



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).

### Member Meeting

17 June 2025 7:00pm

Greetings and welcome to June and summer.

Here is another reminder about the July Sheepshead Tournament. We need members to participate as well as finding non-members to register for this event. This is our biggest fund raiser of the year and we need a good showing to keep the club viable. Your support will be greatly appreciated. We will also need a few members to help out at the event. Page 4 has the information you need to enter or go directly to our web site at [www.pswsfa.com](http://www.pswsfa.com) and follow the link at the top of the page, click on Tournaments then Sheepshead Tournament. If you know of a company that could sponsor the tournament.

Chris Harris will be our guest speaker on Cobia fishing this month.

Stay well, Mike the Editor

### FROM THE PRESIDENT

Folks,

Our long-time VP, Milton Hudgins has been dealing with some serious health issues and is currently in rehab. Another club member, Gary Lawson is also dealing with serious health issues. I ask that you keep them and all other members of the club dealing with their or a loved one's health issues in your thoughts and prayers.

The Virginia Tagging Program just celebrated the 30 year anniversary of it's inception. Several club members are involved in the tagging program and a few were recognized at the event. Two of the three taggers who have remained in the program from the beginning were Dr Ken Neill and yours truly. Charles Randall and Wally Veal were also recognized for their many years supporting the tagging program. Ken was also recognized for his tog that was recaptured after 10 years doing what togs do and is still

out there waiting for someone to capture it again. A great deal of information has been learned from our tagging efforts and that information has been instrumental in some of the marine fisheries management process.

June has arrived and water bay water temperatures have finally gotten into the magic 70-degree mark and it looks like they may stay there for the rest of the summer. Some very nice flounder catches are coming from both inside and outside of the bay. Seabass are available on the offshore wrecks and at the triangle reef. Sheepshead are here with the best bite coming from the CBBT. Spadefish are also here but have been a bit picky. Cobia are here and folks are anxiously waiting for the season to open. Ensure you check the regulations on cobia as it has changed. Big reds and puppy drum are being encountered throughout the lower bay.

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**Please Note:** March has come and gone and dues are still 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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There have been large schools of bluefish around the lower bay and the HRBT with some of the fish being over 10lbs. Tuna, mahi and wahoo are being caught along the outer banks.

Remember that our sheepshead tournament will be held on July 19 th . Once again, we need sponsors and volunteers to help as well as participants. Make plans now to support this 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 refer them to the club website (PSWSFA.com) where they can easily submit the sponsorship online. The sooner the better the sponsorship is submitted the better as that allows us to add their business name to be advertised on the website and on the t-shirts.

This month's club discussion will be by Chris Harris and will be discussing cobia fishing. Chris will be discussing how he targets cobia and will be talking about some techniques that he uses that are a bit different than how some of us typically target them. 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 meeting.

Tight Lines,  
Stan

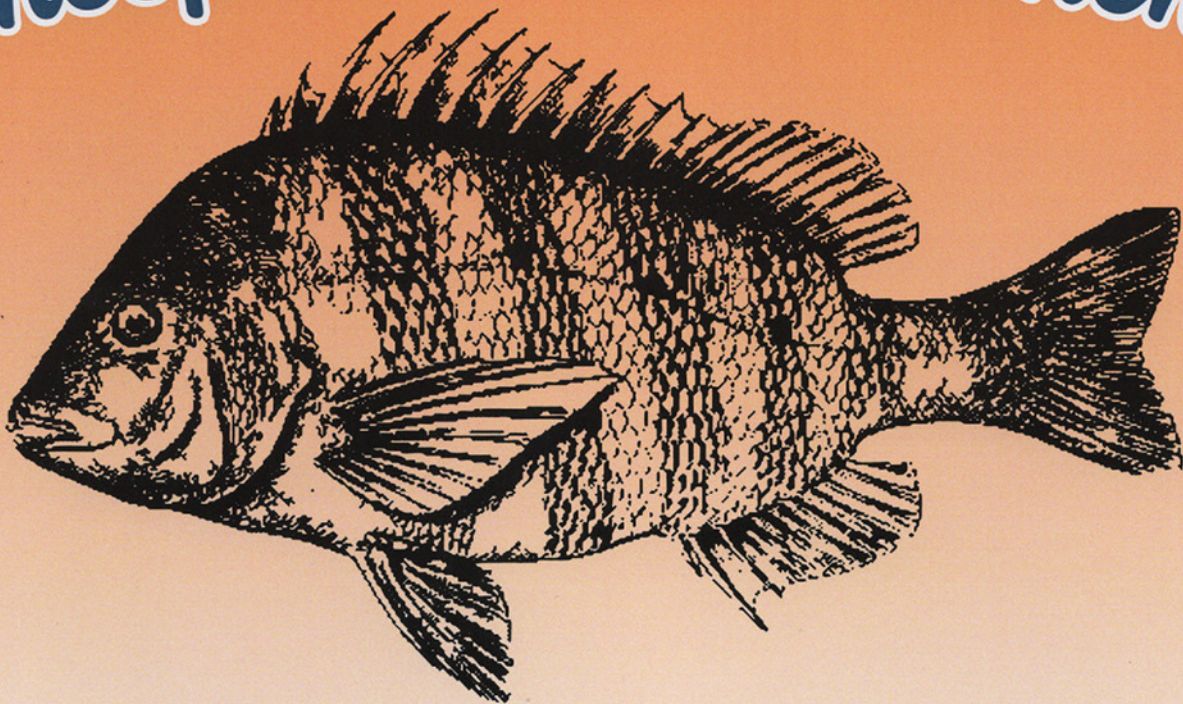


Another great turnout at our May meeting

# PSWSFA



## Sheepshead Tournament



# July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025

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For information go to [PSWSFA.com](http://PSWSFA.com)

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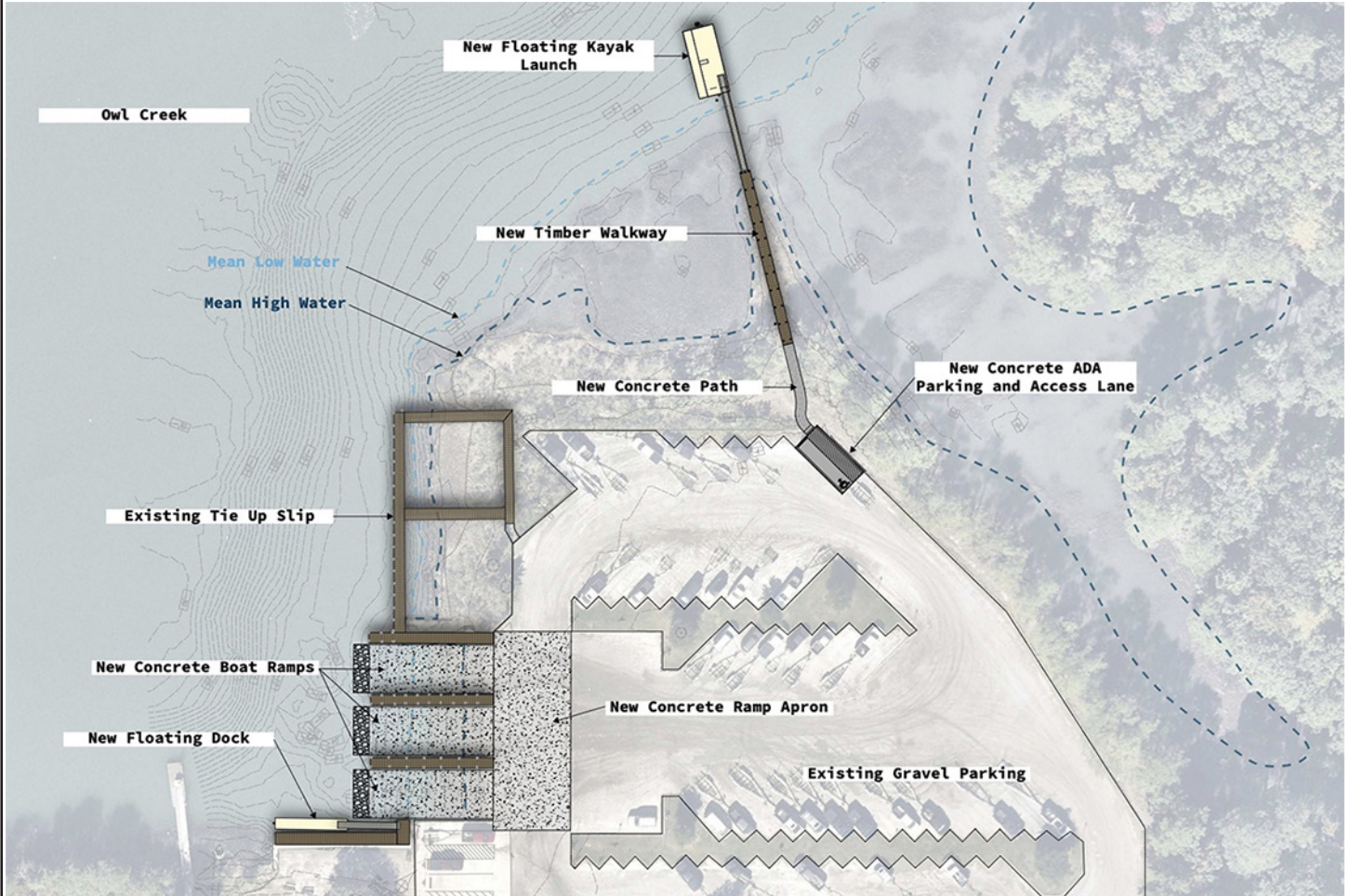
## Wallace's Bait & Tackle

To sign up either as a Sponsor or to Join the Tournament go to [WWW.PSWSFA.COM](http://WWW.PSWSFA.COM) at the top of the page mouse over **Tournaments** then click on **Sheepshead Tournament**.

# OWL CREEK NEWS

## News you can Use

Upgrades to Owl Creek Boat Ramp are coming, with work set to begin in early June. The project will include new concrete boat ramps, a new floating dock and a new floating ADA accessible kayak launch. The project is expected to take around seven months to complete. Work on the ramps will be staggered, however, to ensure two ramps are always open and accessible during the project period.



# Bay Blue Crab Population Drops to Second-Lowest on Record... Is Cold Winter to Blame?

By Timothy B. Wheeler, Bay Journal News Service / May 26, 2025

The Chesapeake Bay's blue crab population has slipped to its second lowest level in 35 years, a six-year slump that has fishery scientists searching for answers to the decline in the Bay's most valuable catch—and a closely watched indicator of the estuary's health.

The latest dredge survey conducted by the Maryland [Department of Natural Resources](#) and [Virginia Institute of Marine Science](#) found an estimated 238 million crabs in the Bay, down from 317 million the winter before. Fisheries managers attribute the 25% decline, at least in part, to colder-than-average temperatures last winter that likely killed off many crabs as they slumbered on the bottom.



Harvesting blue crabs on the Choptank River.  
Photo by Dave Harp

Even so, this marks the sixth consecutive year of below-average abundance detected by the survey, mostly under less harsh conditions.

Just three years ago, the survey reported an all-time low population of 226 million crabs. That prompted scientists to launch a comprehensive study of the Bay's crab population and what might explain its sub-par abundance. The results of that stock assessment, due in 2026, are expected to guide future management of the fishery.

The latest survey found decreases across the board in adult and juvenile crabs. The number of spawning-age females dropped from 133 million in 2024 to 108 million this year, a 19% decline. Their abundance is still enough to produce a bountiful crop of offspring, given the right environmental conditions, managers say.

But the number of juvenile crabs found last winter—103 million—was the third lowest on record, the latest in a six-year run of below-average abundance detected. The number of adult male crabs picked up by the latest survey, meanwhile, hit an all-time low of 26 million, a drop of more than 40% from the previous year.

Managers said overfishing did not appear to be a factor. Commercial harvests declined Baywide, they pointed out.

Virginia Marine Resources Commissioner Jamie Green noted that the crab population varies, sometimes widely, from year to year. VMRC's press release said managers were cautiously optimistic, given the seemingly adequate population of female crabs.

"While this year's survey shows a decline in overall abundance, Virginia watermen have experienced good catch rates so far this season," he said.

Mike Luisi, director of fisheries assessment for the Maryland DNR, said managers would consult with watermen and seafood processors soon about whether any changes were warranted in crabbing regulations for the rest of this season, which began April 1. He said he didn't foresee relaxing the limits DNR imposed in late summer last year on commercial harvests of male crabs, given the survey's low numbers.

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## From the Wheelhouse: Where a Licensed Captain's Responsibility Starts and Ends

When you earn your captain's license, you envision the empowering feeling of taking the helm on a charter or other commercial boat operation. But the responsibilities and expectations of a licensed captain aren't always clear to the captain or the client who hires them.

In some tricky cases on the Bay, questions come up about who or what the captain is there to protect. Contracts between captain and client are key. Our partners at the Annapolis School of Seamanship and maritime law expert Todd Lochner dive into what it truly means to be in control—legally, professionally, and ethically.

Click on the video link below.



By Larry Chowning June 5, 2025

Virginia Governor Glenn Youngkin’s official proclamation making the month of June 2025 Chesapeake Bay Deadrise Month was an added highlight to the Yorktown Workboat Races Sunday, June 1—a perfect day for racing workboats.

The sight of so many workboats, spit-shined and at play, racing full throttle to the finish line took the breath away of hundreds of spectators along the shorelines of the York River in historic Yorktown.

The Yorktown Workboat Races are hosted by Allen Holston, founder of Workboat Life, and the York County Board of Supervisors. This year the theme was “Yorktown Battle of the Boats” and the boats and their captains did not disappoint.



The “Yorktown King of the Bay Large Diesel” title went again to Shannon Gay of Rescue, Virginia. His prize-winning boat, Rainbow Chaser is a wooden deadrise built by the late Willard Norris of Deltaville. Gay’s victory was not easy, however, as Kenny Heath of Cape Charles in his fiberglass workboat Thomas Jaiden upset Gay in the preliminary qualifying heat—chasing down Rainbow Chaser and roaring by her at the finish line for the win. In the finals, however, Gay jumped the start in the first attempt resulting in a restart. During the second start, Gay and Rainbow Chaser dashed out in front and cruised to the finish line winning the premier large diesel race for a second year in a row.

### State Proclamation

Governor Youngkin’s proclamation making the month of June Chesapeake Bay Deadrise Month was presented at the start of the event by Jamie Green, Commissioner of the Virginia Marine Resources Commission (VMRC).

It states that “the Chesapeake Bay Deadrise, ruggedly built to navigate the Bay’s winding waterways and shallow inlets, was locally designed and developed to work shoal water while withstanding its ever-changing weather, standing as a testament to the ingenuity, resilience, and industrious spirit of Virginia’s watermen” and is recognized as the Virginia State Boat.

“Virginia’s watermen, through their tireless labor and deep-rooted connection to the Bay, have played an indispensable role in shaping the culture, economy and identity of the Commonwealth, passing down their knowledge and skills through generations, ensuring that the legacy of the working watermen endures,” it reads. “The deadrise, with its distinctive lines, sturdy wooden hull and ability to withstand the changing moods of the Bay, symbolizes not only the perseverance of Virginia’s watermen but also the rich maritime heritage that defines our coastal communities.”

The proclamation continues, “It is fitting that we honor this iconic vessel and the men and women who have built their livelihoods upon the waters of the Chesapeake Bay, ensuring that the traditions of Virginia’s commercial fishing industry remain a vital part of our Commonwealth.”

### The winners of the 2025 Yorktown Battle of the Races were:

- Yorktown King of the Bay Outboard – Bobby West, Guinea Neck, Gloucester County, Va.
- Yorktown King of the Bay Gas – David West, Guinea Neck, Gloucester County, Va.;
- Yorktown King of the Bay Small Diesel – Greg Purcell, Mt. Holly, Va.;
- Yorktown King of the Bay Large Diesel – Shannon Gay, Rescue, Va.

## Virginia Beach Sport Fishing



Get ready for a peak in Virginia's inshore fishing action! The waters are starting to teem with cobia, Spanish mackerel, red and black drum, sheepshead, and spadefish—plenty of opportunities to reel in a trophy!

In the bay, target red drum near the breakers along the northern section of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel (CBBT) and close to Fisherman's Island. Also be on the lookout for schools on the surface along the oceanfront and around the islands of the CBBT.

Black drum are thriving around the CBBT islands, ready for the taking!

Sheepshead are eagerly feeding on the CBBT pilings, while schools of spadefish are congregating around structures, buoys, towers, and the CBBT—perfect for an action-packed day! Flounder are also heating up, biting along the CBBT, the HRBT and inside all three southside inlets.

Every year, the cobia season in Virginia brings excitement and anticipation to anglers and fishing enthusiasts. June 15th marks the beginning of one of the most thrilling times for sport fishing in the region. Cobia are known for their migratory patterns and during the summer months, they migrate towards the Chesapeake Bay and surrounding waters, making Virginia an ideal location for big time cobia fishing. These fish often prefer structures such as reefs, wrecks, and buoys, where they hunt for prey like crustaceans and small fish. There are several techniques used for catching cobia, each requiring a bit of skill and patience.

### Chumming

One popular method is chumming, which involves creating a scent trail in the water to attract cobia to the boat. Anglers typically use menhaden or other oily fish as chum, dispersing it over the side to lure the cobia.

### Sight Fishing

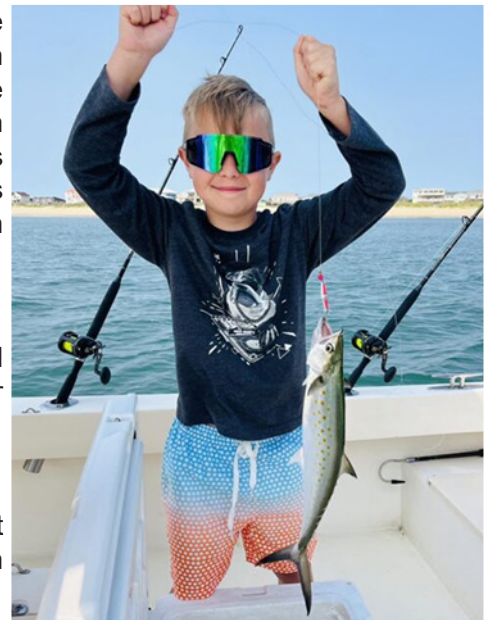
Sight fishing is another effective technique, where anglers visually spot cobia swimming near the surface or around structures. This method often requires calm waters and a keen eye.

### Live Bait

Using live bait such as eels, crabs, or small fish can be highly effective in attracting cobia. These natural baits mimic the cobia's preferred prey and can entice them to strike.

Long Bay Pointe Bait and Tackle has plenty of eels, crabs, clams and minnow in their live bait tanks ready for you. Captain Todd Beck of Knot Wish'n Charters has been seeing some quality Spanish mackerel and is happy to see numbers climbing as water temperatures hover around 70°F. Todd reported plenty of Atlantic bonito near the CB line. He said, "Cobia and red drum sightings remained scarce along the oceanfront, and spade catches were hit-or-miss. But the sea bass action is fantastic, with some impressive flounder on offshore wrecks!"

Offshore, Virginia's bluewater trollers are in for a treat as yellowfin tuna numbers rise, with recent catches coming from just south of the triple 0's. Dolphin, wahoo, and billfish are hot on their heels, and amberjack are starting to appear around offshore towers—thrilling times ahead!



## More than 2,000 attendees educated and inspired by exhibits, activities and demonstrations at Marine Science Day

by Ethan Smith | June 6, 2025

The 23rd annual Marine Science Day, the marquee open house event at William & Mary's Batten School & VIMS, drew more than 2,000 attendees on Saturday, May 31, to the sunny, waterside campus in Gloucester Point. With open access to academic buildings and laboratories, the public was able to learn and interact with scientists and students who presented their marine research through posters, hands-on activities and educational demonstrations.



Seining in the York River is one of the most popular activities on Marine Science Day. Photo credit: Candace Johnson.

From Chesapeake Bay blue crab touch tanks and seining in the York River to a marine science career fair, seafood cooking tutorial and marine life costume contest, there were exciting and varied exhibits for attendees of all ages. "We have children that range in age and every one of them loves it," said Melissa Davidson. "We have a seven year old, a 12 year old and a 17 year old, and every year they all love it. It's so valuable, and it really gives us great opportunities to learn new things and have hands-on experiences. It's wonderful."

Eric Anderson was similarly glad to return to Marine Science Day, after attending for the first time in 2024 with his young son, Brandon. "We came last year and really enjoyed it, so we came back this year," said Eric. "My son is a little older this year, a little more interactive and able to listen. I think it's really important, the repetition year after year, so this will be an annual event for us."



Shannon Tillery and her family traveled from Petersburg to attend Marine Science Day. Photo credit: John Wallace.

The event drew attendees from across the Commonwealth. "The kids are excited, and they like the new experiences and the science, fishing, whatever else we can see out here," said Shannon Tillery, who brought her entire family to Marine Science Day from Petersburg. "They're learning they can be whatever they want to be."

To see more images from the annual open house, view the [Marine Science Day 2025 photo gallery](#).

The event was brought to life by approximately 275 staff, students and other supporters who volunteered their time to organize and set up the open house, direct traffic, present research, supervise activities and more.

"Marine Science Day is a wonderful opportunity for knowledge sharing as members of the community get a unique glimpse behind the brick walls of our campus to experience firsthand the impact of the research

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happening here,” said Kristen Sharpe, the assistant director of outreach and engagement who leads the event. “Meanwhile, our faculty, staff and students have the chance to engage with the public to share information about their work—and develop really fun and engaging ways of sharing that information!”

Students at the Batten School of Coastal & Marine Sciences & VIMS especially benefit from the ability to practice communicating science to new audiences. “Sharing with the public and kids is probably my favorite thing and why I wanted to go to grad school in the first place,” said M.S. student Elena Hoang, who worked at the crab touch tanks, one of the day’s most popular exhibits. “I like seeing when they’re hesitant at first about something that might be scary, like a big blue crab, but then once they touch it or even hold it for the first time, they get really excited.”

Fellow M.S. student Robyn Dudrick, who represented the microplastics lab, was also gratified by seeing families express interest and excitement about marine science. “We love to encourage community engagement and citizen science, so it’s really fun to see the kids playing and getting hands-on engagement while their parents are asking really insightful questions,” she said. “It’s fulfilling to hear the kids saying, ‘I’m going to be a scientist when I grow up. I like to get wet and dirty.’”

In the spirit of community engagement, the Batten School & VIMS once again hosted the Communal Quilt Project led by Steve Prince, director of engagement and distinguished artist in residence at William & Mary’s Muscarelle Museum of Art. Attendees created their own quilt squares to add to what will become a mile-long quilt. Prince said he saw a connection between the project and Marine Science Day, “because as people here are thinking about public access and knowledge sharing, and how much more knowledge that we need to share between us, this becomes another opportunity where we can connect through art-making.”

By the end of the day, volunteers had heard from countless visitors about how insightful and meaningful they found the open house event to be. “It is always humbling to hear from members of our community who are inspired by the activities and information, whether they are motivated to make more conscientious decisions in their daily lives or inspired to pursue the field of marine science as a career,” said Sharpe. “Marine Science Day provides an opportunity for ocean and science enthusiasts, young and old alike, to see themselves as part of the Batten School & VIMS’ mission to provide science for solutions.”

Marine Science Day 2025 was made possible through the generous support of our sponsors: Dominion Energy Charitable Foundation, The Owens Foundation, Canon Virginia, Bank of America, Phillips Energy, Southern Trade Realty, Alanton Garden Club, Stephen Barry and Ratcliffe W. Harris.

## The May Mystery Fish The Common Pandora



The common pandora (*Pagellus erythrinus*), also known as king of the breams, pandora red pandora or Spanish seabream, is a species of marine ray-finned fish belonging to the family Sparidae, which includes the seabreams and porgies. This fish is found in the eastern Atlantic Ocean and the Mediterranean Sea. It is an esteemed food fish.

The common pandora has a wide range along the eastern shores of the Atlantic Ocean, from the coast of West Africa from Guinea Bissau north to the Strait of Gibraltar including Cape Verde, Madeira and the Canary Islands, throughout the Mediterranean Sea and into the western Black Sea and extends northward in the North Sea as far as Norway.

The common pandora is a protogynous hermaphroditism in which the females change sex to become males when they reach lengths between 12.8 and 20.3 cm (5.0 and 8.0 in). This sex change typically when they are 3–4 years old, however, this is not always true as small males and even large females are often recorded. The spawning season for this species runs from April to September, peaking in May and June. However, the peak spawning period varies from region to region



# 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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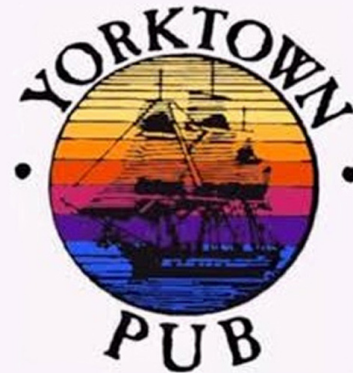


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# FISH TALES



Glen Davenport and Cobia



Darrel Cummins and Black Sea Bass



Mark Indzeris and 27" Speck



Wally Veal and nice Cobia



Stan and 19" Spadefish



Ken Neill and 42" Musky from the upper James



Rick Wineman and his Cobia fishing with Wally

# Monthly Tournament List April 2025

<b>Yellow Fin Tuna</b> Chris Baker	51"
<b>Big Eye Tuna</b> Chris Baker	49"
<b>Blackfin Tuna</b> Chris Baker	27"
<b>Tautog</b> Darrel Cummins	21"
<b>Striped Bass</b> John Michael Simmerman	38"
<b>Bluefish</b> Morgan Simmerman	36"
<b>Channel Bass</b> Nick Hite	50"
<b>Sailfish</b> Nick Hite	61"

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



- Four Ways to Turn in your Forms:
- Hand deliver to monthly meetings or Board Meeting
  - 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"	<b>Sea Bass</b>	<b>18"</b>
Blackbelly Rosefish	14"	Shark	60"
Black Drum	40"	<b>Sheepshead</b>	<b>20"</b>
<b>Blackfin Tuna</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>Snapper</b>	<b>17"</b>
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"
<b>Croaker</b>	<b>14"</b>	Swordfish	Release
Dolphin	35"	Tarpon	Release
False Albacore	25"	Tautog	18"
Flounder	22"	Triggerfish	15"
Golden Tilefish	30"	Wahoo	40"
<b>Gray Trout</b>	<b>22"</b>	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](mailto:rick@getanetsportfishing.com) or 757-268-1539

<p><b>Bishop's Trophy Red Drum Tournament</b>  <b>April 1<sup>st</sup> – May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025</b>          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><b>Club Multiple Species Tournament</b>  <b>June 1<sup>st</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025</b>          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><b>Youth and Ladies Croaker/Spanish Mackerel Tournament</b>  <b>July 1<sup>st</sup> -31<sup>st</sup>, 2025</b>          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><b>Sheepshead Tournament</b>  <b>July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025</b>          Separate paid entry tournament. Details and rules to be announced.          Rules and fees listed below do not apply to this tournament.</p>
<p><b>Don Forman Club Cobia Tournament</b>  <b>sponsored by Bishop Fishing Supply</b>  <b>August 1<sup>st</sup> -31<sup>st</sup>, 2025</b>          Must Receive Completed Form no later than the Board Mtg. Sept. 9, 2025. See Rules below for weight tournament</p>	<p><b>Club Spot Tournament</b>  <b>September 20<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025</b>          Weigh in: 2:00pm Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> at (Legasea Marine)          All entries will be weighed using the same club scale followed by the Annual Club Picnic          Spot Tournament - Two categories with 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners:          "ADULT ENTRIES" and "YOUTH ENTRIES"          (Anglers for the Spot Tournament must be present to win)          RSVP by Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> if you are coming to the Annual Club Picnic to the Tournament Director</p>
<p><b>Club Puppy Drum Tournament</b>  <b>October 1<sup>st</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025</b>          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><b>Wilcox Bait and Tackle Irv Fenton Rockfish Tournament</b>  <b>December 1<sup>st</sup> -31<sup>st</sup>, 2025</b>          Must Receive Completed Form no later than Jan. 13, 2025          See Rules below for weight tournament</p>

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# Fishing Around the World

When you think of Argentina, things like the tango, wine, food, and soccer all come to mind quickly. What you might not know is that this country also features plenty of freshwater fishing opportunities. Diehard anglers can experience the sport in a whole new way here, especially when it comes to fly fishing in Argentina.

## Fishing in the South

In the south, sportfishing is all about Brown Trout. Argentina is world-renowned for its sea-run Brown Trout fishing as well as being a top destination for river Brown Trout. As the fishery is so good in Argentina, you'll find that many captains run multiple day trips. You can make the most of your trip and visit various rivers this way.

Tierra del Fuego (the "Land of Fire") is the best place to target sea-run Brown Trout. These fish are strong, large, and put up a good fight. Experience is recommended to fish for them. September to March is the best time to target these saltwater fish, which can reach up to 20 pounds, much larger than their relatives inshore.

Mar del Plata's Atlantic coastline and its different contours from Santa Clara del Mar to the cliffs southwards, provide fishermen with an excellent catch of fish.

From the beaches, rock piers, jetties or cliffs; during the day or night; in the city centre or on the outskirts, fishing enthusiasts will be widely satisfied. Drums, parona leatherjacks, silver sides, sharks and flounders can be caught all year long.

## Deep-sea fishing

This is undoubtedly the best option when it comes to fishing along the Argentinean coastline.

Fully equipped crafts with modern equipment like satellite navigation, depth sounders and radar, assure the exact depth and location of the prey. (full-day trip)

Fishing spots vary in depth from 65 to 197 feet. The one called "Banco Patria" is worth mentioning.

There is no big difference among seasons. Sea salmon, sea basses and wreckfishes get very large in size and can be caught in any time of the year. The yellowtail amberjacks and little tunnies, two of the fiercest species in our sea, arrive during March, April and May.

Argentina's long Atlantic coastline offers saltwater fishing for species like sea bass, shark, and corvina. Mar del Plata and Bahía Blanca are popular sea fishing hubs, with both shore and boat options.

## So you think you know your Fish

Name this 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



**Meeting 17 June 2025 - Chris Harris will be speaking on Cobia Fishing**



**Meeting 15 July 2025**



**19 July 2025: Sheepshead Tournament**

### NEW ADDRESS

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