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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Rock On Warriors 2012,

Although the event had to be postponed a week due to inclement weather we kicked off ROW 2012 on Sunday April 29.

We had beautiful weather on the Bay and we had a large group of Wounded Warriors from Walter Reed along with their family members participate in the 3rd Annual Rock On Warriors Tournament. The fishing (and catching) was good and all Crews came back to the dock with big smiles on their faces. The Annapolis Yacht Basin was our Tournament Headquarters and the Annapolis Yacht Club hosted the Awards Ceremony and Buffet. The event was a huge success and I truly believe we made the lives of some of our countries heroes a little better.

Thanks to all the Captains, mates, volunteers, and all of our generous sponsors for making this happen. As a chapter you should be very proud of all your efforts to help the Wounded Warriors.

Here are the results for the top three fish that were checked in at the Tournament.

1st Place – 38.5” Roc – Angler/Warrior: Brian Steinberger
Boat: Stripe Tease – Boat Captain: Kevin Jones

2nd Place – 34.75” Rock – Angler/Warrior: Katherine Ybarra
Boat: Heat Wave – Boat Captain: Dale Dirks

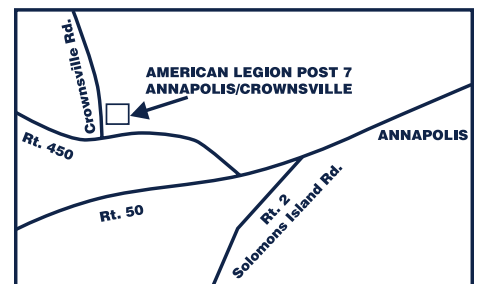
3rd Place – 34.25” Rock – Angler/Warrior: Ryan O’Neil
Boat: Special K – Boat Captain: David Dirks

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MAY MEETING

Please join the Annapolis Chapter of the MSSA for its monthly meeting at 7:30 pm on Wednesday, May 16th at American Legion Post #7 at Rt. 450 and Crownsville Road in Annapolis. The Speaker is TBD, and we will be discussing the Rock On Warriors Rockfish Tournament - which was held on April 29, the Annapolis Chapter MSSA Spring trophy season chapter tournament benefiting The EVAN Foundation - which runs the entire 2012 trophy rockfish season (see attached tournament application), the Ocean City Fish, the Summer Fish and the Crab Feast. Everyone is welcome!



2012 SALTWATER FISHING EXPO REVIEW

The 18th Annual Saltwater Fishing Expo was another great success. Attendance set a new record and feedback we received from all the attendees, vendors, speakers, the Elk's Lodge, Sponsors and our own chapter members was very positive. PropTalk Magazine played a pivotal role at this year's event by providing significant advertising throughout the Bay Region as did Boatyard Bar & Grill and their network of anglers and boaters. Our Seminar Program included 4 outstanding speakers, Captains Charlie Sisson, Chuck Fisher, Sean Welsh, and Shawn Kimbro that covered 4 different methods of catching saltwater fish. The Rod & Reel Raffle was also another big success this year. The Grand Prize was won by John Hull, who quickly returned to the Expo after receiving the call that he had won the four Rod & Reel Combos.

There were approximately 2 dozen Chapter Volunteers who staffed our event this year. Our Friday Set Up Crew was led by Bob Sheehan with help from Brian Stempowski, Jean Hoffman, Ricky Holmes, John Menocal, Dennis Burton, Pete Abbott, Kevin McMenamain and Jim McNally with Bernard from the Elks Lodge. On the front line Saturday morning was Bob Thompson and the Parking Crew consisting of Matt Brennan, Ricky Holmes, Greg Bivins, John Chacos and Ed Kalb. These guys did a tremendous job of directing traffic and staying in touch via radio to identify the closest available parking for all of our attendees. The front door was staffed by Jean Hoffman, Perry Masden, and Chris Rosenthal who collected the entrance fee from the steady flow of customers. The Rod & Reel Raffle was staffed by Dale Dirks, Bob Sheehan and his daughter, Ray Dove, George Bell, Glenn Stephenson and Bill Walling. Lots of items magically appeared on the Scholarship Table Saturday morning and Earl Macey, Craig Teuber, OB, Joe Meny, Warren Meny and Brad DaBick did a great job of selling out all of the donated merchandise. Lee Slagle and John Menocal staffed the MSSA Tournament and Membership Table where they handed out cases of Tournament Brochures while signing up numerous new and renewal Membership Applications and several Spring Tournament Entries. Kevin and Fred Menage were our Speaker Coordinators and they spent most of the day in the Seminar Room introducing the Speakers and assisting with their presentations. We apologize for anyone that we missed and we offer our heartfelt THANKS and WELL DONE to everyone who helped to make this show a success. We'd also like to extend our thanks to the Annapolis Elks Lodge, Jim McNally the Lodge Manager, Bernard, Heather and their entire Staff. They have opened up this modern and spacious facility to our Expo and have worked closely with us each year as we try to make it incrementally better. The Elks Lodge is not permitted to advertise but they do run a very efficient and professional rental hall facility. Please keep them in mind if you have an upcoming Reception, Birth Day Party or Special Event where you want to host your guests in a great facility at a very reasonable price. Finally, we would like to thank all of the Chapter Members who attended or purchased Raffle Tickets, their Friends, MSSA Members from around the region, and everyone else who attended this year's Expo. Thanks to you, the 2012 Expo was yet another big success for our Vendors, Our Speakers, and the MSSA Annapolis Chapter. See you next year at the 2013 Expo.

Pete Abbott
Kevin McMenamain
Expo Co-Chairmen

JULY 18, 2012 CHAPTER FISHING TRIP

I want to **update** everyone on the chapter fishing trip. As of May 3, 2012 I have five spaces left out of Solomons and that location will be full. I have two boats booked and 15 people paid up. The Chesapeake Beach boat has 9 paid people. I would need at least 7 more to book another boat. I don't want to put more than 10 on a boat so if you're interested it's time to make up your mind.

(This is a repeat of the fishing trip information)

We are going to fish out of two places. I have booked a boat in Solomons with Greg Buckner as captain and I have booked a boat out of Chesapeake Beach with Randy Dean as captain. As the checks come in I will book additional boats. I would like to have 10 people maximum on each boat, if I get six additional checks I will book another boat.

The trips will be slightly different. The Chesapeake Beach trip will be a 2-8PM trip. The trip will consist of catching live bait and then live lining for Rock. When you have limited on Rock you will go bottom fishing wherever Randy knows the bite is. Randy says that the late afternoon catch for perch, spot and croaker was very strong last year in the Choptank. The Solomons trip will be a 3pm cast off time. The first part of the trip will be live lining for Rock then we are going to try night croaker fishing if there is a bite. If the croaker bite is way off or nonexistent then we will just Rock fish, and do some bottom fishing and be back at the dock at 9PM. CAPTAIN GREG WILL MAKE THE CALL. Lee or I will call or email every one, after I hear from Greg, letting them know whether we will be fishing until 11PM or be back at dark.

The costs of the trips are almost the same. It will cost an MSSA member and his or her immediate family member \$60.00 (normally this would be \$90.00 a person with 10 fisherman). Guests and non-MSSA members are \$90.00. In addition to the cost of the trip each person will chip in \$20.00 for the mates tip and fish cleaning. If you fish out of Solomons and we go croaker fishing it will cost \$10.00 per person more, which I will collect on the boat. I thought Greg was very fair about the extra charge for the extra hours and FUEL. WE WILL ONLY BOOK 40 PEOPLE TOTAL FOR BOTH LOCATIONS. The space will be allocated by when I receive your check. Your check must include the \$20.00 per person tip for the mate. If you have any questions about how much it will cost email me.

Please start sending in your checks NOW. Last year we had people that had to be turned away. MAKE YOUR CHECKS OUT TO (MSSA, ANNAPOLIS CHAPTER). Tell me your name, address phone numbers both home and cell. Be sure I have your email address (very important). Also give me every ones name that you are booking space for. Be sure to indicate which port you want to fish from. The boat has all the fishing gear and bait you will need (no additional cost), but you may bring your own rod. Both boats have excellent gear. You need to bring your own food, drink and perhaps some goodies to share. BRING A SMALL COOLER FOR THE BOAT. SPACE IS AT A PREMIUM. Don't forget a larger cooler for fish, a camera, and some plastic gallon bags.

This is going to be a lot of fun. I have had people ask to fish in each location so I think Lee's idea is great.

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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.

PLEASE FILL OUT FORM AND MAIL IT WITH YOUR CHECK

Mail to:

Larry Muscatello
224 W. Lake Drive
Annapolis, MD 21403

MSSA CRAB FEAST – WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 19, 2012

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Number of People: _____ x \$35.00 = \$ _____

Make Check Payable to MSSA Crab Feast

FISHING BUDDY NETWORK (FBN)

We have been working on updating the Annapolis Chapter website (www.mssaannapolis.com) and would like chapter members who would be interested in participating in a Fishing Buddy Network (FBN) to be included in the listing that would allow chapter members to contact each other. We will establish a FBN site which will list chapter member names, home and cell phone numbers, boat name, home port and VHF channel that is monitored for those members who have their own boats. We will also list chapter members who do not own a boat, but are available to mate, share expenses and duties, who could 'hookup' for a fishing trip when space is available.

Members who wish to be included in the website listing can e-mail me (as FBN moderator) the following information:

- Angler's Name
- Fishing Availability
- Home Phone
- Cell Phone
- E-mail Address
- Boat Name
- Home Port
- VHF Channel Monitored
- General Information (Boat type & size, number of anglers, what type of fishing and where, when fishing is normally done, ie, times and places, ie Upper Bay, Rivers, Ocean?, type of fishing, ie trolling, bottom, drifting, jigging?, and any other appropriate information)

A second link will be created (password protected) that will be entitled 'FBN Fishing Matchup' that will be used for 'hookups' that will allow chapter members to advertise and link up with each other to make arrangements for fishing trips.

Examples would include:

"I'm headed out to go fishing at the Bay Bridge, out of Sandy Point on Saturday morning and I have room for another angler who would like to share expenses and cleaning duties while live-lining for rockfish."

"I'm off work next week and I'd like to go out fishing in the lower bay for croakers. If you have room for me on your boat, I'd be happy to share expenses, etc. Please give me a call, respond here or shoot me an e-mail."

This is a fishing club where old and new members can share fishing knowledge and experiences and I think that we can all benefit from a Fishing Buddy Network to develop new friendships and experiences, knowledge and buddies. I hope that this endeavor can be successful and strengthen our chapter and bring into our group younger folks who can benefit from our knowledge and skills, who will be the future of Maryland Saltwater Sportfishing Association.

If you are interested in participating in this endeavor, please contact me at via e-mail at fmenage@verizon.net or 410-798-5868 if you have any questions or comments. Thanks!

Fred Menage
Secretary
MSSA Annapolis Chapter

FREEDOM FISHING – APRIL 12, 2012

The winds finally died down enough after a week of blowing that our group of Annapolis MSSA members could get together for a great fishing day on the bay for preseason rockfish. We met at Larry Muscatello's home on Lake Ogleton just off the mouth on the Severn River around 8a.m. for our adventure. The boat was ready to go, loaded with plenty of Linda's sandwiches, pretzels, chips, drinks and nuts for Ron Shaffer. We slowly made our way across the lake to the river, then Larry set Freedom, a 40' Robin up on a plain and headed out to the bay. The wind was blowing at 15 mph from the NW, so Freedom headed southeast into the bay past Thomas Point Light to what I call my backyard, off of the Mayo Peninsula where we settled down to a trolling speed just below 3 mph. The crew consisting of 1st Mate, Doug Soucy, Ricky Holmes, Ollie, Ron and myself set out five trolling rods, two with umbrella rigs, one with white shads, another with green shads with storm lures attached, and three with white chutes with six inch white shads attached to a barbless hook. Larry directed the crew on rod placement and distance to be set out, then returned to the helm to steer the trolling pattern that he wanted use from previous experience the week before, a west to east pattern where the fish were caught on the western troll.

I mentioned to Larry that we were near the spot where I had caught Bubba (a fish over 40 inches that had placed me in the Fishing in Maryland Challenge in which I won the \$35,000 Toyota Tacoma truck). Just before 9a.m. we had our first knockdown and Ricky brought a 31 inch fish to the net, a picture was taken and the fish was released. I was next inline so I put the fighting belt on and waited for the next hookup. We continued trolling toward the west, but when we got into the 30' area we started a long slow turn back to the east. Trolling toward the eastern shore, the fishing was slow as it usually is in the spring, so we huddled in the cabin for some fish tales, reaching the 50' mark, Larry swung the boat back to the west and I left the cabin to check the rods and talk to the fish. As I sat there, one of the umbrella rigged rods started dancing with a 'fish on'. After a nice fight, I was able to get the fish to the net and we hoisted a 33 incher to the deck. The Storm lure barbless hook was quickly removed, the fish was photographed and released.

Ollie was up next and he landed a 32 inch fish. Ron was able the catch and released the largest fish of the day, a 35 incher as we trolled back north toward Thomas Point. The wind slowed down some and the bay settled down some but so did the fish bite, so we decided to call it a day. It turned out to be a great time for us to get together on Larry's 40' Robin. We were able to stay in the cabin, out of the cool morning air and be very comfortable, enjoying good food and good conversation among fellow chapter members. This is what I think MSSA is all about, being able to enjoy the bounties of the Chesapeake Bay right in our own 'Backyard' with our friends. Tight Lines!

Fred Menage
Secretary
MSSA Annapolis Chapter

FREEDOM FISHING – APRIL 12, 2012



LIFE AND DEATH OF A PELICAN

On one of my fishing trips to Florida, I had the opportunity to fish with my nephew, John and his boss, Louie, a chef at a Miami Beach restaurant out in the Atlantic one beautiful day. Louie kept his boat, a 23' Grady White Gulf-stream, powered by a pair of 150hp Mercury Outboard engines at a boat hotel on Key Largo where you call ahead and they have the boat all gassed up, in the water and ready to go. After stopping for bait and liquid supplies at a local tackle shop, we boarded the boat at the marina bulkhead with fishing equipment and supplies and headed out toward the Gulf to the fishing grounds in the Atlantic Ocean just east of John Pennekamp Coral Reef State Park.

I had never used bait to troll with before, just large bucktails and big spoons, so John showed me how to rig a Ballyhoo to a beaded chain. We rigged up a couple dozen trolling baits and placed them on ice in the bait well. Louie steered the boat through Adams Cut toward the Largo Sound and the Atlantic Ocean as John and I sat back to enjoy the boat ride. Louie steered the boat in a easterly direction looking for surface commotion, a weed line or working birds. Not seeing any action, John and I set out four trolling rods rigged with the fish baits and continued trolling toward the east for a while, as we sat back and relaxed with some liquid refreshments. After a couple of hours of fish stories and drinks, we decided to try some reef fishing with cut bait close to shore. We exchanged the trolling rods for spinning rods rigged with cut bait after cutting off the engines and started drift fishing.

The sun shone brightly and the heat of the sun, with no breeze and probably too much liquid refreshment was causing me to feel a bit woozy and sweating profusely, because I got get sick and started chumming for my shipmates. Louie, being a really nice captain suggested that we go ashore for a while until I felt better, so off we went to the Pennekamp docking facility, where we tied up the boat and walked to the office and bathroom. After spending some time in the air condition facility, I started feeling a lot better and as we strolled back to the boat, I mentioned to Louie that I never get seasick when I operate my boat back home in the Chesapeake Bay but that when I go out fishing in the ocean with somebody, I seem to get sick because I don't have anything to do to keep my mine active. Louie, still being a really great guy, handed me the boat keys and told me to take over at the helm as the captain.

We climbed aboard and I brought the engines to life as John cast off the mooring lines, then he and Louie sat in the stern for the ride back to the fishing grounds. We moved out toward Largo Sound and as we cleared the area I brought the Grady to a plain. I was really impressed by the boat's handling and power. After clearing the sound and entering the ocean, I brought us to slow trolling speed as Louie and John set out the trolling rods rigged with ballyhoo from the bait well. As luck would have it, three of the trolling rods came to life as I had run over a school of dolphin fish in just a few minutes at the wheel. Louie and John started reeling in the stern rods while I stayed at the helm. This was my first experience at catching dolphin, but John and Louie being Florida residents knew exactly what to do. They landed their fish and placed them in the fish box. They then reeled in the other lines close to the boat and placed the rod that the other fish was hooked to in the stern rod holder. They grabbed a couple of spinning rods rigged with bucktails, told me to stop the boat and to turn off the engines as they casted out their rods toward the hooked fish and began jigging. In no time, they were both hooked up with fish and enjoying the action on the lighter rods.

They invited me to join the party and I quickly hooked up with my first dolphin fish which to me acted like a bluefish by running and jumping like crazy. After a great fight as the fish was brought to gaff I saw some of the prettiest colors on a fish that I had ever witnesses but I felt so very sorry for the fish after it was brought to the fish box, it had lost all that color and turned a dull gray. Louie told me that the fish would be a delicious dinner that evening, so go catch another one. As we fished the school that stayed with our hooked fish, Louie noticed a black tip shark of the same size swimming with the school, so he rigged up some cut bait to try to catch it, but to no avail. The shark was not interested in any thing that Louie presented to him, not even the best part of a ham sandwich, and I suggested that we offer him a beer, but that didn't go over very well. John and I continued to catch more fish from the school before it dispersed. We placed new rigged baits on the trolling rods and set out to find some more fish. Within a short period of time we were back into the fray again, and proceeded to catch several more fish of the same size, 5-7 lbs. John and Louie were scheduled to work at the restaurant that evening where they did the cooking, so we called it a great day of fishing and headed back to the docks. I felt good after catching several fish, so Louie took over at the helm while John and I cleaned the boat on the way back to the docks. When we reached the bulkhead where Louie kept his boat, I began to remove the ballyhoo from the beaded rigs while John and Louie went up to the bathroom, I had stopped drinking after getting sick so I didn't have to join them.

A pelican was setting on one of the bulkhead pilings when I threw the baitfish into the water at the stern of the boat and he flew down to get the meal and sat on the water there waiting for his next helping. I continued feeding the pelican several baits and after removing the baitfish from the rig I would wash off my hands in the water at the stern, as I reached back into the bait well for another rig I was startled to see and hear a commotion in the water where the pelican was sitting. I saw a huge mouth, full of teeth encircle the pelican from below and the bird was gone just like that! I was totally in shock. What did I just see? Where is the pelican? Did I just see jaws eat it? And right near where I was washing my hands in the water! I looked around, but I did not see anything, not a swirl in the water, no bird, no fish, just quite waters in the creek between the bulkhead on one side and the mangrove trees on the other. When Louie and John got back a few minutes later, I explained to them what had just happened, but they did not believe me and figured that I had too much to drink, but I explained to them that I didn't drink or eat anything after getting sick earlier that day. Poor, poor bird! There must be some moral to this fish tale, but I'm not sure what it is, it's above my level of thinking. I'm just glad that jaws wanted bird for dinner and not my hands. Just buy me a drink and we will laugh about it!

Tight Lines!

Fred Menage
Secretary
MSSA Annapolis Chapter

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May

- 1 MSSA Spring Tournament Captains meeting 6-8p.m. at AllTackle, 2062 Somerville Rd, Annapolis, MD. Door prizes, food and drinks available. www.msssa.net
- 2 MSSA Spring Tournament Captains meeting 6-8p.m. at Solomons Pier Restaurant, 14575 Solomonds Island Rd, Solomons, MD. Door prizes, food and drinks are available. www.msssa.net
- 3 MSSA Spring Tournament Captains meeting 6-8p.m. at Rod 'n' Reel Restaurant, 4160 Mears Ave, Chesapeake Beach, MD. Door prizes, food and drinks available. www.mssa.net
- 4-6 MSSA 29th Annual Champion on the Chesapeake Striped Bass Tournament www.mssa.net
- 4-6 Rod 'n' Reel 31st Annual Pro-Am Fishing Tournament, (301) 855-8450 www.rodreeltournament.com
- 10 MSSA 29th Annual Champion on the Chesapeake Striped Bass Tournament Party and Awards Ceremony, 7-9p.m. at Annapolis Elks Lodge, BPOE#622, 2517 Solomons Island Rd, Edgewater. MD. Free for captains, \$15 per person. All you can eat and drink. www.mssa.net
- 11-20 Chincoteague Flounder Tournament, Capt Zeds, \$25 entry fee, (757)336-0569 www.stevesbaitandtackle.com
- 12 Breezy Point Spring Tournament. (410)414-9292 www.breezypointmarina.com
- 12 ROCK & ROAST, 6-10p.m., Annapolis Maritime Museum. Food, beverages, Auctions, and music to benefit Box of Rain.
- 14 Pasadena Sportfishing Group meeting at 7:30p.m., Earleigh Heights Fire Hall, Richey Hwy, Severna Park, MD. www.pasadenasportfishing.com
- 15 MSSA '2012 Spring Trophy Season Rockfish Tournament' closing day benefitting the EVAN Foundation. www.theevanfoundation.org
- 16 MSSA Annapolis Sportfishing Chapter Meeting, American Legion Post 7, Crownsville, MD at 7:30 pm. www.mssaannapolis.com
- 18 14th Annual Treasure the Chesapeake Celebration, Annapolis Marriott Waterfront, 6-9p.m. Admission \$100 per person. Open bar, music, dancing, casino games, and silent auction. www.cbtrust.org (410)974-2941 x107
- 19-20 Chesapeake Bay Blues Festival, Sandy Point State Park, Annapolis
- 20 MSSA Annapolis Chapter Ocean City Fishing Trip for Sea Bass with Captain Monty Hawkins on 'Morning Star' www.morningstarfishing.com (410)520-2076. Costs \$100 per person. For information contact Lee Slagle at (301)807-6868 (slagle-leeway@comcast.net)
- 21 CAPCA Meeting, Annapolis Elks Lodge #622. Edgewater. Social hour starts at 6:30 pm. Meeting starts at 7:15 pm. 'Hey, Captian, do you need a tow?' presented by TowBoat, USA. www.capca.net
- 25-27 Tea Party Festival. Chestertown

26 USCG Auxiliary Safe Boating Event, City Dock, Annapolis

26-27 Ocean City 3rd Annual Memorial Day Bluefish Tournament, OC Marlin Club, (410)213-1513 www.ocsunsetmarina.net

29 Blue Angles Flyover, Annapolis

June

1-3 16th Annual Mid-Atlantic Mako Mania. Bahia Marina (410-289-7473 www.bahiamarina.com

2 6th Annual Rockfish Tournament. Port Deposit (410)378-0367 www.portdepositcc.org

9-10 22nd Annual Thunder on the Narrows www.kentnarrows.com

11 Pasadena Sportfishing Group meeting at 7:30p.m., Earleigh Heights Fire Hall, Richey Hwy, Severna Park, MD. www.pasadenasportfishing.com

16 Bands In the Sand, Chesapeake Bay Foundation Phillip Marrill Enviromental Center, 5:00 to 10:30 pm, (443)482-2111 www.cbf.org

20 MSSA Annapolis Sportfishing Chapter Meeting, American Legion Post 7, Crownsville, MD at 7:30 pm. www.mssaannapolis.com

22-24 23rd Annual MSSA Tuna-Ment. www.mssa.net Weigh in at Wachapreague Sea Side Marina (757)787-4110 www.wachapreaguemarina.net Weigh in at Chincoteague Curtis Merritt Harbor (757)336-6519.

Weigh in at Ocean City Sunset Marina (410)255-5535 www.ocsunsetmarina.net

23 Eastport A Rockin' Annapolis Maritime Museum, Eastport

23-24 3rd Annual Small Boat Tournament, Ocean City Marlin Club (410)213-1613 www.ocmarlin.com

25 CAPCA Meeting, Annapolis Elks Lodge #622, Edgewater. Social hour at 6:30 pm. Meeting starts at 7:15 pm. 'SNOW LION' accident will be discussed by Richard Dein.

29-1 30th Annual Canyon Kick Off, Ocean City Marlin Club (410)213-1613 www.ocmarlin.com

REEL RELIEF CHARTERS

Dear Anglers,

I am back from fishing in Florida and already fishing here on the trophy fish. It started out great and is now slowing down to normal, with more mid grade fish being caught. Everything seems to be running early this season, from the weather warming up to the fish in the Bay. It is a little crazy to say the least. But that is what it is; as they say, nothing stays the same but change.

My trips have found me off the Gas Docks down to buoy 77. I am trolling (8) light tackle rigs on my planner boards with about half being double rigged. To cover the deeper fish I have (4) boat roads rigged with Umbrellas' and 9 inch shads on parachutes. The coverage seems to be working based on the return. I need more anglers, so I can catch more fish, come on out.

There is Black Drum here already (early) as one boat during the MSSA Tournament caught one 60 pound trolling on a board rod. Thought it was the Striper King and the money fish, but it was not so. They took up all the lines only to find it was a Black Drum. Oh well!

Croaker or Hardhead are here and in good numbers and size, 12 to 14 inches with some 16 inches mixed in. Most are being caught at the mouth of the Patuxent River on Bloodworms and Shrimp, but squid will also work. Early mornings and late on a sunny evening will see you catching those hard pulling Hardhead. So take off and relax one evening, watch the sun set while catching dinner aboard Reel Relief.

The Speckled Trout are being caught near the Eastern Shore points and a few Red Drum have tackle a lure or two so I am told. The Red Drum have been up the Bay the last few years now and more of them. I am hoping to see more of this action this spring.

Light tackle casting action along the shoreline of the Bay is just starting and by mid May the schooling fish will be more visible into June. On June 1st the tributaries open to all anglers and the Patuxent River really shows off as a jewel. Early morning jigging the points, breaking Stripers and rocky shore lines can make for a great day of fishing.

So I am back and ready to put you on the fish once again. Check out the website calendar at www.captainsonney.com for open dates and call me to make sure it is still open at 443 532 0836. We will be looking for your call!

Life is short, fish often!

Capt. Sonney

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MSSA Tournament Committee	Dale Dirks
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Summer Fish Chairman	Ron Schaefer
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**LIFE IS SHORT,
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**Lets catch some
Trophy Rock Fish
this spring!**

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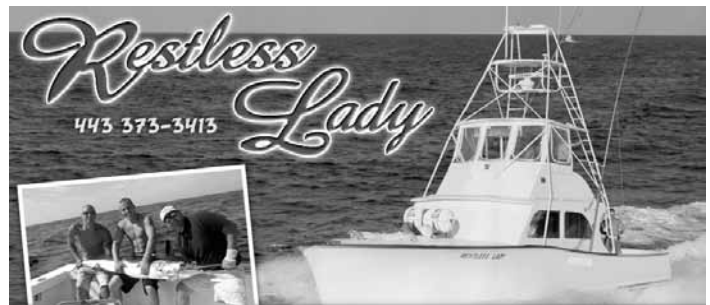
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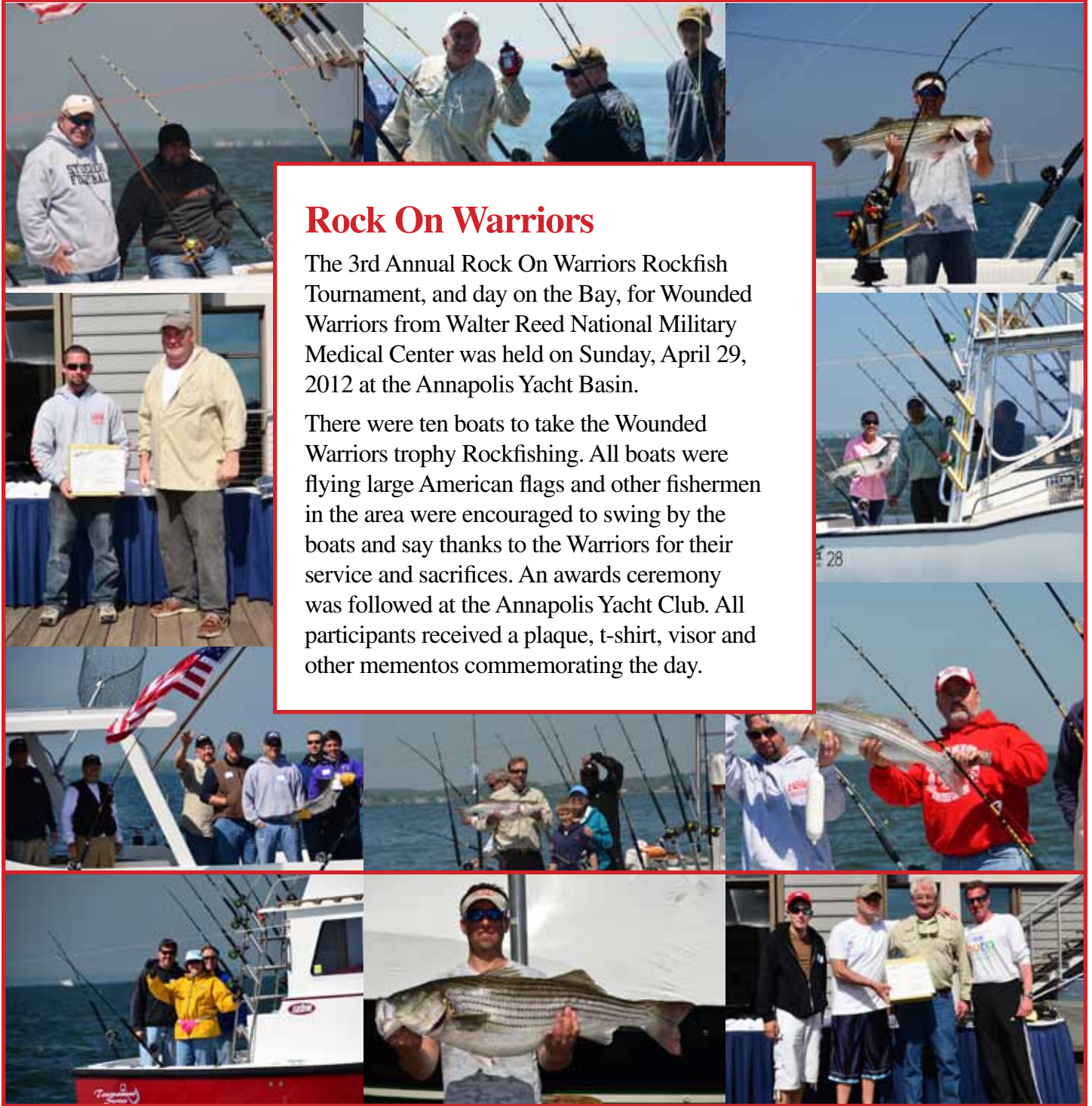
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2012 SPRING TROPHY SEASON ROCKFISH TOURNAMENT

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 rules and regulations 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 20th 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 18th 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
- Gift Basket of Tandem Rigs from BFG Tackle
- 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. There is no requirement to keep or weigh any fish. Entrants are encouraged to release fish after measurement and photo.
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.

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

Entrant'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 Entrant:

Signature of Witness:

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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.

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