

# MSSA FREDERICK CHAPTER NEWSLETTER



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The Official MSSA Frederick Chapter VHF Channel is 71

## President's Message

It's hard to believe, the 4<sup>th</sup> of July has just passed, and the year is half over. I hope everyone had a great time with family and friends.

The next few months will be pretty active for the Chapter, as we have the Cobia Tournament, the Crab Feast, and the next few months. Make sure you come to the Chapter meeting to get details on all of the events. Tickets to the Crab Feast are available at the meeting.

The Gun Raffle is going on as we speak, so watch the Md Lottery evening Pick 3 to see if your numbers come up. This raffle has been a success, and I think it is important to thank **Bobby and Stephanie Hurt** for putting this fundraiser together.

See you all at the meeting,  
Tight Lines

Jim

## Next Meeting

**Date: July 12, 2017**

Food Service begins at 6:15 PM

Meeting at 7:00 PM

**Speaker:** Francis Zell will be our speaker this month. Francis is a well known, and highly respected light tackle fisherman and his presentation is titled "The Habits of Highly Effective Fisherman"

## **Vendor: Bay Country Crabbing Supply**

### **Dinner Menu:**

Meat Loaf  
Mashed Potatoes  
Green Beans  
Dessert

### **Attendance at June Meeting: 72**

### **Raffle Winners:**

Jim Lorditch- Binoculars  
Hunter Rippeon- Fish bag & Lures  
John Dibble- Backpack  
Porter King- Bust Em Baits & Jig Heads  
Eddie Stubbins-Bust Em Baits  
John Bennett- Bust Em Baits  
Frank Molino- Hat & Shirt  
Chris Conway- Baits & Fish Towel  
John Kisner- Towel & Baits  
Brian Buckman- Bucket Lid

**50/50 Raffle:** Jim Stephens \$88

### **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

## Fishing Reports

### Maryland DNR Fishing Report

**Maryland Weekly Fishing Report Overview**

**July 05, 2017**

The holiday weekend is but a memory now and I hope your memories are

good ones. It was a scorcher in many areas of Maryland and people flocked to the water for relief. It did my heart good to see fishing rods peeking out through mini -van windows or in the back of pickup trucks as folks headed to their waterside destinations. The summer will tend to move along now and before we know it we'll be starring Labor Day in the face so don't put off spending time with family and friends fishing.

The Lower Susquehanna River continues to give up a fair amount of striped bass for those willing to be at the Conowingo Dam pool at sunrise. The power generation releases usually begin before daybreak and continue into the afternoon. Casting heavy swimshads with surf casting gear into the most turbulent parts of the pool has been a great option. Others are having success casting topwater lures in the boulder fields farther down river at sun up. Josh Zylka holds up a nice striped bass caught in the lower Susquehanna on a popper.

A few striped bass are being caught around the edges of the flats but most of the action in the upper bay is focused from the Rock Hall area south.

Chumming has taken center stage at Swan Point, Love Point and Podickory Point. It has been a good idea to locate suspended fish on a depth finder and anchor up and allow chum and baits to drift into the deeper edges of the channel. As always a good tide is essential. As usual, the chum slicks are being swarmed with two and three year old striped bass that are less than twenty inches in length so it takes some strategy to get to the larger fish that often are 28" or better. Allowing baits to get to the bottom and in the back of the slick has been the best tactic, and sometimes it takes a squeeze on weight of a half-ounce or so a couple of feet in front of

the bait. Surface water temperatures are now around 82 degrees so the larger fish will like to stay deep and mornings will usually offer better fishing results. Channel catfish can be part of the mix when fishing baits on the bottom.

Trolling has been another option in the upper bay and pulling small to medium parachutes, bucktails and surge tube lures in tandem or behind umbrella rigs with inline weights. Jigging can be fruitful, especially at the Bay Bridge piers and rock piles on a good running tide. Angelina Watts spend some time with her dad jigging around the Bay Bridge piers on July 4th and enjoyed good fishing.

White perch are providing plenty of fun fishing action in the tidal rivers and out in the bay. The deeper structure in the rivers such as old piers, rocks and prominent points have been a good place to fish with bottom rigs and bloodworms or grass shrimp or shad darts and jigs tipped with the same. Out in the bay, hard bottom at some of the shoal and knoll areas are holding good schools of good sized white perch.

In the middle bay region, just below the Bay Bridge, Hackett's Bar continues to be one of the better options for those who wish to chum for their striped bass. At times striped bass can be found suspended along channel edges near the mouth of Eastern Bay near the Hill. Anchoring up on suspended fish along the outside edge at about 30' and letting baits lie on the bottom at the distal end of the slick has been a great strategy. A large number of the striped bass being seen in the middle bay region are less than 20" in length so it takes some sorting through at times to come up with legal fish. Now that water temperatures are in the low 80's, mornings will usually offer the best opportunities for larger fish.

Trolling a mix of small to medium sized bucktails, parachutes or surge tube lures behind inline weights has been a good option along some of the steeper channel edges on the western side of the shipping channel and near Buoy 86 and the mouth of Eastern Bay. Jiqaina

underneath breaking fish or when suspended fish can be spotted is also a good option this week. Eastern Bay and the main channel areas in the bay are good places to check.

The shallow water striped bass fishery in the middle bay region continues to offer enough nice striped bass over 20" to make getting up before sunrise worthwhile. Topwater lures are best in the grassy areas, to avoid fouling your lure. Old submerged breakwaters, prominent points and shoreline structure in the lower portions of the tidal rivers and the bay shores are the places to target. The rock jetty shoreline of Poplar Island is always a popular place to fish as are the shores of Eastern Bay and the lower Choptank.

Fishing for white perch in the lower sections of the region's tidal rivers and creeks continues to be good this week and offers some fun summer time fishing with light tackle. The perch are usually found close to structure such as old piers and rocks or on live oyster bottom. Bloodworms or live grass shrimp are two of the better baits to use on a simple bottom rig and placing a piece on a shad dart and working close to structure is a good option. Casting small spinners or beetle spins near shoreline structure with light tackle is always a fun past time.

In the lower bay region there is good chumming for a mix of striped bass and small bluefish along the eastern edge of the shipping channel from the HS Buoy south to Buoy 72 and the Middle Grounds. On the western side there has been some chumming action at Cove Point, Point No Point and up the Potomac River near St. Georges Island and Piney Point. Jigging has been good at these same locations on occasion when suspended fish can be spotted on depth finders or under small fish that are chasing bait on the surface. Soft plastic jigs have been a favorite lately despite the presence of bluefish.

There has been some good topwater action in the early morning hours at Cedar Point, the St. Mary's River shorelines and over on the Tangier/Pocomoke Sound area marsh islands and creeks. Most of the action

on the western side of the bay tends to be striped bass but on the eastern side there is a mix of speckled trout, small striped bass and a few puppy drum. Drifting peeler crab or soft crab baits on a falling tide in many areas with a good current is a good way to catch speckled trout, as is casting white Gulp mullet swimshads.

Bottom fishing in the region is a mix of small croaker, kingfish, a few spot and a lot of white perch. There are some flounder being caught on the hard channel edges in Tangier and Pocomoke Sounds. Gulp baits on a bottom rig or jig head or a flounder rig baited with squid and or minnows have been good baits to use.

Recreational crabbing in the lower bay tidal rivers and creeks has been excellent this past week and most crabbers are doing well with chicken necks. In the middle bay region crabbing is good where razor clams have been the favorite bait for the best catches. Recreational crabbing in the upper bay tidal rivers has been fair at best with most struggling to come up with decent catches. Lucas Livingston sure was happy to be able to go crabbing with his grandfather and catch some whopper sized crabs.

Freshwater trout fishing in the western region's trout management waters that are catch and release are offering good fishing for fly fishermen who keep an eye on the various hatches. These managed waters can be viewed on the trout stocking maps for the western and a few select central region waters. Pick a county and scroll down past the stocked waters section to the trout managed waters to obtain information.

Deep Creek Lake offers some good fishing for smallmouth and largemouth bass this week if one gets out before the sun rise. Boat traffic and vacationers are in full swing now on the lake and it makes it hard to fish in some form of peace and quiet. Largemouth and smallmouth bass can be found looking for shade under floating docks and flipping whacky rigged soft plastics is a great way to entice them to strike. Yellow perch, walleye and trout will be holding deep in the deepest parts of the lake such as

the dam face.

Many freshwater fish are now into a summer mode of behavior where they seek shade and cool water during the day, which usually means they go deep or seek refuge under thick floating grass or some type of shade. That shade can be shoreline brush, docks and piers, fallen tree tops or suspended logs. They tend to move into shallower waters at dusk and largemouth bass will feed all night into early morning and then retreat to cooler waters. Generally the best tactics are to be on the water at dawn to fish topwater lures in the shallows over grass or shallow structure. Frogs, buzzbaits, chatterbaits or poppers are all good choices. During bright sunshine it is often best to fish whacky rigged soft plastics down through the floating grass in deeper waters or pitch them under docks or near deep structure. When fishing tidal rivers a falling tide in the morning is a great time to fish shallow grass and when fishing the tidal Potomac or lower Eastern Shore, northern snakeheads will be in the mix. Six year old Joseph Eccleston spent a fun evening at a local farm pond and is very happy with this nice largemouth bass.

Over on the far eastern side of the state at the Ocean City area, a wide range of summer species are providing good fishing. In the surf, those using shrimp, squid, bloodworms or sand fleas are catching a mix of croakers, kingfish, small black drum and flounder in the surf. Fishing with finger mullet will entice small bluefish and larger cut baits will catch a variety of inshore sharks which provide some fun catch and release action.

At the inlet and Route 50 Bridge area, flounder and sheepshead are being caught during the day. The flounder are caught on squid or minnow baits or by working jigs with Gulp baits along the bottom. The sheepshead and a few triggerfish are being caught on sand fleas along the jetties and bridge piers. In the evenings a few striped bass are being caught by jigging with bucktails and swimshads or by drifting cut baits or live eels, a few bluefish are also in

the mix.

The channels in the back bays are holding flounder and when the water is clear the catches have been good. White Gulp baits are catching some of the larger flounder but the old standby of minnows and squid are hard to beat. A few sea trout, small bluefish and puppy drum help round out the mix. Flounder are also being caught on some of the shoals areas within a mile of the beaches.

The boats heading out to the wreck and reef sites are experiencing good fishing for sea bass for their patrons. Clams have been the preferred bait and flounder can also be part of the mix when jigs or flounder rigs are used.

The boats that are trolling along some of the 30 Fathom spots are finding yellowfin and bluefin tuna. The Hot Dog and the Sausages have been two of the more popular spots lately. Farther offshore a mix of yellowfin tuna in the 50 pound size range along with bigeye tuna and bluefin tuna are being found. White marlin, dolphin and the occasional wahoo help round out the mix. Green machines, rigged ballyhoo and spreader bars have been the formula for success.

## **Virginia Beach Action**

Weekly Sportfishing Rundown  
07 July 2017

We have rounded the corner of summertime fishing, and it's as wide open as it's going to get. Most every species has now joined in, making this a great season on the water for anglers.

Cobia are out in force, with both sight casters and chummers having very good luck with fish ranging to over 60-pounds. Be sure to have your cobia permit on hand, and report all cobia activity this year. Red drum are also providing great top water action as they patrol near the mouth of the Bay, especially near the Baltimore Channel.

Since the flounder bite escalated last week in lower Bay waters, anglers are

finding decent catches most anywhere. Anglers working the CBBT with jigs and live bait are finding the biggest fish averaging up to around 5 and 6-pounds, with a few citation-sized flatties also in the mix this past week. The seaside inlets on the Eastern Shore, and both Rudee and Lynnhaven Inlets on the Southside are starting to see increases in catches of keepers lately. Nearshore and inshore structures are also paying off for those bouncing offerings near wrecks.

The Spanish mackerel action is excellent, with trollers filling coolers with limits of exceptionally large fish this year. Boats are finding schools of Spanish off the Virginia Beach Ocean front, ranging to about 6-miles off the beach.

King mackerel are here. Although no news of confirmed catches are in as of yet, with multiple reports of sightings by Spanish mackerel anglers, it is only a matter of time. The chance of tangling with a smoker is a real possibility, especially if the water clears up with an easterly breeze.

The spadefish fishery is a huge success this season, with heathy-sized spades dominating catches. These powerful fighters are hitting at the Chesapeake Light Tower and nearby wrecks, as well as along the pilings and islands at the Bay Bridge-Tunnel and the Cell. Some really nice sheepshead are also still taking offerings along the CBBT, with clams and fiddlers the top bait choices. Trigger fish are also available in most of these same locations.

Nice croaker are hitting around most lower Bay piers, as well as near the Hampton Roads Bridge Tunnel, while the hard head run in Oyster also picked up recently. Sea mullet are making a good showing this year, with anglers catching big fish from local piers, off the Concrete Ships and Magothy Bay. Speckled trout and puppy drum are available in most lower Bay inlets and shallows, but some folks are reporting unpredictable results lately.

Reports of Tarpon sightings continue to draw anglers to the back waters of Oyster, where anglers are enduring the heat and battling the infamous Eastern

Shore flies for a chance at bowing to an Eastern Shore Silver King.

Deep dropping is a good choice, with quality blueline tilefish, golden tilefish, and some nice grouper available. Jumbo black seabass are also mixed in with the tilefish. Good catches of seabass are also rewarding anglers checking out offshore wrecks this week. Amberjack are still available on several coastal wrecks and at the South Tower, where live bait is your best option.

The offshore bite is very good right now. Yellowfin tuna in the 50-pound range are still hitting in the Canyon, along with some nice bigeye tuna. School-sized bluefin tuna ranging to around 100-pounds are also lurking near the Fingers lately. Mahi are also a guarantee right now, with some big gaffer-sized fish thrilling anglers. Wahoo are becoming more common.

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## Delaware Fishing Report

**DELAWARE BAY** According to my reports the first weekend of the slot striped bass season was not exactly gangbusters. Some fish were caught, but the action was scattered. The usual locations produced what was caught, including Augustine Beach, the Yellow Can, the Pipes, Woodland Beach Pier, and the 6L Buoy. Some boaters tried chunking with bunker while shore-bound anglers relied on bloodworms and bunker chunks.

The white perch fishing remained good in the tidal rivers and creeks including the C&D Canal. Bloodworms remained the top bait. Catfish were caught in the same places with bunker chunks, bloodworms and chicken livers the best baits.

Flounder were widely scattered from Bowers Beach to Lewes with reef sites seeing the best bite. Jigging bucktails tipped with minnows or Gulp! have been the top baits. You have to be directly over the structure in order to catch these fish so tackle loss is a given.

The Lower Bay reef sites have seen decent fishing for kings. The head boats out of Lewes are running there on a daily basis and returning with kings and the occasional trout and flounder. Small spot and croaker have joined small flounder at the fishing pier on Cape Henlopen State Park. High water is the prime time to soak bloodworms for the panfish and live minnows for the flounder.

Live eels fished near the bridges in Lewes have been responsible for some slot rockfish out of the Lewes and Rehoboth Canal. Flounder fishing improved there early in the week as the weather finally settled down.

- **ADVISORY: Summer Flounder Regulations:** As of April 1, the minimum size for summer flounder in Delaware is 17 inches. The bag limit remains at four fish per day and the season runs for 365 days.

**INSHORE OCEAN** Better weather on Monday allowed Larry Weldin and me a chance to try some wreck fishing. We wanted to catch triggerfish, but ended up catching sea bass and tog. Our triggerfish baits of clam and bloodworms were attacked by small sea bass as soon as they hit bottom. One sea bass spit up two sandeels so I switched to a 1-ounce Stingsilver. That lure was the ticket to steady sea bass catches. To my surprise, I also caught six tog to 16.5 inches on the lure. The tog were returned, but six of the sea bass made it to the cooler. The bite pretty much shut down when the current switched to incoming.

The Old Grounds gave up a few more flounder, but it is still nowhere near the action we had during the last two years. Captain John Nedelka spoke with a diver who said the water temperature on the bottom was 46 degrees. The inshore reef sites have also seen a few flounder. The bite here is slow at best.

Trolling small spoons has produced small bluefish at Fenwick Island. The inshore lumps, including the Hot Dog, Elephant Trunk and the 20-Fathom Fingers, are producing some yellowfin tuna. Right now it is a trolling bite, but once the main body of fish

arrive most anglers will switch to chumming.

**OFFSHORE OCEAN** Reports from the canyons over the holiday weekend indicated the tuna action slowed down. There were some comments about boat traffic impacting the fishing. The occasional white marlin has been caught and released. There is no one hot spot. All the canyons from the Baltimore to the Washington have seen good tuna catches. It seems the boats that bring in the most tuna either fish overnight or leave very early in the morning to be on station at daybreak.

**INDIAN RIVER INLET** On Wednesday evening I fished the last of the incoming current by drifting sand fleas along the rocks from the bridge to the end of the sidewalk. Had a few nibbles, but caught nothing. There were only a dozen fishermen working the entire north side and no boats drifting for flounder that I could see. One angler caught and released a three-pound bluefish on a white bucktail and that was the only fish I saw. It looked like every spot in the campground was filled, yet only a dozen folks fishing.

It does seem that more flounder are being caught in the Indian River Bay, but more than zero is still not many. Bucktails decorated with squid, Gulp! or cut bait seems to be a hot setup. Live minnows and a strip of squid is the old time favorite.

**SURF FISHING** Kingfish on bloodworms remain the best bet in the surf. I have seen photos of some good catches and reports from some who have caught nothing at all. The crabs are very hungry so take plenty of bait.

**FRESHWATER** Bass have been caught out of the ponds on surface lures and Senkos. Now that summer is here the best action will be at dawn and dusk. Crappie are also a good bet. They will hit a minnow fished on a jig head under a bobber.

**CONGESTED WATERS** On Monday as Larry Weldin and I entered Rehoboth Bay from Indian River Bay, we were very surprised to see hundreds of boats parked on the edge of sand bars. The very narrow channels were heavily congested with boat traffic and as you might expect, there were some captains who failed to pay much attention to their surroundings. This is not surprising, because just about everyone I saw wading in the water, sitting in the water, or on their

boats had a beverage in hand. I feel rather certain that the alcohol content of those beverages contributed to impaired boat operation for a number of the captains.

As Larry carefully picked our way through this mess we noticed two pontoon boats to our starboard side. Without ever looking behind or to either side the operator of the pontoon closest to us turned directly into our path. Larry was going slow, anticipating something like this happening, and thus was able to avoid an accident. The operator of the pontoon boat seemed surprised when Larry blew his horn and I am sure he was, since he had no idea we were off his port side.

I also saw a pontoon boat with at least 20 people onboard. I would love to know if there were 20 PFDs onboard. Of course, no one on the boat was wearing one.

We did see a DNREC Fish & Wildlife Natural Resources Police patrol boat in the area, and I am certain they were kept very busy.

Since Monday I have received reports of two boating accidents. One at the ramp at Massey's Landing and one at a dock in Dewey Beach. Please be careful out there. And always wear your PFD!

By Eric Burnley Sr.\*

## DNR in the News

### **Maryland Natural Resources Police Respond to 15 Boating Accidents this Holiday Weekend**

July 7, 2017

*Partners with U.S. Coast Guard for Operation Dry Water*

For the second consecutive year, the Fourth of July holiday ended without a boating fatality, the Maryland Natural Resources Police reported.

Statewide there were 15 boating accidents, an increase of three over 2016, and officers arrested 12 boaters for operating under the influence of alcohol, the same number as last year. The most serious boating accident occurred in Ocean City Saturday when

a Kawasaki personal watercraft struck the Route 90 bridge around 4:30 p.m. Yash Bhargava, 28, of Cumberland, Rhode Island, was taken to Atlantic General Hospital with head and internal injuries and then transferred to Peninsula Regional Medical Center for additional treatment. His passenger was not injured.

Bhargava was cited for negligent operation and operating in excess of 6 knots within 100 feet of a structure. From June 30 through July 2, the department's police unit teamed up with the U.S. Coast Guard for Operation Dry Water, a 9 year old national campaign to crackdown on impaired boating. Saturation patrols focused on high-traffic areas and traditional hot spots. Since its inception, the campaign has resulted in 82 arrests.

Officers issued 526 citations during the holiday, a 6.2 percent increase over 2016. Tickets were issued for violations such as: exceeding the 6-knot speed limit, insufficient number of life jackets, a lack of boat safety equipment, and exceeding crabbing and fishing limits. The Maryland Natural Resources Police is responsible for patrolling state parks and other public lands. During the July Fourth holiday weekend, officers were in contact with 8,138 visitors. In addition, officers conducted 2,153 free vessel safety inspections and checked 3,709 recreational anglers, 1,549 crabbers and 224 watermen.

## Tips and Tricks

### **Marine Mammal and Sea Turtle Frequently Asked Questions**

#### **Maryland Department of Natural Resources Fisheries Service Marine Mammal and Sea Turtle Stranding Response Program**

#### **Are dolphin sightings common in the Chesapeake Bay?**

Yes. Every summer, Maryland's Fish and Wildlife Health Program receives reports of bottlenose dolphins (*Tursiops truncatus*) in the bay and its tributaries. They are typically seen from May-October in groups called pods, which often consist of both adults and calves and can include more than 50 animals.

#### **Why are they here?**

Dolphins migrate into the area following food sources when water temperatures are at their warmest. While they are typically observed hunting schools of fish, dolphins are intelligent animals and have been known to follow commercial watermen!

#### **How long are they found in the area?**

Dolphins stick around as long as food sources are abundant and water temperatures remain warm. Sightings have been reported as far north as Kent County. Occasionally, they appear in the Severn River, as well as around Kent Island. Sightings north of the Bay Bridge do occur, but are far less common than those occurring farther south in Calvert, Dorchester, Somerset, St. Mary's and Talbot counties. Sightings are the most common along the Atlantic Coast at Ocean City and Assateague Island National Seashore.

#### **Do other marine species migrate here?**



Yes. To date, 23 migrating species have been found in Maryland waters, which tend to vary seasonally. In the warmer months, bottlenose dolphins, sea turtles and whales are most common. However, a few West Indian manatee sightings are also reported in the bay every summer. Sea turtles and whales remain in the area during the fall, and there is a shift to other species of dolphins. Once they've moved on, cooler temperate species such as harbor porpoises and seals arrive for the winter and tend to stay until spring. Rare species such as True's beaked whales and spotted dolphins are also seen along the shore.

#### **Did I see a dolphin or a porpoise?**

Contrary to popular belief, dolphins and porpoises are not the same. While frequently confused for one another, they actually have a number of distinct differences:

	Dolphins	Porpoises
<b>Size</b>	7.5-12.5 ft. long	4.5-5.5 ft. long
<b>Dorsal Fin</b>	High, curved, sickle-shaped	Low, broad-based, triangular
<b>Teeth</b>	Cone-shaped	Spade-shaped
<b>Head</b>	Thick beak called a <i>rostrum</i>	Blunt
<b>Coloration</b>	Dark grey or black on top, lighter belly	Dark grey or black on top, light-grey belly, white underside

responds to all dead strandings that occur in the Chesapeake Bay and along the Atlantic Coast, which includes approximately 3,800 miles of coastline. Since the program's inception, personnel have responded to more than 450 marine mammals and 600 sea turtles. Program staff works cooperatively with the National Aquarium in Baltimore, which responds to live strandings. Reporting sightings benefits both programs, as it provides a greater understanding of both the number and variety of species frequenting Maryland waters. The Stranding Program also partners with the Smithsonian Institution to examine endangered and rare species, and the carcasses and skeletal specimens are eventually accessioned into their collections.

**What should I do after an encounter?**

Enjoy the experience! You are welcome to take photos or even a video to document your encounter. However, remember that the Marine Mammal Protection Act **prohibits the harassment of any marine mammal species**. Harassment includes, but is not limited to, chasing or following an animal and/or getting too close, touching an animal, and attempting to swim with or feed them. **This is as much for their safety as it is for your own.** Additionally, maintain discretion when encountering sea turtles. All species are threatened or endangered and **protected under the Endangered Species Act**. Fines up to **\$25,000** and up to **a year in jail** can be imposed if illegal activity is determined.

**Who do I contact if I think something is wrong?**

To report an injured, entangled or dead marine mammal or sea turtle, or to report suspected illegal activity, please contact the Maryland Natural Resources Police Call Center, available toll-free 24 hours a day, seven days a week at 800-628-9944.



**Is someone keeping track of these species?**

Yes. The Maryland Fisheries Service Marine Mammal and Sea Turtle Stranding Response Program—established in the fall of 1990—

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## FREDERICK MSSA CHAPTER – 2017 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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<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>	<b>5-7</b>	- <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>
	<b>19-21</b>	- <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>11-13</b>	- <b>MSSA Frederick Chapter Cobia Tournament</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>	<b>7-14</b>	- <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>

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