

MSSA FREDERICK CHAPTER NEWSLETTER



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President's Message

Let's get ready to ROCK the New Year fellas. The year already began in January with our 6th annual Fishing Expo. It was a perfect day to get out and start scouting for new equipment for the upcoming year with over fifty three different vendors exhibiting their products.

Although, many of the vendors did well, make a lot of contacts and seemed to be please, our overall attendance wasn't up to expectations. Many of our members browsed the isles for deals or much needed tackle and our own Rodney Baer won the four rod combo raffled during the show.

A special thanks to all our board members, volunteers and especially our sponsors, Bill O'Brien from Shore Tackle & Ken Lehr from ReelDraggin Tackle. Members, please patronize our sponsors as they help fund or support our chapter activities. Visit their website www.shoretackleandcustomrods.com & www.reeldraggingtackle.com.

We are only getting ready to start Rockin' with all our upcoming activities. Be reminded our annual dinner dance will be held on February 28, 2015 at the Frederick Moose. Great Prime Rib dinner, Crab Dip, Steamed shrimp and all the fixins', coupled with the great DenimNLace band will make for a great evening of fun.

We will have a huge variety of prizes for raffle valued at well over \$4000.00. Tickets are only \$35.00 per person and will be available at our meeting. There will be NO ticket sales at the door. Hope to see a lot of you there.
FISH HARD !

February 11, 2015

Food Service begins at 6:15 PM
Meeting at 7:00 PM

Speaker:

Frank Daringer – [Mid-Shore Electronics](#)

Frank will demonstrate how to private, DSC radio to DSC radio calls using MMSI#'s. He'll also go over how to use the position tracking feature to track other vessels using each others MMSI#.

Everyone in attendance will have the opportunity to use distress DSC button and have experience if it should ever truly "come up". This will be an excellent, hands-on informational/training seminar that members will not want to miss.

Vendor:

Dinner Menu

Hamburgers
Hot Dogs
French Fries
Cole Slaw
Dessert

January Raffle Winners:

Alan Dissin – Ande Trolling Rod
Damon Catlin - Shakespeare Trolling Reel
Chris Conway – Tackle Bag
Fred Keene – Hat, Knife Sharpener, Pliers
Gordon Jernigan – Camo Cooler Seat
Mike Diehl – Misc. tackle and Lure Bag

50/50 Raffle:

Damon Catlin – \$110

Attendance at January Meeting:
52

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

Dinner Dance

February 28, 2015

Once again, it is time to start making plans for our Annual Dinner Dance. A time to join together and congratulate everyone for all the hard work and commitment put in to making this Chapter one of the best in the organization. It's also time to get out reminisce over the past years fishing trips and plan new adventures for the upcoming season.

As always, we will have the usual 50/50 raffle, a Chinese Auction and maybe even a door prize or two.

The event will start at 6:30pm followed by dinner at 7:30. Afterwards we will have a great band so everyone can kick up their heels after they have feasted.

Tickets for the event are just \$35. Tickets must be purchased in advance. We look forward to seeing you all there

Chapter Spring Tournament Information – May 1-3

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..

This year we will be offering an Early Bird Discount for those that register for the tournament by the March 12th meeting.

The deadline to register for the tournament is April 8, 2015. There will be no registrations accepted after that date.

2015 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 2015, 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

Tight lines.....

Maryland DNR Fishing Report

Virginia Beach Action

By Dr. Julie Ball

A break in the wind this weekend could allow anglers to get out on the water, but options are somewhat limited off the Mid-Atlantic coastlines. Many folks will opt to spend their better weather days pursuing other fishing-related options instead, such as attending the Mid-Atlantic Boat Show at the Convention Center in Virginia Beach.

Other folks are turning to inshore opportunities. Though it depends on the day and who you ask, some anglers are still finding some agreeable speckled trout within the Elizabeth River and in the popular cove area. Many specks are on the smaller side, but a few nicer fish weighing in at over 5-pounds are still in the mix. Angers are reporting that live bait in the cove is still a good method, while various swim baits and jigs are also attracting some hits. Rudee Inlet is also boasting about some nice trout weighing to over 6-pounds hitting the scales this week, along with occasional puppy drum. The pups are hitting mostly cut bait within the Inlet lately.

Unfortunately, the striped bass fishery is not happening for any of the Mid-Atlantic States this winter, with schools of big rockfish lingering well out of reach of boats offshore. It seems the only hope now is to intercept the schools of rockfish as they head into the Bay to spawn in early spring.

Tautog is one of the only available species off our coast right now. A few tog hunters are experiencing some success fishing on wrecks and structures up to around 20-miles off the beach. Crabs are the top bait but they are very difficult to find, so plan ahead if you are organizing a trip. Remember, you can only keep three fish at 16-inches or longer. Tautog are also active on deeper wrecks, but seabass, which are not legal to keep right now, are making catches of tog a challenge.

When boats venture out to scour the deeper ocean floors, plenty of blueline tilefish, black bellied rosefish, and scattered grouper and wreckfish are around. But the invasion of dogfish is discouraging to many anglers, and all seabass must be thrown back right now.

www.drjball.com.

Delaware Action

By Eric Burnley Sr.*

Updated: Feb. 5, 2015

DELAWARE BAY Still nothing going on here as the weather and the cold water have kept fishermen at home and the fish hunkered down until the water and the weather warm up a bit.

INSHORE OCEAN High winds last weekend kept anglers off the water, but when the weather improves there should be some tog available on wrecks and reefs off the Delaware coast. All types of live crabs have been hard to come by, but tog will hit clams and I have caught quite a few on Gulp! crab.

Giant bluefin tuna are still being caught out of Hatteras Inlet and Morehead City, N.C.. Blackfin tuna have been jigged up out of Hatteras Inlet.

INDIAN RIVER INLET It will be awhile before we hear anything from this location. The water is very cold and any tog remaining in the rocks will be inactive.

Tips and Tackle

Rod Cleaning & Maintenance

By Ron Crandall of Ron's Reel repair

We have had a lot of requests about what is the best way to maintain a Rod in order to have it last for a Lifetime - assuming you don't break it.

New Rods:

1. Apply a paste wax (not a liquid) to the rod and the base of the guides only (not on guides)
2. Apply paraffin wax to the screw threads of the reel seat. This will allow for smooth operation and less wear.
3. For a rod with glass or graphite ferrules, apply paraffin wax to the ferrules.
4. For a rod with metal ferrules, use only skin oil on the ferrules. Apply by rubbing the male end of the ferrule in hair or, lacking that, rub on a forehead. This will apply a minuscule amount of oil to the ferrule. This is all you need.

After fishing, do the following:

1. Remove the reel and clean any sand or grit from the reel seat with an old toothbrush, or a paint or acid brush that has bristles cut short (for stiffness).
2. Spray the rod with Salt Away, then rinse. This breaks down an amazing amount of salt that you didn't realize was on the rod.
3. Take the rod into the shower with you and clean it thoroughly with a toothbrush.

4. Naturally, dry it before putting it away.

For Older, Abused Rods:

1. Apply Corrosion-X to any corrosion build-up on metal ferrules, reel seats and guides. Let sit overnight. Scrub with a toothbrush and rinse.
2. (Tip: WD40 or Simple Green do not work as well as Corrosion-X)
3. Install a rod butt cap if missing. Caps are available through tackle shops.
4. After the rod is free of corrosion and thoroughly clean, proceed to treat it as if it were a new rod.

Other considerations:

New rods have a single coat of epoxy covering the rod and guide wrapping. This epoxy will chip off with use, exposing the uncoated surfaces to moisture. Moisture will get under the epoxy and lift it off, deteriorating the guide wrapping and causing the guides to come loose. You need to seal the chipped epoxy immediately. Applying paste wax will help, or clean the chip with alcohol, and apply a coat of U-40 Permagloss one-part urethane rod finish.

Inexpensive rods are more prone to chipping than expensive rods. But, treating an inexpensive rod as described above will allow you to keep it for a Lifetime.

DNR in the News

NRP Aggressively Enforces Striped Bass Conservation Measures along the Atlantic

January 30, 2015

Maryland Natural Resources Police (NRP) officers checked a record number of Atlantic coast recreational anglers and commercial fishermen in December and January as part of enforcement efforts to support striped bass conservation measures.

Warm weather, calm seas and an abundance of fish in December enticed anglers and watermen to the waters off Ocean City. As a result, NRP checked more than 550 recreational anglers (vs. 283 in December 2013), 95 charter boats (vs. one) and 15 commercial fishermen (vs. three).

Officers logged nearly 200 vessel hours and more than 70 hours of foot patrol at area boat ramps and marinas. That compares with 71 sea hours and 61 dock patrol hours in December 2013.

"Aggressive patrols and an outstanding working partnership with our Delaware counterparts, the Coast Guard and the

National Marine Fisheries Service allowed NRP to really drive home the message that we are serious about striped bass conservation," said Frank Dawson, Acting Secretary, Maryland Department of Natural Resources.

Beginning this month, the daily striped bass creel limit in Maryland's coastal waters dropped from two fish per person to one fish per person. Size limits remained at a minimum size of 28 inches per fish, with no maximum size. Both Virginia and Delaware also are implementing measures to achieve the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's (ASMFC) required 25 percent harvest reduction.

To support ASMFC's conservation efforts, NRP officers continued stepped up enforcement in January even though the number of fish and temperatures plummeted. During the first three weeks, officers checked more than 56 recreational anglers (vs. 34 in all of January 2014), 16 watermen (vs. 25) and 59 charter fishermen (vs. 0). They also conducted inspections of eight seafood markets and distributors. Officers logged more than 70 vessel and 100 dockside foot patrol hours.

Patrols have been centered on fishing hot spots in Maryland waters that extend three nautical miles from shore and federal waters, called the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ), from three miles to 200 miles where striped bass fishing has been banned since 1990. Officers have been deputized to enforce federal fishing laws for the U.S. Department of Commerce.

Enforcement efforts have been enhanced by two new tools this season. The radar system known as the Maritime Law Enforcement Information Network allows officers using laptops to monitor fishing activity beyond the horizon. The addition of NRP 150, the agency's largest vessel stationed in Ocean City, provides a platform for long patrols in deep-sea waters.

"MLEIN has been used successfully on the Chesapeake Bay since October 2013 to protect oyster sanctuaries from poaching, so it was only natural to extend its use last year to the Atlantic Ocean, where we can use it to monitor the EEZ and protect striped bass," said Col. George F. Johnson IV, NRP superintendent. "NRP 150 employs the latest technology to not only add muscle to our enforcement strategy but also to enhance search-and-rescue missions."

NRP 150 was acquired through a cooperative enforcement program with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration,

and the National Marine Fishery Service. The 28-foot vessel entered service last summer. It can patrol for six hours at a cruising speed of 30 knots and has a top-end speed of 47 knots, or more than 50 mph.

"We are pleased to see that the vast majority of Maryland's coastal anglers and commercial fishermen have taken conservation measures to heart," said Johnson. "We will continue our aggressive patrols to ensure protection of our valuable striped bass resource for all Maryland citizens."

Partners Program

Don't have a boat? Want to fish?

Many of us who have boats go fishing and have vacancies. Get your name on the list and we will give you a call when we are going fishing if we have vacancies.

Stan Mordensky - 301-639-8584

To get your name on the list, send your contact information to Clyde Hunt at clyde.hunt@verizon.net

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FREDERICK MSSA CHAPTER - 2015 CALENDAR OF EVENTS
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JANUARY	10	- Dorchester County Flea Market – American Legion Post 91 – Cambridge, MD
	14	- Frederick Meeting
	17	- Frederick Chapter Fishing Expo – Frederick Fair Grounds
	24	- Frederick Board Meeting
	24-25	- Kent Island Chapter Flea Market
	29-2/1	- Baltimore Boat Show – Baltimore Convention Center
FEBRUARY	1-3	- MSSA Convention Center, Annapolis, MD
	11	- Frederick Meeting
	14-15	- Pasadena Flea Market – Earleigh Heights Fire Co, Pasadena, MD
	18	- Frederick Board Meeting
	21	- Saltwater Fishing Expo Annapolis Elks #622 – Edgewater MD
	21-22	- Tri State Marine Flea Market – Deale MD
	28	- Dinner Dance - Frederick Moose Club
MARCH	11	- Frederick Meeting
	14-15	- Essex/Middle River Flea Market
	18	- Frederick Board Meeting
	28-29	- Southern MD Fishing Fair – Solomons Fire Hall
APRIL	4	- Frederick Shakedown Cruise/Brunch – Sandy Point
	8	- Frederick Meeting
	15	- Frederick Board Meeting
	18	- Opening Day - Striped Bass Season
MAY	1-3	- 31th Annual MSSA Spring Tournament – Solomons
	13	- Frederick Meeting
	15-17	- Chapter Flounder Tournament – Chincoteague
	19	- Frederick Board Meeting
JUNE	10	- Frederick Meeting
	17	- Frederick Board Meeting
	19-21	- 22nd Annual MSSA Tunament – Ocean City & Wachapreague
JULY	8	- Frederick Meeting
	15	- Frederick Board Meeting
AUGUST	12	- Frederick Meeting
	17	- Frederick Board Meeting
	22	- 4th Annual MSSA Beach N Boat Flounder Tournament – Ocean City
SEPTEMBER	9	- Frederick Meeting
	12	- Chapter Crab Feast and Picnic
	16	- Frederick Board Meeting
OCTOBER	3-10	- Chapter North Carolina King Mackerel Tournament
	14	- Frederick Meeting
	21	- Frederick Board Meeting
NOVEMBER	11	- Frederick Meeting
	15	- Frederick Board Meeting
	20-22	- 20 th Annual MSSA Fall Tournament
DECEMBER	9	- Frederick Meeting
	16	- Frederick Board Meeting