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University Club 9/21 Members Meeting **In Person!!!**

We have sent out a Sign Up Genius for those want to eat at the University Club. If you did not get one, please contact Kevin Klemmer.

Note from the President — Kevin Clemmer

Welcome past, current and prospective members. I trust that each of you are well and energized for the fall fishing season! Particularly, the annual RSWSFC KMT Tournament that will be held this November. Many fishermen have expressed positive comments about our new date. Stay Posted!

I would like to thank our members for attending the recent meeting to elect RSWSFC Board of Directors for the upcoming year. I would personally like to give thanks to our past Board members for their service to the Club. We are excited to take on the new year with our newly elected BODs.

I encourage you to attend our upcoming meeting in person to hear the latest tips from Capt. Allen Jernigan, on inshore fishing around Sneads Ferry/Topsail Island shallow backwaters. Capt. Allen will be live via ZOOM. Additionally, we will conduct a 50/50 raffle.

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 September meeting to catch up on to the latest tips and tackle!

Dues are due also. Please pay at the meeting or mail it in. Thank You!

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2021 RSWSC CALENDAR

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 Koral; 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
depending on Covid situation and
available openings. Please feel free to
contact us on potential locales to
consider. Prefer the ability to cool
oysters outside, perhaps a kitchen for
heating up sides.)

RSWSF Club Meeting August 17, 2021

RSWSF Club Meeting was called to order at 7:00PM by club president Kevin Clemmer who welcomed members and guest. He acknowledged the club is having its first Zoom speaker at the University Club and he expects this trend will continue to attract new speakers and guides who can't drive to Raleigh. Following the speaker final officer nominations and club elections were held.



Sponsor:

*Pogie's Fishing and Kayaking Center, Swansboro, NC
114 E Corbett Ave, Swansboro, NC 28584 (910) 325-7876*

Speaker: Capt. Dale Collins "Inshore Flounder"
"Fish or Die Charters" C: 252-422-4326

Ethan, owner of Pogie's of Swansboro, NC said they sell live bait; his store has a pier where boaters can tie up to purchase live bait & tackle! Pogie's has everything one needs for flounder fishing, and Capt. Dale Collins who is an inshore fishing expert often works at the center and is ready to offer advice!

Capt. Dale Collins acknowledged North Carolina's brief Flounder season that opens September 1st-14th. Flounder are structure-oriented fish and lay under docks and against pilings. By tossing lures and retrieving them from under docks and other structure, hungry flounder are ready to ambush the bait. When fishing using live bait, Dale said do not use a hook larger than your live bait. Hook a 2-inch finger mullet on Carolina Rig using a #1 or #2 Kahle hook, and use the lightest barrel weight as possible, such as ½ oz or ¾ oz for shallow water fishing. Dale throws ¾ ounce Spro Bucktail Jigs, colors: white or chartreuse, tipped with 4-inch Pearl or Chartreuse Gulp Shrimp. Another option is a 5-inch Jerk Shade, color: pearl, chartreuse, or neon. Dale prefers heavier Spro Bucktails Jigs when fishing offshore in deeper water such as 1- 2 ounces depending on the water current. He said bounce the Bucktail Jig 1-foot off the bottom, feel it fall back and hit the bottom; *if he senses the bait didn't fall or the bait feels stuck, he will set the hook!* A flounder will strike as the bait falls.

Take lots of tackle when fishing structure, because getting hung up goes with the territory. Dale said he uses plenty of *Procure Fishing Gel*, and suggest flavors such as: Mullet, Flounder Pounder, and Inshore Saltwater. Fill the Z-Man bait cavity with gel and add a slather on the surface of an already wet Gulp Shrimp.

Where to fish: Docks with boat lifts provide flounder opportunities at the boat motor blow-out holes where flounder lay waiting for a swim-by bait. Baited crab pots give off scent and provide a good place to target flounder as well as other fish attracted by dead carcass smell.

Work your bait slow and keep the lure close to the bottom when fishing for flounder. Fish channels, ledges, and docks along the ICW. The best time to fish seawalls is as the tide moves out, once the tide is low, flounder will slide further out. Dale said to fish every dock from Emerald Isle to Morehead City! These docks and structures will hold the flounder, Red Drum, trout, and Sheepshead. A club member asked, "when is the best time to go fishing?" Capt. Dale replied, "*anytime one can go!*"

Equipment: When using soft plastics, a 2500 Reel with 10# braid on a 4-10-pound rod, and 30# leader. When live bait fishing use a 3000 Reel, 6-14 medium rod with 15# or 20# braid, and a 30# fluorocarbon Carolina Rig leader.

Member question, "How do you catch big flounder?" Dale replied, "*Use bigger baits such as 6-inch live Mullet or Menhaden!*"

Offshore Artificial Reefs such as AR342, AR345, AR315, the flounder will lay on top of pipes and old railroad cars these are great places to fish; however, the chances of getting hung-up are high. Dale recommends using a "Kahle" hook over circle hook for flounder, because a flounder will turn the live bait around in their mouth and swallow it headfirst.

Drum Fishing: Dale uses live mullet on a Carolina Rig with a circle hook, or a chartreuse spinner bait that he slow rolls across the grass on a falling tide; flounder will also strike these same baits. One can switch out the

spinner bait using packaged paddle minnows or curly tails such as Z-Man or Gulp.

Other locations: Flounder lay in channels, near creek mounds and oysters rocks. Use 1/6 oz jig head. Lighter jig heads lessen chances of a hang-ups. Along Cow Channel, creeks and bays behind Bear Island are good locations as well as Bogue Inlet. Dale says to stay in contact with the bottom when fishing the inlets which may require heavier jigs. Capt. Dale Collins, concluded by offering his fishing guide services and flounder gigging trips in the Swansboro, NC area.

Club Business:

Outings

- August 21 Old Drum Outing (slots still available on Sign-up Genius)
- October Surf Outing
- October Wahoo Outing
- November 16 Gizmo Brew Works & Tap Room (club social)

***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 jfant@rswsc.org 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>

**King Mackerel club tournament winner:* Ron Reijkerkerk caught a winning fish in Barden's Inlet.

New Elected Board of Directors:

- President: Kevin Clemmer
- VP: Robert Carol
- Secretary: Fred Adams
- Treasurer: Ron Reijkerkerk
- At-large: 1) Tripp Adams 2) Walter Weeks 3) Greg Brissette 4) John McQuaid

Current appointed BOD position New BOD to vote in these positions:

- Past President: Tommy Peace
- KMT Director: Jason Fant
- Newsletter Editors: Bernie McCants and Bo Nowell

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

25 Raffle tickets were sold for a chance to win a ½ day fishing trip with Capt. Dale Collins of *Fish or Die Charters* **WINNER:** Kevin Clemmer

Next Meeting Tuesday, September 21, NC State University Club, Dinner 6:30PM dinner. Speaker has not yet committed. (Sign up for meal on Sign-Up Genius)

Meeting adjourned

Submitted by:

Fred Adams, Jr.

Fred Adams, Jr., Secretary

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North Carolina Fishing — What's Hot and When

January— Bluefin tuna, bluefish, clams, oysters, summer flounder, spotted seatrout, striped bass (ocean, coastal rivers)

February— Bay scallops, bluefin tuna, bluefish, clams, oysters, summer flounder, spotted seatrout, striped bass (ocean, coastal rivers), shad

March— Bluefish, bluefin tuna, clams, croaker, oysters, spotted seatrout, striped bass (coastal rivers), shad, wahoo, yellowfin tuna

April— Bluefish, clams, croaker, gray trout, king mackerel, red drum, sea mullet, spotted seatrout, striped bass (coastal rivers), wahoo, yellowfin tuna

May— Bluefish, clams, cobia, crabs, dolphin, flounder, gray trout, king mackerel, sea mullet, sharks, soft crabs, striped bass (coastal rivers), yellowfin tuna

June— Blue marlin, bluefish, clams, cobia, crabs, dolphin, flounder, grouper, king mackerel, sailfish, sea bass, soft crabs, sharks, Spanish mackerel, spotted seatrout, tuna, wahoo, white marlin

July— Blue marlin, bluefish, clams, crabs, dolphin, grouper, sailfish, sea mullet, sharks, soft crabs, Southern flounder, Spanish mackerel, spotted seatrout, tuna, wahoo, white marlin

August— Bluefish, clams, crabs, dolphin, grouper, sea mullet, sharks, southern flounder, Spanish mackerel, spotted seatrout, spots, tarpon, tuna, wahoo, white marlin

September— Bluefish, clams, dolphin, false albacore, gray trout, grouper, king mackerel, red drum, sea mullet, sharks, Southern flounder, Spanish mackerel, spotted seatrout, spots, white marlin

October— Bluefish, clams, false albacore, gray trout, grouper, king mackerel, oysters, red drum, sea mullet, sharks, southern flounder, spotted seatrout, spots, striped bass (coastal rivers), wahoo, yellowfin tuna

November

Bluefish, clams, false albacore, flounder, grouper, king mackerel, oysters, sea mullet, sharks, spotted seatrout, striped bass (coastal rivers), yellowfin tuna

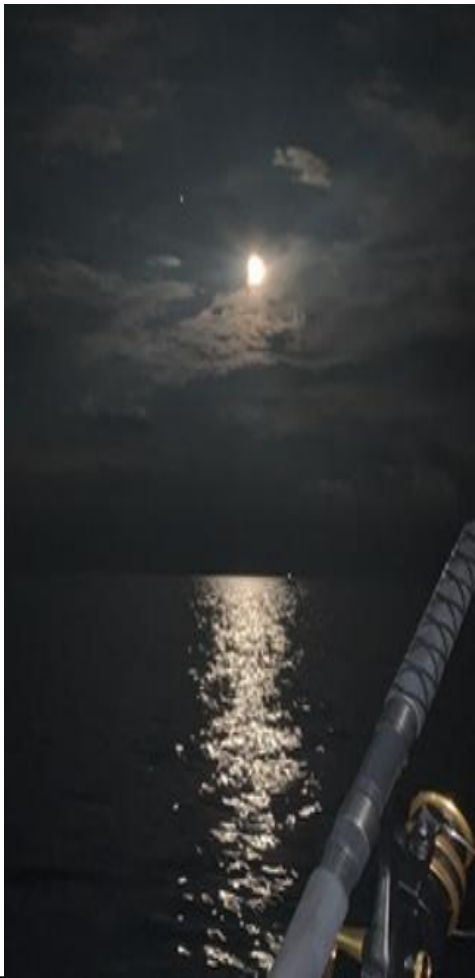
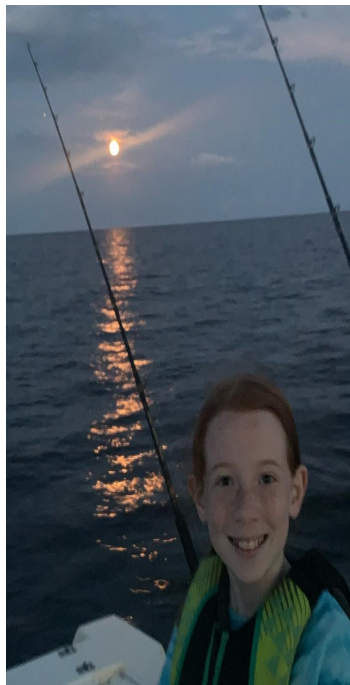
December

Bluefin tuna, bluefish, clams, false albacore, grouper, oysters, sea bass, spotted seatrout, striped bass (ocean, coastal rivers)

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Old Red Drum Club Outing

Did not get an outing report but here are the pictures. Drum were caught. Folks got rained on. Some did good. Others got skunked.



The Adventures of Jeff Becker and Jim Strickland

“3 for 5... All action from 9.10 pm until 10 pm.. left the bite and came back to the Berg... Drum fishing getting better and better.. Bite should start happening earlier once moon phase settles .. Late in the week after Labor Day and the following week should be perfect... Jeff”

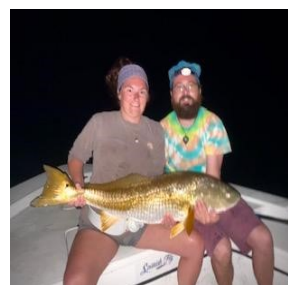


Also from Jim Strickland: The Beats Workin with Capt Jeff Becker. Look mom no hands! Headed offshore for din din. Crew Jim Strickland, Jay Sauber and Rusty Dunnivant. Mixed bag. A Cuban snapper, black sea bass, and some silver porgies, and we limited out on above average triggers. A few unknowns as usual. Back at the Liquor Hut complex by 2:30. Cleaned the fish, had a



drink or three. Trying to live life well. — Jim”

Becker — “8 before dark two more before 845..... Home by 10..... One triple , one double , five singles..... Left the fish to come home and enjoy some adult beverages.... The bite is on....Caught fish the last 3 trips.” Jeff Becker with his daughter Roxanne and friend Nate.



Club members Watts Ward and Fred Adams took advantage of the brief recreation flounder season and caught 7 Flounder on Labor Day in Emerald Isle, NC!



Anyone whoever fished in Buxton, NC probably went into the Red Drum Tackle shop and got into a conversation about fishing with Bob Eakes. He was a great guy and a friend to many in the RSWSFC and I am sadly including his obituary in this month's newsletter.



Robert Alan Eakes == On Tuesday, August 3, 2021, Robert Alan Eakes of Frisco, NC passed away after a swift but stoic battle.

Bob grew up in Greensboro, NC. Bob is survived by his loving wife of 18 years, Kara Marie Eakes, son Robert (Bobby) Alan Eakes, Jr., his three brothers Charles (Emma), Martin (Bonnie), and Marshall (Laurie) Eakes, John and Sandra Twardasky (in-laws), and sisters-in-law, Laura Brogley (Bernie), Sharon Lindberg (Dan), and Gail Williams (Johnny). He also leaves wonderful memories and lessons with his extended family of nieces, nephews, cousins, tackle shop family, and of course so many friends.

Bob has owned and operated the Red Drum Tackle Shop, Inc. in Buxton, NC since 1977 and has since devoted his life to his love of fishing. He touched the lives of many in the Outer Banks fishing community and around the world through the many visitors to the Red Drum Tackle Shop and in his travels. Bob served on the Board of Directors for the American Sportfishing Association (2006-2012), on the Governmental Affairs Committee for the American Sportfishing Association, was Recreational Advisor to the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT) Advisor Committee, served on the North Carolina Marine Fisheries Commission, participated in the Blue Fin Tuna "Tag-A-Giant" tagging program, and was a member of the Negotiated Rulemaking Advisory Committee for Off-Road Vehicle Management, Cape Hatteras National Seashore. He has been recognized by the ASA, the Billfish Foundation, and the Audubon Society for his efforts and with a Vice-Presidential Hero of Conservation Award. His contributions to the fishing industry are too numerous to mention. He regularly supported surf fishing events on the Outer Banks, the Outer Banks Preservation Association (OBPA), and participated in the annual Big Rock Blue Marlin Tournament on the BullFrog. He was always there on the south Outer Banks beaches and waters and was generous in sharing his knowledge and extra tackle with those in need. But his greatest accomplishment will always be his son Bobby. When he wasn't fishing, Bob and his family were also avid hunters. Bob will be missed by many.

Thank you for your outpouring of love and support. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Cape Hatteras Anglers Club or the Cape Hatteras Secondary School Baseball Team.

A celebration of his life will be held at a later time.

Division of Marine Fisheries schedules estuarine striped bass plan advisory committee workshop

The N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries will hold a workshop by webinar over several days in September and October with the Estuarine Striped Bass Fishery Management Plan Advisory Committee to review draft Amendment 2 to the Estuarine Striped Bass Fishery Management Plan.

Workshop dates are as follows:

DATE	TIME
Sept. 28	1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Sept. 30	3 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Oct. 1	1 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Oct. 4	1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

The public may listen to the workshop by phone or listen and view presentations in real-time by joining online. Web conference links and phone numbers, as well as an agenda and other meeting materials, are available on the [Information on Estuarine Striped Bass Amendment 2 Information Page](#).

While the workshop is open to the public, no public comment will be accepted.

This workshop consists of the fishery management plan advisory committee and the division plan development team members, including Division of Marine Fisheries and Wildlife Resource Commission staff. The advisory committee will assist the division by providing input for consideration to refine draft Amendment 2 of the N.C. Estuarine Striped Bass Fishery Management Plan. Workshop-style meetings allow scientists, managers, and stakeholders on the committee to address questions, comments, and concerns more effectively and in a less formal setting.

Based on the outcome of the workshop, the division will present a revised draft of Amendment 2 to the Marine Fisheries Commission in 2022. Additional public review and comment on the draft plan will then be solicited and is critical input to completing the final plan.

WHO:	N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries
WHAT:	Estuarine Striped Bass FMP Workshop
WHEN:	Sept. 28 at 1 p.m. Sept. 30 at 3 p.m. Oct. 1 at 1 p.m. Oct. 4 at 1 p.m.
WHERE:	Meeting by Web Conference Click Here for WebEx Links and Phone Numbers

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MFC QUARTERLY MEETING RECAP

The N.C. Marine Fisheries Commission wrapped up its one-day quarterly business meeting yesterday without moving the needle on any substantive management measures that will change the direction of our declining fish stocks. The discussion and votes on the Shrimp Fishery Management Plan (FMP) Amendment 2 that were scheduled for this meeting were delayed until the November meeting and the three commercial fishing commissioners were able to convince the two at-large commissioners, Tom Hendrickson and Martin Posey, that no new rules were necessary in the small-mesh gill net fishery, so the only remaining reform effort on the agenda this quarter died in a 5-4 vote.

This was particularly sad given the extreme amount of work that Fisheries Management Section Chief Steve Poland and his team put into preparing the issues papers and exploring options for new, consolidated regulations at the request of the Commission and then DEQ Secretary Michael Regan. Poland did not even get through his full presentation before Commissioners Cross and Romano introduced a motion to have no additional small-mesh gill net regulations voted on, proposing instead that they will be dealt with on a species by species basis during the individual FMP process. The commercial commissioners even convinced Hendrickson and Posey that this delay was not a status quo move even though it literally is the definition of status quo. Hendrickson supported the logic that this was not status quo because the issues would be dealt with in future FMPs - or so it was promised. At least Posey recognized that this was indeed status quo by pointing out that some of these plans were five years out, but voted for the motion anyway.

The Commission had options presented to them that could have looked at permanent rules on Yardage Limits, Attendance Requirements, Set Times and Area Restrictions, and Increasing the Minimum Mesh Size. The potential options were being considered to address regulatory complexity, the reduction of bycatch in the small mesh gill net fishery, and to the greatest extent practical reducing conflict between gill net users and other stakeholders. The commercial commissioners took turns stating how none of these issues were a problem worthy of a solution at this time and pointed the finger instead at the number of recreational fishermen compared to the shrinking number of commercial fishermen and how many more red drum and speckled trout rec anglers catch than commercial fishermen. This deflection, denial and delay is particularly nonsensical given that red drum and speckled trout are not overfished and are such an important gamefish that virtually all other coastal states protect them from commercial harvest. Their arguments, however, succeeded in deflecting attention away from the fact that NC commercial harvest has accounted for almost 40% of the total coastwide harvest of Southern flounder - a species that has been overfished for decades. They even raised concern for the potential of additional recreational dead discards in the Southern flounder fishery because of a couple of catch and release tournaments. This successfully deflected any discussion about underreported discards in the commercial gill net and shrimp trawl fisheries. The strategy reminded me of the scene from *The Wizard of Oz*, "Pay no attention to that man behind the curtain!"

NC Fresh continued their public campaign to defend NC seafood as "sustainably caught" during the public comment period, even suggesting that the 72% harvest reductions on Southern flounder were unfair to the NC consumers who wanted their flounder. Southern flounder is literally the poster child for poor fisheries management after decades of overfishing and denial and lawsuits by the commercial industry to keep commercial fishermen over harvesting Southern flounder. The same three minutes of public comment included demands that no changes be made to how NC shrimpers harvest shrimp because the consumer wants access to these NC caught shrimp without regard for the impacts. Apparently NC Fresh also wants us to accept a new definition of "sustainable".

Watching a NC MFC meeting is a maddening glimpse into the politics that have defined fisheries management in North Carolina for over 30 years now. Let's hope MFC Chairman Rob Bizzell and new Fisheries Director Kathy Rawls can turn it around soon. The new definitions of status quo and sustainable sure don't make their jobs any easier.

If you are not familiar with the CCA lawsuit, you can learn more about it by visiting their website www.ccanc.org and consider becoming a Steward of the Resource in support. CCA NC filed the lawsuit with an initial coalition of 86 individual co-plaintiffs and additional plaintiffs will be added at the appropriate time. We have been holding a significant list of people who want to be added, so if you are interested in joining their coalition as a co-plaintiff, or would like information about what is involved in being a plaintiff, please contact da-vid@ccanc.org ###

TIME TO ADD TARPON TO YOUR BUCKET LIST! (Courtesy CCA-NC)

Tarpon do not always come immediately to mind for most North Carolina saltwater anglers but with a recent rule change that makes the silver king the state's first no-possession, catch and release only gamefish that could be changing. More anglers and fishing guides from the Pamlico Sound down to the Cape Fear River are starting to put them on their late summer into early fall bucket list of target species.

Talking tarpon with Captain George Beckwith of Down East Guide Service in Morehead City means you are also going to get a history lesson. According to Beckwith, one of the first guides to build a tower boat to search for tarpon in the Neuse River area, the first North Carolina tarpon intentionally put in the air by recreational anglers was almost 50 years ago in the Pamlico Sound by Capt. Owen Lupton and Rick Caton. For Beckwith this only means one thing when it comes to North Carolina tarpon fishing, "Pamlico Sound tarpon have been tormenting those who chase them since that day and the silver king has been especially frustrating for the past decade."

Captain Jot Owens in Wrightsville Beach agrees, "If you want a good challenge, give North Carolina tarpon fishing a try this fall." Captain Owens was a leader in getting conservation rules implemented by the NC Marine Fisheries Commission that made tarpon in North Carolina a gamefish. The new rules became effective this March and make tarpon a no-kill, hook and line, catch and release only gamefish.

According to Owens the best times to fish in the Cape Fear region are very early mornings or late afternoons and into the night. His advice includes fishing close to a new or full moon seems to help on getting more bites, but don't be discouraged if you can't fish those times. According to Owens, you can still get a good tarpon bite fishing between those moon phases. He suggests that tide wise, you want to see it moving. "Like most fish I target, having current flow definitely helps tarpon get more active." Owens likes to fish inlet mouths, sandbars and shoals just outside inlets in the Southeast NC area (South Topsail Island to the mouth of the Cape Fear River). "If you see tarpon rolling in the area, of course that's a great indication they're there. But keep in mind there are plenty of days when I do not see any tarpon rolling in the area, and we still get bites." Owens fishes for tarpon on the bottom or free lining, using live and "fresh" dead baits like, spot, mullet and menhaden rigged on fish finder rigs with 3 to 5-feet of 80-pound fluorocarbon leader material. The emphasis on "fresh" dead baits is important, said Owens. He advises that 7/0 to 9/0 circle hooks produce good hook-ups and landings. "I prefer TroKar AP TK5 9/0 circle hooks, super sharp and super strong!"

More history on the fishery from Beckwith includes a reminder that since North Carolina banned menhaden purse seiners in state waters there have been larger and more numerous schools of menhaden along the beaches; suggesting that perhaps tarpon are spending more time in the ocean and don't need to come inside the Pamlico Sound to pursue forage. Others surmise that like many species, tarpon are expanding their range further north with warming water temps as increased Chesapeake Bay tarpon reports may confirm.

Switching gears to offer a more recent fishing report, Beckwith suggests that while fewer tarpon have been entering the Pamlico Sound, the last two years have been a welcome exception. "Tarpon fishermen are seeing good numbers of fish from the Pungo and Pamlico rivers throughout the Pamlico Sound and all the way up the Neuse River to New Bern. No such fish occupies such a wide variety of habitats and can expand its range into any salt, brackish or even fresh waters with temperatures in the 70's."

Tarpon start arriving on the flood tides associated with the full moon in June and will stay in the Pamlico Sound

and her tributaries until they ride the first hard nor'easters out the inlets in late August.

"Our tarpon are typically found in the deeper waters of these rivers," Captain Beckwith advises, "almost always in at least 12 feet of water although they will sometimes be found feeding with schools of giant red drum in the shallows." Beckwith also fishes for tarpon on the bottom or free lining, using live and fresh dead baits suggesting that, "circle hooks will have a good hook up ratio on tarpon and giant red drum, but they are, unfortunately, just as effective at hooking cow-nosed sting rays due to the shape of the ray's mouth. There are very few sharks to deal with, but a tarpon angler may have to wade through 50 or more tackle-testing sting rays before getting a single tarpon bite. If you get a bite and miss it, then retrieve a mashed bait, no loss, it was only a sting ray that you did not have to catch."

The lack of defined shoals, lunar tides or currents makes catching them with artificial lures or on the fly extremely difficult but more guides and local anglers are starting to experiment more with casting artificial lures. Talking specific to the Neuse River with Captain Bobby Brewer, Baldheaded Bobby Guide Service, a number of tarpon have been hooked on popping cork rigs incidentally while anglers were targeting the giant spawning red drum that are also in the Pamlico Sound and adjacent rivers this time of year, but they have all broken off due to the difference in the tackle. Brewer is one that has spent his own time experimenting with the right gear to sight cast for tarpon in the Neuse River and even has his own personal goal to catch one in NC on the fly. "I have caught my share of them in Florida but the difference in the clarity of the waters in NC make sight casting for them very challenging", says Brewer. "Most anglers do not have the patience to spend searching for the fish and not catching anything."

Captain Richard Andrews and Mike Tayloe with Tar-Pam Guide Service have also invested their own time to help dispel the myth that NC tarpon cannot be caught without soaking dead bait. On one such trip this summer, after a mistake and a couple of missed bites, they ended up 1 for 4 on tarpon, hooking and landing about an 80-pound fish. According to Andrews, "those were intentional and planned bites from tarpon using artificial baits, proving you can consistently target these fish with some success and under the right conditions in our estuary."

Captain Seth Vernon, Double Haul Guide Service in Wrightsville Beach, one of only a handful of known anglers to have successfully landed a tarpon in NC using IFGA approved fly tackle agrees. "You can catch tarpon in NC throwing artificial lures, but it is too slow for most anglers, and it does require a higher level of casting skill to be successful", says Vernon who likened it to marlin fishing. "Most inshore fishermen are on a charter, so they can have abundant interactions and catch some fish. Tarpon fishing can be a lot of time just spent looking, so you have to have the right angler on the boat that can make the perfect cast when you do get your shot."

All the guides we talked with about fishing for tarpon shared our concern for proper handling and release techniques of these prized gamefish. If you succeed in getting one of these beauties to the boat, remember to take great care and try to keep the stress of the fish as low as possible and do not take them out of the water.

Captain Owens summed it up well when he said, "it is not easy to catch a North Carolina tarpon, but I promise if you do, or even just jump one, it's still really cool to see!" ###

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

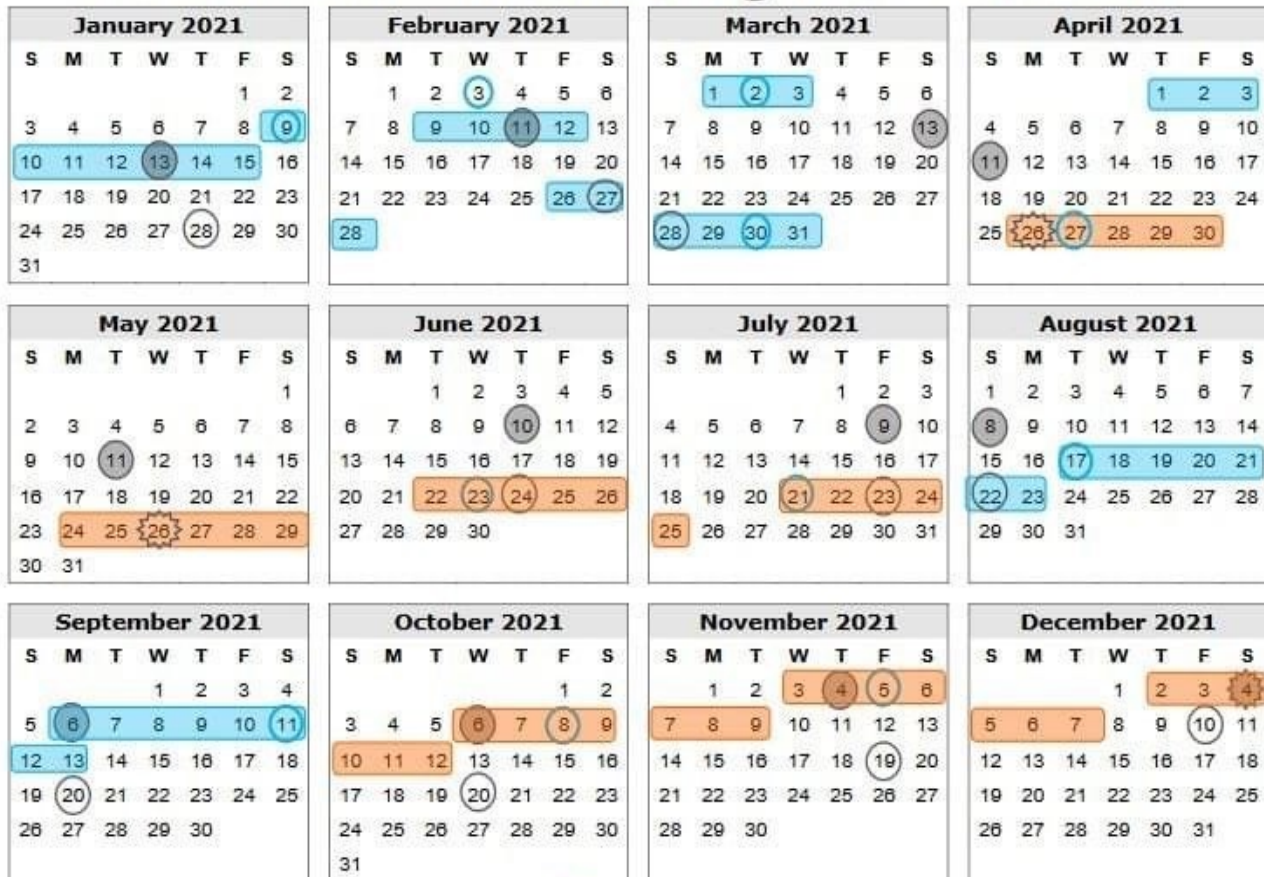
High Tide: 10:37 pm 1.5 ft

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



- 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)

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



LEFT CHEST: 3.5"W x 1.5"H
 BACK: 12"W x 10.6"H
 RIGHT SLEEVE: 14"W X 2"H

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.

Front 4"w x 1.7"h



Back 12"w x 10.5"h



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

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Rob Koraly	www.sandbarsafari.com	Bonita Fishing	252-725-4614
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Fuzzy Lambert	www.dunkilewisinc.com	Humming Bird Electronics	336 416-3733
Capt George Beckwith	www.downeastguideservice.com		252 671-3434
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Robbie Hall	hallemincharters@yahoo.com	Fishing in Emerald Isle / Swansboro	252-354-6692
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
Seth Vernon	www.captainsethvernon.com	Double Haul Guide Service	910-233-4520
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