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Raleigh Saltwater Sport Fishing Club Members Meeting April 20, 7 pm

Join Zoom Meeting

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Note from the President Kevin Clemmer

Welcome past, current and prospective members. I trust that each of you are well and enjoying our spring bite! Over the past year, we have navigated uncertain waters. Although, I am certain we are moving the bow in the right direction now. As a social club, RSWSFC has certainly been no exception.

However, we are currently hosting a monthly virtual zoom meeting highlighting a local vendor as well as a local captain. I encourage you to jump aboard and join us on April 20 to hear EZ Bait & Tackle highlight their new tackle and listen to a representative from Fathom Offshore to discuss mahi fishing. Our plan is to continue with virtual meetings until its safe to meet in person.

Additionally, please consider fishing our upcoming member Mahi tournament May 15.

I appreciate the hard work our board and KMT committee have put into setting the dates for our annual KMT tournament out of Morehead city on November 5-7. Stay tuned for upcoming information!

I would like to thank our current members and sponsors for your membership. If you are not a current member, please consider joining at your earliest convenience to catch on to the latest tips and tackle!

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

RSWSFC Virtual Club Meeting March 16, 2021

Club President Kevin Clemmer, called the second virtual RSWSF Club Meeting to order at 7:00PM via ZOOM. He reviewed the virtual meeting format, assuring members that the BOD plans to continue Zooming until the Covid-19 pandemic ends.

It is anticipated that in person meetings could begin by mid-summer or when NC State University Club permits full attendance. Until that time the virtual meeting format is to invite a vendors/ sponsors, allow them to present members a 10-minute infomercial about their goods & services, a featured fishing topic or guide, followed by club business. The goal will be to keep meetings at one hour.



Sponsor: 1218 John Small Ave., Washington, NC 27889, P: (252) 946-2186

<http://www.eastsidebaitandtackle.com/home.html>

<https://www.facebook.com/EastsideBaitAndTackle/>

Brent Baker, store manager said his store had expanded and carries named brands such as Quantum, Berkley, TFO, Star, offshore rods & reels, and trolling baits. The inshore fisherman can purchase Cigar Minnows, fresh Mullet for Drum fishing, and live Mud-Minnows!

Eastside Bait & Tackle has a full-service tackle shop, catering to the needs of brackish and salt water; inshore and offshore. Rods, reels, lures, line for anything from hickory shad inshore to blue marlin offshore and everything in between. Reels of any size by Shimano, Penn, Shakespeare, Abu Garcia, among others. Services such as reel repair, rod repair, and making rigs. Auxiliary equipment such as cast nets, landing nets, surf pikes, bait pins, clothing, fishing shirts, pants, rain gear and MUCH MORE!

Speakers: *Capt. Tim Askew and Brent Baker*

Topic: Salty Bay Baits

The featured baits were “Salty Bay Bait” brands; the company is also known to freshwater fisherman under the brand name “Deep Creek Lures”. Salty Bay Baits is a North Carolina Mom & Pop manufacturer of hand poured baits in Dunn, NC.

Eastside Bait & Tackle is the newest dealer for the Salty Bay Baits brands they have a unique advantage, making summer baits that float with more live-like action, and winter baits with less action to simulate bait behavior in cooler water temperatures.

The Shrimposter scented bait which they are known is very popular and have a unique design. Check them out on the website, <https://www.saltybaybaits.com/> for styles and colors. These popular trout teaser baits are available in colors such as “Nuclear” and “Electric Chicken” used to catch specs year-round. Capt. Tim recommends using Salty Bay Bait’s soft plastic cigar minnow as a spinner bait and suggested using Shrimposters under popping corks for trout.

Capt. Tim Askew, promoted the Eastern Carolina Inshore Fishing Club and their trout fishing tournaments. He said their tournaments were family friendly with entry fees set at \$45/pp, and \$10/boat, with 100% of the proceeds paid back out in prize money. The club has dinners every other month, and everyone is invited our members to attend and participate. *(Continued next page)*

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His club members are friendly and willing to share fish catching techniques after competition with other fisherman. Information about his club is posted on Facebook. <https://www.facebook.com/Eastern-Carolina-Inshore-Club-112387157254590/>

Club Meeting:

Shad Outing March 27 – Sign-up Genius went out. Please meet at the Zebulon Food Lion parking lot at 7:30AM, the plan is to leave at 8:00AM for Weldon, NC for Hickory Shad fishing on the Roanoke River. Fred Adams is club organizer: fred@fredadamsaving.com

Club Striper Tournament -- is in progress, February 1 through March 31, 2021. Fish from your river of choice, take a photo of your longest fish on a Ruler and email to Bernie McCants (bernie.mccants@gmail.com) and Robert Carol (robert.carroll22@yahoo.com).

The Longest Fish wins! Prize is a “Betts Nets cast net”.

**Atlantic Bonito Outing April 10* -- (Fish from your Home port) Ron Reijerkerk Organizer

**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 Zoom Meeting, April 20, 2021



Sponsor: EZ Bait & Tackle with Noah



Speaker: Fathom Offshore “Brandon”

Meeting adjourned

Submitted by: *Fred Adams, Jr.*

Fred Adams, Jr., Secretary

RSWSFC Board Meeting Minutes Tuesday April 6, 2021

President Kevin Clemmer called the virtual BOD meeting to order at 7:00 PM. *Board Members Present:* Chuck Ward VP, Ron Reijerkerk Treasurer, Fred Adams Secretary, Robert Carroll At-Large, Tripp Adams At-Large, Tommy Peace past president, Jason Fant KMT Director, and Bo Nowell Newsletter co-editor. *Board Members Absent:* Greg Brissette At-large, Tommy Walls At-large, and Bernie McCants co-editor.

Treasurer's Report: Ron Reijerkerk reported little change in club finances. Ron pointed out the new website was not reaching new members. He suggested a letter be sent to new members by the club president welcoming them to the club and explaining "How to Login website".

The RSWSFC's KMT will be on the Big Rock Otis Landing Morehead City waterfront & weigh-in scheduled November 5-7, 2021 and rental fee has been paid. Morehead City adjusted the reservation by \$72 to reflect credit from previous year and credited it towards the Otis Landing rent which cost more to reserve. Ron said he would mail \$300 to The Southern Kingfish Association (SKA), as approved by the BOD on January 12, 2021 to sanction the RSWSFC KMT. By sanctioning the tournament, fishing teams entrants earn points which should increase participation. The club's KMT is the last tournament of the season.

KMT Director Report: Jason Fant KMT Director, committed to submitting a "Project Plan" to the BOD for review and approval next week. The plan shall provide guidance to the BOD how the KMT will be run and member responsibilities. Jason said he will send out vendors/sponsor contracts for members to sell ads and KMT sponsorships. He will include the previous year's supporters to avoid double calling on sponsors. Jason committed to the following:

1. KMT Dates Locked-in November 5-7, 2021.
2. Write Resolution/Declaration for Morehead City Council to approve.
3. Update Facebook Page to reflect new tournament dates with description
4. RSWSFC KMT website page will be updated by next club meeting.
5. Submit a Sign-up & Entry Fee proposal recommendation for BOD approval.

Communication Report: N/A

New Business:

Kevin said several board members visited the Yonkers Storage 5 X 5 storage closet to inventory of the items and consider renting a larger 10' X 10' storage locker to store items from Tommy Wall's trailer. Ron said it was about \$10 more per month if a unit is still available. The club intends to work things out with Tommy Walls, and/or consider purchasing/renting a box trailer for transporting club property to the November KMT.

Mahi Outing May 15th: "Fish from your own location" sign-up genius will be out for captains to sign Jason Fant is club liaison.

Old Business:

Shad Fish Outing: Held March 27, 2021 in Weldon, NC was a success! The water level was high which limited number of fish caught. Several members participated.

Club Striper Tournament: (Feb 1 – March 31)

Only one fish has been weighed. Robert Carrol will validate the winner by the April meeting and award prize. Fred Adams suggested extending the weigh-in date next year in 2022 to April 30th to allow more opportunity. He said it would allow greater participation and chance of better weather to catch Stripers into the Albemarle Sound.

Next Club Zoom Meeting, Tuesday, April 20, 2021

Sponsor: EZ Tackle Speaker: Fathom Offshore
"Noah" "Brandon"

Submitted by

Fred Adams, Jr.

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2021 RSWSC CALENDAR

4/20 Members Meeting—Fathom Offshore

5/4 Officers Meeting

**5/15 Mahi Tournament (Trophy for most caught)
Jason Fant Organizer**

**5/18 Members Meeting (Spanish Mackerel speaker
TBD)**

6/1 Officers Meeting

**6/12 Spanish Mackerel Outing (Fish from your
home port) Greg Brissette Organizer** h

**6/15 Members Meeting (Zoom w/Chuck Ward
Sheepshead)**

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

7/6 Officers Meeting

7/20 Members Meeting (Speaker TBD)

**7/31 KMT Tournament (Morehead City; Jaycee
Park)**

8/3 Officers Meeting

8/7 Old Drum Outing (Tentative)

**8/17 Members Meeting (Officers Election)
(Speaker TBD)**

9/7 Officers Meeting

9/21 Members Meeting (Speaker TBD)

10/1-10/30 Surf Competition

10/5 Officers Meeting

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

10/19 Members Meeting (Speaker TBD)

11/2 Officers Meeting

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

11/16 Members Meeting (Social Gathering; Tentative)

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

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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

Shad Outing—Bernie McCants

Roanoke River flow was high at 20,000 cubic feet per minutes making fishing & catching a bit challenging. Fortunately the weather was nice and comradery excellent.

Tip of the visor to Robert Carroll for locating some fish downstream from the launch next to the bank and calling us over (Fred Adams, captain, Tripp Adams, Mike Davis and me).

I assume the fish on the hugging the bank to get out of the strong current. We were able finally able to pick up a few fish. Attempting to cast to the bank and random casting, we definitely caught a lot more tree branches, both hanging over the bank and submerged, than fish!

In our boat, I broke the ice with the first fish on a red and yellow marabou fly that had worked in previous fly fishing shad trip. Fred caught fire with 4 fish in a short time. Most on a yellow & pink spoon (I think) Then bite stopped.

One highlight of the trip was having a full grown turkey fly out of the woods and ‘buzz the tower’ less than ten feet over the boat!

With approaching stormy weather and no cooperating shad, we retrieved 4 rigs (8 lures) from particular in-the-way branches and called it a day.

We ended the day with a tour of Weldon Mills Distillery near the boat launch. Very amicable folks and we purchased some locally produced whiskey.

Drive back was a bit challenging with heavy rain.

But a great outing and big thanks for to Fred for providing the boat and ride and great day on the Roanoke!

Apologies for not getting the names of all the participates.

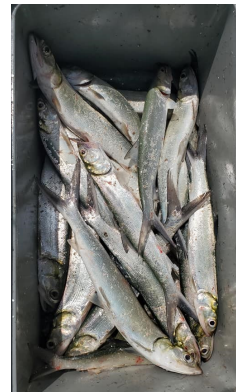


Fishing Reports

John McQuaid—Fished with guide Brian Premaza out of Islamorada, FL this week for Snook. Fished the Flamingo area, which is bordered with mangroves. Caught 4 slot Redfish, 3 Speckled Trout, and >12 Snook on live shrimp and pilchards. The trout and snook were too small to keep. I had a lot of fun, but Brian considered it a slow day. I look forward to the day when NC's fisheries have recovered to the point where this is a slow day. Thanks, John



Ian Perna—From FaceBook:



Bernie McCants—Fished Morehead City Turning Basin, Dead Tree Hole, and Rough Point west end of Shackleford Banks looking for some sea mullet for the skillet. Heard the bite had been pretty string.

Wide-open catching of small croakers and unbelievable numbers of small gray trout. All caught on blood worm FishBites on a double dropper rig with #2 Owner circle hooks, a rig I use surf fishing. But the number of gray trout were amazing. Several hundred yard of sounder marks. Maybe 20 drops in a row with at least a single, many doubles. Did find a some 12-14' fish (keepers, 1/day) on the SW end of the Turning Basin on the deep side where there was a 20 to 35' drop. Sure I averaged a fish/cast for 4 hours given the number of doubles.

Went out two days later with a buddy on a multi-species hunt and, crossing over the railroad track at 2nd and Arendall, loss the back axel of the trailer. Ironically, I was talking to buddy 2 minutes prior about going to see a business about getting a new trailer the next day

Good news, axel and wheels rolled into the media and didn't hit lower unit or any cars. Better news, a 100 yds from Tow Boat where I have boat & trailer insurance. They couldn't have been better and, after offloading stuff, they took the boat to the trailer place on a rollback!

Should have bought some Lottery tickets that day.



King Tides—Bernie

In the recent blockage of the Suez Canal with the large cargo ship, the ship was finally freed with dredging around the bow, some large tugs and using the benefit of a “king tide.”

These higher (and lower) than normal tides can affect fishing both positive and negative.

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

A higher than normal tide will cause red drum to moving into flooded marsh making targeting “tailing fish” a possibility. You might be able to explore areas formally too shallow.

Surf anglers can take advantage of the lower tides to scout the shoreline for beach structure.

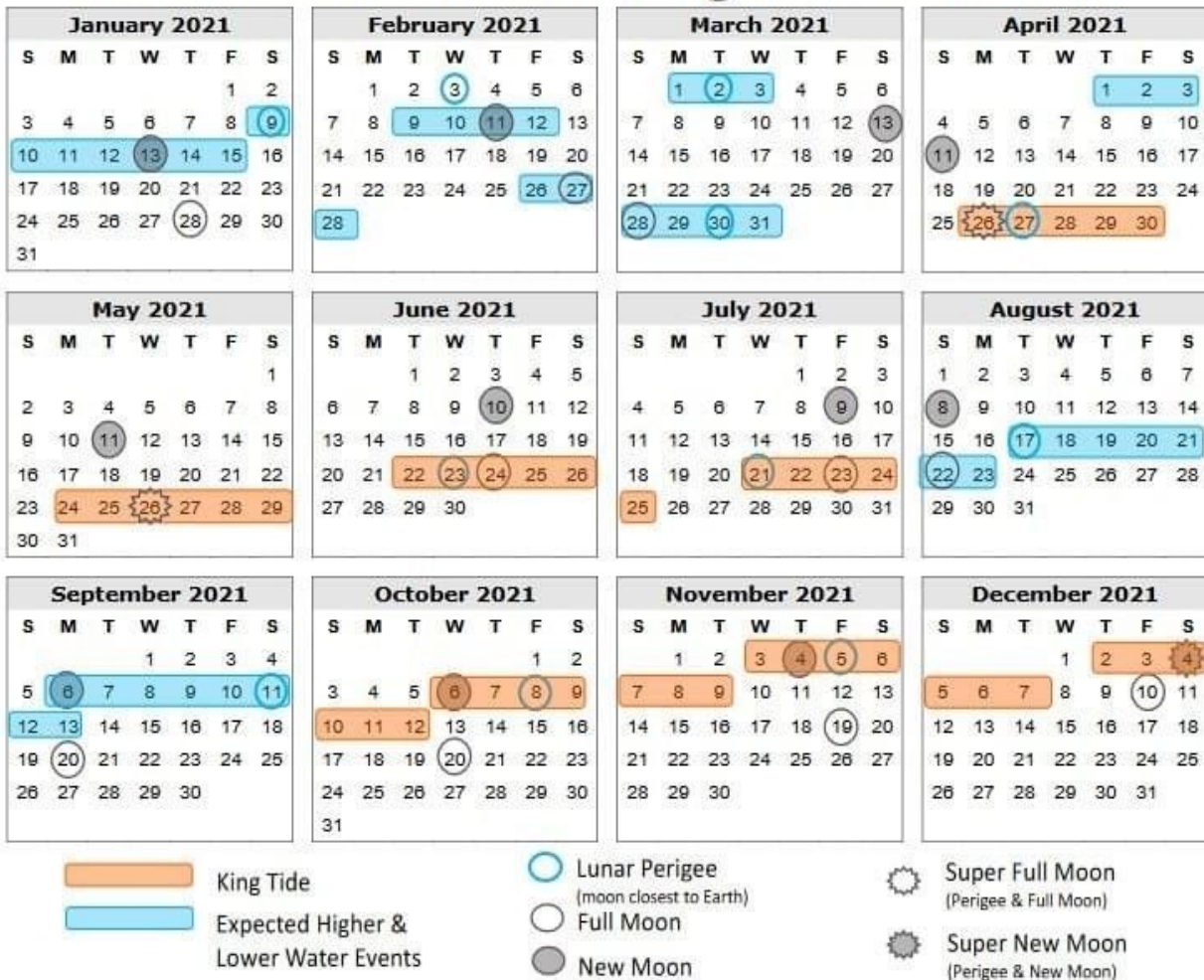
On the negative, the current associated with change of higher highs and lower lows, might make some areas difficult to fish.

Chart below identifies these ‘king tides’ along with lunar tides and full and new moon phases. In the new and full moon phases, expect high tides in early morning and late in the day.

Might be helpful to copy and past the pic to your phone as reference as to what to expect with respect to tides when you go salt water fishing.

A helpful app I have on my phone that I use to monitor tides is *Tides Near Me*.

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

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