



Top 10 Reasons to Become a Member

- 1. Meet anglers with similar fishing interests** – Members are interested in any type of fishing from freshwater ponds to saltwater fishing inshore, near shore and offshore, from power boats to kayaks; as well as from surf and piers. And let's not forget getting clams, oysters and crabs. The experience levels range from decades of fishing the N.C. saltwater to those new to the area and fishing.
- 2. Monthly Meetings** – The club normally meets the first Tuesday of the month at the Members Club. With a 7 p.m. start time, you will have plenty of time to first dine at the club with your friends. At the end of the meeting, a 50/50 drawing is featured.
- 3. Membership Night** – We start our first meeting of the New Year with a social hour. Raffles are held for the chance to win hundreds of dollars in prizes from tackle to tickets for fishing schools. Some of these fishing schools also have raffles that give you even more chances to win great tackle! You'll also find out the winners of the fishing derby plus you can sign up for membership that also includes a year's subscription to the *N.C. Sportsman* magazine.
- 4. Guest Speakers and Local Experts** – At nine of these monthly meetings, noted captains, guides and fishing-related experts talk about fishing techniques, tackle, saltwater fishing and even the history of offshore wrecks. Many speakers are also featured at for-fee saltwater seminars and classes. Previous guest speakers included Captains Jerry Dilsaver and Mark Dickson and representatives from the Long Bay Artificial Reef Association and the Coastal Conservation Association. We also have had a local expert series at these meeting where members share their local knowledge on fishing in short sessions.





5. **Fishing Workshops** – The club holds free fishing workshops for members. Last year there were hands-on workshops on how to throw cast nets and to surf fish (that class was at the St. James Beach Club that included free beer and pizza afterwards!).
6. **Fishing Derby** – This fishing contest runs year long and rewards the member that catches the largest fish in a species category. Winners are awarded their prizes at the membership meeting in January. There are also awards for captain and angler of the year.
7. **Fishing Mixers** –As weather permits a few times each year, we pair members that do not have boats with captains for a day of fishing. Prizes are awarded for certain catches and refreshments are provided at a social after the event.
8. **Annual Fish Fry** – Our annual fish fry, held at Waterway Park in July, is one of our biggest events. We always sell out our 130 spots and everyone has a great time, especially since the club subsidizes the meals to keep the price low. Jerome’s Seafood and Steakhouse from Shallotte prepares the food on site and does a great job. There is a free raffle with hundreds of dollars in prizes ranging from tackle, gift baskets, gift certificates and wine.
9. **Head Boat Trip** – Once a year in late spring or early summer we try to charter a boat for our members to go out together bottom fishing. As a group we get special discount rates. Weather permitting, this is usually a great time. With enough interest we try to do a second trip in the fall.
10. **Holiday Party** – In December, instead of a meeting, we host a holiday party. During the social hour prior to dinner there is a cash bar for wine and beer. The club pays for the hors d’oeuvres and again there are prizes to be won in a free raffle.

