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Newsletter of the Annapolis Chapter of the MSSA

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**Message from the President** I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of you and your families a very happy new year. I also want to thank the Chapter Membership for all of your support in 2016 and wish the very best to all of you in the coming year. Our Chapter continues to be successful due largely to the commitment and great efforts of all the committee chairmen and volunteers. Please join me in saying thanks again to **all** that have contributed to another exceptional year. Going forward our continued success depends on membership involvement and I really appreciate all of you. This year begins with our January 18th and February 15<sup>th</sup> chapter meetings. Mark your calendars and please come to the meetings. We feature at the meetings don't forget to pick up a few **Expo Raffle Tickets**. Again this year each ticket gets you **3 chances to win**. The drawing will take place at our 2017 Saltwater Expo on February 25th. You don't have to be present to win so please load up. See below for all the details.

Please support our club any way you can. Hope to see you soon.  
Bob Sheehan - President

## **January 18th Chapter Meeting**

The Annapolis Chapter of the MSSA will meet at 7pm on Wednesday, January 18th, 2017 at the American Legion Post #7. 1905 Crownsville Road, Crownsville, MD. Our guest speaker is Mr. John Murch from Garmin Electronics. John will introduce us to the latest sonar technology. Additionally, John will discuss all available sonar technologies including traditional, CHIRP, Clearvu and Sidevu. For the past 11 years John has been the Middle Atlantic training specialist for Garmin. This presentation will be very informative. Garmin products include fully capable chart plotters, chart plotter/sonar combos, sonar modules, radar, precise mapping, autopilots, communication instruments and sensors.

Meetings are open to the public- spouses and children are welcome. As usual we will have free door prizes and a 50/50. Food and drinks are available for a fee but the fellowship is free!



Mention the secrete word and get a second door prize ticket.....SHARK

## Holiday Party Review

WOW what a great Holiday Party!! We all had a really fun time this year. I was fortunate to have my wife Jolynn and daughters there again this year and was very pleased to see so many spouses and kids. Adams Rib's in Eastport put together another fantastic spread for us. Once again we asked everyone to bring non-perishable goods to be donated to the Light House shelter in Annapolis and the response was overwhelming. Two full carts of goods were delivered and very gratefully received. Thank you for your generosity!

To the delight of several children attending Santa made an appearance. The looks on the children's faces were just priceless. Santa also brought several wrapped door prizes for the big kids as well as an open bar and a nice 50/50. Lots of happy faces and goodwill were shared by all. Be sure you put this one on your Holiday schedule this year.

Special thanks to the American Legion, Jean and Ricky Holmes, Brian Stempowski and Bill Petrohoy for all your help getting the party together. I hope to see you all there again next December.

I wish everyone good health, prosperity and much happiness in the new year!

Bob Sheehan



## [Saltwater Expo 2017](#)

### **SALTWATER FISHING EXPO & SEMINAR SERIES Sat. Feb. 25, 2017**

The SALTWATER FISHING EXPO has become one of the most popular winter fishing shows in the area. It brings together some of the best local tackle dealers offering the best and latest Light Tackle Jigging, Bay Trolling and Offshore Tackle with an outstanding Seminar Series. The majority of the tackle offered for sale is new and reflects innovations focused on our local waters. There will be numerous professional Charter Captains and Guides to answer questions, provide advice or book a trip for the upcoming season.

Admission includes four Informative Seminars from local Expert Anglers which provide great information on what is working for these local Captains.

**8:30AM – Captain Ken Lahr:** Deep Dropping for Atlantic Tilefish

**10:00AM – Captain Lenny Rudow:** Chunking and Chumming for Rockfish

**11:30AM – Captain Brian Mayer:** Spring Trolling for Trophy Rockfish

**1:00PM – Light Tackle Panel Discussion:** Spring Fishing Opportunities

Panel Members: Chris Dollar, Shawn Kimbro, Lenny Rudow and Ritchie Gaines

The Seminar Room is separate from the main Show Floor and provides a comfortable and sound isolated room with seating for 125+ attendees. The Seminars are extremely popular so grab a seat at least 10 minutes in advance and be sure to bring a notebook and pen. The entire event is held indoors at the modern Annapolis Elks Lodge which is located at 2517 Solomons Island Road Edgewater MD 21037.

Admission is only \$5 and Kids 14 and under are FREE! Pay at the door – no advance tickets required.

There is easy access from I-97, Route 50 and Route 2 with free parking. Food and Beverages are available including Pit Beef Sandwiches, Raw Oysters and Full Bar Service.

For more information or to download directions or the event flyer click on [www.saltwaterfishingexpo.com](http://www.saltwaterfishingexpo.com) This is the primary Fundraiser for our Chapter so please mark your calendar and plan to attend with a buddy or two. It is a great way to spend a winter Saturday and get ready for the 2017 Fishing Season.

Questions can be directed to Kevin McMenamin [kevin@mssaannapolis.com](mailto:kevin@mssaannapolis.com) or (410) 340-5030.

## [Saltwater Fishing Expo Raffle](#)

Thanks to everyone who has agreed to help raise funds for the Annapolis MSSA Chapter by selling raffle tickets in advance of the February 25<sup>th</sup> Saltwater Expo. Selling tickets in advance of the Expo to friends and family makes a big difference in the overall revenue gained by the chapter and allows us to reach folks that we wouldn't otherwise have access to. They could win some dang nice prizes too!

**First Prize:** 2 – “TSUNAMI” Standup Rods with Shimano TLD 25 Reels (value \$670)

**Second Prize:** “GO PRO” 4 Black (Value \$400)

**Third Prize:** “SHIMANO TREVALA S” Rod with a Shimano Stradic 2500 C14 Reel. The reel is strung with braided line and fluorocarbon leader. Included with this prize is a BKD Jig Kit. The value of this prize is \$400.

Tickets are available for sale (1 for \$5 or 5 for \$20) at the January 18th and February 15th meetings as well as at the door the day of our Saltwater Expo on Saturday, February 25th. You don't have to be present to win but you do have to play to win. Contact Rickey Holmes if you want tickets mailed to you [hoffmanrx8257@yahoo.com](mailto:hoffmanrx8257@yahoo.com) The drawing will take place at the conclusion of the Saltwater Expo, Feb. 25, 2017.

The chapter utilizes the funds raised by the sale of the raffle tickets to support chapter activities such as the annual holiday event, chapter fishing excursions, the EVAN Foundation tournament sponsorship, monthly meeting door prizes, and other activities.

Once you sell your tickets, please mail the stubs and the funds to Ricky Holmes at 802 Dogwood Trail, Crownsville, MD 21032. It's best to not send cash in the mail. Alternatively, you can pocket the cash and write a check for the amount to the MSSA Annapolis Chapter, or wait and bring stubs and funds to the January or February chapter meetings and hand them to him. If anyone needs additional tickets, you can pick them up at the chapter meetings. The MSSA Annapolis Chapter is the biggest and the best! Let's make this year's annual raffle the best ever! Dale Dirks

### **MSSA Scholarship Flea Market Tables**

Every year we dedicate tables at the Expo for the MSSA Scholarship foundation to sell donated items to benefit the scholarship fund. The donated items are supplied primarily by Annapolis Chapter members and support a very worthy cause. This is a great time of year to sort through your fishing and boating gear to determine what is working well and what is just taking up space. Please consider donating any unwanted or under-utilized fishing or boating items (no matter their condition) for the scholarship fund. Your clutter will be turned into scholarship foundation cash and help deserving students achieve their college dreams. Last year was a banner year at the Annapolis Expo and Scholarship Chairman, Pete Abbott, has repeatedly thanked the Annapolis Chapter for being the top Chapter in their support of the Scholarship Foundation. Please bring any items you wish to donate to the January or February Chapter Meeting or directly to the Expo on Saturday morning. You can also make alternate plans by contacting Pete Abbott at [abbottgru@aol.com](mailto:abbottgru@aol.com)

[Side note: while going through your tackle inventory—this is a great time to create your shopping list for our great vendors at the Expo.]

### **Marine and Maritime Career Fair 2017**

In addition to the Saltwater Fishing Expo, there is another outstanding local event that may be of interest to you and your children. The Marine and Maritime Career Fair offers students and parents a free event to learn about the many career opportunities that are available in the Marine industry. You can network with Marine professionals, Entrepreneurs, student peers, collages, training programs, and internship opportunities. In addition, you can attend special sessions and win door prizes!

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25<sup>TH</sup>, 2017 from Noon-3pm**  
**Annapolis High School-- 2700 Riva Rd Annapolis, MD**

Check out the website for additional information, application form and view some cool videos.

<http://eycfoundation.org/programs/maritime-career-awareness/2017-career-fair>

A partnership of: EYC Foundation, Anne Arundel County Public Schools, and the National Sailing Hall of Fame.

## Rock on Warriors 2017

We are excited to let you know that planning for our 8th annual **Rock on Warriors** event is well underway!

Last year volunteer members of the Annapolis Chapter of the Maryland Saltwater Sportfishing Association (MSSA) provisioned 24 boats to take nearly 80 Warriors, family and caregivers out for a day of rock fishing on our beautiful Chesapeake Bay. The day was a great success made possible through sponsorship and kind donations. Our sponsors support this event through cash donations as well as providing goods and services and the event would not be possible without their consistent support. Please consider sponsoring or donating to this event to say **Thank You** to our service men and women, and to help allow us to share with them the experience that Annapolis and the Chesapeake Bay have to offer.

Our volunteer Captains and crews will arrive bright and early again this year and the boats will depart the Annapolis Yacht Basin at 8:30 AM and return at 2:30 PM, followed by an awards ceremony and banquet at the Fleet Reserve Club of Annapolis. Please join us on Sunday April 23rd, 2017 to greet our Warriors upon their return from a day of fishing and join us for the banquet at the Fleet Reserve Club of Annapolis.

We hope we can count on your support this year. Enclosed you will find a Sponsor Application Form for your use. If you are unable to provide a full sponsorship, please consider a donation in any amount to help support this rewarding cause.

Follow us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/RockOnWarriors/](http://www.facebook.com/RockOnWarriors/) for all the latest information about this event.

Thank you for your generosity and support,

Brian R. Stempowski

Chairman

Rock On Warriors 2017

RockOnWarriors@yahoo.com

## Evan Foundation Spring Rockfish Charity Tournament

Thank you for your ongoing support of the MSSA Annapolis Chapter's Annual Spring Rockfish Tournament benefiting The EVAN Foundation [www.theevanfoundation.org](http://www.theevanfoundation.org). Last year's tournament was a huge success that helped our fishing club raise nearly \$10,000 for the Maryland-based EVAN Foundation. As you recall, The EVAN Foundation provides research and patient support for neuroblastoma, a rare and deadly pediatric cancer that primarily impacts young children.

We are very proud of our annual effort to support this important non-profit organization that utilizes 100% of all proceeds to support research and help families who are experiencing the nightmare of neuroblastoma. Sponsorship, participation, and activity surrounding this fun tournament continues to grow and we are asking that you continue to participate in this important effort. This year's sixth annual event will feature a format similar to previous tournaments. Entrants will have an opportunity to start fishing on opening day of the 2017 Maryland rockfish season, and continue to compete through May 7th. The tournament festivities conclude with a fun-filled cookout in Annapolis-with prizes and comradery for all participants. The tournament entry form and other information will be posted soon on the Annapolis chapter website, and you can pick up an entry form at the February, March, and April chapter meetings.

## 2017 Chapter Elections

Elections for 2017 Chapter Officers will be held at our regular chapter meeting, January 18<sup>th</sup> 2017. Most of our current slate of chapter officers have agreed to submit their names for re-election to their current offices. However, all offices are open and I highly encourage any member who has interest to submit their name for consideration. Also, please keep in mind that we depend on the membership to support all of our chapter activities throughout the year. If you are interested in getting involved, please let me know. Interested nominees can submit your names and office of choice via email to [robertrms9055@aol.com](mailto:robertrms9055@aol.com). Deadline for officer nominees is January 13, 2017.

NOTE: The Chapter is currently seeking to fill the office of Vice President. If you are interested please submit your name to the email listed above.

## Chapter Officers

President- Bob Sheehan (410) 507-8481

Vice President- OPEN

Secretary- Fred Menage (410) 798-5868

Treasurer- Jean Hoffman (410) 923-0769

## Leadership

Crab Feast Chairman- Larry Muscatello

Holiday Party Planners- Bob Sheehan, Brian Stempowski, Ricky and Jean Hoffman

The Evan Foundation- Dale Dirks, Bob Thompson, George Brown

MSSA Scholarship Committee- Pete Abbott

Newsletter Editor- Kacie Sheehan

Ocean City Fish Chairman- Ricky Holmes

Raffle Chairman- Bill Petrohoy

Rock on Warriors co. Chairman- Brian Stempowski and Bill Petrohoy

Saltwater Fishing Expo Chairmen- Kevin McMenamain and Glen Stephenson

Speaker Chariman- Tom Tanehill

Summer Fish Chairman-

Web Master- Craig Teuber