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Message from the President

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Opening day Rockfish season is here! Saturday, April 16th we began the hunt for the big ones.

The 16th also marks our 5th annual chapter rockfish fundraising tournament benefitting the Evan Foundation. There is still time to get involved and support this great cause. See about all the details in the newsletter.

The following Sunday, April 24th, the Annapolis chapter will be holding our 7th annual “Rock on Worrier” outing. This year we will be taking over 100 worriers and their families out fishing for the day. Following the fishing we will have a banquet and awards ceremony where we will take the opportunity to thank each and every warrior for their service and sacrifice to our country. This year our luncheon will be held at the Fleet Reserve. The support from the community for this event has been incredible. I want to thank the Fleet Reserve and all the sponsors in advance for their generosity and of course very special thanks to all the volunteer boat Captains for supporting this fantastic event. See the news letter for all the details....good luck and ROCK ON WARRIORS !!

*Bob Sheehan
President*

About the Meeting:

The Annapolis Chapter of the Maryland Saltwater Sportfisherman's Association will meet at 7:00p.m. Wednesday, April 20 at the American Legion Post #7, 1905 Crownsville Road, Crownsville, MD.

Meetings are open to the public, spouses and children are welcome. Meetings include guest speakers, a free fishing tackle prize table and a 50/50 raffle.

Food and beverages are available (\$) from the Post.

For information, please visit [Annapolis, Maryland Saltwater Sportfisherman's Association](#)

Also see us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/mssaannapolis/>

Rock on Warriors 2016

Rock on Warriors 2016 is set for April 24, 2016. The bite is on and the weather forecast is looking good! This year's event is shaping up to be the largest to date. We expect over 100 wounded, injured, and ill warriors, their family and caregivers. We are prepared with a fleet of 24 boats ranging in size from 24 to 46 feet. The fishing day will begin and end at the Yacht Basin with a banquet to follow at the Fleet Reserve featuring honorary guest speaker Lieutenant General John F. Sattler, United States Marine Corps. Thank you in advance to all of our Captains and Volunteers!

Captains Meeting- April 20, 2016 at 5:30pm at the Crownsville Legion 1905 Crownsville Road, Annapolis, MD 21401

Brian Stempowski- Chairman

Bill Petrohoy- Vice Chairman

MSSA 2016 Championship On The Chesapeake

Join in the world's largest striped bass tournament! Over \$200,000 in cash and prizes are available to the winner! Our MSSA 33rd annual CHAMPIONSHIP ON THE CHESAPEAKE, April 29th – May 1st 2016. Register on line at www.mssa.net or call 410-255-5535

2016 Evan Foundation

Greetings Annapolis Chapter Members – There's still time to enter the Annapolis Chapter/EVAN Foundation spring rockfish tournament benefitting the EVAN Foundation. The tournament runs from opening day through May 1st. You can download the attached tournament flyer and mail it to Bob Thompson, enter at next week's chapter meeting, or stop by Marty's in Edgewater, AllTackle in Annapolis, or Island Tackle Outfitters on Kent Island. Please join the Annapolis chapter in supporting this great cause and having some fun in the process. Look forward to seeing you on the water! www.theevanfoundation.org

MSSA Annapolis

2016 Summer Fish Trip

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

MSSA Annapolis summer fishing trip is scheduled for Wednesday July 20th from Rod and Reel Dock at Chesapeake Beach. The trip will be a live lining trip for Rock. It was made very clear to me last year that our group does not want to do summer trolling. I thought the timing schedule we used last year worked well. We left the dock at 10am and returned at 4pm. This will work fine if the rockfish and the spot co-operate. Last year the spot were in the Choptank River and the Rock were above the bay bridge. If we have this same fishing pattern this year we will have to make some changes to the trip. We can not go from Chesapeake Beach to the Choptank River and spot fish for several hours, then take an hour and a half or two hour ride to the fishing grounds above the bay bridge in a six hour (half day) trip. If we have this pattern we will need to do an 8 hour charter (full day) instead of a 6 hour (half day) charter. We will leave an hour earlier and come home an hour later. This would add \$20.00 a head to the cost.

If we have a traditional fishing pattern we will fish for spot in front of Chesapeake Beach, Holland Point or in the Choptank. Then go to Eastern Bay, the Gooses or False Channel and catch Rock. In the past we have had time, after we get our Rock, to chum blues or bottom fish for perch. Every year is different but this would be the norm. If you sign up for the trip you need to be flexible on timing and cost.

The price of the trip includes everything: tackle, bait, fish cleaning and tip for the mate. If you would like to bring a personal rod you may. You will need to bring your own food and drink in a small cooler to take on the boat, and a larger cooler to leave in your vehicle for fish. I also suggest sun screen and a hat. The cost of the trip for MSSA Annapolis members, wives, significant others, children and grandchildren is \$85.00. For non MSSA Annapolis members the cost is \$110.00. The difference is what the chapter supplements the trip for members. If we need to go to an 8 hour trip (full day charter) it will cost an extra \$20 each. We should know a few weeks in advance as to where Captain Randy, Drew and Dave will be fishing. We will be using the same 5 boats as last year, THE WORM, HOOKED UP 11, AND THE BAY HUNTER FLEET OF 3 BOATS. For now, e mail me with how many places you need, I will confirm your request. You need to send your check for either \$85.00 or \$110 (per person) to secure your place. We are starting off with 50 places. I will figure out how to collect the extra \$20.00 if it becomes an issue. **MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO MSSA ANNAPOLIS CHAPTER. DO NOT MAKE THEM PAYABLE TO ME. THE BANK WILL NOT LET ME ENDORSE THEM. I WILL HAVE TO SEND THEM BACK TO YOU.**

It is VERY, VERY important to give me your cell phone number and your email address. Please take the extra time to write clearly. I'm not good at guessing numbers and letters. If you are late to the dock, if we need to cancel for any reason or if we need to extend the trip 2 hours at the last minute I will TRY to call, email or TX you. I will be helping out during Ron Schaefer's absence. Please contact me at slagle-leeway@comcast.net with any questions.

Lee Slagle – Acting Summer Fish Chairman

Ocean City Fishing Trip

Ocean City Fishing on “Morning Star”

In an effort to provide fishing opportunities for members without boats, the Annapolis chapter of MSSA is sponsoring a fishing trip targeting sea bass. We will be fishing on the Morning Star, captained by Monty Hawkins, a long time member of the Ocean City chapter of MSSA. The season on sea bass opens mid-May, and Captain Monty says that early in the season is best, and he knows where to find them. Go to his website at morningstarfishing.com to get information on his boat and his experience. I have fished with him many times over the last 15 years or more and recommend him highly. This is a great opportunity to fish with your friends. The capacity of the Morning Star is 25 anglers. If you wish to go on this trip please contact me at slagle-leeway@comcast.net. Email me with any questions.

Lee Slagle

Crab Feast

ANNAPOLIS MSSA Crab Feast at MIKE’S CRAB HOUSE

On Wednesday September 21st at 7:00 to 9:00 PM the Annapolis Chapter of the MSSA will host a CRAB FEAST for members, and their guests. The CRAB FEAST will be our first meeting after summer break. The menu will include steamed crabs ribs, fried chicken, salad bar, watermelon, and beverages including Domestic **Draft Beer** and House **Wine**. The price is \$48.00 for members and guests to be paid in advance.

You can pay for the CRAB FEAST at the monthly meetings or by sending a check to
Larry Muscatello
224 W. Lake Dr Annapolis, Maryland 21403.

Make check payable to The MSSA Annapolis Chapter.

Upon receipt of the check your name and number of guests will be added to the guest list.

Please sign up as soon as possible so that we can have an accurate count for our reservation

MIKE’S CRAB HOUSE is located at 3030 Old Riva Road
on South River at the Riva Bridge.

Call Larry Muscatello 301-261-1451 or email
larrymuscat@aol.com with questions.

Scholarship Foundation

SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION UPDATE

Still time to help a good cause and enjoy a tax deduction for this year. The MSSA Scholarship Foundation will make our 2016 awards in May to students pursuing degrees in marine environmental science, engineering, and management. Our mission is to help develop a cadre of motivated and educated professionals who will devote their careers to solve the complex problems that threaten the sustainability of our precious natural resources in the Chesapeake Bay and coastal waters. Since 1995, the Foundation has awarded 125 scholarships totaling \$310,000. To lend your support, send a check payable to MSSA SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION to Pete Abbott, 219 Overture Way, Centreville, MD, 21617. For more information about gifting options or tickets for our 2016 Sportsman Package Raffle, call me at 443 871 5342 or email abbottgru@aol.com.

The Raffle Drawing is scheduled for June 5, 2016. As of 4-1-2016, the Prize List is 42 items long and includes 17 charter fishing trips, free entries to all 2017 MSSA Tournaments, gift certificates, event tickets, tackle, artworks, and the first ticket drawn will win a \$1000 Gift Certificate from The Tackle Box in Lexington Park, MD (Solomons). Ken Lamb, owner of the store, runs a full service outdoor equipment and service business akin to Anglers in our local area. It will be well worth the drive to claim this prize in merchandise from THE TACKLE BOX! Tickets will be available at chapter meetings and at the Captain's Meetings at the Boatyard on April 15, and all the MSSA Spring Tournament meetings in late April. Don't miss out on an opportunity to be a Prize winner on June 5.

Applications for scholarships close on April 15. The Board will begin the evaluation to determine the 2016 winners. We can only give what we have available at the end of May to this year's successful candidates. If you are going to donate in 2016, now is the time to do it.

Pete Abbott

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