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**Members Meeting at the NCSU University Club. October 17, 2023, 7 PM
Please remember fair traffic! Come early.**

Speaker Capt. Rod Beirstedt with On My Way Charters out of Wilmington,

About hot fall fishing right now with Spanish/King Mackerel and Black Sea Bass this winter!

Club Business: 2024 Budget Approval. Very Important:

Upcoming Events: Surf Fishing Outing Oct. 21 at Fort Macon!

**NEED A GIFT ITEM?
\$10.00 T-SHIRT SALE
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Club T-shirts (Short Sleeve Grey with Pocket)
King Mackerel Tournament T-Shirts
(Multiple Colors Available)
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Fishing Report

On October 9, John McQuaid got an Inshore Slam in the haystacks on live shrimp fished under a noise-making cork. Two Speckled Trout, 17.5" and 14", a 17.75" Flounder, and an 18.5" Red Drum. The Trout were kept for dinner and the others released. Several other Specs and a Flounder were caught the day before on a Chatterbait.



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RSWFC Old Drum Outing - Pamlico Sound

A BIG Thank You to all the Captains who volunteered. I know all appreciated the effort. Even though a tropical storm system rolled across Eastern North Carolina the previous day, we could not have asked for a more beautiful evening. Eight Boats & Five Kayaks. Most boats launched from Cedar Island Wildlife Ramp at 4:45pm and headed West up the Neuse River corridor towards Oriental. Several Kayakers put in near Oriental and fished the creeks. Six Boats released Old Drum. One kayak, Chris DiGiovanna, released a 20" puppy drum.

Winners:

Trey Lowdermilk Boat (James Rice, Remy Rice & Mike Davis). Three Releases (40", 40" & 34")

Jeff Becker Boat. Largest Release at 42"

If you have never fished for these beasts, please note that North Carolina has a World Class Red Drum Fishery. This should be an item on your bucket list and you do not have to go far. These are 40# to 50# fish that most small craft can access from the right location. If you have questions just ask; that's a Club Benefit. We share information.

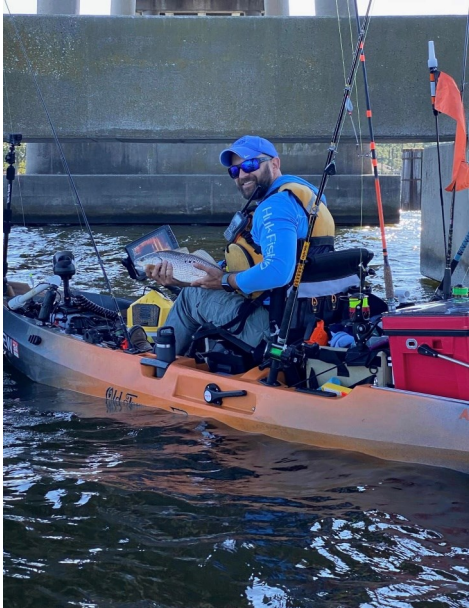
RSWFC members have decades of experience targeting this species from the Surf, Boat & Kayak. Peak season is right now. If you haven't gone you'd better go now as they will disperse through the inlets with the first cold snap of weather.

Guide Trips are a reasonable fee and typically launch from Oriental and Cedar Island. Past Club Speakers who target Old Drum:

<https://baldheadedbobby.com/> <https://www.ctguideco.com/>
<https://www.fourseasonsgs.com/>

If you do go, take photos. We want to see your catch and hear your story.
Tight Lines, Trey Lowdermilk





Flounder and Old Drum Combo

Decided to take advantage of the short, keeper flounder season and take a charter out of Oriental for old drum. Crew was initial surf fishing bud, David Brunetz and joined by Club members Bill Mandulak and Mike McClean.

Finger mullet were an easy get on Saturday with about a half acre pushed to the top by predators. Decided to concentrate around the Morehead City Port wall. First spot was slow with only an octopus and a ~ 3 lb Spanish Mackerel.

Second spot on the west side of the Port wall worked out well. David is a great surf and fresh water striper fisherman but had never targeted flounder. You would never know it as he caught 8 keepers before I caught my first. 😊 I was relegated to David's netter and bait provider. We were using large kahle hooks and none of the flounder were deep hooked so they went into the live well and did do two upgrades during the day. All the flounder were nice in the 19-22" range. Ended up catching 12 and it was sad to release fat 20" flounder due to the regs. 😞



Sunday, with Bill in the crew and picking up Mike later in the morning, it was about the same tho fish average was a bit smaller. David, again, had the hot rod tho Bill caught the first and biggest. All four of our keepers were ~19-22".

I had booked a charter on Monday through George and Anna Beckwith's Down East Guide service with Captain Jackson Willis with High Tide Guide Service. Tho young at 23, he is a local with a lot of experience fishing the area. Captain Jackson was a lot of fun with an infectious, positive attitude and a great laugh. The 26 ft Sea Hawk with a 300 hp motor on a bracket made for a great fishing

platform for the captain and four of us.

This was a long, half-day charter with Plan A using popping corks on old drum and bait fishing later in the evening. Unfortunately, the wind was up, so popping cork action was cancelled. We tried fishing Maw Point for keeper drum, but the puppy drum were uncooperative and the pinfish were too “cooperative”. We picked up and move to “Jack’s Hole” for old drum fishing.

Pretty slow for about two hours but we were entertained by two F18 doing what appeared to be simulated bombing, strafing run off one of the bomb ranges.

Finally we got bit with Bill bringing in the first fish, a nice 48 incher, to the net. We continued to get a bite about every 30 to 45 minutes with everyone getting a turn. As the sun was get close the going down, we had a triple header bite. As those fish were getting close to the net, a fourth rod went off. Three fish were boated for a photo op with the fourth lost at the net (tho technically a release). Great way to end the day with drum in our laps with the sun setting in the background. We went 8/9 with all the fish 46-48”. Great day with a great Captain and crew and a nice 30-mph run back in the dark with the lights of the night drum anglers around South River and Garbacon Shoal.



CLUB OUTING PICTURES



BECKER FISHING REPORTs

Fished Sept 30 by myself.. Blowing 20 plus.. Fished on my wife's boat 21 ft Frontier Bay Boat in 40 ft of water near Cape Lookout.. First fish was a 45 in skinny king in very dirty water. Missed a bigger fish 20 min later.. just pulled the hook.. Went back the next day with some help.. drift fishing no engines .. caught 2 small fish.. my buddy went Sun zero bites and again Mon... zero bites..

The Kings are on the move... my bet we have good king fishing. this year.. we have our pens set up with over 500 baits and counting.. when bait gets hard to catch we will be spot on to kill some big kings.. Bluefins are also on the bucket list this year.. Miss the Dale Ward Shootout.. most fun tournament we have ever participated in.. raised a lot of money for the RSWSFC scholarship fund.. Get ready first week of Nov .. lots of kings should be here,



Left dock.. 815 returned with a limit of large trigs , couple of nice bee liners, 8 released groupers, several released red snappers, one very large hog fish, porgies, etc.. home by 2 old man fishing looking forward to blue fin fishing sooooooon

FISHING REPORT OCTOBER TRIP TO OBX BEACHES

Bernie McCants, Bill Mandulak, Kip Baker, Bo Nowell, Robbie Brooks, Tommy Peace, and Dan Sitko fished their Jim Gurkin Memorial Tournament.

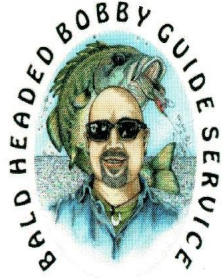
Jim was a former RSWSC member and had several teams in the OBX Surf Tournament series over the years. Many of us fished with him on the Raleigh Beer Buster team and we had fun competing against the RSWSC team at the Nags Head SFT every October. When he passed, we wanted to skip the NHSFT and go fish as we liked every October. Tournament fishing means you have to fish certain stations (some un-fishable or just poor spots. Most of our best fishing was before the tournament started. (Note: We still do the Baitwaster team for the Cape Hatteras Tournament in November and have some fun with the RSWSC team.

We picked a poor day to fish the Gurkin Tournament this year. Rain drizzled and the fish did not cooperate. Dan Sitko won the Trophy with a 12 inch sea mullet and Robbie was a close second with a slightly shorter one.

I got lucky earlier in the week with a 24 inch puppy drum (pictures below).



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(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 Submit online at:

<https://www.rswsc.org/fish-cards>

Then submit information/pics in a fishing report for the Newsletter about your fishing and catches by your family/kids.

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

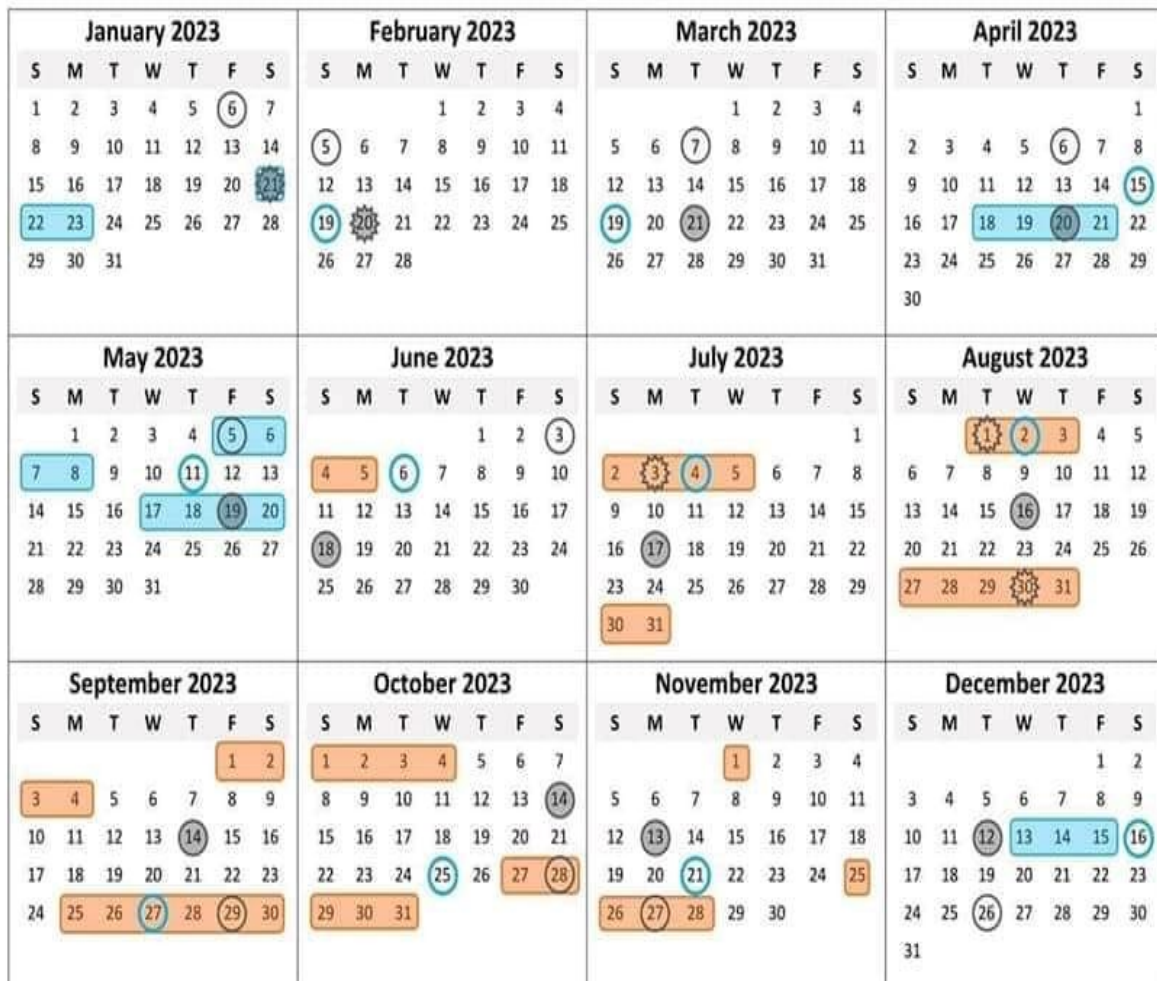
KING TIDES

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



- King Tide
- Expected Higher & Lower Water Events
- Lunar Perigee (moon closest to Earth)
- Full Moon
- New Moon
- Super Full Moon (Perigee & Full Moon)
- Super New Moon (Perigee & New Moon)

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.

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

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