



# A.M.S.A. NEWSLETTER

Volume 1 – 2021

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ASSATEAGUE MOBILE SPORTFISHERMEN'S ASSOCIATION, INC.

## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK—DANNY MORRIS

A.M.S.A. Members,

Welcome to spring. Finally, a break in weather and fishing...so I hear (at this time I have been unable to do so). The drum and small rockfish are there for the ones making the trip to Assateague Island. Hopefully this is a good sign for the year to come.

A.M.S.A. has a few things coming up soon. Beach clean-up was on April 24<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to everyone who volunteered. Save the date for a tentative camporee, August 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> (the next few months will let us know). The club's successful "Ronald Bounds Invitational" fishing tournament team event is aiming for October 22<sup>nd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>.

As always, any member is welcome and encouraged to attend the monthly directors' meetings on the third Wednesday of each month, 7:30pm at the property. New faces are more than welcome.

As summer approaches and beach travel becomes steady, please remember our Code of Ethics put in place in 1966 as they still stand strong for all beach travelers.

Danny Morris #127  
2021 A.M.S.A. President

### CODE OF ETHICS

1. To enter and leave beaches in prescribed ways.
2. To eliminate speeding and reckless driving and observe the posted speed limits at all times and observe a speed limit of not more than 15 miles per hour when approaching other vehicles or pedestrians.
3. To respect local, state, and national ordinances and the right of property owners, particularly in regard to camping.
4. To offer aid to any fisherman or buggy owner in trouble on the beach.
5. To respect picnicking and bathing groups by (a) avoiding them whenever possible and (b) slowing to minimum speed when passing picnicking or bathing groups.
6. To avoid littering the beach with trash, cans/bottles, etc., by using trash barrels when available, or by removing from beach.
7. To leave no dead fish or bait of any kind above the high water mark. Throw dead fish and bait back into the surf where they will be found by seagulls and scavengers.
8. To use public toilets when available or self-contained units owned by the members or others to refrain at all times from using any portion of the public beach for toilet purposes.
9. To avoid overcrowding of any one area and elbowing other fishermen out of their chosen spots. This is particularly important where fishermen without buggies are concentrated.
10. To leave the track when a halt is made, so that other buggies will not be forced to detour.
11. To fill holes after getting stuck and to avoid indiscriminately crisscrossing tracks.
12. To observe the rules of common courtesy on the beach.
13. When two vehicles approach in the same track, both operators must slow, and the operator with the ocean on his right should yield to allow the other to pass. Pedestrians and people on horseback have the right of way.
14. Operator of the vehicle must be behind the steering wheel when the vehicle is in motion.
15. The AMSA registration number shall be removed when transfer of ownership is made. When the member is no longer on the list of active members of the club, the plate must be returned.
16. "Hot Rodding" is dangerous and is prohibited.
17. Do not drive at night without lights, but when approaching fishermen, drive behind them and avoid shining lights on fishermen and water.
18. The AMSA registration numbers should be prominently displayed on the vehicles of an active member.

## MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY INFORMATION:

**PLEASE** mail all Membership Information to Membership Secretary, P.O. Box 106, Berlin, MD 21811. Questions can be directed to Lisa Morris at 410-430-9480 or [lr Morris16@gmail.com](mailto:lr Morris16@gmail.com).

## MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

We would like to welcome the following NEW Members to AMSA as of April 2021:

Vicki Ennis #686  
 Benjamin Lefever #550  
 Thomas Lefever #549  
 Bryan Rogers #809  
 John Nottingham #697  
 Chloe Welch #646  
 Jodi Holland #1040

Ryan Holland #476  
 Sean Wilson #477  
 Eric Maguder #544  
 Dale Holland #557  
 Jim Friedel #589  
 Melanie Holt #593  
 Kent Dickerson #658

## LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP REQUEST

Fred Parkhurst #692  
 Michael McCabe #96  
 Rob Sasko #1248  
 Roger A. Steger Sr. #750  
 Roger Steger Jr. #582

Joby Lewis #293  
 Becky Beauchamp #312  
 Joseph Truitt #350  
 Violet Moore #601  
 Lora Hastings #13

## REPLACEMENT/EXTRA TAGS

Replacement/Extra Tags that were orders from January 2021 to March 2021 have been ordered as of April 1, 2021 and will be mailed out as soon as they come in.



# 2021 Camporee Reminder



Your membership dues must be current and your membership in good standing prior to July 1, 2021 in order to attend Camporee.

# EVENTS

# SAVE THE DATE.....



Thank you to everyone who volunteered at the Beach Clean-Up!



Let us provide your lunch on May 8<sup>th</sup> and you'll be supporting AMSA Scholarship Fund!

keepersofthebeach.com

**A.M.S.A.**  
**FUNDRAISER**



**Sat. May 8th**  
**PORK BBQ**  
**\$10 platters**

Includes Pulled Pork BBQ, Roll, Baked Beans & Bagged Chips.

**11:00am - sold out**



8847 Eagles Nest Rd.  
Berlin, MD  
(just before Castaways)



**17<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL AMSA RONALD BOUNDS MEMORIAL**  
**SURF FISHING TOURNAMENT**  
**October 22 – 24, 2021**

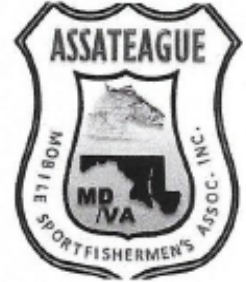
2021 ENTRY FORM

17<sup>TH</sup> Annual Ronald Bounds A.M.S.A.

Memorial Surf Fishing Tournament

Assateague Island National Seashore

October 22<sup>nd</sup> thru 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021



Due to limitations set forth by the National Park Service, each team is limited to 2 vehicles on the beach. If a team violates this rule, their scores from that session may be forfeited. Each vehicle used on the beach will be required to have an OSV permit form the National Park Service. Each participant must hold a valid Maryland Saltwater Fishing License. This year's entry fee will be \$360.00.

Name of Team: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Captain: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address of contact person for team:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Evening phone: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Make checks payable to Assateague Mobile Sportfishermen's Association:**

Enclosed is check number: \_\_\_\_\_ for \$360.00 dated \_\_\_\_\_

Team Members Names:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate next to each team member name whether they are male or female, and write minor next to the name if the team member is under 18 years old.

**Please return entry form by August 13, 2021 to:**

AMSA  
C/O Jay Ragains  
5947 Saddle Drive  
Salisbury, Md. 21801

**\*\* PRIZES - \$3500.00 in prize money**

**First place \$2000**

**Second place \$1000**

**Third place \$500**

**3 session winners - trophy**

**Top Male & Female – Trophy**

**Largest Fish – Trophy**

**\*\*PLEASE SIGN WAIVER ON THE REVERSE SIDE**

## WAIVER FOR PARTICIPANTS OF THE AMSA FISHING TOURNAMENT

Your team captain, or your designated person who registered your team for his/her team members 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 member's 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 National Seashore Park. All other functions are held at the AMSA property. The Park Service and the AMSA insist that the 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 the anglers must make arrangements to ride together. It is suggested that anglers arrive at the beach early. When the beach reaches the 145 vehicle limit, the Park Service will enforce limited beach access by admitting one vehicle on the beach when one vehicle leaves the beach. Sometimes a vehicle has to wait for several hours for beach access. It is the responsibility of the angler to obtain beach access, NOT the responsibility of the tournament holders. Registration fees will NOT be refunded if angler has to wait in line for beach access or is denied beach access.

By signing this waiver, participants are also granting permission to use name and pictures for advertising, promotions and/or press releases. Minors (under 18 years of age) must have written permission from 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: \_\_\_\_\_

### \*\* PRIZE CLAUSE:

Prizes and prize money are based on a minimum of 15 teams participating. AMSA reserves the right to adjust prizes and prize money at their discretion.

## 2021 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



## 2021 AMSA MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

PLEASE USE A **SEPARATE FORM** FOR EACH MEMBERSHIP NUMBER. Forms may be mailed together with one check. **PAY DUES BY DEC. 31 2020 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](http://www.keepersofthebeach.com)  
PLEASE PROVIDE A CURRENT EMAIL ADDRESS.**

EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

To replace your tag or get an extra tag, please submit \$20.00 per extra/replacement tag requested. Extra tags can only be ordered between December 1<sup>st</sup> and March 31<sup>st</sup>.

❖ # of Additional/Replacement Tags: \_\_\_\_\_

❖ Number of Stickers needed for tags you already have: \_\_\_\_\_

Annual Renewal Dues	\$25.00	\$ _____
Senior Membership <i>(age 62 &amp; older)</i>	\$12.50	\$ _____
Replacement Tag Fee	\$20.00 each	\$ _____
Additional Tag Fee	\$20.00 each	\$ _____
Late Fee – <b>After Jan. 31</b>	\$12.50	\$ _____
<b>TOTAL ENCLOSED:</b>		\$ _____

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.

For Membership Secretary: AMSA # _____ Date Joined: _____
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## NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Assateague Mobile Sportfishermen's Association

[www.keepersofthebeach.com](http://www.keepersofthebeach.com)

Instructions: Please complete the following information and mail in the completed application with your check for \$35, made payable to AMSA. New memberships are approved at the monthly board meetings, held the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

### 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



# Information Update Request

## 2021 AMSA LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP UPDATE FORM

**Do we have your correct information on file??** We are asking all Lifetime members to update their information so we have correct records. 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: \_\_\_\_\_

**ALL FUTURE QUARTERLY NEWSLETTERS WILL BE SENT BY EMAIL AND PLACED  
ON THE AMSA WEBSITE. [www.keepersofthebeach.com](http://www.keepersofthebeach.com)  
PLEASE PROVIDE A CURRENT EMAIL ADDRESS.**

EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

If you do NOT have access to computer or email to get the quarterly newsletter - please check this box.

MAIL TO:

AMSA Membership Secretary

PO Box 106

Berlin, MD 21811

410-430-9480

## Application for 2021 AMSA Scholarship

AMSA offers one \$1000 scholarship to a high school senior who is a child of an AMSA members in good standing.

STUDENT'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_ SS# \_\_\_\_\_

AMSA JUNIOR MEMBER? \_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO JUNIOR NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

HOME ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PARENT'S AMSA NO. \_\_\_\_\_

### LIST THE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION WHERE YOU HAVE APPLIED OR PLAN TO APPLY.

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### HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION:

NAME OF HIGH SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

CLASS RANK (#/#) \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE POINT AVERAGE \_\_\_\_\_ WEIGHTED GPA \_\_\_\_\_

### PLEASE ATTACH TO APPLICATION:

1. Two (2) letters of reference from employer or school personnel.
2. List of participation in high school activities, civic, church or other benevolent organizations. (Please include AMSA activities that you have participated in).
3. Essay that includes why you feel you are an outstanding candidate for the scholarship and what AMSA and/or Assateague Island means to you, no more than two (2) pages.
4. High school transcript.

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

**(PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN MUST BE AN AMSA MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING)**

**SUBMIT APPLICATION TO:** AMSA SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE, Lisa Morris, 33399 Dagsboro Road, Parsonsburg, MD 21849 Phone: 410-430-9480, [lmorris16@gmail.com](mailto:lmorris16@gmail.com)

**Completed application MUST be postmarked by Friday, ~~April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021~~ MAY 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021.**  
**All scholarship money must be used by December 31, 2021.**

## 2021 ASSATEAGUE MOBILE SPORTFISHERMEN'S EVENT CALENDAR

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>
Board of Director's Meeting <b>**ALL WELCOME**</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month
Beach Clean-Up	April 24, 2021
AMSA Scholarship Filing Deadline	May 1, 2021
AMSA Free Fishing Tournament Fee Drawing	May 19, 2021, before start of meeting
Take a Kid Fishing	June 2021
Camporee Registration Deadline	July 2021
Camporee	August 6-8, 2021
Nominations of AMSA Officers and Board of Directors	October 20, 2021
17 <sup>th</sup> Annual AMSA Ronald Bounds Memorial Surf Fishing Tournament	October 22-24, 2021
AMSA Membership Renewals	December 31, 2021

### AMSA MEMBERSHIP FISHING CONTEST

Contest Open To: All current AMSA members

Contest Dates: Year-Round – Begins November 1 and ends October 31 of each year. Trophies will be awarded for the largest fish caught in each species. Awards are presented at the Annual Meeting.

You may take your fish to an official AMSA Weigh Station (Buck's Place, Rt. 611, Berlin, MD) and have your fish measured and the information recorded on an official AMSA entry blank and signed by the weighmaster at the weigh station.

Or register your fish by mail: You must take two pictures of your fish: 1- 1<sup>st</sup> photo must show your fish lying flat on a measuring device with the fish's mouth closed and butted up to the beginning end of the measuring device, 2- 2<sup>nd</sup> photo must be a close up picture showing the tail length on the measuring device in order to be able to read the numbers on the measuring device. Mail the pictures, your name & address, AMSA number, and the fish info to: AMSA Fishing Tournament Committee, P.O. Box 106, Berlin, MD 21811.

Eligible Species: Red Drum, Black Drum, Kingfish (Whiting), Bluefish, Speckled Trout, Grey Trout, Founder, Croaker, Rockfish

Contest is for members in good standing and all fish must be caught in surf on Assateague Island, Maryland or Virginia.

You are always invited to submit articles & comments for the next newsletter. To submit please contact Terry Townsend, Corresponding Secretary at [newsletter@keepersofthebeach.com](mailto:newsletter@keepersofthebeach.com)

### WE NEED YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS

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 Corresponding Secretary by sending to [newsletter@keepersofthebeach.com](mailto:newsletter@keepersofthebeach.com) or call 443-880-2415. Include your full name, AMSA membership number, mailing address, home phone number and email address. Remember the newsletters can also be viewed on our AMSA website: [keepersofthebeach.com](http://keepersofthebeach.com)

Thanking you in advance for your assistance.  
Terry Townsend - Corresponding Secretary

<b>2021 Board of Directors</b>
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A.M.S.A.

P.O. Box 106

Berlin, MD 21811