

A.M.S.A. NEWSLETTER

September 2026

ASSATEAGUE MOBILE SPORTFISHERMEN'S ASSOCIATION, INC.

Dear Members,

Fall has arrived! And with it comes cooler temps, better fishing, and a less crowded beach. This year our club hit a milestone of 60 years as an organization. Back in April, we held a celebration at the property to acknowledge this great achievement. It was great to see so many familiar faces and many new ones. The board of directors did an outstanding job coordinating this fun anniversary party at the property.

AMSA is very fortunate to own a beautiful 10 acres of land located between Route 611 and Eagles Nest Road. The downside is the amount of the club's resources required to pay taxes, maintenance, liability coverage for events, and protection of the building and property. As president for the past ten years, my goal has been to maintain and upgrade the property to make it safer and more user friendly. With the help of so many board members and volunteers, that goal has been achieved. For example, dead trees have been removed, the old metal well has been replaced, our electric service has been upgraded, and the old dilapidated house has been demolished. All of these accomplishments were not easy to achieve and took years to complete.

This past summer the club held a "Bash at the Beach" in August. Shadowing our annual "Camporee" events, this family-friendly weekend was full of fun activities. It would not have been possible without Matt Wilkins and Heather Hayward and their hardworking event committee. It was good to see this summer event return and how well it was attended and supported by our members. I hope all of you continue to support this event in the future. It's a great way to stay in contact or get to know fellow members of AMSA.

As summer ends, our main focus now is the annual RONALD BOUNDS MEMORIAL SURF FISHING TOURNAMENT. This is our largest event of the year and is crucial to the club financially. This year the tournament will be held October 16-18 and it is our 22nd year.

In closing, after completing ten consecutive years as AMSA president, I feel it is my time to move on. I will not completely leave the board room, but I want to give others a chance to step up and make a difference. It has been great to see past board members return and younger members step up! I look forward to working alongside the new president and executive board.

THANK YOU to my family and friends that have stood beside me these past 10 years to keep this awesome club moving in a positive direction. I look forward to many more!

See you on the beach!

Danny Morris #127

AMSA President



*Thank
You*

After a six-year hiatus, AMSA's summer gathering made an exciting return to Assateague Island—and our members made it a tremendous success! Although the Beach Bash came together in just a few months, the turnout and support exceeded expectations. Seeing so many AMSA members reconnect, relax, and enjoy a beautiful weekend on the beach was a powerful reminder of what makes our club special. With great weather, manageable flies, and plenty of camaraderie, it was a weekend to remember.

Member feedback—both during the weekend and through the follow-up survey—was overwhelmingly positive. The wing contest drew an enthusiastic crowd, while the horseshoe, volleyball, and cornhole tournaments kept the friendly competition going. Most importantly, the event gave our membership a fun, welcoming opportunity to spend time together and strengthen the connections that make AMSA such a great community.

A special thank-you goes to our outstanding committee members—Nick Sapp, Micky Wisseman, Devlin Deem, Walt Johnson, and Heather Hayward—for helping bring the Beach Bash to life. We also appreciate every member who volunteered to lead an activity, assist with setup or cleanup, secure a donation, or lend a hand wherever it was needed. Your time, energy, and support made this event possible.

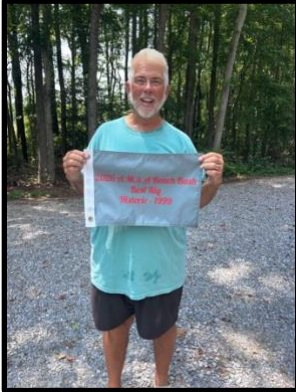
Thanks to your feedback—and the lessons we learned this year—we now have a strong blueprint for making the AMSA Beach Bash an annual tradition. We're excited to announce that it will return August 6–8, 2027, so mark your calendars now! Next year, we hope to welcome even more current members and introduce new members to the AMSA community. If you have friends who heard about the fun and want to join us, encourage them to become AMSA members so they can be part of the 2027 Beach Bash.

Save the date, spread the word, and get ready for another unforgettable weekend with AMSA!

More details about the 2027 event will be shared after the new year. Until then, we wish all our members a wonderful fall and winter.

Thanks,
Matt Wilkins AMSA #514
AMSA Director

AMSA Beach Bash!



**22ND ANNUAL AMSA RONALD BOUNDS
MEMORIAL SURF FISHING TOURNAMENT
OCTOBER 16 – 18, 2026**

WE NEED YOUR HELP TO MAKE THIS YEAR'S TOURNAMENT A SUCCESS!

Volunteers are always welcome!

Whether you can give a little time or lend a hand throughout the weekend, your help is greatly appreciated.

Donations are also needed!

Your generosity helps us make this special tournament fun, memorable, and successful for everyone involved.

VOLUNTEER * DONATE * GET INVOLVED

Together, let's make the 22nd Annual Ronald Bounds Memorial Surf Fishing Tournament one to remember!

TOURNAMENT APPAREL





2026 A.M.S.A. TOURNAMENT

PRICES 

SHORT SLEEVE... \$20
Color: Military Green / Heather

LONG SLEEVE... \$35
Color: Pepper (w/ front pocket)

HOODIE... \$50
Color: Woodland Brown

KOOZIES... \$5

New Design →



CASH OR CREDIT CARD

2026 A.M.S.A. EVENT CALENDAR

Event	Date
Board of Director's Meeting **ALL MEMBERS ARE WELCOME**	3 rd Wednesday of each month at 7:30 pm
22 nd Annual AMSA Ronald Bounds Memorial Surf Fishing Tournament	October 16-18, 2026
Nominations of AMSA Officers and Board of Directors	October 21, 2026
AMSA Membership Renewals	December 31, 2026



Stay Tuned – AMSA will be
broadcasting live on the
radio on October 5, 2026

**LOOK FOR
AMSA
AT THE**

**OC RV
SHOW**

OCTOBER 29 – NOVEMBER 1, 2026
ROLAND E. POWELL CONVENTION CENTER • OCEAN CITY, MD

*While you're checking out the RVs, custom vans, outdoor gear
and everything the show has to offer,
be sure to stop by the **AMSA booth** and say hello!*

- MEET
FELLOW BEACH &
SURF FISHING
ENTHUSIASTS**
- LEARN MORE
ABOUT
AMSA**
- CHECK OUT
AMSA
MERCHANDISE**
- FIND OUT
HOW YOU CAN
GET INVOLVED**
- HELP US CONTINUE
PROTECTING AND
PROMOTING ACCESS TO
ASSATEAGUE ISLAND**

**MORE DETAILS
COMING SOON!**

*Already an AMSA member?
Stop by and see us!
Not a member yet?
Come find out what AMSA is all about!*

**RV's + Fishing +
The Beach =
A GREAT WEEKEND
IN OCEAN CITY!**



Get INVOLVED!

It's **ELECTION TIME** *Again!*

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 keep our beach accessible to vehicle use, and each year the association elects officers and directors to take care of all the AMSA business.

ARE YOU willing to become an officer or director and to serve the Club and represent the other members' interests on beach related topics?

IF SO, WE WANT YOU!

Please complete the interest form below.
We need and encourage you to come and join us.

 **MAILED NOMINATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY:
OCTOBER 17, 2026**

 **NOMINATIONS DELIVERED IN PERSON WILL BE ACCEPTED
BEFORE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING ON
OCTOBER 21, 2026
BEFORE 7:30 P.M.**

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 2027. I understand the eligibility requirements as stated under Article IX and Article X under the AMSA bylaws.

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 RECEIVED BY OCTOBER 17, 2026, OR HAND DELIVERED TO AMSA PROPERTY ON OCTOBER 21, 2026, NO LATER THAN 7:30 P.M. BEFORE THE START OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING.

For Membership Secretary:

AMSA # _____

Date Joined: _____

NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 2027

Assateague Mobile Sportfishermen's Association

www.keepersofthebeach.com

Instructions: Please complete the following information and mail in the completed application with your check for \$40, made payable to AMSA. New memberships are approved at the monthly board meetings, held the 3rd Wednesday of every month. After you are approved for membership you will be mailed your tag and registration card.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Age: _____ Home Phone: _____

Business Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email address: _____

All event information and newsletters will be **emailed** to all current members and posted on the website. Please provide a current email address.

AFFIDAVIT

I will uphold the Code of Ethics of AMSA at all times.

New Member Signature: _____

Mail payment and application to:

Membership Secretary

PO Box 106

Berlin, MD 21811

amsamember@gmail.com

2027 AMSA MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

PLEASE USE A **SEPARATE FORM** FOR EACH MEMBERSHIP NUMBER. Forms may be mailed together with one check. **PAY DUES BY JAN. 31 2027 TO AVOID LATE FEE.** Thank you

AMSA Tag No. _____

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

HOME PHONE: _____ WORK PHONE: _____ CELL PHONE: _____

❖ ADDRESS CHANGE FROM LAST YEAR: _____ YES _____ NO

**EVENT INFORMATION AND NEWSLETTERS WILL BE SENT BY EMAIL AND PLACED ON THE
AMSA WEBSITE. www.keepersofthebeach.com
PLEASE PROVIDE A CURRENT EMAIL ADDRESS.**

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

To replace your tag or get an extra tag, please submit **\$30.00 per extra/replacement tag** requested. Extra tags can only be ordered between December 1st and March 31st.

❖ # of Additional/Replacement Tags: _____

❖ Number of Stickers needed for tags you already have: _____

Annual Renewal Dues \$30.00 \$ _____

Senior Membership \$15.00 \$ _____
(age 62 & older)

Replacement/Additional \$30.00 each \$ _____
Tag Fee

Add Late Fee – After Jan. 31 \$15.00 \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____

Include check for correct amount made to AMSA, place membership number on check and enclose with this form.

MAIL TO:

AMSA Membership Secretary

PO Box 106

Berlin, MD 21811

410-430-9480

amsamember@gmail.com

NOTE – As of 2019 – we will no longer have an annual AMSA Handbook. Event information and newsletters will be posted on the AMSA website and emailed. Please be sure to provide a current email address so you do not miss any information.

2027 JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION & RENEWAL

PLEASE USE A NEW FORM FOR EACH MEMBERSHIP NUMBER.

Forms may be mailed together with one check.

NEW Membership: _____ RENEWAL of Jr. Membership: _____

DUES - \$15.00 per child, Renewal each year.

NAME: _____ Jr. #: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

HOME PHONE: _____ DATE OF BIRTH: _____ AGE: _____ GENDER: _____

PARENT'S NAME: _____ AMSA #: _____

PARENT'S ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PARENT PHONE#: _____

AFFIDAVIT

I will uphold the Code of Ethics of AMSA at all times and abide by the Junior Members standard operating procedures.

Junior Member Signature: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please Mail to: Membership Secretary, P.O. Box 106, Berlin, MD 21811



Friendly Reminder:

Stay connected and continue enjoying all that AMSA has to offer! Renew your membership to keep receiving newsletters, stay informed about upcoming events, and support the mission.

Let's keep the momentum going – encourage friends and family to join, get involved and help us preserve what matters most.

Together, we're committed to keeping beaches accessible while respecting and protecting Assateague.

**AMSA is accepting online membership payments!**

Memberships must be in good standing or be a new member application to pay online. A late fee is included in all renewals submitted after January 31st. Processing fees apply to online payments only - no processing fees will be charged if you choose to mail in your membership forms.

You can still Pay By Mail:

For members that wish to pay by mail, membership forms are available on our website and should be mailed to Membership Secretary, P.O. Box 106, Berlin, MD 21811.

All membership information can be found on our website at <https://keepersofthebeach.com/membership>.

Membership questions, address changes, and email changes can now be emailed directly to the Membership Secretary, by using the following email address: amsamember@gmail.com.

If you have any questions or need assistance, don't hesitate to reach out - we're happy to help! Thanks for your continued support of AMSA.

2026 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Officers

President – Danny Morris
 Vice President – Nicholas Sapp
 Treasurer – Patrick Townsend
 Recording Secretary – Mike Todd
 Membership Secretary – Lisa Morris
 Corresponding Secretary – Terry Townsend

Board of Directors

Rick Boyd	Tommy Morris
Fletcher Case	Jay Ragains
Jodi Holland	Brian Robbins
Wayne Holland	Mike Sapp
Carol Morris	Matt Wilkins
Evan Morris	

Associate Directors

Devlin Deem	Claude Holland
Eric Grepps	Kim Ragains
Heather Haywood	Micky Wisseman