connecticut but fell in love with the ocean visiting her grandparents in Rhode Island. “But, it makes sense. I always had my head and my hands in the water. I would collect snails and did a lot of fishing and crabbing with my dad as a kid, as well as a lot of sailing.”



Schneider attended Villanova University, earning her undergraduate degree in environmental science. While at Villanova, she participated in the Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU) program through the National Science Foundation (NSF) at Rutgers University as well as a research experience at the University of Gothenburg in Sweden. Her experience at the Rutgers University Marine Field Station solidified her desire to specialize in marine science.

“I was doing a fisheries survey on a boat, and it was one of those lightbulb moments where I realized: ‘This is everything I like to do for fun, why not keep doing it?’” said Schneider.

Through the connections she made in the REU, she attended an American Fisheries Society conference, where she met one of her future co-advisors, VIMS Professor Mary Fabrizio.

“I was doing blue crab research in New Jersey, and a lot of the literature I was reading was coming from research in the Chesapeake Bay conducted by VIMS,” said Schneider. “I met Mary at the conference and thought, ‘I want to be her when I grow up.’ So, I followed her around until she gave me the time of day.”

The summer before she became a student at VIMS, Schneider came to work on the Juvenile Fish Trawl Survey led by Fabrizio.

“I remember finding this mature female crab that was super small and thinking that it was so weird. I dug my head into the literature to learn more, and I came to realize that key aspects of female blue crab reproduction were a wide-open field with many unknowns,” said Schneider. “There was a lot of literature from when their populations declined in the early 2000s, but then not much after they began to recover. There was so much change in that interim period to explore.”

After her experience on the Fish Trawl Survey, she knew she wanted to focus on mature female crabs. Initially,

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she was hoping to explore connections between climate change and its impacts on blue crab reproductive output in VIMS's Seawater Research Lab. Unfortunately, the COVID-19 Pandemic occurred during her second semester and made the experiments too difficult to manage.

Schneider followed a master's bypass track on her way to her Ph.D. She had several milestones she needed to achieve in order to be accepted into the Ph.D. program. After several years as a master's student, she officially entered the Ph.D. program after passing a comprehensive exam and having her application reviewed and approved by an academic council.

Her Ph.D. dissertation shifted to comparing various factors from when the blue crab population was in poor shape in the early 2000s against the subsequent rebound. She completed four chapters on the topic, two of which have been published in academic journals. Her third chapter is currently under revision, and she hopes to submit her fourth chapter for publication soon. She was also involved in another, unrelated publication based on work she completed with a William & Mary undergraduate under the direction of VIMS Professor Jeffrey Shields.

In addition to journal publications, Schneider secured a Virginia Sea Grant Graduate Fellowship as well as a Willard A. Van Engel (WAVE) Fellowship. She also had the opportunity to travel to a number of conferences across the U.S. as well as the 2023 International Conference & Workshop on Lobster (and Crab) Biology and Management in Fremantle, Western Australia.

"Fisheries conferences tend to be focused on finfish and bivalves," said Schneider. "So, for me, being in a crab and lobster meeting was like being a kid in a candy shop, or at least a nerdy version of that."

Schneider is also proud of the opportunity to help others during her time at VIMS. For several years, she was the student co-lead for the VIMS chapter of the Society of Women in Marine Science. Partnering with VIMS's diversity and inclusion committee Dive-IN, she helped secure a grant through the W&M Society of 1918 that created mentorship opportunities for five VIMS students.

"It provided funding that allowed the students to travel and meet W&M and VIMS alumni from across the country who specialize in areas that aligned with the students' interests," said Schneider. "It can be hard to bring a number of diverse experts from around the country to VIMS, so we created opportunities for students to establish relationships that will hopefully propel their careers."



Alex Schneider's Ph.D. dissertation compared various factors associated with the blue crab population during periods of population decline and growth. Photo by Virginia Sea Grant.

Schneider credits support from faculty and peers at VIMS for her success, especially her co-advisors Fabrizio and Professor Romuald Lipcius, as well as Shields, who was on her graduate committee.

"We have advisors who help you through your degree program, as well as a graduate committee that is involved in all of your milestones and sort of acts as an advising group," said Schneider. "I definitely didn't understand the importance of committee members before I started working toward my milestones."

Next, Schneider will be moving to Northern Virginia to work for the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management in the U.S. Department of the Interior. Starting in June, she will be evaluating fisheries related to offshore renewable energy programs in the Atlantic.

Looking back at her time in graduate school, it's not just the science or the animals that stand out.

"Whether it be students, the people in the lab, the faculty or the administrators, I've met some of my favorite people here at VIMS. I feel like nearly everyone you meet wants to help you. VIMS is a community," said Schneider.

Virginia Clean Marina Program - Fishing Line Recycling

By Abigail Clark

The Clean Marina Program at the Virginia Institute of Marine Science has begun collecting fishing line for recycling. We accept monofilament, braided line, and fluorocarbon line. A map of the bins is available on our website: <https://www.vims.edu/research/units/centerspartners/map/vacleanmarina/recycling/>

To recycle your line, remove the hook off the line and place the fishing line in the opening at the top of the bin. Please do not put any trash or hooks in the bins.

The fishing line will be recycled by Berkley. Over the past 10 years, the US Coast Guard Auxiliary (Williamsburg) recycled over 4,000 pounds of fishing line. Over the last 2 years, the Virginia Beach Parks and Recreation Department has recycled over 63.3 pounds of fishing line. Please help us continue to recycle fishing line!

If you see a full bin or would like more information, please email Abigail Clark at acclark@vims.edu or call at 804-684-7768.



Virginia Saltwater Fishing Report

15 June

Not sure where to start! Just about everything's available now! Inshore, Red Drum, Cobia, Spadefish, Sheepshead, Flounder, Bluefish and Spanish Mackerel. Offshore, Tuna, Dolphin, Marlin, Tilefish and Seabass.

Big Red Drum are showing throughout the lower Bay and along the Virginia Beach oceanfront. Anglers are having success with sight casting and bottom fishing. Most hook ups are coming from the shoals on the north side of the bay and around the islands of the CBBT. Captain Wright, on the charter boat High Hopes has been enjoying schools of Red Drum near Rudee Inlet.

Cobia action remains red hot. Anglers are fishing live bait in chum slicks for them. But you never know when they'll pop up on the surface, so always have a rod ready to sight cast. Our capture season opens today, June 15th. If you're interested in some tournament competition and want to support the Old Dominion University Alumni Association, the Monarch Cobia Classic fundraising fishing tournament is coming up July 11-13. You will need to enter by July 9th.

It's time for the BIG Spanish Mackerel to show up. When they do it's not uncommon for many fish to top 3 or 4 pounds. Look for them and Bluefish to be together. If you find yourself catching more Bluefish than Spanish, you're trolling to slow. Spanish will chase down fast-moving Clark spoons more so than Blues. You can bet Captain Todd Beck, Knot Wish'n Charters will be on the big ones when they arrive!

Spadefish are around buoys, the pylons of the CBBT and the Chesapeake Light Tower. Also hanging around the bridge pylons are lots of large hungry Sheepshead. Captain Craig Paige, Paige II Charters was in the middle of the Spadefish last week, limiting out, including a 9lb 4oz one caught by Jermaine.

Flounder catches are picking up. Look for them along the CBBT, around inshore wrecks and artificial reefs throughout the lower bay and along the coast.

Pier and surf anglers are finding Bluefish, Flounder, Croaker and Sea Mullet and small Spot are starting to show up in better numbers.

Coastal wrecks are holding bluefish and triggerfish. Big AJ's (Amberjacks) should be arriving as well.

Anglers bottom bouncing on the edge of the canyon continue catching Blueline Tilefish, Golden Tilefish and Sea Bass. AquaMan Charters did well deep dropping for Tilefish last week.

The May Mystery Fish American Shad



The American shad (*Alosa sapidissima*) is a species of anadromous clupeid fish naturally distributed on the North American coast of the North Atlantic, from Newfoundland to Florida, and as an introduced species on the North Pacific coast. The American shad is not closely related to the other North American shads. Rather, it seems to form a lineage that diverged from a common ancestor of the European taxa before these diversified.

The American shad has been described as "the fish that fed the (American) nation's founders". Adult shad weigh between 1.5 and 3.5 kg (3 and 8 lb), and they have a delicate flavor when cooked. It is considered flavorful enough to not require sauces, herbs, or spices. It can be boiled, filleted and fried in butter, or baked. Traditionally, a little vinegar is sprinkled over it on the plate. In the Eastern United States, roe shads (females) are prized because the eggs are considered a delicacy.

The shad spends most of its life in the Atlantic Ocean, but swims up freshwater rivers to spawn. Northern populations are iteroparous, thus they may survive breeding, return to the sea, and then return to fresh waters to spawn several more times.



Virginia Recreational Saltwater Fishing Regulations

*Last Revised
March 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: Jan 1-May 31: 16 inches
- Jun 1-Dec 31: 17.5 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: 19-24 inches
- Recreational Bag Limit: 1 fish per person
- Season: May 16 - June 15

Chesapeake Bay Fall Season

- Size limit: 19-24 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: 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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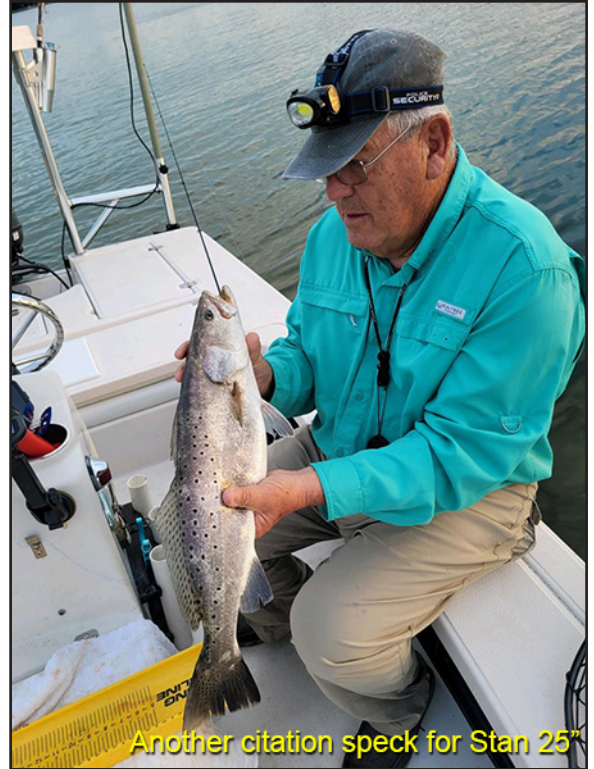
Wally and a nice Sheepshead



Milton's great nephew Cyler Brooks 44" cobia



Ken Neill and mini-Cobia



Another citation speck for Stan 25"



Stan and tagged Cobia

Monthly Tournament List April 2024

Sea Bass		
Wally Veal	21"	
Tautog		
Wally Veal	27"	
Speckled Trout		
Donnie Frick	26.5"	
Channel Bass		
Dennis Parmenter	48"	
Black Drum		
Wally Veal	53"	
Yellow Fin Tuna		
Danny Taylor	43"	

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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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
 - 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: _____ circle one am / pm Length: _____

Name (printed): _____ check one: 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 or 757-268-1539

Bishop's Trophy Red Drum Tournament

April 1st – May 31st, 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 1st – 30th, 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 1st -31st, 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 1st -31st, 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 21st – 22nd, 2024

Weigh in: 2:00pm Sept. 22nd 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. 20th if you are coming to the Annual Club Picnic to the
Tournament Director

Club Puppy Drum Tournament

October 1st – 31st, 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 1st -31st, 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)

2024 PSWSFA Tournaments Rules

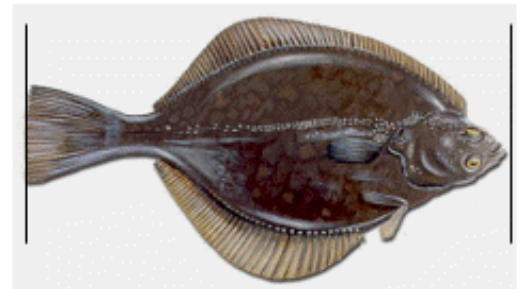
ALL Club Tournaments (Except as noted on front):

- 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 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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Fishing Around the World

Think of Alaska. What adjectives immediately come to mind? Breathtaking, mighty, and magical? Yes, this is exactly what the biggest state in the US promises. With the longest coastline in the country, the largest national park, tallest mountain on the continent, and the world's longest interior valley glacier, the Land of the Midnight Sun is the land of superlatives. It's a place you've always wanted to visit and experience its wonders. And fishing in Alaska is surely one of them.

If you're an avid angler and are always on the lookout for a memorable fishing adventure, Alaska needs to be on your bucket list. Away from chattering cities and bright lights that drown out starlight, you'll find some of the best fisheries in the world. Both freshwater and saltwater action here is incredible, and the number one catch just happens to be Alaska's state fish – the mighty Chinook (aka "King") Salmon. But there's so much more to look forward to here!

We're starting in the saltwater realm because that's where Alaska's stellar fishing reputation comes from. When you want to go after all five species of Pacific Salmon, the Last Frontier is the place to be. If that's not enough, how about "barndoor" Halibut that can easily outweigh a human? Or maybe you're in for catching some delicious fish you can take home, so you're targeting bottom fish? The sky really is the limit!

Salmon: The main reason thousands of anglers come to Alaska is Salmon. There's no other place in the US where you can fish for Chinook, Coho, Pink, Sockeye, and Chum Salmon – that unique opportunity shouldn't be missed. At the beginning of summer, the first Chinook show up in Alaska's streams and, with that, the fun begins! Bear in mind that each of the subspecies has a slightly different seasonality, so make sure you talk to your guide to figure out the best time for you to come.

Halibut: Another Alaskan classic, Halibut have been among the favorite catches for a long time and they have a big place in the state's history. Similar to Salmon, the best time to get one is in the summer, though they're around all year.



So you think you know your Fish

What is it?

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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



18 June 2024 - Member Meeting
Guest Speaker is Stan Simmerman on Deep Dropping.



21 September - Sheepshead Tournament

PENINSULA SALT WATER SPORTS FISHERMAN'S ASSOC.
P.O. Box 5194
NEWPORT NEWS, VA 23605

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