

# MSSA FREDERICK CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

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## President's Message

Boy, I'll tell ya, we (our chapter) started the New Year off with one helluva January. For those of you that didn't attend the dinner dance, you sure missed a good time. We had over 126 attendees, plenty of food, great prizes, a \$500 50/50 winner and some not so good dancing fisherman. Except for Walt Shaw, man that cat can cut the rug. I truly enjoyed myself and I hope everyone else did.

The following week put on a spectacular one day Fishing Expo at the Frederick Fairgrounds. This was our first show of this magnitude (12,000 sq. ft.) and we filled it to capacity. The speakers were outstanding and we were overwhelmed by the attendance to each seminar.

Member participation at both events fell well short of my expectations. It took a tremendous amount of effort from the few that participated to make these events successful. On behalf of all, I would like to thank the few who stepped up for your time and efforts. Only one thing I can say.....A JOB WELL DONE!

February is a transition month for many of us that allows us to evaluate our tackle needs for the upcoming season. With a host of other shows coming up (Annapolis, Essex/Middle River and Southern Maryland chapter) there will be plenty of opportunities to purchase everything needed this season. Check out the calendar of events on our webpage for information regarding dates and time.

We will begin signups for our upcoming annual Spring Rockfish and Flounder tournaments. I have some exciting news at our next meeting regarding all of the chapter tournaments this year.

Thanks again to everyone that made January such a huge success. I appreciate everyone's efforts. Thanks to all who awarded me the Notre Dame picture. I can't wait for opening day and looking forward to another spectacular year with the chapter Fish Hard!

## Next Meeting

**February 13, 2013**  
**6:30 - 11:00 PM**

### **Speaker: Mid-Shore Electronics**

Frank Darringer of Midshore Electronics will be speaking on batteries, chargers and electronics.

### **Vendor: Ron's Fishing Tackle**

#### **Dinner Dancer Raffle Winners:**

Set Triple Planer Boards	Steve O'Neill
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Print of Lighthouse	Chris Linetty
Garmin Car GPS	Dennis Darragh
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Basket of Mixes	Mrs George Watkins
Ladies Tool Kit	Mrs Thomas
BBQ Steak Seasoning Basket	Jimmy Shaw
Wine basket with 2 bottles	Fred Keene
\$25 Shore Tackle gift card	Jodie Ammerman
\$50 All Tackle gift card	Jim Bremer
\$50 All Tackle gift card	Chris Conway
\$75 Spa gift card	Jay Betts
\$30 Mariachi Gift Card	Paula Pellicot

**50/50** was worth \$520      Robin Tayman

**Attendance at the January Dinner  
Dance:**  
**128**

**Directions To Meeting at the Frederick  
Moose Lodge: - [Map](#)**

From Frederick, take **I-70** east to **exit 56**  
(Rt. 144W). Turn slight right onto MD-144.  
Go 0.8 miles to 828 E. Patrick St. on the left.

## Chapter News

### **Chapter Spring Tournament Information - May 3-5**

We will begin signing up people for the Spring Tournament at this month's meeting.

We will be at the Comfort Inn/Beacon Marina in Solomon's again this year. Rooms are \$79 per night. You can reserve your room now by calling 410-326-6303 and it will be under the GROUP NAME: ROBERT PELLICOT. Slips are \$1 per foot per night and will be reserved on the tournament entry form and need to be paid in full at the meeting.

This year we will be offering an Early Bird Discount for those that register for the tournament by the March 13th meeting.

The deadline to register for the tournament is April 10, 2013. There will be no registrations accepted after that date.

#### **Entry Fees:**

\$100/ boat

\$80/ boat - with Early Bird Discount

#### **Optional Calcutta:**

\$125/ boat

\$100/ boat with Early Bird Discount

The dinner will be held Friday May 3rd @ 6:30pm at the Solomon's Island Firehouse. Yes we are back at the Firehouse and it's closer to the motel and marina. This will be a great time with terrific food.

Members: \$10 per person by March 13<sup>th</sup> / \$15 until April 10th. Non-members: \$15 per person by March 13th / \$20 until April 10th. No tickets will be sold at the door.

### **2012 Memberships have expired**

This is a reminder that yearly memberships run from January 1 to January 1 the following year. If you signed up for a yearly membership in 2012, your membership has expired and your need to renew.

You can renew your membership at the meeting or by signing up on-line at

<http://www.mssa.net/join1.html>

**Fishing Reports**

**Chincoteague Action**

By Charlie Koski  
Tightlines.....

**Ocean City Action**

By Sue Foster  
Water Temp:  
A few winter stripers! One puppy drum reported.

**Chesapeake Bay Action**

**Virginia Beach Action**

By Dr. Julie Ball  
8 Feb 2013  
Yes, Old Man Winter is socking it to us again this week. Once the big cold front rolls through, no telling what the fishing scene will hold along the Mid Atlantic. Recurring blustery winds and frigid storm fronts are making fishing difficult on most every front. The ocean striped bass are so far over the 3-mile line now that boats are encountering schools of big rockfish while wreck fishing near the Triangles this week. Some of these schools have even been sighted as far as 40-miles offshore. Reports from the Bay are much more user friendly if you are into catch and release. Nice fish pushing to over 45-inches are still active near the Plantation Light area for folks drifting with eels along the channel edges. Schoolies are also still hitting lures along the light lines of the lower Bay crossings at night.

Inshore tog hunters are disappointed with the lack of action, so they are turning to more offshore prospects. But reaching these bottom dwellers is a problem with the windy weather. Although often difficult to pin down, keeper tautog are available on deeper wrecks. Blue crabs are working the best as bait if you can find them, but clams and frozen green crabs are also getting the job done. Some boats making the most of some recent weather windows, found very good catches of jumbo black seabass on some deep water wrecks. The average seabass is weighing between 2 to 4-pounds lately, with some fish pushing to over 7-pounds.

The folks at **Ocean's East 2** report that the speckled trout are still earning attention from skinny water anglers, but the action is often unreliable. With some days better than others, some decent catches are still coming from the Elizabeth River, where live bait is working in the Cove, but most anglers are scoring by casting lures. The fish are hanging on ledges in deeper water, so a

slow retrieve with a sinking lure is the key. Puppy drum and a few schoolie-sized striped bass are also hitting in the Elizabeth River. Once the weather stabilizes, deep droppers can expect a full menu of bottom fish. Blueline tilefish, blackbellied rosefish, and grouper are sure to please those working the ocean floor in 300-feet of water or more. Although dogfish are making a showing, working areas with heavier concentrations of your target species will minimize the dog's bite. Big seabass are also in these areas, and provide a great by-catch.  
[www.drjball.com](http://www.drjball.com).

**Delaware Action**

By Eric Burnley Sr.\*  
Updated: Feb 8, 2013

**DELAWARE BAY** The water temperature in the bay has remained below 40 degrees for over a week with little hope of an increase in the near future. Fishing in open water will remain poor until we see the first run of rockfish sometime next month. Tog should be available on the Outer Wall, but the wind will make any attempt to fish here a dangerous undertaking.

The tidal creeks should be seeing yellow perch as these fish begin the February spawning cycle. The smaller males will arrive first followed by the larger females.

**INDIAN RIVER INLET** Several anglers tried the inlet last weekend without result. On the plus side, spring gets closer every day.

**SURF FISHING** We are supposed to have a nor'easter over the weekend and that should pretty much kill any thoughts of fishing from the beach. If and when we got a spell of decent weather it is possible there may be a few ling in the wash. The last report I had from the beach indicated even the dog sharks and skates had quit biting. Cold water and high winds has pretty much killed any thoughts of standing on the sand waiting for a fish that probably will not come.

**INSHORE OCEAN** Inshore anglers are still finding tog on wrecks and reef sites. As with every other fishery it is difficult to find a weather window when boats can safely sail. Boats running further offshore have been catching limits of big sea bass, tilefish and the occasional cod and pollock. Most of these trips run 12 hours or longer and require a reservation

**Tips and Tackle**

**Do you need to replace your Trailer Tires?**

Did you know that your Trailer Tires may be worn out even though they still have plenty of tread left? This is because trailer tires have to carry a lot of weight all the time, even when not in use. It is actually better for the tire to be rolling down the road than to sit still. During use the tire releases lubricants that are beneficial to tire life. Using the Trailer Tires often also helps prevent flat spots from developing on the tire.

If one tire fails, the remaining tires will have to suddenly compensate by supporting the increased load the failed tire was carrying. This sudden increase of weight may overload the other tires causing a chain reaction blowout or other internal damage. If you have experienced a blowout, make sure you check the other tires for damage and/or take your tires to a local tire shop for evaluation by the experts.

The main cause of tire failure is under inflation. Check your tires at least once a month for proper inflation levels. Carlisle Tire and Wheel recommends adjusting the air pressure to the Maximum pounds per square inch (PSI) listed on the sidewall of the tire. If you inflate the tires to less than the maximum inflation level, you dramatically reduce the load carrying capacity of the tire.

Tires are not completely impervious to air loss; in fact tires can lose 1 to 3 PSI per month. This is because molecules of air under pressure weave their way from the inside of the tire through the rubber to the outside. A drop in air pressure could cause the tire to become overloaded, leading to excessive heat build up. If a Trailer Tire is under-inflated even for a short period of time, the tire could suffer internal damage. The Rubber Manufacturing Association (RMA) states that a tire run at less than 80% of the maximum inflation could cause damage to the tire. Again, if you feel that your tires have been run underinflated have them checked professionally at a local tire service center.

High speed towing in hot conditions degrades Trailer Tires significantly. As heat builds up during driving, the tire's internal structure starts to breakdown compromising the strength of the tire. It is recommended to not exceed 60 Miles per hour (MPH) while towing a trailer. Three to five 5 years is the average life expectancy of a Trailer Tire. After three years you should consider replacing your Trailer tires with new ones

even if the tires have adequate tread depth left. After five years Trailer Tires are considered worn out and should be replaced. Imagine staying in the sunlight all day everyday with no sunscreen! This is what your tires have to endure daily. If you are storing your Trailer for an extended period, make sure that you store the tires in a cool dry place such as a garage or under a shade tree with tire covers to protect your Trailer Tires from the harsh effects of the sun. A thin piece of wood under the tires during storage will extend your Trailer Tires life.

**- Summary Maintenance Tips -**

- Keep your tires air pressure at the maximum PSI recommended on the sidewall of the tire
- Keep a cap on your valve stem to prevent contamination of the internal rubber valve
- Always travel with a spare and check your spare tires air pressure along with the other tires
- If you experience a blowout, slowly move over to the right off the road to change your tire and check the other tires for possible damage
- Don't overload your Trailer Tires. The maximum load is listed on the sidewall of your Trailer Tires
- Give your Trailer Tires a visual check before each trip
- Keep your Trailer Tires in a cool dry place and out of direct sunlight during storage
- Replace your Trailer Tires every 3 to 5 years

**DNR in the News**

**O'Malley Names Larry Simns Admiral of the Chesapeake**

Governor Martin O'Malley has designated Larry Simns *Admiral of the Chesapeake* for his work as the chief advocate for Maryland's watermen and their communities, and for his role in promoting changes to better ensure the sustainability of commercial fishing in the State. Maryland Department of Natural Resources Secretary John Griffin presented the award to Simns' family, on January 18 at the 39<sup>th</sup> East Coast Commercial Fishermen's and Aquaculture Trade Exposition in Ocean City.

"I want to congratulate Larry for his outstanding leadership and the Maryland Watermen's Association on their 40-year anniversary," said Governor O'Malley. "Larry has served as the voice of the men and women who work tirelessly to ensure that our local restaurants, markets and citizens have consistent and quality local seafood. He

has been vital to the livelihood of our State's watermen and we congratulate him for helping to promote responsible fishing practices and understanding the need for a balanced fishery that supports both the industry and our natural world."

Simns, president and founder of the Maryland Watermen's Association, has worked as a commercial waterman and charter boat operator for more than 60 years. He founded the Association in 1973, serving as president and laboring on behalf of Maryland watermen who make their living by their catch. A fourth generation waterman from Rock Hall, Simns' lifelong love of the Chesapeake and working on the water began at the age of six, when he became employed by his great-grandfather, Captain Willy Stevens, to row the boat while Captain Willy ran his trot line.

"The Chesapeake Bay is part of who we are as Marylanders. It is part of our heritage, our culture and is our greatest natural resource. For forty years, Larry Simns has stood sentry for the watermen of the Chesapeake and has courageously championed their well-being and the health of the Bay's fisheries," said Senator Barbara Mikulski. "He has fought to preserve watermen's traditions and their opportunity to work on the water, while also helping them to face the realities of the global economy and the myriad of environmental factors facing our beloved Bay. His work has not been easy and gratitude is not always forthcoming. That's why I'm pleased to see him recognized for his extraordinary efforts to ensure watermen have been, and will continue to be, partners in preserving the Bay for us and future generations."

Simns has provided watermen and their communities with critical leadership during the most difficult times and transitions including the striped bass population collapse and five-year harvest moratorium between 1985 and 1989, the decline and ongoing restoration of Maryland's oyster fishery and resource and the near collapse of the blue crab fishery prior to 2008. He showed all Marylanders the essence of what watermen do and how their work impacts the people of Maryland, and he helped to establish Chesapeake Bay restoration measures. He has served on the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission, Maryland Tidal Fish Advisory Committee and numerous other committees, councils and boards.

He also helped create the Commercial Fishermen of America and serves on its Board of Directors, and, along with the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, he helped initiate the Maryland Blue Crab

Industry Management Design Team for the sustainability and future management of crabs in the Bay.

With the Chesapeake Conservancy, he helped establish the Capt. John Smith National Historic Water Trail and the Watermen Heritage Tourism Training Program. He was also instrumental in the formation of the Oyster Recovery Partnership and serves on its Board of Directors.

Simns has received numerous awards, citations, and proclamations from local and State agencies and organizations as well as civic clubs and the Maryland General Assembly.

He was recognized by National Fishermen magazine with the coveted and highly competitive *Highliner Award* which is given to the nation's best commercial fishermen who are also industry and community leaders.

Now, in his seventies, Simns remains active in the Kent County Watermen's Association, continues to serve as president of the Maryland Watermen's Association and works as a crabber and charter boat captain. He also recently penned *The Best of Times on the Chesapeake Bay – An Account of a Rock Hall Waterman*, a collection of memories from his life on the water.

The *Admiral of the Chesapeake* is awarded by Maryland's Governor to those who have demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to the conservation and restoration of the Chesapeake Bay, its surrounding landscapes, and the life that inhabits them. This lifetime achievement award is the highest honor the Governor can bestow on an individual for environmental contributions, and is given on an as-merited basis.

"This recognition for working on behalf of watermen, the seafood industry and the Chesapeake Bay for 40 years represents, for me, the whole reason I stepped into the Maryland Watermen's Association in the first place. And, I wouldn't have traded it all for anything in the world," said Simns.



**Fishing Regulations**

**Saltwater Angler Registry**

Don't forget you need to renew this free license. If you fish in both Maryland and Virginia, you will need to do both. VA you can search by name or old FIP, you will get a new FIP # <http://mrc.virginia.gov/FIP> MD you need to enter the information <http://dnr.maryland.gov/swregistry.asp>

**2013 Md. Flounder Season**

TBA

**2013 Va. Flounder Season**

TBA

**Tournament News**

**Main MSSA Spring Tournament  
May 3-5, 2013**

We will have sign up forms and information packages available at the meeting. There are new calcutta's and higher payouts for this year.

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## FREDERICK MSSA CHAPTER - 2013 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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<b>JANUARY</b>	<b>12</b>	- <b>Dinner Dance</b> - Frederick Moose Club
	<b>16</b>	- <b>Frederick Board Meeting</b>
	<b>19</b>	- <b>Frederick Chapter Fishing Expo – Frederick Fair Grounds</b>
	<b>26-27</b>	- Kent Island Chapter Flea Market
<b>FEBRUARY</b>	<b>1-3</b>	- MSSA Convention, Annapolis, MD
	<b>2</b>	- Tri State Marine Flea Market – Free in Deale MD
	<b>13</b>	- <b>Frederick Meeting -</b>
	<b>20</b>	- <b>Frederick Board Meeting</b>
	<b>16-17</b>	- Pasadena Flea Market – Earleigh Heights Fire Co, Pasadena, MD
	<b>23</b>	- Dorchester County Flea Market – American Legion Post 91 – Cambridge, MD
	<b>23</b>	- Saltwater Fishing Expo Annapolis Elks #622 – Edgewater MD
<b>28</b>	- Baltimore Boat Show – Baltimore Convention Center	
<b>MARCH</b>	<b>1-3</b>	- Baltimore Boat Show – Baltimore Convention Center
	<b>13</b>	- <b>Frederick Meeting</b>
	<b>20</b>	- <b>Frederick Board Meeting</b>
	<b>16-17</b>	- Essex/Middle River Flea Market
	<b>23-24</b>	- Southern MD Fishing Fair – Solomons Fire Hall
<b>APRIL</b>	<b>6</b>	- <b>Frederick Shakedown Cruise/Brunch</b> – Sandy Point
	<b>10</b>	- <b>Frederick Meeting</b>
	<b>30</b>	- Opening Day - Striped Bass Season
	<b>17</b>	- <b>Frederick Board Meeting</b>
<b>MAY</b>	<b>3-5</b>	- 29th Annual MSSA Spring Tournament – Solomons
	<b>8</b>	- <b>Frederick Meeting</b>
	<b>15</b>	- <b>Frederick Board Meeting</b>
	<b>17-19</b>	- <b>Chapter Flounder Tournament</b> – Chincoteague
<b>JUNE</b>	<b>12</b>	- <b>Frederick Meeting</b>
	<b>19</b>	- <b>Frederick Board Meeting</b>
	<b>21-23</b>	- 20th Annual MSSA Tournament – Ocean City & Wachapreague
<b>JULY</b>	<b>10</b>	- <b>Frederick Meeting</b>
	<b>17</b>	- <b>Frederick Board Meeting</b>
<b>AUGUST</b>	<b>14</b>	- <b>Frederick Meeting</b>
	<b>21</b>	- <b>Frederick Board Meeting</b>
	<b>17</b>	- <b>Chapter Lower Bay Charter Trip</b>
	<b>24</b>	- 3rd Annual MSSA Beach N Boat Flounder Tournament – Ocean City
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	<b>11</b>	- <b>Frederick Meeting</b>
	<b>14</b>	- <b>Chapter Crab Feast and Picnic</b>
	<b>18</b>	- <b>Frederick Board Meeting</b>
<b>OCTOBER</b>	<b>5-12</b>	- <b>Chapter North Carolina King Mackerel Tournament</b>
	<b>16</b>	- <b>Frederick Meeting</b>
	<b>23</b>	- <b>Frederick Board Meeting</b>
<b>NOVEMBER</b>	<b>13</b>	- <b>Frederick Meeting</b>
	<b>20</b>	- <b>Frederick Board Meeting</b>
	<b>23-24</b>	- 19 <sup>th</sup> Annual MSSA Fall Tournament
<b>DECEMBER</b>	<b>11</b>	- <b>Frederick Meeting</b>
	<b>18</b>	- <b>Frederick Board Meeting</b>