

# PENINSULA

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# CHUMLINE

SEPTEMBER 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](http://www.pswsfa.com).

## Next Meeting

17 September 2024 7:00pm

The Sheepshead Tournament is this month. Let all your non-member friends on facebook etc. know about it so we can have a big turnout.

If you haven't paid for an entry yet you'll have to pay full price. Go to [WWW.PSWSFA.COM](http://WWW.PSWSFA.COM) for more info. See Page 3 of the Chumline for additional information and payouts.

The **Captains Meeting** will be at 7PM on 20 September at Wallace's Bait & Tackle in Hampton. Someone representing the boat **MUST BE PRESENT at this meeting to fish on the 21st**. You can sign up for the tournament at this meeting (before 8pm) Pizza will be served.

Weigh in at **4PM** on 21 Sept 2024.

The **club picnic** and the **Spot Tournament** was moved to the 5-6th of October with a weigh in on the 6th. The weigh in and the picnic will be at 2pm on the 6th at Legasea Marina in Yorktown, formerly Dare Marina. More info on Pg 16. (**not** just ladies & youth)

Fish will be weighed on Oct 6th at the picnic, so **bring your Spot**.

The Banner picture is the USS Philippine Sea CG-58. A flight II Ticonderoga-class guided missile cruiser. Length 567' Beam 55'

Stay well, Mike the Editor

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Here we are now into September. The weather is finally cooling and things are starting to change. Cobia are schooling up and starting to move out of the bay. I've gotten reports of dozens of fish in schools moving toward the mouth of the bay. Red drum are almost everywhere. Several citation flounder have been caught including by club members.

There are some weird species showing up in unexpected places. I caught a small jack crevalle while fishing for trout and my son caught a type of filefish that is usually found in the Keys and Caribbean. Water temps are dropping and the speckled trout are starting to move into the shallows. Floating grass is clearing and now is the time to find that big Spanish mackerel before they move out. The water temperature is now hovering in the low 70s and hopefully drops a couple of more degrees and the ribbon fish should be moving out. They have been relentless inside the bay. Remember that the 2nd annual PSWSFA

Sheepshead Tournament is scheduled for September 21st. The tournament committee has continued putting a lot of effort into getting things rolling. We will need volunteers to help with the tournament and hopefully many of you will participate by fishing in the event. If you know of any businesses that might be willing to sponsor, please approach them as soon as possible and let Charles Randall, Wally Veal or me know. I also ask that you pray for good weather for the tournament. Last year it was a bit rough.

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 cannot 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 17th. Until then get out there and fish and try to get a youngster/youngsters out with you.

Tight Lines,  
Stan

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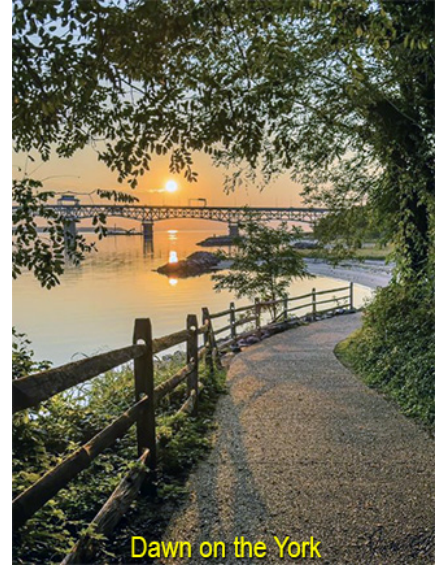
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Dawn on the York

**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.

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2<sup>nd</sup> Annual  
**Sheepshead Tournament**



**September 21, 2024**

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Oyster Toad

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**Weigh in:** 4PM Sat Sept 21st at Wallace's Bait & Tackle.

There will also be Pizza at the weigh in.

Register online or Mail in Form

### 2024 Sheepshead Tournament Online Registration

Boat Entry - 4 Anglers MAX - \$200

Boat Entry - 5 Anglers MAX - \$250

Boat Entry - 6 Anglers MAX - \$300

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

# Find a Hidden Gem on a Hidden Gem: Smith Island's 2024 Glass Float Hunt

By Kate Livie / August 16, 2024

If the sweeping views across Tangier Sound and the watermen's ways weren't enough to draw you for a visit to Smith Island, the Glass Float Hunt just might. Inspired by similar events held in coastal communities, such as Rhode Island's Block Island, this summertime sport blends the fun of a scavenger hunt or geocaching with gorgeous marsh walks amid the picturesque scenery of Smith Island.



The premise is simple: between Memorial Day and Labor Day, each week blown-glass floats are hidden in Tylerton and along Smith Island Road between Ewell and Rhodes Point (34 floats total). The floats are tucked away on public pathways, just out of sight, and during a meandering walk, you just might turn one up. Lucky float finders are encouraged to re-hide the globes—which are engraved with “Smith Island,” the year, and a number—for other seekers to find. On July 4th and Labor Day weekend, two specially handcrafted globes by local Berlin glass artist Jeffrey Auxer are hidden for a fortunate globe-getter to discover.

Dreamed up by island native and retired nurse Shelly Somers after she was inspired by Block Island's event, the hunt is in its third year and only getting more attention. “I sure am having fun with this,” Somers said. “I just thought it was a nice project to start. As a nurse, I wanted to get people out walking, a little exercise. And when people visit, it gives folks a little something extra to do.”

Somers works with her “elves,” two not-to-be-named islanders in on the secret, surreptitiously squirreling away a fresh set of floats each week to be found by globe hunters.

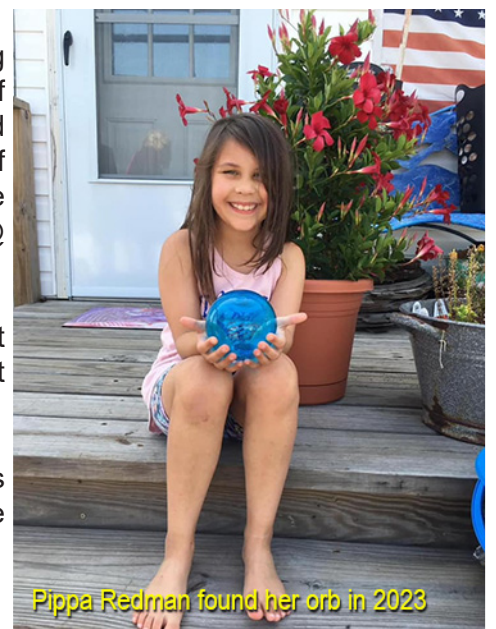
You don't have to be a local to get lucky. In 2022, the first year of the Waterman's Float Hunt, one of Somers' distant cousins visiting from Florida was the first person to discover one. This year, one of the special artisan-crafted globes was discovered by a regular visitor to Smith Island who tucked it into his bag as he returned home to Italy.

The event is getting some notice on social media, with lots of smiling photos of globe seekers and their discoveries. Locals are keeping track of who has found the floats—and where they turned up—on a Smith Island news group on Facebook. “I'm not on there myself,” Somers said, “But if somebody posts something, I'll get my husband to look it up.” Finders are also encouraged to email the number of their float to [smithislandunited@gmail.com](mailto:smithislandunited@gmail.com).

According to a community Facebook page, orb number 22 was just found in early August. Neighbors who are tracking the scavenger hunt say about four are still unaccounted for.

Now sponsored by Smith Island United in its third year, the Waterman's Glass Float Hunt event continues until Labor Day. So plan your visit, lace up your sneakers, and start hunting!

Remember this for 2025!



Pippa Redman found her orb in 2023

## Locals Say Enjoy Seaford by Boat

By John Page Williams / April 20, 2023

As a self-proclaimed ‘Seaford Boy,’ I didn’t realize until I was in college just how fortunate I was to grow up in Seaford,” says Scott James.

A long-time yacht broker at Bluewater Yacht Sales, James grew up on York County’s Chisman Creek. Everyday life meant catching minnows off his family’s dock, holding stinging nettle fights with buddies, fishing crab pots, and jumping into his 15-foot skiff to explore his world from the Goodwin Islands at the mouth of the York River to the Big Salt Marsh at the mouth of the Poquoson River.



Seaford, Virginia, is a quiet coastal community in York County

“I was allowed anywhere inside York Spit Light, as far as my six-gallon gas tank would run my 25-hp Evinrude.”

Seaford is an unobtrusive, quiet community just east of the bustle of Route 17 in York County, away from stoplights and the Yorktown Battlefield, a true rural Chesapeake water community lying quietly on the outer edge of Newport News and Hampton. It sits on Crab Neck, the middle of three peninsulas, between Back Creek and Chisman Creek. To the north is Goodwin Neck, between the York River and Back Creek, and to the south, Fish Neck between Chisman Creek and the Poquoson River. Here you will find the community of Dandy on Goodwin Neck and the little town of Dare on Fish Neck. Docks with deep water sprout from all three creeks’ lacy shorelines. Boats abound, from kayaks and skiffs like James’, to large cruisers and workboats, including members of Virginia’s seagoing scallop fleet.

As James points out, there’s plenty for an avid boater to explore. Two quintessentially lower Chesapeake natural shorelines flank the mouths of the creeks.



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The Goodwin Islands to the north, shaped over millennia by sediment flowing naturally out of the mouth of the York River, now form a National Estuarine Research Reserve, protected under the ownership of the College of William & Mary and managed by the Virginia Institute of Marine Science. To the south is the Big Salt Marsh, officially the Plumtree Island National Wildlife Refuge. In between lie the extensive eelgrass meadows of the Poquoson Flats. Outside lies the open Chesapeake, especially the miles-long underwater peninsula that forms York Spit.

Habitat abounds for fish— from white perch in the creeks to speckled trout in the waters around the grass meadows to big red drum and cobia in the open water. Crabbing and clamming are popular recreational pursuits, and in late summer, a forager with a cast net can even gather a meal's worth of the large shrimp that are visiting this part of the Bay in ever-increasing numbers.

The broad open waters invite sailors, but Seaford is close enough to bigger towns like Yorktown, Poquoson, and even Hampton for easy dockside dining runs.

The human history of this area goes back to centuries of the Kecoughtan people fishing and oystering. English settler and future House of Burgesses member James Goodwin acquired what is now Goodwin Neck in 1660, and members of the family have lived there ever since, blending with other local clans.

One member of the Goodwin family who has happily returned to the area is Jennifer Hall, who, with her husband Chris, has purchased the former Dare Marina and Yacht Sales facility. They have renamed it Legasea Marine with the intent to build it into a strong, full-service resource for regional boaters that also respects the three centuries of the community's maritime history and the rich Chesapeake natural resources that surround it. They have retained many of the marina's highly experienced staff members while encouraging some local young people to take up skilled marine trades.

It's one more reason why the future looks bright for more Seaford boys, girls, and families.



## VA Advised to Take Controversial Winter Dredge Crab Season off the Table Until 2026

By Larry Chowning / August 27, 2024

Earlier this summer, Virginia fishery managers voted to repeal a 16-year ban on winter dredging for blue crabs, opening the door to possibly allow watermen to dredge the Bay bottom, scooping semi-dormant crabs from their winter slumber. But a state advisory committee now recommends Virginia take a step back from that possibility.

Virginia's Crab Management Advisory Committee voted 8-5 on Tuesday, Aug. 20, to recommend that Virginia Marine Resources Commission (VMRC) close the state's winter crab dredge season until a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) species stock assessment can be completed in the spring of 2026.

The committee's new advice could put the brakes on those earlier moves to reopen the dredge fishery that's been closed since 2008.

VMRC voted 5-4 on June 25 to repeal a 16-year ban on winter dredging for blue crabs in the Chesapeake Bay and to reopen a limited-entry Virginia fishery. The decision was sparked by a 10-2 vote earlier in June by advisory committee members to reopen the fishery, with a 1.5 million-pound harvest cap.

Winter dredging for blue crabs was banned in 2008, and ever since, commercial fishing lobbyists have been working to bring the dredge fishery back. The change of heart by committee members was sparked, in part, by a strong crab pot lobby on the committee concerned about losing a portion of its quota to the winter dredge fishery.

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Virginia's Crab Management Advisory Committee recommends that VMRC not reopen the state's winter crab dredge fishery, after all. Larry Chowning archival photo.

They suggested that extending the crab pot season would be more beneficial to watermen than providing a few winter jobs for 20 dredge boats. Since the dredge fishery went away in 2008 other states have taken over that market share which will make it difficult for a Virginia dredge fishery to survive, they suggested.

The winter dredge fishery, which caught about 80% female crabs, supplied crabs in the winter months for the bay's crab picking houses. However, since the 2008 ban, southern states with warmer climates and longer crab seasons have cut into the Virginia winter crab meat market share, says a committee member.

Proponents of the crab pot fishery were also able to gather enough votes to recommend that VMRC extend the 2024 crab pot season to December 31 rather than November 30; the 2025 season should run from March 1 to December 31; and close the crab dredge season and not consider reopening it until the 2026 crab stock assessment is complete. The current 2024 crab pot season in Virginia runs from March 17 to November 30. The committee also recommended that VMRC staff continue to study the dredging matter.

Virginia Watermen's Association President J. C. Hudgins spoke in favor of the dredge fishery. Hudgins says that if there were 20 or so boats working in the fishery with three men to a boat it would provide winter jobs for 50 to 60 men. "There is still a winter market for crab meat in local picking houses," he says. "At the last meeting, we also talked about wanting a year-round crab fishery in Virginia with potting, dredging and other gear types."

Opponents on the committee countered by saying that the price of gearing up to go crab dredging is cost prohibitive for most watermen. It was also noted there are only 15 dredge boats working in the Delaware Bay crab dredge fishery which is still allowed, suggesting that the fishery there is in decline.

VMRC commissioners may be grateful for the committee's recommendation to change their decision, as the matter has stirred up a hornet's nest around the bay. Maryland Department of Natural Resources officials, Maryland watermen and conservation groups in Virginia and Maryland have strongly disagreed with the idea of reopening a winter dredge harvest.

VMRC plans to meet in September to further discuss the matter.

## Virginia Saltwater Fishing Report

As the season changes, so do the fishing patterns in the lower Chesapeake Bay. The arrival of fall brings cooler temperatures and winds that stir the bay's waters, leading to a phenomenon known as "Fall Turnover." This mixing of water layers distributes nutrients and oxygen more evenly, affecting where fish can be found. Anglers may need to adapt their strategies, as fish may be suspended at various depths, making them more challenging to locate. However, this transition also presents opportunities for catching a variety of species as they respond to the changing environment.

Sheepshead are continuing hanging around structure, hitting crabs. The CBBT is a great place to target them. Ben Shepherd and crew dominated the recent First Annual Chesapeake Bay Convict Classic out of Long Bay Pointe Marina. They wrapped it up in style with an impressive near 27-pound, 2-fish stringer. They caught 11 fish over 10 pounds.

September is a prime time for flounder fishing, as these flatfish often reach substantial sizes during this period. Anglers find success targeting flounder around structures such as ledges and drop-offs, where flounder wait to ambush prey. Utilizing techniques like fishing around high tide, on the out going tide can increase the chances of a good catch, as flounder are known to feed actively during these times. As the season transitions from summer to fall, the cooling waters encourage flounder to move inshore, providing excellent opportunities for both boat and shore anglers. However, the most consistent bite continues out in ocean waters near wrecks, where you can also land nice Black Sea Bass.

Red Drum are still offering anglers ample opportunities for a successful catch.

Meanwhile, Cobia, known for their seasonal movements, are currently being caught throughout the bay. However, as they begin their autumn migration, anglers should take note of the upcoming closure of the Cobia season on September 15, marking the end of the period for legally catching this species. Aaron Beatson and Jason Kramer are organizing a season ending Cobia fishing tournament for a special cause September 14-15. You can call Long Bay Pointe Bait and Tackle for more details. This is an important time for both conservation efforts and for fishermen to plan their final outings before the season concludes.

Bluefish are within the bay and along the oceanfront. While the Spanish Mackerel catches have decreased recently, anglers remain optimistic on encountering a prized King Mackerel. These larger Mackerel, "smokers" are known for their ability to smoke your drag!

Anglers can expect to see an uptick in bottom fishing, with increasing numbers of Croaker and Spot, as well as Whiting. The cooler weather also brings fish like Striped Bass into shallower waters, making structures like near-shore sand bars and drop-offs effective target areas. With water temperatures dropping, a variety of species are on the move.

As the days grow shorter and the waters cooler the drop in temperature stimulates Speckled Trout and Redfish, making them more active in the shallows of inlets and rivers. For successful catches, it's advisable to concentrate on areas with grass, piers, docks, and rock jetties. Effective baits include 3-4 inch paddle tails on light jig heads, popping corks with shrimp-style lures, and topwater baits that mimic the natural prey of these fish.

Surf and pier anglers have been reporting Bluefish, Spanish Mackerel, Spot, Croaker and Sea Mullet also called Whiting.

Offshore boats have been encountering Blue Marlin, White Marlin, and Sailfish. Usually, lots of White Marlin school up off the Virginia Beach coast in early September, allowing crews to catch and release multiple fish. Mahi, and Wahoo are also still available.





## End of Summer Update



It's September and we've had more than 7,300 fishes tagged this year, with red drum leading as the top-tagged species (>1,690 tags) so far. Keep up the fantastic work!

Interested in what the most popular tagged species was last year? Wondering where to target red drum or tautog? The VGFTP Annual Report has all this information and more! The 2023 VGFTP Annual Report was released in June, and can be found online here: <https://doi.org/10.25773/54zf-j191>

VIMS has applied for funding to study the genetics of grey triggerfish. If you're a grey triggerfish angler, please email Susanna ([susanna@vims.edu](mailto:susanna@vims.edu)) for information about taking fin clips for the study.

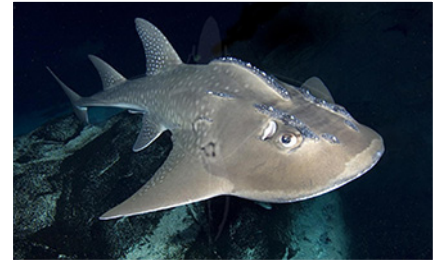
This spring we started recognizing your achievements in a new way through a quarterly raffle drawing. Anyone who has tagged and entered/ submitted their data (within 10 days after the end of the quarter), will automatically be entered for a random drawing of fishing gear or accessories for that quarter. Our first (April, May, June) quarterly raffle winner was...Ed Lawrence! Ed was the lucky recipient of a waterproof backpack, Congrats, Ed! Our next drawing will be held in early October, so make sure to enter your data on time to be eligible!

Speckled trout have been our top-tagged species for several years, but have one of the lowest recapture rates. As fall approaches, we're asking experienced speck taggers to try out new, experimental plastic-tipped dart tags. If you're interested in trying out these tags in specks, email: [susanna@vims.edu](mailto:susanna@vims.edu) to learn more.

### Remember

Timely data entry is important because it helps to prevent quarantined records (data that get flagged when the recaptures are reported, but there's no tagging data to go with the recapture record). It also makes our data more accurate when we write the annual report or gather data for fishery management queries. Late tagging data means our data are not accurate and causes a lot more work for program staff. Please turn in or enter your data within two weeks of using your tags.

## The July Mystery Fish Bowmouth Guitarfish



The bowmouth guitarfish, shark ray or mud skate, is a species of ray and a member of the family Rhinidae. Its evolutionary affinities are not fully resolved, though it may be related to true guitarfishes and skates. Highly distinctive in appearance, *Rhina ancylostoma* has a wide and thick body with a rounded snout and large shark-like dorsal and tail fins. Its mouth forms a W-shaped undulating line, and there are multiple thorny ridges over its head and back.

While uncommon, *Rhina ancylostoma* is widely distributed in the coastal tropical waters of the western Indo-Pacific. In the Indian Ocean, it is found from KwaZulu-Natal in South Africa to the Red Sea (including the Seychelles), across the Indian subcontinent and Southeast Asia (including the Maldives), to Shark Bay in Western Australia. Its Pacific range extends northward to Korea and southern Japan, eastward to New Guinea, and southward to New South Wales.

The bowmouth is a strong swimmer that propels itself with its tail like a shark. It is more active at night and is not known to be territorial. This species feeds mainly on demersal bony fishes such as croakers and crustaceans such as crabs and shrimp; bivalves and cephalopods are also consumed. Its bands of flattened teeth allow it to crush hard-shelled prey.



# 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](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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# FISH TALES



Michael Hudgins and 46" cobia



Wally with Tilefish just east of the James



Rick with another Tilefish



Stan caught a tilefish as well



Stan-with 36" multi-spotted Red



Wally and a very nice Flounder

# Monthly Tournament List July 2024

<b>Flounder</b>	Mel Richardson	28.5"
<b>Black Drum</b>	Chris Harris	49"
<b>Red Drum</b>	Rick Wineman	50"
<b>Cobia</b>	Darrel Cummins	53"
<b>Yellow Fin Tuna</b>	Danny Taylor	48"
<b>Spanish Mackerel</b>	Matt Waddell	26"
<b>Sheephead</b>	Wally Veal	26.75"
<b>Croaker</b>	Christiano Strickland (Y)	10.5"

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

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

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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.

### Club Spot Tournament 5-6 October 2024

Weigh in: 2:00pm on 6 Oct at Legasea Marina  
All entries will be weighed using the same club scale followed by the club picnic.

Two categories with 1st – 3rd place winners:  
"Adult Entries" and "Youth Entries"  
(Anglers for the Spot Tournament must be present to win)  
RSVP by 5 October if you are coming to the Annual Club Picnic to the Tournament director  
Mr. Rick Wineman at [rick@getanetsportfishing.com](mailto:rick@getanetsportfishing.com)  
757-268-1539

### 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

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# 2024 PSWSFA Tournaments Rules

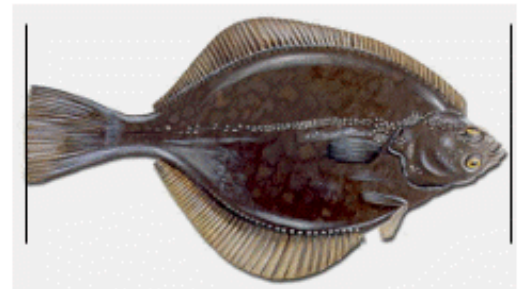
## **ALL Club Tournaments (Except as noted on front):**

- 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



Welcome to St. Thomas, a picturesque island in the Caribbean that offers breathtaking views and an abundance of fishing opportunities. Whether you're a seasoned angler or new to the sport, St. Thomas is the perfect destination to explore and enjoy the thrill of fishing.

St. Thomas is known for its crystal-clear waters, teeming with a wide variety of fish species. Whether you're interested in casting your line from the shore, hopping on a boat, or even trying your hand at deep-sea fishing, this tropical paradise has it all.

One of the biggest draws of fishing in St. Thomas is the diverse marine ecosystem that surrounds the island. This region boasts an impressive variety of fish species, including mahi-mahi, marlin, wahoo, tuna, and more. It's no wonder this fishing paradise has garnered a reputation for offering some of the best game fishing opportunities in the Caribbean.

When it comes to fishing, St. Thomas is an angler's paradise. With its crystal-clear turquoise waters, stunning coral reefs, and abundant marine life, this Caribbean island offers a wide array of fishing opportunities for both beginners and seasoned fishermen alike. Whether you're interested in deep-sea fishing, reef fishing, or even fly fishing, St. Thomas has it all.

If you're planning to go on a fishing adventure in St. Thomas, it's essential to familiarize yourself with the local regulations and requirements. One such requirement is obtaining a fishing license. Whether you're a seasoned angler or new to fishing, having a license ensures that you are fishing within the legal limits and contributing to the conservation efforts of the island's marine life. In St. Thomas, anyone aged 18 years and older is required to have a fishing license to engage in recreational or sport fishing activities.



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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



17 September - Member Meeting



21 September - Sheepshead Tournament

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

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