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Ocracoke Invitational Surf Tournament

The tournament ran from Wednesday, May 3rd, through Friday, May 5th. All of our team members, John Bryant, Steve Wheeler, Roy Zweidinger, Scott Vahue and Scott Ackerman arrived on Ocracoke the preceding Saturday or Monday. We fun fished the days leading up to the start of the tournament and scouted the surf for promising sloughs and holes likely to hold fish. It blew pretty hard during those days, but fishing was better as Wednesday approached. We caught several nice bluefish, an over slot red drum and a 26 inch drum on Tuesday.

On Wednesday, team captain John Bryant registered the team and drew for the morning and afternoon spots along the ORV accessible beach. The slots were set up so that teams would be assigned northern and southern beach spots. One of our slots was at the northern end of the spaces that could be assigned and one was at the southern end. Sometimes that might be a good thing since no other teams would be on our right or left, but not this time. Since we had only five members on our team, a friend, David Brunetz fished with us. Unfortunately, he was not able to fish Friday due to illness. The Thursday morning session yielded no fish even though our station was close to the spot where we had caught several fish while fun fishing. We fished a falling tide, but the session was over before we got near low tide.. The afternoon session was very close to the southern end of assigned stations and fishing started at low tide. Unfortunately, we didn't hook up and we got a zero for the session as did all of the fisherman along that stretch of beach. Thursday's total score was zero. We weren't alone in that category.

The Friday morning session #3 started near the top of a falling tide but none of us got a bite except Roy. Roy's bite turned out to be a 31-1/4 " bluefish which buoyed our spirits. We later found out that Roy's blue was the biggest fish caught during session 3. We each received a nice trophy for that. We started the Friday afternoon session in good spirits on a stretch of beach with good surf. Unfortunately, our team along with other teams scored 0 points.

We ended up finishing in 8th place and also won session 3. However, the big disappointment came to Roy. The largest fish of the tournament was a 31-1/2 inch bluefish, so he was just a half inch away from fame.

Although we didn't catch many fish, I really enjoyed getting to know Scott A and Scott V who were new team members. That week we built a real sense of comradery while sitting around after dinner and hearing about histories, hobbies and adventures. Also, I will be the first to admit that we ate some pretty good dinners including an incredible low country boil.

Now it is time to start planning for the Hatteras surf tournament November 1st through the 3rd.

NOTE: PICTURES ON NEXT PAGE

OCRACOKE INVITATIONAL SURF FISHING TOURNAMENT PICTURES



Ocracoke Invitational S.F.T.

Team	Thursday A.M.			Total			Friday A.M.			Total			Friday P.M.			Grand Total		
	S	F	P	S	F	P	S	F	P	S	F	P	S	F	P	S	F	P
1 Merchantville Fishing Club	3	2	29	27	6	57	8	80	51	2	11	10	41	51	2	4	74	95
2 Neags Head Surf Fishing Club	61	0	0	43	2	3	2	3	52	3	0	7	5	76	19	86	21	87
3 Island Life Realty Fishing Team	25	6	12	7	7	14	2	26	69	8	19	21	48	50	8	33	23	76
4 Virginia Beach Anglers Team II	48	0	0	24	2	34	2	34	14	0	0	2	36	36	4	30	8	70
5 Team Daiwa	43	1	3	73	3	40	4	43	5	15	22	10	43	57	0	0	10	63
6 Riverside Katts	63	7	7	45	2	44	3	51	48	1	6	4	57	15	1	5	5	62
7 Delaware Mobile Surf Fish	8	1	3	62	0	1	3	47	0	1	3	47	0	1	3	47	0	46
8 Raleigh Saltwater S.F. Club	23	0	0	5	0	0	0	5	57	1	42	1	43	73	0	0	1	43
9 Twisted Blues Sisters	9	2	24	68	0	0	2	34	38	0	0	2	36	33	3	6	5	42
10 Blues Brothers	47	47	33	21	18	5	41	15	0	0	5	11	65	0	0	5	41	
11 East Coast Sportsmen Club	45	7	2	27	0	1	2	4	7	31	7	34	76	1	1	3	40	
12 Six Fathoms	4	1	37	60	7	2	2	57	47	0	0	2	39	37	0	0	2	39
13 Hoolihan's Marauders	52	1	3	19	0	1	3	70	0	0	1	3	41	9	33	4	38	
14 Hatteras Kats	17	1	1	71	0	1	1	56	2	3	3	31	27	1	1	4	38	
15 Ocracoke Island Realty	57	0	0	33	23	31	5	32	11	0	8	32	61	0	0	5	32	
16 Surfside Anglers	49	1	4	46	4	8	5	23	23	0	0	5	12	19	8	18	3	30
17 Hotliners	53	1	3	39	7	21	8	24	7	0	0	8	24	64	0	0	2	24
18 The Stormy Gales	71	7	22	53	0	1	22	24	0	0	1	22	16	0	0	1	22	22
19 Inland Anglers	23	3	20	21	1	4	21	60	0	0	4	27	38	0	0	4	21	21
20 Ocracoke Internationals	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	65	0	0	0	0	57	4	21	4	21	21



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We received a couple fish cards over the weekend. I have attached a picture of Trey/Owen Lowdermilk's Catch.

Fish Card 1 Trey Lowdermilk and son Owen Lowdermilk (16)

5/6/2023 Small Boat Tuna, Dolphin, Wahoo

5 Mahi, 1 Wahoo, 1 Skipjack

Left Town Creek Marina Beaufort at 4:45. First lines in 6:30, 110' water headed towards big rock. No bites. Pulled lines and ran to Big Rock. Wahoo in the boat 200' water. Slow day trolling. Pushed out farther into 600' of water away from crowd. Ran across an acre or more of busting skipjack tunas. Put one in the box. About 2pm decided to head towards home and stop at Hardees Reef for some bottom fishing. Ran over a school of Mahi in about 110' of water. Constant action for an hour. Put five in the box. False albacore moved in behind the mahi bite and decided to head home. Bottom fishing very slow off Hardees Reef. Wind picked up on ride home. Made it back to Town Creek 6pm.



Fish Card 2 Chris White 4/29/2023 Small Boat

Blue and Spanish Small - ~12" both Yes

Took the Cool Phoenix (Key West 219FS) out for its first salt water trip and trolled in ~20' of water off of Oak Island. Mike Murphy was with me and we had a lot of bites on a gold clarkspoon, but only pulled a couple into the boat. We trolled at 5-6 mph with #2 planer and gold spoon. We pulled other lures, but only the spoon was getting hit.

2023 RSWFC Mahi Tournament Results:

AFTER TAXES - Graham Clements = 10 Mahi; 1 Wahoo

HORESPLAY FISHING TEAM = Trey Lowdermilk = 17 Mahi; 1 Barracuda

TALKIN TRASH - Mike Cotton - Mechanical

EMERALD MIST - Greg Brissette = No Mahi; Super-Sized Black Sea Bass

BEATS WORKING - Jeff Becker = 10 Mahi; 25 Beeliners (Limit); 16 Trigger; released 9 Red Snapper

LIVE WIRE - Jason Fant = Mechanical

GETAWAY - Robert Carroll = 1 Mahi

SALTY TAPIR - Steve Kuekes = 3 Mahi; 1 Skipjack Tuna 3 mahi and 1 skipjack tuna. Plus 1 25 lb false albacore, released.

ANCHOR911 - Victor Tucker = Mechanical

JEFF BECKER - Fishing Report / Saturday 13th:

Report from the Beats Working.. Fished inshore caught two mahi in 125 ft of water ... 72 degrees.. Ventured offshore to 200 ft. Found a very nice weed line near the Far East tanker. Caught 6 8-15 lb mahi in about an hour .. Temp on the offshore side 72 .. on the inshore was 73.7.. Had to leave the bite to assist one of my very best fishing buddies who was experiencing a battery issue.. I carry a spare battery for my bottom fishing adventures so we made the 8 mile run and passed a battery over to him. That moved us in position to do some bottom fishing .. Bingo.. 25 large beeliners (our limit), 16 nice trigger fish, and assorted other species including 9 released 8-15 lb red snappers.. Very large red snappers .. so many we had to pick up and move several times because the gags had no chance to eat our baits... All in all a great day .. Thanks for your hard work helping with the Mahi Tournament

New Striped Bass Regulations Aimed at Addressing Conservation Concerns

The Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC) Striped Bass Management Board exercised a seldom-used emergency action intended to reduce fishing mortality in the striped bass fishery with the goal of increasing the chances of rebuilding the population to the biomass target by 2029. The emergency action will implement a 31-inch maximum size limit across the entire recreational fishery (in the Chesapeake Bay and along the coast) with states tasked with implementing the change by July 2, 2023. The minimum size limit, bag limit, seasons and gear restrictions will remain unchanged. The Board also initiated Addendum II which will consider a more thorough management change using the formal public input process for implementation in 2024.

The Massachusetts delegation led the emergency action after population projections showed significant rebuilding headwinds stemming from four consecutive years of recruitment failure in Chesapeake Bay and an increase in fishing mortality in 2022.

Striped bass are extremely important to coastal communities along the Atlantic and the entire fishing economy, estimated to generate \$7.8 billion annually in economic output. The sportfishing industry values long-term fishery sustainability while allowing for reasonable recreational fishing opportunities. We encourage the states and ASMFC to work with sportfishing industry leaders on a communication plan to ensure a mid-year management change in 2023 will have the intended conservation benefits across the entire recreational fishery.

“The Board has signaled they are prepared to act conservatively on striped bass to ensure rebuilding,” said Mike Waine, Atlantic Fisheries Policy Director for the American Sportfishing Association. “Hopefully taking emergency action now will pay dividends later so we can avoid the further use of short-term changes in regulations, and instead focus on longstanding and predictable management measures to provide stability to the most important and valuable fishery in the mid-Atlantic and New England regions.”

“Controlling coast-wide fishing mortality is the key to rebuilding striped bass abundance to levels the public expects and deserves,” said David Sikorski, Executive Director of CCA Maryland and Maryland’s legislative appointee to the striped bass management board. “It is also important to recognize, however, that striper recruitment issues related to successive poor spawns, coupled with an expanding blue catfish population in (Continued next page)



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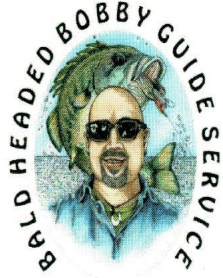
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Chesapeake Bay will continue to complicate the longer-term trajectory of this iconic fishery.”

“No doubt there are a lot of factors at play that drive striped bass abundance over-time, but fishing mortality is the only thing we can address directly in the striped bass management plan,” said Chris Horton, Senior Director of Fisheries Policy for the Congressional Sportsmen’s Foundation, “While the increase in recreational removals in 2022 could actually be a good sign, based on recent stock assessments and the current status of the stock given the information we have available today, it is not surprising the ASMFC is erring on the side of caution and reducing mortality without reducing access to the fishery.”

“The TRCP appreciates the Board taking action to increase the possibility of rebuilding the coastwide striper stock by 2029,” says Whit Fosburgh, President and CEO of the Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership. “Active management to decrease fishing mortality, along with full consideration of the need for a healthy forage fish base and mitigation of impacts from interactions with invasive species, are all crucial elements to improving the chances of long-term stability of striped bass stocks.” ###

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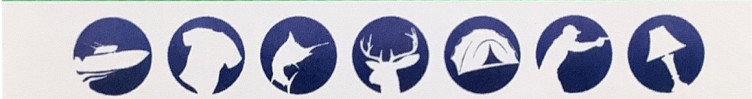
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Charter

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.

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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: _____

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Corresponding (newsletter only) - \$25: (Corresponding not eligible for catch awards or banquet attendance)

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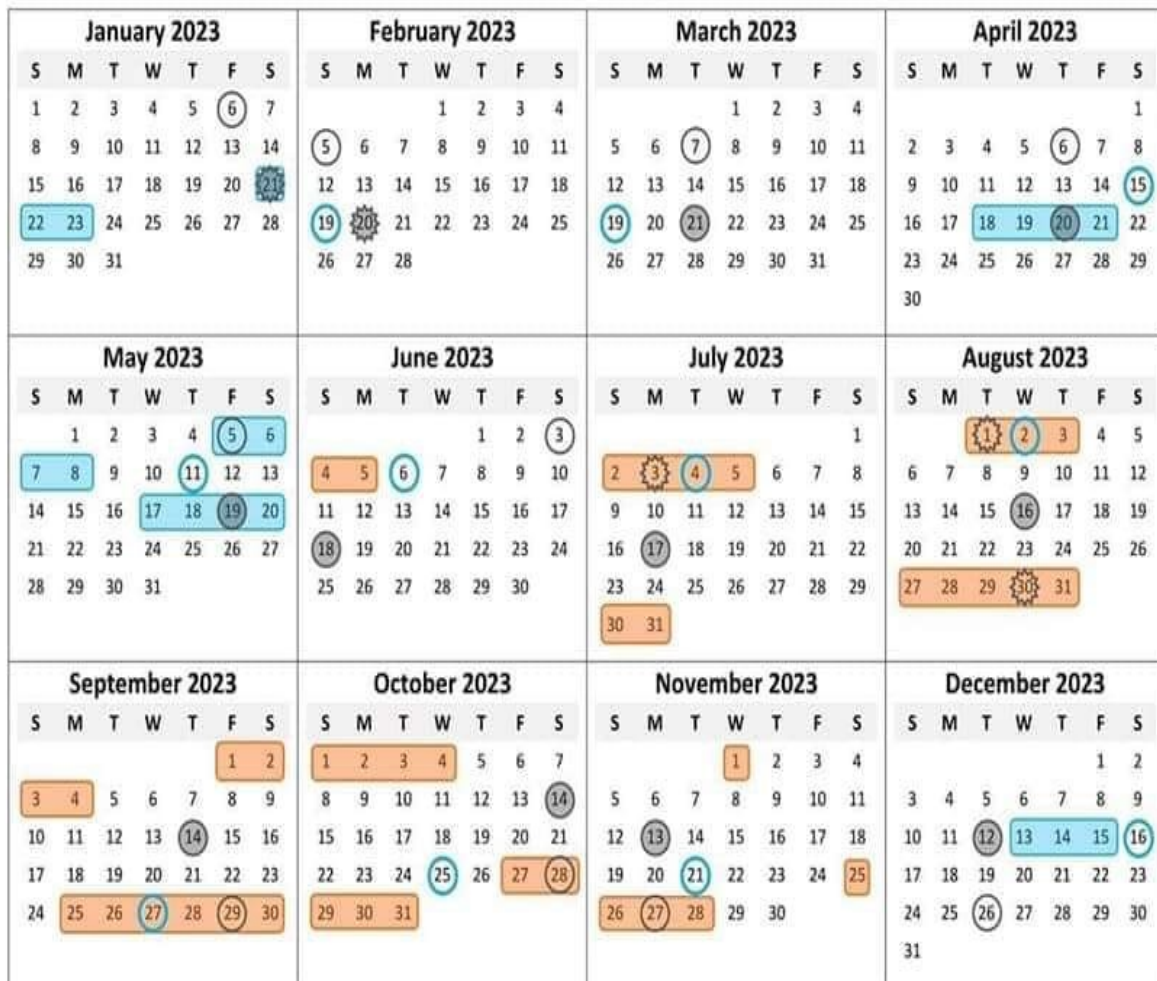
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King tides occur when the earth, the sun, and the moon are aligned. When the sun and the moon are aligned and moon closest to the earth, we get “king tides”. The result is extreme high tides, and extreme low tides. This is because the gravitational pull is essentially “stretching” water on the earth. Seawater is then pulled in an upward manner causing higher tides in some areas and lower tides in others.

Knowledge can allow you to plan a trip to look for tailing red drum in spartina or avoid getting trapped fishing skinny water on a falling tide.

Nice article on tides from Carolina Sportsman:

2023 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)

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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Robbie Hall	hallemincharters@yahoo.com	Fishing in Emerald Isle / Swansboro	252-354-6692
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