

# MSSA FREDERICK CHAPTER NEWSLETTER



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## President's Message

It's June, can you believe it? It seems like only yesterday we were chomping at the bit, eagerly waiting for opening day to begin our fishing season.

The chapter has had two, well attended and successful tournaments shared by the many members that chose to show case their skills. On behalf of the chapter, I'd like to send out a huge "Thanks and Great job" to those who spent countless hours to organize and set up these events. For those that participated, without a doubt, you have to agree, these two tournaments were well run, a lot of fun and rewarding for all.

Now that we've moved into summer, we'll begin a series of off shore meetings, vendors and events. This month's meeting will be packed with information regarding tuna fishing which has begun to heat up with reports of a nice blue fin and yellow fin bite at many of the well know haunts.

See Rob Pellicot about the upcoming Tunament. Rob will be running the show out of Chincoteague again this year. Also, consider participating in the "Beach and Boat" tournament in August. We will have info at the meeting regarding these two tournaments or visit the mains website to sign up or find out more about each.

Finally, one of our favorite chapter activities, our annual crab feast, will have some changes made to it this year. First, we will be moving it to Urbana to better accommodate our attendees. As you know, for each set of 10 raffle tickets you sell, you receive one free entry into this food fest. Second, with the dismal outlook for crabs this year, it is evident that the cost of crabs will sky rocket. Having said this, expect ticket prices to increase towards market value. Therefore, not only to help support the chapter by raising operating funds, it is suggested that everyone make extra ordinary efforts to sell raffles tickets to lighten the burden of cost to attend this event.

Fish Hard!

## Next Meeting

**June 11, 2014**

Food Service begins @ 6:00 pm  
Meeting starts @ 7:15 pm

### **Speaker:**

#### Glen Clawson - Shammy Sport fishing

Capt Glen has years of Chincoteague Island offshore fishing experience and is a respected member of the fishing community. His charter boat "Shammy" is a 31 foot Luhrs sportfisherman. The boat is powered with reliable diesel engines, and is comfortable, clean and built to provide a smooth ride to the fishing grounds.

### **Vendor:**

#### Reel Draggin Tackle

Reel Draggin' Tackle® anglers demand quality, strength and effective tackle that will win the toughest battles at sea.

### **Menu:**

Meatloaf  
Mashed Potatoes  
Gravy  
Corn  
Green Beans  
Salad  
 pudding

### **May Winners:**

Dave Griffin - Hand Held VHF Radio  
Jimmy Shaw - Shimano 4000FB Spin Reel  
Brian Conway - Fishing Pliers  
Matt Lacey - MSSA Hat and Towel  
Jay Betts - Fishing Gloves and Flounder Rigs  
Jim Burans - Landing Net  
Steve O'Neil - Gulp Baits and Ande Line

### **50/50 Raffle**

\$110.00 - Jimmy Shaw

### **Attendance at Meeting:**

72

### **Fredrick Moose Lodge**

828 E. Patrick St.  
Frederick, Md. 21707

## Chapter News

### **The 25th annual Tuna-ment**

The 25th annual Tuna-ment is fast approaching along with a world class tuna bite. This three day tournament kicks off June 20th and ends on June 22nd. If you want to win Captain of the Year or just have fun catching tuna this is the tournament!

Register on-line or at any of the three Captains Meetings.

#### **Captain's Meetings:**

All Meetings on JUNE 19<sup>th</sup> -6PM to 8PM

Alltackle - \*Ocean City, MD

Seaside Marina - \*Wachapreague, VA

Capt. Steve's B & T -Chincoteague, VA

Hookem & Cook'em - Indian River Inlet

#### **Weigh stations:**

Sunset Marina, Ocean City, MD

Curtis-Merritt Harbor - Chincoteague, VA

Seaside Marina - Wachapreague, VA

Hook'em & Cook'em - Indian River Inlet, DE

2013 marked the fourth year in a row this tournament has grown and 2014 should be no different. We are working on making this the most successful year in the history of this tournament with 60 boats.

If you are interested in fishing a tuna tournament, this is the perfect tournament. For those of you competing for 2014 Captain of the Year, this tournament has proven to be a difference maker in who wins.

For more information visit [www.mssa.net](http://www.mssa.net) or call MSSA at 410-255-5535

### **N.C. King Mackerel Tournament October 4-11, 2014**

We will have the details and sign-up sheets starting at the April meeting.

There are a limited number of rooms available so get your crew together and make plans for this now.

We will need a non-refundable \$50 deposit and a credit card number to hold your room and boat slip.

**Fishing Reports**

**Chincoteague Action**

By Charlie Koski

Tight lines.....

**Ocean City Action**

June 9th 2014

Water Temp: 65.3

Fishing Report by Sue Foster

This week saw some striper action in the surf. We are seeing more and more bluefish along with sharks, skates, rays, and kingfish. Some nice flounder in the bay, though you really got to work for them! Night time action on the Piers and Bridges are good on blues, shad, some trout, and stripers. Lots of tuna and mako offshore. Dolphin too this week! Summer's just around the corner!

**Chesapeake Bay Action**

Up Water flows coming down the Susquehanna River from Pennsylvania are finally beginning to moderate and the Conowingo Dam is now on a mid-day generating schedule. Water temperatures and clarity are improving and better fishing for a variety of species is the result. Striped Bass are being caught from the dam pool to the mouth of the river. Swim shads and similar type soft plastic jigs as well as crankbaits have been favorites this week for bank and small boat fishermen. White Perch are still abundant in the river leading up to the dam and small jigs are the most popular lure anglers are using and some very nice Smallmouth Bass are also being caught on the perch jigs.

Water temperatures in the upper bay are approximately 70°F this week and although trolling is still popular for medium sized Striped Bass and a few large ones now and then; many are now beginning to switch over to chumming and jigging over suspended fish. Traditional chumming locations such as Podickory Point, Love Point and the Bay Bridge Piers are providing decent catches of Striped Bass on good running tides. Jigging around the Bay Bridge Piers has been productive and live lining spot up close to the piers is also a very good option.

Just a little farther south of the Bay Bridge Striped Bass are being caught by boats trolling a mixed spread of medium and large bucktails around steep channel edges such as Bloody Point, Thomas Point and the western edge of the shipping channel out in front of Chesapeake Beach down to Parkers Creek. Medium sized Striped Bass are now making up the bulk of the catches but most

boats are finding one or two large Striped Bass still in the area and willing to hit the larger lures. Chumming has been productive at Hackett's, the Hill and the Clay Banks as long as the tide is moving. Live lining spot is beginning to be more popular now that spot can be found in most of the tidal rivers in the region. Channel edges in about 30' of water are usually the first place to look and the action is on when fish are located on depth finders. Jigging over suspended Striped Bass is also popular this week at prominent channel edges and points and when breaking fish or slicks are encountered.

Black Drum are still being found on shoal areas such as Stone Rock and the James Island Flats and are being caught on soft crab baits and stout tackle. Spot have moved into most of the region's tidal rivers and creeks and their numbers will steadily increase in the coming weeks. Croakers are beginning to show up at the mouth of the Choptank River and Hackett's Bar but so far most have been small. It may take a few more weeks for them to fill in at traditional locations in the middle bay region. White Perch are being caught in the lower sections of the regions tidal rivers on lures and bottom rigs baited with grass shrimp, bloodworms or peeler crab. The perch and Spot provide a lot of fun fishing for kids and adults from the many docks and piers that dot the tidal creeks and rivers throughout the summer months. The shallow water fishery for Striped Bass and White Perch has also picked up in the past week and provides some fun and exciting fishing in the morning and evening hours. Most everyone likes to use topwater lures for the Striped Bass that result in explosive strikes but suspended jerkbaits and swim shads can also be a good alternative. Small spinners, spinnerbaits and Beetle Spins work fine for the White Perch.

The lower bay region has a wide variety of fishing opportunities this week as summer migrant species continue to move into the area and resident Striped Bass begin to actively chase bait schools and are generally more active. There is still good trolling success occurring for Striped Bass from Parker's Creek south to Point-No-Point on the western edge of the shipping channel. Most boats are pulling a mixed spread of medium and large sized bucktails since there are still some large fish over 30" being caught. Most of the Striped Bass being caught are running between 18" and 26" and there is a portion of smaller fish and of course the bonus of catching a larger one that is still hanging around in the region.

Spot are readily available now in the region's tidal rivers and creeks so some fishermen are now beginning to explore favorite live lining locations such as Cove Point and Buoys 72 and 72A. It is anyone's guess where the Striped Bass will set up residence this summer; for years outside of the Gas Docks was the hot spot and last year it was the Hill off of Eastern Bay, time will tell.

Croaker and Spot numbers are increasing in many of the regions tidal rivers and sounds; many tend to be on the smaller size but some whopper sized croakers up to 18" are also being caught. Most fishermen are using peeler crab for the croakers and bloodworms for Spot this week. Some of the better places to catch them from a boat are the lower Patuxent River, the Potomac River from the Route 301 Bridge to Point Lookout, the lower Nanticoke River, off Taylor's Island and the Tangier/ Pocomoke Sound area.

Shallow water fishing for Striped Bass has been very good in the region and favorite spots such as Cedar Point and the Eastern Shore marshes have been providing fun fishing. On the eastern side of the bay a few Speckled Trout are showing up now and then and if the Red Drum are here most are keeping very quiet about it.

Recreational crabbers continue to see the best catches of crabs on the lower Eastern Shore tidal rivers and creeks. Most areas farther up the bay or on the western shore are not doing as well. There are also reports of a lot of small crabs chewing up baits and quite a few of the legal sized crabs are light. Reports from shedding houses on the middle and lower Eastern Shore report plenty of peelers are coming in from the commercial crabbers so fishing bait and soft crabs should be in good supply.

**Virginia Beach Action**

By Dr. Julie Ball

The summer fishing season is picking up momentum. With good weather, warmer days, and cooperative fish, this trend should continue.

Cobia is still the big news, and with good reason. Cobia hunters are thrilled that the smaller fish of last week have been joined by the big boys this week. Dozens of large cobia ranging from 50 to nearly 90-pounds are responding for anglers all over the lower Bay over the past few days. Boats using the chumming technique are having good results from the Buckroe area off Hampton, to the Inner Middle Grounds and the Nine-foot Shoals closer to the mouth of the Bay. Sight casters are having the best success, with many boats scoring with double-digit hook-ups while cruising the lower Bay and CBBT

areas. Local pier anglers are also landing a few small cobia lately.

The red drum bite is still good, as big reds continue to hit along the surf of the Eastern Shore barrier islands, and at buoys 8 and 10 near Nautilus Shoal, and the Nine-foot Shoal area. Blue crab is the best bait for bottom fishing for reds, while peeler crabs, bunker, and mullet work well in the surf. Some anglers are also finding top water action as schools of red drum continue to cruise off the oceanfront lately. A few black drum are still taking clams near buoy 13 and 16 off the Eastern Shore, but the majority of the schools have moved on to the islands of the CBBT, where scattered blacks are taking lures intended for rockfish around the islands of the Bridge Tunnel.

There is finally developing news on the flounder front. The bite is still improving, with more anglers reporting limits of bigger fish. Some flatfish pushing close to 9-pounds are taking drifted minnows and cut bait near the islands of the CBBT. Anglers jigging and working live bait along the pilings and over the tubes of the Bridge Tunnel are also scoring with fish, with the 1st and 2nd islands most productive lately. Lynnhaven and Rudee Inlets are still giving up above average numbers of keepers, with many flatties averaging to around 20-inches this past week. Both the Bayside and seaside areas of Oyster, the Cell, and the buoy 36 area are producing better flounder numbers for drifters recently, with a few doormats also in the mix.

Reports of speckled trout for the release anglers, and plenty of healthy puppy drum continue to come from mostly within Lynnhaven Inlet and Mobjack Bay. Nice bluefish and medium-sized croaker are available all over the lower Bay. Bigger snapper-sized bluefish ranging to about 6-pounds are still lurking inside Rudee Inlet recently. The HRBT, Hampton Bar, the Monitor-Merrimac, the James River Bridge, Little Creek, and the southern small boat channel of the CBBT are providing the best action on a range of sizes of hardheads. Sea mullet are also hitting along the oceanfront, where pier anglers had a good run of small to medium-sized fish this week. Respectable spot are also hitting within lower Bay inlets. Spadefish are appearing on the Chesapeake Light Tower, inshore wrecks, the CBBT, and many other lower Bay structures, with a few fish already boated. Most fish are ranging around 3 to 5-pounds. Sheepshead action is also heating up, with a few nice catches reported so far from the CBBT proper. Although interest is waning with so many other species becoming available, striped bass are still biting around the 3rd and 4th

islands of the CBBT on topwater lures, especially in the evenings. Many of these rockfish are ranging to around 38-inches.

The open seabass season is drawing boats to deeper water off the coast, where boats are working hard for their catches. Although there are plenty of undersized fish, folks are managing limits of nice fish averaging to about 3-pounds. Deep droppers are also finding seabass during offshore trips, with the average size approaching 4-pounds. A good variety of blueline tilefish, golden tilefish, some big grouper and blackbellied rosefish are also filling coolers from the deep.

Offshore, warm water is becoming more approachable from Virginia, where decent catches of yellowfin tuna, some whopper big eye tuna, and larger mahi are rewarding boats making the longer run to the south. Most of the yellowfin tuna are in the 40-pound range, with a few whoppers pushing to over 70-pounds also around [www.drjball.com](http://www.drjball.com).

### Delaware Action

By Eric Burnley Sr.\*

**DELAWARE BAY** The Delaware Bay is going through the transition from spring to summer fishing. The rockfish run in the upper bay appears to be over and while a few more keepers will be caught, the majority of large fish have moved out to join the coastal migration. Next month will see the season opening for male rockfish measuring 20 to 26 inches. No fish over 26 inches may be retained in the bay and its tributaries during July and August.

Black drum are still providing good sport for anglers sailing out of Lewes, Slaughters and Bowers beaches. Fish well over 50 pounds have been caught on clams with the best bite in the evening. I do expect this fishery to slow down as the drum are finished spawning.

Croakers and kings are becoming more common all the way from Augustine Beach to Lewes. Drum fishermen have been catching them on the Coral Beds while waiting for the larger fish to take a bait. Good numbers of croaker were caught from Beach Plum Island and Broadkill Beach on bloodworms and Gulp!. Right now the larger croaker are in the tidal rivers such as the Broadkill and Mispillion.

The fishing pier at Cape Henlopen State Park has seen some good fishing for spot and croaker. Bloodworms are the prime bait. Gulp! and live minnow combos are producing some flounder from the pier while the occasional bluefish stops by to add a bit of excitement.

Flounder fishing in the Broadkill River and the Lewes and Rehoboth Canal is steady if not spectacular. Keepers are caught by some while other catch nothing. Live minnows, pink Gulp! and shiners have all accounted for flatfish.

Trout continue to surprise many anglers. Fish in the four to six-pound class have been caught out of Roosevelt Inlet, the jetties off of Broadkill Beach and in the Broadkill River. Many are caught by flounder fishermen while others target the weakfish with bucktails and purple worm combos or Mir-O-Lures. Gulp! is another trout favorite and peeler crab has always been productive.

As the bay waters continue to warm I expect the flounder to move out of the shallows and onto the reef sites. Croaker will move to deeper water as well.

**INDIAN RIVER INLET** Good numbers of hickory shad and bluefish have been coming through the inlet on incoming water. The shad like small lures such as shad darts and spoons while the blues pretty much like anything that moves. The prudent angler will only feed them metal lures to keep the cost of fishing to a reasonable level.

Flounder action here is comparable to everywhere else. Fish are being caught, but not in large numbers. The VFW Slough remains the best location with Gulp!, minnows and shiners the top baits.

Rockfish and trout have become nighttime quarries. Bucktails, Gulp!, plastic shads and Mir-O-Lures have all produced. Some of the better trout action has been on the southside near the ocean.

Blues have provided a bit more action than rockfish. There have been a few good runs through the inlet on incoming water and anglers tossing metal lures have had the most success.

Shad are available to provide not only rockfish bait but also lots of sport for light tackle and fly casters. Small spoons or shad darts work best for light tackle anglers while fly fishermen have their own favorites.

**OFFSHORE OCEAN** Still seeing reports of yellowfin and bluefin tunas in the canyons. No big numbers as yet, but the fish are large enough to make the run worthwhile. Trolling with horse ballyhoo behind an Ilander or using a spreader bar have been two successful techniques.

**INSHORE OCEAN** The snags and reefs inside the shipping lanes are pretty much devoid of keeper-size sea bass. The best catches are now made in 20 fathoms or more where big ling and small cod are also taken.

Flounder have been caught at the Old Grounds and I expect some are also available on the reef sites. The fishing here is far from great, but a few keepers can be boxed by those who stick it out. Try a large bucktail with a strip of squid or fresh fish when wind and current allow a decent drift. At other times it may take eight to 10 ounces of lead to keep a bait on the bottom. In that case I use a Delaware Bay Green Machine behind the sinker. The same strip baits are used here. Once bait-sized spot become available they will account for the largest flounder.

Mako and thresher sharks have been caught on either side of the shipping lanes. Makos tend to roam in deeper water while threshers are caught within sight of the beach. A good chum slick and a large bait will attract the sharks.

**SURF FISHING** Keeper rockfish are becoming rare and will probably not return in numbers until fall. Blues are still here and will remain all summer. Cut bunker will be the best bait until the mullet run begins in September.

Croaker and kings will take bloodworms, FishBites and clam on small hooks. Quite often they are found close to the beach just behind or right in the wash.

## **Tips and Tackle**

### **Stand-Up Smarts**

#### **Fighting big fish on stand-up tackle is applied science, not brute force.**

By Gary Caputi

Prince Edward Island tuna the size of submarines crashed chunks alongside the boat as I locked the rod gimbal into place and slipped the harness straps onto the lugs of the Penn 80VSW. It was packed with 1,300 yards of 200-pound braid and topshot, and mounted on a custom 5-foot stand-up rod aimed at producing enough stopping power to beat and release one of these massive fish within the one-hour time period decreed by Canadian fisheries law. The captain was pulling line off the rod tip so he could toss the herring impaled on my hook into the next handful of chunks when he turned and asked, "You ready?" Silly question!

As soon as the bait hit the water, it was inhaled by an 800-pound-class bluefin, and when I pushed the lever up to engage the initial 45 pounds of drag, the fish reacted with a blistering run, stripping half the line off the reel. As the fight progressed, I increased the drag incrementally for each successive run until it was maxed out at more than 70 pounds. In the end, the fish

was beaten and released in 44 minutes, and victory high-fives ensued. That afternoon, my friend Brett Surgent would fight and release a grander on the same outfit, and he had never caught a tuna on stand-up gear before.

You don't have to be a weight lifter to do it, although being in good physical shape is a plus. It takes matched tackle, and a knowledgeable coach to teach you the ropes. Fortunately I learned from some of the best. My initial attempts were with sharks, yellowfin and bigeye tuna in the mid-1980s, but it was off California on the Royal Polaris that I began to understand the synergy between tackle and technique. Sometime later I was tutored by stand-up guru Dennis Braid, an incredible angler who developed the belt-and-harness systems and techniques that made it possible to beat the giants in PEI this past September.

#### **Angler's Advantage**

Stand-up tackle — designed to provide anglers with a mechanical advantage over big fish — works on the principle of the lever and fulcrum. The tuna is the load, the rod is the lever, and the belt and harness create a fulcrum point that allows the angler to use his body weight to counter and raise the load. However, there are additional factors that figure into this equation: the fish strength, the flex and rebound of the rod, and the drag pressure generated by the reel. The drag acts as a buffer between the load and the lever. At no point will the angler lift more than the pound setting at which the drag slips, while the flex of the rod absorbs shock and aids lifting power much like a bow launches an arrow, only in slow motion. The system works so well, it allows the angler to balance body weight against drag pressure when the tuna runs so he is expending very little energy while tiring the fish. When the fish stops, the angler uses body weight to turn and pull the tuna closer to pick up line.

Assembling a stand-up system starts with the pound-test of the line, which determines the drag pressure that can be exerted. With 50-pound line, a fighting belt that positions the rod gimbal at the top of the thighs should be matched with a lightweight harness that fits just above the hips. It's paired with a relatively soft 5-foot-9-inch to 6-foot rod, which has plenty of lifting power for a maximum drag setting less than 30 pounds, while allowing the angler to crouch into a relaxed fighting position. You can use any variety of two-speed lever drag reels, as long as they offer adequate drag and line capacity. For 50-pound line, I prefer a 30-wide like Penn's 30VSW loaded with mono, but with braid the reel size can be even smaller than that.

For 80- and 130-pound line, everything is taken to the extreme, with the angler facing up to 70 pounds of drag. Rod length is no more than 5 1/2 feet for 80-pound, and even shorter for 130, with a fast action and much stiffer butt section. Reel size increases to hold as much as three-quarters of a mile of line. In PEI, I used Braid's PowerPlay system. The gimbal rests on drop straps at mid thigh and moves the fulcrum point lower to work with the shorter rod, providing more mechanical advantage to the angler.

#### **Fighting Strategy**

In a properly conducted fight, the line should always be moving. If the fish isn't pulling drag, you're pumping and gaining line. The fish should never be allowed to rest, but you are able to when the fish is taking line. On the initial run, with the drag at prestrike, you want the tuna to make a long, fast run under moderate pressure, burning up lots of energy. When it stops, push the drag up closer to strike and start pumping. You'll gain some line, but the fish will still be fresh, and when it turns to run, it will be against increased drag. When it stops again, push the drag up to strike and pump with an even cadence, turning the fish back to the boat. Frequently you can get the fish to turn and run toward you: If it does, crank as fast as you can in high gear to take advantage of the opportunity. Experienced anglers say this strategy breaks the fish's will. As it tires, counter each successive run with more resistance to make the fish give up.

The endgame is always the same. It's signaled by the fish transitioning into lazy circles under the boat. Sometimes those circles start a few hundred feet down, at other times, it's much shallower. This is when the angler is forced to lift the load as the fish is directly below the boat. With drag at max and the rod loaded with your body weight, you can pick up a foot or two of line per pump. Take advantage of the circling. When the fish is moving away, try to relax and hold position, but when it starts to come around toward the boat, start pumping. Identify the cadence, and you can get an extra turn or two on the reel handle with each go-round, so you gain hard-earned line with less effort.

Tangling with a giant on stand-up tackle was something I've had on my bucket list for a long time, and I managed to accomplish it two weeks before my 62nd birthday. Reinforced was my long-held belief that proper tackle and technique beat sheer brawn every time.

#### **Setting the Drag**

Ready, Set ... Adjust your gear and get to know it long before you're on the water. Put

on the harness system, lock the rod in the gimbal, and attach the harness straps to the reel. Stand straight and adjust the length of the straps so the rod is about 15 degrees above horizontal. This is ideal when a fish runs. When pumping to gain line, the rod should not rise above 45 degrees; anymore and you'll lose lifting power and stress yourself.

Now set the drag while someone pulls the line, fastened to a scale, down and away from you. When setting the drag, first warm the drag washers by pulling a few yards of line off the reel at modest pressure, with the rod under mild load. Set at least three drag position markings on the reel. If the reel doesn't have numbered marks on the side plate, waterproof tape works fine. The first setting is "prestrike" at 25 percent to 30 percent of the break-strength of the line. "Strike" is 35 percent to 40 percent, and "full" is 50 percent to 55 percent. To beat big tuna, the ability to generate maximum drag pressure within a line rating is critical.

Once you've established these settings, have someone run line off the reel at each one while you adjust your balance as the drag slips. Then pump them back using your weight to load the rod and reel down to retrieve line. Practice switching the reel from low to high gear, and feel the difference in cranking power and retrieve speed. With big fish and heavy line, low gear can be your best friend in a fight, but there will be times when you have to quickly switch back to high gear to pick up line.

### DNR in the News

#### **\$10,000 Diamond Jim on the Loose!**

The hunt is on! The Diamond Jim component of the 2014 Maryland Fishing Challenge kicked off today when DNR biologists and members of the Maryland Youth Fishing Club caught, tagged and released the first round of striped bass into the Chesapeake Bay.

One of these tagged fish is the official Diamond Jim, worth \$10,000 to the angler who catches it before midnight on June 30, 2014. The other tagged "imposter" rockfish are worth at least \$500 each if caught and registered before midnight on Labor Day, September 1, 2014.

"Diamond Jim heralds the beginning of a summer filled with top-notch, diverse fishing here in Maryland," said Governor O'Malley.

"The Maryland Fishing Challenge is an invitation to everyone – young and old, seasoned pros and first timers – to spend time outdoors and create memories with friends and loved ones."

Over the summer, hundreds of imposters and one genuine Diamond Jim will be pursued by anglers. Each month that Diamond Jim goes uncaught, the reward increases from \$10,000 in June, to \$20,000 in July, and \$25,000 in August. With a \$25,000 guaranteed payout, if Diamond Jim is not caught by midnight Labor Day the cash will be split equally among those who catch imposters.

Last year was the first time in the contest's nine-year history that the official Diamond Jim was caught. The captor, Blair Wheeler, 25 of Herndon, Va., walked away with the \$25,000, and other great prizes. A novice angler, Wheeler snagged the winning striper while fishing aboard a charter boat.

Now in its tenth year, the Challenge showcases Maryland as a premier sport fishing destination with accessible, affordable, diverse and high-quality opportunities for anglers of all ages. Anyone who catches and registers a Maryland Angler Award-eligible sport fish will receive a certificate of achievement and free passes to the Maryland Fishing Challenge Finale, to be held in conjunction with the 2014 Maryland Seafood Festival at Sandy Point State Park on Sunday, September 7. There, these anglers will have the chance to win great prizes, including a boat, trailer and motor package from Tracker Marine; a tropical vacation package from the World Fishing Network; tackle packages from Bill's Outdoor Center and Bass Pro Shops; and collectable event t-shirts from Under Armour.

DNR will also randomly select 12 members of its Maryland Youth Fishing Club, who post any catch on the Youth Angler's Log, to win guided fishing trips sponsored by local fishing and conservation organizations. The winners will be presented with their prizes at the Maryland Fishing Challenge Finale.

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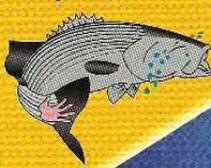
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## FREDERICK MSSA CHAPTER - 2014 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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<b>JANUARY</b>	<b>11</b>	- <b>Dinner Dance</b> - Frederick Moose Club
	<b>17</b>	- <b>Frederick Board Meeting</b>
	<b>18</b>	- <b>Frederick Chapter Fishing Expo – Frederick Fair Grounds</b>
	25-26	- Kent Island Chapter Flea Market
	23-26	- Baltimore Boat Show – Baltimore Convention Center
<b>FEBRUARY</b>	1-3	- MSSA Convention, Annapolis, MD
	1	- Tri State Marine Flea Market – Free in Deale MD
	<b>12</b>	- <b>Frederick Meeting -</b>
	<b>19</b>	- <b>Frederick Board Meeting</b>
	15-16	- Pasadena Flea Market – Earleigh Heights Fire Co, Pasadena, MD
	22	- Dorchester County Flea Market – American Legion Post 91 – Cambridge, MD
22	- Saltwater Fishing Expo Annapolis Elks #622 – Edgewater MD	
<b>MARCH</b>	<b>5</b>	- <b>Frederick Board Meeting</b>
	<b>12</b>	- <b>Frederick Meeting</b>
	15-16	- Essex/Middle River Flea Market
	22-23	- Southern MD Fishing Fair – Solomons Fire Hall
<b>APRIL</b>	<b>2</b>	- <b>Frederick Board Meeting</b>
	<b>5</b>	- <b>Frederick Shakedown Cruise/Brunch</b> – Sandy Point
	<b>9</b>	- <b>Frederick Meeting</b>
	19	- Opening Day - Striped Bass Season
<b>MAY</b>	2-4	- 30th Annual MSSA Spring Tournament – Solomons
	<b>7</b>	- <b>Frederick Board Meeting</b>
	<b>14</b>	- <b>Frederick Meeting</b>
	<b>15-18</b>	- <b>Chapter Flounder Tournament</b> – Chincoteague
<b>JUNE</b>	<b>4</b>	- <b>Frederick Board Meeting</b>
	<b>11</b>	- <b>Frederick Meeting</b>
	20-22	- 21th Annual MSSA Tunament – Ocean City & Wachapreague
<b>JULY</b>	<b>2</b>	- <b>Frederick Board Meeting</b>
	<b>9</b>	- <b>Frederick Meeting</b>
<b>AUGUST</b>	<b>6</b>	- <b>Frederick Board Meeting</b>
	<b>13</b>	- <b>Frederick Meeting</b>
	23	- 4rd Annual MSSA Beach N Boat Flounder Tournament – Ocean City
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	<b>3</b>	- <b>Frederick Board Meeting</b>
	<b>10</b>	- <b>Frederick Meeting</b>
	<b>13</b>	- <b>Chapter Crab Feast and Picnic</b>
<b>OCTOBER</b>	<b>1</b>	- <b>Frederick Board Meeting</b>
	4-11	- <b>Chapter North Carolina King Mackerel Tournament</b>
	<b>15</b>	- <b>Frederick Meeting</b>
<b>NOVEMBER</b>	<b>5</b>	- <b>Frederick Board Meeting</b>
	<b>12</b>	- <b>Frederick Meeting</b>
	21-23	- 19 <sup>th</sup> Annual MSSA Fall Tournament
<b>DECEMBER</b>	<b>3</b>	- <b>Frederick Board Meeting</b>
	<b>10</b>	- <b>Frederick Meeting</b>