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AUGUST MEETING

We hope you'll join us for our next club meeting on Tuesday, August 19 at 7:00 PM, held at Laurel Hills Community Center in Raleigh.

Our speaker is Robert Carroll on Old Drum Fishing

Election voting is also this month. Please be prepared to vote for the people you want to lead the club next year. See Page 7 for nominees.

Emerald Isle Fishing Tournament – September 27, 2025. Several members have expressed interest in participating. Divisions include:

King Mackerel Spanish Mackerel Surf Fishing For full details, visit: <https://eifishing.com>

Interested in forming a team or coordinating efforts? Let us know—we're happy to help connect members.

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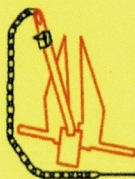
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Drum Fishing on the Neuse – August 8–9

By Tripp Adams

I spent August 8–9 fishing with some extended family who have a place on the South River. We worked the south side of the Neuse, mainly around West Bay, with a steady northeast wind at 11–14 mph.

The first evening delivered steady action — three puppy drum, three bluefish, a few rays, six old drum, plus both slot and over-slot fish. The next morning added four more old drum to the tally.

We fished a mix of Lupton rigs: lighter setups for the puppy drum and heavier rigs for the old drum. Once we had a few slots, we switched entirely to the heavier gear.

Bait was mostly cut mullet, with some bluefish and a little blue crab mixed in. Most of our casts were 75–125 yards off the bank, targeting deeper water where the fish were moving through.

It was a productive couple of days on the water — the kind of trip that makes August on the Neuse worth looking forward to every year. Pictures on next page.



Fish Cards:

Update the club on your recent catch by submitting fish cards! Entries are featured in club newsletters and entered to win prizes at year-end.

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.

**RESPONSE NEEDED ASAP
SURF ANGLERS NEEDED FOR CHAC
TOURNAMENT!**

The Hatteras Invitational Surf Tournament surf tournament is coming up on 11-5-25) and we do not have any of our regular team members able to fish, me included. Are any interested club members that want to fish this major even?

Call, text or email John Bryant if you are interested. At this point, John has not sent in the registration fee as He is unsure if we can field a team. If we don't field a team, the Club gets dropped and goes back on the waiting list and it could take years to get back on.

The club surf fishing team is short on members to fish the tourney. The dates for the tournament are November 6 and 7 with registration on the 5th. It has always been a great time to fish Hatteras and we do not want to give up our spot since there is a long waiting list to fish the tournament. The entry fee is \$90 and sometimes we rent a house for the week and do a lot of fun fishing before the tournament. NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY. We always have a great time and learn a lot about surf fishing from other members. If you are interested in fishing this tournament, please call, text or email me and I will fill you in with the details. Thanks, John Bryant 919-624-0676

UPCOMING MEETINGS, OUTINGS, AND EVENTS

**September 16 Laurel Hills Community Center 3808
Edwards Mill Rd, Raleigh, NC**

October 21 TBD

November 18 TBD

December — Christmas Banquet—TBA



Nominees for Club Officers:

President—Walter Weeks

Vice President— Chris D’giovanni

Treasurer — John McQuaid

Secretary — Baily Tucker

**At Large — Jason Hollingsworth, Andrew Jeffries,
Scott Vahue, Greg Brissette, Mike Davis, Steve Miles**

**Additional nominations from the floor may also be
added**

2025 Old Drum Tournament – Sept 5–14

Our annual Old Drum Tournament is back! This year's format allows each angler to choose their best day to fish within a 10-day window — giving you flexibility around weather and personal schedules.

Dates: Friday, Sept 5 – Sunday, Sept 14

Fishing Window: 7:00 AM – Midnight (on your chosen day)

Location: Anywhere in the Pamlico/Neuse Estuary

Declare your fishing day the night before by contacting:

- ☐ John McQuaid: johnwmcquaid@gmail.com
- ☐ Text: (919) 353-6894

[Fishermen & Kayakers]

*Fishermen slots will be updated as captains sign up.

Tournament Format & Key Details:

Choose one day to fish during the 10-day window

Launch from anywhere in the estuary

Declare your fishing day before heading out

☐ **Focus Days:**

Saturday, Sept 6 – Boat anglers at Cedar Island (led by John McQuaid)

Saturday, Sept 13 – Kayak anglers launching from Oriental or Dawson's Creek (led by Chris DiGiovanna)

Full Moon: Sunday, Sept 7

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Scoring & Awards:

Fish must be 27" or longer (mouth closed to fork of tail)

Leader touch counts—no need to boat the fish

Trophy to the boat releasing the most qualifying fish (honor system)

Bragging rights to angler with the longest fish

Ties go to the first submission

Photo Submissions:

Send your photos and reports to John:

☐ johnwmcquaid@gmail.com

☐ (919) 353-6894

Photos are encouraged even though scoring is on the honor system

2025 North Carolina King Tides Calendar

January							February							March							April						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
29	30	31	1	2	3	4	26	27	28	29	30	31	1	23	24	25	26	27	28	1	30	31	1	2	3	4	5
5	6	7	8	9	10	11	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
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26	27	28	29	30	31	1	23	24	25	26	27	28	1	30	31	1	2	3	4	5	27	28	29	30	1	2	3

May							June							July							August						
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25	26	27	28	29	30	31	29	30	1	2	3	4	5	27	28	29	30	31	1	2	24	25	26	27	28	29	30

September							October							November							December						
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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)

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 - \$75: ☐ Family - \$100: ☐ Sponsor (business card) - \$130: ☐

(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

Stay Connected and Up to Date:

The Raleigh Saltwater Sportfishing Club (RSWSC) offers several ways for members to stay informed about our latest meetings, outings, and to connect with other members. Here's how you can stay connected:

- ♦ Website: Visit www.RSWSC.org for:
- ♦ Event Calendars
- ♦ Current and Past Newsletters
- ♦ Members-Only Forum (requires creating a login)
- ♦ Digital Fish Card
- ♦ Outings and Meetings

For the most up-to-date calendar, refer to the Upcoming Events page on our website. Many outings and social events require signing up via SignUpGenius. Links are sent directly from SignUpGenius and are also included in general update emails and newsletters.

Newsletters: Club newsletters are a staple for members. Newsletters from the past five years are available on the website, with a more extensive library available upon request.

Forum: Our forum is a message board for members to communicate, share ideas and advice, post items for sale, and more. It's an excellent way to stay connected and engaged with the club community.

Social Media: Stay updated with our social media platforms:

Facebook: The Raleigh Saltwater Sportfishing Club (Public): Open to members and non-members. This page features the latest updates and public announcements.

The Raleigh Saltwater Sportfishing Club (Private): Requires approval to join and is geared towards active members sharing their catches and communicating with each other.

Instagram and Twitter: Follow us for updates and club-related content. Facebook sees the most activity among club members, so be sure to stay active there.

Past Speakers List and contact information

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