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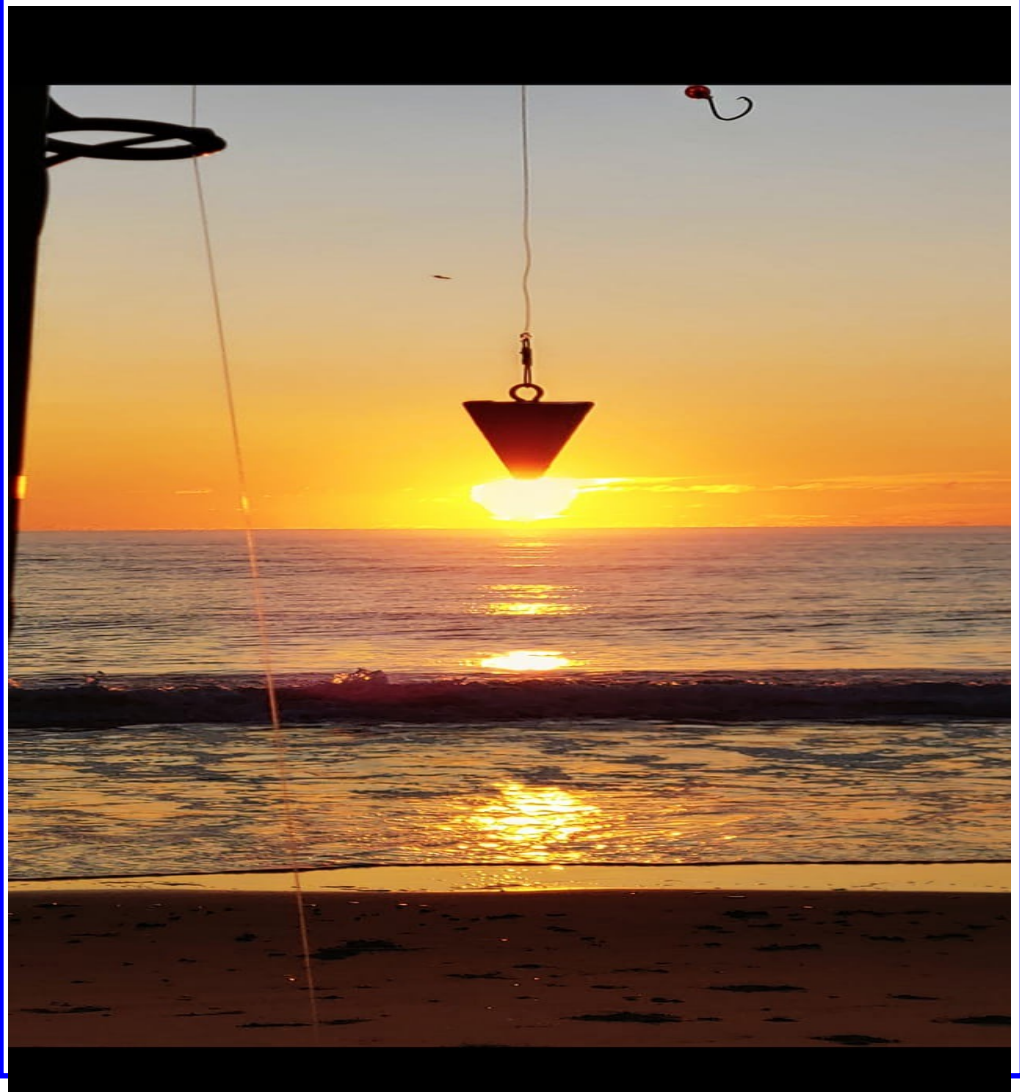
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JULY MEETING:

Tuesday, July 16 at 7:00 PM. The club meets at the NC University Club at 4200 Hillsboro St. Meals available for purchase. Speaker: Ann Staples with the NCDMF Tagging Program,



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Jason Hollingworth's 23 inch red drum. See fishing reports for more RSWFC angler catch information.

MAHI CHALLENGE UPDATE

Mahi Challenge update. The mahi are still holding off North Carolina, however they are scattered and smaller fish.

Congratulations to Greg Brissette (Emerald Mist) for the June leader at 23.5". Mike Cotten (Talkin Trash) and Steve Kuekes (Salty Tapir) both reported fish. Keep the reports coming. July 31st marks the end of the Mahi Challenge and we will announce the champion.



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SCHEDULE OF RSWSFC 2024 EVENTS

Meeting: Speaker Ann Staples with the NCDMF Tagging Program, Tue, Jul 16, Raleigh, 4200 Hillsborough St, Raleigh, NC

Outing: Old Drum (Date Tentative), Sat, Sep 07, Cedar Island NC

Meeting: Topic TBD, Tue, Sep 17, Raleigh, 4200 Hillsborough St, Raleigh

Meeting: Topic TBD, Tue, Oct 15, Raleigh, 4200 Hillsborough St, Raleigh

Social/Oysters at Brewery (Date Tentative)

Meeting Tue, Nov 12, TBD

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

An excerpt from a conversation by Fisherman;s Warehouse with The Big Rock Blue Marlin Tournament mahi-mahi winning angler. For those of you that don't know, I made and donated the lure to the CCA to auction off at one of their benefits in order to raise funds for their cause. Not only is it the winning lure but it's also the world record winning lure. See below...

..."Appreciate you reaching out. It was definitely a pretty cool story - how I bought that lure on a silent auction at the New Bern CCA Banquet in March, then we used it for the first time on Day 2 of this year's Big Rock. We didn't pull it Day 1, but Day 2 we did, and an hour later - BAM - that dolphin hits. Pretty cool that your lure is now the World Record Dolphin Payout winning lure! \$610,500!



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Marine Fisheries Division encourages anglers to donate Red Snapper carcasses to science

The N.C. Department of Environmental Quality's Division of Marine Fisheries will collect Red Snapper carcasses from recreational fishermen during the July 12 Red Snapper mini-season.

The division has set up three temporary freezer locations, in addition to the 12 carcass collection locations available throughout the year, where recreational fishermen can take their Red Snapper carcasses.

The temporary locations are:

Bridge Tender Marina, 1418 Airlie Road, Wilmington, Capt. Stacy Fishing Ctr, 416 Atlantic Beach Causeway, Atlantic Beach, Carolina Princess Headboat Dock, 604 Evans St., Morehead City

The year-round locations are

Oden's Dock, Hatteras Cape Pointe Marina, Harkers Island Frisco Rod & Gun, Frisco Jennette's Pier, Nags Head Eastside Bait & Tackle, Washington, Dudley's Marina, Swansboro, Pelagic Hunter Fishing Center, Sneads Ferry, Eastern Outfitters, Hampstead, Sea View Crab Company, Wilmington, Tex's Tackle, Wilmington, N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries Headquarters, Morehead City. Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point - Environmental Affairs Office (available only to those with military base access), Anglers who donate a Red Snapper carcass will receive a citation (certificate) from the N.C. Saltwater Fishing Tournament.

When cleaning the fish, anglers should leave the head and tail intact and, if possible, leave the guts/reproductive organs in the fish. Anglers who fished on a charter boat or head boat should let the fish cleaner know the carcass will be donated.

Instructions on how to deposit the carcasses are posted on each freezer. Anglers will be asked to give information related to how and when the fish was caught. Fishermen also will be asked for their names and addresses if they wish to receive a citation. Division biologists will measure the fish, determine the sex when possible, and remove the otoliths (ear bones) to determine the age of the fish. The information collected will be provided to the National Marine Fisheries Service for use in future Red Snapper stock assessments.

Recreational anglers also may log information about their recreational trips through the MyFishCount and/or the SAFMC Release apps. electronic reporting

mobile app. The app is available for free download at the Google Play and Apple App stores or through the MyFishCount website. Reports of the number of harvested and released fish will improve the accuracy of National Marine Fisheries Service's catch estimates.

The 2024 recreational Red Snapper season will open for one day, Friday July 12. The season officially opens at 12:01 a.m. and closes at 11:59 p.m. on Friday, July 12.

Anglers may keep one fish per person per day. There will be no minimum or maximum size limit. Captain and crew on for-hire vessels may retain the recreational bag limit.

The commercial Red Snapper season opened July 8, with a 75-pound gutted weight trip limit. The season will close at 12:01 a.m. Jan. 1, 2025, or when the commercial quota is met (whichever comes first). Division biologists will obtain data from commercially caught Red Snapper at the fish houses. Commercially caught carcasses should not be left in the Carcass Collection Program freezers.

Gear regulations implemented in previous years for commercial, for-hire, and recreational snapper-grouper fishing remain in effect. The regulations require:

A descending device be on board and readily available for use while fishing for or possessing snapper-grouper species; and,
Use of non-offset (also called inline), non-stainless-steel circle hooks when fishing for or possessing snapper-grouper species with hook-and-line gear and natural baits, regardless of tackle or lure configuration. A non-offset circle hook is a hook with the point directed perpendicular back towards the shank, with the point and barb in the same plane as the shank (see diagrams). Offset circle hooks and stainless-steel circle hooks are not allowed for snapper grouper fishing. For specific recreational harvest regulations, go to Proclamation FF-30-2024. For specific commercial harvest regulations, go to Proclamation FF-29-2024. Read the NOAA Fisheries announcement of the Red Snapper season [here](#).

More information on best fishing practices, including how-to videos for rigging descending devices, can be found [here](#).

Read more about North Carolina's Carcass Collection program [here](#), or, for more information, contact Amanda Macek, division sportfishing specialist, at 252-515-5537 or amanda.macek@deq.nc.gov. ###

FISHING REPORTS

Angler (Club Member)	Date of Catch	Caught on:	Catch (Species)	Weight/Length	Released:	About Catch
Victor / Josh Tucke	5/22/2024	Small Boat	Mahi	37"	No	Boated 9 gaffers 27.5 miles from Drum inlet with ballyhoo
Victor/ Josh Tucker	6/1/2024	Small Boat	Mahi, Amber jack, Almaco jack and Red snapper and shark	Shark 96"	Yes	Took part in the military appreciation day had a retired Air force vet and his 15 year old son caught 2 mahi, 1 amber jack, 2 Almaco jack released a red snapper and a 96" shark
Victor/ Jennifer Tucker	6/2/2024	Small Boat	Mahi Amber Jack	28" mahi 36" Amber jack Jennifer	No	Victor and Jennifer hosted friends (Derl, Sheriffs Deputy and Courtney , Public School principal to a day of fishing offshore. Caught 4 mahi on the troll that turned into a bailing event for a total of 25 for the day. Stopped at the Far east Tanker wreck where the girls boated 36" Amber Jack each.
Jason Hollingsworth	5/27/2024	Small Boat	Red Drum	23in	No	Caught in Hubert, NC in Finn's Island Marsh on a falling tide off my kayak using a Rapala Skitter Walk topwater bait. Fish exploded on it and pulled me and the kayak all around marsh!
Greg Brissette	6/28/2024	Small Boat	Mahi	23 1/2"	No	Trolling with Fred Adams near SE Bottoms
Greg Brissette	6/30/2024	Charter	Mahi	28 lbs, 45"	No	Charter with The Bill Collector trolling near Big Rock

Greg Brissette's and his two Mahi



FISHING REPORT

Trey Lowdermilk 6/29/2024 Small Boat Spanish Mackerel 4.55#/25"

Live baiting in 50' of water off the Shackelford banks side of the Beaufort Inlet Shipping Challenge during the Cape Lookout Shootout Classic King Mackerel tournament series. Unfortunately wrong species.

Bill Collector Charter: Picture (charter)

On June 30th, we celebrated Fred Adams' birthday with an exciting fishing trip out of Morehead City, chartered on the Bill Collector. Despite the very rough ride out with choppy waters, we were all fortunate enough to avoid seasickness. By



8 a.m., we had trolling lines in the water, and Greg Brissett reeled in the first catch of the day—a 28-pound bull mahi—around 8:30 a.m. As Greg fought the fish, the captain spotted a school of baylor mahi under some grass. Once the mate gaffed the bull, he quickly rigged up squid on light tackle, and we successfully caught 7-8 more mahi in rapid succession.

After this flurry of activity, we experienced a lull in the action for several hours. Then, around 1 p.m., we hooked a sailfish, which was reeled in by another member of our group. The sailfish put on an impressive display, jumping out of the water several times. Shortly after this exciting fight, we caught two more small mahi to wrap up our day on the water.



This was our second time chartering the Bill Collector, and once again, we had a fantastic experience. We highly recommend them to other club members for their professionalism and ability to deliver a memorable fishing adventure.

July 12, 2024 — New recreational, commercial harvest reporting requirements delayed to Dec. 1, 2025

New harvest reporting requirements for recreational and commercial fisheries have been delayed by one year and will now become effective on Dec. 1, 2025.

The N.C. General Assembly recently passed Session Law 2024-45, which, in part, amends legislation from last fall that would have implemented the harvest reporting requirements on Dec. 1, 2024.

This extension will allow the N.C. Department of Environmental Quality's Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF) and the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission (WRC) to engage with stakeholders, not only to inform them about the requirements, but also to ensure that the reporting process and tool(s) are robust and user-friendly.

The legislation from last fall requires that any person who recreationally harvests Red Drum, flounder, Spotted Seatrout (speckled trout), Striped Bass and Weakfish (gray trout) must report that harvest to the DMF. This requirement applies to fish harvested from coastal fishing waters, joint fishing waters and inland fishing waters adjacent to coastal or joint fishing waters.

Additionally, the law requires anyone holding a commercial fishing license who is engaged in a commercial fishing operation to report all fish harvested to DMF, regardless of sale.

More information, including links to temporary rules to implement the laws, can be found on the Mandatory Harvest Reporting webpage at <https://www.deq.nc.gov/mandatory-harvest-reporting>. The webpage will continue to be updated as new information becomes available.

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

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Cell _____

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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