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**NOTE SPECIAL MEETING LOCATION  
CHANGE FOR AUGUST!**

The Raleigh Saltwater Sport Fishing Club - the longest standing saltwater club in Raleigh - invites you to our meeting on Tuesday August 16, 2022

**LOCATION:**

**E Z Bait and Tackle** in person 6:30pm at EZ Bait and Tackle, 2049 US-117 S, Goldsboro, NC 27530, #919-736-2488.

A free chicken dinner will be served to those who sign-up using the club's Signup Genius.

7pm Old Drum Speaker;

In store DISCOUNT;

Carpool offered on Signup Genius (Officers election)  
Suggested carpool meeting locations: Cabela's in Garner or Macy's Crabtree Valley Mall @ 5:30pm.

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**2022 RSWSC CALENDAR**

Club Officer nominations taken

Prospective BOD nominees (plus any meeting nominees). Past President - Kevin Clemmer

President - Robert Carroll

Vice President - Walter Weeks

Treasurer - John McQuaid

Secretary - Fred Adams

At-Large (4): Greg Brissette; Mike Murphy; Trey Lowdermilk, Trip Adams; Ron Reijerkerk

8/16 Club Members Meeting "IN STORE" @ EZ Bait and Tackle; 6:30 Chicken Dinner provided by CLUB; 7pm Old Drum Speaker; In store DISCOUNT; Carpool offered on Signup  
Genius (Officers election)

8/27 or 9/10 Club Old Drum Outing (MOST Caught wins coveted Trophy) Capt. declares fishing weekend and submits to organizer Ron Reijerkerk

8/23 BODs Meeting

9/20 Club Members Meeting @ NCSU Faculty Club; 6:30 Dinner; 7pm Speaker TBD

9/27 BOD Meeting



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## RSWSF Club Meeting Minutes July 19, 2022

RSWSF Club Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by club president Kevin Clemmer at NC State University Club. He reminded club members of ***Club Dues! And members must be current to VOTE and Run for the Board of Directors!***

Featured Speaker:

**Tailing Red Drum on the Crystal Coast of NC**  
**Capt. Dean Lamont of “Crystal Coast Adventures” #919-414-2452**  
<https://www.crystalcoastadventures.com/>  
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Red Drum is the state fish of North Carolina. Drum vary in size from small puppy drum to mature Old Drum breeders up to 40 & 50 pounds.

Background: Most anglers have seen TV shows of tailing Drum in Florida and Louisiana but have not heard of or seen tailing Drum in North Carolina. Drum live inside the inlets in sounds and creeks until they reach 30+ inches. Once sexually mature these fish go out the inlets to join large schools that spend the winter in the ocean. Capt. Dean has caught a 35-pound Drum in 70-foot water near structure on the east side of Cape Lookout Shoals. Occasionally in the winter, schools of Drum come to the surf to feed. Large schools have been seen in the Bogue inlet area, along Shackelford Banks and Cape Lookout shoals.

July and August are the primary months that Red Drum gather along the NC coast where they enter North Carolina’s inlets such as Drum, Ocracoke, and Hatteras to spawn in the Pamlico Sound and Neuse River from July to September. These spawning fish are often caught at night on an Owen Lupton Rig designed for bull red fishing between 7:00pm to 7:00am as required by NC Wildlife regulations. It consists of a large circle hook with a smashed barb, a 6-inch heavy leader with a fixed position egg sinker 2-4 ounces as shown below in figure #1.



Daytime fishing one may use jigs and popping flies and North Carolina regulations allow an angler to keep one slot size Drum between 18 to 27 inches. Larger Old Drum are breeder class which are often targeted at night only for sport by using the Lupton rig baited with mullet, croaker, menhaden, or crab. The short leader with a bent down barb circle hook allows the fish to be caught without injury so it can be revived and released safely.

Capt. Dean fishes in Carteret County where he targets 1-to 3-year-old juvenile Red Drum this unique, because most fisherman generally target adult species of fish. Unfortunately, gill and flounder nets kill many Drum as bycatch in North Carolina; however, recent restrictions on the use of nets, closure of flounder fishing (Continued on next page)

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and having creel and size limits has improved the Red Fish population.

### ***Why Do Drum Tail?***

When Drum are in shallow water, less than 24 to 30 inches they are feeding off the bottom, causing their tails to protrude and waive out of the water.

### ***What Do Drum Feed On?***

Marshes that flood on high tides are home to various crabs, shrimp, and small fish which are the primary food source of juvenile Drum. Red Drum can be found tailing at low tide on mud flats and oyster bars where water depths are only a few feet. (Capt. Dean explained how tide charts show various height changes and different tide depths as exhibited below in figure #2)

### ***How Do You Fish for Tailing Drum?***

Fishing for tailing Drum requires a lot of hunting, and once found comes the fishing. Fish from a shallow drafted boat or by wading. Capt. Dean uses a Maverick flats boat with a 21 foot push pole while he stands on a polling platform or his trolling motor in the shallow water to locate Red Fish without spooking.

The best tides are the exceptional high tides that flood the flats which only happens in summer and fall on days/months usually associated with New and Full Moon. Use tide tables to predict when conditions are perfect for tailing fish. Use internet sites such as: <http://tbone.biol.sc.edu/tide/tideshow.cgi>. Capt. Dean looks for high tides that exceed 2.3 feet above Mean Low Water. Some tides can exceed 3 feet. If water gets too deep on the flats one will not see the tailing Red Fish. (Tide Chart example Figure #2)

## **Beaufort Inlet Channel Range, North Carolina 28 July 2022 - 30 July 2022**

34.7000° N, 76.6667° W

2022-07-28	02:28 EDT	0.55 feet	Low Tide
2022-07-28	05:49 EDT	Moonrise	
2022-07-28	06:13 EDT	Sunrise	
2022-07-28	08:03 EDT	2.62 feet	High Tide
2022-07-28	13:55 EDT	New Moon	
2022-07-28	13:56 EDT	0.28 feet	Low Tide
2022-07-28	20:12 EDT	Sunset	
2022-07-28	20:28 EDT	3.81 feet	High Tide
2022-07-28	20:38 EDT	Moonset	
2022-07-29	03:03 EDT	0.46 feet	Low Tide
2022-07-29	06:14 EDT	Sunrise	
2022-07-29	06:48 EDT	Moonrise	
2022-07-29	08:42 EDT	2.71 feet	High Tide
2022-07-29	14:35 EDT	0.27 feet	Low Tide
2022-07-29	20:11 EDT	Sunset	
2022-07-29	21:04 EDT	3.80 feet	High Tide
2022-07-29	21:13 EDT	Moonset	

Once he finds tailing fish Dean targets an individual Drum and determine which direction it

is swimming then presents an artificial lure, fly or live bait about 3 to 4 feet in front of the fish. A cast bait should never move toward the fish! It is critical not to make unnecessary noises because these fish are easily spooked and will disappear. Sometimes the fish schools will reappear and come up within 10 feet away from the boat.

Windy days tend to limit the ability to see tailing Reds Drum. Dead calm days are ideal where every movement of the fish can be seen. Look for swirls, gulps, bait movement, and wave rings etc. Drum fish will usually swim toward the bank on a large grass flat as far as the water will permit.

### ***What Bait for tailing Drum?***

*Spin fishermen* can use artificial bait on a weedless hook or top water lures. Live bait or finger mullet also work well.

*Fly fisherman* 5 to 8 Wt. rod & reel with a good drag. Line: floating (top water flies) clear intermediate line with floating line. Leader: 7 to 9 Ft with 20-30 lb. tippet. Knots: loop knot to fly

Fly fishermen have an excellent opportunity by using a Clouser Fly with bead chain or lead eyes and a weed guard. Dean uses a single piece of 80 to 90 Lbs. mono for the weed guard. He suggests using any color that resembles a shrimp or mullet with some gold flash to get the Drums attention. Top water deer hair flies work great!

### ***Best Tides to See Tailing Fish?***

Often high tides occur after dark and there are many during August, September, and October where one has a good chance to find tailing Red Fish. Ideally, a few hours prior to high tide and a few hours after is the best fishing; therefore, a 4-to-6-hour trip is required to have the best chance of seeing and catching tailing fish. At conclusion the club raffled a guided fishing trip with Capt. Dean Lamont; it was won by a club member Tripp Adams.

### **Club Business:**

***Old Drum Outing:*** 2 weekends, Saturday, August 27 or Saturday, September 10 at Cedar Island, NC Wildlife Boat Ramp 115 Driftwood Dr, Cedar Island, NC 28520

Nomination for the RSWSF Club Board of Directors are as follows:

-Robert Carroll **President**

-Walter Weeks **Vice President**

-John McQuaid **Treasurer**

**Board Member-At-Large (4 positions available)**

-Mike Murphy

-Trey Lowdermilk

-Tripp Adams

-Greg Brissette

-Tommy Peace

Next Meeting: Tuesday August 16, 2022, in person 6:30pm at EZ Bait and Tackle, 2049 US -117 S, Goldsboro, NC 27530, #919-736-2488. A chicken dinner will (continued next page)

Minutes continued...

be served to those who sign-up using the club's Signup Genius. Suggested carpool meeting locations: Cabela's in Garner or Macy's Crabtree Valley Mall @ 5:30pm.

Meeting adjourned

Submitted by:

*Fred Adams, Jr.*

Fred Adams, Jr., Secretary 4

## **FISHING REPORT**

22" Red Drum, Caught on a Top Water Hedden Spook Jr on South River. I was caught on July 1, 2022.

Angler: Fred Adams

Date: 7/2/2022

Craft: Small Boat

Fish: 22" Red Drum

Location: South River



# MEETING RAFFLE

## WINNERS.

Tripp Adams - winner of Capt. Dean Lamont fishing trip



FISHING REPORTS AND PICTURES

Angler: Trey Lowdermilk Date: 7/17/2022 Craft: Small Boat Catch: Spanish Mackerel Largest fish: 6.95 lbs.

The Lowdermilk Family had a great time fishing in the Carteret Community College Foundation Spanish Mackerel Tournament in July. Hanna had the tournament winning 6.95lb Spanish Mackerel, she also took home first place in the kids and ladies division with her fish. Ella came in 2nd place juniors division with a 5.5lb Spanish. Owen came in 4th place with a 4.98lb Spanish. Owen was also the ultimate gaff man throughout the tournament but really came through on the 42.25lb 2nd place King Mackerel.







## **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.

# 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](mailto:Bernie.mccants@gmail.com) or [Bonowell@aol.com](mailto: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: \_\_\_\_\_

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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**

## 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](mailto:tripp.adams@field2base.com)

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