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8/17 Members Meeting

In Person!!!

University Club

(No Zoom as only one dial-in during the July Meeting)

We have a great speaker, Capt. Dale Collins, with a program on inshore flounder (season opens Sept. 1 and closes Sept. 14) and vendor highlight by Pogies Fishing Center. Both are out of Swansboro.

http://fishingcharters.com/c/view/5906/us-nc-stella/ncbait-runner-fishing-charters

http://www.pogiesfishing.com/

We will be raffling a 2-person, half-day trip with Capt. Dale Collins.

Chuck Ward has sent out a Sign Up Genius for those want to eat at the University Club.

We will also be taking additional nomination for Officers and Board of Directors and hold elections. See Page 3 for members nominated last month.

Dues are due: Dues collection will likely take some time as members will need to be current to vote.

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2021 RSWSC CALENDAR

8/17 Members Meeting:

Officers Election

Speaker:;Capt. Dale Collins "Targeting Inshore Flounder"

Vendor Pogies; Swansboro

8/21 Old Drum Outing

8/24 Officers Meeting

9/21 Members Meeting

Speaker: Capt. Allen Jernigan; Fall Tactics for Targeting Redfish

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. Rob Koraly; 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 (Club Social/Swap Meet @ Gizmo brewing)

11/23 Officers Meeting

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

RSWSF Club Meeting July 20, 2021

RSWSF Club Meeting was called to order at 7:00PM by Kevin Clemmer, club president who welcomed club members. Only one club member attended via Zoom; therefore, future meetings will be in person. Zoom will only be used for Speakers to present at those meetings.

Members were reminded club dues are due, \$50 per individual, and \$60 for the entire family. Nominations for club officers were taken, the nominations and elections will be held at the August meeting.

Club Business:

Raffle 20 tickets sold for a ½ day fishing trip with Capt. Allen Jernigan

breadmanventures@hotmail.com or call us at 910-467-1482

https://breadmanventures.com/

WINNER of guided trip: Mike Murphey

BOD Nomination thus far:

President: (1) Kevin Clemmer VP (1) Robert Carol Secretary (1) Fred Adams Treasurer (1) Ron Reijerkerk

At-large: (4) Tripp Adams, Walter Weeks, Greg Brissette, John McQuaid

Current appointed BOD positions:

Past President: Tommy Peace KMT Director: Jason Fant

New Letter Editor: Bernie McCants/Bo Nowell

Old Drum Fishing Outing Saturday, August 21st Sign-Up Genius for is out for sign-up

Topic: Sheepshead Fishing 101 presentation by Club Member Chuck Ward

Sheepshead Archosargus probatocephalus

Food Quality: 4/5

Where:

Offshore around structure and artificial reefs

Nearshore around structure such as rocks, marker posts, debris from Nov - Feb Onshore around piers, docks, posts, sunken structure, seawalls, and bridges in

the cooler months

When:

As soon as the water begins to cool, usually from November to late February,

you'll see loads of sheepshead migrate inshore

When the tide begins to move, they will feed more consistently

Gear:

Light spinning or bait casting tackle preferred

Medium to stout 6 to 7-foot rod

12-20 lb braided line

15-20 lb fluorocarbon leader

1.0 circle hook (go small on the hook - many anglers love the #1 Octopus hook by Gamakatsu)

Enough weight to keep the bait near the structure

Carolina rig with 6-7-inch leader

Bait:

Fiddler or other small crabs

Barnacles

Pieces of oysters and clams

Live or dead shrimp threaded on hook

Sand fleas

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Tactics:

Keep line tight

Pay attention to small taps. They suck the bait in and spit out the hook quickly

Use the bottom half of the shrimp

Position bait close to the structure

Check rig often with small movements. You will often have one on and not be aware

Avoid large bait. They have small mouths www.SaltStrong.com

Scrape away barnacles with flat hoe to chum and drop line into the mix

Use slow moving jigs tipped with bait

Avoid soft tipped rods as bite is very difficult to feel

Keep rod tip up and make sure drag is not too loose. They can wrap around structure very quickly

Trends:

They prefer crabs and barnacles at the beginning of the season

They will take shrimp mid to late season

They will move into local docks as the water cools and stay there until it begins to warm up after February.

Community:

Check with local marina personnel who can tell you where anglers are finding them

Watch for boats lined up at docks or pilings during the season

Talk to other anglers. Sheepshead spots are not kept so secret as spots for other species.

Sheepshead Catch Card

Tactics Trends Tips: Structure: docks, piers, marker posts, rocks, artificial reefs, **Preferring small**: crabs, barnacles, and oysters over shrimp Carolina Rig with short leader. Keep line tight to feel small taps. Bait close to structure **Bait**: oysters, barnacles, clams, shrimp, sand fleas, Larger ones are staying in colder, deeper water

Smaller hooks, smaller bait pieces due to small mouths

Club Business

*Dues are due at the July 2021 meeting (\$50 per individual, or \$60 for a family)

Elections in August! Nominations accepted in July & August meetings.

Club T-Shirts available for sale.

*RSWSFC KMT 2021 club fund raiser will be November 5-7, 2021, at the Big Rock weigh-in dock. Contact Jason Fant, KMT Director by email <u>jfant@rswsc.org</u> or text 919-802-2799.

Fishing Teams shall have a choice to fish either Saturday or Sunday and weigh their two largest fish. Tournament details are posted to the club's KMT website. https://fishska.com/tournament/view?id=1100

Next Meeting Tuesday, August 17th, NC State University Club, Dinner at 6:30PM,

Speaker: Capt. Dale Collins, Inshore Flounder "Fish or Die Charters"

A Raffle for a 2 person, half day trip for Capt. Dale Collins.

Sponsor: Pogies Fishing and Kayaking Center, Swansboro, NC http://www.pogiesfishing.com/

Meeting adjourned

Submitted by:

Fred Adams, Jr.

Fred Adams, Jr., Secretary

RSWSFC Board Meeting Minutes Tuesday July 27, 2021

President Kevin Clemmer called the BOD meeting to order at 6:03 PM at the NC State University Club, for the second in person meeting. *Board Members Present:* Ron Reijerkerk Treasurer, Fred Adams Secretary, Robert Carroll, Tommy Walls At-Large, Bo Nowell Newsletter co-editor Large, Jason Fant KMT Director

Board Members Absent: Chuck Ward VP, Tommy Peace, Past President., Greg Brissette At-Large, and Bernie McCants coeditor. Jason Fant KMT Director

Officer Reports:

Treasurer's Report: Ron Reijerkerk, reported that dues collection is slow

RSWSF Club KMT Fund Raiser: Jason Fant No report

Communication Report: Tripp Adams reported he has an email system set up to notify members of upcoming meetings and includes the club newsletter. https://www.rswsc.org/

Old Business:

The club maintains a storage locker with KMT items, such as printers, tables, laptops, signage, etc. and 6 Coolers for club future auction. The BOD has determined we need more space to store items previously kept in Tommy Walls trailer. We will rent Tommy's trailer and pay his fuel cost during the KMT.

Motion #1 Ron Rierkerk moved, and Tommy Walls seconded, the RSWSFC rent a one size larger storage unit from a closet space to a 10' X 10' in the same storage facility.

The motion passed Unanimously

The board reviewed nominated candidates and acknowledged nominations would be open at the August 17th meeting before holding a vote.

The RSWSFC needs BOD members who are willing to operate



"Mail Chimp".



"Club website", https://www.rswsc.org/



Sign-up Genius"



KMT

The BOD decided to no longer hold Zoom meetings open to membership. The reason is we only had one member listen at the recent club meeting and we now have the need to Zoom in the featured speakers and Fishing Guides from their home locations.

Kevin said Capt. Dale Colins of Fish or Die Charters, Swansboro, NC https://fish-or-die-charters.business.site/ will be Zoomed fishing guide speaker August 17, 2021. Plans are to ask Capt. Rob Korley as speaker in September. We plan to purchase and raffle ½ day guided trips with our captains and hold a limited raffle with the membership.

Ron said the Raffles to fish with Capt. Allen Jernigan was a success and the club made \$50. The limit the tickets to 20 Raffle tickets for \$20 each for a chance to win a ½ day fishing trip with Capt. Allen Jernigan. 910-467-1482 https://breadmanventures.com/. The BOD decided to increase the limited number of tickets to 25 at the next meeting. Mike Murphey was the winner of the Raffle.

The Old Drum Outing is scheduled for August 21, 2021, Ron Reijerkerk said he will Chair the outing. Chuck Ward will send out a Sign-Up Genius asking for Captains and Participants. Ron said he hopes to hold a captains meeting breakfast meeting at Sharkey's if possible.

New Business:

The BOD is planning to hold a "Social" and "Fishing Tackle Swap Night" Tuesday November 16th at *Gizmo Brew Works and Tap Room*, 5907 Triangle Drive, Raleigh, NC. https://gizmobrewworks.com/raleigh-brewery/

Tommy Walls said he would find a location for holding the club Christmas Party. He plans to find a location that allows the club to roast and steam oysters. The Christmas party is tentatively scheduled Tuesday December 7, 2021.

The meeting was adjourned 7:45pm.

Submitted by Fred Adams, Gr.
Club Secretary

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Note from the President

Kevin Clemmer

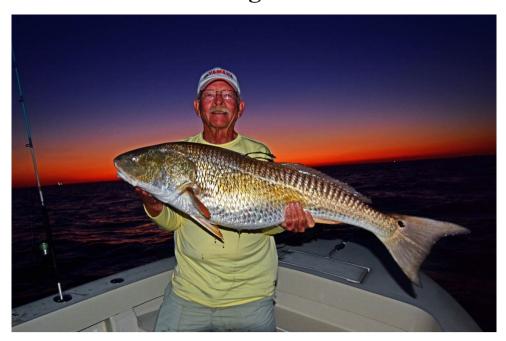
I am excited to say our second in-person meeting was a great success. Our own, Chuck Ward, presented specific tactics to reel in limits of sheepshead. As a bonus, we held a limited ticket raffle for a guided half-day trip for 2 with Capt. Allen Jernigan. This raffle was very successful, selling out in minutes.

More importantly, our August 17th meeting will be necessary to attend in person, as we will be voting on the upcoming Board of Directors. I encourage everyone of you to attend and vote. Only members with a current paid membership will be eligible to vote. So come on out, pay your dues, vote, and purchase a raffle ticket for a half day guided trip from a local Captain.

Additionally, another great reason to attend our upcoming meeting in person is to hear the latest tips from Capt. Dale Collins, on inshore flounder fishing. Pogies, out of Swansboro, NC will be our highlighted vendor. Capt. Dale and Pogies will be Live via ZOOM.

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

Old Drum Outing August 21



Rusty Dunnavant, angler —Photo by Past President and Life Member Jim Strickland

Chuck Ward has sent out in SignUp Genius invitations to the RSWSFC Old Drum Outing to both captains and members for crew.

Ron Reijerkkerk is the outing contact person. If you didn't get an invite and are still interested, Contact Ron to see if there are any additional spots available. 919-846-0889 or reijerke@gmail.com

Most boats will be based out of Cedar Island. The first couple of old drum outings were graced with calm seas and light winds. Last couple, not so. \otimes If too sporty for Cedar Island, there are other options, ,e.g., South River, Neuse River, Touragain Bay.

The fish have showed up in the Pamlico and rivers for their annual spawning event and chances are good to tangle with a few.

Through management, the adult drum population is as large as anyone can remember. Requirements of using a Lupton rig, with a fixed weight, short leader (<= 6"), non-offset circle hook and bent down/removed barb has prevented deep hooking and facilitates hook removal and safe release. Research by Capt George Beckwith has demonstrated very low catch-and release mortality with this rig.

These 10-50 year old fish are special and please treat them as such with minimal handling, quick measurement and photo (if you wish) and release.

Fishing Report—Greg Brissette

8 Fisherman led by Club Member Ashley Perry ventured to the famed Tuna Coast of Panama this past July to do some jigging and popping.

First time for me catching Cubera Snapper, Roosterfish and what they call a Spanish Mackerel or Sierra Mackerel. Variety of other species were caught as well including Yellowfin Tuna, various Jack species and Mahi. A great and exhausting time was had by all.

For more informative information please feel free to contact Ashley or myself.







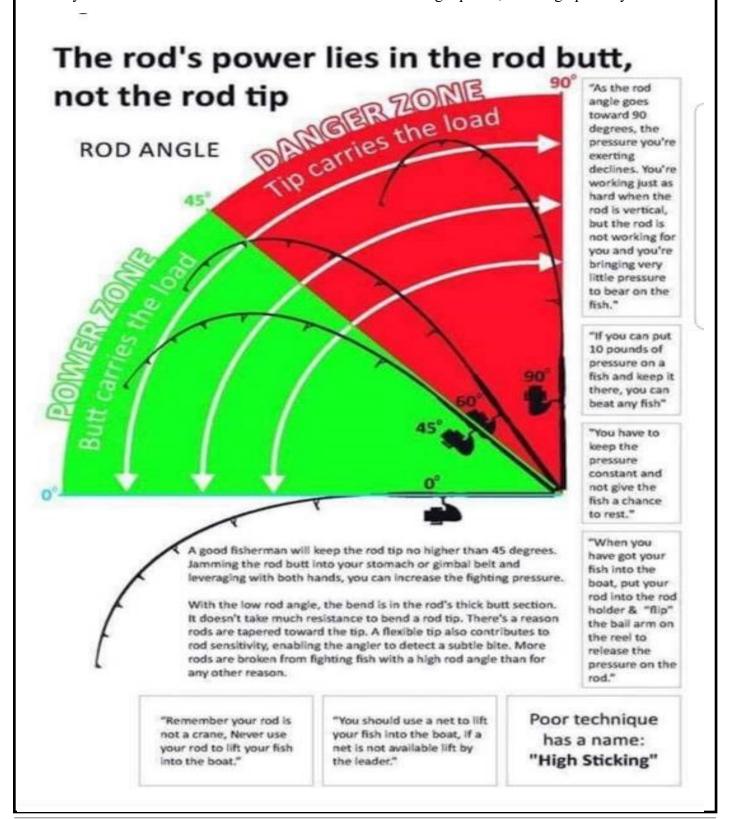


High Sticking Your Rod ⊗- Bernie

While modern graphite and carbon fiber rod are strong and well designed, high sticking can result in failure. I cringe every time watching a bass fishing show and I see the angler swinging a bass in with the rod butt almost perpendicular to the boat.

Probably fine for them if a sponsor is supplying their rods and doubt a snapped rod would make it on camera ©

Text may be hard to read and I have been unable to locate the origin poster, but the graphic says it all.



Annual Lifetime License Information Reminder

It's time to request your copy of the <u>2021-22 North Carolina Inland Fishing</u>, <u>Hunting and Trapping Regulations Digest</u> for the upcoming season.

Clink on this link and enter your WRC number and last name: https://www.ncalvin.org/lifetime/

If your lifetime license entitles you to hunt big game, you may take this opportunity to request your big game harvest report card and Bear e-Stamp (if applicable).

For those who hunt migratory game birds you may also request your HIP Certification at this time. The HIP Certification is a federal requirement needed to hunt migratory game birds (waterfowl, doves, rails, gallinules, moorhens, snipe and woodcock) and is valid from July 1 through March 31 each year.

If your license authorizes coastal recreational fishing and you plan to fish in coastal waters this year, it is important you complete a brief questionnaire to assist the N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries with fishery management data collection

Can Underwater Cameras on Remotely Operated Vehicles Measure the Size of Reef Fish?

New research shows how effective the cameras can be

Offshore bottom fishermen know that reef fish communities along the Atlantic coast and northern Gulf of Mexico contain a wide variety of ecologically and economically important fishes, including snappers, groupers, triggerfishes, and jacks. Several aspects of these fishes' life history are often related to their length, including age, maturity, and egg production.

Collecting **length information**, in addition to identifying which species and how many are present at each reef, can provide insights helpful for **stock assessments** as well as assessing an **ecosystem's condition and productivity**.

A <u>recent blog post</u> from **N.C. Sea Grant's** *Hook, Line & Science* online series provides details on **how scientists are using GoPro underwater cameras** to obtain accurate length estimates. You can even <u>watch an underwater video</u> from the GoPro's point of view!

Tarpon Now All Release: (From CCA-NC Tidelines)

The reports of old drum and tarpon in NC waters are already coming in and the fishing for these prized game-fish will no doubt only get hotter through August and September. For those targeting tarpon, a reminder that effective March 17, 2021, tarpon are a no-kill, no possession, catch and release only species. The current rule also prohibits the use of a gaff or spear or otherwise puncturing a tarpon and restricts allowable gear to hook and line only.

Always follow good catch and release practices when releasing any tarpon! Please do you part to protect NC gamefish. This list of *Best Practices for Catch & Release* are found on the *Bonefish & Tarpon Trust* website:

For tarpon over 40-inches in fork length, it is recommended that the fish not be removed from the water at all. This causes too much damage and stress, and decreases their chances of survival. Anglers should minimize the time they handle the fish next to the boat before release.

Editor's note: After fishing two invitational tarpon tournaments the last two weekends with 11 boats and 17 boats with some of the most experienced NC tarpon anglers, this article may be of limited use.

First tourney had 4 releases, with one boat releasing 3 with a double header! Second had a single release. In the second, several boats fished way up the Neuse River with live bait. They saw a dozen or more free-jumping tarpon feeding on mullet, but no bites.

Our team did get pretty proficient at releasing cownosed rays with probably 75 in three days of fishing.

Given our team's five-year dry spell, thinking about changing tarpon from 'silver unicorns' to 'no see-ems."

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

Great app for your phone to predict tides in areas you are planning to fish: *Tides Near You* Only limitation is it only goes out a week on the free version.

Another good resource for tides and sun and moon activity is the website https://tides4fishing.com

For the Drum Outing, Saturday, August 21

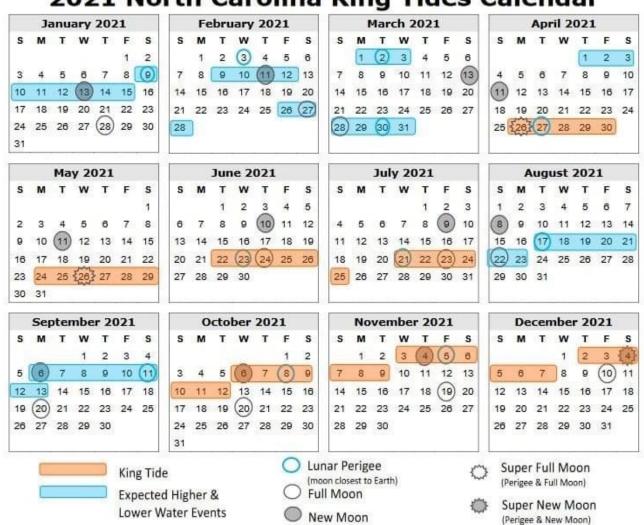
Sunrise 6:31 am, Sunset 7:46 Low Tide: 4:39 am 0.3 ft High Tide: 9:46 am 1.2 ft Low Tide: 4:31 pm 0.1 ft High Tide: 10:37 pm 1.5 ft

Solunar Activity: Two fishes out of three.

Moon Rise 7:45 PM

Moon at 97% (Full Moon the next day, August 22)

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.





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|-------------------------|--|--|----------------|
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| Capt Bryan Goodwin | www.nativeguide.net | Light tackle fishing | 252 725-3961 |
| Dave Anderson | www.collinsboating.com | Engine & Boat Maintenance | 919 934-3143 |
| Jerry Dilsaver | captjery@captjerry.com | Throwing Casting Nets | |
| Fuzzy Lambert | www.dunkilewisinc.com | Humming Bird Electronics | 336 416-3733 |
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| James Garner | www.otseg@aol.com | Boat Building w/Hi Tech Composites | |
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| Capt Daniel Jarvas | www.flatfootcharters.com | Bonita Fishing in New River Inlet | 828-308-6726 |
| Capt. Gary Dubiel | www.specfever.com/blog | Large Drum on artificial bait | 252-249-1520 |
| Capt Dave Tilley | www.portal.ncdenr.org/web/ mf/home | | 910-456-0611 |
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