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NOVEMBER MEETING:

Club Social on Tuesday, November 12 at 7:00 PM. At Gizmo Brewery Oysters and Shrimp on the grill! Social and Oysters/Shrimp: We're excited to announce that our next club social will be held on Tuesday, November 12th at 6:30 PM at Gizmo Brew Works, located at 5907 Triangle Drive, Raleigh, NC 27617.

GIZMO BREW WORKS

We're excited to announce that we are also selling Club shirts! Make sure to place your orders by November 12th, which is also the date of our Club Social at Gizmo Brewing, so that your shirts can be delivered in time for the December holiday party.

Here's what's available:

Short Sleeve Club T-Shirt

White 100% Cotton Hanes Beefy T

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Long Sleeve Club Fishing Hoodie

100% Polyester

\$30 (S - XL) (continued on next page)

\$32 (XXL)

\$33 (XXXL)

Available in light blue, dark blue, or red

Please specify size and color when ordering!


Looking forward to seeing everyone at Gizmo Brewing on November 12th!

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SCHEDULE OF RSWSFC 2024 EVENTS

RSWSFC Kids Fishing Rodeo will be Oct.3. It will be held in Morehead City at the Newport River Fishing Pier on Radio Island

Social/Oysters at Brewery Meeting Tue, Social Nov 12, Location TBD

Christmas Party, Mon, Dec 02 Note: Date Tentative) TBD

FISHING REPORTS

Victor Tucker submitted a couple fish cards and pictures 10/7/2024
Small Boat King Mackerel 18 Kept

Anchor 911 team was fishing in the Atlantic Beach King Mackerel Tournament when we had a hit on the long line. After a short pull the fish pulled free and the crew was reeling the line in when this 18 lb king hit. Jennifer grabbed the rod and started the battle. That's when we notice that the first strike we had was from a rather sizeable shark that was still chewing on the back end of our blue fish bait. The crew coached Jennifer to keep reeling hard so that we did not loose 1/2 of this fish to the shark. She ultimately saved the king from the shark only to be added to the fish box and end up in the smoker. This was her personal best king. Her major accomplishment was this catch was whole and not sampled by a shark.



FISHING REPORT CARDS (Continued)

**B J Medlin 10/25/2024 Small Boat King Mackerel / Almaco Jack
32.48 ,32.3 and almaco was 23.7**

Anchor 911 fishing team was fishing in the AB King mackerel tournament when we landed these 2 citation king mackerel and what we thought might have been a shot at the state record almaco. Bj Medlin was the angler for all 3 fish. While rigging live blue fish BJ had 2 mishaps with being being foul hooked in the hand 11 minutes apart. He was rewarded for his efforts about 2 hours after with his first citation king and personal best 32.48 that we weighed in for the tournament.

FISHING REPORT FROM JOHN McQUAID

My time fishing with my friend Jerry from Ohio got off to a great start today (November 10), with sunny skies, mild temperatures, and moderate (10-15) winds. To my surprise and delight, the fish cooperated too!

We started with Bluefish at the Coast Guard station, continued with Gray Trout in the Beaufort channel, and then Red Drum at some docks. There were more boats jigging in the inlet channel than I have seen in years, and everyone seemed to be picking up some Trout. I'm talking 6-10 boats, not the dozens that there were 20 years ago. The best thing about it for me was that it has been at least 18 months since I caught a keeper Gray. They weren't big, the ones we caught were 13-14", but most were keepers. We kept two and left them biting.

Then we fished the same dock that I have fished for Drum for 25 years, but where I haven't caught a Drum in at least the last five. Every trip, I try it, and the last 10-20 trips I've come up dry. But persistence paid off today. On the rising tide, it was on fire! We boated and released 5 Drum in the 25" range and lost a couple more. All were caught on frozen finger Mullet. I put some effort into trying artificial baits, but struck out. I thought maybe they had quit biting, so I went back to Mullet and caught another. We quit when we ran out of bait.

I fixed our Gray Trout for dinner using Dr. Bogus's Trout Ricardofeller recipe, and it was delicious! John McQuaid ###

MORE FISHING REPORTS!

John McQuaid scored an inshore slam of Red Drum, Flounder, Striped Bass, and Speckled Trout. He was fishing out of Carolina Beach State Park with Captain JC Lomas of Tidal Tales Charters. John's friend Bill caught the 38" Drum pictured.



Research Leading to Lupton Rig for Old Drum Fishing

Article by Capt George Beckwith September 2013

In the late 90's the secret of the Pamlico Sound Giant Red Drum was getting out. For decades surf fishermen have waited in crashing waves and foul weather for the bite of a lifetime. They would wait sometimes for days and especially at night for the bite of a trophy-sized fish that occasionally would turn into an epic blitz of multiple hook ups.

A wave of rumors swept across the sound to outer banks drum fishermen that a few fishermen were reporting double digit releases of giant red drum in the protected waters of the Pamlico Sound and Neuse River. These rumors rolled through the fishing community, across the state and the country and lights from the boats of drum fishermen began to dot the shoal around Swan Island at dusk.

As this fishery began to explode, some biologists expressed concerns over the increasing effort on what could be an important spawning population. Until Anna's research, Chapter 5, it had not yet been documented that these fish were spawning in the Neuse River and Pamlico Sound.

Our tagging study documented that at the very least we were fishing on different schools of fish, schools were mixing and that these fish had a much larger range than limited to Swan Island Shoal, where most of the drum fishing effort was concentrated. However, our impacts on the individuals that we were catching were unknown. Most anglers were still using j-hooks which gut-hooked a large percentage of big drum. What was the fate of those deep hooked fish?

Our tagging study proved to be very difficult and we were limited in what we could learn through the tags, so the focus of our study shifted to learning about mortality rates, circle hooks and how to take better care of our state fish.

For the next three years we had two holding pens established, one on the south side of the river near South River and the other on the north side, near Lighthouse Shoal. In the afternoons we would watch the boats pass us by and run the many miles to Swan Island. Each pen had a permanent water quality measuring device recording temperature, oxygen and ph. We had a mobile unit on our boat and would record the data at every fishing location. We also recorded the fight time, handling time-- the amount of time that the fish was out of the water while we were measuring and tagging it and the transport time to the in-water holding pen.

Initially we would hold them for 3 days, but all mortalities occurred within the first couple of hours, so that time was eventually shortened to one day.

We primarily used j-hooks in this study so that we would have a sufficient number of deep-hooked fish to observe. Regardless of the fight time, including some fish that were caught on 4# and 6# test, regardless of the time that these fish spent on the deck, waiting to be worked up and put in a transport tank, regardless of the time it took to get them to the pens, these fish proved to be extremely hearty.

The only thing that they cannot survive is a j-hook through the heart or laceration of the liver, causing major internal hemorrhaging. In three years, all the red drum that died except for one was deep-hooked. The one exception was a fish that I dropped on the corner of the gunnel so hard that we made a note of it in the data. We were very careful with handling these fish, not lifting them by the gills and carefully supporting them.

Although more surprising to biologists than to drum fishermen, giant red drum did not succumb to long fight times and rough handling like other species. What was shocking to all of us was the very high survival rates of deep-hooked fish, at least over the short term. One drum that was deep hooked and took to an aquaculture facility for longer observation expelled a j-hook that it had ingested.....probably just as they do blue crab parts. If you are going to live to be 65 years or older and eat whole blue crabs for a living, you better figure out how to get rid of a claw stuck in your craw.

Our study showed that deep hooking rates, while using a 7-0 j-hook, a 2 foot leader and a 2 oz. sliding weight was 50%. There had to be a better way and circle hooks were coming on the scene, but they were not the answer. Same rig, 14/0 Mustad circle hook, deep hooking was cut in half to around 24%, but this was still not good enough. The best reduction in deep hooking, only 11%, was with a 16/0 Mustad, the same hook that Bluefin tuna fishermen were using. Then Owen Lupton introduced me to his rig.

Prior to retiring, Owen Lupton taught a commercial fishing occupations class at Pamlico County High School where he taught young kids the art of being a working waterman. In addition to how to make crab pots and hang nets, he also taught ethics and tested new techniques to reduce bycatch. The school even had a shrimp boat that the kids would work on through the summer, raising money for the class. It was from this shrimp boat on a July day in 1976 that

Owen and a student of his named Rick Caton caught the first tarpon landed on rod and reel in the Pamlico Sound.

When Owen gave me a handful of his rigs, using a circle hook almost exactly the same size as the 14/0 Mustad that we had tested, a 3 oz weight that was crimped in place so that the leader was only a few inches long, I nearly dismissed it. He insisted that I try it. Because we already had good data on a similarly sized circle hook, I copied Owen's rig, making it up with the circle hook that we were already testing. I was amazed at the results. Effectiveness did not seem to be hampered, but after several hundred giant red drum releases, only about 4% of them were deep hooked.

In our study, of the deep hooked red drum, nearly 12% of them died. If 50% of the drum being caught on j-hooks are deep hooked, then the overall mortality is about 6%. That is unacceptable for a fish that lives so long and is so important to the future of this fishery. With Owen's rig, IF the mortality rate is the same as the j-hook, but we are only deep-hooking 4% of the drum, then we can get overall mortality rate to less than 1%.....hence the current regulations of mandatory use of short leader rigs while fishing with bait at night, which is when most drum fishing occurs.

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RSWSC FISHING REPORT CARD

Angler (Club Member): _____

(Age if Junior/Youth angler) _____

Small Boat

Charter

Pier

Surf (Circle one)

Location: _____ Date: _____

Best Catch: Species: _____

Weight _____ lbs. _____ oz _____ Length _____ (inches)

Released? Yes No (Circle one)

Comments: _____

Drop card off at meeting or Submit online at:

<https://www.rswsc.org/fish-cards>

Then submit information/pics in a fishing report for the Newsletter about your fishing and catches by your family/kids.

MEMBERSHIP FORM

Renewals — Please only enter changed information

Name: _____ New member
Include spouse's/children name if family membership Renewal

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E-mail address: _____ Boat Name: _____

Dues: Single - \$50: Family - \$60: Sponsor (business card) - \$130:
Corresponding (newsletter only) - \$25: (Corresponding not eligible for catch awards or banquet attendance)

(Note: larger sponsor ads or short term ads are available and negotiable. Contact a club officer

Mail to: RSWSC, PO Box 41427, Raleigh, NC 27629

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.

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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