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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The 16th Annual Saltwater Fishing EXPO will be held on Saturday, February 27, 2010 at the Annapolis ELK's Lodge. We will have great speakers and an opportunity to browse and buy tackle from top quality vendors. The EXPO is the Chapter's main source of operating funds for the year. By attending you are helping the Chapter provide good value to all of our members throughout the year. More details can be found throughout this newsletter. Hope to see you there.

Winter is a great time to prepare for the opening of fishing season in April. The EXPO and other fishing shows and seminars offer a great opportunity to hone your fishing skills, get bargains on tackle and learn what's new in the marketplace. So take advantage of your cabin fever and get ready for fishing and anticipate that trophy coming over the side of your boat this spring. Also it's a great time to visit Florida, the islands, Mexico and other fishing hot spots and enjoy some of the worlds greatest offshore and inshore fisheries. So go south and come back and brag at the next meeting about the one that did not get away.

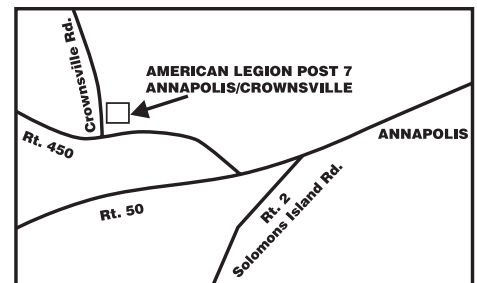
The March 17th meeting has been rescheduled to March 10th. The VFW had a conflict with a St. Patrick's Day party.

We are tentatively scheduled to hold a Wounded Warriors fishing tournament on April 18th. We are labeling the tournament "ROCK ON WARRIORS". We are looking to take war veterans from Walter Reid Hospital for a fun day of fishing that will be sponsored by our MSSA chapter. At this time we are looking into a marina and restaurant to hold the event. There will be more to follow during our February chapter meeting. If you would like to volunteer please let us know.

John Thibodeau
President

FEBRUARY MEETING/ SPEAKER

The Annapolis Chapter of the MSSA is very pleased that Mr. John Turner of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 25-3 will speak at the February 17th, chapter meeting at American Legion Post #7 at Rt. 450 and Crownsville Road. The meeting starts at 7:30 pm. Mr. Turner will share information and background on the Coast Guard Auxiliary, general safety tips, and information about Coast Guard Auxiliary Courtesy Inspections. Most importantly, however, Mr. Turner will discuss the implications of the extended fishing seasons which, for many Chesapeake Bay anglers, includes early spring catch and release fishing and late winter excursions as well. These early spring and winter trips are the most dangerous, when there are fewer boaters on the water, and the Bay is very cold. John will share information about being prepared for cold water incidents and emergencies and how to prepare yourself and your boat for cold weather fishing.



Dale Dirks
Speaker Chairman

2010 SALTWATER FISHING EXPO

The SALTWATER FISHING EXPO will be held on Saturday Feb. 27th from 8 AM to 3 PM at the Annapolis Elks Lodge. This event has grown into one of the most popular Winter Fishing Shows in this area featuring expert Seminar Speakers, Top Quality Tackle Dealers and local Charter Captains and Guides. This year's Speakers and Topics are:

9AM – Capt. Walleye Pete Dahlberg: Early Season Stripers on the Flats

10AM – Lenny Rudow: Ultra Big Fish on Ultra Light Tackle

11AM – Capt. Chris Dollar: Kayak Fishing

12 PM – Capt. Wayne Morgan: Spring Trolling for Trophy Stripers

A detailed flyer is posted on the Downloads/Articles Page of our Website. Please share this flyer with your fishing buddies and make plans to attend this popular event. The Website for the Expo can be found at www.saltwaterfishingexpo.com Please contact Pete Abbott or Kevin McMenamin if you have any questions.

ROD & REEL RAFFLE

Each year at our Chapter Fishing Show we conduct a raffle for a Grand Prize worthy of the name. On February 27, 2010, our Grand Prize Winner will receive a set of FOUR Rod & Reel Combos configured by Bill O'Brien from Shore Tackle.

TWO 6' 6" Tackle Cove Trolling Rods

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FOUR Okuma Level Wind Bay Trolling Reels w/40 lb. test mono line

This Rod & Reel Raffle is one of our major fund raising activities during the year and we would appreciate your help in making it a success in 2010. We hope everyone will "take a chance" and support the Chapter as we kick-off 2010. Here are the ways to get tickets for you and your Family & Friends.

1. Buy them at the EXPO on FEB 27
2. Buy them at the FEB Chapter Meeting on FEB 17
3. Buy them online from Pete Abbott at abbottgru@aol.com. Send Pete an email and order the number of tickets required. Price is \$5 per ticket or \$20 for 5 tickets. Provide your name and mailing address. When you receive your tickets, return the stubs with your name and phone number and a check payable to ANNAPOLIS CHAPTER MSSA to Pete Abbott, 219 Overture Way, Centreville, MD 21617. Last day to receive checks and stubs is FEB 26, 2010. Any questions or special requests, call Pete at (443) 871-5342

SCHOLARSHIP TABLES @ EXPO

We will be hosting several tables to support the MSSA Scholarship Fund at this year's Saltwater Fishing Expo. Please remember to bring and donate any useable fishing or boating items to a Chapter Meeting or the Expo. We hope that you will support this very worthy cause by looking over your current gear and performing a little early Spring Cleaning. Contact Pete Abbott with any questions or to schedule a pick up or drop off if you can't attend the Expo or this month's Chapter Meeting.

FISHERMAN MAGAZINE

The Fisherman Magazine is our Major Sponsor for the Saltwater Fishing Expo. They supply Advertising, prize packages, and assistance with Speaker recruitment. Please show your support by renewing or starting your subscription to this informative magazine at the upcoming Expo. Subscribing at our Expo (and not at one of the other winter shows) greatly assists the Mid-Atlantic Editor with justifying his generous support of our event to his Corporate HQ. Stop by their booth as you enter the Expo and renew or start your subscription.

FEDERAL SALTWATER FISHING REGISTRATION

If you did not know, there is a Federal law requiring registration of saltwater (bay and coastal ocean) fishermen in effect starting Jan. 1, 2010. Registration is free in 2010 but about \$25 starting 2011, and all must register. Maryland is busy finding a way to integrate this requirement into its licensing.

To Register go to www.countryfish.noaa.gov or call 1-888-647-7411.

The link to a Baltimore Sun article is below:

<http://www.baltimoresun.com/sports/outdoors/bal-te-sp.fishing31dec31,0,94591.story>

UNITED WE FISH – FISHERMEN TO MARCH ON WASHINGTON

In a historic show of solidarity, recreational and commercial fishermen will gather together on the steps of the Capitol on February 24, 2010 from noon until 3 p.m. in an organized demonstration against the unintended negative impacts of the Magnuson Stevens Conservation and Management Act (MSA), the federal fisheries law which was revised in January of 2007. Coordinating the march under the flag of United We Fish, rally organizers are hoping to see a large show of force in defense of coastal communities.

"The closures keep coming and it's good to see the collective fishing communities and industries, both recreational and commercial, calling for scientific based Magnuson reform," said Jim Donofrio, Executive Director of the Recreational Fishing Alliance (RFA). "We are all in this together." Donofrio cited recent closures of amberjack, black sea bass and red snapper fisheries as examples of what he calls a "broken" federal fisheries law. The groups organized through United We Fish are hoping to prove to legislators just how many American anglers and business owners are truly being impacted by the overly restrictive management requirements created by MSA based on non scientific arbitrary deadlines. This effort is being coordinated by many organizations and individuals including but not limited to the RFA, CCGF, United Boatmen of New York, United Boatmen of New Jersey, New York Sportfishing Federation, Maryland Saltwater Sportfishermen's Association and the Fishing Rights Alliance.

The United We Fish rally is set for 2/24/10 at noon at the Capitol. For details as they become available, sign up for the RFA's email newsletter on the homepage at www.joinrfa.org.

Paul Herrmann
Vice President

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February

- 17 Chapter Meeting – Speaker: John Turner
U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary
Flotilla 25-3
- 24 United We Fish March – Washington, DC
- 27 Saltwater Fishing Expo @ Annapolis Elk's Lodge

March

- 10 Chapter Meeting – Speaker: TBD

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