



A.M.S.A. NEWSLETTER

November 2024

ASSATEAGUE MOBILE SPORTFISHERMEN'S ASSOCIATION, INC.

Dear A.M.S.A. Members,

As we move into fall and the end of 2024, I would like to thank our membership for the support. Our great officers, directors, and associate directors have come together to ensure the success of our events and tasks at hand. The last eight years as AMSA president has had its challenges as well as accomplishments. As our older members move on, many new and younger members have been stepping up, willing to get involved.

Over these past few years, AMSA has made improvements to the club property on Eagles Nest Road. Old lifeless trees and debris have been removed and the old steel well has been replaced. The original house on the property that is old, and collapsing will soon be removed. AMSA has executed these tasks without pulling funds from our savings. Events such as the spring and fall BBQ fundraisers and the Ronald Bounds Memorial Fishing tournament have raised necessary funds to cover these important costs. Additional funds were raised to allow us to award a graduating high school senior (with parent member) our annual scholarship.

AMSA does continue to face a few challenges. The outdated GVW rule for the OSV is a concern. National Park Service Superintendent stated, "A request has been proposed and a public comment period will be announced soon." This is an

important issue for the usability of the OSV for our members and even non-members. We will continue to keep our members informed on any new developments on this topic. Another challenge for our club is the decline in membership. We should all encourage our friends and any OSV users to join our organization to help protect our access of Assateague Island.

As we continue to fight for beach access, a recent development in our organization was bringing back "ABBA" - Assateague Beach Buggy Association. This was the original club name that we have officially licensed recently. As we approach our 60th anniversary we are excited to incorporate this name again for our club.

In closing, I would like to invite any member to become more involved by attending our monthly meetings and to consider stepping into a role in our board of directors. The board meets at our property building every third Wednesday each month at 7:30pm. New faces are always welcome. I appreciate all of you that help to protect our beach access for today and the future generations to come.

Danny Morris #127
AMSA President

20TH ANNUAL A.M.S.A. RONALD BOUNDS MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT

OCTOBER 18-20, 2024



Dear Fellow Anglers,

We hope this message finds you well. It was with a heavy heart that we had to cancel the 20th Annual AMSA Fishing Tournament in October. This was an unfortunate circumstance due to the weather, extreme high tides and a supermoon that forced the National Park Service to close the beach for everyone's safety. This was difficult as we know how much we all look forward to this event.

We would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude for your incredible support and enthusiasm. Your dedication in turning out year after year is what makes this event so special, and we truly appreciate your continued commitment to AMSA.

Please mark your calendars for October 2025, as we look forward to welcoming everyone back for next year's tournament. We are excited to make it a memorable one and can't wait to see you there.

Thank you once again for your understanding, support, and enthusiasm for the AMSA fishing tournament. We are looking forward to a fantastic event next year.

Warm Regards,
Jay Ragains

THANK YOU!!!
To the teams and all the volunteers who helped make this event successful!

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 members' interests 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 received by: November 16, 2024. Nominations delivered in person will be accepted before the Board of Directors' meeting on November 20, 2024, 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 2025. 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 NOVEMBER 16, 2024, OR HAND DELIVERED TO AMSA PROPERTY ON NOVEMBER 20, 2024, NO LATER THAN 7:30 P.M. BEFORE THE START OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING.

2025 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, 2025 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

**ALL FUTURE QUARTERLY 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 <i>(age 62 & older)</i>	\$15.00	\$ _____
Replacement/Additional Tag Fee	\$30.00 each	\$ _____
Late Fee – <u>After Jan. 31</u>	\$15.00	\$ _____
TOTAL ENCLOSED:		\$ _____

MAIL TO:
 AMSA Membership Secretary
 PO Box 106
 Berlin, MD 21811
 410-430-9480

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

NOTE – As of 2019 – we will no longer have an annual AMSA Handbook. Event information and quarterly 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.

ABBA Tag Order Form

Assateague Beach Buggy Association Tag



Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone #: _____

AMSA #: _____ (Please use 1 form per AMSA #)

MEMBERSHIP MUST BE IN GOOD STANDING

of Tags: _____ (\$30 per Tag)

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____
(Make checks payable to: AMSA)

Deadline to Order ABBA Tag (for 2025) – March 1st, 2025

Mail Order Form and Payment to:

Lisa Morris
PO Box 106
Berlin, MD 21811

We will arrange a Pick-Up Date when Tags are ready
If not able to be picked up the tag will be mailed after that date.

Questions: Call or Email Lisa Morris
410-430-9480 / lrmorris16@gmail.com

2025 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 - \$12.50 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



2025 AMSA LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP UPDATE FORM

Do we have your correct information on file?? We are asking Lifetime members to update their information if there have been changes. Please fill form in COMPLETELY so we can update our records. - Thank you for your time.

Please print clearly.

AMSA Tag No. _____

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

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

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EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

MAIL TO:
AMSA Membership Secretary
PO Box 106
Berlin, MD 21811
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For Membership Secretary: AMSA # _____ Date Joined: _____

NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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 quarterly newsletters will be **emailed** to all current members and posted on the website. They will no longer be mailed. Please provide a current email address.

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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

TAG OPTION for 2025:

I would like the **Current AMSA Tag** with my membership.



I would like the **New ABBA Tag** with my membership.

