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6/15 Members Meeting

In Store at West Marine,

Meal & socializing at 6:30. Program at 7:00



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<https://www.westmarine.com/stores/raleigh-nc-527>

Food, fellowship, Simrad preview by a member of West Marine Team
Food and drinks will be provided by West Marine!

This will be the first in person meeting since Covid. West Marine is happy to have us!

Chuck Ward has sent out a Sign Up Genius for those want to eat so West Marine can order food and drink.

John Knight is running the bottom fishing rig-tying station. West Marine is graciously supplying materials.

For those who can't come in person, we will have it up on zoom as well at that time.

Topic: Raleigh SaltWater Sport Fishing Club Members Meeting.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86461738371?pwd=bUxCZzhQaXEzOGVqaFl6aEw2RlBHUT09>

Meeting ID: 864 6173 8371

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2021 RSWSC CALENDAR

6/12 Spanish Mackerel Outing (Fish from your home port, longest and most caught will receive an award) Greg Brissette Organizer

6/15 Members Meeting (In Store @ West Marine, food, fellowship, Simrad Preview

6/22 Officers Meeting

7/1-7/29 King Mackerel Tournament (Length and Weight w/Photo)

7/20 Members Meeting (Chuck Ward "Targeting Sheepshead" @ NCSU Faculty Club)

7/27 Officers Meeting

8/21 Old Drum Outing

8/17 Members Meeting (Officers Election) (TBD, Capt. Dale Collins and Vendor Pogies)

8/24 Officers Meeting

9/21 Members Meeting (TBD, Capt. From Reel Outdoors)

9/28 Officers Meeting

10/1-10/30 Surf Competition

10/9 Wahoo Outing (Fish from your Home port)

10/19 Members Meeting (TBD, Capt. To discuss Speckled Trout)

10/26 Officers Meeting

11/5-7 KMT Tournament (Morehead city)

11/6 Speckled Trout Outing (Fish from your Home port)

11/16 Members Meeting (TBD Social Gathering @ Gizmo brewing)

11/23 Officers Meeting

12/7 or 12/14 Christmas Party (Tentative)

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RSWSFC Virtual Club Meeting May 18, 2021

The virtual RSWSF Club Meeting was called to order at 7:00PM via ZOOM, Chuck Ward club VP introduced the speaker and meeting sponsor Nick of Chasin' Tails Tackle Shop & Guide Service.

Sponsor:

Chasin' Tails – fishing guide Nick, Owner: Matt Lamb
709 Atlantic Beach Causeway, Atlantic Beach, NC P: 252-240-23474



<https://chasintailsoutdoors.com/>

Topic: Spanish Mackerel Fishing

Nick of Chasing Tails is a fishing guide who works at the Atlantic Beach Causeway store and joined RSWSF Club meeting via Zoom. Nick said the Spanish Mackerel bite is improving and be in full swing by the time of the club's Spanish Mackerel fishing tournament. Ocean water temperatures have been in the low 60's and will continue to warm. He said the Atlantic Bonitos are still in the area for a few more weeks, and Cobia have started showing up around Cape Lookout; catching Mahi mahi has been slow due to high winds and rough seas.

Spanish Mackerel fishing: Nick prefers using fishing rods over hand lines. He spools his reels with 20# High Viz monofilament fishing line attached to a #1 planner (sometimes #2 planner) attached to a 20' to 30' fluorocarbon leader line. His bait of choice for trolling is a size 00 Alt silver Clarkspoon which he stressed is a very small spoon. A Clarkspoon Squid is one of his favorites because it is manufactured using a ball bearing swivel that reduces twisting and spinning of the spoon. The artificial bait tied to a 20' fluorocarbon leader and #1 planner keeps the spoon several feet below the water surface. Using a #2 planner will dive the spoon deeper.

Trolling weights are an option when trolling near shore in shallow waters for Spanish Mackerel, because planners will hit bottom and trip. Once a school of Spanish is located by trolling, Nick recommends casting metal jigs such as Blue Water Candy lures or Clarkspoon casting jig towards the shoreline. The jigs need time to sink down; therefore, count off a several seconds after casting then rip the lure back towards the boat. Spanish Mackerel will chase down and hit the metal bait. Nick also suggests using these metal jigs and technique when fishing for schools of Bonito or jigging for Gray Trout. Nick's favorite casting fishing rod is a Star Rod "Sequence" Fast Taper. <https://www.starfishingtackle.com/sequence-spinning-fast-taper>

Another suggestion when fishing for Spanish using the center trolling rod as the long line with a "Bird" and a 20' leader with a Clarkspoon. Another lure option is a rigging a Mini Spreader Bar made by Clarkspoon, designed to pull multiple Spoons that resemble a bait school. <https://clarkspoon.com/collections/rigged-spreader-bars>



Nick said Chasin' Tails has more than 15 captains who offer guided fishing trips for clients who want to fish inshore for Red Drum or offshore for Spanish. Chasin' Tails is an official NC weigh station with short term boat tie up slips for weighing fish, buying bait and tackle. The store sells live baits such as mud minnows, eels, and mole crabs for inshore fishing and cigar minnows & Ballyhoo for offshore fishing.

Club Business:

Mahi Outing May 15th (Fish from your Home port) Monitors VHF 10, Jason Fant, Organizer

Military Appreciation Day June 5th

Club Spanish Fishing Tournament- June 12th

***RSWSFC KMT 2021 club fund raiser will be November 5-7, 2021**, Site Morehead City waterfront at "Otis Landing" Big Rock weigh-in dock. Jason Fant shall serve as KMT tournament director, current plans are to have a choice to fish either Saturday or Sunday and weigh the two largest fish caught. Tournament details will be posted to the club's KMT website. <https://fishska.com/tournament/view?id=1100>

Next Club Meeting, Tuesday, June 15th at

West Marine Raleigh, NC 3027, Capital Blvd. Suite 111, Raleigh, 27604

[Meeting adjourned](#)

Submitted by:

Fred Adams, Jr.

Fred Adams, Jr., Secretary



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Board of Directors Meeting - June 1, 2021

Meeting called to order at 7:07 via Zoom

Absent were, Tommy Walls, Fred Adams, Bernie McCants, Bo Nowell

Discussed upcoming In Store meeting at West Marine. Robert will reach out to verify if meal will be free, raffle/prizes and discounts for members attending. Simrad electronics will be discussed.

Someone was to reach out to members for rig tying assistance if materials were to be donated.

Information will be relayed to Chuck Ward for signup genius distribution to members for exact head count.

Organizer of Mahi Tourney, Jason Fant, said Mike Cotton won Mahi tournament with the catch of 6 fish.

Chuck Ward will send call for fisherman through sign up genius for upcoming Spanish mackerel outing.

Prizes will be awarded to longest and most caught. each will receive a \$20 EZ Bait Tackle gift card.

No change on KMT. Resolution agreement is almost complete.

Old Drum outing will be held Aug. 21.

Storage unit pricing is forthcoming for a 10x10 unit. Club has many items stored by a few members and a central location is necessary to keep all items in a central location.

In person July meeting is scheduled for 7/20 @ NCSU Faculty club. Chuck Ward will be presenting. Signup genius will be forthcoming for meal head count and general meeting attendance. Zoom meeting will likely be an option as well.

A raffle will be considered as well.

In person August meeting is scheduled for 8/17 and Capt Dale Collins will be contacted as well as Pogies for vendor spotlight.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm

Kevin Clemmer reporting

From the Club's Mahi Tourney

From Jason Fant: The 2021 Mahi Outing was a little unconventional this year. Due to the fuel shortage the board decided to turn this into a captain's choice event, allowing captains to declare a fishing day between May 15 and May 31 to fish. We had 9 boats sign up, but with tough weather conditions, only 4 boats actually declared a fishing day during the outing. Of those 4 boats, only 3 reported any Mahi. The following are the results:

Talkin' Trash (Capt Mike Cotton) -- 6 Fish

Emerald Mist (Capt Greg Brissette) – 4 Fish

Live Wire (Capt Mike Mangretta) – 3 Fish



Fred Adams, Reporter

Boat Name: *Emerald Mist*” Owner & Captain Greg Brissette

Crew: RSWSF Club members and anglers from left to right: Ron Reijerkerk, Fred Adams, Greg Brissette, and William Dzurick

Each person caught one fish! Greg, gaffed and landed every Mahi including his own fish. We caught every fish that bit a hook; however, we had a fish miss the hook and probably a Wahoo that bit through the leader.



June 12 Club Spanish Mackerel Tournament—From Home Port

No info yet on number of boats or member participants, but from FaceBook look like Team of Greg Brissette, Fred Adams will be hard to beat after taking top honors the last two years.

Greg Brissette from FB: RSWFC Spanish Mackerel Tournament. Hanging on to see if we repeat 3 years in a row as champs. Super hard conditions but we made it home safe. The last photo of me with the cast net was from winning a Striper Tournament earlier this year.



Club's Striper Tournament February 1 to March 31

Sorry, but no information of participants or fish measured and submitted other than but Greg Brissette was the winner with a 24" striper and Just received his Betts Net. Congratulations , Greg!



Fishing Report

RSWSFC Life Members and past presidents, Jeff Becker and Jim Strickland had a great day of fishing, and catching., on the Neuse River. “

“12 nice puppies.. 6 slots.. fished 9 spots ... 8 locations caught fish.. fished 30 min in each location... Light NE wind.”



Reading the Beach and Fishing Report

Arguably, when surf fishing, reading the beach to determine where to fish is as important as equipment and terminal tackle.

Dan Cooney passed along a link to a great video with the basics on how to read the structure(s) on the beach and areas which may be more productive. Courtney Waznak has a series of videos which will prove useful and valuable to both the beginner and seasoned surf anglers. The link is well produced and is as good a primer as I've seen.

<https://www.saltstrong.com/articles/read-the-beach-surf-fishing/>

Often, in certain relatively small areas, fish will congregate by species and area and being off by 50 feet can often mean the difference in success or boredom.

I have seen this personally on several occasions. When fishing in the 6-angler team surf tournaments, often on an assigned 100 yard stretch of beach, the team will pile in almost on top of each other to target fish, e.g., school of bluefish located in a relatively small area.

When the Raleigh BeerBusters, AKA the "B" Team, finished 2nd in the Nags Head Tournament, most of the puppy drum we caught in a session were in a 50 ft section on the backside of the end of a sandbar rather than in the hole.

Fishing Report: A number of RSWSFC members were among friends down for an annual May surf fishing trip. On Tuesday, several of us decided to fish south of Cape Point primarily to get out of a 15-25 mph north wind. Couple of us stopped at a reasonably good looking stretch of beach with a bar, an inside slough and hole with an opening.

Fishing sand fleas on a double dropper fluor rig with #2 circle hooks, I cast into the white water breaking over the bar, spiked the rod and went to get a second rod. Immediately had a strong bite and a nice 1 1/2 pound sea mullet (aka Va mullet, whiting, kingfish, roundhead), Rebaited, cast out in the same area, and immediately had another nice one. 10 casts, 9 fish (lost one in the shore break) all in a relatively small area. I ended up keep 17 and releasing a few than day, and while Robbie Brooks and Kip Baker caught a few, clearly a school was concentrated in the white water on the back of the bar.

Sadly, the strong winds throughout the week changed this structure, widened the bar, narrowed the slough and catching fell off considerably. Week's catch was predominately sea mullet with a few pompano.

Notable catches were Robbie Brooks' 22" black drum and 2 lb sea mullet (new citation weight) and Mike McLean's citation 3 lb pompano.



Website & Social Media Report—Tripp Adams

Newsletters and Communication:

All other communication is managed through our listserv. Keep an eye out for meeting, newsletter, outing, etc. related emails.

You will also be received the monthly Newsletter.

Be sure to check your spam! Your first few emails could get caught up there..

Lastly – The club website has past newsletters, our events calendar, and club forum. Some features require you to register as a site member. Follow the instructions below to sign up.

- 1) Visit <https://www.rswsc.org/>
- 2) In the top right corner, select 'Log in'
- 3) Select 'Sign Up'
- 4) Select a method for registering. Your options are Facebook, Google, or your personal Email
- 4B) Be sure to select, 'Join site community' for event updates and forum access.
- 5) If using your personal email, you will need to create a password

Club Website Improvements — from Tripp Adams:

With the help from Tom Zemonek and Janson Fant, the club has a new website. We launched the new RSWSC website in November of 2020.

Built on a different platform from the old site, the club site now has a more updated and professional look/feel. You will notice many of the tabs from the original site are the similar, with only a few key differences. Users will experience much faster load times and, a webpage made to fit mobile devices.

One key addition to the new website is the 'Meetings and Outings' tab. <https://www.rswsc.org/meetings-and-outings>

As the outings calendar is planned and updated, events will be added to the page. We also plan to have virtual club meetings in 2021, which will have meeting information listed. As the club grows into the new site, there is functionality to manage event registration, and event specific communication. These are transitions from our current procedures and will be adopted over time.

The other new feature is the 'Forum' tab. <https://rswsc.org/forum> visitors to the website will have to make an account to access the information. The idea behind the forum is that, this will be a great way for members to interact with each other, especially during these quarantine times. Several message board topics have already been created in the forum; members can post pictures, experiences with guide services, baits/tactics, etc. This will also be a great way for members to meet other club member who have experience in their area of the coast.

As we continue to grow into the new website, you may notice changes along the way. While much of the site was built before it was published, there are always new features that can be added or adjusted. in the long term the site should be able to handle club communication for both emails and social media postings. Some of this will be a "learn as we go" process so, bear with us.

We are open to feedback on the new website. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me with questions, suggestions, and/or recommendations. Email me at tripp.adams@field2base.com

NOAA Fisheries Announces Limited Openings of Red Snapper 2021 Seasons

On June 4th NOAA Fisheries announced the season opening dates for Red Snapper in federal waters of the South Atlantic, in addition to the recreational season length.

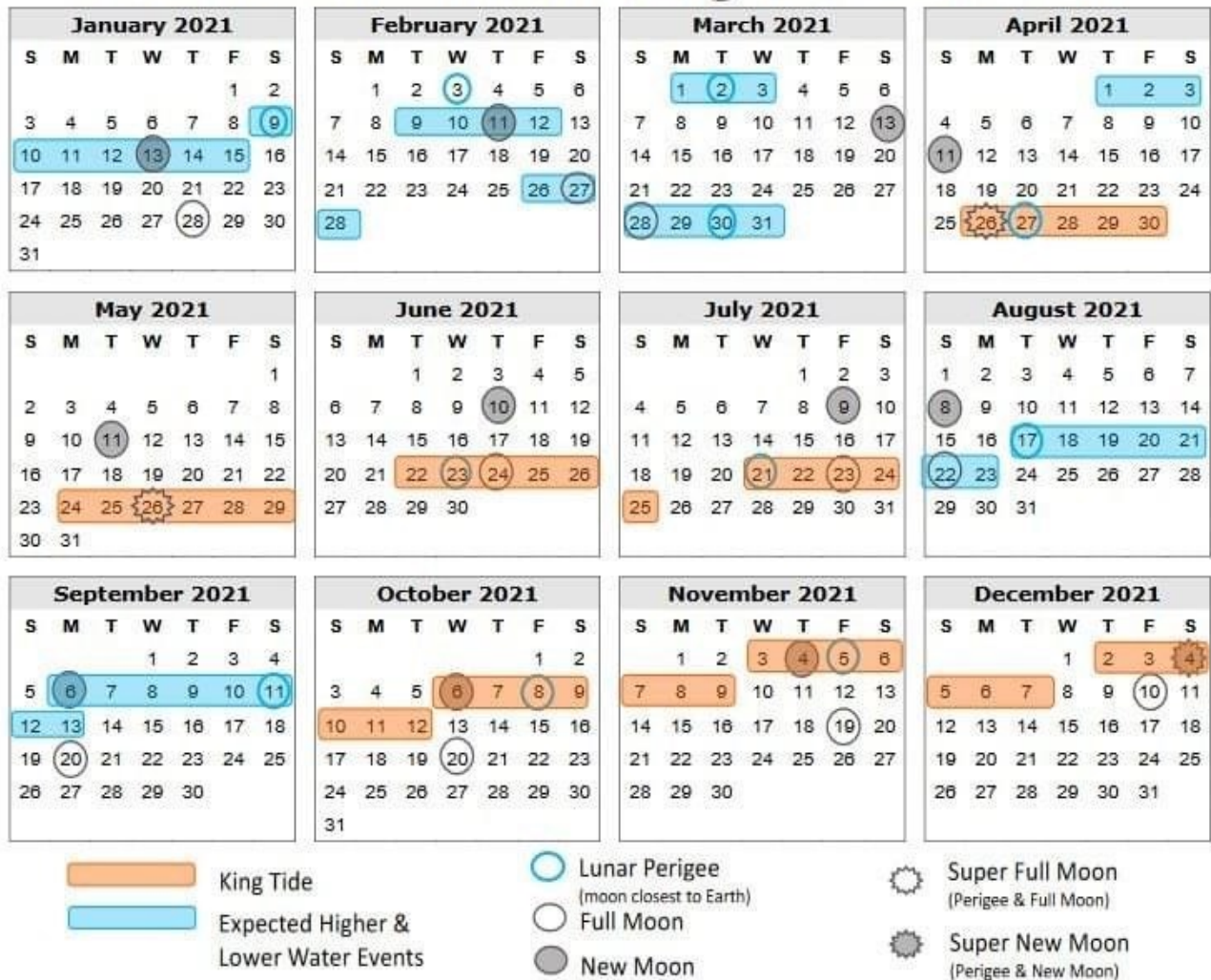
For 2021 the recreational sector will open for harvest the following 3 days: July 9, 10 and 11, 2021 (Friday, Saturday, Sunday).

The **commercial sector** will open for harvest on July 12, 2021 and close at 12:01 local time on January 1, 2022, unless the commercial annual catch limit is met or projected to be met before this date.

The **total annual catch limit** is 42,510 fish with a **recreational** annual catch limit of 29,656 fish and **commercial** annual catch limit of 124,815 pounds (12,854 fish).

The commercial trip limit is 75 pounds gutted weight. There are no minimum size limits for the recreational or commercial sectors. Read the [Fishery Bulletin from NOAA Fisheries](#) for additional details and an FAQ.

2021 North Carolina King Tides Calendar





RSWSC T-Shirts

The price for short sleeve t-shirts is \$20 each See next page for pictures. The price for the long sleeve Performance T-shirts is \$35 We paid from \$15.65 to \$19.75 for the short sleeve shirts (smaller shirts cost less while larger shirts cost us more}. Performance long sleeves were also more expensive at \$28/ We also paid a tax and processing fee of \$200. So this is almost break even pricing.

If you want to purchase, please reach out to **Ron Reijerkerk** reijerke@gmail.com 919-846-088 to purchase via credit card.

We will work with you to arrange picking up your shirts at a convenient time and location. If you want the shirts shipped, we will have to add a packaging and mailing fee which is yet to be determined.

See also next page for short sleeve t-shirts.

Front 4"w x 1.7"h



Back 12"w x 10.5"h



RSWSC FISHING REPORT CARD

Angler (Club Member): _____

(Age if Junior/Youth angler) _____

Small Boat

Charter

Pier

Surf (Circle one)

Location: _____ Date: _____

Best Catch: Species: _____

Weight _____ lbs. _____ oz _____ Length _____ (inches)

Released? Yes No (Circle one)

Comments: _____

Drop card off at meeting or

Email your report to: Bernie.mccants@gmail.com or Bonowell@aol.com

Also submit information in a fishing report for the Newsletter

MEMBERSHIP FORM

Renewals — Please only enter changed information

Name: _____ New member
Include spouse's/children name if family membership Renewal

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Cell _____

E-mail address: _____ Boat Name: _____

Dues: Single - \$50: Family - \$60: Sponsor (business card) - \$130:

Corresponding (newsletter only) - \$25: (Corresponding not eligible for catch awards or banquet attendance)

(Note: larger sponsor ads or short term ads are available and negotiable. Contact a club officer

Mail to: RSWSC, PO Box 41427, Raleigh, NC 27629

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