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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.

2nd Meeting of 2025

15 April 2025 7:00pm

Holy Moly it's mid April already and all I've caught is a cold. Not much going on at my fishing spots at Fort Eustis, just a bunch of catfish being caught. If anything else is coming in over the rocks I haven't seen or heard about it. I did manage to catch my first largemouth from the lake though.

There is only two and half months until the Sheepshead tournament. We need everyone to get the word out about this. It's a major source of funds for the club. We really need a good turnout this year. Last year was pretty disappointing with only a handful of boats participating.

The tournament this year is on July 19th 2025 out of Wallace's Bait and Tackle in Hampton. Check out the poster on page 3.

If you can find a company willing to sponsor the tournament have them check out the web site for more info www.pswsfa.com. You can also sign up for the tournament on the web page, soon.

Stay well, Mike the Editor

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Folks,
April has arrived and fishing is improving. Tuna: bluefin, yellowfin and blackfin are off NC.

Flounder are along the eastern shore and should be making their way into the bay. Drum; bull reds, pups and black drum are here with even more coming. Croakers, spots, whiting, big bluefish, trout and tog are all available in the bay. Tog are also available on the offshore wrecks. There are also some big stripers available for those who want to try for them.

Our sheepshead tournament will be held on July 19th. Once again, we will be looking for volunteers to help as well as participants. Make plans now to support this tournament. One way of supporting is by identifying sponsors for the tournament. Sponsors are the lifeblood of the tournament and financing the club for the following years. If you work

for a business or know of a business that might be willing to sponsor the tournament please let Charles Randall, Wally Veal or I know so that we can get the information to them. The sooner the better.

This month's discussion will be a tag team event. Chris Harris and I will be discussing our various techniques and a few locations to target red drum. Encourage your friends, neighbors and coworkers to attend a club meeting. They might just learn a little bit about fishing and may also want to join the club.

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

Tight Lines,
Stan

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Please Note: March is fast approaching and dues will be due. If you can't make it to the meeting scan the QR code below with your phone's camera and it will take you to the site where you can pay your 2025 dues online. However, there is a small fee which goes to the service hosting the site.



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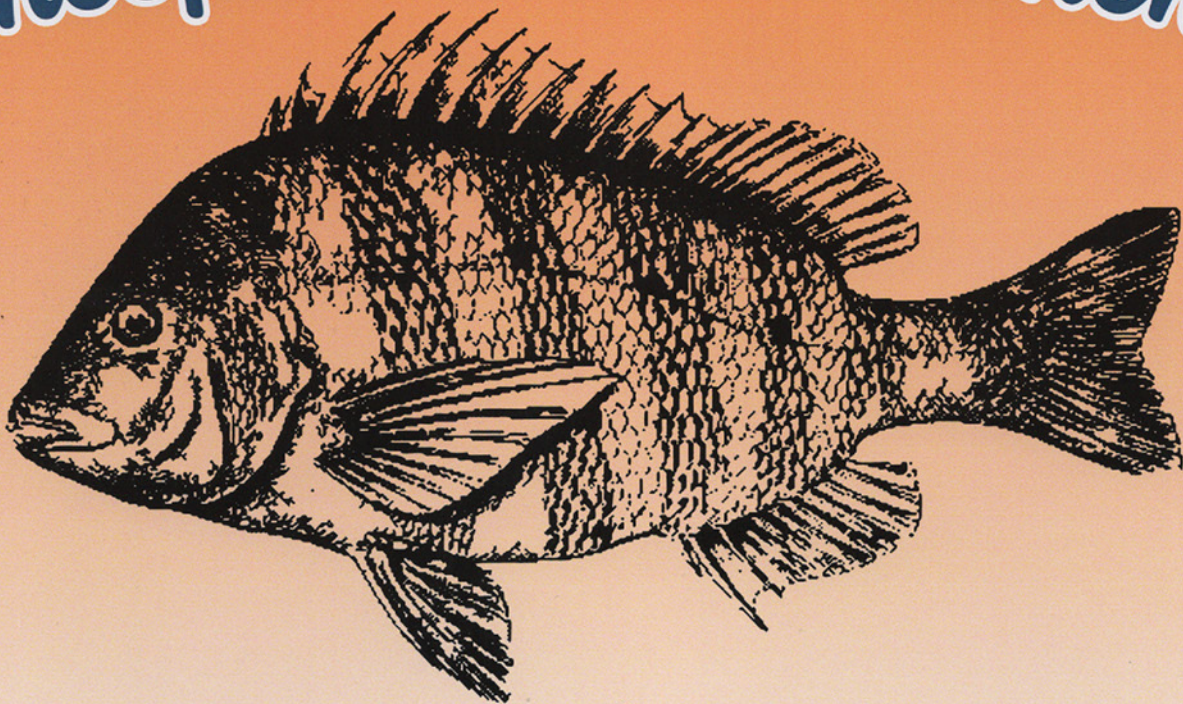
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Sheepshead Tournament



July 19th, 2025

For information go to PSWSFA.com

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A Celebrated Handoff: One-of-a-Kind Ferry Passes to New Owners in Oxford

By Pat Piper / April 8, 2025

Every April, the Oxford-Bellevue Ferry is the focus of a prayer for safe travels across the Tred Avon River. It's annual event that kicks off the ferry season, but this year marked the celebration of a special milestone.

After 23 years at the helm of the 65-foot ferry named Talbot, owners Judy and Tom Talbot have handed the keys to a new ferry duo, 20-year U.S. Coast Guard veteran Jim Andrews and his wife Mary.

The oldest privately owned ferry in the United States made its first $\frac{3}{4}$ -mile crossing to Bellevue 343 years ago. Since then, it has continuously operated and charmed locals and visitors alike.



A crowd gathers at the Oxford-Bellevue Ferry to usher in the new season with a new ferry owner. Photo by Pat Piper

“The passion and the love the people feel toward the ferry is just incredible,” Andrews tells Chesapeake Bay Magazine, amid a crowd of supporters at the ferry blessing on Friday night. “I really just want to grow the operation, and every boat requires a lot of love and care. We just want to keep going for another 340 years.”

Andrews also operates the Texas-based marine company JettyLight. For now, he and his wife will ensure the ferry continues to operate on its regular schedule but will live in both Maryland and Texas.

The blessing ceremony was performed by the Reverend Kevin Cross from Oxford's Church of the Holy Trinity for the 14th year in a row. Traditionally, the crowd sings the “Ferry Chantey” (sung to the tune of sea chantey “Drunken Sailor”), which goes, in part, like this:

Aye boys we love our ferry
Aye girls we love our ferry
Aye mates we love our ferry
She's the pride of Oxford.

This year, in light of the ferry changing hands, a new verse was added:

Our ferry has a new Captain
His name is Jim – he's from Texas
Hope he can sail – he's from Texas
and steer us across the water.

Upon hearing the new verse, Andrews smiled and said, "I hope so too."

Along with the tradition of singing the Ferry Chantey, Father Cross read Psalm 107, which makes reference to merchants who went out on the sea in mighty waters and "saw the works of the Lord, his wonderful deeds in the deep" (Psalm 107:24), but lost hope when they were faced with terrifying storms.

"In their peril their courage melted away. They reeled and staggered like drunkards; they were at their wits' end (Psalm 107:27)." This line was delivered as a lighthearted warning to Andrews; he assured the crowd that as ferry captain, he would heed that warning (and not lose courage, nor reel and stagger).

In the psalm, the merchant sailors cry out to the Lord to bring them out of their distress, and He calms the waves and safely guides them to their destination, a reassuring conclusion for the Andrewses as they embark on this new ferry endeavor.

What's next for Judy and Tom Bixler, as the Andrews family takes on the mantle? The Bixlers are remaining in place in Oxford. Tom says, "I will be on the water. I like it. I will probably be a relief captain once in a while when needed. I have two other boats so I will be spending time on the water fishing. It's so pretty. It's bittersweet. Being that I'm 73, I've realized I gotta get it all in now."

Judy says they plan to travel some to visit with their grandchildren, but their hearts remain on the Oxford-Bellevue line. "I want to write the history of this ferry. After all these years, we have a lot of stories that go along with it."

When asked if she has advice for Andrews, Judy says, "Enjoy it. We feel that we've created a great family and hope that he will be able to do the same thing." Andrews pledges that he and Mary will grow to become part of the community of Oxford.



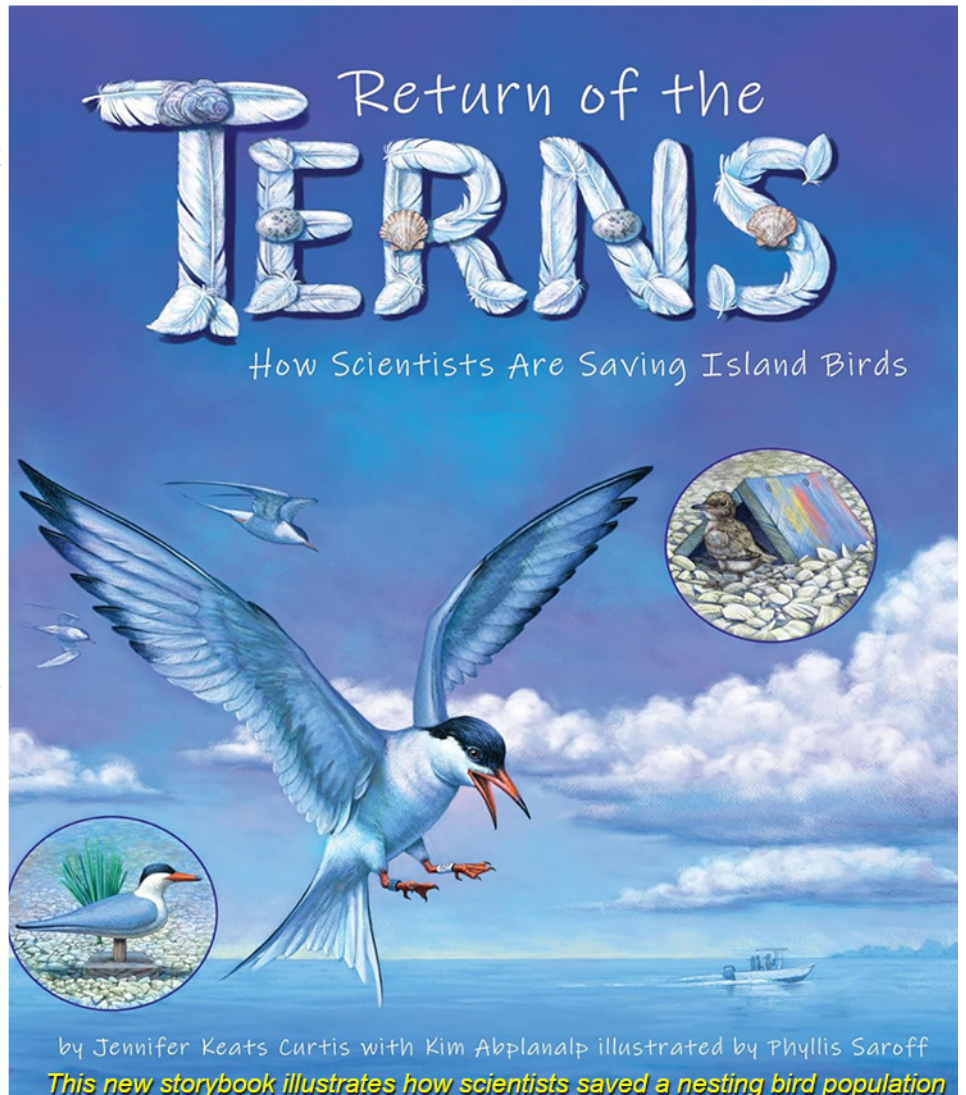
Former ferry owner Tom Bixler prepares to hand a paddle to Jim Andrews as a good luck gift. Photo by Pat Piper

Artificial Island Project Gets Storybook Ending (Literally!)

By Jefferson Holland / March 11, 2025

On Maryland's Coastal Bays near Ocean City, scientists came up with a truly creative solution to seabird habitat loss—a fake island, anchored in the bay. The habitat has worked so well that it's taken on a life of its own as a new children's book, one with a very happy ending.

Inquisitive kids will enjoy reading *Return of the Terns*, the new book about scientists using innovative techniques to preserve migrating bird populations along Maryland's Atlantic Coast. The story comes alive in this picture book written by award-winning children's author Jennifer Keats Curtis and Kim Abplanalp, Maryland Coastal Bays' Bird Habitat Coordinator, beautifully illustrated by Phyllis Saroff, and published by Arbordale Publishing.



In the story, Abplanalp and other scientists become alarmed one spring when only 30 migrating common terns returned to their usual nesting habitat. Their small island in Assawoman Bay near Ocean City has washed away, and there is nowhere for the terns to lay their eggs and raise their chicks before their return flight to South America in the fall.

Aimed at kids ages 6-10 (grades 1 through 5), the book shows how the scientists build an artificial floating island and anchor it in the middle of the bay. The terns in this true story get their happy ending: more than 300 common terns have returned to their new habitat this past season.

Chesapeake Bay Magazine's 2022 feature, *Saving Island Birds*, looks at the artificial island project and goes deeper into the challenges sea birds face.

In the children's book *Return of the Terns*, their story is approachable and engaging to intelligent young minds, along with the vibrant illustrations that bring the birds to life.

Young readers will learn a lot about these coastal birds, how they lay their eggs in shallow nests hollowed out in the sand, the types of fish they eat (and feed to their chicks) and how scientists

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humanely trap the terns to measure their beaks and wing spans, then band their legs to keep track of them season after season.

The descriptive text is as colorful as the illustrations:

“The birds are about the size of a hot dog in a bun. With a little black cap on their white heads, they hop about on skinny, orange legs. Their beaks, the color of catsup, open. Shrilly, they call: keek, keek, keek.”

These beautiful birds are Common Terns. They are not really in a sandbox. Tern Town is a big, floating island. Scientists created this island (a big raft) as a seasonal getaway. The birds' usual summer home—a small island—has washed away. And, if not for this raft, these terns would have nowhere to go.



This sample page from *Return of the Terns* illustrates the artificial island.

Kids will be amused to see the picture of one scientist wearing a bicycle helmet to prevent being “dive-bombed”. To enhance its educational impact, the authors have included several study pages “for the creative minds” in the back of the book, providing fun facts about the common terns’ life cycle and habitat.

Curtis aimed to make wildlife biology more approachable by writing this book.

“It wasn’t in my cards to be a scientist,” Curtis admits, “but I am lucky to work with and learn from scientists. I’m constantly awed by what they are accomplishing to help conserve our environment, especially wild animals. In my mind, with that learning, comes responsibility for letting kids know what I now know.”

Curtis realized that she, herself, learns science best when it’s told as a story. “The Maryland Coastal Bays Program is creating habitat to replace what has washed away. They created an island and they tow it out on a boat! Who wouldn’t want to write about that?”

Return of the Terns provides an entertaining, yet insightful introduction to Maryland’s Atlantic coastal ecology, how bird species are responding to a changing climate, and how scientists are experimenting with new methods to help them survive. You can buy it here, at other major retailers, or through Arbordale Publishing.



Spring, Exciting Times for Drum Enthusiasts!

Black Drum fishing has been superb, and now large Red Drum are actively feeding in the bay. Anglers are successfully catching Black Drum from the surf of the Eastern Shore and Sandbridge, as well as in the Bay off Cape Charles. With the full moon approaching April 12th, expect Drum catches to increase around that time.

Prime Locations for Red Drum

The shoals on the Eastern Shore side of the Bay are typically the best spots for landing a big Red Drum, though they can show up in numerous locations. The areas around the Islands of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel (CBBT) are also proving to be a hot spot. Many anglers are trolling spoons, while fresh cut baits such as blue crab or other bait fish fished on the bottom are equally effective.

Consistent Puppy Drum Catches

Inside all the local inlets, Puppy Drum catches remain steady. Knot Wish'n Charters reports that the water temperature inside Rudee Inlet has risen to 60 degrees and yielding plenty of Redfish. As well catches are coming from inside Lynnhaven and Little Creek Inlets and the Elizabeth River. Anglers are encountering some Rockfish mixed with the Reds; however, they must be released. Successful catches are coming with small swimbaits or fresh shrimp.

Increasing Tautog and Sheepshead Catches

There has been a noticeable increase in Tautog catches, and Sheepshead should be appearing in coolers any day now. Marsh crabs and cut Blue Crabs are the preferred baits for these species. Both fish are feeding on structures like the CBBT.

Anticipated Increase in Trout Catches

With the warming temperatures and the full moon approaching, Trout catches inside the inlets and shallow areas are expected to rise. Anglers can look forward to a fruitful fishing experience in the coming days.

Flounder

Flounders are showing up in the inlets and coastal bays on the Eastern Shore. Some anglers have already limited out using squid and minnows for bait. As the season progresses, the Flounder population is expected to increase, providing more opportunities for successful fishing trips.

Exciting News: Bluefin Tuna at Nags Head

This week, the waters off Nags Head witnessed an exhilarating spectacle as schools of Bluefin Tuna swam through waters just 20 feet deep. Anglers eagerly tried their luck, casting lines off the pier in hopes of landing one of these majestic fish. While several were hooked off the end of the pier, none were successfully landed.

The highlight, however, came from Stefan Turko of Kitty Hawk. In a skillful display, Stefan managed to land an impressive Bluefin Tuna from his kayak off the end of Jennette's Pier. His remarkable feat has become the talk of the town, inspiring local fishermen and enthusiasts alike.



Stefan Turko and his kayak Bluefin

FLOHOM: 360 Degrees of Waterfront Living

Baltimore, Anne Arundel County, Virginia Beach

If I were ever to live on a boat, it would look a lot like a FLOHOM. Co-owner Brian Meyer made a living celebrating the water with his first company, the Annapolis-based paddleboard business Capital SUP. When he and his wife looked into getting a houseboat, they stumbled onto the idea of creating a series of them to place at local marinas, like tiny floating hotels. Things started off rocky in downtown Annapolis, where there were questions about compliance with city codes, but they soon found more welcoming climates elsewhere. Today the company operates four FLOHOMs in Baltimore's Inner Harbor Marina, another on the Magothy River in Arnold, and they have two launching this summer in Virginia Beach. The long-term goal is to have a whole series of FLOHOMs around the Bay, giving people the chance to experience life not overlooking, but on, the water.

FLOHOM also wants to redefine the word "houseboat," and these floating homes do exactly that. They are custom-made with a chic California-modern style, offered with either one or two bedrooms. They're beautifully equipped with all you need, for a night or much longer. The two-bedroom/two-bath SEALUX has a full kitchen and living room, while the smaller HARBOR one-bedroom is studio-style, with a refrigerator, freezer, coffee setup plus microwave, and hot plate for cooking. The bathrooms have electric toilets (served by marina pumpouts) and tiled showers, the Wifi and TV setup is great, and there's even a workstation if you can't fully disconnect. The rooftop deck of each floating home has a gas fire pit and multiple seating areas designed for conversing or stargazing.

If you think a FLOHOM sounds like a place to party, think again. Being good neighbors is key to the company's ethos, and the rental contract enforces it. The max occupancy is two overnight/four visitors total in the one-bedroom model, and four overnight/six visitors in the larger model. Quiet time runs from 10 p.m. to 7 a.m., there are audio volume sensors onboard to alert FLOHOM if anything gets out of hand.

You won't miss the chance to socialize, however. There are plenty of social opportunities off the boat; each FLOHOM is located in a marina that's walkable to restaurants and activities. (The one in Arnold is at the same marina as The Point Crab House & Grill.) Most people check in just to enjoy time on the water. A glance through the guest book shows that's working. Most guests are local and check in for a night or two to celebrate a birthday or an anniversary, or just to get away from the world for a weekend. And if you want to make it more permanent, FLOHOM has an option to build your own and put it into the rental pool. Flohom.com



Just as the local flora is blooming with Spring's arrival, we are seeing the amazing fishery of the Way South region bloom as well. Several bites are going strong and there are now fishing opportunities for just about any style of fishing you enjoy. Tautog continue to move inshore and there have been good reports from the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel and the concrete ships at Kiptopeke. Togs are structure-oriented fish, so you will want to focus your fishing along rocky bottom and in areas with hard bottom structure. Pier anglers should be happy to know that croaker and spot are beginning to return to our waters. Netters in this region are reporting that these fish are turning up in their nets, and we also had reports from the Ocean View pier that small croaker were biting this week.

FishTalk contributor David Rudow reports that bull red drum are making their way into the mouth of the Bay. He was fishing in an undisclosed location and reported finding scattered schools of big fish in water less than 10' deep. There have also been reports around the mouth of the York River showing that some big drum have finally arrived to the Bay. This is the initial push of fish, and more schools should show up between now and June. There are a lot of big drum being caught in the surf along the North Carolina coast, so these fish are definitely making their way north. While the big fish are just starting to show up, the inshore fishing for puppy drum is still going strong. Anglers fishing in Lynnhaven Inlet, Rudee Inlet, and the Elizabeth River are finding fish throughout these tributaries as they are becoming more widespread with warming water temperatures. One angler fishing in the Elizabeth River reported catching a handful of drum up to 28" on a recent trip. Another angler caught a 33" drum and a 26" speckled trout, although they didn't say where they were fishing. One of the better reports we saw came from a kayak angler fishing Rudee Inlet who caught close to a dozen trout and nearly two dozen red drum with a mix of under and over slot fish. The inshore fishing is really heating up folks.



David Rudow found some giant bull redfish during a recent kayak excursion.



VIMS 2024 Tagging Winners.
Wally and Chris Harris both got Grand Slams
for Tagging all 10 Species

Chris Harris 2nd runner up in cobia and red drum tagged

Wally Veal 2nd runner up in Tautog and Sheepshead tagged

Got triggers?

The Virginia Institute of Marine Science is recruiting conservation-minded anglers with excellent catch & release handling skills to help us take fin clips for a Grey Triggerfish genetics study.

To learn more email:
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FISHING NEWS

From Ken Neill

Went out on the Special Kate this morning with Charles Southall, Hunter Southall, and Wes Blow. We went under the bridge soon after sunrise. We ran up the beach a bit and put out 3 baits. Fish on. Caught that one. Put 2 baits out while we worked on that fish. Fish on. Released that fish and put out the one remaining rigged bait while we tried to deal with the first one. Fish on. After releasing that one, we were smart enough not to put out anymore baits. Boat fueled, cleaned, and put up, fish cleaned...all before lunchtime.



Ken with Tuna just off the beach



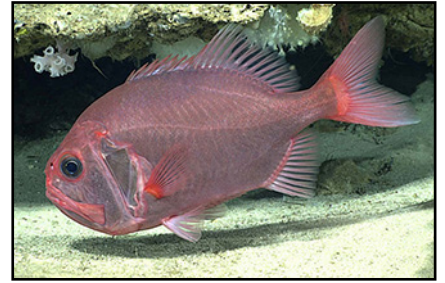
Hunter Southall



Wes Blow cranking in a Tuna notice the beach...

All the best to Dr Neill on his upcoming retirement. Continued great fishing for years to come and don't be a stranger at the meetings. You have so much to teach.

The March Mystery Fish Orange Roughy



The orange roughy (*Hoplostethus atlanticus*), also known as the red roughy, slimehead and deep sea perch, is a relatively large deep-sea fish belonging to the slimehead family (Trachichthyidae). It is bathypelagic, found in cold (3 to 9 °C or 37 to 48 °F), deep (180-to-1,800-metre or 590-to-5,910-foot) waters of the Western Pacific Ocean, eastern Atlantic Ocean (from Iceland to Morocco; and from Walvis Bay, Namibia, to off Durban, South Africa), Indo-Pacific (off New Zealand and Australia), and in the eastern Pacific off Chile. The orange roughy is notable for its extraordinary lifespan, attaining over 200 years. The fish has a bright, brick red color, fading to a yellowish-orange after death.

Orange roughy are generally sluggish and demersal; they form aggregations with a natural population density of up to 2.5 fish per m², now reduced to about 1.0 per m². These aggregations form in and around geologic structures, such as undersea canyons and seamounts, where water movement and mixing is high, ensuring dense prey concentrations. The aggregations are not necessarily for spawning or feeding; the fish are thought to cycle through metabolic phases (active or feeding and inactive or resting) and seek areas with ideal hydrologic conditions to congregate during each phase. They lose almost all pigmentation while inactive, when they are very approachable.



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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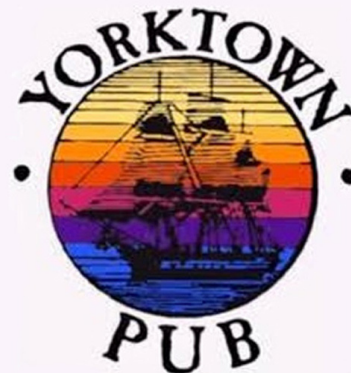
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Paul Downey and 49" Drum



Stan and a nice Drum



Dave Brabrand on the flybridge



Carol won our Igloo Cooler and stuff raffle being congratulated by Stan

Monthly Tournament List February 2025

Black Sea Bass
Charles Randolph 22"

Tautog
Rick Wineman 22"

Monthly Tournament Contenders	
Species	Min Size
Albacore Tuna	35"
Amberjack	40"
Bigeye Tuna	40"
Black Drum	40"
Blackbelly Rosefish	14"
Blackfin Tuna	25"
Bluefin Tuna	45"
Bluefish	25"
Blueline Tilefish	20"
Blue Marlin	Release
Channel Bass - Drum	40"
Cobia	40"
Croaker	14"
Dolphin	35"
False Albacore	25"
Flounder	22"
Golden Tilefish	30"
Gray Trout	22"
Grouper	16"
Jack Crevalle	36"
King Mackerel	35"
Pompano	12"
Sailfish	Release
Sea Bass	18"
Shark	60"
Sheepshead	20"
Snapper	17"
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"

**Fish in Red are updated
as of 1 Jan 2025**

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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(e-mail: judygee03@gmail.com)

Deadline for turning in your 2025 entry forms:

Month of Entry	Deadline (RegMtg)	Month	Deadline (Reg Mtg)
January	18 Feb	July	19 Aug
February	18 Mar	August	17 Sep
March	15 Apr	September	21 Oct
April	20 May	October	18 Nov
May	17 Jun	November	16 Dec
June	15 Jul	December	by Brd Mtg 13 Jan 2026



Three Ways to Turn in your Forms:

- Hand deliver to monthly meetings
- e-mail to judygee03@gmail.com
- Mail to: Milton Hudgins, 1894 Kate Lane, Hayes VA 23072

OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

Eligible Species

The fish in red were updated 1 Jan 2025

Albacore Tuna	35"	Pompano	12"
Amberjack	40"	Sailfish	Release
Bigeye Tuna	40"	Sea Bass	18"
Blackbelly Rosefish	14"	Shark	60"
Black Drum	40"	Sheepshead	20"
Blackfin Tuna	25	Snapper	17"
Bluefin Tuna	45"	Spadefish	18"
Blueline Tilefish	20"	Spanish Mackerel	20"
Bluefish	25"	Spearfish	Release
Blue Marlin	Release	Speckled Trout	21"
Channel Bass	40"	Spot	8"
Cobia	40"	Striped Bass	36"
Croaker	14"	Swordfish	Release
Dolphin	35"	Tarpon	Release
False Albacore	25"	Tautog	18"
Flounder	22"	Triggerfish	15"
Golden Tilefish	30"	Wahoo	40"
Gray Trout	22"	White Marlin	Release
Grouper	16"	Whiting (Roundhead)	14"
Jack Crevalle	36"	Yellowfin Tuna	35"
King Mackerel	35"		

I hereby certify that the following statements are the truth and the rules of this contest have been complied with. (See next page for the rules).

NOTE: Copies of release citations with this form are acceptable

Required Information

Tournament: _____ **Fish:** _____

Date Caught: _____ **Time Caught:** _____ **AM or PM** **Length:** _____

Name (printed): _____ **Circle One:** **Adult** **Youth**

Signature: _____ **Witness:** _____

Optional Information:

Weight _____ **Where Caught:** _____

Weigh Master's Signature: _____

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. All paid club tournaments will be judged by weight.



FISHING CONTEST RULES

1. Contest will run from January 1 to December 31. Only fish caught for recreational purposes, in accordance with state regulations, are eligible.
2. The territorial limits for this contest shall be from Ocean City, MD to Morehead City, NC. Slight variations north or south of these limits will not disqualify entry.
3. This contest is open only to PSWSFA members and their families whose dues have been paid before the catch. Youth anglers must be age 15 or less on the date of the catch. Youth entries must also meet state minimum requirements.
4. Only fish caught on hook and line, rod and reel are acceptable. No assistance at the rod or line shall be permitted, except holding the leader while the fish is being gaffed or boated.
5. There are no restrictions on tackle with the exception that power reels are not permitted.
6. Awards will be made for fish caught each month (1st through last day) at the next monthly meeting. All entries must be in the hands of the tournament chairman by the beginning of the meeting. A later entry will not be accepted. Only monthly entries are eligible for awards.
7. Acceptability of fish entered in this contest is to be entirely within the discretion of the Tournament Committee or the Board of Directors.
8. In case of a tie, the first fish caught will win.
9. Signature of witness of release must accompany entry or release.
10. November and December entries must be submitted received by January 10.
11. Monthly prize money must be picked up within 3 months after being announced.
12. A person who enters fish into another fishing club is ineligible to enter fish into the PSWSFA monthly tournament.

Angler of the Year Award

The Angler of the Year Award is designed to honor the fisherman who consistently submits qualifying entries. The Tournament Committee will recommend Angler of the Year candidates and the PSWSFA Board will make the final Angler of the Year determination.

Angler of the Year Scoring System

- 2 points will be awarded for each species of fish entered for the monthly contest. The fish must meet the club's minimum length to qualify, including all release entries.
- 2 points will be awarded when an entry is accompanied by a copy of a State Fishing Tournament Citation.
- 2 points will be awarded for any fish that wins the monthly contest in each species.
- 6 points will be awarded for the 1st place annual award winner in each species.
- 4 points will be awarded for the 2nd place annual award winner in each species.
- 2 points will be awarded for the 3rd place annual award winner in each species.
- 5 points will be awarded for the 1st place winner of any PSWSFA tournament.
- 3 points will be awarded for the 2nd place winner of any PSWSFA tournament.
- 1 points will be awarded for the 3rd place winner of any PSWSFA tournament.
- 5 points will be awarded for any fish that becomes a new club or state record.

Anglers are limited to 3 fish per species.

Those fish with the highest point value will be entered in the Angler of the Year point system.

Fish of the Year Award

The Tournament Committee will make Fish of the Year recommendations to the PSWSFA Board of Directors. If in the opinion of the Board of Directors, no fish is deemed worthy of Fish of the Year, no award will be made. Regardless of the method used to determine Fish of the Year, the decision of the PSWSFA Board of Directors will be final.

Critter of the Year Award

Any unusual catch submitted by a club member will be eligible for award when approved by the PSWSFA Board of Directors.



2025 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

<p>Bishop's Trophy Red Drum Tournament April 1st – May 31st, 2025 Must Receive Completed Form no later than the Board Mtg. June 10, 2025 See Rules below for Catch and Release fish totals. (Witness or photo)</p>	<p>Club Multiple Species Tournament June 1st – 30th, 2025 Angler who catches the most saltwater species in a single day Must Receive Completed Forms no later than the Board Mtg. July 8, 2025</p>
<p>Youth and Ladies Croaker/Spanish Mackerel Tournament July 1st -31st, 2025 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 12, 2025</p>	<p>Sheepshead Tournament July 19th, 2025 Separate paid entry tournament. Details and rules to be announced. Rules and fees listed below do not apply to this tournament.</p>
<p>Don Forman Club Cobia Tournament sponsored by Bishop Fishing Supply August 1st -31st, 2025 Must Receive Completed Form no later than the Board Mtg. Sept. 9, 2025. See Rules below for weight tournament</p>	<p>Club Spot Tournament September 20th – 21st, 2025 Weigh in: 2:00pm Sept. 21st at (Legasea Marine) 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. 19th if you are coming to the Annual Club Picnic to the Tournament Director</p>
<p>Club Puppy Drum Tournament October 1st – 31st, 2025 Most number of Spots Wins (photos required) Must Receive Completed Forms and copies of photos no later than the Board Mtg. Nov 11, 2025</p>	<p>Wilcox Bait and Tackle Irv Fenton Rockfish Tournament December 1st -31st, 2025 Must Receive Completed Form no later than Jan. 13, 2025 See Rules below for weight tournament</p>

MAIL ENTRY FORMS TO: MR. MILTON HUDGINS, 1894 KATIE LANE, HAYES, VA 23072 (e-mail: judyqee03@gmail.com)

Fishing Around the World

The different Fish Species you can catch while fishing in Monaco

Are you considering taking a trip to the heart of Monaco for some big game fishing? You are at the right place where all your fishing fantasies will be fulfilled! Monaco is a country in Western Europe, located on the French Riviera. The sovereign city-state is bordered by France on three sides and the Mediterranean Sea on the other side.

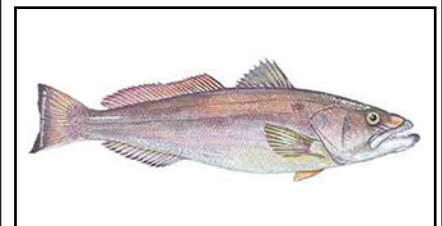
Featuring an area of 2.020 kilometers per square, Monaco is situated 15 kilometers from the border state of Italy. Its size makes it the second smallest country after the Vatican. With a population of about 39,242, Monaco has great Mediterranean weather, which is significantly influenced by the humid subtropical and oceanic climates of the area. Thanks to its weather and location, the country has become a top destination for big game fishing.

Considering its closeness to the Mediterranean Sea, Monaco offers a wealth of marine life. It remains one of the most beautiful and exciting destinations for sport fishing in the world. It has also become a top destination for vacation in the world. So, are you a great fan of sport fishing? Are you an experienced fisherman looking to explore new territory? Or are you just developing a passion for sport fishing? Whatever is your level of fishing and whatever is your fishing goal, Monaco is a great destination to accomplish it all! At YFS, we offer everything you need to achieve all your big game fishing dreams.



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your Fish

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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. A new Peninsula Baptist Church sign is on the lawn just short of the driveway.

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.

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



WHAT'S UP NEXT & BEYOND



2nd Club Meeting 15 April 2025 - Chris Harris and Stan Simmerman will be talking about fishing for Drum.

NEW ADDRESS

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