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Members Meeting at the NCSU University Club. September 19, 2023, 7 PM

Cory Hunger is our speaker. Cory is a Garmin representative with 8+ years in the marine industry; servicing, installation, and sales. He has been a Regional Sales Manager for Garmin for 5 years for KY, VA, NC, WV. An avid Fisherman (when he has time) in the mid Atlantic region of VA and parts of MD.

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Fishing Report

I was fishing for Spanish on the end of the Jolly Roger Pier (Topsail Beach) early evening the day before Labor Day. On what was to be my last cast of the day, this guy hit a Gotcha plug that I had replaced the treble hooks with single hooks. — Mike Davis





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FISH RECIPE

Reccomended by Mike Murphy: https://www.food.com/amp/recipe/lazy-days-restaurant-fish-with-key-lime-butter-sauce-528172

FISHING REPORTS

Snead's Ferry Rotary King Mackerel Tournament. Team Horseplay. Owen Lowdermilk 31.47# and Finn from the Offshore Outlaw 17#. Placed 17th out of 149 boats entered. Team Horseplay is currently second place in the SKA division 1 small boat category; less than 3lbs behind first place. Next tournament Bone Sucking Sauce King of the Cape. Submitted by Trey Lowdermilk.



Last month's speaker was really good. Attaching his picture.



FISHING REPORT—Jeff Becker

Went to Cedar Island Sept 5. Temp was 95 degrees at the ferry dock at 5:30 AM - zero wind. Damn hot but we went anyway. Water temp at the dock was close to 90 degrees. Headed towards West Bay looking for bait and cooler water. Approximately 3 miles from West Bay we found what we were looking for. 10 min later first drum in the boat. All in all we caught seven 45-50 inch drum in 80 minutes. Left before the sun went down.

Special thanks to Eddie Cameron, former Carteret Co. Sport Fishing Club president, for some good intel. Fish are in still in full spawn mode as you can see from the pictures. Looking forward to the Drum Outing.









Types of Fishermen You Can't Help but Love

Fishing isn't just a sport; it is full of humor and surprises. Meet the Fabulous 5 - the types of fishermen who bring laughter and unforget-table moments to every trip:

The 'Fish Whisperer':

This buddy catches fish like it's magic. They toss their line, and just like that, fish are practically jumping into their hands. You, on the other hand, might be wondering if your bait is invisible!

The 'Fish Tale' Teller:

Every fish they catch transforms into a legendary saga. They battled sea monsters and wrestled with giant fish. The fish get bigger with each retelling.

The 'Foodie' Fisherman:

For this buddy, fishing is just an excuse for a gastronomic adventure. They bring portable grills, spices, and even a chef's hat. While you're focused on catching fish, they're busy whipping up a seafood feast.

The 'Forgetful' Fisherman:

This buddy is a bit forgetful. They often leave behind important stuff like bait or even their fishing gear. You become their fishing hero, carrying extra gear and untying knots.

The 'Weather-Defier' Fisher:

This friend doesn't care if it's raining, windy, or freezing cold. They'll fish in any weather, and they've got a story about how they once caught a fish during a tornado. They're the ultimate fishing warrior.

Have you met any of the above types of fishing pals?

These friends make fishing a blast. They add fun and laughter to your fishing trips.

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Speckled sea trout are a popular and tasty fish that can be caught from shore with the right techniques and equipment. Here are some tips to help you catch more speckled sea trout from shore:

Use the right bait. Speckled sea trout are opportunistic feeders that will eat a variety of natural and artificial baits, such as shrimp, mullet, menhaden, crabs, worms, and lures. However, some baits may work better than others depending on the season, location, and water conditions. For example, live shrimp are a great choice for speckled sea trout in most situations, as they are abundant and attractive to the fish. You can also use cut bait, such as mullet or menhaden, which have a strong scent and oil that can attract speckled sea trout. However, cut bait may also attract unwanted predators, such as sharks or catfish, so be careful when using it

- 1. Artificial lures, such as soft plastics, jigs, spoons, and topwater plugs, can also be effective for speckled sea trout, especially when they are actively feeding on the surface or in shallow water. You can experiment with different colors, shapes, and sizes of lures to find what works best for you
- 2. Use the right rig. Depending on the type of bait you are using, you may need to adjust your rig accordingly. For live or cut bait, you can use a simple bottom rig with a sinker, a swivel, and a hook. You can also use a slip bobber rig, which allows you to adjust the depth of your bait according to the water level and the location of the fish. A slip bobber rig consists of a bobber stopper, a bead, a slip bobber, a split shot weight, and a hook
- 3. For artificial lures, you can use a jig head or a plain hook attached to your line or leader. You can also add a popping cork above your lure to create noise and attract attention from the fish.

Use the right technique. Speckled sea trout are ambush predators that like to hide in structures and wait for their prey to come by. Therefore, you need to cast your bait or lure near these structures, such as oyster bars, grass flats, drop-offs, channels, sandbars, or troughs4. You also need to vary your retrieval speed and action according to the behavior of the fish and the type of lure you are using. For example, if you are using a soft plastic or a jig, you can use a "tap-tap-pause" cadence, which mimics the movement of a wounded baitfish2. If you are using a topwater plug, you can use a "walk-the-dog" technique, which involves twitching your rod tip while reeling in slack, making the lure zigzag across the water3. You can also try different angles and distances of casting to cover more water and find where the fish are holding.

Use the right time. Speckled sea trout are more active and aggressive during certain times of the day and year. Generally speaking, they tend to feed more during low-light conditions, such as early morning or late evening. They also tend to feed more during periods of strong tidal movement or current flow. Additionally, they tend to feed more during certain seasons or moon phases. For example, spring and fall are considered prime times for speckled sea trout fishing, as they spawn and migrate during these times. Also, full moon nights are considered good times for speckled sea trout fishing2, as they coincide with higher tides and more baitfish activity.

I hope these tips help you catch more speckled sea trout from shore.

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KING TIDES

King tides occur when the earth, the sun, and the moon are aligned. When the sun and the moon are aligned and moon closest to the earth, we get "king tides". The result is extreme high tides, and extreme low tides. This is because the gravitational pull is essentially "stretching" water on the earth. Seawater is then pulled in an upward manner causing higher tides in some areas and lower tides in others.

Knowledge can allow you to plan a trip to look for tailing red drum in spartina or avoid getting trapped fishing skinny water on a falling tide.

Nice article on tides from Carolina Sportsman:

2023 North Carolina King Tides Calendar

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HOW TO SUBMIT AUTOMATED FISHING REPORTS

Dates, locations (general), tackle, bait and tips are greatly appreciated. You can easily utilize the new reporting tool on the Club's website. Fish Card: https://www.rswsc.org/fish-cards

Tripp made updates to the website for members to submit Fish Cards. The application for submitting information is through Google Forms and has been embedded into the website. When submitting a responses, members will have the ability to view other submissions.

"Google does require a Gmail account be used, if a picture was uploaded in the questionnaire. To make things easier, pictures will be emailed separately. We believe the ease of submitting responses and the ability to view all member results will outweigh having to submit a pictures separately."

You can also use the form on the following page if desired and not computer savvy.

Please send in your fishing reports, Fish Cards and photos to share with members in 2022. The newsletters are much better with fishing reports and photos.

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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

<u>Club Website Improvements — from Tripp Adams:</u>

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

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