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November 2012

Newsletter of the Peninsula Salt Water Sport Fisherman's Association

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Our meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month (March-December) at 7:00pm at the Plumbers & Steamfitters Local Union 540, 7812 Warwick Boulevard, Newport News, VA 23607, across the street from the Peninsula YMCA. The meetings are free and open to the public. You even get a free raffle ticket. For a map on how to get there, go to www.pswsfa.com/meetings.htm.

The November speaker will be Alex Wazlak. Alex is an accomplished angler and diver, he will be speaking on free diving.



IN MEMORIUM

NEWPORT NEWS - Robert E. 'Buster' Graham Jr., 58, passed away Tuesday, Oct. 30, 2012.

He was a native of Newport News and a Peninsula resident most of his life. Mr. Graham retired from Newport News Shipbuilding, as a senior project leader, after 37 years of service, and was also a U.S. Navy veteran.

Rob was our D.J. for the Flounder Bowl and Club picnics. Our condolences go out to his wife Samantha and his son Robert E. Graham, III.



Note from the Sales Committee.....

PSWSFA Club Jackets

If you are interested in ordering a PSWSFA Club Jacket, please let Walter Miller know at the club meeting on the 20th.

If you can't make the meeting, contact Walter at 757-875-1348 or at waltercm@verizon.net.



E-mail your fishing photos to bayrunner@cox.net (Appreciate date and names of folks in picture)

In spite of the bad weather these past few weeks, some of the club members were able to get out and catch a few fish.

Hunter Southall and Mac McCormick each caught their first-ever wahoos. Hunter's fish was his 6th different citation of the year, earning him Virginia's Expert Angler Award.

Mac McCormick



Hunter Southall



Baylor Rinck



Dr. John Graves (left) with Wes Blow (right)



Wes Blow



Ken Neill



Charles Southall



Wes Blow



Mac McCormick



Larry Lusk



Ken Neill



MONTHLY TOURNAMENT AWARDS FOR SEPTEMBER 2012

SPECIES	MINIMUM SIZE	ANGLER'S NAME	LENGTH
Albacore Tuna	35 inches		
Amberjack	40 inches		
Bigeye Tuna	40 inches		
Black Drum	40 inches		
Blackbelly Rosefish	14 inches		
Blackfin Tuna	20 inches		
Bluefin Tuna	45 inches		
Bluefish	25 inches		
Blueline Tilefish	20 inches	Rick Wineman	33"
Blue Marlin	Release	Tabb Bridges	98"
Channel Bass	40 inches		
Cobia	40 inches	Hunter Southall	54"
Croaker	16 inches	George Wojcik	16½"
Dolphin	35 inches	Rick Wineman	43"
False Albacore	25 inches		
Flounder	22 inches	Danny Taylor	26¼"
Golden Tile Fish	30 inches		
Gray Trout	24 inches		
Grouper	16 inches	Rick Wineman	34"
Jack Crevalle	36 inches		
King Mackerel	35 inches		
Pompano	12 inches		
Sailfish	Release		
Sea Bass	15 inches	Rick Wineman	20"
Shark	60 inches		
Sheepshead	15 inches		
Snapper	12 inches		
Spadefish	18 inches		
Spanish Mackerel	20 inches		
Spearfish	Release		
Speckled Trout	21 inches	Danny Taylor	21¼"
Spot	8 inches	Clair Hillard	10 ¾"
Striped Bass	36 inches		
Swordfish	Release		
Tarpon	Release		
Tautog	18 inches		
Triggerfish	15 inches		
Wahoo	40 inches		
White Marlin	Release	Wes Blow	91"
Whiting (Roundhead)	14 inches		
Yellowfin Tuna	35 inches		

Deadline for turning in your entry forms:

<u>Month of Entry:</u>	<u>Deadline:</u>
October	Nov. 13
November	Dec. 11
December	Jan. 8
January	Feb. 12
February	March 12
March	April 9

MAIL ENTRY FORMS TO:

**MR. MILTON HUDGINS
1894 KATIE LANE
HAYES, VA 23072**

(e-mail: judygee03@gmail.com)



October 31, 2012: The Virginia Marine Resources Commission monthly meeting that was canceled on October 30 due to the storm has been rescheduled for November 19 at 9:30 a.m. in the agency's fourth floor meeting room. Also, the scheduled December 4 Commission meeting has been rescheduled for December 10.

October 29, 2012: The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) has announced that the recreational black sea bass fishery in federal waters will close on November 1, 2012. The fishery will remain closed to recreational fishermen in federal waters (3-200 miles from shore) through the end of the year

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Nelson Ortiz on page 26



VIRGINIA BEACH AND OFFSHORE FISHING
Cool Down for Tuna by Ken Neill

Ken Neill

We tend to think of the summer months as the time to fish the offshore waters of Virginia. Summer is a great time to run offshore but, for tuna, the cooler temperatures of fall provide for our best tuna action of the year. September is white marlin time. October and November belong to tuna.

Yellowfin tuna are our primary target, but during the fall we may find tuna of all colors. We can find yellowfin, blackfin, bluefin, bigeye and longfin tuna all mixed together. Fall is our best time to catch longfin (albacore) tuna and when you run into these tasty creatures, they come in packs.

In general, all of the tunas feed more aggressively in the fall. Instead of a single bite here or there that you experience in the summer, what happens during the fall feed is that all of your lines go down at once. Drags are screaming and there is a lot of yelling as you try to figure out how your four anglers are going to fight seven tunas at the same time. It is a great problem to have.

The satellite sea surface temperature services really come into their own during the fall. Look for areas where warmer water shoes into the 100-fathom curve. The edge where the cool and warmer water meet can be the dinner table where all of the tuna meet to feed. When you find this change try fishing both the cold side and the warm side until you find where the tuna are.

The tricks used during the summer to get a finicky tuna to bite: light leaders, fishing baits way-way back and so on are not needed during the fall bite. We fish heavy leaders and keep our spread in close to the boat. Multiple hookups are the goal. Baits are a mixture designed to create a commotion and to get attention. Spreader bars and squid daisy chains work very well for this. Try various colors to see what is hot that day. For some reason, pink seems to work very well during the fall so it would be good to have something pink in your spread.

We will have a couple of large ballyhoo/llander combinations somewhere in the spread, trolled on heavy tackle. When the big-eye tuna wham us, we have something out there that can handle them.

When you do get a bite, do not stop trolling. Give it a moment before slowing down. You can make a turn towards the side that you are hooked up on and try to get some more fish hooked up before you settle down for the fight. There are times that jiggling your remaining baits can elicit more bites.

While most of our fall tuna are caught on the surface while on the troll, sometimes it pays to think deep. Fall can be an excellent time to break out the flutter jigs. If you are not getting the trolling bite but are marking fish on your bottom machine, it can be worth it to stop and try jiggling the marks. There are times when the fish have bait balled up down deep and they are not interested in what is happening on the surface but a jig fluttering past their faces will produce savage strikes. You can combine trolling and jiggling. When you get a troll

Nelson Ortiz holds a nice yellowfin tuna.

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Saw this on the VIMS website. Now that's a pumpkin!



Anglerfish lands top prize in VIMS pumpkin carving contest

VIMS marine scientist Jenny Dreyer teamed with graduate students Itchika Sivaipram and Jennifer Elliott to carve the winning entry, fittingly enough on a dark and stormy night during the passage of Hurricane Sandy.

http://www.vims.edu/newsandevents/topstories/pumpkano_contest.php

Attention Charter Captains: If you are a paid dues member of the club and would like to list your charter service with the Chumline, please send us the information to bayrunner@cox.net.



2005 Regulator 26FS w/Twin Yamaha 250's
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Capt. Rick Wineman

Fishing areas range from all over the Chesapeake Bay, Coastal waters off the Eastern Shore down to Ocracoke Inlet NC. Offshore from the Washington Canyon down to Hatteras Canyon.

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Upcoming events.....



Irv Fenton Rockfish Tournament

sponsored by
Wilcox Bait and Tackle

December 1-31, 2012

\$20/each member & \$30/each non-member

Remember to contact Rick Wineman before you go fishing!

rick@getanetsportfishing.com or 757-268-1539

PSWSFA ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2013

Crown Point Plaza
950 J. Clyde Morris Boulevard
Newport News, VA 23601
6:00pm – 10:00pm

**Raffles
and a
Cash Bar**

Cash Bar: 6:00pm - 10:00 pm
Hors d'oeuvres: 6:00pm - 7:00pm
Dinner: 7:00pm - 8:00pm
Awards and Raffles to follow

PLEASE PRINT:

MEMBER: _____

SPOUSE OR SIGNIFICANT OTHER: _____

NAME OF GUEST/S OF MEMBER: _____

CHILDREN: _____

SELECTION: (\$10.00 per plate)

How many:

(_____) Slow Roasted Prime Rib of Beef; Jus Lje\$ _____

(_____) Boneless Breast of Chicken Piccata, Smothered in a White Wine, Lemon & Caper Glaze.... \$ _____

(_____) House Made Jumbo Lump Crab Cakes with Smithfield Ham.....\$ _____

(_____) CHILDREN'S MEAL (10 and under free): Check Tenders, Mac n' Cheese, Chef's Choice of Vegetables,
Rolls/Butter, Milk or Fruit Punch

All dinners (including the children's meal) will have a tossed salad, shrimp cocktail and dessert.

Dessert station will have 1/3 Lemon Meringue Pie, 1/3 Carrot Cake, 1/3 Chocolate Cake

TOTAL NUMBER ATTENDING _____ AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____

Mail this form along with check payable to "PSWSFA" postmarked by Tuesday, February 16th:

TO: Mac McCormick
209 Massell Court
Newport News, VA 23606-2124



Questions:
Contact Mac at 757-286-6580

VIRGINIA BEACH, VIRGINIA - JANUARY 19

Virginia Beach Convention Center, Ball Room One

FACULTY: Ric Burnley, Dr. Mitchell Roffer, Harry Vernon III, Capt. David Hester, Capt. Hunter Tucker, Capt. Ben Shepherd, Capt. Jimmy Price



Dr. Ken Neill III - Noted authority on fishing the coastal and offshore waters of Virginia aboard his vessel, Healthy Grin, and holder of the Virginia state record tautog of 24-pounds, three-ounces!



Captain Zack Hoffman - Distinguished authority on catching trophy cobia and red drum, with his Salt Treated Sport Fishing!

VIRGINIA BEACH CONVENTION CENTER, VA - JANUARY 19

BALL ROOM 1

1000 19 Street

Virginia Beach, VA 23451

www.nationalseminarseries.com

VIRGINIA BEACH, VIRGINIA - Live-baiting for trophy striped bass; Northeast tactics that take monster Virginia Beach striped bass; Cutting-edge striper trolling; Refined flounder tactics; How to consistently locate and catch trophy flounder; Score big Chesapeake Bay flounder; Sheepshead the easy way; Sight fishing for cobia; How to excite and catch stubborn cobia; Chunking for trophy cobia; Light tackle inshore fishing for puppy drum and speckled trout; No nonsense top water tactics for trophy speckled trout; How to consistently catch drum; light tackle fishing for red and black drum; Scoring around inlets, jetties and beaches; Secrets of fishing the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel; Successful bottom- and wreck- fishing (tautog, spadefish, spot and sea bass); How to catch trophy king mackerel; Spanish mackerel on light tackle; Deep-dropping for tile fish; How to chum like the pros (inshore and offshore); Kite fishing for trophy striped bass, king mackerel, tuna, shark and billfish; How to mix and troll natural baits and lures; Hot white marlin teaser strategies; Top white marlin baits and spreads; Top methods for catching more and larger yellowfin tuna; Scoring winter bluefin tuna; Can't miss trolling tactics for bluefin; Flutter-jigging for tuna; Sub-surface offshore trolling for wahoo and tuna; Can't miss dolphin tactics; Daytime swordfish tactics

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Mitchell Roffer | <input type="checkbox"/> Capt. Jimmy Price |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Harry Vernon III | <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Ken Neill III |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Capt. David Hester | <input type="checkbox"/> Captain Zack Hoffman |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Capt. Hunter Tucker | <input type="checkbox"/> Ric Burnley |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Capt. Ben Shepherd | <input type="checkbox"/> George Poveromo |

Send e-mails by 5pm, November 16th.



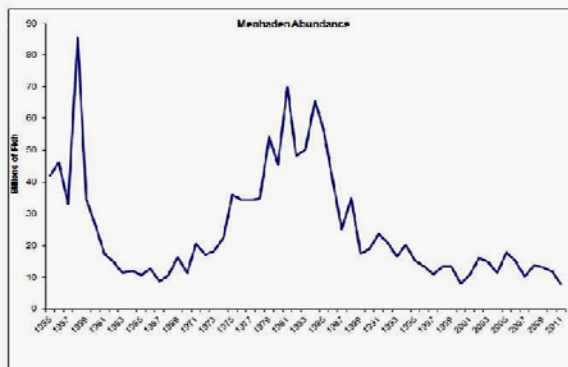
Help Restore the Atlantic Menhaden Population!

The Bay's Most Important Fish

Menhaden have been called "the most important fish in the sea" because of the critical roles they play in the ecosystem of Atlantic coastal waters.

- Menhaden feed on plankton, removing it from the water.
- Menhaden are a valuable food source for a wide variety of fish including striped bass, bluefish, summer flounder, and weakfish; also for marine mammals and many sea birds including ospreys, pelicans, and loons.
- Menhaden have declined dramatically in the diet of striped bass, and poor nutrition has been linked to diseased striped bass.

The Menhaden Population is in Trouble



- The best available science (called a "benchmark stock assessment" by the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC)) has shown that the menhaden population is at its lowest recorded level.
- ASMFC's benchmark assessment has been validated by an independent peer review of fisheries scientists.
- According to the benchmark, menhaden are currently experiencing overfishing, and overfishing occurred in 32 of the last 54 years.
- The menhaden population currently is only eight percent of what it would be if there was no pressure from fishing, and the independent scientists urged steps to boost the population.
- In response, ASMFC has adopted tighter standards for menhaden fishing and is seeking public comment on how to achieve them.

Let Your Voice be Heard

Write a letter or e-mail by November 16, asking ASMFC to manage the menhaden fishery so the population can recover and fulfill its vital ecological roles. CBF recommends the following:

1. (Section 2.5) ASFMC should adopt Spawning Stock Biomass (SSB) Option B which will set a SSB target of 30% MSP and threshold of 15% MSP.
2. (Section 2.6.2) ASFMC should adopt Option C to reduce the Current F to at least the target F in a timeframe that shall be no longer than 5 years.
3. (Section 4.2.1) ASFMC should adopt Option B in order to set harvest levels through use of a total allowable catch.
4. (Section 4.2.1.2) ASFMC should adopt Option A which specifies setting a TAC through an ad-hoc approach. The multiplier used should be 0.75 and the future allocations should be 30% bait and 70% reduction.
5. (Section 4.2.2) ASFMC should adopt Option C to adjust the Chesapeake Bay Cap consistent with quota management.

Send your letter, e-mail, or fax to:

Mike Waine
Subject: Draft Addendum 2
Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission
1050 N. Highland Street, #200 A-N
Arlington, Virginia 22201
mwaine@asmfc.org
Fax: 703/842-0741



Scan this QR Code with your SmartPhone to submit your comments immediately!

PSWSFA 2013 MEMBERSHIP

Dues: \$30 per year for entire *family

(January through December - not prorated throughout year)

<input type="checkbox"/>	New Membership
<input type="checkbox"/>	Renewal
<input type="checkbox"/>	cash
<input type="checkbox"/>	check

(Please Print)

Name: _____ Spouse: _____

Dependents Names and Ages:

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

*FAMILY – must be living with you

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip _____ Home Phone: _____

e-mail: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Boat Name/Call Sign: _____

Total number in your membership: _____

Please check one of the following:

- Yes, please add my name to the club Membership Book
 No, please do not publish my information

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

**PSWSFA
 P.O. Box 5194
 Newport News, VA 23605**

The yearly \$30.00 family membership dues go towards:

1. Monthly \$10.00 awards for largest of species caught (averages \$100 mo.)
2. Helps to purchase raffle prizes (not all prizes are donated).
3. Pays for the free picnics for the Ladies and Youth Tournament and the Spot Tournament.
4. Rental fee (\$125 per month) for Plumber's Union Hall.
5. Trophies given out at the Banquet (averages \$1,100.00).
This does not include the trophies for the other club tournaments.
6. Keeps the cost of the Banquet dinner down (member pays portion, club pays portion).
7. Postage stamps & paper supplies for newsletters that are mailed monthly (not everyone has a computer)
8. Yearly liability insurance for club (between \$800-\$900).
9. Fees for two club websites.

2012 Officers	
President:	Ken Neill, III
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Secretary:	Rachel Nelson
Treasurer:	Frank Kearney
Corresponding Secretary:	Charles Southall
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