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MARCH MEETING:

Tuesday, March 19th at 7:00 PM. The club meets at the NC University Club at 4200 Hillsboro St. Meals available for purchase.

Our Speaker for March is club member, Chris DiGiovanna. He will talk about kayak fishing. His YouTube channel is kayak_Chris. He'll share information on selecting and outfitting a fishing kayak,

Outing: Shad on the Roanoke River, Sat, Mar 23, Weldon, Weldon, NC. See page 3 for information on events and please sign up if you want breakfast.

This is the link to Chris fishing for shad on the Neuse River,

Whuppin' some shad on the Neuse (Livescope Footage) - YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qg7nRqCQ7do>

See recap of February meeting on page 6. Flounder Symposium registration info on page 12

Tribute to member who passed on Page 11

SCHEDULE OF RSWSFC 2024 EVENTS

Meeting: Tue, Mar 19 Raleigh, 4200 Hillsborough St, Raleigh

Outing: Shad on the Roanoke River, Sat, Mar 23, Weldon, Weldon, NC.
See next page for info.

Meeting - Grouper Jig (Capt. Tim Barefoot - Barefoot Jigs), Tue, Apr 16
Raleigh, 4200 Hillsborough St, Raleigh, NC 27606

Outing: Bonito (Date Tentative) Sat, Apr 20, Morehead City, Morehead City,
NC

Outing: Mahi Mahi, Sat, May 11. Morehead City, Morehead City, NC

Meeting: Inshore Red Drum, Tue, May 21, Raleigh, 4200 Hillsborough St, Ra-
leigh, NC 27606,

Outing: Kids Spanish Mackerel (Date Tentative), Sat, Jun 15. Morehead City,

Meeting: Topic TBD, Tue, Jun 18, Raleigh, 4200 Hillsborough St, Raleigh,

Meeting: Old Drum, Tue, Jul 16, Raleigh, 4200 Hillsborough St, Raleigh, NC

Outing: Old Drum (Date Tentative), Sat, Sep 07, Cedar Island NC

Meeting: Topic TBD, Tue, Sep 17, Raleigh, 4200 Hillsborough St, Raleigh

Meeting: Topic TBD, Tue, Oct 15, Raleigh, 4200 Hillsborough St, Raleigh

Social/Oysters at Brewery (Date Tentative)

Meeting Tue, Nov 12, TBD

Christmas Party, Mon, Dec 02 Note: Date Tentative) TBD

Raleigh Saltwater Sport Fishing Club

Weldon Shad Fishing Trip

Saturday, March 23, 2024

Come fish from Boat, Kayak, or Bank!

Before we commence our fishing adventure, club member Victor Tucker has kindly offered to prepare breakfast for all attendees at the Ridgeway Volunteer fire department near Henderson, NC. The fire department is about 50 minutes from the boat ramp, a straight shot down Highway 158. It's an excellent opportunity to fuel up for the day ahead and engage in meaningful conversations with fellow anglers.

Please sign up, if you plan to join us for this outing and please indicate if you are joining us for the breakfast.

After fishing, several members have expressed interest in visiting the [Weldon Mills Distillery](#), which shares a parking lot with the boat ramp.

Additional Details:

Captains can organize parties to fish from boat, kayak, or bank.

Sign Up Genius will allow Captains to sign up first.

Then fishermen can sign up to join a boat captain on a boat, join a kayak captain with their own kayak, or join a bank captain to carpool to Weldon and fish from the bank. Fishermen are expected to help with expenses.

Each captain will choose where to rendezvous with their crew. Breakfast will be at the Ridgeway Volunteer Fire Department, 668 US Hwy 1 South, Norlina, NC 27563

Breakfast will be served from 6:30 until 8:00 am.

Fishing will begin whatever time you choose to get to the river.

Fishing will be in the NC Wildlife boat ramp and fishing area on the Roanoke River at Weldon, NC. Weldon is east of Roanoke Rapids NC, off I95 towards Virginia. About 100 miles from Raleigh.

Roanoke River Shad Regulations - Roanoke River: The daily creel limit per angler is 10 Hickory Shad and American Shad in combination, **only one** of which can be an American (white) Shad, in all waters and tributaries downstream of Roanoke Rapids dam.

Roanoke River Striper Regulations – Stripers season is closed for 2024!

Launching at the wildlife ramp is free, but can be very busy on weekends.

The Roanoke River is rocky, the bottom has much debris, and current can be swift. Use caution.

There are restrooms at the ramp.

For questions, contact John McQuaid at 919-353-6894

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OYSTER STEW

As seen in @ourstatemag. Make this delicious stew with oysters from @mottschannelseafood! See recipe below.

Yields: 10 to 12 servings.

1 cup (2 sticks) butter
4 small onions, chopped
1 bunch celery, chopped
8 ounces sliced mushrooms
¼ teaspoon minced fresh garlic
1½ cups all-purpose flour
1 (2-ounce) jar pimientos
1½ teaspoons thyme
1½ teaspoons pepper
1¼ teaspoons salt
8 cups milk
8 cups heavy cream
1 gallon shucked oysters with oyster liquor

Melt butter in a large stockpot over medium heat. Add onions, celery, mushrooms, and garlic, and sauté until tender. Reduce heat to low. Add flour, undrained pimientos, thyme, pepper, and salt. Cook for 3 minutes, stirring constantly. Add milk, cream, and undrained oysters. Simmer for 30 minutes or until the edges of the oysters curl. Do not boil. Ladle into soup bowls and enjoy!



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SAVE THE DATE!

TRIANGLE CCA-NC CHAPTER BANQUET

Thursday, April 11, 2024

Wake County Shrine Club

Seating is limited!

Tickets available online now at:

<https://ccanc.org/products/triangle2024>

For more information or to volunteer, please contact

David Sneed, (252) 341-2096 or David@ccanc.org

February 20th Member Meeting

We are off to a great start for the year. Our February meeting was another good introduction to the experiences we have ahead. If you didn't sell something you don't use or buy something you will use, you missed a good opportunity. Thank you to the members who set up tables and brought some things to sell. As usual, the "Swap Shop" included the swapping of fishing stories and tactics.

A highlight of the February meeting was the awards from our 2023 Fish Cards. We celebrated the best reported catches of the year. The winners are:

Greg Brissette, 4.9-pound black sea bass

Fred Adams, 26-inch grey trout

Chris Morris, 8-pound flounder

Chris DiGiovanna, 20-inch bluefish

Victor Tucker, 17-pound grouper and 25-pound blackfin tuna

Tripp Adams, 33-inch amberjack

Steve Kuekes, 40-pound Wahoo

Samantha Carroll (Lady Angler), 42-inch red drum

Robert Makowski, 24-inch spiny dogfish

Owen Lowdermilk, 41.5-pound dolphin

Jessica Carroll (Youth Angler), 45-inch dolphin

Greg Ray, 14-inch sheepshead

Our speaker for the meeting was Capt. Lee Winkleman of Top Gun Fishing Charters. Lee shared his tactics for black sea bass fishing. Capt. Lee talked about finding the fish, using the right rigs, and just what it takes to get more and bigger fish in the boat. Several members of the club have fished with Capt. Lee and can attest to his ability to put you on the fish. ###

Seven Boats and Twenty-three Club members participated in the February Black Seabass / Bottom Fishing Trip.

Trey Lowdermilk - Horseplay
Jim Harding - Trophy
Steve Kuekes - Salty Tapir
Victor Tucker - Anchor911
Robert Carroll - El Presidente
Greg Brissette - Emerald Mist
Rusty Durrant - Full Tilt



The weekend event kicked-off Friday morning when Salty Tapir, Steve Kuekes, and Jim Harding, Trophy, left Beaufort Inlet to test the waters. Both checked out AR 315 with no luck. The report was "its cold," actually 51 degrees out to the Big Ten Rock located south of the Northwest Places. There were plenty of dogfish sharks had between the two crews.

Dinner that night was at Cox Family Restuarant in Morehead City. I counted eighteen past and present club members. Everyone was sharing information. In addition to the Raleigh Saltwater Sportfishing Club, The Cape Lookout Fly Fishing Association held a meeting in the facility. This is a large family-owned restaurant that has been a go-to spot for locals since the late seventies. No one left hungry.

Weather dictated when and where teams were able to fish. Only a single boat launched on Saturday captained by Steve Kuekes, Salty Tapir, with Junior angler Gus Dammerman and Dan Dammerman. Weather limited the trip to the Morehead City Port wall. (continued)

Anchor911 and Robert Carroll departed Drum Inlet at daybreak. First stop 4-Mile Reef. No bites, cold water, but marked what they believe were trigger fish on the reef. Anchor911 moved on to the Chicken Rock where the water was 51 degrees; no bites. Anchor911 pushed on to another location and found a hot Red Snapper bite. The water temperature had risen substantially in just a few miles. Of most significance is the 1.5# Pinfish boated by Victor Tucker, Anchor911 (Photo attached). No black seabass. No catch to report from the Robert Carroll crew.

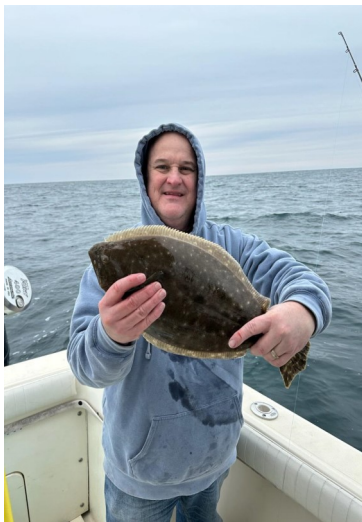
Emerald Mist and Horseplay elected a late start Sunday since the air temp was 38 degrees. Both boats meet at the Coast Guard Station at 10:20am and fished side-by-side the majority of the day headed south from Beaufort Inlet. The first stop was the West Rock, just passed the Big Ten Rock the other club members fished on Friday. The water was a few degrees warmer, however the bottom was wrapped up in non-target species. Horseplay did catch a single beeliner (vermillion snapper) which they released. Both pushed out to U-352 where the water temp was now 63 degrees. More non-target species to report. Both pushed further to the Schartz Wreck. Greg Brissette, Emerald Mist, boated what appears to be a record Sand Perch (photo attached). Both boats turned to make the loop home and decided to check out the Carteret County Sportfishing Association Artificial Reef. Good marks on the reef. Greg Brissette, Emerald Mist, boated a keeper seabass. Alton Annabelle, Horseplay, boated a 19" Black Seabass on a metal jig. Owen Lowdermilk, Horseplay, boated a 18" Black Seabass soon afterwards on cut squid. Emerald Mist moved on for the return trip. Horseplay remained and released a flounder, grunt, hogfish, ringtails and other non-target species. The bite was consistent

just not the target species. Emerald Mist stopped at the Northwest Places on the ride in and reports a hot black seabass bite; just under the minimum size limit.

Next club trip Weldon, Roanoke River for Shad. April, Bonito and May, the coveted club Mahi challenge.

Reminder, register promptly for the club trips, even if you are not 100% committed. You can always back out with no penalty. Worst is that you will be added to the email distribution list for the outing.

Tight Lines, Trey Lowdermilk



FISHING REPORTS VIA OUR WEB PAGE

Victor tucker 1/29/2024

Charter

Large mouth bass

5.65 lbs

Released: Yes

Went on 2 half day trips with bronze star guide service on headwaters lake in central Florida with sons Kellen and Josh. Caught and released about 20 fish with Kellen catching the largest at just shy of 8 lbs. we used live bait on floats



Victor Tucker

15 Zack Medlin son of New member BJ Medlin 2/18/2024

Small Boat

Red snapper 5.5 lbs

Released: Yes

Made a quick run Sunday morning because I had to be back at the ramp at 1 to make a family event in Williamston by 5. Caught and released 8 Red snapper ranging from 5 to 8 lbs in 125' of water. Also caught 8 grunts 4 dog-fish and the biggest pin fish I have ever seen about 1 lb.



IN MEMOY OF A CLUB MEMBER

Rocky Hudson Page, 72, passed away on February 24, 2024 in Durham, NC. He was the son of Mildred Kukuruga and Hubert “Lucky” Page and was born in Dallas, TX. Rocky was raised by his step-father, Andrew Kukuruga and his mother in Southfield, Michigan. Rocky went on to pursue a degree from Michigan State University in Mechanical Engineering. During that time he played Saxophone in a Polka Band where he forged lifelong friendships. He went on to pursue his career in engineering where he focused on transmissions in agricultural equipment. He ultimately retired from John Deere and remained active with his network of fellow retirees.



SOUTHERN FLOUNDER SYMPOSIUM

Learn and Voice Your Opinions at the Southern Flounder Symposium March 20 in New Bern.

This is a day-long event to provide an opportunity for stakeholders, researchers, and North Carolina Division of Marine Fisheries (NCDMF) staff to discuss various topics related to Southern Flounder. Though Southern Flounder represent a coast-wide stock along the south Atlantic U.S. coast, this symposium will focus on North Carolina centric research and management.

The event begins at 9:00 am. For more info, see the webpage: <https://www.deq.nc.gov/.../southern-flounder-symposium>

If you are interested in carpooling, either email me at RSWSCTreasurer@gmail.com or call me at 919-353-6894.

John McQuaid

Marine Fisheries Commission advances Striped Mullet plan for departmental and legislative review

The N.C. Marine Fisheries Commission today took another step toward recovery of the striped mullet fishery, selecting its preferred management options for the Draft Striped Mullet Fishery Management Plan Amendment 2.

The commission selected the Division of Marine Fisheries' recommended management options, which were revised from what was proposed in November based on public comment.

The preferred management measures for the commercial fishery are estimated to generate a 34.9% reduction in harvest:

Saturday-Sunday Closure from Jan. 1 to Sept. 30.

Saturday-Monday Closure Oct. 1 to Dec. 31.

Manage the stop net fishery with the same measures as the rest of the striped mullet fishery.

The preferred management measures for the recreational fishery are:

Recreational individual bag limit of 100 fish.

Recreational vessel limit of 400 fish.

An exception for For-hire Vessel Operations to possess a bag limit for the number of anglers fishing up to the 400-fish maximum (including in advance of a trip).

Additionally, adaptive management is proposed for both commercial and recreational fisheries that allows the Division Director to use proclamation authority to adjust season closures, day of week closures, and trip limits.

The draft amendment is scheduled for final commission approval in May 2024. ###

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 Submit online at:

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

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

MEMBERSHIP FORM

Renewals — Please only enter changed information

Name: _____ New member
Include spouse's/children name if family membership Renewal

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Cell _____

E-mail address: _____ Boat Name: _____

Dues: Single - \$50: Family - \$60: Sponsor (business card) - \$130:
Corresponding (newsletter only) - \$25: (Corresponding not eligible for catch awards or banquet attendance)

(Note: larger sponsor ads or short term ads are available and negotiable. Contact a club officer

Mail to: RSWSC, PO Box 41427, Raleigh, NC 27629

HOW TO SUBMIT AUTOMATED FISHING REPORTS

Dates, locations (general), tackle, bait and tips are greatly appreciated. You can easily utilize the new reporting tool on the Club's website. Fish Card: <https://www.rswsc.org/fish-cards>

Tripp made updates to the website for members to submit Fish Cards. The application for submitting information is through Google Forms and has been embedded into the website. When submitting a responses, members will have the ability to view other submissions.

“Google does require a Gmail account be used, if a picture was uploaded in the questionnaire. To make things easier, pictures will be emailed separately. We believe the ease of submitting responses and the ability to view all member results will outweigh having to submit a pictures separately.”

You can also use the form on the following page if desired and not computer savvy.

Please send in your fishing reports, Fish Cards and photos to share with members in 2022. The newsletters are much better with fishing reports and photos.

Website & Social Media Report—Tripp Adams

Newsletters and Communication:

All other communication is managed through our listserv. Keep an eye out for meeting, newsletter, outing, etc. related emails.

You will also be received the monthly Newsletter.

Be sure to check your spam! Your first few emails could get caught up there..

Lastly – The club website has past newsletters, our events calendar, and club forum. Some features require you to register as a site member. Follow the instructions below to sign up.

- 1) Visit <https://www.rswsc.org/>
- 2) In the top right corner, select 'Log in'
- 3) Select 'Sign Up'
- 4) Select a method for registering. Your options are Facebook, Google, or your personal Email
- 4B) Be sure to select, 'Join site community' for event updates and forum access.
- 5) If using your personal email, you will need to create a password

Club Website Improvements — from Tripp Adams:

With the help from Tom Zemonek and Janson Fant, the club has a new website. We launched the new RSWSC website in November of 2020.

Built on a different platform from the old site, the club site now has a more updated and professional look/feel. You will notice many of the tabs from the original site are the similar, with only a few key differences. Users will experience much faster load times and, a webpage made to fit mobile devices.

One key addition to the new website is the 'Meetings and Outings' tab. <https://www.rswsc.org/meetings-and-outings>

As the outings calendar is planned and updated, events will be added to the page. We also plan to have virtual club meetings in 2021, which will have meeting information listed. As the club grows into the new site, there is functionality to manage event registration, and event specific communication. These are transitions from our current procedures and will be adopted over time.

The other new feature is the 'Forum' tab. <https://rswsc.org/forum> visitors to the website will have to make an account to access the information. The idea behind the forum is that, this will be a great way for members to interact with each other, especially during these quarantine times. Several message board topics have already been created in the forum; members can post pictures, experiences with guide services, baits/tactics, etc. This will also be a great way for members to meet other club member who have experience in their area of the coast.

As we continue to grow into the new website, you may notice changes along the way. While much of the site was built before it was published, there are always new features that can be added or adjusted. in the long term the site should be able to handle club communication for both emails and social media postings. Some of this will be a "learn as we go" process so, bear with us.

We are open to feedback on the new website. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me with questions, suggestions, and/or recommendations. Email me at tripp.adams@field2base.com

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