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May 2013

Newsletter of the Peninsula Salt Water Sport Fisherman's Association



Ruth McCormick, editor
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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 you do not have to be a member to attend. You even get a free door raffle ticket. For directions, go to www.pswsfa.com/meetings.htm.

Hi Folks,

George Wojcik has lined up Craig Freeman of Back River Rods (www.backriverrods.com), to be our speaker at the May 21st meeting. Craig's topic will be "Jigging for Flounder," a subject that, I for one, am much interested in.

Craig is also a custom rod builder and I was fortunate to win a live bait rod that he made for the Flounder Bowl last year. I was unfortunate in that Ruth fished with it last Friday. Live baiting with small spot is her preferred way of flounder fishing and from comments made by her, I realized that I would be losing that fishing rod. We went to see Craig at his shop and she ordered a rod of the same blank, customized with the colors of the world famous Washington Redskins. Now, how can I help not loving that woman. We'll see you at the meeting....Mac

Note from the editor: "...and maroon and gold are also the colors of my alma mater, Warwick High School. Go Farmers!! I also had my name put on the rod, so there will be no mistake as to whose rod it is, LOL!



Mac McCormick & Craig Freeman



Early Bird Entry Fee \$100
after June 12th the fee will be \$125

The largest 3 fish from your boat will be weighed.
The crew that brings in the heaviest load will collect \$5,000

(Official entry form on page 4)



VIRGINIA MARINE RESOURCES COMMISSION
"PERTAINING TO BLACK SEA BASS"
CHAPTER 4 VAC 20-950-10 ET. SEQ.

Black Sea Bass

Open season: May 19 through Oct 14
Open season Nov 1 through Dec 31

Minimum size: 12.5 inches

Limit: 20 fish per per day



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

Deven Simmerman



Wes Blow



Charles Southall



Jody Linthicum



Hunter Southall



Ken Neill



J.T. Hale



Bill Pappas, Jr.



Ric Burnley & Matt Smith



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"Fish for Cobia, Flounder, Drum, Rockfish, Spade Fish, Spot and Croaker."



Saturday, June 29, 2013



FLOUNDER BOWL

For more info: **Jorj Head (757) 262-9004** or e-mail **jhead@ycsd.york.va.us**

1st Place: \$5,000.00 Guaranteed

Weigh in heaviest 3 flounder per boat

2nd Place: 30% not to exceed \$2,000.00

3rd Place: 20% not to exceed \$1,500.00

4th Place: 10% not to exceed \$1,000.00

5th Place: 5% not to exceed \$ 500.00

6th Place: 5% not to exceed \$ 250.00

Lucky Dog: \$500.00

Teams not placing in the top 6 will be entered into a "Lucky Dog" drawing. A member of the team must be present to win. If no member of the winning team is present another team will be drawn.

Ladies Division – Largest fish wins \$100.00 plus merchandise

Youth Division - (15 years old and under) – Largest fish wins \$100.00 plus merchandise

Optional Big-Fish Calcutta: \$100 entry – winner take all

Biggest 3 Fish Stringer Calcutta: \$100 entry

Sponsor's Challenge Division \$250 entry

Club Member \$500 Division

Dare Marina will provide free overnight storage for boats in tournament

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Williams Facility Service
Yorktown Pub

Captain's Meeting

Friday, June 28th, 7:00pm
6:00pm - Food and beverages



Dare Marina & Yacht Sales

821 Railway Road
Yorktown, VA 23692
(757) 898-3000

At least one representative from each boat must attend the Captain's Meeting.

FREE COOKOUT
At the "Weigh In"
Starting at 5:00pm

AWARDS CEREMONY
6:30PM

DOOR PRIZES
4 tickets per team will be given out
At the Captain's Meeting

Entry Information

\$125.00 per boat

\$100.00 Early Bird Entry

(if received by June 12th)

Lines In: 6:00am / Weigh In: 5:00pm

Sponsors

Please Support Our Sponsors

2013 Flounder Bowl Tournament Rules:

1. Official tournament starting time is 6:00 AM (lines in the water) on June 29, 2013 and will terminate at 5:00 PM that same day. You can leave from any port. Fish can be brought by car or boat but must be weighed at Dare Marina and you must be standing in the weigh-in line by 5:00 PM.
 2. There will be a tournament meeting on Friday, June 28, 2013 7:00 PM, at Dare Marina. At least one member from each team must attend.
 3. This is a boat tournament. Each boat may weigh-in up to 3 flounder. Winners will be determined by the combined weight of the team's fish. Entry fee for each boat is \$125 up to 4 anglers, \$25 each additional angler. Early Bird Entry \$100 if received by June 12th.
 4. Teams must be registered prior to 6:00 AM of the day of the tournament. Proof of tournament registration must be presented to the weigh master when entering fish.
 5. Fish must be caught by rod and reel only.
 6. All fish are subject to thorough examination, both external and internal by the tournament committee of the PSWSFA.
 7. In the event of a tie, the first team checked in at the weigh-in will be declared the winner.
 8. Anglers are urged to display proper boat handling and courtesy towards others.
 9. Anglers are advised to maintain an active weather watch when fishing Virginia's waters. The captain and crew must decide on their own when and where to fish during this tournament and they are solely responsible for their safety.
 10. Anglers will be required to submit to a sworn affidavit, if asked, and take a lie detector test, if deemed necessary, which will be provided by the tournament committee. These may be required at any time and for any reason deemed appropriate by the tournament committee.
 11. Anglers are responsible for all applicable taxes on prizes received. Winners shall allow the PSWSFA and the sponsors the opportunity and right to film, videotape, record, and photograph the winners and to use the prize winner's name, voice and likeness without further compensation for advertising and promotion of the PSWSFA and the sponsors.
 12. All participants agree that the PSWSFA, Dare Marina, and any sponsor of this tournament shall not be liable for injury, loss, or damage of any kind resulting from participation in this tournament or from the acceptance or use of any awarded prize.
 13. Any protest must be filed by 5:30 PM on the day of the tournament. The protest must be made directly to an official of the tournament committee. The tournament committee will review any and all protests and their decisions will be final.
 14. No fish caught during the act of commercial fishing will be eligible.
 15. Any fish entered in or with another contest or tournament, outside of the PSWSFA, shall be ineligible for entry into this tournament.
 16. Any contestant found guilty of cheating, attempting to cheat, or otherwise deviating from the regulations of this tournament, shall be disqualified and considered ineligible for further and future participation and will be prosecuted.
 17. Tournament committee members are not eligible to fish in this tournament. They will be identified at the Tournament Meeting on June 28, 2013.
 18. The Tournament Committee shall consist of a minimum of three people; a director and two assistants all sanctioned by the PSWSFA.
 19. If small craft advisories are posted at 5:00 AM the day of the tournament for the area from New Point Comfort to Little Creek, the tournament will be postponed until the next "blow date." The scheduled blow day will be Sunday, June 30, 2013. Small craft advisory information shall be as announced by NOAA and obtained from the weather channel on marine VHF radio. Next blow day would be the following Saturday.
 20. Fish that will be entered into the tournament must be tagged with tags that will be supplied at the tournament meeting.
 21. There will be an optional big fish Calcutta with an entry fee of \$100 per boat. The single heaviest fish wins. You must tag your Calcutta fish with the special tag provided. In case of a tie, the first fish weighed will be declared the winner.
 22. There will be a second optional "stringer" calcutta for \$100 with a 100% payout to the heaviest stringer entered in this calcutta.
 23. 1st Place: \$5,000.00 guaranteed, 2nd Place: 30% not to exceed \$2,000.00, 3rd Place: 20% not to exceed \$1,500.00, 4th Place: 10% not to exceed \$1,000.00, 5th Place: 5% not to exceed \$500.00, 6th Place: 5% not to exceed \$250.00, "Lucky Dog": \$500.00.
 24. Sponsors Challenge Division - \$250, Sponsor will be entered into the regular division and separate sponsor's division.
 25. "Lucky Dog" payout -10% of regular entries up to a maximum of \$500. Teams not placing in the top 6 will be entered into a "Lucky Dog" drawing. A member of the team must be present to win. If no member of the winning team is present, another team will be drawn.
 26. Ladies Division - The largest fish wins \$100.00. In case of a tie, the first fish brought in will win. Fish may also be entered in main event.
 27. Youth Division - children 15 years old and under may participate. The largest fish wins \$100.00. In case of a tie, the first fish brought in will win. Fish may also be entered in main event.
 28. Club Member \$500 Division - The club member with the largest fish wins \$500.00.
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PSWSFA 2013 Flounder Bowl Registration Form

PLEASE PRINT:

Name: _____ Date: _____

Calcutta ☐ / 3-String Calcutta ☐ / Lady ☐ / Youth ☐ / Club Member \$500 ☐ / Lucky Dog ☐ / Sponsor ☐

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-mail address: _____ Boat Name: _____

Captain: _____ Captain's Phone Number: _____

Crew Members: _____

Signature: _____

Mail to: PSWSFA, P.O. Box 5194, Newport News, VA 23605 by June 25th or bring form to the Captain's Meeting on June 28th.

Checks Payable to: PSWSFA

Mailed forms must be postmarked by June 21, 2013



2013 PSWSFA TOURNAMENTS

Download "Official Entry Form" at <http://www.pswsfa.com/MonthlyEntry.pdf>

FOR ALL TOURNAMENTS

You must register prior to fishing and use the official monthly form filled out by an official weigh station with time, date and weight of fish, & weight master's signature to verify catch. All Club Tournaments will have Awards for the first 3 places.

Questions Contact: Tournament Director Rick Wineman: rick@getanetsportfishing.com or 757-268-1539.

CLUB TOURNAMENTS

For Club Members: \$20 entry fee for each individual tournament or
\$60 if you sign up for all tournaments at one time

Bishop's Triple Threat Tournament

Cobia – Red Drum – Black Drum
"Combined total number of inches"

April 1, 2013 through July 31, 2013

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

Leave from any port, no weigh in (length total of 3 fish)

Must Receive Completed Form no later than Aug.13, 2013

See Rules below for Catch and Release fish totals. (Witness or photo)

Have you registered with Rick yet?

Don Forman

Club Cobia Tournament
sponsored by Bishop Fishing Supply

August 1-31, 2013

\$20/each member & \$30/each non-member
Leave from any port

Must Receive Completed Form no later than
the Board Meeting Sept. 10, 2013

Grafton Fishing Supply Club Spot Tournament

September 28-29, 2013

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

Weigh in: 2:00pm Sept. 29th at Dare Marina

All entries will be weighed using the same scale
followed by Picnic and Awards Ceremony

Two categories with 1st – 3rd place winners:

"ALL ENTRIES" and "KID ONLY"

RSVP by Sept. 25th if you are coming to the cookout to Tournament Director

Wilcox Bait and Tackle

Irv Fenton Rockfish Tournament

December 1-31, 2013

\$20/each member & \$30/each non-member
All entries due by January 14, 2014

MAIL ENTRY FORMS TO: MR. MILTON HUDGINS, 1894 KATIE LANE, HAYES, VA 23072 (e-mail: judygee03@gmail.com)

Youth and Ladies Croaker/Flounder Tournament

July 13-28, 2013

Free Tournament for Lady and Youth members/Guests
(Do not need to register to participate)

6:00pm Picnic on July 28th at Dare Marina, Awards Ceremony to follow

**YOU HAVE TO BE AT THE PICNIC
TO PICK UP YOUR PRIZE**

RSVP by July 24th if you are coming to the
cookout to Tournament Director

OPEN TO PUBLIC

PSWSFA/Dare Marina Flounder Bowl
First Place: \$5,000 guaranteed

Jorj Head, Tournament Director
Call 757-262-9004 or 757-898-9870

Saturday, June 29, 2013

Lines in at 6:00am - Must be in the weigh-in line by 5:00pm
\$125 per boat** (4 anglers per boat - \$25 each additional angler)

Boat entries only. No individual entries.

Optional Big-Fish Calcutta: \$100 per boat – winner take all
Optional Heaviest String Calcutta: \$100 per boat – winner take all
Sponsors Challenge Division \$250

**Early Bird Entry \$100. Deadline June 15th.

MONTHLY TOURNAMENT AWARDS

March 2013

SPECIES	MINIMUM SIZE	ANGLER'S NAME	LENGTH
Speckled Trout	21 inches	Eric Wynings	25¼"
Tautog	18 inches	Wes Blow	25"

Deadline for turning in your 2013 entry forms:

<u>Month of Entry:</u>	<u>Deadline byMail:</u>	<u>Monthly Meeting:</u>
April	May 14	May 21
May	June 11	June 18
June	July 9	July 16
July	August 13	August 20
August	September 10	September 17
September	October 8	October 15
October	November 12	November 19
November	December 10	December 17

MAIL ENTRY FORMS TO:

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

(e-mail: judygee03@gmail.com)

or bring them to the meeting!

If you need a "blue sheet" for the monthly club tournaments, you can download a copy from the club's forums board.
If you have any problems accessing the forums board, contact Gary Donaldson at gary66@cox.net and he will get you set up.



Attention Club Members!!!

Can You Help?

Volunteers Needed for Flounder Bowl

Below are the two main areas that Rick Wineman needs volunteers for the Flounder Bowl:

Friday, June 28, 2013

- 1) Help direct cars for parking 5:30pm to 8pm (if I get enough volunteers, I can break this into two shifts)
- 2) Serve food 6pm to 8pm (Christy Hanna will need some additional help)

Saturday, June 29, 2013

- 1) Help direct cars for parking (three shifts 11am to 2pm , 2pm to 5pm and 5pm to 7:30pm)
- 2) Serve food 3pm to 6pm

Rick states that anybody who wants to volunteer can call him at 268-1539 or you can send him an email to wineman5@cox.net because he still needs emergency backups and he has some folks from last year that have not confirmed yet that they can help this year.

**Bull Island Anglers Club
Red Drum Release Cup
Tournament**



May 24th and 25th 2013

Port Messick Marina

Go to BullIslandAnglers.org for details



2013 Chesapeake RED DRUM RELEASE CUP



1. Official tournament starting time is 7 pm (lines in water) on May 24, 2013 and will end at 3:00pm (lines out) on May 25 Anglers can leave from any port. Tournament fishing area is Virginia state waters.
2. There will be a tournament meeting (Captain's) on Friday May 24, 2013 at 6:30 pm at the Poquoson Community Center, located at 49 Odd Road, Poquoson, Virginia 23662. At least one team member must attend the meeting.
3. This is a boat tournament. Each boat may turn in up to three release picture of red drum. Winners will be determined by the combined length of the team's fish. The entry fee for the tournament is \$100. Per boat for up to 4 anglers. Additional angler \$25 each.
4. Teams must be registered at the close of the captains meeting on Friday May 24, 2013.
5. Fish must be caught be rod and reel only. Every Capt. will be issued a registration card, and official tournament ruler. Each fish must be photographed by a digital device to document your catch. The digital device must be of adequate resolution. Each fish must be photographed with the ruler and registration card issued at the captains meeting visible in the picture. Each picture must clearly show the entire fish with ruler and registration card to be eligible. Any pictures that are not clearly visible will be disqualified. Rulers must lie on top of the fish and the measurement will be from the center of the tail to the tip of the nose with the fish lying on a flat surface.
6. The Tournament Committee will accept only the 1st three emailed photographs from each boat. The Captain must be aware that any additional photographs will not be accepted.
7. All pictures are subject to thorough examination, by the tournament committee of the BIAC.
8. In the event of a tie, the team with the earliest email received by the BIAC Tournament Committee containing the photographs of the three fish entrees will be declared the winner.
9. Anglers are encouraged to display proper boat handling and courtesy towards all other boaters.
10. Anglers are encouraged to have an accurate weather forecast for Virginia waters. The captain and crew must decide when and where to fish during this tournament and are solely responsible for their safety.
11. Anglers will be required to submit to a lie detector test, if deemed necessary, which will be provided by the tournament committee. This may be required at any time and for any reason deemed appropriate by the tournament committee.
12. Anglers are responsible for all applicable taxes on prizes received. Winners will allow the BIAC and the sponsors the right to film, record, and photograph the prizewinners and to use the prizewinner's name, likeness, and voice without further compensation for advertising and promotional items of the BIAC and the sponsors.
13. All participants agree that the BIAC, and any sponsor of this tournament shall not be held liable for injury, loss, or damage of any kind resulting from participation in this tournament of from the acceptance or use of any awarded prizes.
14. Any fish entered in or with another contest or tournament, outside the BIAC, shall be ineligible for entry into this tournament.
15. Any contestant found guilty of cheating, attempting to cheat, or trying to deceive the tournament and its regulations shall be disqualified and considered ineligible for further and future participation in BIAC events and will be prosecuted.
16. Tournament Committee members will not be eligible to fish in this tournament. They will be identified at the tournament meeting held on Friday. The tournament committee will be composed of at least three members as denoted by the BIAC.
17. If small craft advisories are posted at 6:00pm, the evening of the Captain's meeting, for the area from New Point Comfort to Little Creek, the tournament will be postponed until the next "blow date." The scheduled blow date will be Saturday (May 25th) and Sunday (May 26th), 2013.
18. There will be a big fish Calcutta with an entry fee of \$100 per boat. The payout will be a 60/40 split. The longest fish in this optional division will get 60% of the Calcutta monies, and the second largest fish will get 40% of the Calcutta monies.

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BIAC 2013 Red Drum Release CUP ENTRY FORM

Please Print

NAME: _____ DATE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

BOAT NAME: _____ BOAT NUMBER: _____

CAPTAIN: _____ CAPTAIN'S PHONE NUMBER: _____

CREW MEMBERS: _____

CHECK ALL APPROPRIATE ENTRIES: **MAIN EVENT \$100** _____ **CALCUTTA \$100** _____

SIGNATURE: _____

Mailed forms must be postmarked by May 20, 2013

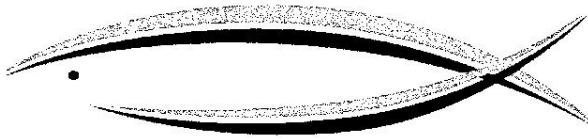
Mail to:

BIAC

830 Railway Rd. Yorktown, VA 23692

or bring form to the Captain's Meeting

Checks payable to: Bull Island Anglers Club



MID-ATLANTIC

FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

PRESS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
April 26, 2013

PRESS CONTACT: Mary Clark
(302) 674-2331 (ext. 261)

Council Seeks Public Input on Omnibus Recreational Amendment

Next week the Council will hold five public hearings throughout the Mid-Atlantic region to gather public input on the Draft Omnibus Recreational Accountability Measure Amendment. The amendment was initiated in December 2012 to evaluate alternatives to the existing accountability measures for 5 recreational fisheries—summer flounder, scup, black sea bass, bluefish, and Atlantic mackerel.

Current regulations require that a recreational overage (when the catch exceeds the Annual Catch Limit) be paid back in a subsequent year. The amendment will consider a range of alternatives, including both proactive management measures and reactive measures. Combinations of proactive and reactive measures can be used to prevent overages from occurring and address overages when they do occur.

Additional information about the alternatives being considered is available in the [Draft Public Hearing Document](#).

Submit Written Comments

Written comments must be received on or before 5 p.m., EST, on May 15, 2013. Comments may be submitted in one of the following ways:

1. **Emailed** to info1@mafmc.org with "RECREATIONAL AM Amendment" included in the subject line.
2. **Mailed** to the Council office at: 800 North State St., Suite 201, Dover, DE 19901 should be mailed to the Council office at the address below and marked "RECREATIONAL AM AMENDMENT"
3. **Online** through our website [HERE](#)

Please direct questions to Jim Armstrong, Fishery Management Specialist, through email (jarmstrong@mafmc.org) or telephone (302) 526-5250.

Public Hearing Schedule

All hearings begin at 7:00 p.m.

April 29- Warwick, RI

The Crowne Plaza
801 Greenwich Ave.
Warwick, RI 02886
Phone: 401-732-6000

April 30- Riverhead, NY

Hyatt Place Long Island/East End
431 East Main Street
Riverhead, NY 11901
Phone: 631-574-8008

May 1- Manahawkin, NJ

Holiday Inn- Manahawkin, NJ
151 Route 72 East
Manahawkin, NJ
Phone: 609-481-6100

May 2- Ocean City, MD

Clarion Fontainebleau
10100 Coastal Highway
Ocean City, MD 21842
Phone: 800-638-2100

May 3- Virginia Beach, VA

The Hilton VA Beach
3001 Atlantic Ave.
Virginia Beach, VA 23451
Phone: 757-213-3000



CONGRESSIONAL SPORTSMEN'S FOUNDATION

THE VOICE OF THE AMERICAN SPORTSMAN

PRESS RELEASE

CSF Hosts Breakfast Briefing on Saltwater Fisheries Management

April 24, 2013 (Washington, DC) – This morning, the Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation (CSF) was joined by nine members of the Congressional Sportsmen's Caucus (CSC) and representatives of the recreational fishing community at a breakfast briefing on Capitol Hill. The briefing addressed the reauthorization of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (MSA) and highlighted the necessity for enhanced considerations of the value of the marine recreational fishery. The briefing concluded with a specific focus on the current dilemma that recreational anglers are encountering with red snapper in the Gulf of Mexico.

An array of speakers, including members of the CSC and leaders of the recreational fishing community, highlighted issues related to MSA and laid out a course of action for the reauthorization of the MSA in the 113th Congress.

Chris Horton, CSF's Midwest Regional Director, opened the briefing by introducing Jeff Angers, member of the CSF Board of Directors and President of the Center for Coastal Conservation. Angers noted, "MSA is the overarching federal law governing marine fisheries. As the MSA expires this year, the recreational fishing community notes with clarity that it's time for Congress to focus on an MSA reauthorization that properly addresses management of the marine recreational fishery."

As an avid fisherman, CSC Co-Chair Representative Bennie Thompson (Miss.) asked the audience and fellow members of the CSC to come together for the resource. "We need your help, and I ask you as a member of the CSC and as a fisherman to set good public policy. This is an opportunity to do so." Representative Bob Latta (Ohio), a fellow CSC Co-Chair echoed Representative Thompson's call to action for responsible legislation. "It takes everyone in this room to get this bill across. I appreciate your support in the reauthorization and educating not only fellow members of the CSC, but other members of Congress on this topic."

Representative Rob Wittman (Va.) spoke in detail on MSA and the need for science-based state and federal management of the nation's fisheries. "If you manage with the best science and most recent information, what you find is that the user of the resources becomes your best advocate based on the most current findings. Intuitively, it is hard for the fisherman to see how the MSA is working. Decision-makers need to understand the resources and what is at stake in order to better conserve resources such as our nation's fisheries," Representative Wittman stated.

Matt Paxton of the Coastal Conservation Association spoke to the group on recreational angling needs in the upcoming MSA reauthorization and specifically the failure of the current management with Gulf red snapper. "This red snapper mess is unacceptable and an unintended consequence of the last reauthorization; it is something that should be rectified."

CCA's Dick Brame spoke to the successes of state-based striped bass management along the Atlantic Coast and how it can serve as a potential model for red snapper management in the Gulf. "There are successful recreational management programs already in place," said Dick Brame. "Why reinvent the wheel? The interstate cooperation in the Atlantic States is not perfect but it provides a smart, workable model."

As the primary statute governing fishing activities in federal waters, MSA expires at the end of fiscal year 2013. Several provisions in the last reauthorization of MSA in 2006 are beyond the capabilities of the National Marine Fisheries Service to adequately implement. The result has been a confusing series of non-science-based restrictions on America's recreational anglers that have greatly eroded trust in the federal management system and significantly reduced recreational fishing opportunities.

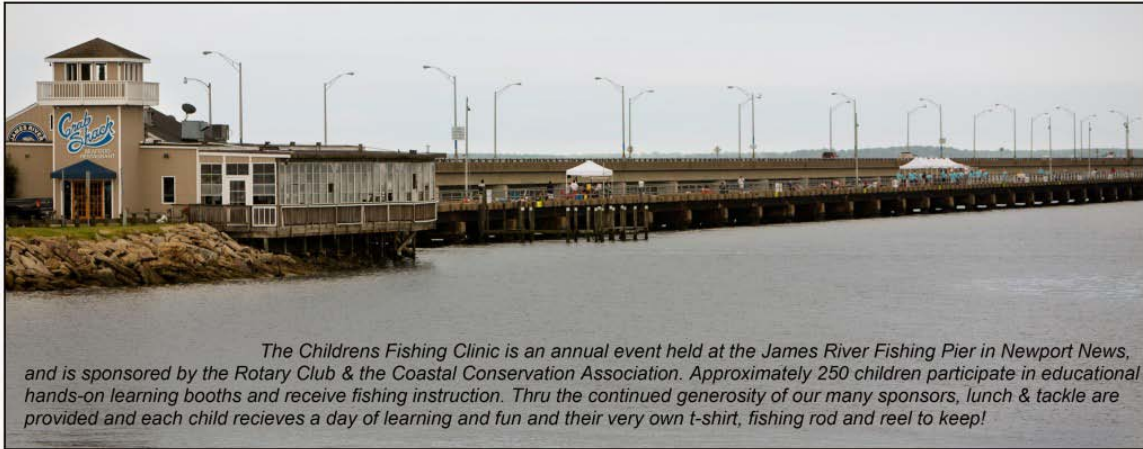
The most glaring examples can be found in the South Atlantic black sea bass fishery and in the Gulf of Mexico red snapper fishery, both of which are enduring extremely short seasons and strict regulations despite strong population recoveries.

In the Gulf, NOAA Fisheries declared that in 2013 recreational anglers in Texas will have a 12-day red snapper season in federal waters; 9 days in Louisiana; 28 days in Mississippi and Alabama, and 21 days in Florida. With a stock that is recovering steadily, recreational anglers are being allowed to fish less and less, and there is no hint of willingness from NMFS to deviate from this present, unsatisfactory course.

The governors of four Gulf States released a joint [letter](#) to Congressional leaders that states current federal management of Gulf red snapper is evidence of a system that is "irretrievably broken," and calls for passage of legislation that would replace it with a coordinated Gulf states partnership for red snapper management.

The breakfast briefing was co-hosted by the American Sportfishing Association, the Coastal Conservation Association, the Guy Harvey Ocean Foundation, the Center for Coastal Conservation, the International Game Fish Association, and the National Marine Manufacturers Association.

The Childrens Fishing Clinic - July 20th at the James River Pier



**If you would like to volunteer or help sponsor this terrific event,
please contact Mary Cowling at 757-344-0659
or e-mail her at Mary@childrensfishingclinic.com**

SPONSORSHIP!

- Direct sponsorship inquiries to Rob Cowling.
- Phone: 757-344-0659
- E-mail: Rob@childrensfishingclinic.com

REGISTER YOUR GROUP!

- Children & groups must pre-register to participate.
- Contact Sharm Kasey – [NN Department of Parks, Recreation & Tourism](#)
- Phone: 757-926-1468
- E-mail: skasey@nngov.com

For more information please check out their website at <http://childrensfishingclinic.com/>

Are you concerned about the future of recreational fishing? The PSWSFA sponsors both the CCA and the RFA. Below is some information from their websites to help you understand what these groups are doing to help the recreational fishermen and in helping to preserve fishing for future generations.

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: _____

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

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

Please check one of the following:

☐ Yes, please add my name to the club Membership Book

☐ No, please do not publish my information

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.

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