

A.M.S.A. NEWLETTER

ASSATEAGUE MOBILE SPORTFISHERMEN'S ASSOCIATION, INC.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK—DANNY MORRIS

Well fall is almost here as well as the fishing season we have been looking for. If you are lucky enough to get out and do some fishing I wish you luck. Please take the time to take in "our" beautiful beach that we have been blessed with. The AMSA Camporee was a great time for all that came. Thank you to Pat Townsend, Mike

Sapp, Chris Pittas, Mrs. Beauchamp, and the many others that gave up their free time to make it be enjoyable for others. Our next events are the Red Drum and Ronald Bounds tournaments; please see info in this newsletter as well as on the web page. I hope that changing the Ronald Bounds to a Saturday-Sunday event will allow

some new teams to participate.

AMSA is still following the progress of the new management plan at the park, the final draft has been published and being reviewed at this time to ensure all that we bargained for has been addressed. We are also addressing the continuing beach closings from "over wash", hopefully convincing the park

service to alter our travel area.

It is also the time of year to nominate next year's officers and directors. If anyone has been thinking about stepping up and being a working part of the club now is the time, we would love to hear from any of our membership. Keep in mind the monthly meetings are held on the third Wednesday at 7:30pm at our property 8847 Eagles Nest Rd.

Danny Morris #127
President

2017 Camporee Wrap-Up

Just as with every Camporee in recent memory, Camporee 2017 gradually came to rest Sunday afternoon as the crabs were cleaned up and the Bull Pen began to empty. 2017 is in the books.

Hours of preparation came to fruition at the break of dawn Friday when the sites were marked off and the signs went up. It wasn't long before Mrs. B dropped the jacks on her camper and propped open her door. We all knew that it was Camporee time.

To kick things off this year, we started the festivities with the Casting Contest. There was more misdirected lead thrown on that beach that afternoon than on the opening day of deer season. Unlike November, we only had one casualty. This event has become one of the most popular events of the weekend for participants and spectators alike. It's like NASCAR on the beach, some are there for the sport, and others are there for the accidents. Our winners this year are Cody and Lisa Morris for adult male and female, Andrew Truitt for the teen division and Kaitlyn (not sure of last name) for the children. That was it for Friday as we all went our separate ways to see some old friends, make some new ones and get ready for Saturday.

Sometime around 3:00 am Saturday we all had an unwanted visit from an old friend. Mother Nature brought us a seven hour downpour that slacked off only to tease us for the next several hours. After all the rain, we moved on. The fishing contest went on without hesitation, and what we believed may be without fish. Just as time was about to run out, Kaylynn Zervakas caught two spot for a combined 14.5 inches to beat her brother and win the children's division. The women's division didn't bring anything to the judges this year and the men didn't bring much more. Once again, President Danny Morris was the winner in the men's category edging out Pat Townsend by .25 inches. For the past two years we have crowned an overall Camporee Fishing Contest winner and this year I was happy to hand that title over to six year old Kaylynn.

As things dried out it was Volleyball time. Like the casting contest, volleyball is fun to play and more entertaining to watch. With names like, the Hootie Hoo's, Wango Warriors and Busta Move, it has to be entertaining. We after a couple of hours of well executed 6 on 6 beach volleyball the Wango Warriors to home the spoils of victory.

After the wounds from Volleyball were bandaged and all the bellies were filled, it was time for the awards and D.J. games. As always, Dawn made sure that everyone had a great time, win or lose. This year's raffle winner was drawn and Richard Baker, AMSA #573 of Kingsville, Maryland took the prize. When the games wrapped up it was dance time. Dawn would have played all night if allowed, but the Park Service dictates and it was soon to put an end to another hectic day.

Sunday morning was time for Corn Hole. The children's division was well contested with Kimmi Adams and Alexis Adkins edging out Josh White and Austin Byler to take this year's title. After several arduous rounds the adult division came down to a boardroom show down. The finals saw the team of Terry

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You are always invited to submit articles & comments for the next newsletter. To submit please contact Beverly Fleming, newsletter editor at btf25@aol.com or 410-957-4516.

A.M.S.A. Winter Luau 2018

Members & Friends are all invited to attend...

Clarion Resort 10100 Coastal Hwy Ocean City, Md

January 13th 2018

6:00pm - 11:00pm

Early Bird Adult Tickets \$40.00

Until 10/30



Cash Bar | Live Music | Silent Auction

Heavy Hors D'oeuvres Served at 6

Special Room Rates Available Until 12/15

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See AMSA Board Members for Tickets

Or Purchase Tickets Online:

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Event	Date
Board of Director's Meeting **ALL WELCOME**	3RD Wed. of each month
AMSA General Meeting **ALL WELCOME**	January, 2017 at 1:30 pm
Beach Clean-up	April 8, 2017
AMSA Scholarship Filing Deadline	April 15, 2017
United Mobile Scholarship Filing Deadline	April 15, 2017
March of Dimes Walkathon	April, 2017
AMSA Free Fishing Tournament Entrance Fee Drawing	May 17, 2017
Take A Kid Fishing	June 10, 2017
Beach Bash at Bull Lips	June 17, 2017
Camporee Registration Deadline	July 15, 2017
Camporee	August 11-13, 2017
AMSA Harbor Tackle Red Drum Tournament	September 21-24, 2017
Nominations of AMSA Officers and Board of Directors	October 18, 2017
AMSA Ronald Bounds Memorial Surf Fishing Tournament	October 19-21, 2017
Purchase Early Bird Tickets for AMSA Winter Luau 2017	October 30, 2017
AMSA Harbor Tackle Assateague Striper Tournament	November 18 & 19, 2017
AMSA Membership Renewals	December 31, 2017
General Meeting & AMSA Winter Luau 2018	January 13, 2018

2018 JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION & RENEWAL FORM

Please complete one form for each Junior Member. Forms may be mailed together with one check.

New Membership: _____ **Renewal:** _____ **DUES—\$12.50 PER CHILD, RENEWABLE EACH YEAR.**

Name: _____ **Jr. No.:** _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Home Phone: _____ **Date of Birth:** _____ **Age:** _____ **Gender:** _____

Parent's Name: _____ **Parent AMSA No. :** _____

Parent Address: _____

Phone: _____ **Best phone number to reach Parent:** _____

AFFIDAVIT: I WILL UPHOLD THE CODE OF ETHICS OF THE AMSA AT ALL TIMES AND ABIDE BY THE JUNIOR MEMBERS STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES.

Junior Member Signature: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please Mail To: AMSA Junior Membership Chair, P.O. Box 106, Berlin, MD 21811

AMSA Needs You

It is Election time again and AMSA needs you to get involved. We need members who are willing to get involved in the activities of the boardroom and other events. We strive to fight to keep our beach accessible to vehicle use. Each year the association elects officers and directors to take care of all the AMSA business. They also coordinate staff and run all the events and interests of the Club. Are you willing to become an officer or director and to serve the Club and represent the other member's interest on beach related

topics? If so please complete the interest form below. We need and encourage you to come and join us.
Mailed Nominations Must Be Postmarked/Received by: Oct. 15, 2017.

Personally delivered will be accepted before the Board of Directors meeting on Oct. 18, 2017 before 7:30 pm.

Nominating Committee

APPLICATION TO NOMINATION COMMITTEE FOR DIRECTOR OR OFFICER OF AMSA

I, as a member in good standing with Assateague Mobile Sportfishermen's Association (AMSA), do hereby submit my name as a nominee for the office of Director or Officer, for the year 2018. I understand the eligibility requirements as stated under Article IX and Article X under the AMSA bylaws in the AMSA handbook.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone No. _____ AMSA Membership No. _____

Email _____

Check One: Director: _____

Officer: _____ President

_____ Vice President

_____ Recording Secretary

_____ Corresponding Secretary

_____ Membership Secretary

_____ Treasurer

Return To: AMSA
P.O. Box 106
Berlin, MD 21811

MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 15, 2017 OR HAND DELIVERED TO AMSA PROPERTY ON OCTOBER 18, 2017 NO LATER THAN 7:30 PM, BEFORE THE START OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING.

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As the Corn Hole came to an end the crabs were hitting the tables and the end Camporee 2017. All in all, it was a great weekend with cool nights, warm days and most importantly an ocean breeze.

Numbers for 2017 Camporee were up from last year and we would like to thank everyone that attended. We would also like to thank everyone that took the time to help out. Every little bit matters - much more than you realize.

Enjoy the rest of your summer and start thinking about Camporee 2018 – we hope to see you there.

Best regards,

Michael Sapp

Camporee Chairman

2018 ADULT MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL—DUE BY DEC. 31, 2017

YOU WILL RECEIVE THE CURRENT AMSA HANDBOOK WHEN WE RECEIVE YOUR 2018 DUES

Each member is required to fill out one renewal form. Forms may be mailed together with one check.

AMSA Tag No. _____ Additional/Replacement Tag _____ Number of stickers needed _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

- Address Change _____ Yes _____ No
- If you would like to receive your newsletter by regular mail, please contact Beverly Fleming at 410-957-4516.
- I would like to view the newsletter on the AMSA website only: _____ Yes _____ No

To replace your tag or get an extra tag, please submit \$20.00 with your request. Extra tags can only be ordered between December 1st & March 31st. Please note any changes in name and/or address on this form. Include check for correct amount, place membership number on check and enclose this slip.

We are also requesting additional financial assistance to fund the legal defense fund. These funds will be used to pay for expenses incurred protecting access privileges and effecting policies that infringe on vehicle access to Assateague Island. *Donations to AMSA are NOT tax deductible at this time. Please consult your tax advisor.*

Annual Renewal Dues	\$25.00	\$ _____	Mail To: AMSA Membership Secretary 7751 Dividing Creek Road Pocomoke, MD 21851 410-957-0589
Senior Membership	\$12.50	\$ _____	
Replacement Tag	\$20.00 each	\$ _____	
Additional Tag	\$20.00 each	\$ _____	
Donation to Legal Fund		\$ _____	
TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____			

Calling All Lifetime Members

Please remember to forward to the Ethel Beauchamp, Membership Secretary, any address changes or any changes in your personal info.

410-957-0589

WE NEED YOU / YOUR EMAIL ADDRESSES

In these economic times, the AMSA newsletter is trying to do its duty to reduce production costs. For those of you that have a computer and an email address, you will receive your future AMSA newsletters by email. Please submit your email address to the newsletter editor by sending to bt25@aol.com or call 410-957-4516. Include your full name, AMSA membership number, mailing address, home phone number and email address. If you wish to still receive the newsletter by regular mail, please call Beverly at the above phone number. Thanking you in advance for your assistance.

Beverly Fleming - AMSA 48
Corresponding Secretary & Newsletter Editor

15th ANNUAL HARBOR TACKLE RED DRUM TOURNAMENT

SPONSORED BY AMSA

www.keepersofthebeach.com 3216 Johnson Road, Pocomoke, Maryland 21851 410-957-4516

SEPTEMBER 21 thru 24, 2017****TOURNAMENT WILL BEGIN AT 3 PM ON THURSDAY, SEPT. 21, 2017 & END AT 6 AM ON SUNDAY, SEPT. 24, 2017******Registration Form**

FEE: \$100.00 per individual angler DUE DATE: September 8, 2017

All fishing will be conducted from the Bull Pen and South to the Md/Va line or designated by the Park Service. In the event of a beach closure, entrants must maintain a 100 yard buffer zone from the closure areas. No vehicles will be allowed in the buffer zone except for vehicle turn arounds. All vehicles must be 2 vehicle widths from the dune line. This will allow other vehicles to pass by.

NAME _____ AGE (if a minor) _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

PHONE _____ CELL PHONE _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

VEHICLE: MAKE _____ MODEL _____ COLOR _____

TAG NO OF VEHICLE _____ STATE WHERE VEHICLE REGISTERED _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT: _____

PHONE _____

*****RETURN REGISTRATION & ENTRANCE FEE TO:*****

ISSUE CHECKS TO: AMSA MAIL TO: AMSA, c/o Beverly Fleming, 3216 Johnson Road, Pocomoke, MD 21851

Tournament fishing is held on the surf on the Federal side of Assateague Island National Seashore Park. All other functions are held at AMSA property. The Park Service and AMSA insist that anglers buddy-up to limit the number of vehicles on the beach. Remember that the National Park Service limits the number of vehicles on the beach to 145. It is imperative that anglers must make arrangements to ride together and it is suggested that anglers arrive at the beach early. When the beach reaches its 145 vehicle limit, the Park Service will enforce limited beach access by admitting one vehicle on the beach when one vehicle leaves. Sometimes a vehicle must wait several hours for beach access. It is the responsibility of the angler to gain access and not the responsibility of the tournament holders for anglers to obtain beach access. (Registration fees will not be refunded if angler has to wait in line for beach access or denied beach access.) Thank for your cooperation.

WAIVER FOR PARTICIPANTS OF RED DRUM TOURNAMENT

In consideration of payment of my entry fee, I waive any and all claims for myself and my heirs against officials or sponsors holding this tournament and the National Park Service for injury or illness which may directly or indirectly result from my participation. I also agree that I have read and agree to abide by ALL of the Tournament Rules stated on the reverse side of this page. By signing this waiver, participant is also granting permission to use name and pictures for advertising, promotions and press release. Minors (under 18 years of age) must have written permission by parent or legal guardian. Please use bottom or back of invitation for permission slip. Parent or legal guardian must sign waiver for the minor.

Signature & Date

Would you like to donate to the AMSA Legal Fund? You may enclose a check with this signed application.

RED DRUM TOURNAMENT RULES

Fishing area will be from Marker 28 to the Va. Line or designated by National Park Service.

- B. Official entry form must be presented when submitting a fish to tournament.
- C. Fish must be measured and verified by on duty tournament official to qualify for entry.
- D. All fish caught on Thursday after 3 PM through 3 PM Friday must be registered before 3 PM Friday afternoon, all fish caught after 3 PM Friday through 3 PM Saturday must be registered before 3 PM Saturday afternoon, and all fish caught after 3 PM Saturday through 6 AM Sunday must be registered before 6 AM Sunday. Any fish caught after 6 AM on Sunday will not be counted.
- E. The tournament director for AMSA may cancel the complete tournament or any portion of the tournament if circumstances such as bad weather arise. If the tournament is canceled before start time all fees will be refunded.
- F. Identifying tags and/or buttons will be issued for each contestant. Contestants, while fishing must have this identification with them at all time. This identification must accompany the contestant participating in tournament activities.
- G. The tournament director and judge reserve the right to disqualify any fish of suspicious nature that is entered.
- H. All anglers will display their fishing gear for examination to any tournament official on request.
- I. Cellular phone (channel and phone number will announce at tournament) will be used for tournament communications and emergencies.
- J. Anglers will need a cellular phone in vehicle.
- K. Contestants may not use a net or gaff. No use of boats or any other flotation devices may be used for placing baits. No assistance allowed in casting or landing of fish.
- L. Any fish killed in the tournament becomes the property of the tournament.
- M. Surf fishing only, no bay side. Fishing only on designated beach area.
- N All measurements will be determined by TAIL LENGTH. In case of a tie, first fish measured.
- O. All vehicles must have a valid ORV Permit along with the proper safety equipment required by the National Park Service.
- P. All participants must be actively engaged in fishing while on the beach. **No overnight camping allowed except in designated areas in a self-contained vehicle.**
- Q. All anglers must be respectful of everyone on the beach.
- R. No fish will be scored if caught in Va. Waters.
- S. The National Park Service will not be held liable for anything during this tournament.
- T. **ALL fish especially RED DRUM** must be released alive.
- U. All fish must be beached before 6 AM Sunday.
- V. All prize money will be awarded by mail within one week after tournament.
- W. In the event of a beach closure, entrants must maintain a 100 yard buffer zone from the closure areas. No vehicles will be allowed in the buffer zone except for vehicle turn arounds.
- X. All vehicles must be 2 vehicle widths from the dune line. This will allow other vehicles to get by.
- Y. Any questions for the Park Service please go through the Judge or tournament officials.
- Z. Please be respectful of all tournament officials and NPS employees. No hand gestures or verbal abuses will be tolerated. Tournament officials will disqualify any angler from the tournament entirely with no refund of any fees paid.

PRIZE CATEGORIES

Fishermen can win more categories with multiple fish registered.

Longest Red Drum Overall— Award \$1000.00.

2nd Longest Red Drum Overall—Award \$750.00

Longest Red Drum Each Day—Award \$425.00 per day Friday, Saturday, Sunday

2nd Longest Red Drum Each Day—Award \$300.00 per day Friday, Saturday, Sunday

Most Drum Registered Overall Tournament— Award \$300.00

Longest Red Drum by Angler under 16— Award \$300.00

Longest Red Drum by Lady Angler—Award \$300.00

Longest Red Drum by Senior (over 65) Angler—Award \$300.00

Longest Bluefish Overall Tournament (18" minimum) - Award \$300.00

Largest Striped Bass Overall Tournament (28" minimum)—Award \$300.00

Largest Kingfish Overall (14" minimum) - Award \$300.00

Largest Flounder Overall (18" minimum) -Award \$300.00

Largest Fish Overall by Child 10 & Under—Award \$150.00

Largest Trash Fish Overall—Award \$100.00

**WITH EXCEPTION OF WINNERS, THERE WILL BE A DRAWING FOR ONE PERSON TO WIN FREE ENTRANCE FEES FOR THE NEXT YEAR.*

Prizes are based on 100 anglers if there are more or less than the 100 anglers prize money will be adjusted to the amount of anglers entered. All prize money will be awarded. In the event there is a species not entered the prize money will be recalculated and added to overall tournament. All prizes will be awarded by mail within one week after tournament.

2017 ENTRY FORM

13th Annual Ronald Bounds A.M.S.A. Memorial Surf Fishing Tournament Held on Assateague Island October 20 thru 23, 2017

Due to limitations set forth by the National Park Service each team is limited to two vehicles on the beach. If a team violates this rule their scores from that session will be forfeited. Each vehicle used on the beach will be required to have an OSV Permit from the NPS and each participant must hold a valid Maryland Saltwater Fishing License. **Based on increased expenses the entry fee has been increased to \$360.00.**

Name of Team _____

Name of Captain _____

Mail Confirmation to & Correct Mailing Address for 2017 Invitation. (contact person)

Name _____ Daytime Phone _____

Address _____ Evening Phone _____

_____ Cell Phone _____

Email: _____

Enclosed is our check no. _____ for \$360.00 dated _____

(Make checks payable to Assateague Mobile Sportfishermen's Association)

Please Check All That Apply:

Team Members Names: (Please put an asterisk next to minor

Our Team Is:

name & put a heart next to female names.)

_____ All Male

1. _____

_____ All Female

2. _____

_____ Mixed Male & Female

3. _____

_____ Minors under 18

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

Please Return To:

****DUE DATE – SEPTEMBER 30, 2017****

AMSA
c/o Beverly Fleming
3216 Johnson Road
Pocomoke, Md. 21851
410-957-4516

PRIZES - \$3500.00 In Prize Money

\$2000.00 First Place 3 Session Winners – Trophy
\$1000.00 Second Place Top Male & Female – Trophy
\$500 Third Place Largest Fish – Trophy

WAIVER FOR PARTICIPANTS OF THE AMSA SURF FISHING TOURNAMENT

Your team captain or your designated person who registered your team has accepted responsibility to sign collectively for his/her team members a waiver of responsibility of injury. By participating in this event, every participant has implied consent that your team captain/designated person has the authority to represent all members in signing the waiver of injury on their behalf.

A fishing team consists of 6 individual persons and in consideration of payment of an entry fee, all fishing team members will waive any and all claims for the members of the below mentioned fishing team and the members' heirs against officials and sponsors holding this tournament, AMSA and the National Park Service. Your team captain or your designated person also agrees that your team will adhere to the Tournament Rules.

Tournament fishing is held on the surf on the Federal side of Assateague Island National Seashore Park. All other functions are held at the AMSA property. The Park Service and AMSA insist that anglers use 2 vehicles per team. Remember that the National Park Service limits the number of vehicles on the beach to 145. It is imperative that anglers must make arrangements to ride together and it is suggested that anglers arrive at the beach early. When the beach reaches its 145 limit, the Park Service will enforce limited beach access by admitting one vehicle on the beach when one vehicle leaves. Sometimes a vehicle must wait several hours beach access. It is the responsibility of the angler to gain access and not the responsibility of the tournament holders for anglers to obtain beach access. (Registration fees will not be refunded if angler has to wait in line for beach access or denied beach access.)

By signing this waiver, participants are also granting permission to use name and pictures for advertising, promotions and press releases. Minors (under 18 years of age) must have written permission by parent or legal guardian. Please use bottom of page for permission slip. Parent or legal guardian must sign waiver for the minor.

Fishing Team Name _____

Captain's Signature _____ Date _____

USE IF A MINOR IS FISHING ON YOUR TEAM

Minor's Name _____

Parent's Signature _____ Date _____

TEAM TOURNAMENT RULES

TEAMS

- A team shall consist of not more than 6 members, with one acting captain. (No substitution of team members are allowed)
- 2 vehicles in designated fishing area per team
- All team vehicles shall be registered Thursday night, no later than 8 PM
- All team members must wear identification issued to each participant during all tournament functions.

RESTRICTIONS & FISHING GEAR

- One rod and reel per member with not more than two hooks per member (meaning 6 members, 6 rods, 3 members, 3 rods, etc.)
- Artificial lures with hooks, according to manufacturer's specifications, are permitted. No line will be permitted in the water prior to starting time and all lines must be removed at stopping time. All fish hooked prior to stopping time will be scored at the beach.
- One team member shall act as captain and be responsible for correct scoring of fish. Each angler is responsible for keeping his fish separate from those caught by other team members. Fish will be disqualified if there is any doubt as to which angler caught the fish.
- All fishing shall be done in a conventional method only. No kites, balloons, or chumming, etc. no kayaks or boats.
- All teams shall fish within the boundaries chosen. Designated fishing areas will be South of the Bull Pen. There will be numbers posted on the dune line and you will fish south of your assigned numbers, between your given area and the next competitor.
- Fish shall be measured from the tip of the snout to the tip of the tail.
- Fish under tournament length or illegal size shall be released.
- No participant shall assist another fisherman in landing his or her fish until the fish is beached meaning that it is impossible for the fish to swim away. Then someone may assist (usually assistance is given when a large fish is hooked)
- Fish released alive an additional point (1 point) will be awarded.
- Each team must complete Mortality Report as required by the National Park Service.
- No one shall cast, bait hook, remove fish for anyone. No touching of fishing equipment, bait, fish except your own.
- In case of ties, the following shall prevail: (1) Total of fish caught, (2) Flip of a coin (3) Highest card - Ace is only high.
- All fish must be from surf only.
- All fish must be measured before leaving your assigned fishing area.
- All vehicles on the beach must have a valid OSV permit for Assateague Island.
- All participants must hold a valid Maryland Saltwater license.
- Each captain will receive 3 score sheets. You are responsible for filling out the score sheets during each fishing session. Judge will collect filled out score sheet at the beginning of each fishing session. Judge keeps possession of score sheet during fishing sessions. At the end of each fishing sessions, the judge for your assigned area will sign off on your team's score sheet. Each captain will receive a copy. It is the responsibility of the team's captain to insure the correct scoring of fish before the score sheet is signed. No protest for a team's score will be permitted after score sheet has been signed by a captain unless he writes "under protest when signing". If captain leaves the beach during or after any session without signing score sheet, it will be deemed score sheet unacceptable for points or protest.
- National Park Service requires that participant ID be hung from mirror during all fishing sessions.
- The official scoreboard will be located at the AMSA Property, National Park Service requires this to be a "catch and release tournament". Only live fish will be judge. AMSA reserves the right to inspect any and all coolers a team has its disposal during a fishing session. Any team caught with illegal fish will be non-pointed for that session.
- The use of cast nets are not allowed during your session.;
- Do not leave dead fish or bait on the beach.
- After fishing session is over, you must leave your station and go to the next assigned station.
- No fishing allowed during lunch break.

10TH ANNUAL HARBOR TACKLE ASSATEAGUE STRIPED BASS TOURNAMENT

SPONSORED BY AMSA

3216 Johnson Road, Pocomoke, Maryland 21851

410-957-4516

Website: www.keepersofthebeach.com

November 18 & 19, 2017

FEE: \$100.00 per individual angler

DUE DATE: November 4, 2017

- All fish must be released alive
- Tournament hours are held from Saturday 7 AM – Sunday 3 PM

All fishing will be conducted from the Bull Pen and South to the Md/Va line or designated by the Park Service. In the event of a beach closure, entrants must maintain a 100 yard buffer zone from the closure areas. No vehicles will be allowed in the buffer zone except for vehicle turn arounds. All vehicles must be 2 vehicle widths from the dune line. This will allow other vehicles to pass by.

NAME _____ AGE (if a minor) _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

PHONE _____ CELL PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

VEHICLE: MAKE _____ MODEL _____ COLOR _____

TAG NO OF VEHICLE _____ STATE OF VEHIE REGISTRTION _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT _____ PHONE _____

RETURN REGISTRATION & ENTRANCE FEE TO:

ISSUE CHECKS TO: AMSA

MAIL TO: AMSA, Beverly Fleming, 3216 Johnson Road, Pocomoke, Maryland 21851

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WAIVER FOR PARTICIPANTS OF STRIPER TOURNAMENT

In consideration of payment of my entry fee, I waive any and all claims for myself and my heirs against officials or sponsors holding this tournament and the National Park Service for injury or illness which may directly or indirectly result from my participation. I also agree that I have read and agree to abide by ALL of the Tournament Rules stated on the reverse side of this page. By signing this waiver, participant is also granting permission to use name and pictures for advertising, promotions and press release. Minors (under 18 years of age) must have written permission by parent or legal guardian. Please use bottom or back of invitation for permission slip. Parent or legal guardian must sign waiver for the minor.

Signature & date

WOULD YOU LIKE TO DONATE TO THE AMSA LEGAL FUND? YOU MAY ENCLOSE YOUR CHECK WITH THIS SIGNED APPLICATION.

STRIPER TOURNAMENT RULES

1. **Fishing area will be from the Bull Pen to the Va. Line or designated by National Park Service.**
2. Official entry form must be presented when submitting a fish to tournament.
3. Fish must be measured and verified by on duty tournament official to qualify for entry.
4. All fish caught on Saturday must be registered before 11:59 PM Saturday night; all fish caught on Sunday must be registered before 3:00 PM Sunday. Any fish caught after 3 PM on Sunday will not be counted.
5. The tournament director for AMSA may cancel the complete tournament or any portion of the tournament if circumstances such as bad weather arise. If the tournament is canceled before start time all fees will be refunded.
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17. All anglers must be respectful of everyone on the beach.
18. No fish will be scored if caught in Va. Waters.
19. The National Park Service will not be held liable for anything during this tournament.
20. **ALL fish included in any tournament must be released alive according to the National Park Service.** (with the exception of a potential state record)
21. All fish must be beached before 3 PM Sunday.
22. All prize money will be awarded by mail within one week after tournament.
23. In the event of a beach closure, entrants must maintain a 100 yard buffer zone from the closure areas. No vehicles will be allowed in the buffer zone except for vehicle turn arounds.
24. All vehicles must be 2 vehicle widths from the dune line. This will allow other vehicles to get by.
25. Any questions for the Park Service please go through the Judge or tournament officials.
26. Please be respectful of all tournament officials and NPS employees. No hand gestures or verbal abuses will be tolerated. Tournament officials will disqualify any angler from the tournament entirely with no refund of any fees paid.
27. All participants must hold a valid Maryland Saltwater Fishing License.
28. There must be at least 15 entrants entered by November 5th; otherwise, the tournament will be canceled.

RULES MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

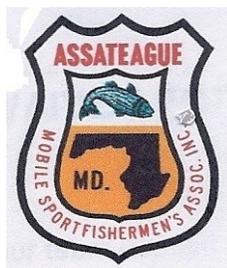
PRIZES

(Based on 50 entrants)

1st Place, Longest Striper - \$1500.00

2nd Place, 2nd Longest Striper - \$ 750.00

Most Stripers - \$750.00



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Anyone interested in being a judge?

The Fishing Committee needs volunteers to help with the Harbor Tackle Red Drum Tournament, The Ronald Bounds Memorial AMSA Surf Fishing Tournament and the Harbor Tackle Striper Tourney. Please contact Committee Chairman Jay Ragains, 410-726-5892

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LIST OF 2017 TOURNAMENTS

Members' Tournament	November 1, 2016 thru October 31, 2017
Take A Kid Fishing Day	June 10, 2017- 10 AM to 1 PM
** # Hatteras Village Invitational	Sept. , 2017
AMSA Harbor Tackle Red Drum Tournament	September 21 thru 24, 2017
• # Ocean City Surf Anglers Mid Atlantic Surf Fishing Tournament	Oct. 5 thru 7, 2017
AMSA Annual Invitational Surf Fishing Tournament	October 19 thru 21, 2017
** # Cape Hatteras Anglers Club Surf Fishing Tournament	November, 2017
AMSA Harbor Tackle Striper Tournament	November 18 & 19, 2017
** Tentative date	
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