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Newsletter of the Annapolis Chapter of the MSSA

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

It has been customary for the past several years for the Annapolis chapter to suspend our usual monthly meetings during the summer months as many of our members spend time with their families and hopefully fit in a few fishing trips. We reconvened in September with our annual Chapter Crab Feast. This year we met again at Mikes Crab House on the South River. Mike's once again gave us an incredible spread and we had a fantastic night of great food and fellowship. I would like to thank Mike's for treating us so well and I want to especially thank the Muscatello's for organizing another highly successful crab feast.

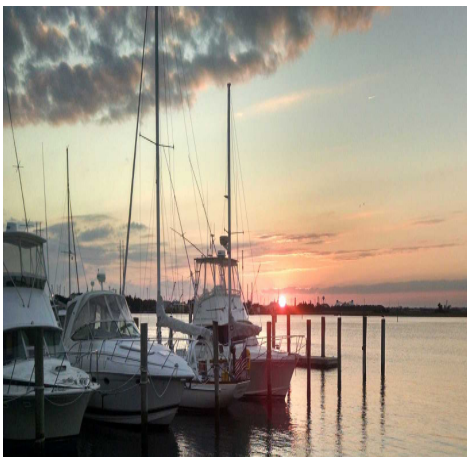
I hope everyone had a great summer of fishing. We are so fortunate to have the Chesapeake Bay with all of its rivers, tidal waters, and the nearby Atlantic Ocean that produce so many different species, giving us the opportunity to try so many different styles of fishing. At the Annapolis chapter of the MSSA we have Captains and anglers that do it all. If you have an interest in any fishing style, come to our meetings held the third Wednesday of every month. Meet the guys and learn from our guest speakers, you'll be glad you did.

We have a very busy fall fishing schedule ahead of us. Leading off again this year on Saturday November 4th is the 11th annual **FISH FOR A CURE CHARITABLE FISHING TOURNAMENT AND SHORE PARTY**. See their website www.fishforacure.org for details and information.

Later in November is our 25th annual MSSA fall rock fishing tournament “**Chesapeake Bay Fall Classic**” November 17-19, 2017.

Check www.mssa.net/fallclasic and this newsletter for all the details. I look forward to seeing all of you at our chapter meeting this Wednesday, October 18th at 7:00 pm.

Bob Sheehan - President



CHAPTER SPEAKER LINE UP

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

MSSA Annapolis Chapter meetings are open to the public. Spouses and children are welcome to attend. There will be drawings for door prizes and a 50/50 raffle. When you arrive, don't forget to get your free door prize ticket and buy for \$5 each a 50/50 ticket. Food and drinks are available at very reasonable prices at the American Legion Post. So, arrive early and have dinner. Meetings are held at the **American Legion Post 7, 1905 Crownsville Rd, Crownsville, MD.** The meeting starts at **7p.m**

OCTOBER 18, 2017 MEETING: SPEAKER AND VENDOR

Lenny Rudow will be our guest speaker. Lenny will present light tackle fishing techniques to include the factors that have an effect on the way you fish, tactics to use and which are the most effective. Maybe Lenny will reveal his top ten hot spots for catching stripers.

Lenny Rudow is a long-time angler and 20-plus year veteran writer specializing in fishing, boating, and marine electronics. Lenny has authored six how-to fishing books including Rudow's Guide to Fishing the Chesapeake and Rudow's Guide to Rockfish. New this year, Lenny is the founding editor of Rudow's Fish Talk magazine that has featured articles on how to fish mid-bay hot spots such as the Bay Bridge, Poplar Island, and Eastern Bay. Fish Talk magazine also has a very informative website that provides articles, videos, product testing, and fishing reports.

Neal Cohen will be our vendor. Neal, a member of the MSSA Annapolis Chapter, will offer his hand-crafted top water lures. Neal has previously been a vendor for the chapter and has offered his lures at the Annapolis Chapter's February Fishing Expo.

NOVEMBER 15, 2017 MEETING: SPEAKER AND VENDOR

Capt. Randy Dean of Bay Hunter Fishing Charters will present fall fishing techniques. Randy will discuss Chesapeake Bay fishing as he transitions from light tackle and bottom fishing for spot, flounder, trout, croakers and perch to trolling for fall stripers. Capt. Dean runs bay-built Bay Hunter and Bay Hunter II out of Anchor Yacht Basin located in Edgewater MD. His son Ryan joins him as a charter captain and his son Matt serves as a first mate. From now through to December Captain Dean fishes for sea trout, bluefish, and rockfish. Half day and full day charters are available.

Gary Ritchie of Spankin Striper Baits will be our vendor. Gary hand-crafts his "Spanker" baits including Teacher Bucktails, Baby Spankers, Senior Spankers, Hotlips Spankers, and Rubberbug Hotlips Spankers. Gary will also have his new custom-built rods to show.

Tom Taneyhill and Chris Taneyhill

Speaker Chairmen

RON SCHAEFER

Ronnie Schaefer passed away on July 21st after a long struggle with cancer. Ronnie leaves behind his wife Madelyn and three daughters Diane, Karen, Wendy, and six grandchildren. Ronnie was a great member who worked for the benefit of all of our members. Until his illness, Ronnie was Chairman of both Guest Speakers and our Summer Fishing Trip. Ronnie supported our Scholarship Program and helped on many other events. A memorial service was held August 5th at Yellow Fin restaurant. The service was well attended and a real tribute to Ronnie and his family. On a personal note Ronnie was a special friend. We spent a lot of time together fishing and with family.

Ronnie will be missed.

Larry Muscatelo

SCHOLARSHIP – In Memory of Ron Schaefer

To honor the memory of our departed team mate and loyal MSSA member, Ron Schaefer, a special scholarship has been established and will be awarded to a deserving student for Academic Year 2018-2019. Ron specifically asked that memorial donations be directed to the MSSA Scholarship Foundation.

The Foundation has already collected nearly \$1800 toward this award and you are encouraged to make a tax-deductible gift to this fund before April, 2018. There is no upper limit on the amount that can be given in this scholarship. To donate, make your check payable to “MSSA Scholarship Foundation” and mail to Pete Abbott at 219 Overture Way, Centreville, MD 21617-2388. Tax deductions are credited to a donor in the year in which the donation is made, in this case, either 2017 or 2018.

[MSSA SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION](#)

The MSSA Scholarship Foundation has kicked off the fund raising campaign for 2018 awards. Your support will ensure that we meet our goal to deliver \$35,000 to the best qualified candidates next May. You can help in many ways and here are a few of them:

Make a tax-deductible contribution by writing a **check** payable to **MSSA SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION** and making it to Pete Abbott, 219 Overture Way, Centreville, MD 21617.

Donate new or used items that we can sell at our Flea Market Tables at the winter Fishing Shows. Bring the items to chapter meetings or contact me for a home or business pickup at 443 872 5342 or abbottgru@aol.com.

Go to www.mssascholarships.net and click on the **DONATE** Button. We accept donations by **PayPal**, **Credit** or **Debit** Cards. If you subscribe to the online Weekly Fishtalk Magazine Fishing Reports, click on the Scholarship Foundation Banner in the Mid-Bay section. It takes you to the DONATE Page on our website.

Become a **MAJOR SPONSOR**. Gifts of \$1000 or more provide an opportunity to establish a "named scholarship" to honor the memory of an individual or create a corporate/family scholarship that is given to a deserving scholarship winner.

BOATS, CARS, and HiValue boating equipment such as electronics are major sources of funds. The Foundation welcomes these tax-deductible gifts and will work with you to realize a fair-market value when sold. While you may not have a boat or car to give, you may know someone who does. Contact me to follow up on any lead you have of a prospective donor.

Starting in November, tickets for the Annual Sportsman's Raffle will be available. We are pleased to announce that Keith Fraser, Owner of ALLTACKLE.com, will be the **SPONSOR** for the new Raffle and provide the **GRAND PRIZE** of a \$1000 Gift Certificate to the holder of the first ticket drawn at the celebration party during the week of May 20th, 2018. **PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING A PRIZE** for this important element in our fund-raising efforts. Prizes are tax-deductible.

Pete Abbott

CRAB FEAST AT MIKE'S CRAB HOUSE



A Huge Success!

On September 20th we held our annual Crab Feast. It was good to see everyone after summer break. We enjoyed crabs, ribs, fired chicken, and corn on the cob. Mike's did a fabulous job making sure that everyone had all they could eat and drink. As records go sooner or later they are broken. Earl Macey was soundly beaten by a younger crab eater who was still eating when Earl relinquished his title. Good run Earl you will still be in the Crab Eaters Hall of Fame. Great evening with friends.

Larry Muscatello

Crab Feast Chairman

2017 Chapter Crab Feast at Mike's

Photo Gallery



Former World Champion picker Earl Macey (left)





FISH TALES

WEAKFISH – SPECKLED TROUT FISHING

This year's fishing trip with Captain 'Walleye' Pete Dahlberg on his rebuilt 27' Judge Fishing boat at Beacon Marina in Solomon's Island harbor, with fellow PSG members, Rich Holewinski, Bob Ruck, Dave Vanmetre and I, Fred Manage along with Capt. Pete who have a combined fishing experience of about 300 years went very well. We enjoyed a beautiful day on the Chesapeake Bay. We fished the Eastern Shore Islands from Hooper's Island to Tangier Sound and caught our limit of nine rockfish and nine weakfish. Bob caught a puppy drum, Dave hooked into a flounder and I did battle with a needle fish. Pete put about 85 miles on his motor running and gunning. We had smooth seas, light winds and some cloud cover, perfect conditions for a wonderful day on the bay.

I watched as Rich who had a great day last year catching speckled trout caught the first weakfish of the day. I was able to imitate his techniques and I caught a smaller but a keeper next. On the next drift I hooked into a larger trout and it also went into the fish box. Later I hooked my third trout in the cut where we were fishing which we photographed for Pete's Web Site. A little later after a boat ride to the south to Tangier Sound, I caught my fourth fish and changed my tactics to catch rockfish, same lure (1/2 once jig head and paddle tail) by fishing faster and higher in the water column. Most of the rockfish were short, but there was constant action and we able to catch our limit. I can assure you that speckle trout are one of the best tasting fried fish that I have ever eaten. After catching 'Walleye' Pete's '2016 Fish of the Year' last September, I can say that we had a good fishing trip again this year.

I'm hoping and looking forward to another trip with this group next year. If you enjoy catching large fish on light tackle, then you should book a trip with 'Walleye' Pete Dahlberg of Four Seasons Guide Service & Light Tackle Charter. March is the best month for large Striped Bass at the Calvert Cliff's Power Plant. May and October are the best months to catch your limit (4) of weakfish and September is the best month for catching large Red Drum, but anytime that you can fish with Pete, you will be entertained and will have the opportunity to catch Pete's 'Fish of the Year'! - Fred Manage



Fred Manage - Angler

Striped Bass YOY

- [Press Releases & News](#)
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- [Magazine Newsletter](#) **Striped Bass Survey Shows Healthy Population** October 16, 2017 *Annual Young-of-Year Survey Tracks Spawning of State Fish*



Results of the [Maryland Department of Natural Resources 2017 young-of-year striped bass survey](#) in the Chesapeake Bay shows the fish is reproducing in strong numbers. The annual survey's index is 13.2 fish, above the 64-year average of 11.7.

Striped bass, popularly known as rockfish, is Maryland's state fish. The fish spawns in the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries each spring. The survey is conducted annually to track the reproductive success of this important species and help predict future abundance. The index represents the average number of young-of-year striped bass – those less than 1 year old – captured in 132 samples.

“Strong reproduction in three of the past seven years is an encouraging sign for the coastal population and future fishing opportunities,” [Fishing and Boating Services](#) Director Dave Blazer said.

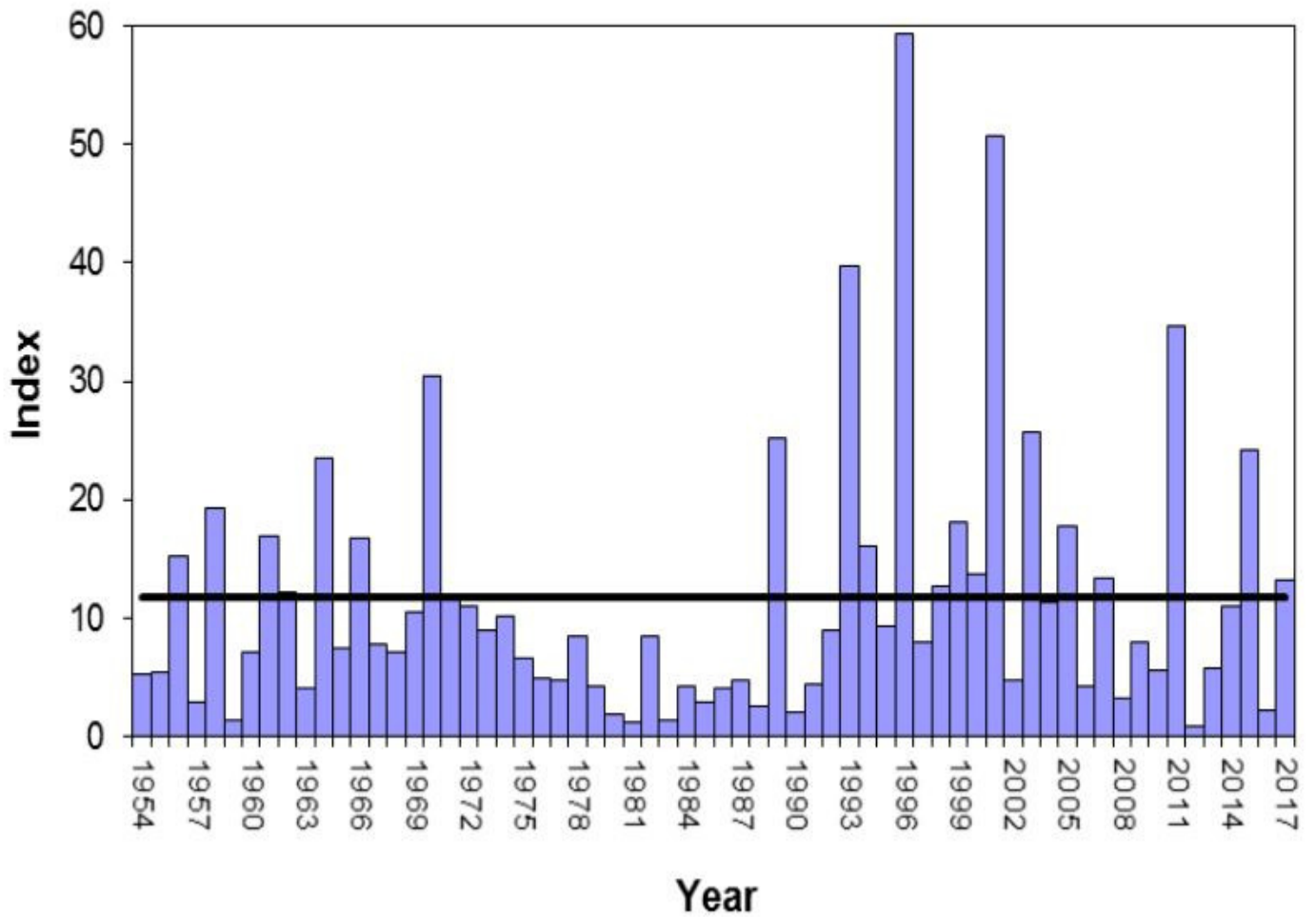
During this year's survey, department biologists collected more than 33,000 fish of 62 species, including 1,741 young-of-year striped bass. The most productive area surveyed for rockfish was the upper Chesapeake Bay, which tends to be their largest spawning area.

Results of this year's survey also showed high white perch reproduction in the upper bay and Nanticoke River. Additionally, the survey found American shad reproduction was above average, primarily due to its success in the Potomac River.

The department has monitored the reproductive success of striped bass and other species in Maryland's portion of the Chesapeake Bay annually since 1954, making it one of the oldest biological surveys. Twenty-two survey sites are located in the four major spawning systems: Choptank, Potomac and Nanticoke rivers and the upper bay. Biologists visit each site three times during the summer, collecting fish with two sweeps of a 100-foot beach seine.

More information on the juvenile striped bass program is available [online](#).

Maryland's Juvenile Striped Bass Index Arithmetic Mean (AM) Catch per Haul



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MSSA "FALL CLASSIC" TOURNAMENT LINEUP

25th Annual
Chesapeake Bay



FALL CLASSIC

November 17-19, 2017



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www.mssa.net/fallclassic

ENTER BEFORE NOVEMBER 3RD

BOE Marine Early Registration Contest – Simrad GO9 XSE Chartplotter-Fishfinder w-TotalScan Transducer & 4G Radar Bundle

Register for the Fall Classic before November 3rd and have a chance to win this \$3k prize donated by BOE Marine. Enter here www.mssa.net/fallclassic

One chance per early entry. Drawing at first Captain meeting (November 13).

CAPTAIN'S MEETINGS

All meetings are from 6:00 – 8:00 P.M. (Food & Drink Available) – DOOR PRIZES!!!

(You may register for the tournament and/or pick up your Captain Packet at any of the meetings listed below. Or at the main MSSA office. Please call ahead to ensure a staff member is there to let you in.)

- Monday, November 13 – Island Tackle Outfitters – Kent Island

- Tuesday, November 14 – Commodore Hall – Essex

- WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15 – The Lighthouse Restaurant – Solomons Island

- Thur., November 16 – ALLTACKLE – Annapolis – LAST CHANCE TO ENTER

- Friday, Saturday & Sunday – Tournament Fishing Days (Fish Only 2 of 3 Days – Lay Day Rule) – Text your Boat/Capt. Number, Name, and Lay Day to 410-709-8774 before start of tourney or by 5am each day. If you do not declare your lay-day, we will assume you fished Friday & Saturday.

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