



A.M.S.A. NEWSLETTER

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ASSATEAGUE MOBILE SPORTFISHERMEN'S ASSOCIATION, INC.

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK—DANNY MORRIS

A.M.S.A. Members,

To start, I hope this letter finds all members and their families healthy and safe.

2020 has been challenging for many of us and we are still facing restrictions. Our board of directors made the difficult decision to cancel Camporee 2020, after 50 straight years. The park service was and is more than willing to allow AMSA to hold the event under guidelines set by the state and providing social distancing requirements were included in our permit. With social distancing guidelines in place and a limit of 50 on all gatherings, the board agreed the safety and well-being of our members is the priority. It is our hope that all members understand our position and support it. Please keep in mind, the beach and Bull Pen are open for use with appropriate permits.

The Ronald Bounds Annual Surf Fishing Tournament will be held, Oct. 16th-18th. This event will be managed using state mandated guidelines. Teams of six will compete against some of the greatest on the east coast. Tournament and registration information can be found on our website. Keep in mind this is a cash tournament paying \$2,000 to first place, \$1,000 to second place and \$500 to third place. Members are more than welcome to enter this contest and we would love to see our membership come out to support our own tournament. As always, volunteers are needed, and any donations and sponsorships are appreciated.

This summer, a new Park Service Superintendent has taken the post. Hugh Hawthorne is new to our area and is taking this time to better understand Assateague and how it operates. We look forward to meeting with him soon to hopefully keep the close relationship between the park service and AMSA. I look forward to continuing an open communication with the superintendent and park officers to maintain OSV access.

Over the winter months, much work was done to maintain and upgrade the AMSA property. Hundreds of manhours have been spent by volunteers to clear bamboo on the property as well as upgrading the electrical service and improve our meeting space. All this hard work will ensure AMSA has a strong base and will continue to have a voice for Assateague Island OSV.

Stay Safe!

Danny Morris #127
2020 A.M.S.A. President

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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.

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION AS OF JULY 2020

We would like to welcome the following NEW Members to AMSA as of July 2020:

Shane Baker #778
Gage Williams #780
Ryan Walton #276
Clayton Horner #386
Robert Webster #504

LIFETIME MEMBERS – changes in information

Please remember to forward to the Membership Secretary any address changes and email changes.

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Berlin, MD. 21811

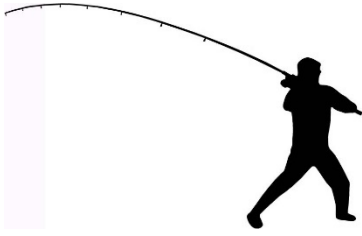
2020 AMSA SCHOLARSHIP WINNER – Chloe Welch

Chloe Welch received the 2020 AMSA Scholarship. She graduated from Parkside High School with a GPA of 4.11. Chloe is a member of the Parkside Band, Parkside Softball Team, National Honor Society, Music Honor Society, Science Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, and Jerusalem UMC.

Chloe will be attending Wor-Wic Community College in the Fall.



WINNERS OF THE FISHING TOURNAMENT DRAWS



The following have been selected to represent AMSA in the Hatteras Village Invitational Tournament scheduled in September 2020; the OCSA Mid Atlantic Fishing Tournament scheduled in October 2020; and the CHAC Surf Fishing Tournament scheduled in November 2020. The team captain has the privilege to select 5 team members of their choice from AMSA members to represent the club at the tournament. **Each person in your team must be an AMSA member in good standing to participate in the tournament.** This opportunity is given

to the team captain and cannot be transferred. As a team captain, you must fish the entire tournament with your team. If the team captain is unable to personally fish the tournament, you shall forfeit. It will be your responsibility to contact AMSA to contact the backup team. The opportunity will then be given to the drawn alternate team captain and his/her choice of 5 AMSA members, in good standing, that make up their team. The drawings were held at the May 2020 Board of Directors' meeting.

Hatteras Village Invitational Captain: Danny Morris Alternate: Chris Pittas

OCSA Mid Atlantic Fishing Tournament – **Tournament Canceled**

Team 1 Captain: Steve Biscoe Alternate: Chris Lynch
Team 2 Captain: Carey Biscoe Alternate: Chris Pittas

CHAC Surf Fishing Tournament – **Tournament Canceled**

Team 1 Captain: Lisa Morris Alternate: Chris Lynch
Team 2 Captain: Terry Townsend Alternate: Chris Welch



16th Annual AMSA Ronald Bounds Memorial
Surf Fishing Tournament

October 16 – 18, 2020



2020 Entry Form, participant waiver form and tournament rules can all be found on the A.M.S.A. website.

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Greetings Anglers,

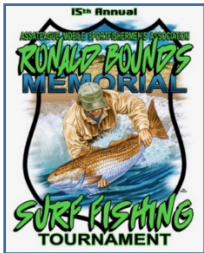
It is now time to register for AMSA's fall surf fishing tournament. AMSA is holding our 16th Annual AMSA Surf Fishing Tournament. This will be a 6 man tournament and will be held on Assateague National Seashore. All other functions will be held at the AMSA property. The tournament will have cash prizes.

The tournament has limited slots as the National Park Service limits the number of vehicles on the beach to 145. Please register early to reserve your slot. It is imperative that the anglers participating in the tournament make arrangements to ride together, and we suggest that the anglers arrive at the beach early. During the tournament each team will be limited to 2 vehicles. 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. At peak times a vehicle may have to wait several hours for beach access. It is the responsibility of the angler to gain 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 access. Thank you for your cooperation.

Attached you will find a 2020 entry form for the tournament. The tournament will be held on October 16th – 18th, 2020. The entry fees will be \$360.00 per team. The 2020 Surf Fishing Tournament Committee looks forward to seeing you. For further information on the tournament, you may contact Jay Ragains by email at ragainsj@comcast.net, or by phone at 410-742-0713.

Sincerely,

Jay Ragains, Committee Chairman



**16TH Annual Ronald Bouds A.M.S.A.
Memorial Surf Fishing Tournament
Assateague Island National Seashore
October 16th thru 18th, 2020**

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

**Team Headquarters will be located at the AMSA Property
(8847 Eagles Nest Rd, Berlin, Maryland)**

Friday, October 16, 2020:

4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
6:00 p.m.
6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Team Registration
Team Captains report for mandatory Captain's meeting at AMSA property
OPEN TO ALL TEAM MEMBERS - Beverages and dinner provided
DOOR PRIZES / 50-50 RAFFLE

Saturday, October 17, 2020:

7:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
12:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
6:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Morning Fishing Session
Lunch Break
Afternoon Fishing Session
Happy Hour and snacks
Dinner and Music
DOOR PRIZES / 50-50 RAFFLE

Sunday, October 18, 2020:

7:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
12:00 p.m.
12:30 p.m.

Morning Fishing Session
Points tally, beverages provided
Awards Presentation

**TOURNAMENT T-SHIRTS WILL BE ON SALE ALL 3 DAYS**

**** Requesting donations for tournament raffles ****
Email: newsletter@keepersofthebeach.com

2020 ENTRY FORM
16TH Annual Ronald Bounds A.M.S.A.
Memorial Surf Fishing Tournament
Assateague Island National Seashore
October 16th thru 18th, 2020



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 15, 2020 to:

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

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

**** 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

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.

2020 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



2020 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 2019 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 \$20.00 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	\$25.00	\$ _____
Senior Membership <i>(age 62 & older)</i>	\$12.50	\$ _____
Replacement Tag Fee	\$20.00 each	\$ _____
Additional Tag Fee	\$20.00 each	\$ _____
Late Fee – After Jan. 31	\$12.50	\$ _____
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.

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 \$35, 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.

AFFIDAVIT

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New Member Signature: _____

Mail payment and application to:
Membership Secretary
PO Box 106
Berlin, MD 21811

2020 ASSATEAGUE MOBILE SPORTFISHERMEN'S EVENT CALENDAR

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>
Board of Director's Meeting **ALL WELCOME**	3 rd Wednesday of each month
Nominations of AMSA Officers and Board of Directors	October 21, 2020
16 th Annual AMSA Ronald Bounds Memorial Surf Fishing Tournament	October 16-18, 2020
AMSA Membership Renewals	December 31, 2020

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- 1st 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- 2nd 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

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 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

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

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Nicholas Sapp

**GENERAL MAILING ADDRESS**

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