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MAY 13th 2025 Meeting

May Meeting Date Change: Now on May 13
Due to renovations at Laurel Hill Community Center, the May meeting has been moved to Tuesday, May 13. The topic will be Pier Fishing.

Meet at 7:30 at Laurel Hills Community Center, 3808 Edwards Mill Rd, Raleigh,

OCRACOCKE SFT RESULTS FOR RSWSC TEAM

Roy Zweidiger sent us info on their results at the Ocracoke Invitational Surf Fishing Tournament. Fishing was slow for all 76 teams. 19 teams only caught 1 fish, 25 caught zero out of 76 teams.

Most scoring fish 18-30" blues. One team got into some Spanish, some sea mullet. Raleigh finished 39 with 2 fish, 7 points- one mullet, one blue.

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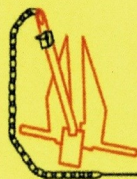
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OBITUARY FOR PAUL TEW

Paul Spencer Tew September 26th, 1956 – April 16th, 2025

Zebulon - Paul Spencer Tew, born September 26, 1956, died unexpectedly of a heart attack on April 16, 2025. He was 68 years old. The family is devastated and shocked by his sudden death.

Paul is survived by his loving wife Christine Davis Tew of 43 years, and his children, Julia Anne Tew and Alexandra Davis Tew, his siblings, Sharon Tew Luihn (Mike), and Morgan Tew Bunn (Terry), as well as nieces and nephews, Tyler Bunn, Meredith Luihn, Catherine Bunn, Allison Luihn Johnson, and Harrison Bunn. He was predeceased by his father, Raymond E. Tew, and his mother, Nancy Donnally Tew. Paul was born in Lakeland, Florida where he lived until the age of 3. After spending a short time in Tennessee, his family moved to Raleigh, North Carolina, so Ray could accept a job in Career Planning and Placement at NC State. Paul grew up in Raleigh and graduated from Sanderson High School. It was during those years on Lattimer Road that he made the closest friends he would ever have. That crew, affectionately called “the Lakemont boys,” continue to fill his and Chris’s lives. He attended North Carolina State University, but left to move to New Jersey with Steak and Ale Restaurant. It was there he met his wife, Chris. They quickly fell in love, married, and moved back to Raleigh in 1983 after Chris graduated from college. They started their family, eventually settling in Zebulon, where they stayed for the rest of his life. Paul worked in the food service industry for over 40 years and opened P. Spencer’s Restaurant in 1991, finishing his degree at NC Wesleyan during his restaurant years. After selling the restaurant in 1999, he transitioned to a position as a food service broker and spent the final 22 years of his career servicing restaurant owners across the state.

His greatest pride and joy came from his beloved daughters, Julia and Alexandra, Ali to her family. Together with Chris they created the host of many memories that will sustain them in the weeks, months, and years ahead. Paul and Chris were thrilled to finally buy the Grady

White boat of Paul's dreams in 2017, Someday Lady, and loved spending time at the coast, on the water, taking the family and friends out on excursions. He had just finished cleaning it up and polishing the hull last week in preparation for this coming season. In addition Paul enjoyed photography, target shooting, and he was one heck of a good chef! And he found no greater pleasure than a beautiful day on the golf course playing with "the boys."

In 2010 Paul and Chris attended Pullen for the first time. After just one visit they decided to join that same month and have been thrilled to find a church home that was perfect for them.

Above all, Paul loved people. He never met a person with whom he could not find connection. He was enthusiastic about life and epitomized the great commandment to love your neighbor as yourself. He lived a life of meaningful acts of love and service, and in many ways made us all better people.

A memorial service in his honor will be held at Pullen Memorial Baptist Church on Saturday, April 26 at 2 pm in the sanctuary. In lieu of flowers please feel free to make donations in Paul's memory to Pullen to the general fund, SOS – Save Our Sounds, a program of the NC Wildlife Federation, or the Ocean Conservancy.

BONITO OUTING

ALTON ANNABEL:

Did not make drum inlet today. Wind was blowing 13 to 14 directly down the beach. Would not have been a fun ride. Switched it up and fished out of harkers Island with Captain Joe. Spanish were inside before going out of Beaufort inlet. Fished 315, 2 bonito, boated, 2 grey trout released. One Bonito on live pogie, one on metal. Ran down shackleford Banks and watched dolphins fornicating. Spanish were everywhere in 30 to 40 ft of water. Kept what Spanish I wanted to eat and then it was catch and release. Headed to the shoals and picked up three to five pound bluefish in the wash. Saw large school of red drum. Couldn't get past the blues. Wind blew all day out of the Northeast 10:00 to 13. But near shore Cape lookout was fine. Shoals were a little dicey. Glad Captain Joe knows his stuff.

ANDREW JEFFERIES

Today I knew water conditions would be challenging but I really wanted to get out (I missed last weekend due to battery issues). I wanted to get into the bonito bite as it's one of my favorite fisheries. Winds were SW 15knts with 3-4ft waves and a pretty quick wave period. I knew conditions were forecasted to get a little worse as the day progressed so I launched at 6:30am to hit the inlet at sunrise. My hope was to target 315 and AB beaches.

I got to the inlet and quickly realized there was no way I'd be able to punch through those SW winds in my small boat. Sometimes you just gotta look at the water and see if it's safe to proceed. So I turned east and slowly made my way over to Lookout with the following waves on my transom. It wasn't bad; I took it carefully.

Fishing along Lookout are some of my favorite spots over the past 17 years, and I picked up my limit on blues and several nice size spanish. I used yozuri deep divers — black/silver was the most productive but I did land more Spanish on a chartreuse color. The wave action was stout but I'm experienced and careful when moving around the boat. The winds were strong and didn't slack.

I commonly troll 2 rods when fishing solo, and try to pair them either short and long, or run them at different depths (ex: a weighted Clark spoon or a tree rig, + shallow yozuris). Today was a yozuri day as those are easy to run 2 lines. After a few hours, I needed a break and ran into the bight for possible surface action but didn't see any bird action or see anything busting the water.

I'll cook the bluefish on my charcoal smoker — unbeatable ! And have several nice spanish filets for my wife and I.

Hope to fish again next weekend. Hit me up if you'll be out there.

JESSICAL CARROLL – Team Get-A-Way

Fished Friday. 19 Bonito. In front of Atlantic Beach and Oceanic Pier. Bait everywhere.

CHELSEA ARMSTRONG

We headed out Saturday morning to 315. Trolled longer than we probably should have with no luck on the the Bonito. Only saw boats fishing live bait landing them so we switched to the bottom so our youngest fisherman didn't loose interest and pulled up a few sea bass before heading in.

Once back inside the inlet we tucked in behind the Coast guard station and picked up a grey trout, couple of mullet and a bunch of blues.

So, not a great catching day but the 11 year old was happy and we had 3 generations on the water together so I call that a successful fishing day ☺

STEVE KUEKES

I waited and fished Monday. After the cold front there was cooler temps, water temp 66, and light winds, less that 10 out of the north. The seas were flat and I was able to run easily to AR-315. Bad news the Bonito had moved on. I trolled around the AR for a while and caught nothing, along with everyone else. After, I moved in close to shore near downtown Atlantic Beach and there was plenty of bait all around and I caught 6 Bluefish and 5 Spanish, the largest spanish was 17.5 inches. A beautiful day but lousy fishing for Bonito.

FISHING REPORTS

Bernie McCants, Bo Nowell, Bill Mandulak, Robbie Brooks, Mike McCain, Dan Sitko, Tommy Peace. and Kip Baker fished the first week in May out of Avon NC. The group fished the beached of Avon, Buxton, and Frisco. Bernie was the high hook for the week getting a citation Sea Mullet and his picture on the Red Drum Tackle web page. Pictures below.



FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS

June 17 Laurel Hills Community Center 3808 Edwards Mill Rd, Raleigh, NC

July 15 Laurel Hills Community Center 3808 Edwards Mill Rd, Raleigh, NC

August 19 Laurel Hills Community Center 3808 Edwards Mill Rd, Raleigh, NC

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

October 21 TBD

November 18 TBD

December — Christmas Banquet—TBA

2025 North Carolina King Tides Calendar

January							February							March							April						
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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)

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.

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.

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