

# MSSA FREDERICK CHAPTER NEWSLETTER



Working to Provide a Unified Voice to Preserve and Protect the  
Rights, Tradition and the Future of Recreational Fishing!  
No Unity, No Voice, No Fish



The Official MSSA Frederick Chapter VHF Channel is 71

## President's Message

Wow! Don't blink or you are going to miss something! This might be 1 of the busiest month's we have as a club. First, I want to thank everyone that was able to lend a hand for our Expo. As always Rob and Ed put together a terrific Expo. Unfortunately, the weather did not cooperate as we had hoped and caused attendance to be down by a couple hundred people. That is a pretty significant hit to the fund raising, but we will be looking into some other fund-raising options that hopefully will be fun, and family events.

Speaking of family events, our Annual Dinner Dance is February 25<sup>th</sup>. This year we will have music from the "Moosicland Band", along with good food, and good friends. Tickets are available at the February Chapter meeting on February 8<sup>th</sup>.

And here is a new announcement! We have decided to bring back the Shakedown Cruise, however we will be adding a few twists. We have arranged for the Coast Guard Auxiliary to come to Sandy Point State Park the morning of the Cruise to perform vehicle inspections. We will also have a Catch & Release Striper Tourney in the afternoon. Come to the February meeting to learn more!

Registrations for the The MSSA Frederick Chapter Spring Tournament will begin this month. As well as registration for the Main MSSA Spring tournament. This is a chance to register at early bird prices.

And reservations can be made for hotel rooms at Harkers Island for the King Mackerel tournament. A \$50 deposit is required to hold your room. See Rob Pellicot for more details.

Tight Lines Everyone,  
Jim

## Next Meeting

**Date: February 8, 2017**

Food Service begins at 6:15 PM

Meeting at 7:00 PM

**Speaker: Our Speaker will be John Murch. John has been with Garmin for 11 years, and will be speaking about "Making the most of your electronics". John will talk mostly about the latest developments in GPS, Radar and especially Sonar.**

**Vendor: John will be bringing some Garmin equipment**

### **Dinner Menu:**

Sausage, Onions, and Peppers on  
Hot Dog rolls

Tater tots

Cole Slaw

Dessert

**Attendance at January Meeting: 46**

### **Raffle Winners:**

Rod and Reel Combo- Frank Molino

Fish scale- Mike Luzier

Gulp/ Spankin Lures- Stan Mordensky

Cabela's Bag- Jim Lorditch

Gulp Baits- Whit Holden

Knife, gloves, sharpener- Steve O'neill

Popper rig, Tsunami Bait- Bob Sneider

Bust Em Baits- Tony Tolbard

Misc. Tackle- Jay Betts

### **50/50 Raffle:**

Bob Sneider \$87

**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

## Announcing the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual MSSA Frederick Chapter Shakedown Cruise/ Catch and Release Tournament



Event will be held on Saturday, April 8. Includes Coast Guard vessel inspections, lunch at a favorite restaurant on the water, and a 3 hour Catch and Release Striper Tournament. See website for details

## MSSA Frederick Chapter Annual Dinner Dance



Our Dinner/ Dance will be held on Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup> at the Moose in Frederick from 6 pm to 11:30 pm. This year's Dinner will be Fried Chicken, Prime Rib, Mashed Potatoes, and of course, Steamed Shrimp and Crab Dip.

The music will be provided by "The MoosicLand Band" featuring new Country, Classic Country, and some Classic Rock from Elvis to Eric Clapton to Lynyrd Skynyrd

As always, there will be over \$3,000 in Raffle Prizes. Come out for a night of great friends, great food, and good times!!!

## **Fishing Reports**

### **Maryland DNR Fishing Report**

#### **Maryland Weekly Fishing Report Overview**

It is not hard to notice that the weather this winter has been like a Yo-Yo in regard to air temperatures. This is great for those who have a hard time staring at their fishing tackle as they pass through the garage every day. Fortunately for those who enjoy an hour or so of light spin tackle fishing there are fishing opportunities close to home in the upper reaches of the bay's tidal rivers and creeks or lakes and ponds.

This is of course the time of the year where fishing shows and flea markets abound. It is a great time to browse and pick up a few bargains and get out with family and friends and make a day of it. It is also a time to spend evenings or rainy weekends going over tackle; swapping out line, and checking ceramic guides and reels. Check your tackle now, while there is still time to get professional help at a local tackle shop (if you can't fix it yourself). In regards to fishing line, if you don't swap out last year's line, at least pull off the first 20 feet and discard of it properly. No one likes to see a little curl

at the end of their line where a knot failed on the largest fish you ever lost.

At the very top of the Bay there have been some limited fishing opportunities for yellow perch in the lower Susquehanna River. The fish are reported to be as deep as 40' which is normal for this time of the year. The action tends to be a bit unreliable but most likely will be more stable later on in February. Due to the current in the river and sometimes a steady wind; it will take some weight to get down to the perch. Often a sinker with two dropper flies, small soft plastic jigs or similar soft plastics are employed. A drop shot rig with a small soft plastic bait or a live minnow is also a good choice. Tipping jigs or flies with a piece of worm or cut minnow never hurts to help attract the attention of yellow perch that are in a lazy mood close to the bottom. The area below the Route 40 Bridge and in front of the condos in Perryville has always been a popular spot.

There is other action to be found in the lower Susquehanna River up closer to the dam. The flathead and channel catfish are active and can be caught on cut bait below the dam pool. The water releases from the dam have been variable with afternoon releases and extremely low flows during the morning periods.

Farther down the bay there is action to be found in the tidal rivers and creeks on both sides of the bay for a mix of chain pickerel, yellow perch and a scattering of white perch, crappie and largemouth bass. The yellow perch in these protected and relatively shallower areas can be targeted from shore or small craft such as kayaks. This type of fishing is perfect for ultra-light spinning tackle. A small streamer fly such as a Mickey Finn or similar pattern in purple is a great choice with a split shot or two about 3 feet in front. The retrieve is slow once you feel you're on the bottom and often there is no telling what might pick up the fly. A minnow can also be fished this way when hooked through the lips. Small soft plastic jigs are also a good choice if fished slow and close to the bottom. There has been spotty action in regards to yellow perch in a variety of tidal rivers such as the Choptank River, the

Nanticoke near Marshyhope Creek and the upper Patuxent. Most of the perch being caught are males. John Hogan braved some chilly temperatures on the upper Gunpowder and shows off a nice yellow perch caught on a minnow.

Chain pickerel love cold water and are very active this time of the year. The aquatic vegetation is down, which means that pickerel will often be holding near sunken wood structure such as fallen tree tops. They are an ambush predator and lash out at anything that comes by them. Jerkbait, crankbait, spinnerbait, spoons, spinners and soft plastics will all get their attention. They often attack with abandon so try to be careful with treble hooks and have pliers handy. Torn and bloody gills are usually the kiss of death for these entertaining fish.

Many who live and fish in the Gunpowder River area are well aware of the fish kill that occurred in Late December. Images of dead carp and other species was not a very welcomed way to finish out 2016. The Maryland Department of the Environment was the primary investigator into the fish kill and they have recently published a report on their find.

The tidal rivers of the middle and lower bay hold much of the same action focused around a mix of chain pickerel, yellow perch, crappie and channel catfish. Sunny and mild days will tickle most fidgety anglers into heading out to local fishing spots to have a little fun. For those looking for a little action out on the bay there has been some talk of a little catch and release jigging action for striped bass in the channels between Cedar Point and the Buoy 72 area as well as the mouth of the Potomac. The Calvert Cliffs Power Plant warm water discharge always holds some manner of striped bass during these cold months. Drifting in the discharge wash and jigging with soft plastic or butterfly jigs is the ticket to this catch and release show. Anglers on the lower Potomac can give the Morgantown Power Plant warm water discharge a try for some of the striped bass that have their noses in that warm water.

Freshwater anglers at Deep Creek Lake

are wishing for colder weather so they can have some hard water fishing opportunities. They came close earlier in the month with some coves freezing up with marginal ice but that is all gone now and the lake is completely open. The state boat ramp is usually open when temperatures are above freezing but anglers should check ahead of time by calling the Deep Creek Lake State Park office or the Discovery Center. As one can imagine, dripping water from boat trailers being hauled out can turn the ramp into a one way icy slide into the lake. Yellow perch fishing has been good off of main point drop-offs in about 25' of water and the hump out in front of the state boat ramp is always a go to place. The perch are right on the bottom and offerings of small jig/minnow combos should be worked very slowly. Silver Buddy blade lures are also a good choice and walleye can often be part of the mix.

John Mullican sent in the following report from the upper Potomac River. *"Recent steady rain is causing significant rises on the Potomac River and tributaries. Most gauging stations will show crests Wednesday and Thursday, but levels will still be well above safe levels into the weekend. The mild beginning to 2017 has Potomac temperatures near 42°F and fishing has been good. Unless severe winter temperatures return, experienced river anglers can expect a mixed bag of smallmouth bass, walleye, and muskie when the river returns to normal levels. Winter is a great time to catch trophy sized fish, but anglers will need to take precautions to stay safe and slow down, way down, to be successful. In general, lightweight jigs presented very slowly along the bottom will elicit that slight "tap" through the rod that signals the offering was inhaled. Dress warm, wear your PFD, and don't forget to get your fishing license!"* Steve Peperak holds up a beautiful upper Potomac Smallmouth bass before slipping it back into the river.

Pre-season trout stocking will begin soon in many of the trout management waters slated for such stockings. Once they begin, they will be a great incentive to get out and fish. Trout hatchery staff have been working hard to supply fishermen with the best trout possible. Recently I made a stop at the

Albert Powell Trout Hatchery and I can tell you there are some amazing trophy sized trout being held for the spring stockings.

Warmer temperatures have caused ponds and lakes throughout Maryland to be open except for a few small ponds that might ice over in the next couple of days in the far western region. Largemouth bass are hunkered down in the deeper waters waiting out winter. Small lures such as blade lures and jigs worked close to deep structure can entice them to pick up a lure but those pickups will be very subtle. Crappie can also be found close to deeper structure and can be caught on small jig/minnow combinations. This young angle takes a last look at a nice largemouth bass he caught in Bear Creek before releasing it.

Ocean City area fishing has been focused mostly on offshore tautog fishing, and the action has been described as fair at best. When you factor in the rough conditions, the picture is not too inviting, except for the more hardcore "tog" or "blackfish" anglers. It takes some sand for sure to venture out on cold and often rough seas to try entice a few tautog to bite on a piece of green crab. Keep checking in with the party boats and other coastal contacts, since there is potential for a fair to good winter tautog bite off Ocean City if the wind and sea conditions calm down and stabilize during improved weather windows over the next few weeks.

### **Virginia Beach Action**

Weekly Sportfishing Rundown  
13 January 2017

As Old Man Winter continues to tighten his hold along the Mid Atlantic coast, the grumbling among anglers continues to rise. It seems the winter fishery is not showing much promise due to closed fisheries, and the slow or non-existent action.

A few hopeful anglers continue to search the oceanfront for striped bass. But again, coastal striped bass are missing in action. One local charter

captain suggested that perhaps the migration pattern of these fish has changed over the past few years, completely circumventing the inshore Virginia coastline. Regardless of the reason, rockfish are not within reach for legal fishing right now for coastal anglers. Although some catch and release rockfish opportunities with some sizable fish may still be available inside the Chesapeake Bay, not many are interested.

As for bluefin tuna, they are also anyone's guess, with rumors of some sightings and another report of an undersized release. When targeting these highly-protected species, be sure to review the regulations carefully and use appropriately sized tackle and equipment.

Speckled trout action was decent within local inlets until recently. Before the latest freeze, some days were better than others, with some keepers pushing to around 21-inches, with the best luck occurring with Mirrolures or Gulp Shrimp. Puppy drum are also a possibility in these same locations.

Mostly due to limited opportunities with other species, tautog are becoming more intriguing to anglers, but the bite is hit and miss. Good catches are coming from within Bay waters along the Bay Bridge Tunnel as well as various Bay structures, with some fish ranging around 6-pounds. The tog bite on both inshore wrecks and deeper structures has been good this week, with recent reports of tog pushing to around 7-pounds responding to green crabs. Keep in mind that you can keep up to three tautog per person at a minimum of 16-inches. Big bluefish and seabass are still a possibility in some of these same locations, but the seabass season is now closed. Dog fish are also becoming an issue in these locations as they settle into the area.

With the non-existent inshore rockfish bite, anglers may turn to deep dropping when the weather allows. The Norfolk Canyon and its edges are a good place to look for deepwater bottom dwellers such as blueline and golden tilefish, grouper, and blackbellied rosefish. Dog fish are also becoming a nuisance in these deep water areas, which is

making these catches more challenging.

<http://www.drjball.com>

## Delaware Fishing Report

Updated: Jan. 26, 2017

**DELAWARE BAY** Reports of white and yellow perch are scattered, but considering the weather we had over last weekend, that is no big surprise. The pier at Woodland Beach has been one location mentioned as productive for white perch. Spillways at the head of tidal rivers and creeks have seen a few yellow perch. Small minnows on a shad dart or crappie jig will take both species while earthworms will work for white perch.

**INSHORE OCEAN** Tog action continues to be good over inshore wrecks and reefs. Site 11 has been mentioned in several reports, but captains with a long list of small structure are going to produce bigger fish. Crab baits have been the most popular.

**OFFSHORE OCEAN** I thought we were done with offshore reports until spring, but three determined anglers ran down to the Norfolk Canyon and brought back a 204-pound swordfish. Chip Graves, Bill Low and Matt Baker made this remarkable catch during the day when swords hold in very deep water of 1,000 feet or more. While I do not recommend running 100 miles out during January these men made it work.

**INDIAN RIVER INLET** Still nothing good to report from the inlet. Angler working the upper portion of the Indian River can expect to catch white perch on minnows or earthworms.

By Eric Burnley Sr.\*

## NOAA in the News

**Fishery Bulletin Issue Date:** January 25, 2017

**Contact:** Sustainable Fisheries (727) 824-5305

### **Atlantic Cobia (Georgia through New York)**

#### **Recreational Fishing Season is Closed in Federal Waters**

#### WHAT/WHEN:

Recreational harvest of Atlantic migratory group cobia (from Georgia through New York) closed at 12:01 a.m. on January 24, 2017, in federal waters. Recreational harvest of cobia will remain closed until January 1, 2018.

#### WHY THIS CLOSURE IS HAPPENING:

In 2016, the recreational and total annual catch limits of Atlantic migratory group cobia were exceeded. Therefore, the 2017 recreational season must account for this overage.

When landings of Atlantic migratory group cobia exceed annual catch limits, accountability measures are in place to ensure overfishing (rate of removal is too high) does not occur. If total landings (commercial and recreational) for the Atlantic migratory group cobia exceed the total annual catch, NOAA Fisheries is required to reduce the length of the recreational fishing season in the following fishing year.

With the understanding that recreational harvest of cobia will remain open in some state waters during the federal closure, NOAA Fisheries has determined that the annual catch limit in 2017 will likely be exceeded as the majority of cobia landings come from state waters.

NOAA Fisheries will reevaluate the federal closure if state regulations change in 2017.

#### DURING THE CLOSURE:

During the closure, recreational harvest of cobia is prohibited in federal waters from Georgia through New York. Cobia off the east coast of Florida are part of the Gulf of Mexico migratory group.

This closure only applies to the recreational sector. The possession limit of two cobia per day remains in effect for Atlantic cobia that are sold in state or federal waters.

This bulletin provides only a summary of the existing regulations. Full regulations can be found in the *Federal Register* or at <http://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/retrieveECFR?gp=&SID=76c2b80788a139f1549b85d3764437b0&mc=true&n=pt50.12.622&r=PART&ty=HTML#sp50.12.622.q>

### **Frequently Asked Questions**

#### **In-Season Recreational Cobia Closure for Fishing Year 2017**

#### **January 2017**

#### **When will recreational Atlantic migratory group cobia (Georgia through New York) be closed?**

The recreational harvest of Atlantic migratory group cobia closed in federal waters from Georgia to New York at **12:01 a.m. on January 24, 2017.**

Recreational harvest of cobia will remain closed through December 31, 2017. During the closure, recreational harvest of cobia in federal waters is prohibited off the states of Georgia through New York.

#### **Who will be affected?**

This closure applies to those fishing for cobia recreationally in federal waters from Georgia to New York, from a private vessel, charter vessel, or headboat.

**Why did NOAA Fisheries close the 2017 Atlantic cobia recreational fishing season?**

- The recreational and total catch limits for 2016 were exceeded.
- Accountability measures are required by federal regulations to protect the cobia resource and prevent overfishing (rate of removal is too high), and help keep landings within the catch limits, or make adjustments if the catch limits are exceeded.
- If the total (recreational and commercial combined) catch limit is exceeded, NOAA Fisheries is required to shorten the recreational fishing season in the following year to ensure recreational landings do not exceed the recreational catch limit.
- Cobia management measures require that a three-year average of recreational landings are compared to the recreational catch limits to determine if the catch limit has been exceeded. If a catch limit has changed the first year of landings used will be the year the catch limit was most recently changed.
- For example, the catch limits were most recently changed in 2015, therefore landings in 2015 and 2016 were used to determine whether the 2016 total catch limit was exceeded.
- The average annual total landings in 2015 and 2016 were 1,511,079 pounds and the total catch limit in 2016 is 670,000 pounds.

**Why are the landings higher in recent years?**

- An increase in landings could be attributed to an increase in fishing effort as well as an increase in the weight of the fish being caught.
- The number of recreational trips that targeted cobia from New York to Georgia increased by 25% from 2014 to 2015, and then increased by another 18% from 2015 to 2016.
- The average weights of cobia in the Atlantic migratory group area were higher in 2015 and 2016 than in previous years.

**Why is a closure occurring if most landings are from state waters?**

- Cobia caught off state and federal waters counts against the federal catch limit.
- NOAA Fisheries will continue to monitor state landings and may file additional notifications if necessary to readjust the reduced federal fishing season to ensure harvest achieves the annual catch target, but does not exceed the catch limit.

**Why does this closure not apply to fishermen off the east coast of Florida?**

- Cobia off the east coast of Florida are part of the Gulf of Mexico migratory group.
- The boundary between the Gulf of Mexico migratory group and the Atlantic migratory group is the Georgia/Florida border (Figure 1).
- Genetic information from the most recent population assessment for cobia indicates that the Gulf of Mexico cobia stock extends through the Florida east coast.

**Will the closure for cobia apply to commercial fishermen?**

- No. There are separate annual catch limits for the recreational and commercial sectors of Atlantic group cobia. This closure is only for the recreational sector.
- The commercial sector could be closed if commercial landings meet or exceed the commercial catch limit in 2017.

**What is the status of the population?**

- Based on the Southeast Data, Assessment and Review stock assessment completed in January 2013 (<http://sedarweb.org/associated-projects-species/cobia>), the Atlantic migratory group of cobia is not overfished (population size too low) or undergoing overfishing (rate of removals too high).
- Population levels declined since 2002.

**Can I fish for cobia in state waters?**

- The recreational closure only prohibits harvest from federal waters off Georgia to New York. Federal waters begin three nautical miles offshore of Georgia to New York and extend out to 200 nautical miles.
- For information on closure of cobia in state waters, contact your local state office on marine fishery issues.

**Are new regulations being considered to extend the federal fishing season in 2017?**

- The South Atlantic Fishery Management Council approved Coastal Migratory Pelagics Framework Amendment 4 at their September 2016 meeting.
- NOAA Fisheries will announce the effective date of any new regulations by filing a notice in the Federal Register and issuing a *Fishery Bulletin* similar to this one.
- If implemented, Coastal Migratory Pelagics Framework Amendment 4 would modify the recreational bag limit of Atlantic group cobia to one fish per person per day, establish a recreational vessel limit of six fish per vessel per day, and modify the minimum size limit to 36 inches fork length.
- For more information, visit: [http://sero.nmfs.noaa.gov/sustainable\\_fisheries/gulf\\_sa/cmp/2016/framework\\_am4/index.html](http://sero.nmfs.noaa.gov/sustainable_fisheries/gulf_sa/cmp/2016/framework_am4/index.html).
- In addition, the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission is currently developing an Interstate Management Plan for cobia. Therefore, regulations in state waters may change in the future.

**How can I get more information about the in-season closure?**

- If you have further questions, feel free to contact NOAA Fisheries Southeast Regional Office by phone at (727) 824-5305.

NOAA Fisheries Southeast is pleased to announce the introduction of our **Text Message Alert Program**. The program will allow you to sign up to

receive important fishery related alerts via text message. Text alerts you may receive include immediate fishery openings and closures, and any significant changes to fishing regulations that happen quickly.

### How to opt-in

Sign up for related alerts for one or more of the following groups. Standard message & data rates may apply. You may opt-out at any time.

- **Gulf of Mexico Recreational Fisheries:** Text GULFRECFISH to 888777
- **Gulf of Mexico Commercial Fisheries:** Text GULFCOMMFISH to 888777
- **South Atlantic Recreational Fisheries:** Text SATLRECFISH to 888777
- **South Atlantic Commercial Fisheries:** Text SATLCOMMFISH to 888777
- **Caribbean Fisheries:** Text CARIBFISH to 888777

## 2017 Chapter Officers

President: Jim Lorditch  
 Phone: 443-277-5289  
 E-mail: [jlorditch23@gmail.com](mailto:jlorditch23@gmail.com)

Senior Vice President: Rob Pellicot  
 Phone: 301-606-0392  
 E-mail: [r\\_pellicot@yahoo.com](mailto:r_pellicot@yahoo.com)

Secretary: Jodie Ammerman  
 Phone: 240-723-0853  
 E-mail: [jpammerman@aol.com](mailto:jpammerman@aol.com)

Treasurer: Chris Linetty  
 Phone: 301-988-1305  
 E-mail: [retiever@myactv.net](mailto:retiever@myactv.net)

## 2017 Board of Directors

Ed Susa (Membership Coordinator)  
 Phone: 240-723-0853  
 E-mail: [esusa@customcourier.net](mailto:esusa@customcourier.net)

Jim Bremer (Social Media Coordinator)  
 Phone: 301-728-7853  
 E-mail: [jbremer@fgmc.com](mailto:jbremer@fgmc.com)

Bobby Hurt- Prize Coordinator  
 Phone: 301-740-0910  
 Email: [itbquik1@yahoo.com](mailto:itbquik1@yahoo.com)

Bob Pellicot –  
 Phone: 301-606-6200  
 E-Mail: [rpellicot@shockleyhonda.com](mailto:rpellicot@shockleyhonda.com)

Cathy Gunder  
 717-917-9825  
 Email: [catgunder@hotmail.com](mailto:catgunder@hotmail.com)

Walt Shaw –  
 Phone: 301-662-4481  
 E-Mail: [bub5635@comcast.net](mailto:bub5635@comcast.net)

Neal Ammerman –  
 Phone: 240-832-3671  
 E-mail: [apishinika@aol.com](mailto:apishinika@aol.com)

Chris Conway –  
 Phone: 301-704-4196  
 E-mail: [twitty044@yahoo.com](mailto:twitty044@yahoo.com)

## FREDERICK MSSA CHAPTER – 2017 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

[www.mssafrederick.com](http://www.mssafrederick.com)

<b>JANUARY</b>	<b>11</b>	- <b>Frederick Meeting</b>
	<b>14</b>	- <b>Frederick Chapter Fishing Expo – Frederick Fair Grounds</b>
	<b>18</b>	- <b>Frederick Board Meeting</b>
	26-29	- Baltimore Boat Show – Baltimore Convention Center
	28-29	- Kent Island Chapter Fishing Flea Market
<b>FEBRUARY</b>	<b>8</b>	- <b>Frederick Meeting</b>
	11	- Tri State Marine Flea Market – Deale Md
	<b>15</b>	- <b>Frederick Board Meeting</b>
	17-18	- Pasadena Flea Market – Earleigh Heights Fire Co, Pasadena, MD
	18	- Dorchester County Flea Market – American Legion Cambridge, MD
	25	- Saltwater Fishing Expo Annapolis Elks #622 – Edgewater MD
<b>25</b>	- <b>Dinner Dance - Frederick Moose Club</b>	
<b>MARCH</b>	<b>8</b>	- <b>Frederick Meeting</b>
	<b>15</b>	- <b>Frederick Board Meeting</b>
	18-19	- Essex/Middle River Flea Market
<b>APRIL</b>	1-2	- Southern MD Fishing Fair – Solomons Fire Hall
	<b>8</b>	- <b>Frederick Chapter Shakedown Cruise/ Catch &amp; Release Tournament</b>
	<b>12</b>	- <b>Frederick Meeting</b>
	15	- Opening Day - Striped Bass Season
	<b>19</b>	- <b>Frederick Board Meeting</b>
<b>MAY</b>	5-7	- <b>Frederick Chapter Spring Rockfish Tournament- Solomons</b>
	5-7	- 33rd Annual MSSA Spring Tournament
	<b>10</b>	- <b>Frederick Meeting</b>
	<b>17</b>	- <b>Frederick Board Meeting</b>
	19-21	- <b>Frederick Chapter Flounder Tournament – Chincoteague</b>
<b>JUNE</b>	<b>14</b>	- <b>Frederick Meeting</b>
	<b>21</b>	- <b>Frederick Board Meeting</b>
	16-18	- 27th Annual MSSA Tunament – Ocean City & Wachapreague
<b>JULY</b>	<b>12</b>	- <b>Frederick Meeting</b>
	<b>19</b>	- <b>Frederick Board Meeting</b>
<b>AUGUST</b>	<b>9</b>	- <b>Frederick Meeting</b>
	<b>16</b>	- <b>Frederick Board Meeting</b>
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	<b>9</b>	- <b>Chapter Crab Feast and Picnic</b>
	<b>13</b>	- <b>Frederick Meeting</b>
	16-18	- 6 <sup>th</sup> Annual Mid Atlantic Flounder Tournament – OC, Chincoteague, DE
	<b>20</b>	- <b>Frederick Board Meeting</b>
<b>OCTOBER</b>	7-14	- <b>Frederick Chapter North Carolina King Mackerel Tournament</b>
	<b>11</b>	- <b>Frederick Meeting</b>
	<b>18</b>	- <b>Frederick Board Meeting</b>
<b>NOVEMBER</b>	<b>8</b>	- <b>Frederick Meeting</b>
	<b>15</b>	- <b>Frederick Board Meeting</b>
	17-19	- 24 <sup>th</sup> Annual MSSA Fall Tournament - Fish 2 of 3
<b>DECEMBER</b>	<b>13</b>	- <b>Frederick Meeting</b>
	<b>20</b>	- <b>Frederick Board Meeting</b>

**FREDERICK MSSA CHAPTER – 2017 CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

[www.mssafrederick.com](http://www.mssafrederick.com)