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March 18th 2025 Meeting

We are excited to announce that Captain Jerry Dilsaver will be our speaker and talking about Spring Fishing The meeting will start at 7 PM, March 18, Member at Laurel Hills Community Center, 3808 Edwards Mill Rd, Raleigh, NC 27612. We are raffling off a charter (Top Gun Fishing) Capt Lee. Tickets are 5 dollars each. One ticket wins the entire charter!

Some members will have fishing equipment for sale that didn't make it to our swap meet last month. Please be prepared to purchase and transport purchases.

WE NEED SURF FISHERMEN!

The club surf fishing team is drastically short on members to fish the Ocracoke Invitational Surf Tournament. The dates for the tournament are April 30 through May 2nd. It has always been a great time to fish Ocracoke and we do not want to give up our spot since there is a long waiting list to fish the tournament. The entry fee is \$90 and sometimes we rent a house for the week and do a lot of fun fishing before the tournament. NO EXPERIENCE NEC-ESSARY. We always have a great time and learn a lot about surf fishing from other members. If you are interested in fishing this tournament, please call, text or email me and I will fill you in with the details. Thanks, John Bryant 919-624-0676

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Shad Outing:

We're excited to announce that the Raleigh Saltwater Sportfishing Club's Annual Shad Outing is set for Saturday, March 22nd, starting around 8 AM at the NC Wildlife Boat Ramp in Weldon, NC. Whether you plan to fish from the shore, kayak, or boat, this is a great opportunity to experience the Roanoke River's shad run!

How to Sign Up

We have two sign-up pages: one for Fishermen and one for Boat Captains.

Fishermen: Sign up if you plan to fish from the shore, kayak, or need a ride on a captain's boat. If spots become available on boats, we will notify those who have signed up.

Captains: If you are bringing a boat and have open spots for fellow club members, please sign up here and indicate how many seats you have available. We will occasionally send notifications to help fill open spots. Sign up here:

Fishermen Sign-Up: Fishermen Sign Up Here Link: https://rswsc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click? u=9cd1cec295a1949815bb8183a&id=f93b918f38&e=97360e76ed

Captains Sign-Up: Boat Captains Sign Up Here Link: https://rswsc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click? u=9cd1cec295a1949815bb8183a&id=141351c2a0&e=97360e76ed

At 12 meet us at River Falls Park for grilled hamburgers, and hotdogs! We will be in good company with members from Triangle Striper Club, Piedmont Sportfishing Club, and Lake Gaston Striper Club joining us as we all will be enjoying shad fishing! (Bring your own refreshments)

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FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS

April 15 Laurel Hills Community Center 3808 Edwards Mill Rd, Raleigh, NC

May 20 TBD

June 17 Laurel Hills Community Center 3808 Edwards Mill Rd, Raleigh, NC

July 15 Laurel Hills Community Center 3808 Edwards Mill Rd, Raleigh, NC

August 19 Laurel Hills Community Center 3808 Edwards Mill Rd, Raleigh, NC

September 16 Laurel Hills Community Center 3808 Edwards Mill Rd, Raleigh, NC

October 21 November 18 December — Christmas Banquet—TBA

3/2 Fishing Report Chris DiGiovanna

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We first tried the creek across the ramp, but it was pretty low and shallow. Jess managed to pull a small shad out after a few casts, but we didn't have much luck there after than. We then drifted downriver for a bit, hoping to get a few while pounding the banks. I managed one this way, but no other bites.

After watching multiple boats zoom past us (presumably to the same area we were heading to fish), I decided to troll back upstream. I've had good success with this in the past, but today, nothing again. A good hour and a half had passed at this point and I was starting to feel discouraged.

Eventually, I made my way back to a stretch where a few other boats were leaving their anchorage. I decided to pull in and give their spot a try. I threw one grub and spoon combo out the back (to flutter in the current), one off to the side, and worked a pair of shad darts in a third direction. In about 5 minutes. The back rod went off. Another few minutes, and the side rod did, too.

Fish would come in spurts, but the action could be hot and heavy. I estimate I landed 20-24 fish including a double and a triple. Most were American shad, with several around the 17" mark. They seemed to prefer small chartreuse spoons to anything else I offered to them. Pair that with a 1/4 oz jig head to gear your rig down and you should get bit. I was fishing in a 7-9' deep run.

Tight lines! — Chris

Bernie McCants Fishing Report

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FISHING REPORTS

Joe Parsons hailing from Cabo this week. His first Rooster fish.





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Expected Higher & Lower Water Events

Lunar Perigee (moon closest to Earth)

Full Moon

New Moon

Super Full Moon (Perigee & Full Moon)

Super New Moon (Perigee & New Moon)

HOW TO SUBMIT AUTOMATED FISHING REPORTS

Dates, locations (general), tackle, bait and tips are greatly appreciated. You can easily utilize the new reporting tool on the Club's website. Fish Card: https://www.rswsc.org/fish-cards

Tripp made updates to the website for members to submit Fish Cards. The application for submitting information is through Google Forms and has been embedded into the website. When submitting a responses, members will have the ability to view other submissions.

"Google does require a Gmail account be used, if a picture was uploaded in the questionnaire. To make things easier, pictures will be emailed separately. We believe the ease of submitting responses and the ability to view all member results will outweigh having to submit a pictures separately."

You can also use the form on the following page if desired and not computer savvy.

Please send in your fishing reports, Fish Cards and photos to share with members in 2022. The newsletters are much better with fishing reports and photos.

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Website & Social Media Report—Tripp Adams

Stay Connected and Up to Date:

The Raleigh Saltwater Sportfishing Club (RSWSC) offers several ways for members to stay informed about our latest meetings, outings, and to connect with other members. Here's how you can stay connected:

- Website: Visit www.RSWSC.org for:
- Event Calendars
- Current and Past Newsletters
- Members-Only Forum (requires creating a login)
- Digital Fish Card
- Outings and Meetings

For the most up-to-date calendar, refer to the Upcoming Events page on our website. Many outings and social events require signing up via SignUpGenius. Links are sent directly from SignUpGenius and are also included in general update emails and newsletters.

Newsletters: Club newsletters are a staple for members. Newsletters from the past five years are available on the website, with a more extensive library available upon request.

Forum: Our forum is a message board for members to communicate, share ideas and advice, post items for sale, and more. It's an excellent way to stay connected and engaged with the club community.

Social Media: Stay updated with our social media platforms:

Facebook: The Raleigh Saltwater Sportfishing Club (Public): Open to members and non-members. This page features the latest updates and public announcements.

The Raleigh Saltwater Sportfishing Club (Private): Requires approval to join and is geared towards active members sharing their catches and communicating with each other.

Instagram and Twitter: Follow us for updates and club-related content. Facebook sees the most activity among club members, so be sure to stay active there.

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