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The Raleigh Saltwater Sport Fishing Club — the longest standing saltwater club in Raleigh — invites you to our meeting on Tuesday May 17, 2022 at the NC State University Club, 4200 Hillsborough St, Raleigh. (Located between Meredith and the State Fairgrounds).

Speaker: Jody Monk, NC Native, Owner of Monkalur since 2005, 28 years of offshore fishing experience, Married with 3 kids,



So excited the Monkalur fishing tournament is back! We had several people ask us if it was coming back and Chasin Tails Outdoors Bait & Tackle made it happen!
Registration is open now and scales open May 1! Get signed up!



On June 20th 2005. Monk's Lure Company was created (now just called Monkalur). Monk's lure design and processes were perfected over many years; it requires little or no improvement at all.

RSWSF Club Meeting Minutes April 19, 2022

RSWSF Club Meeting was called to order at 7:00PM by club president Kevin Clemmer at the NC State University Club. He introduced the speaker:

Capt. Lee Winkleman Top Gun Fishing Ph# 757-761-2167

609 Brook St. Morehead City, NC 28557

Topic: N.C. Atlantic Bonito fishing season

Capt. Lee learned Salmon fishing in Alaska, Striper & Cobia fishing on the Chesapeake Bay while his dad served in the military. Lee, eventually move to Morehead City where he begin fishing on the Oceanana Fishing Pier and rekindled his passion for fishing; hooked again! He earned his Captains license in 2011, was recent guest speaker on Dr. Bogus Radio fishing show, and his life fishing highlight was catching a 500 pound plus Blue Marlin.

Atlantic Bonito, Bonito, Sarda sarda, skip jacks, Poor man's Tuna

-Very migratory species traveling north to colder waters in the summer heading to NJ/New England area. They cruise by NC beaches for a short period of time usually only 3 to 4 weeks in April and early May.

-Show up on our beaches at this time of year chasing mall bait fish such as anchovies and minnows.

-Always confused with False Albacore, Bonita, Little Tuny which are also found in NC waters at the same time.

-They are large schooling fish, and as they head back down south for the winter months, they are usually traveling way offshore (That is why there is a short season for them)

-There are no current size regulations or catch limits in NC waters.

-NC Bonito range from 5 to 8 pounds.

Gear

-Medium action spinning rods, 4000 spinning reels for casting and jigging.

-Medium action conventional trolling rod and reels.

-Hard casting baits one-ounce big Nic Spanish Candies, Bluewater Candy's "thingama Jig", Gotcha Jig, Sting Silvers and similar hard metal casting jigs. Lee recommends reeling the metal jigs fast.

-Planer rigs #1 planer with on inch gold Clark Spoons.

-Trolling 6 Knots using a Yo-Zuri Deep diver Lures (Green/Silver) mahi colors

Fishing Strategy

-Best fishing is at daybreak, first light is when fish are eating the most.

-Condition are best with a light North/East wind and dirty green water

-Ideal water temperatures 62 to 68 degrees, and water depths from 30 to 60 feet.

-Search for birds and top water action, fish the local AR reefs, such as: AR 315, Liberty Ship, AR 330, Vessel Indra, AR 285, and Nancy Lee.

-They appear on the Southern beaches, Surf City, Wrightsville & Carolina Beaches

-Bogue Inlet and Beaufort Inlet

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Excellent Table fare

-How to cook and clean

-Sashimi style or grilled or poke bowl

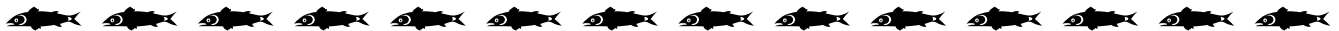
The club sold 25 tickets for a chance to win a guided fishing trip with Capt. Lee Winkelman, and a club member was the winner.

Next Meeting Tuesday, May 17, 2022, in person at the NC State University Club Meeting adjourned

Submitted by:

Fred Adams, Jr.

Fred Adams, Jr., Secretary



Club Mahi Outing

Sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0848a8a728abfa7-rswsc42>

Tournament Director: Robert Carroll robert.carroll22@yahoo.com

The board has decided to extend the tournament for two weekends, May 14-15 and May 21 -22.

Captains must declare a single day they intend to fish 24 hours in advance and report that to director Robert Carroll.

Captains and Crew must be active club members.

Charters **do not count** for the competition.

Fishermen will be encouraged to help you with the fuel and bait costs and are expected to provide their own food and beverage.

Official VHF Channel is 10.

Fishermen will be expected to help with fuel and bait costs. You will coordinate those purchases directly with your crew.

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2022 RSWSC CALENDAR

4/30 Atlantic Bonito Outing (Fish from your Home port) (Longest fish measured w/photo wins Nominal Prize) **MUST** be a Member to Qualify!

5/17 Members Meeting @ NCSU Faculty Club, Mahi Tactics (Monklures)

5/14-15 or 5/21-22 Mahi Tournament; Capt. Declares weekend and Submit to Organizer Robert Carroll



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This is a call for Volunteer Captains...MAD MHC Boat Registration is open!

Military Appreciation Day has reached an exciting milestone in their event planning. With about 60 days to go before our 2022 event, they have opened boat registration on our website. The direct link is: <http://militaryappreciationday.net/morehead-city-chapter-bo...>

After a successful event last year, they hope to grow the event this year in numbers of boats and troops hosted.

Because many decisions need to be based on anticipated numbers of captains, crew and troops capacity, they ask that you register as early as possible.

Finally, for now, please pass the word to fellow skippers. Word of mouth in our tight fishing community is very effective in bringing new skippers onboard.

MAD looks forward to seeing you at this year's event, which promises to be a great one.

If you have specific questions or trouble registering, please email me at moreheadcitymad@gmail.com.

== Thanks!



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New INFO on Submitting Fishing Reports

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.

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 and the Striper catch for the Feb-April competition. The application for submitting information is through Google Forms and has been embedded into the website. Once submitting a responses, members will have the ability to view other submissions.

Per Tripp "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 paper form and mail or hand it in at a meeting.

APRIL MEETING PICTURES





Shrimp Amendment 2 management measures implemented (See highlight in red)

New shrimp management measures will go into effect May 15 in North Carolina state waters. The N.C. Marine Fisheries Commission approved the measures to reduce bycatch and protect habitat with the adoption of the Shrimp Fishery Management Plan Amendment 2 at its February business meeting.

Division of Marine Fisheries Director Kathy Rawls implemented the new measures through Proclamation SH-4-2022, Proclamation SH-5-2022, Proclamation SH-6-2022, and Proclamation M-12-2022. Proclamations are available on the division website at <https://deq.nc.gov/proclamations>.

Management measures in the proclamations include:

Prohibit shrimp trawling in the Carolina Beach Yacht Basin and Bogue Sound and its tributaries except the Intracoastal Waterway.
Prohibit all trawling in the Crab Spawning Sanctuaries.
Statewide recreational cast net creel limit of 48-quarts heads on or 30-quarts heads off.

The division will further explore initiatives identified in the Shrimp Amendment 2, including:

Continue collaboration with the industry workgroup to identify and test gear modifications to further reduce bycatch in the shrimp fishery.
Provide future action through adaptive management to address submerged aquatic vegetation issues identified through collaboration of the division, Coastal Habitat Protection Plan support staff, Habitat and Water Quality Advisory Committee, and stakeholder groups.
Adaptive management to implement headrope limits to resolve user conflict.
Investigate a long-term shrimp trawl observer program.

Information on Amendment 2 can be found on the Shrimp Fishery Management Plan Information webpage. For more information, contact division biologist Chris Stewart at Chris.Stewart@ncdenr.gov or (910) 796-7370.

After Major Trial Court Victory for Coastal Fisheries, Appellate Court Hears State’s Request for “Immunity” from Law- suit

RALEIGH, N.C. (May 3, 2022) – A three-judge panel of the North Carolina Court of Appeals heard arguments last week in the lawsuit brought by a group of 86 citizen plaintiffs and the Coastal Conservation Association of North Carolina to hold the State accountable for perpetuating the long-running, ongoing decline of North Carolina’s coastal fisheries.

Last summer, in a major victory for coastal fisheries, the trial court rejected all the State’s arguments and sided with the plaintiffs in a preliminary ruling that allowed the lawsuit to move forward. Last Tuesday, however, the State asked the Court of Appeals for “sovereign immunity” from the lawsuit, arguing that the State should not be held accountable and that it should not have to defend the case on the merits.

Lawyers for the plaintiffs and CCA NC pushed back forcefully, outlining how the State is fully accountable under North Carolina’s public trust doctrine and the North Carolina Constitution’s Fishing Rights Amendment, adding that no court in American history has ever done what the State is asking the Court of Appeals to do in this case. As explained by the plaintiffs’ legal team, the State’s request for absolute immunity amounts to an outdated argument that “the King can do no wrong,” in which case the public trust doctrine, which has protected coastal fisheries and other public trust resources for centuries, would be rendered meaningless.

The Court’s decision is expected sometime later this year.

CCA NC is firmly committed to the belief that all citizens—including conservation groups, public anglers, consumers, commercial fishermen, seafood dealers, and the recreational fishing industry—will benefit from working with the State and its agencies to make the long-term health and viability of North Carolina’s coastal fisheries a top priority.

About CCA NC:

CCA NC is a community of conservationists and recreational anglers working to promote sound management of public trust marine and estuarine resources and protect them for the enjoyment of current and future generations. CCA NC is affiliated with the Coastal Conservation Association, a non-profit organization comprised of 17 coastal state chapters spanning the Gulf of Mexico, Pacific and Atlantic seaboard. CCA’s strength is drawn from the tens of thousands of recreational saltwater anglers who make up its membership and whose grassroots influence is felt through state capitals, U.S. Congress and, most importantly, in the conservation and restoration of our coastal marine resources.

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

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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