

# MSSA FREDERICK CHAPTER NEWSLETTER



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## President's Message

### Presidents Message

As the temperatures have started to warm the waters of our beloved fishing holes, every one of us should make a concerted effort to get out to our favorite places and wet a line. The smaller sized rockfish have moved into bay, so downsizing your arsenal is a must. Soon, the spot will arrive and live lining will be a fun ticket to catch some keeper rockfish. Flounder seem to have arrived along our coastal bays and our success during the chapter tournament in Chincoteague is an early testament to that. The offshore action is well under way for our blue water enthusiasts and they are chomping at the bit to land a big tuna. Crabs are finally coming out of the mud with some nice reports of decent catches being made in many of the coves and rivers. Some of the best fishing of the year for all our members has only begun. Make sure you are aware of the new regulations for 2015.

Please be reminded that our chapter still has a lot of great activities planned for the remainder of the year. Our first annual chapter cobia tournament will be held on July 24, 25 and 26 out of Kitopeake, Va. See Jim Lorditch for signups and information. Our annual crab feast will be on September 12<sup>th</sup>, followed by our "Tackle the Mackerel" tournament from October 4<sup>th</sup> through the 10<sup>th</sup>. As you can see, we as a chapter are always active with some really nice activities that our members can enjoy.

I would also like to remind you of our need for support from everyone to help us fund all these great activities. We need everyone to sell their allotment of ten raffle tickets for the vacation package or \$1000 in cash to be raffled off in September. Again, for every ten tickets you sell you receive a free ticket to our crab feast. Selling these tickets means a lot to our chapter, which in turn, should mean a lot to each of you.

Fish Hard!

Ed

## Next Meeting

**June 10, 2015**

Food Service begins at 6:15 PM

Meeting at 7:00 PM

## **Speaker:**

**Captain Donald Bowers**

## **Vendor:**

## **Bust Em baits**

### **Dinner Menu:**

Hot Roast Beef Sandwiches  
Mashed Potatoes  
Gravy  
Green Beans  
Macaroni n Cheese  
Cole Slaw  
Dessert

### **May Raffle Winners:**

Rod and Reel Combo- Brian Buckman  
Catch-all Gear Bag- Clay Pellicot  
Penn Rod and Reel Cleaner/ Oil- Neal Ammerman  
Daiwa Sweepfire 2500B Reel- Logan Harry  
Gulp Swimbaits/ Towel- Chris Linetty  
Berkley Digital Scale- Ed Susa  
Sharpener/Pliers/line Cutter- John Travers  
Top Dog T-Shirts- Paul Musser and Jim Lorditch

50/50-

**50/50 Raffle:** Stephanie Shaller

**Attendance at May Meeting: 56**

## **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 Spring Tournament Results –**

### **Magic number:**

Friday, No Winner  
Saturday, 17.4# Phil Coblentz 15.8# \$150  
Sunday, 16.3# Jim Bremer 16.2# \$150

### **4th Place**

Chris Conway 59.85# \$216

### **3rd Place**

Rob Pellicot 60.85# \$364

### **2nd Place**

Tim Helman 68.5# \$768

### **1st Place**

Tom Musser 93.05# \$1212

### **Calcutta**

Tim Helman 45.3# \$2400

### **Lucky Loser**

Chris Linetty \$50

## **Chapter Flounder Tournament Results-**

The results will be announced at the June 10 meeting.

## **Fishing Reports**

### **Ocean City Action**

**Ocean City Maryland & Assateague Island - Delaware Beaches - Ocean n Bay Fishing Report**

**By Bob Foster, Oyster Bay Tackle Shop, Ocean City MD - Fenwick Island DE**

Big bluefish continue to provide lots of action from the Route 50 bridge, the inlet jetty's and piers. Anglers are tossing

bucktails, spoons, speck rigs and rattletraps to the chopper blues.

Anglers fishing from boats in the O.C. inlet were jigging stingsilvers and bucktails and catching stripers and bluefish. Striper fishing improved this week with lots of shorts and some keepers being caught from the O.C. inlet and the route 50 bridge. Several keeper stripers and lots of blues were caught by surf casters fishing the Ocean City beach. A few kingfish and croakers showed up in the surf with lots of big rays and skates. Indian river inlet provided jetty anglers with great bluefish action and some keeper stripers. Flounder fishing was good for those that found clear water. A pretty good yellowfin tuna bite up in the Baltimore Canyon this weekend.

## **Maryland DNR Fishing Report**

### **Maryland Weekly Fishing Report Overview | May 28, 2015**

Striped bass are being caught in and around the channel regions in the Susquehanna Flats area this week by casting or trolling crankbaits and jigging. Water temperatures in the area are in the low 70°s and there is also a mix of channel catfish and white perch to be caught. In the lower Susquehanna River white perch are being caught by casting small jigs and a few striped bass are also being caught near the Conowingo Dam pool in the mornings. The dam tends to be on a mid-day power generation schedule. Beginning Monday June 1st the striped bass regulations for the Susquehanna Flats area will fall in line with the bay regulations of two fish 20" or larger or one under 28" and one over 28" per day.

White perch and striped bass are becoming common in the lower sections of the upper bay's tidal rivers and can be found near structure such as channel edges and various types of submerged structure. Channel catfish are also very common in the upper bay tidal rivers. Chumming for striped bass in the upper bay is becoming popular at traditional locations such as Swan Point and Love Point. Throwbacks are common and circle hooks should be a priority on everyone's list when fishing bait while chumming. As is typical with this upper bay fishery a good tide is essential and the larger striped bass can often be found close to the bottom and far back in the chum slick. Trolling is an option along channel edges with medium sized bucktails and spoons often behind umbrella rigs rigged with spoons or sassy shads.

There has been plenty of striped bass action around the Bay Bridge piers and rock piles this week for those that are jigging or trolling. Chumming and chunking can also be effective with the right tide but as most know, anchoring up current of the bridge piers can be tough on anchor retrieval.

The two most popular ways to catch striped bass in the middle bay region this week are trolling and chumming. Those trolling are working the steep channel edges with a mix of large and medium sized lures. Large bucktails and parachutes dressed with sassy shads are still being towed in spreads for lingering large striped bass. Smaller bucktails are being employed in tandem or behind umbrella rigs and medium sized spoons can be very effective. Boats can be seen anchoring up at the outside edge of Hackett's Bar, the Hill, Clay Banks, Thomas Point and the Diamonds and laying out chum slicks.

Black drum are being caught by those adventurous enough to look for them at shoal areas in the middle bay region. The James Island Flats and Stone Rock are two favorite places to dunk half a soft crab when heavy marks are seen on a depth finder. The soft crab bait is usually only dropped when good marks are seen since a soft crab bait on the bottom of the bay sure to be hit by croakers or white perch.

Croakers have moved into the middle bay region and can be found up the major tidal rivers. They are being caught in the Choptank River at the Bill Burton Fishing Pier and other traditional locations such as Hackett's Bar, Thomas Point and Eastern Bay. Early in the season many fishermen talk of good luck using squid as bait but most opt for peeler crab, fresh wild shrimp or bloodworms. Clams and clam snouts are also an effective bait at times and some have good luck with the artificial bait called Fishbites. So far this season it would seem that a croaker over 10" is a rare sight; a bit of a let down from the large 17"+ croakers we enjoyed in the fishery 10 years ago.

White perch are filling into their summer haunts around tidal creeks, rivers and the bay. They are often a favorite for light tackle fishermen of all ages around sunken structure such as docks, fallen tree tops, submerged rocks and of course oyster reefs out in the bay and lower sections of tidal rivers. Spot will soon arrive if they haven't already in some areas and will be a welcome bait item for those wishing to switch from chumming to live lining for striped bass.

Striped bass fishing in the lower bay region has made a rapid transition to fish less than 28" in the last week. Boats have been trolling along the shipping channel edges on

both sides of the bay with good luck. The lower Potomac River has been producing good opportunities as well as the Tangier Sound area. Most are trolling medium sized bucktails and spoons along with larger bucktails and parachutes in hopes of catching a lingering larger striped bass. Light tackle jigging has been effective when fish can be spotted suspended over structure and shallow water fishing along shorelines is now in full swing. Casting poppers is a wonderful way to spend an early morning or evening while fishing for striped bass. There have been a few rumors of a bluefish showing up now and then in the region and it will only be a matter of time before they arrive in force.

Croakers have arrived in the lower bay region and can now be found in most of the traditional areas. The mouth of the Honga River, Buoy 72, Tangier Sound, Pocomoke Sound, the lower Patuxent River and the lower Potomac River. Fishing from a boat along shoal areas bordering channels at dusk is a favorite tactic. There are also some good locations on the Eastern Shore to fish from land or piers such as Point Lookout and the Solomons pier under the Route 4 Bridge. Croaker fishing has been good at the mouth of the Wicomico River on the lower Potomac and blue catfish are very plentiful there also and making a good contribution to filling a cooler. Squid, peeler crab, bloodworms, shrimp and strip baits from spot are all good baits. When using shrimp, make sure you use wild shrimp and not the freshwater aquaculture shrimp that are commonly sold at seafood markets.

White perch fishing has been very good in the tidal rivers and creeks of the lower bay region. Casting small lures around shoreline structure is a fun way to spend a morning or evening. Fishing a simple bottom rig baited with bloodworms or grass shrimp is also popular near structure such as docks or oyster reefs.

## **Virginia Beach Action**

Weekly Sportfishing Rundown  
29 May 2015

The summer saltwater scene is coming together nicely, making the lingering setbacks of the harsh winter but a mere memory. Now anglers are turning their attention to a great start to the warm water fishing season, with many species now right on track. It looks like it's going to be a good summer.

The arrival of the local summertime staple has everyone's attention. Cobia are pouring into local waters, with some really big fish already making a showing. Jamal Esfahani of

Virginia Beach boated the fish of a lifetime when a 90-pound early season stud took his frozen bunker for a run while targeting drum off the Eastern Shore this week. Scattered catches of all sizes of cobia around the lower Bay are just the beginning as these fish settle in for the season.

Anglers continue to experience very good drum action on the Eastern Shore side of the lower Bay. Huge red drum continue to roam the shoals off Fisherman's Island and Nautilus Shoal, with more fish now hitting on the Nine Foot Shoal area near the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel. Black drum are still hitting along the shoals near buoys 10, 13 and 16, where chowder clams and sea clams are the top baits. Although we are on the downward trend for black drum on the shoals, they are still available for those willing to put in some time.

Flounder action in Bay waters is evolving slowly at best, as anglers struggle for catches in lower Bay waters this week. Folks are finding some luck around the 2nd and 3rd islands and tubes, and near the bend at the 3rd island of the CBBT, near buoy 36A, and Back River Reef. Rudee and Lynnhaven Inlets are providing some decent action, depending on the day. The best flatfish catches continue to come from the shallows on the Eastern Shore, with locations in Wachapreague and Oyster still leading the way. Limits of fish pushing to over 21-inches are common lately from these areas.

Sheepshead are making a low-key introduction, as sporadic reports trickle in of mostly incidental hook-ups by drum anglers, with some nice fish pushing to over 10-pounds making a great early season debut. Spadefish are still available at the Chesapeake Light Tower as well as some inshore wrecks, with scattered reports of catches of 3 to 5-pounders last week.

Captain Jake Hiles, skipper of the 'Matador' out of Rudee Inlet, shared accounts of several really big shark releases during a trip aboard his boat this week, including tiger sharks stretching to over 9-feet long, and even a nerve-racking great white shark hook-up.

Rudee, Lynnhaven and Little Creek Inlets are a good source of some respectable puppy drum catches right now. Several Peninsula backwater locations and the Eastern Shore inlets and shallows are also providing some pup action lately.

Croaker are a favorite for pier anglers, with small to medium-sized hardheads still taking squid and bloodworm offerings off the Virginia Beach Ocean front, Ocean View, Willoughby and Buckroe. The lower Bay

inlets are also hosting a few croaker, with decent sized sea mullet also in the mix.

For those venturing to deeper water, keeper-sized seabass are biting on several wrecks, with a few pushing to over 4-pounds. Further grouper, wreckfish, and black bellied rosefish are providing good results. Big seabass are still a welcome by-catch in these areas.

Finally, the Virginia offshore scene is taking off with the arrival of tuna this week. Boats venturing out to blue water are returning with bounties of quality yellowfin tuna, along with gaffer mahi. Some nice bigeye tuna are also busting spreads, with scattered catches of fish ranging to over 200-pounds hitting the docks this week. **out, deep dropping is still a good choice.** For those fishing on the bottom near the Norfolk Canyon, big tilefish, with a smattering of <http://www.driball.com>

## Delaware Fishing Report

By Eric Burnley Sr.\*  
Updated: May 28, 2015

### **NEW STRIPED BASS REGULATION**

DNREC's Division of Fish & Wildlife reminds anglers that the new recreational striped bass regulation **went into effect May 11**. The revised regulation brings Delaware into compliance with the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's Atlantic Striped Bass Fisheries Management Plan, which now requires a 25-percent reduction in both the recreational and commercial striped bass harvests in 2015. The new regulation reduces recreational harvest through changes in size limits, but maintains Delaware's current seasons and possession limits.

**DELAWARE BAY** The beautiful holiday weekend provided plenty of opportunities for Delaware anglers to get out and fish. Those who worked the bay found decent action from New Castle to Lewes.

The rockfish run appears to be over with only a handful of keepers taken last week. It will be a little over a month before the summer season kicks in so until then white perch and catfish will have to satisfy upper bay anglers.

A few flounder and croaker were caught on bay reef sites available to boats sailing from Collins and Bowers beaches. This is just the beginning of the run for both species and action is sure to improve as the weather and the water warms.

Black drum moved from the New Jersey side to the Coral Beds off of Slaughter

Beach. Several boats had multiple catches and I am happy to report that at least some of these fish were released to spawn and provide for future fishing fun. A black drum is a big fish and if you can get past the parasitic worms the meat is mild. However, there is more than enough meals in one of these fish to feed a party of six and this seems to be the sentiment of at least a few captains.

Clams will be the top bait for drum and late evening into dark is the most productive time to fish. Anchor on a dropoff then allow the bait to lay on the bottom along the slope. Use a circle hook on a fish-finder rig and when you get a runoff, engage the reel and the fish, be it drum, ray, shark or skate, will be hooked.

Flounder fishing was fair in the lower bay with keepers reported in the Lewes and Rehoboth Canal, Roosevelt Inlet and the flats around Cape Henlopen. The area of the canal from the Savannah Road Bridge to the Pirate Ship, for whatever reason, produced as well if not better than any other location.

Live minnows, squid strips, cut bait and Gulp! all accounted for keepers. Some anglers prefer special rigs, but I have found a live minnow on an unweighted circle hook does as well as any other set up in the canal.

Croaker were caught on lower bay reef sites and this is a good sign for the summer. A very few flounder were removed from the same structure.

Big blues were caught from the Broadkill River and from the Cape Henlopen Flats, but not anywhere near the numbers of previous weeks. Most of these fish were taken as bycatch by flounder fishermen.

**INSHORE OCEAN** Sea bass fishing has been less than stellar. Most reports indicate plenty of shorts along with a few keepers. The further offshore you go the better your chance of finding larger fish, but even then limits are not the norm. The deeper water does provide the chance of catching a few cod.

Flounder are beginning to show up at the Old Grounds and over inshore reef sites. Right now it is a slow pick with a few sea bass mixed in, but this should begin to change as the water warms.

Shark fishing is improving with both makos and threshers caught last week. Threshers are usually caught along the Buoy Line while makos roam from the 20-Fathom Line on out. I have caught makos in sight of the Lightship Buoy, but further out provides more reliable action.

**OFFSHORE** The *Baltimore* did see good yellowfin action over the weekend. Trollers caught fair numbers of tuna along with the occasional dolphin. The first white marlin has yet to be released by a Delaware boat, but

Ocean City did see their first marlin this week.

Deep droppers continue to hoist golden and bluefin tilefish from the canyon depths. My son Roger fished the Norfolk Canyon on Sunday catching both tilefish species and a new world-record spinycheek scorpionfish. He had no idea what he had caught, but when the good folks from the Virginia Institute of Marine Science looked at it, they made the identification.

**INDIAN RIVER INLET** Big blues continue to run through the inlet creating all sorts of havoc. Last Sunday they staged at the mouth and made navigating the inlet more difficult than normal. If you are there when the blues come by try casting a white bucktail with a white worm or a metal lure. Flounder fishing has been on the slow side for most fishermen. The VFW Slough seems to be a favorite location and I suspect the flats in Indian River Bay hold flounder on flood tides. A live minnow, strip of squid or Gulp! should be enough to tempt a flatfish.

Jetty jockeys are picking away at rockfish in the evening, at dawn or during the night. The always popular white bucktail with a white worm is hard to beat, but don't be afraid to toss a big swimming plug when shad are in the area.

**SURF FISHING** The run of big blues is slowing down with a pick from the beach. Cut bunker does the most damage along with clams and frozen mullet. The occasional rockfish is plucked from the surf. Clams or bunker draw the most interest for local linesiders.

Over the weekend we had reports of kings and croaker caught from Fenwick Island on bloodworms. It would be great if this action would increase and spread out to all the other beaches.

## DNR in the News

### **Maryland to Issue 365-Day Recreational Fishing Licenses**

Today, Governor Larry Hogan signed into law a bill that authorizes the Department of Natural Resources to issue recreational fishing licenses for 365 days from the date of purchase, rather than for the calendar year. Created by Senate Bill 666/House Bill 785, the new law takes effect October 1. "By giving anglers the added value and flexibility of choosing their annual license's start date we expect they'll spend more days on the water, which will benefit Maryland businesses associated with the sport fishing community, such as tackle shops and charter boats, as well as the food service, fuel and hotel industries," said DNR Secretary Mark Belton.

Currently, recreational fishing licenses are good for a calendar year. As a result, Marylanders who purchase fishing licenses late in the year often buy short-term three- or seven-day licenses, which cost less, but limit their options for going out. The new law will encourage these anglers to buy annual licenses — a better value.

Sport Fishing Advisory Commission Vice Chairman David Sikorski, who championed the legislation, said, "This is a win for the recreational fishing community. Maryland now joins a handful of states leading the movement to offer the increased value and flexibility of a 365-day license."

The new law covers recreational tidal and nontidal fishing licenses, including the popular Chesapeake Bay and Coastal Sport Boat License.

## Tips and Tricks

### **Choosing and Using a Marine VHF Antenna**

**Height and placement of your antenna can affect range and clarity.**

**By [Chris Woodward](#) Posted March 27, 2015 in [Sport Fishing Magazine](#)**

When shopping marine electronics, it's easy to fall for a cool new multifunction display or even a VHF/AIS combo. But when it comes to shopping for parts such as transducers and antennas, where's the love? For anglers, the right VHF antenna could mean the difference between finding a great bite or enduring the skunk. On a more serious note, it could rescue you from a stranding or accident.

"If all things are equal — including antenna height and radio model — you could go from a range of 10 miles to 25-plus miles just based on the materials in the antenna," says Chris Catoe, marine sales manager for the [Shakespeare Antenna Group](#).

For that reason, most experts advise buying the best antenna you can afford. Prices range from about \$30 to more than \$300 for most recreational fishing vessels.

#### **Electronic Machine**

"We have sensitive receivers," says David McLain, national sales manager for [ICOM](#), makers of VHF marine radios. "But if you match one with just a \$30 antenna, you're not going to get the range an ICOM can get you."

At Shakespeare, VHF marine antennas are grouped into three categories that correlate to good, better and best products. Those categories are Classic, Galaxy and Phase III models. Key differences boil down to what's

inside, whether coaxial cable, a combination of coax, brass and copper, or all brass and copper; brass and copper create the greatest efficiency.

However, before dissecting antennas, anglers should understand just what an antenna is, says John Jones, vice president of engineering for [Digital Antenna](#). "It's a machine," he says.

"People think it's a piece of wire. Anything we build is a physically resonant circuit for the frequencies we intend to use. An antenna converts electrical signals into photons — it's a photon generator."

Catoe says consumers often think, as well, that a VHF antenna transmits only from its tip. "It radiates from the base up," he confirms.

Because of the energy surrounding the antenna and because the signals travel by line of sight, the antenna's placement aboard a vessel is key. Even the best antenna won't perform when placed too close to another antenna using similar frequencies (AIS or another VHF), or when mounted too low or too near metal objects.

#### **Height and Strength**

Other considerations for choosing the right VHF antenna include antenna height and gain. Catoe says the vast majority of powerboats in the 24- to 32-foot range do well using 8-foot antennas with 6-decibel (dB) gain. A 3- to 4-foot antenna that's 3 dB is generally recommended for boats under 24 feet. Larger vessels can opt for 12- to 18-foot, 7 to 8 dB antennas.

"As a general rule, antenna height should be less than half the length of the boat," Catoe says.

Higher-dB antennas generate greater effective radiated power, and that can translate into greater range. However, the lower-dB antennas, such as a 3 dB stick, are recommended for vessels like sailboats carrying antennas atop a tall mast that sways in high seas. The 3 dB antenna creates a larger signal pattern, but that pattern doesn't travel as far, so it doesn't leave the horizon as dramatically when the boat pitches.

Anglers who own VHF radios that are equipped with Automatic Identification System can use one VHF antenna for both functions as long as the AIS is receive-only. If your AIS unit also transmits, two antennas are necessary.

"We always recommend dedicated antennas for each," Catoe says. "Any time you split something, you usually sacrifice something. Most people like to have both systems operating optimally."

#### **Durable Standard**

In most cases, an angler breaks a VHF antenna before it dies of natural causes. "Antenna life span is hard to establish. Some last two years; some last 30," Catoe says. "It depends on how you're taking care of it, and which grade of antenna you purchased."

Better antennas have UV blockers in the paint or they might be heavier-duty fiberglass or come with stainless steel rather than plastic mounts. Shakespeare recommends boaters wash their VHF antenna with soap and water whenever they wash the boat. Don't use abrasive detergents that can strip the finish off the fiberglass. Some boaters apply wax, Catoe says, which will not interfere with the antenna function.

Tom Burden — senior product content editor for [West Marine](#), which sells a variety of antennas, cables and connections — says that corrosion can become a major problem, particularly at connection points.

If you experience radio problems you think come from the antenna, you can always test the signal strength by calling a friend on another boat, Burden advises. Have that friend start fairly close and move away until the signal fades.

Shakespeare also sells an ART-3 antenna meter for about \$100. That unit tests the voltage standing-wave ratio, the output power, battery voltage and the radio's receiver. If the antenna is faulty, it can be replaced. Most antennas come with three- to five-year warranties.

When you buy a new antenna or replace an old one, chances are you won't run into the tech creep that plagues other electronics types. Physics more or less defines the technology of an antenna, so it hasn't changed much over time. Materials have changed a little, but "the biggest trend I'm seeing," says Catoe, "is the combination of things: antennas or radios that have multifunctions (AIS and VHF together, or cellular and Wi-Fi). It's all about centralizing

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## FREDERICK MSSA CHAPTER – 2015 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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<b>JANUARY</b>	10	- Dorchester County Flea Market – American Legion Post 91 – Cambridge, MD
	14	- <b>Frederick Meeting</b>
	17	- <b>Frederick Chapter Fishing Expo – Frederick Fair Grounds</b>
	21	- <b>Frederick Board Meeting</b>
	24-25	- Kent Island Chapter Flea Market
	29-2/1	- Baltimore Boat Show – Baltimore Convention Center
<b>FEBRUARY</b>	1-3	- MSSA Convention Center, Annapolis, MD
	11	- <b>Frederick Meeting</b>
	15	- <b>Frederick Board Meeting</b>
	14-15	- Pasadena Flea Market – Earleigh Heights Fire Co, Pasadena, MD
	21	- Saltwater Fishing Expo Annapolis Elks #622 – Edgewater MD
	21-22	- Tri State Marine Flea Market – Deale MD
	28	- <b>Dinner Dance</b> - Frederick Moose Club
<b>MARCH</b>	11	- <b>Frederick Meeting</b>
	14-15	- Essex/Middle River Flea Market
	18	- <b>Frederick Board Meeting</b>
	28-29	- Southern MD Fishing Fair – Solomons Fire Hall
<b>APRIL</b>	4	- <b>Frederick Shakedown Cruise/Brunch</b> – Sandy Point
	8	- <b>Frederick Meeting</b>
	11	- <b>Frederick Board Meeting</b>
	18	- Opening Day - Striped Bass Season
<b>MAY</b>	1-3	- 31th Annual MSSA Spring Tournament – Solomons
	13	- <b>Frederick Meeting</b>
	15-17	- <b>Chapter Flounder Tournament</b> – Chincoteague
	20	- <b>Frederick Board Meeting</b>
<b>JUNE</b>	10	- <b>Frederick Meeting</b>
	17	- <b>Frederick Board Meeting</b>
	19-21	- 22nd Annual MSSA Tunament – Ocean City & Wachapreague
<b>JULY</b>	8	- <b>Frederick Meeting</b>
	15	- <b>Frederick Board Meeting</b>
	24-26	- <b>Chapter Cobia Tournament in Kiptopeke, Va</b>
<b>AUGUST</b>	12	- <b>Frederick Meeting</b>
	19	- <b>Frederick Board Meeting</b>
	22	- 4th Annual MSSA Beach N Boat Flounder Tournament – Ocean City
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	9	- <b>Frederick Meeting</b>
	16	- <b>Frederick Board Meeting</b>
	12	- <b>Chapter Crab Feast and Picnic</b>
<b>OCTOBER</b>	3-10	- <b>Chapter North Carolina King Mackerel Tournament</b>
	14	- <b>Frederick Meeting</b>
	21	- <b>Frederick Board Meeting</b>
<b>NOVEMBER</b>	11	- <b>Frederick Meeting</b>
	18	- <b>Frederick Board Meeting</b>
	20-22	- 20 <sup>th</sup> Annual MSSA Fall Tournament
<b>DECEMBER</b>	9	- <b>Frederick Meeting</b>
	16	- <b>Frederick Board Meeting</b>