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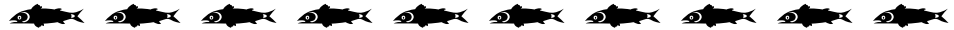
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The Raleigh Saltwater Sport Fishing Club - the longest standing saltwater club in Raleigh - invites you to our meeting on Tuesday September 20, 2022 at the NCSU Faculty Club; 6:30

Dinner; 7pm

Elections will be held due to cancellation of the August meeting.

Tripp Adams will be demonstrating the new features of our web page and how you can use them to report catch, find information you need, and provide feedback.

Club Awards for the past fishing events will also be delivered to the winners.

Congratulations also go to Rusty Dunnivant as winner of the Old Drum Tournament with the only fish.

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2022 RSWSC CALENDAR

Club Officer nominations taken
Prospective BOD nominees (plus any meeting nominees).

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

(Officers election)

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

9/27 BOD Meeting



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FISHING PICTURES



19”+ Flounders, caught September 4, 2022

Bogue Inlet near AR342— Fred Adams



My 10 year old grandson with his first Red Drum. 20’, 3#4 oz. He baited the hook, cast the bait, and reeled in the fish. All I had to do was handle the net. Week before last on a dock near the haystacks.—John McQuaid



Greg caught a citation Old Drum in Oriental, NC with Captain Bobby Brewer

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September could not have come soon enough for Flounder season this year.



Marine Fisheries Division encourages anglers to donate flounder carcasses to science

The N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries will collect flounder carcasses of legal size (15 inches or greater) from recreational fishermen during the upcoming recreational flounder season.

The division has set up eight temporary freezer locations, in addition to the ten carcass collection locations available throughout the year, where recreational fishermen can take their flounder carcasses.

The temporary locations are:

Oden's Dock: 57878 North Carolina Hwy 12, Hatteras;

Bridge Tender Marina: 1418 Airlie Rd, Wilmington;

NC Division of Marine Fisheries: 943 Washington Square Mall Highway 17, Washington;

Sea Gate Marina: 729 Sea Gate Dr, Newport;

Chasin' Tails Outdoors: 709 Atlantic Beach Causeway, Atlantic Beach;

Ocean Isle Marina: 2000 Sommersett Rd SW, Ocean Isle Beach;

Seapath Yacht Club: 330 Causeway Dr, Wrightsville Beach; and

Dudley's Marina: 106 Cedar Point Blvd #8000, Cedar Point.

The year-round locations are (map available here):

- Cape Pointe Marina, Harkers Island;
- Frisco Rod & Gun, Frisco;
- Jennette's Pier, Nags Head;
- Pogies Fishing & Kayaking Center, Swansboro;
- Pelagic Hunter Fishing Center, Sneads Ferry;
- Sea View Crab Company, Wilmington;
- Tex's Tackle, Wilmington;
- NC Division of Marine Fisheries Headquarters, Morehead City;
- NC Division of Marine Fisheries, Wilmington; and
- Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point- Environmental Affairs Office (available only to those with military base access).

Anglers that donate legal carcasses and provide a completed carcass collection catch card will be eligible for either an Angler Recognition Certificate (one per season for fish 15 inches to less than 24 inches total length) or a N.C. Saltwater Fishing Tournament Citation (one per fish for fish 24 inches or greater total length). When cleaning the fish, anglers should leave the head and tail intact and, if possible, leave the guts in the fish. Anglers who fished on a charter boat or head boat should let the fish cleaner know the carcass will be donated. ###

Dolphin Biology Excerpted from Sportfishing Magazine 2017

<https://www.sportfishingmag.com/mahi-secrets-revealed-by-tagging-program/>

The Cooperative Science Services' Dolphin Research Program released its findings from an extensive study on the species.

Below are some facts previously known about dolphin, along with new information regarding migration patterns, travel speed, and more from the [tagging program](#). In working with anglers through the research program, more than 23,000 dolphins were tagged by nearly 4,600 anglers. A total of 597 tagged dolphin recoveries have been reported. More than two-thirds of the fish marked and released in the 16-year-old study were tagged off the East Coast of Florida.

- They can grow as much as 2.5 inches per week.
- Dolphins can eat up to 20 percent of their body weight in a day.
- They can grow to weights of 40 pounds within the first 12 months of life.
- This species generally reaches sexual maturity at three to five months of age.
- Few dolphins live longer than two years.
- The oldest documented dolphin was 4 years old.
- Lacking an air bladder, they will sink if they stop swimming.
- Spawning likely occurs every month of the year in the western North Atlantic Ocean.
- These fish can travel as far as 152 miles in a straight line during a 24-hour period as shown by a satellite tag track.
- Dolphins were observed to dive to depths greater than 800 feet deep. It is most likely a behavior associated with feeding.
- Dolphins engage in deep diving more at night than during the day.
- Deep diving appears to be associated with feeding on animals that live in the great depths of the ocean during the day that migrate up the water column at night.
- One satellite track showed that a fish released off Charleston, South Carolina, had circumnavigated the Sargasso Sea winding up at the Mona Passage between Puerto Rico and the Dominican Republic six months and around 8,100 miles later, suggesting a migration route that circumnavigates the Sargasso Sea. Dolphins were shown to spend as much as six weeks in large semi-permanent gyres that occur in the North Atlantic.
- Dolphins appear to travel in a clockwise migration in the western central North Atlantic throughout the year.
- The average travel speed of fish tagged off the East Coast of Florida varies annually, ranging from 10.4 miles per day to 44.9 miles per day, with an annual average of 24.8.
- Migration speeds vary by region. Dolphins move slower off the Carolinas than off eastern Florida.
- Dolphins are capable of sustained high-speed travels. An example is a fish that went from the Florida Keys to Oregon Inlet in nine days, covering 893 miles.
- The longest distance traveled by a tagged fish from its release site belongs to a fish released off Charleston, South Carolina, that traveled 2,500 miles in a straight line into the eastern North Atlantic.
- Small fish tagged off the U.S. East Coast returned the next year as large adult fish, shown by 26 such recoveries.

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Another Victory for Citizen Coalition in Coastal Fisheries Lawsuit

Unanimous Court of Appeals Rejects State of North Carolina's Arguments

In a unanimous decision today, the North Carolina Court of Appeals rejected the State of North Carolina's request for immunity from a lawsuit brought by 86 citizen plaintiffs and the Coastal Conservation Association of North Carolina to hold the State accountable for mismanaging North Carolina's coastal fisheries. In July 2021, a Wake County trial judge rejected the State's request for immunity from the lawsuit. Today, a three-judge panel of the North Carolina Court of Appeals affirmed that decision, rejecting the State's arguments and ruling in favor of the citizen coalition and CCA NC on every issue.

As the Court of Appeals' opinion explained, the State has "an affirmative duty . . . to preserve the people's right to fish and harvest fish," which includes a "duty to preserve fisheries for the benefit of the public" and a "duty to keep fisheries safe from injury, harm, or destruction for all time." A copy of the Court of Appeals' decision can be found [here](#).

The Court of Appeals' unanimous ruling means that the lawsuit will proceed to a stage where the plaintiffs have an opportunity to establish the merits of their claims—claims that CCA NC and the citizen coalition maintain are supported by overwhelming evidence and the State's own data. "We are gratified by the Court of Appeals' unanimous decision, which reaffirms over a century of precedent and upholds a constitutional amendment ratified by approximately 60% of the voters," said CCA NC's Executive Director, David Sneed. "We look forward to proving our case on the merits and ensuring that a legacy of sustainable coastal fisheries will be there for all our children and grandchildren."

For more information, please visit the CCA website: Coastal Conservation Association of North Carolina | CCA NC

State certifies new state record swordfish

The N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries recently certified a new state record swordfish (*Xiphias gladius*). Cary Carney of Newport caught the 504-pound, 8-ounce fish about 55 miles off Morehead City on Aug. 21. Carney was fishing aboard the Willow B, captained by his son, Brandon Carney. They were fishing in roughly 1,300-foot-deep water when they encountered the "sword of a lifetime," according to Carney.

Carney's fish measured 104 inches fork length (from the tip of the nose to the fork in the tail) and had a 53-inch girth. It was weighed in at EJW Outdoors of Morehead City.

Carney landed the fish using 65-pound test line, hand cranked on a Diawa MP3000 reel that had a blown fuse. It was paired to a 6-foot Crowder DDS80 rod, and he used albacore belly for bait.

For more information on state record fish, go to State Saltwater Records webpage. citations@ncdenr.gov.

NC DMF Announces Scoping Period for Striped Mullet

At the August meeting of the NC Marine Fisheries Commission, during the discussion and vote to adopt Amendment 2 to the Estuarine Striped Bass Fisheries Management Plan, led by Commercial Member Doug Cross, the Commission came within one vote of putting gill nets back in above the ferry lines on the Neuse and Pamlico Rivers. The final motion failed on a tie vote (4 to 4) due to one new commissioner being unable to attend the meeting. After much debate, the Commission eventually voted to table the final vote until the November meeting where commercial fishing interests will again try to reopen the rivers to gill netting.

A consistent argument from commercial interests on the reopening of gill netting on the Neuse and Pamlico rivers above the restricted areas, currently at the ferry lines, was the need to target striped mullet in the summer months.

The Division of Marine Fisheries has opened the public scoping period for Amendment 2 to the Striped Mullet FMP to solicit public input on potential management strategies. The most recent stock assessment has determined that the stock is both overfished and overfishing occurring and the stock needs a 20 - 33% reduction in total removals.

The scoping document for the Striped Mullet FMP can be found here: [open \(nc.gov\)](#) Please note that one of the management options under consideration is "Area Closures". Commission Chairman Rob Bizzell said it best, "(DMF) staff is telling us striped mullet are overfished. Opening these waters to additional harvest would be irresponsible."

Why would any commissioner propose new regulations that would encourage the additional harvest on an overfished stock? Why would other commissioners support any motion that would encourage additional harvest on an overfished stock?

Please make your voice heard and support keeping the gill net restrictions in place on the Neuse and Pamlico rivers.

The DMF scoping period announcement is below where you can find a link to provide online comments and the schedule for public meetings.

Division of Marine Fisheries announces scoping period for striped mullet

The Division of Marine Fisheries is developing Amendment 2 to the N.C. Striped Mullet Fishery Management Plan (FMP). The division will hold a public scoping period Sept. 26 to Oct. 7 to solicit public input on potential management strategies for the upcoming amendment and discuss stakeholder priorities. Scoping is the best opportunity for the public to inform the plan.

The primary management strategy for Amendment 2 is long-term sustainable harvest in the striped mullet fishery. The benchmark stock assessment indicates the resource is overfished and overfishing is occurring.

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Beginning Sept. 25, the public may provide feedback through an online form available on the Information on Striped Mullet FMP Amendment 2 webpage or submit a written comment through the mail to N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries, Striped Mullet Scoping, P.O. Box 769, Morehead City, N.C. 28557. Comments must be received by 5 p.m. Oct. 7, 2022.

Below are the meeting dates and locations. All meetings will begin at 6 p.m. and end at 8 p.m. The Oct. 4 meeting at the Division of Marine Fisheries Central District Office will also be available by web conference.

September 27: Dare County Administration Building, Commissioners Meeting Room
954 Marshall C. Collins Drive
Manteo

In-person only

October 4: Division of Marine Fisheries, Central District Office
5285 Highway 70 West
Morehead City

In-person and virtual. [Click here for the link to the virtual meeting.](#)

October 6: Department of Environmental Quality, Wilmington Regional Office

127 Cardinal Drive
Wilmington

In-person only

Division staff will give a short presentation and then the public will have the opportunity to provide comment. Following the public comment period, the public is encouraged to discuss subject matter concerns directly with species leads in small groups. Stakeholder comments and concerns will be considered in developing management strategies and management measures in Amendment 2.

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 or Bonowell@aol.com

Also submit information in a fishing report for the Newsletter

MEMBERSHIP FORM

Renewals — Please only enter changed information

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Include spouse's/children name if family membership Renewal

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Home phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Cell _____

E-mail address: _____ Boat Name: _____

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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

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