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Newsletter of the Peninsula Salt Water Sport Fisherman's Association



2015 PSWSFA ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2015

Crown Point Plaza

950 J. Clyde Morris Boulevard

Newport News, VA 23601

6:00pm - 10:00pm

Adult meals: \$15 Children's: No Charge

Details & Reservation form: Page 8

=Regular Membership Meeting - Guests Welcome

- ✚ Held 3rd Tuesday of the Month – March through December – 7:00 p.m.
- ✚ Plumbers & Steamfitters Local Union 540 – 7812 Warwick Blvd., Newport News, VA 23607
- ✚ Across from Peninsula YMCA – Directions: <http://www.pswsfa.com/meetings.htm>
- ✚ Door Prize Raffle Ticket for All Attendees

The Irv Fenton Memorial Rockfish Tournament

ended on December 31. Anglers had until January 13 to get their weigh forms in. Despite a slow striped bass season, some really nice fish were caught. Winners were determined by their single heaviest fish.

Wes Blow won the event with a 49-pound rockfish. Wally Veal was a close second with a 48.1 pound fish. Third place was determined by a time-of-catch tie-breaker. Ken Neill, III took third place with a 43.5-pound fish that was caught prior to the fish that Charles Southall caught of the same weight. All of the fish entered into the tournament were caught by fishing with live eels on the Eastern Shore side of the Chesapeake Bay.

This event was sponsored by Wilcox Bait and Tackle.



Wes Blow with winning 49 lb. rockfish



Wally Veal with 2nd Place 48.1 lb. rockfish.



Ken Neill, III with 43.5 lb. rockfish, taking 3rd place ahead of Charles Southall with fish of same weight caught at a later time.

CONGRATULATIONS!
There's been some GREAT fishing going on!!!

November 2014 Monthly Winners

SPECIES	MINIMUM SIZE	ANGLER'S NAME	LENGTH
Black Fin Tuna	20 inches	Paul Hunt	28.5"
Bluefish	25 inches	Wally Veal	37"
False Albacore	25 inches	Rick Wineman	29"
Flounder	22 inches	Jody Linthicum	30"
Sea Bass	15 inches	J.T Hale	22.5"
Shark	60 inches	Wes Blow	96"
Speckled Trout	21 inches	Wes Blow	29"
Striped Bass	36 inches	Mike Speas	46"
Tautog	18 inches	Jody Linthicum	18"
Triggerfish	15 inches	Stan Simmerman	20.5"
Yellow Fin Tuna	35 inches	Paul Hunt	44.5"



Per Ken Neill, III, Dec. 21:

Total of 9 citation-sized fish weighed in of 4 different species – sea bass, tautog, blueline tile, and rockfish.
Just missed on a 5th species (triggerfish).

Hunter Southall with a 43 lb. Rockfish, 5th place in the Irv Fenton Rockfish Tournament.



Hamish Small and Gabe Sava with Blueline Tilefish.



Stan Simmerman with Sea Bass and Blueline Tilefish.



J.T. Hale and Roy and Dale Ludi with Tautog.



Charles Southall and Wes Blow with Tautog.



Rick Wineman with Golden Tilefish and J.T. Hale with Sea Bass



Wes Blow with Tautog, Jody Linthicum with Striped Bass and Keith Blackburn with Tautog.

From Pat McGrath at VIMS:

Acoustic Tagging at VIMS

Hello, please allow me to introduce myself, I am Pat McGrath (patm@vims.edu; feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding this article) and I currently work with acoustically tagging fishes at the Virginia Institute of Marine Science. Acoustic tags are different than the conventional tags because they emit a signal approximately every minute which includes a unique identifying number. When these tags are implanted into fish, we can then follow their movements for the lifespan of the tag (anywhere from 1 to 10 years). Some tags also include sensors that will tell the swimming depth, surrounding water temperature, or swimming speed. The signals from these tags are picked up by either onboard hydrophones or acoustic receivers. There are over 100 receivers listening for tagged fish within Chesapeake Bay and most major estuaries from Maine to Florida have a receiver array in place.

Currently, we are in year two of acoustically tagging Atlantic sturgeon. VIMS has partnered with VCU, CBL, VDGIF, and MdDNR to tag both adult (4-10 ft) and sub-adult (1-4 ft) fish. In 2014, VIMS tagged 9 adults in the Pamunkey River (largest was an 8 ft, 220 lb female) and 47 sub-adults in the James and York Rivers. Several sub-adults that were tagged in the James River during the spring were detected off Long Island several months later. To learn more about the project and see some great pictures please feel free to look at our website and follow my tagging blog (<http://www.vims.edu/research/topics/sturgeon/index.php>).

We currently have a proposal (Temperature selectivity and movement patterns of spotted seatrout) under consideration by the Recreational Fishing and Advisory Board (RFAB) to use acoustic tags with temperature sensors to better understand the behavior associated with speckled trout winter mortality events and the general movement patterns through-out the year. As most of you remember from last winter, thousands of speckled trout died in a cold stun event brought on by near freezing water temperatures. We would like to tag fish in the Corrotoman River and the Elizabeth River to understand the behavior associated with these cold winter temperatures. Do the fish attempt to move away from the cold water, but get overrun by sudden drops in temperature or do fish try to find a deep hole and hope for the best? The information that we will gather will give scientists and managers information concerning seasonal movements, temperature selectivity, and stock identification. More importantly to the recreational angler, the data will produce maps for anglers indicating hot spots for speckled trout and preferred water temperatures. The public comment period for this proposal is currently open and if you would like to voice your opinion for this project, please write to Alicia Nelson at the VMRC (alicia.nelson@mrc.virginia.gov).

Thank you for allowing me to introduce myself, our current work, and our planned future work. If you have any questions or comments please do not hesitate to send me an email (patm@vims.edu).

December 2014 Monthly Winners

SPECIES	MINIMUM SIZE	ANGLER'S NAME	LENGTH
Blue Tilefish	20 inches	Stan Simmerman	33.5
Sea Bass	15 inches	Stan Simmerman	23"
Speckled Trout	21 inches	Wes Blow	26.75"
Striped Bass	36 inches	Charles Southall	50"

PSWSFA 2014 MEMBERSHIP

Dues: \$30 per year for entire *family
(January through December - not prorated throughout year)

New Membership
 Renewal
 cash 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**

Links to Information & Resources...

PSWSFA Facebook Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Peninsula-Salt-Water-Sport-FishermansAssociation/343865285718776?ref=hl>

Flounder Bowl Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Flounder-Bowl/124271620922637?ref=hl>

PSWSFA Club Webpage:

<http://www.pswsfa.com>

VA Marine Resources Commission:

<http://www.mrc.state.va.us/whatsnew.shtm>

The Recreational Fishing Alliance:

<http://joinrfa.org/>

VA Dept. of Game and Inland Fisheries

<http://www.dgif.virginia.gov/boating/>

VA Institute of Marine Science:

<http://www.vims.edu/>

PSWSFA Members Only Forum:

For access contact Gary Donaldson: garyd66@cox.net
Gary supplies group # needed for 50% off annual membership.



FishNews Sign-Up: <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/fishnews/fishnews.htm>

FishNews is an automated, e-mail-based newsletter that provides electronic notification of important actions, rules, policies, and programs that may be of interest to you. Participation is entirely voluntary and free of charge.



COOPERATING GROUP PROGRAM

As a member of Peninsula Salt Water Sport Fisherman's Association, Inc., a Cooperating Group with BoatU.S., you are invited to become a **BoatU.S. Member** at a special discounted rate:

50% OFF BOATU.S. MEMBERSHIP
Regularly \$30– Your Price: **\$15!**

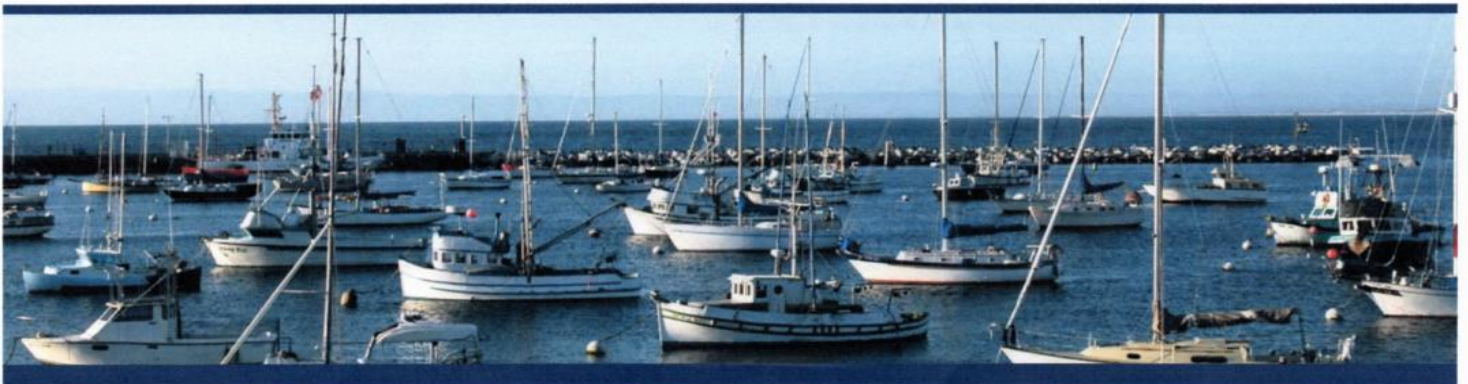
Contact Gary Donaldson
BOATU.S. COOP #: @ garyd66@cox.net

New BoatU.S. Members:

Sign up online (www.boatus.com/join) or call **800-395-2628**.
Mention the BoatU.S. Coop# above.

Existing BoatU.S. Members:

If you are not currently receiving the discount, please email membership@boatus.com or call **800-395-2628**. Mention the code BoatU.S. Coop # above.



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**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: (\$15.00 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): Chicken Tenders, Mac n' Cheese,\$ FREE
Chief'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 Feb. 21st to guarantee dinner:

TO: Stan Simmerman
202 S. Willard Avenue
Hampton, VA 23663



Questions: Call Stan at 757-870-1507 (after 5pm)
Please do not call in your reservation. Reservations
need to be in writing.

