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OCTOBER 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

15 October 2024 7:00pm

Cripes, it's October already, and I haven't bought any candy for halloween yet.

The Sheepshead tournament was a bit of a dissapointing this year. We only had 9 boats entered, we were expecting a lot more. We will no doubt try again next year. Stan has more on that in his words of wisdom.

Stan Simmerman will be speaking on fishing for Swordfish. I suspect mostly about deep dropping for them.

Sad news. Dr. Robert Allen passed away peacefully on 4 October. Bob was a devoted family man, an avid fisherman, past president of the club and a lifetime member. At his request there will be no funeral. A gathering on his birthday, 5 January 2025, is being planned by his family. He will be greaty missed. Rest in Peace Bob.

When we find out when Bob's memorial will be I'll put it in the Chumline or a special email.

It was a great privaledge for me to go fishing with him a couple of times back in the early 90s

Stay well, Mike the Editor

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Folks

Hard to believe we are already into October. The weather is finally cooling and things are starting to change. Red drum are almost everywhere. Several citation flounder have been caught including by club members. Hopefully water temps will continue dropping and the speckled trout bite will improve.

The Sheepshead Tournament went off without any real problems other than very low participation. The tournament committee put a lot effort into getting things rolling. We had plenty of volunteers to help with the tournament but unfortunately there were only 9 boats that fished it. It turned out to be a perfect day for fishing even though the forecast up until the day before was 10 to 20 kts out of the northeast but ended up changing to light winds all day. We believe that the call for high winds caused a lot of folks who planned on fishing it to make other plans for that day. Thanks to our sponsors we still ended up with a net profit for the club. No

where near what we had hoped for but still we didn't lose money on it.

I would encourage you to visit the business that sponsored the tournament. Without them we would have lost a fairly significant amount of our funds. All of the sponsors are listed on the website and in the newsletter.

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 15th . Until then get out there and fish and try to get a youngster/youngsters out with you.

Tight Lines,
Stan

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**2024 Youth and Ladies Croaker/Spanish Mackerel
Tournament**

Ladies (Spanish Mackerel)

1st place - Melissa Brooks - 11lb (\$100 from PSWSFA)

Youth Spanish Mackerel

1st Place - Caragan Brooks - .96 lb (\$100 from PSWSFA)

2nd Place - Cyle Brooks - .94 lbs (\$40 from PSWSFA)

Ladoes (Croaker)

1st Place - Tiyhana Veal Barber .76lb (\$100 from PSWSFA)

2nd Place - Ruth Veal .73 Lbs (\$40 from PSWSFA)

3rd Place - Tanya Veal .71 Lbs (\$20 from PSWSFA)

Youth (Croaker)

1st Place - Cristiano Strickland - .73lbs (\$100 from club)

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

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

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- 1) _____ 4) _____
- 2) _____ 5) _____
- 3) _____ 6) _____

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

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Please check one of the following:

- Yes, please add my name to the club membership book
- No, please do not publish my information

Virginia Marine Resources Commission

Artificial Reef Program



Established over 40 years ago, the Virginia Artificial Reef program currently consists of 18 Chesapeake Bay and 5 ocean reef locations. Various materials, such as vessels and barges, construction material, and bridge sections, have been repurposed for reef building during the program's history. The latest information about reef deployments and material locations can be found at <https://webapps.mrc.virginia.gov/public/maps/artificialreefs.php>.

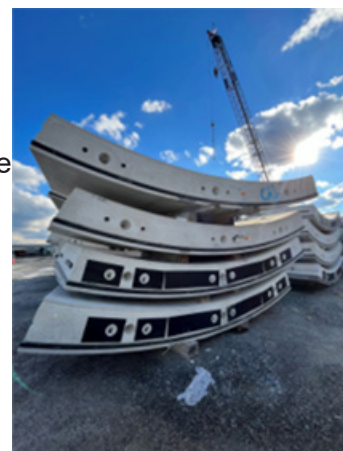
Summer 2024



EXCITING NEWS! The Artificial Reef Program has recently acquired 4 pyramid style reef molds from our friends over at Maryland CCA. These molds are currently being housed at Farmers Service in Smithfield, Virginia. The molds will be filled with leftover concrete during day-to-day operations at Farmers Service, with plans to build a surplus of tetrahedrons to supplement future deployments.

UPCOMING DEPLOYMENTS: The Artificial Reef Program is currently scheduling the deployment of approximately 240 pyramid-style reef structures on Gwynn's Island Reef in cooperation with the Maryland CCA, Milford Haven Coast Guard Base, and Waterfront Development Corporation. This will be a mirror of the deployment carried out in February and is expected to be completed in early Fall 2024.

The Artificial Reef Program is continuing coordination with a team from Hampton Roads Connect Partners for procurement and planning for a deployment of approximately 50 miscast bridge tunnel sections to the Bluefish Rock Reef. These are similar to the segments that were deployed at Cherrystone Reef in early 2024. In addition, the program still plans to receive multiple loads of material from the deconstruction of the Hampton Roads Bridge Tunnel as materials become available.



Materials

The Artificial Reef program utilizes both engineered structures (such as reef balls and tetrahedrons) and materials of opportunity as reef structure. Materials of opportunity are materials such as concrete pipes, bridge sections, and even partially dismantled ships that are repurposed as artificial reefs. Priority is given to materials that provide stability, durability, and a maximum amount of surface area and interior space. All reef materials used by the Artificial Reef Program are placed at permitted sites and meet state and federal environmental standards

Recent Deployments

2024: Over 24 tons of reef balls and tetrahedrons were deployed to the Gwynn's Island Reef in February 2024, in partnership with the Coastal Conservation Association.

2024: Miscast bridge tunnel sections deployed on Cherrystone Reef on January 18, 2024. Each segment measures 16ft in length and weighs approximately 12 US tons. Donated by Technopref Industries.

2023: Former Dry Dock 3 caisson door form Newport News Shipbuilding for new life as an artificial reef. The Caisson gate is a double wall steel construction gate was prepared and donated by Newport with five decks that measures 96 feet long and 42 feet deep. It was sunk at the Tower Reef on June 29, 2023:

The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) deployed 5 different forms of concrete material at the Tower reef on June 24, 2023. These 5 different forms of concrete are closely monitored by time lapse cameras placed on the bottom viewing the different structures. The intention is to find the best scour protection to place around the base of ocean windmills.



Deploying various forms of concrete



Deploying the Caisson at Tower Reef



Inside the caisson gate before sinking

Important News

Forwarded by Ken Neill: From Cristina Wiegard from SAFMC christina.wiegard@safmc.net

These have to do with mackerel regulations: king and spanish. They are regulated at the SAFMC level where we do not have a vote but...this is them giving us a chance to give our input and to drive home how important these fisheries are to us.

We're working on getting venues lined up for the meetings in November. Here is the schedule and locations we have thus far:

- Monday, November 18: Virginia Beach, VA (Brock Environmental Center)
- Tuesday, November 19: Whitestone, VA (Whitestone Town Hall)
- Wednesday, November 20: Ocean City, MD (TBD - likely one of the branch libraries)
- Thursday, November 21: Manahawkin, NJ (TBD)

VMRC staff was incredibly helpful with the venues in Virginia, huge thank you to them. Here is what I have planned for outreach once the final venues are nailed down:

1. Outreach flyer created and information added to the Mackerel Port Meetings website.
2. Postcards sent out to all permit holders (king mackerel, spanish mackerel, and for-hire) with a homeport located within the Mid-Atlantic region.
3. New Release sent out to the SAFMC list serv and shared with ASMFC, MAFMC, and all states within the region.
4. Posts on the Council's social media.

I've also more than happy to reach out to any individual fishermen you recommend to personally invite them to attend and participate. Let me know if you have any questions! I'm looking forward to spending some time in the mid-Atlantic region.

Faulty Welding Found on Newport News Shipbuilding Submarines, Aircraft Carriers

By Meg Walburn Viviano / September 30, 2024



Newport News Shipbuilding has a role in constructing U.S. military subs like the Columbia class seen here & Ford class carriers.

Welders working on the U.S. military's most cutting-edge new vessels in Hampton Roads intentionally cut corners, rendering parts of those vessels unsafe. That shocking statement comes from the president of Newport News Shipbuilding, Jennifer Boykin.

Boykin shared on LinkedIn what she called "very serious and disappointing news". Certain welding jobs on submarines and aircraft carriers

under construction at Newport News Shipbuilding (NNS) were not up to quality standards, her post says. She goes on to say that it wasn't an accident: some of the welders in question knowingly violated weld procedures.

The problem was brought to light by whistleblowers within the company, shipbuilders who "did the right thing and came forward by either self-reporting or calling the HII OpenLine (Newport News Shipbuilding is a division of Huntington-Ingalls Industries, HII). Boykin called these whistleblowers honest and brave.

An internal investigation confirmed the reports were valid and Boykin says a team of internal and independent engineering and quality experts are working to determine the root cause and to correct the actions.

The thought of unsafe welding aboard a military aircraft carrier or submarine is a sobering one. Boykin writes, "We have to remember our nation depends on us to deliver the highest quality ships, as do the moms, dads, spouses and children of our Navy sailors who live aboard them. Let me be clear: we do not tolerate any conduct that compromises our company's values and our mission of delivering ships that safeguard our nation and its sailors."

Meanwhile, NNS notified the Department of Justice of the issue. In turn, the House Armed Services Committee in Congress has launched an investigation. In a joint statement, the committee and the Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces say, "The safety of our sailors is our top concern, and we need to immediately understand any risks associated with the faulty work."

They're pushing for openness from the U.S. military on what went wrong, saying in the statement, "The Department of Defense needs to immediately provide our committee with answers and a plan for how they will protect U.S. Navy vessels against tampering. Absolute transparency with Congress is essential."

NNS has been awarded multiple massive submarine projects in recent years. In April 2023, the company was given a \$567 million contract to provide material and advanced construction for two Columbia-class ballistic missile submarines. They will begin advance construction of the next five in the Columbia class. NNI is also the partner yard for a \$24.1 billion project to build 10 Virginia-class submarines. They are responsible for construction of the Gerald R. Ford-class aircraft carriers, the first of which it sent off to deployment in 2022.

The company's president says in reaction to this investigation, "Every choice you make as a shipbuilder has long lasting impact." Boykin promises in her LinkedIn statement, "We will fix this. We will learn from it. We will come back stronger."

Study Links Menhaden Depletion to Osprey Chicks Starving in Nests

By Meg Walburn Viviano / September 16, 2024

Ospreys are treasured on the Chesapeake Bay as a harbinger of spring. They arrive to nest and raise their young for half the year, then make the great migration (2,500 to 5,000 miles long!) to the coastal and inland waters of South America for the other half of the year.

But ospreys nesting in the main stem of the Chesapeake Bay appear to be in trouble, as breeding pairs are coming up short in successfully raising chicks. In a [newly released study](#) based on fresh 2024 research, The Center for Conservation Biology finds the reason is grim: osprey chicks are dying of starvation due to lack of food.

One year ago, the [College of William and Mary's Center for Conservation Biology revealed alarming numbers](#) from three high-salinity areas of the lower Chesapeake: Mobjack Bay (Ware River, North River, and East River), the lower York River, and the Lynnhaven River. Of 167 nests, only 17 were successful. A total of 21 osprey chicks survived. That's only 30 percent of the chicks needed for the osprey population to break even.

Center Director Bryan Watts and graduate student Michael H. Academia's past research showed compelling evidence that the devastating numbers were linked to a lack of availability of menhaden, the ospreys' main food source in the lower Chesapeake.

The Center for Conservation Biology expanded their research in 2024, this time studying ten higher-salinity areas (where salinity exceeds 10 parts per thousand) to dig further into the possible menhaden-osprey chick link.

The 2024 study areas included the Lynnhaven, Elizabeth, Poquoson, York, and Piankatank rivers, along with Mobjack Bay, Fleets Bay and Eastern Shore bayside in Virginia. Two Maryland areas were also studied—the Patuxent River and Harris Creek at the mouth of the Choptank River (monitored by USGS).

Breeding pairs were monitored throughout the nesting season (March-August) to see how successful and productive their nests were. Researchers also included two tidal freshwater study areas on upper Bay tributaries for comparison—the upper James and Rappahannock rivers. In those areas, ospreys rely on different fish for food (like catfish and gizzard shad). In all, the Center compiled data on 571 osprey pairs.

In the tidal freshwater tributaries, osprey couples were relatively successful in raising their young.

In the high-salinity areas, researchers found large numbers of pairs that never laid a clutch of eggs this season. The osprey pairs remained throughout the nesting season, but no eggs were documented. Watts says the most likely explanation is that females did not reach the nutritional content required for their bodies to produce eggs. "This is the first time this behavior has been documented on a large scale within the Chesapeake," the study notes.

Even sadder, researchers say that during nest visits they observed chicks being lost due to starvation. They saw clear evidence of food deficit in the presence of "asymmetric broods"—osprey nests where the young



A female osprey carries a menhaden back to her nest. Photo: Bryan Watts

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ospreys grow and develop at totally different rates. It happens when not enough food is delivered to the chicks and there is too much competition for food, so a hierarchy of dominance forms among the chicks. Like the runt of the litter, a small, underdeveloped osprey is boxed out by a dominant sibling, who grows and thrives. Often, the underdeveloped sibling doesn't survive.

During this season's monitoring, cameras were mounted on some nests within all the study areas to track and quantify the ospreys' specific diet and determine the cause of nest failure. The hard data on those cameras is still being compiled.

Based on their grim observations at a range of Bay sites, the study's authors conclude that the poor reproduction seen in last year's study is not restricted to just Mobjack Bay. It is widespread throughout the Chesapeake main stem and thousands of nesting pairs may be impacted.

They say it remains to be seen whether the osprey population will see a broad-scale decline and whether the Bay's osprey abundance as a whole is sustainable. Of course, lack of available menhaden aren't the only factor that contributes to brood health in osprey nests. Contaminants, weather events and predators can all lead to nest failure.

The Chesapeake Bay Foundation reacted to the study by calling for more research on possible menhaden depletion in the Bay. Menhaden are harvested in the lower Bay for industrial use by Omega Protein and their fishing contractor, Ocean Harvesters. Omega maintains there is no research to show their fishing activity is wiping out the Bay's menhaden population.

But the ongoing osprey research is causing coastwide fishery managers to take a closer look. [**The Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission**](#) recently voted to form a workgroup to consider additional restrictions on the industrial harvest of menhaden, following a presentation of survey results showing low osprey nesting success.

Chesapeake Bay Foundation Virginia Executive Director Chris Moore says we need answers about the impact of industrial fishing on menhaden. In a statement, he writes, "We must follow a precautionary, ecosystem-based approach to setting limits on the menhaden fishery. That approach must include the study of the industrial fishing impacts to the Bay, as well as considering seasonal fishing closures from the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission."

This asymmetric brood in a lower Chesapeake Bay nest shows two siblings, noticeably different in size, with the smaller young being 50% the mass of the larger. A third chick had already died. Photo: Bryan Watts





Captain Larry talks fall fishing - and we're listening up!

This month we chat with Capt. Larry Geipe of [Chasing Light Charters](#), about chasing striped bass and other fish on the Bay as fall sets in.

Q: Tell us what gear you use for rockfish in late fall.

A: In addition to finding school-sized fish larger ocean fish will begin migrating into the Bay so it's best to be able to cover a wide range of possibilities in terms of lure sizes and weights. Half of my gear will consist of 6'6" medium extra fast rods, 2500 to 3000 class spinning reels spooled with 10-pound braid, and 20-pound mono leaders. On these, I'll cast BKDs and 5" paddletails rigged on 1/4- to 3/4-ounce jig heads. The other half of my gear will consist of 7'0" medium-heavy rods, 3000 class spinning reels spooled with 10- or 15-pound braid, and 20- to 30-pound mono leaders. On these rigs I'll cast 6" to 7" paddletails rigged on one or 1.5-ounce jig heads.

Q: Rank your top three favorite colors for us, and tell us how you choose which to use and when.

A: You can't go wrong heading out on the water with the two Chesapeake favorites: chartreuse and pearly white. But there are so many great colors on the market and it's always good to experiment and mix it up. If you are not catching fish, keep switching things — colors, weights, and presentations. Also, adding skirts to plastic baits is a great way to increase variety in both lure color and action.

Q: We all hope to find breaking fish this time of year, but sometimes it just doesn't happen. When birds are MIA, what's your next move? What sorts of areas do you head for?

A: It can be a blessing when breakers and birds appear, but there are many days when it doesn't happen. My advice is to put the binoculars down and rely more on your sonar. Your electronics are your best friend and it's all about finding the bait. If you are not finding bait, move on until you do. As you search, think in terms of patterns: river mouths, ledges, humps, points, and channel edges. Analyze your chart and think of how the current might be moving schools of bait over ambush points. If you get into a pocket of good fish, look for the same pattern elsewhere on your chart.

Q: Do you have any favorite species other than rockfish you like to pursue in late fall? If so, give us the lowdown on what you use and how you find 'em.

A: It really depends on the weather. If we have a warm October and there haven't been any significant cold fronts, it's possible to still encounter big blues, reds, and maybe some specks that are still hanging around.

Q: Tell us your number one tool for catching fish OTHER than rods, reels, and lures, and give us one great tip for using it.

A: I consider sonar to be my greatest tool for catching fish. I rely heavily on traditional, side-scan, and forward-looking (LiveScope) sonar to locate fish. Anglers who develop skill in reading side-scan out to distances of over 70' have a real advantage in finding fish. Until you are sure what you are looking at, it's best to work with smaller distances on your side-scan and move out from there as you gain confidence.

Q: If you could say anything to all the anglers out there, what would it be?

A: Resist the urge to crowd other anglers or run your boat directly into working birds. It can be very tempting to want to get in close to others who are having success, especially if you are not, but engine noise is a proven bite-killer and motoring in close will not only shut down the bite for others, but for you as well. Stealth and etiquette are called for in these situations. Cut your drift up-current from the action such that you can drift through the area with your engine off and at a reasonable distance from others. Fish move around and they are just as likely to move under your boat as they were to go under the boats of the people who were there before you. Also keep in mind that bigger fish are often deeper and further off the smaller fish that might be breaking the surface. I've had some of my best days on big fish watching others jockeying for position under birds hundreds of yards away from where I was.

You can contact Captain Larry via ChasingLightCharters.com, at ChasingLightCharters@gmail.com or by calling (410) 405-7172.

The July Mystery Fish Ocean Surgeonfish



The ocean surgeon or ocean surgeonfish, is a species of marine ray-finned fish belonging to the family Acanthuridae, the surgeonfishes, unicornfishes and tangs. This species is found on reefs in the Atlantic Ocean off the coast of Brazil. It is sometimes marketed as a food item, but it is more often used as bait, or in tropical saltwater aquaria.

Surgeonfish are known by their oval bodies with uniform color (usually blue-gray to dark brown), the pale to dark marking around the eyes, and the light yellow is now found on their bodies. Most have blue or white markings on the dorsal fin, anal fin, and tail fins and pale bands can sometimes be seen at the base of their tails. They often swim in schools with other species such as the Atlantic blue tang surgeonfish.

This species was formerly thought to be widespread in the Western Atlantic north as far as Bermuda and Massachusetts but the populations in the North Atlantic differ morphologically and genetically from the South Atlantic populations and the northern Atlantic population is now recognised as the distinct species *A. tractus*.



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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FISH TALES



All of the winners for the Spot tournament are in this picture



Rick getting ready to present the spot tournament winners with their prizes



Rick's Granddaughter Aurora and her 3rd place Spot.



Charles with Black Sea Bass



Rick with Black Sea Bass



Wally with Black Sea Bass



Wally with Black Sea Bass



Wallace's prior to the Captains Meeting on 20 September 2024



FISH TALES



2nd Annual Sheephead Tournament



1st place went to team Strong Eye, Capt Corey Skay. They won with the biggest Sheephead \$1000, the Calcutta \$540 and the biggest Oyster Toad for \$100. Grand total \$1640



The 2nd place winners of the sheephead tournament was team Full Page, Capt Paul Downey. They won \$600



3rd place went to Team Reel Nauti, Capt Nick Kincaid. They won \$400



Captains meeting on Friday 20 Sept 2024

2024 Spot Tournament and Club Picnic



Wally Veal won the Adult Spot Tourney and received a check for \$100 plus goodies from Grafton Seafood



Youth winner Cristiano Strickland, His winning Spot was .31lbs 8.5" He won \$100.



Taliya Veal Barber came in 2nd with a .30 lb spot 8.5" she won \$40.



Aurora Badger finished 3rd with a .26lb spot at 8.25in she won \$20



The picnic and the Tournament were pretty lightly represented

Monthly Tournament List August 2024

Flounder Danny Taylor	26"
Sea Bass Matt Waddell	19"
Red Snapper Matt Waddell	26"
Cobia Chris Harris	56"
Blueline Tilefish Stan Simmerman	32"
Spanish Mackerel Cylar Brooks	24"
Sheephead Wally Veal	26.5"
Speckled Trout Stan Simmerman	22.5"

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)

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.

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
757-268-1539

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

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(e-mail: judygee03@gmail.com)

2024 PSWSFA Tournaments Rules

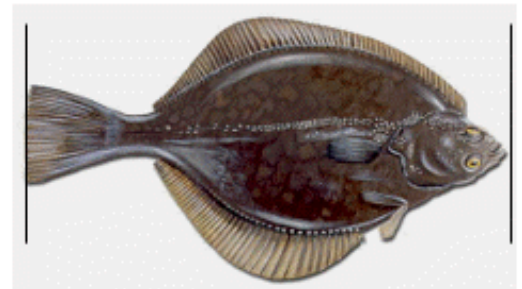
ALL Club Tournaments (Except as noted on front):

- 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



Currently, buying a fishing trip in Istanbul Turkey is perhaps one of the most affordable and cost-effective tours. The trip will take a whole day and will allow you to diversify your leisure time with something more active than viewing local attractions.



One of the most famous places in the world to go fishing is the Bosphorus Strait. This narrow stretch of water connects the Black Sea to the Marmara Sea and is home to various fish. You can find saltwater and freshwater fish here and big game fish like tuna and marlin.

If you're looking for a challenge, this is a great place to go, but be prepared for some crowds – the Bosphorus is one of Turkey's most popular fishing spots!

Sitting between Europe and Asia, this is one of the best places to drop your line if you're looking for bluefish.

Fishing here never gets old – and neither does that feeling we all love. There's something special – primal even – about outwitting a fish, bringing it on the boat, and then getting to eat your catch.

You may find yourself waking at the crack of dawn, lacing up your boots, and throwing your gear on your back, ready to hit the Marmara Sea. Early in the morning, you will see the horizon dotted with boats while you breathe salt-laden air.

The Marmara Sea is one of Turkey's largest seas located east of the Bosphorus Strait. Known as "The Black Sea's Garden," its nutrient-rich waters span an area of 7,200 square kilometres and offer anglers the chance to fish for mackerel, red mullet, sea bass, grouper, bonito tuna, and the Marmara perch.

The Mediterranean Sea is home to tuna, swordfish, marlin, barracuda, amberjack, and red mullet. There are also abundant sea bass, mackerel, grouper, and bonito.

The sea bass is known to have quite an attitude – the kind where if you don't strike into your bites quick enough – they'll spit whatever bait you are using straight back out. They don't mess around!

So you think you know your Fish

With some variations?
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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



15 October- Member Meeting
Guest speaker is Stan Simmerman on Swordfish



19 November - Member Meeting

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

Scan Link with your phone to Pay Dues. It costs a bit extra though.

