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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Winter?? In case you’ve been too busy to notice, spring has sprung ... EARLY. It’s time to get your calendars marked and your boats ready for the spring fishing season. Leading off this year is the annual Boatyard Bar and Grill Tournament on opening day. This is a fantastic event and a great way to support local charities and have a great time doing it. I strongly encourage everyone to get involved and support a really fun catch and release event.

Following in early May is the 29th annual MSSA Championship on the Chesapeake trophy rockfish tournament. This is the premier fishing competition on the Chesapeake. If you’re not up for this one ... I don’t know what to tell you. This is the main event for the MSSA organization and I look forward to beating all of you at the scales ... game on!

Opening day also marks the beginning of our first annual intra-chapter competition benefiting the EVEN foundation. Check the news letter or better yet attend our March 21st chapter meeting for details on all of the coming tournaments and events.

February 25th marked the Annapolis chapter’s annual Saltwater Fishing Expo. Two words most accurately describe the day ... ABSOLUTELY PHENOMENAL!

I would like to personally thank all of the vendors for supporting our show and we look forward to you all coming back next year. Also many thanks go to our guest speakers for their excellent presentations.

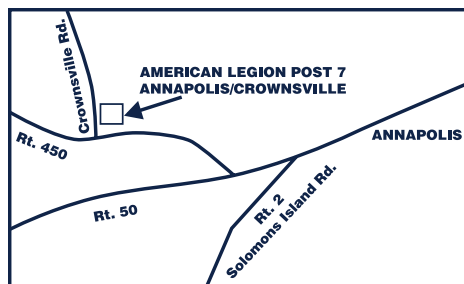
“If you build it they will come”. Kevin McMenamin and Pete Abbott have built it and they came ... 900 to be exact. They should be very proud of what has quickly become the best fishing tackle show in the state. Fantastic job Kevin and Pete ... thank you! Of course they didn’t do it alone. On behalf of Kevin and Pete I would like to thank all the chapter members who volunteered their time to do the dirty work. As a result of your efforts our chapter enjoyed its best fund raising day ever. The successful day will now enable the chapter to fund all of our special events and activities for the year. Special thanks to Dale Dirks ... the rod and reel combo raffle was a Grand Slam. Thanks also to OB O’Bannon, Craig Teuber and Earl Massey for supporting Pete Abbott’s fund raising efforts for the scholarship foundation ... great job for a great cause. Unsung hero award goes to Lee Slagle for signing up new or renewing existing MSSA memberships to the tune of over \$4,000. Thanks Lee for putting “Gas” in the tank.

We have gotten off to a great start this year and I can’t wait to see what the rest of year brings us. Thank you for your continued support.

Bob Sheehan
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MARCH MEETING

The Spring trophy rockfish season is almost here and the Annapolis chapter of the MSSA is pleased that Captain Greg Buckner of Miss Susie Charters - www.missusiecharters.com - will join us at the March chapter meeting to discuss trophy rockfish trolling techniques. Please join us as Captain Greg gives us the scoop on how to seek out, hook, and land that once in a lifetime trophy rockfish. The meeting will be held on March 21st at 7:30 pm at American Legion Post #7 at Rt. 450 and Crownsville Road in Annapolis. Everyone is welcome.



A NEW FISHING SHOW IN TOWN

The Chestertown Fire Company will host its inaugural Fishing Show on Saturday, March 31, from 9 am to 4 pm at the Chestertown Firehouse. New and used tackle and a variety of services will be offered by regional vendors. Ken Lahr/Reel Draggin' Tackle and Chris Dollar's Kayak business will be in the group of vendors servicing this event. The MSSA Scholarship Foundation will have a table in the Hall to sell raffle tickets and invite donations for our 2012 scholarships. For table space, contact Trey Blackiston at treyblackiston@yahoo.com or call 410 708 5859.

FEBRUARY 25TH – A BANNER DAY FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

Thanks to the generosity of those who donated merchandise for our flea market table, the Chapter brought in over \$800 at the EXPO. Led by OB, the sales team of Craig Teuber, Lee Slagle and Earl Macey worked hard negotiating good prices for the hundreds of items brought to the table by our members. In addition to the table sales, the Meny family and friends gave up their time Saturday to sell Scholarship Foundation Raffle Tickets and closed out the day with an additional \$830 to add to our funds for 2012 scholarships. Thanks to everyone involved in these charitable activities.

Pete Abbott
President
MSSA Scholarship Foundation

CRAB FEAST – MIKE'S CRAB HOUSE

On Wednesday September 19th 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. Our menu will include crabs, ribs, fried chicken, salad bar along with many other items and beverages. Alcoholic beverages are not included in the Crab Feast. The price is \$35.00 for members and guests to be paid in advance. You can pay for the Crab Feast at the meetings or by sending a check to Larry Muscatello 224 West Lake Drive Annapolis Maryland 21403. Make check to MSSA Crab Feast. Please sign up as soon as possible so that we can have an accurate count. Mike's is located at 3030 Old Riva Road, on South River at the Riva Bridge. Call Larry Muscatello 301-261-1451 or maillarrymuscat@AOL.com with questions.

FIRST ANNUAL ANNAPOLIS CHAPTER MSSA SPRING TROPHY ROCKFISH SEASON TOURNAMENT TO BENEFIT THE EVAN FOUNDATION

This Spring, members of the Annapolis Chapter of the MSSA will be plying the waters of the Chesapeake Bay for more than just rockfish. With the hope of raising funds for research and awareness about neuroblastoma—a rare pediatric cancer—Annapolis Chapter members can parlay that fish of a lifetime into lifesaving studies on this deadly disease. The EVAN Foundation was started last year by Wendy and Gavin Lindberg who lost their only son, Evan, at age 7, to neuroblastoma. For a \$100 donation to The EVAN Foundation (all tournament proceeds go to the foundation), each Annapolis Chapter member who enters will receive a free tournament bag loaded with cool stuff donated by Saltwater Sportsman Magazine's Seminar Series; and will also be eligible to win numerous valuable prizes offered by the chapter and our local sponsors. Please check out The EVAN Foundation web site www.theevanfoundation.org and plan to attend the March 21st Annapolis Chapter meeting to find out more about entering the tournament and how you can help make this Spring trophy season event a big success. Additional information can be found in this newsletter.

MSSA ANNAPOLIS CHAPTER'S JULY FISHING TRIP

At our March meeting we will discuss and finalize our plans for our summer fishing trip. I have talked with Greg Buckner from Miss Susie charters in Solomons and will present his options.

I will review my discussions with Randy Dean from Bay Hunter Charters. I'll give you a break down on costs and we will come to a consensus. Last year we had 40 people on 4 boats and had a waiting list of 5. Looking forward to seeing you at the meeting. If your not coming to the meeting and want to give me some ideas email me at mellowfive@comcast.net.

Ron Schaefer
mellowfive@comcast.net

29TH ANNUAL CHAMPIONSHIP ON THE CHESAPEAKE TOURNAMENT

2012 marks the 29th year the Maryland Saltwater Sportfishing Association (MSSA) will host their annual spring rockfish tournament, Championship on the Chesapeake. The Championship is the largest rockfish tournament in the world, regularly drawing over 650 boats and nearly 4,000 anglers.

This three day tournament begins May 4th and ends May 6th. Anglers from all over the East Coast descend on Maryland to participate in this event and, more importantly, cast their lines in hopes of catching a Trophy Rockfish.

This tournament showcases what the Chesapeake Bay has to offer recreational anglers,” Dave Smith, Executive Director of the MSSA said.

Eleven weigh stations scattered throughout the bay will accommodate the thousands of anglers as they bring in their catches. New to the tournament this year is the increase in guaranteed prize money for first place, now set at \$15,000.

Smith noted that this year the MSSA will again be issuing text message alerts to the captains to inform them of the standings. “The use of text messaging and other technologies has dramatically reduced the number of fish brought to the scales. If we can let our captains and crews know what kind of fish they need to win, there will be more fish released,” Smith said.

Smith also noted that the MSSA is very proud of its ratio of fish per boat numbers. The past three years they have seen less than one fish per boat weighed in.

MSSA tournaments attract thousands of anglers every year who hope to come home with one of the many different prizes available including the potential \$100,000 check. Along with the overall prizes, the Tournament includes daily prizes, weigh-station prizes, catch and release prizes, and of course youth prizes. Also new to this year’s tournament is the introduction of the Lady’s Division. “We are seeing an increase in the number of ladies participating in our tournaments, we hope this will encourage more to enter and get involved in recreational fishing,” Smith noted.

To join in the fun, participants may attend one of five Captains Meetings held throughout Maryland from Solomons Island to Middle River in the days just prior to the tournament. Here you will be able to ask questions, talk to fellow anglers and, as always, have a chance to win some great door prizes.

MSSA has been the leader in representing saltwater recreational anglers in Maryland for almost 30 years now and continues on that mission. With over 7,000 members they are the largest sport fishing group in the state and are the voice of Maryland saltwater anglers.

“Tournaments and recreational anglers provide this state with a huge socio-economic value that supports thousands of jobs and also provides a great quality of life here in Maryland. Our top priority is to preserve those traditions that bring so much value to our state.” Smith said.

Maryland has over 700,000 recreational anglers with an estimated economic impact of just over one billion dollars. “We have tremendous natural resources here in Maryland and we need to take control of them,” Smith added. With recent events surrounding commercial gill net this tournament will once again bring positive light to our striped bass fishery here in Maryland. For more information and to register, please visit www.mssa.net/?page_id=14.

MSSA ANNAPOLIS CHAPTER RAFFLE

Annapolis Chapter 2012 Rod and Reel Combo Raffle Winner – Local angler John Hull was the lucky winner of the four (4) Shimano rod and reel trolling combos offered by the Annapolis Chapter of the MSSA. The drawing for the prize was held at the conclusion of the annual Annapolis Chapter Saltwater Fishing Expo held in Annapolis on February 25th at the Elks Lodge. The raffle is among the most important annual fundraising activities of the Annapolis Chapter and allows the chapter to continue to support community service activities such as the Rock-on Warriors wounded warriors tournament. This year the Annapolis Chapter will conduct its first annual spring rockfish tournament to support The EVAN Foundation www.theevanfoundation.org, which is dedicated to ending neuroblastoma—a rare pediatric cancer. Please join us at the March 21st chapter meeting to find out more about how you can get involved in these important initiatives.



(L to R) Annapolis Chapter President Bob Sheehan, raffle winner John Hull, and Saltwater Expo organizers Kevin McMenamin and Pete Abbott.

Saltwater Fishing Expo

FEBRUARY 25, 2012



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March

- 3 MSSA Carroll County Chapter Bull & Oyster Roast, WCVFD Social Hall, 1320 Old Liberty Road, Sykesville, MD. Contact Mike Smith at (410)549-1580 6-11p.m., Admission \$40, Raffles, Wheel Games and 50/50
- 6 Angler's Night Out, Boatyard Bar & Grill, 400 4th St, Annapolis, MD 21403 Cocktails at 6p.m., Dinner and movie at 7p.m. (410)216-5206 www.boatyardbarandgrill.com
- 7 Free Speaker Series 'Electrical Systems' at 7p.m., Fawcett Boat Supplies, 919 Bay Ridge Rd, Annapolis, MD presented by Bob Campbell (410)267-8681 www.fawcettboat.com
- 7 CCA Maryland Annapolis Chapter Banquet. Visit www.ccamd.org
- 12 Pasadena Sportfishing Group meeting at 7:30p.m., Earleigh Heights Fire Hall, Richey Hwy, Severna Park, MD. www.pasadenasportfishing.com
- 14 Free Speaker Series 'Sailing Gear' at 7p.m., Fawcett Boat Supplies, 919 Bay Ridge Rd, Annapolis, MD presented by Kathy Barth (410)267-8681 www.fawcettboat.com
- 17-18 MSSA Essex-Middle River Fishing Flea Market, Commodore Hall, 1905 Old Eastern Ave, Essex, MD 21221. Contact Frank Holden at (410)686-2348, 9a.m.-2p.m., Admission \$3 www.mssaannapolis.com
- 20 Angler's Night Out, Boatyard Bar & Grill, 400 4th St, Annapolis, MD 21403 Cocktails at 6p.m., Dinner and movie at 7p.m. (410)216-5206 www.boatyardbarandgrill.com
- 21 Free Speaker Series 'Electronic Systems' at 7p.m., Fawcett Boat Supplies, 919 Bay Ridge Rd, Annapolis, MD presented by Mike Jones (410)267-8681 www.fawcettboat.com
- 21 MSSA Annapolis Sportfishing Chapter Meeting, American Legion Post 7, Crownsville, MD at 7:30 pm. www.mssaannapolis.com
- 24-25 MSSA Southern Maryland Fishing Fair, Solomons Firehouse, Rt. 4, 8a.m.-3p.m., Admission \$3 (Kids age 12 and under are free) www.mssasmc.com
- 31 The Chestertown Fire Company will host its inaugural Fishing Show on Saturday, March 31, from 9 am to 4 pm at the Chestertown Firehouse

April

- 1 Maryland Charter Boat Association 'SPRING TROPHY' season seminar, Featuring Captains Charlie Sesson, Drew Payne, and Sean Gibson, Annapolis Elks Lodge #622, Edgewater. Admission \$35 in advance, \$40 at door, includes Snacks and lunch. Doors open at 7:30 a.m. www.marylandcharterboats.com
- 2 Annapolis Sail & Power Squadron Seminar 'Trailing Your Boat' 7-9 p.m. Pip Moyer Recreational Center, Truxtun Park, Annapolis, \$35 (410)263-8777
- 9 Annapolis Sail & Power Squadron Seminar 'Basic Chart Reading' 7-9 p.m. Pip Moyer Recreational Center, Truxtun Park, Annapolis, \$35 (410)263-8777
- 9 Pasadena Sportfishing Group meeting at 7:30p.m., Earleigh Heights Fire Hall, Richey Hwy, Severna Park, MD. www.pasadenasportfishing.com
- 14 Practical Marine Radar Course, Annapolis Elks Lodge #622, Edgewater. Admission \$160 for Chesapeake Area Professional Captains Association Members, \$190 for non-members, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. www.capca.net
- 17 Annapolis Sail & Power Squadron Seminar 'Anchoring Your Boat' 7-9 p.m. Pip Moyer Recreational Center, Truxtun Park, Annapolis, \$35 (410)263-8777
- 18 MSSA Annapolis Sportfishing Chapter Meeting, American Legion Post 7, Crownsville, MD at 7:30 pm. www.mssaannapolis.com
- 19-22 Bay Bridge Boat Show, Bay Bridge Marina, Stevensville. Show Times: Thursday, 12-6 p.m., Friday & Saturday, 10-6 p.m., Sunday, 10-5 p.m. Admission: Adult \$12.75, Child 7-12 \$4.75, Children 6 & under are free. www.usboat.com
- 21 Boatyard Opening Day Rockfish Tournament. Catch, photograph and release (410)336-8880 www.boatyardbarandgrill.com
- 22 MSSA Annapolis Chapter 'Rock On Warriors' Wounded Warriors Rockfishing Tournament, 9 a.m. on the waters off Annapolis. www.mssaannapolis.com
- 22 CAPCA Meeting, Annapolis Elks Lodge #622, Edgewater. Social Hour starts at 6:30 p.m., Meeting starts at 7:15 p.m. www.capca.net
- 23 Annapolis Sail & Power Squadron Seminar 'Advanced Boat Handling Under Power', 7-9 p.m. Three Tuesdays thru May 8. Call for fees and more details. Pip Moyer Recreational Center, Truxtun Park, Annapolis (410)263-8777
- 26-29 Annapolis Spring Sailboat Show and Cruiser's University, Annapolis Marriott Waterfront and City Dock. (410)268-8828 www.usboat.com
- 28-29 Annapolis Nautical Flea Market, Annapolis City Dock and Harbor, Saturday 9-5 p.m., Sunday 9-3 p.m. Admission \$5 (410)268-8828 www.usboat.com

THE FLORIDA REPORT

FLORIDA KEYS FISHING

Hard to believe it is already February and that in only six weeks the Fish Hawks' of the Chesapeake Bay, our Osprey, will be flying over head again back home. Down here in the Florida Keys it is Sailfish Weather, cooler and windy, just what they love to ball up the bait and make the attack easier on them.

As we end January and transition into the changing weather ahead we look back on an exceptional start to winter. The days have been 70 to 80 degrees daily, light winds and clear water. Bait has been available most days, lots of Ballyhoo and lots of different fish as well. This causes most anglers trouble deciding which way they should go and what to target first that day.

Back Bay fishing in the Gulf of Mexico has been excellent for those that know how to fish it properly and where. Using light tackle gear in the 15 pound range and fresh bait fish, you can do nothing but smile as they bend the rods double. Mangrove Snapper are hard fighters and when they get in the 14 to 16 inch size, lookout! They have a tendency to go for a whole, structure or dig in the bottom to get away. So holding the rod high, reeling fast and being lucky all help keep that smile going. We use a net as you just don't know if those canine teeth will cut your Fluorocarbon Leader just before the rod is lifted.

You also get many other fish in the Back Bay when you least expect it. The Spanish Mackerel are ever present and will cut you off in a heartbeat. Targeting them is easy here. Using a 2/0 long shank bait hook attached to about four inches of black wire, attach three foot of 30 pound leader, Fluorocarbon is best, tie it directly to your line, no swivel please, they can see it and will cut it off on the retrieval. Top this with a colorful floating bobber of your choice, I like weighted spring type or the old red /white plastic and you are ready to do battle. Place a live Shrimp on the hook, cast it out to the side of the boat while at anchor and watch it float with the current, but don't let go of that rod. Spanish mackerel hit like a freight train and run like wild rabbits, in clear water only 8 to 10 feet, you see their every move, even when the occasional Shark tries to steal it away. They run big here, like 4 to 7 pounds so be ready for a real fight and watch out for those sharp teeth they have. Oh what fun!

Then you have the Grouper that will show up, which are enjoying a "Closed Season" until May 1st. But Gag, Black and Red Grouper are great at surprising anglers. Then you get that big unexpected "pull", the man in the Brown suit shows up, Mr. Cobia. They catch the chum trail, follow it up to check it out and it is "game on". This also happens with Red Drum, Trout and that always hungry Shark fellow. Most are 3 to 5 foot Nurse, Lemon, Black Tip or Spinner Shark, but that ever watch full Bull Shark and Hammer Head can take away your breath or your fishing gear, so be on the ready.

The best fishing for most is the Back Bay, Seven Mile Bridge and The Patch Reef areas of the Hawks Channel along the Islands, but some like the Reef. There is every fish in Florida caught there at times, depends on your luck. This past weekend, fishing in 52 feet off Hawks Cay with Capt. John Carbone, from Scotland Beach, Maryland, aboard his Sport fish, we caught an impressive catch of reef fish. Using medium class spinning gear, long fluorocarbon leaders with small short bait hooks, we caught Yellowtail to five pound, Hogfish and Red Porgies', plus Spanish mackerel. (SEE ATTACHED PHOTO) We threw back

several Grouper and many other reef fish that are beautiful to look at but we don't eat them. Many thanks to our Captain for a fine day on the reef where given, as we closed the day cleaning fish and enjoying life in the Keys.

SEA BOOTS FISH

Capt. Jim Sharpe, Marathon Guide and owner of Sea Boots Charters Inc. gave an exceptional lecture at the Marathon Boat Yard on Thursday evening. Marathon Boat Yard hosts weekly lectures from the finest Captains and guides in the middle keys. They include subjects covering Flats fishing to Deep Dropping to Kite fishing to trolling or you ask, because these guys have done it all. With free sodas and fresh popcorn these lectures are a great free education.

Capt. Sharpe did an Off Shore lecture focusing on trolling, tackle, rigging and conditions. Capt. Jim has been doing this for over 40 years and knows his stuff. He fishes his 45 foot Sea Boots off shore, reef and wreck to please his customers. Trolling speed is a critical factor while skipping baits out on the oceans. Too fast for some fish is to slow for others, so knowing will same time, gas and money, plus catching fish is more fun. Trolling 6 knots through the water is about right for most fish like Dolphin, Tuna and Sailfish. But for the speedy fish like King's and Wahoo 10 to 16 knots works or even faster. But slow trolling live Ballyhoo baits for Sailfish at a crawl is also the ticket. So knowing when to go slow or fast can be more important then what you are dragging.

Capt. Jim discussed several types of tackle to use but felt no matter what you use, always set the drag to the proper weighted pull for the fish you target. If you are after Wahoo, 12 to 15 pounds is best because they hit the bait so hard and fast that a hard drag will pull the hook before you have it hooked. On Dolphin you can go 15 or more. Big fast fish need the room to run at first, so let him have it, then tighten down for the long hard fight ahead. Capt. Jim showed the anglers several different single and double hook rigs that can be rigged to eliminate catching weeds on your lures while trolling. Something everyone wanted to see. Hook size depends on bait size and what you are after, but circle hooks work best! Big baits catch big fish like Wahoo and Bull Dolphin, but if the fish are smaller, go to smaller baits. For Wahoo trolling, go early or late in the day, troll 10 to 15 knots in 120 to 240 feet using artificial baits with wire leader. Have one down about 20 feet using a downrigger or planner The lures that work for him are white/pink, Black/Purple, Blue/white and red/white jet head with 12 inch wire leader. By adding a strip of Bonita you make it hard for the fish not to bite.

Dolphin fishing has been excellent and is about to start again in March. Trolling Ballyhoo at rips or color change in 400 to 600 feet at 6 knots will get you a knock down. Wind direction and moon play a lot in to feeding habits of the Dolphin. Capt. Jim has created an instrument called the Dolphin Crystal Ball which he developed from years of Dolphin fishing. It will tell you the Dolphin feeding patterns by setting the device to the current wind direction and moon phase, then it tells you what to expect. Call Jim to get this impressive tool, 305-745-1530.

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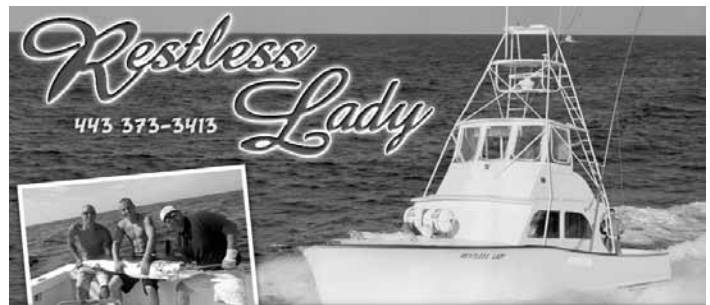
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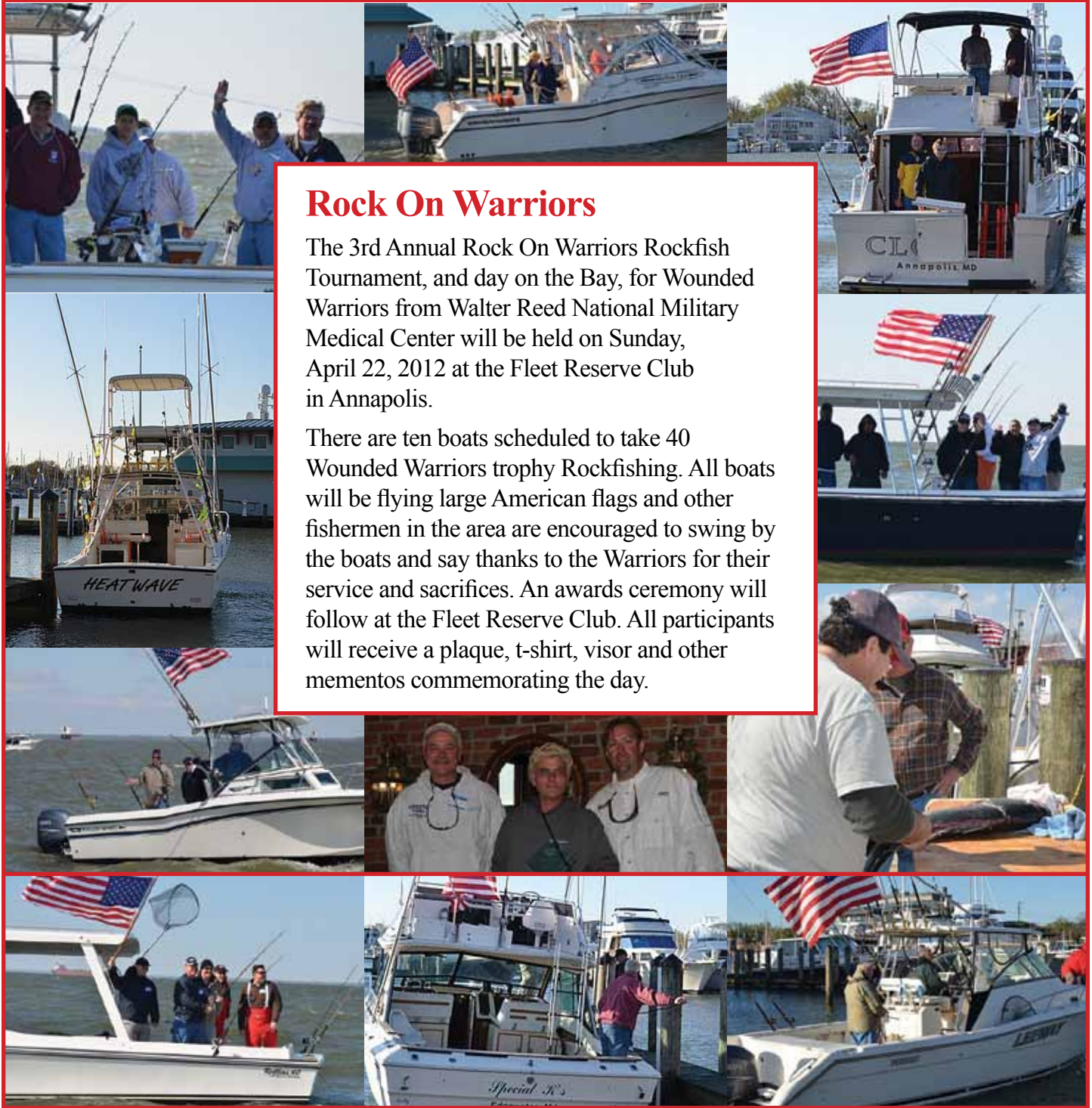
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Rock On Warriors

The 3rd Annual Rock On Warriors Rockfish Tournament, and day on the Bay, for Wounded Warriors from Walter Reed National Military Medical Center will be held on Sunday, April 22, 2012 at the Fleet Reserve Club in Annapolis.

There are ten boats scheduled to take 40 Wounded Warriors trophy Rockfishing. All boats will be flying large American flags and other fishermen in the area are encouraged to swing by the boats and say thanks to the Warriors for their service and sacrifices. An awards ceremony will follow at the Fleet Reserve Club. All participants will receive a plaque, t-shirt, visor and other mementos commemorating the day.



2012 Rock On Warriors Individual Sponsorship Program

Individual Sponsors are \$75.00, and get to sponsor a Warrior for their day on the bay. You will receive a Rock On Warriors tee shirt.

Date of event is Sunday, April 22, 2012.

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2012 SPRING TROPHY SEASON ROCKFISH TOURNAMENT

BENEFITTING THE EVAN FOUNDATION • APRIL 21st – MAY 15th (Trophy Season)



Please join the Annapolis Chapter of the MSSA in supporting the first annual Spring Trophy Rockfish Season Tournament benefitting The EVAN Foundation.

www.theevanfoundation.org

Visit www.mssaannapolis.com for electronic versions of the rules, registration and verification forms.

BASIC INFORMATION

- Any MSSA member can enter. Enter by mail, at Marty's Tackle Shop in Edgewater, the ALLTACKLE Annapolis Store, or at the Annapolis Chapter Meeting on April 18th.
- \$100 Donation Entry Fee - All proceeds go to The EVAN Foundation.
- Winners declared by the longest fish entered. Length of fish measured from tip of the nose to the tip of the tail. Honor System for this fun event.
- Check in fish by mail, email, at Marty's or ALLTACKLE. (See back for details)
- Tournament entries must be received no later than May 4th. Entry must be received before fish check in. all catch verification forms must be received by May 20th.
- Awards Ceremony at the June 10th Annapolis Chapter Meeting.

PRIZE LIST (IT'S GROWING DAILY)

- The first 40 entries receive a FREE Saltwater Sportsman Magazine Seminar Series Tournament Bag loaded with tournament t-shirts, Orpine Boat Soap, Suffix Line, Fuel conditioner, Fishing Lures, a free Roffers Offshore Temperature Chart coupon, and other cool stuff donated by our sponsors. this bag and its contents alone are worth more than the \$100 entry fee. Pick up your free bag of stuff when entering at Marty's, ALLTACKLE, or at the April 8th Annapolis Chapter Meeting.

Plus be eligible to win:

- \$300, \$200 and \$100 Gift Certificates to Marty's Tackle Shop.
- \$500, \$300 and \$150 Gift Certificates from ALLTACKLE
- Five Youth Division Gift Certificates to ALLTACKLE (\$100, \$75 and three \$50) Ages 16 and under
- 1 Free Fall MSSA Tournament Entry
- 4 Free MSSA Annapolis Chapter 2012 Crab Feast Tickets
- 1 Free MSSA Annapolis Chapter 2012 Summer Charter Fishing Trip
- Tournament Trophies and Plaques
- The satisfaction of making a difference.



2012 SPRING ROCKFISH TOURNAMENT ENTRY FORM

Rules and Regulations

PRIZES/TROPHIES WILL BE AWARDED FOR THE LONGEST ROCKFISH IN DESCENDING ORDER

1. The tournament runs from April 21st, 2012 until May 15th, 2012. The entry fee is \$100.00. Make checks to: The EVAN Foundation.
 2. Deadline for tournament entry is May 4th, 2012. Any fish caught prior to submitting an entry form is ineligible.
 3. Entry forms must be submitted to: Bob Thompson, 912 Crigger Rd., Gambrills, Md. 21054, in person at the Annapolis Chapter meeting on April 18th, or at Marty's in Edgewater or AllTackle in Annapolis.
 4. Catch Verification Forms can be submitted by mail to Bob Thompson (see above address), email bob.thompson@sunautomation.com or at Marty's Tackle Shop in Edgewater or the AllTackle store in Annapolis. You must include a photograph of the fish with the Catch Verification Form. You can check in as many fish as you like throughout the tournament.
 5. Deadline for Catch Verification Form submission is May 20th.
 6. Tournament winners will be determined by the length of fish. (Tip of nose to tip of tail)
 7. Ties will be broken by the date the Catch Verification Forms are received. (Earliest date wins the tie).
 8. Participants must be a member of the MSSA.
 9. Fish must be caught in Maryland waters of the Chesapeake Bay (See DNR rules and regulations).
 10. Fish caught on a paid charter are not eligible for entry. Fish caught on an entrant's boat but reeled in by someone else are eligible for entry.
 11. For information on tournament standings, contact Bob Thompson at 410-340-7109.
 12. Winners will be announced, and prizes awarded, at the June 20th, 2012 Annapolis Chapter meeting.
 13. Any disputes will be resolved at the sole discretion of the Annapolis MSSA Chapter Tournament Committee.
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Name: _____ MSSA Membership #: _____

Boat Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Address: _____

Email Address: _____

BELOW INFORMATION TO BE COMPLETED BY TOURNAMENT OFFICIAL

Payment: Cash received in the amount of \$ _____ or Check # _____ received in the amount of \$ _____

Entered on (Date entry fee was received, or post mark for mail-in entrants): _____

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2012 SPRING ROCKFISH TOURNAMENT CATCH VERIFICATION FORM

***ALL CATCH VERIFICATION FORMS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY MAY 20TH**

Mail to:

Bob Thompson
912 Crigger Road
Gambrills, MD 21054

Or email to bob.thompson@sunautomation.com

Or drop off at Marty's Tackle Shop in Edgewater or AllTackle in Annapolis

Angler's Name:

Address:

Phone Number:

Date Caught:

Length of Fish (tip of nose to tip of tail):

Photo Must be enclosed or attached:

Name of Witness:

Phone Number of Witness:

Signature of Angler:

Signature of Witness:

BENEFITTING THE EVAN FOUNDATION



Every year in the U.S., 700 parents are told their child has a deadly pediatric cancer called neuroblastoma. About half are diagnosed with stage IV, high risk disease and are given less than a 30% chance to live. Those lucky enough to survive face a lifetime of physical, emotional and developmental challenges due to years of relentless, toxic therapy.

Our son Evan was diagnosed with stage IV neuroblastoma in 2006 at the tender age of 3. We do not know why our special boy developed this insidious disease. We have no family history of neuroblastoma. In fact, we had never heard of this cowardly cancer until our oncologist gave us the devastating news.

Evan was a loving, happy and creative child with limitless potential. He fought with unbelievable courage for over four years before the disease took him and everything he was going to be. In Evan's memory, we have dedicated ourselves to defeating neuroblastoma. Just like Evan, The Evan's Victory Against Neuroblastoma Foundation is fighting for a cure every day.

Incorporated in the state of Maryland as a non-profit organization, our mission is to support the most promising research in the field with the goal of getting desperately needed new therapies in the clinic TODAY. We will also support patient wellness programs aimed at helping young children currently in treatment.

We lost our only child to neuroblastoma. We have not, however, lost the will to help others facing the unthinkable.

With Hope:
Wendy and Gavin Lindberg

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