

A.M.S.A. NEWSLETTER

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ASSATEAGUE MOBILE SPORTFISHERMEN'S ASSOCIATION, INC.

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK—DANNY MORRIS

I hope everyone reading this letter had a great summer and is doing well. Summer might be at an end, but the fishing season is just beginning.

A.M.S.A. has done well this year with maintaining membership, welcoming many new, as well as holding a few fundraisers. The next and most important one is October 18th-20th, the Ronald Bounds Memorial Tournament. Director Jay Ragains is our chairperson for this event and he would be glad to accept any help or donations. More information is available online.

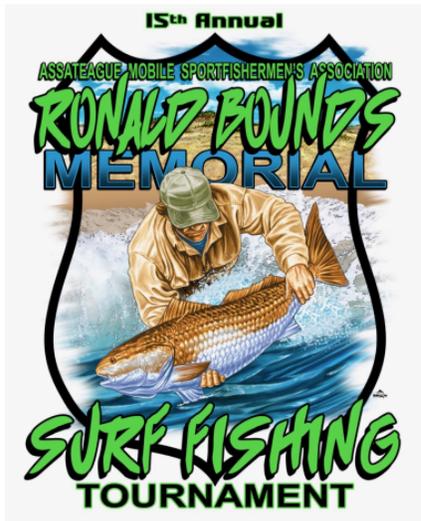
Chairperson and director Mike Sapp was able to pull off another fun-filled Camporee. From our research this past year was the 50th event for the club. He has agreed to chair again for 2020.

The 2019 Board is coming to a close very soon. I would like to thank all of them for working together to make A.M.S.A. a strong organization to be here for generations. As always, we stay in contact with the Park Service to assure beach access and services are what they should be.

As the year finalizes, A.M.S.A. will be looking for members to step up and run for board positions. If anyone has been considering being active in the club, please do so. New opinions are always welcome.

Again, look toward our webpage and Facebook for updates on events. All members are welcome to attend the monthly board meeting on the third Wednesday of each month at our property at 7:30pm.

Danny Morris #127
2019 A.M.S.A. President



Fishing Tournament Dates: October 18 - 20, 2019
Registration Deadline has been extended!!
**** Requesting donations for tournament raffles ****
Email: newsletter@keepersofthebeach.com

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2019 Camporee Wrap-Up:

August 9th through the 11th we celebrated our 50th AMSA Camporee, and with temperatures in the mid-eighties and lower than normal humidity, we couldn't have asked for a better weekend.

Our casting contests have become a Friday afternoon tradition, and the competition this year was tougher than ever. When the dust finally settled, Terry Townsend took the women's title, Danny Morris was the men's winner and for the third straight year Kaylin Garrahan was the children's accuracy winner. Jason Lewis took first place in the overall distance contest, and we would like to thank Jason for his contribution back to AMSA. We would also like to thank Jay Ragains for his donation of a tournament trophy that will be updated with the names of future winners and proudly displayed by Jay, at a location yet to be disclosed by Jay.

Saturday morning things got underway with the kid's games and bathing suit contest. This year's winners in the 4-year-old and younger category were Skylar Widgeon and Blake Phillips. The 5 to 8-year-old winners were brother and sister Kaylin and Jace Zervakos. Kaylin Garrahan and Dalton Kinsell were the 9 to 13-year-old winners and the girls 14 to 17-year-old winner was Kylie Boston.

Next up it was time for the fishing contests. Getting things started with a first place in the kid's division was Jace Zervakos. This year's men's winner was Scott West and Cindy Sapp took home the first place trophy for the ladies.

Saturday afternoon at Camporee means it's time for volleyball, and the competition once again proved to be as entertaining as it was tough. This year the Hootie Hoos prevailed, defended their title and keeping their winning streak alive.

Saturday Evening, after the last award was handed out and the sun began to set, Highly Explosive took the stage. It's been years since we've had a band perform at Camporee, and we certainly weren't disappointed. Highly Explosive proved to be one fun havin' band and I think that if quiet time didn't shut them down, they would've played until the generator ran dry.

This year Camporee also saw the return of our Sunday morning horseshoe tournament. The team of Chris Twilley and Steve Jones were the winners in the men's division, and the duo of Lisa Morris and Terry Townsend took the win for the ladies.

One of the most challenging things to do at Camporee each year is to judge the sand castle competition, and this year was no different. The judges had their work cut out for them, but after some tough deliberation, first place in the sand castle contest went to the Hickman's with the Zervakos family taking second.

Our best rig winners this year were Jason Lewis, Chris Pittas and Walt Johnson.

Hot dogs and crabs are always a Sunday afternoon favorite and this year was no different. And as the hot dogs and crabs began to disappear, so did Camporee 2019.

We would like to thank everyone that helped us make this year's event a success. Camporee is our largest and most costly event each year. Countless hours of planning and sacrifice by a small few makes Camporee possible each year, and each year has become more difficult than the last. In the months to come, Pat and I, along with the Board of Directors will take a serious look at the future of Camporee. As always, we would appreciate your input.

(Below is a complete list of each of our 50th AMSA Camporee winners.)

Michael Sapp #72, Chairman
seasapp@comcast.net
 443-783-0187

Patrick Townsend #630, Chairman
TownsendFamily@hughes.net
 302-381-7798

2019 Camporee Winners:

Bathing Suit Contest – Thanks for volunteering Carol Morris, Lisa Morris, Terry Townsend

Thank you judges: Lora Hudson, Lisa West, Jane Brock and Chris Pittas



Girls 0 – 4

- 1st – Skylar Widgeon
- 2nd – Madeline Hickman



Boys 0 – 4

- 1st – Blake Phillips
- 2nd – Dylan Savage



Girls 5 – 8

- 1st – Kaylin Zervakos
- 2nd – Brianna Cardillo



Boys 5 – 8

- 1st – Jace Zervakos
- 2nd – Chase Kinsell



Girls 9 – 13

- 1st – Kaylin Garrahan
- 2nd – Brianna Taylor



Boys 9 – 13

- 1st – Dalton Kinsell
- 2nd – Garrett Wickham



Girls 14 – 17

- 1st – Kylie Boston
- 2nd – Kimmi Adams

Thank you

Mark & Lora Hudson and

Scott & Lisa West for

Sponsoring the Kid's Games!

Casting Contest – Thanks for volunteering Mike, Cindy, & Nicholas Sapp and Carey Biscoe



Men's & Women's Accuracy:
Danny Morris & Terry Townsend



Kid's Accuracy:
Kaylin Garrahan



Distance:
Jason Lewis

Fishing Contests – Thanks for volunteering: Jay Ragains



Kid's
1st – Jace Zervakos
2nd – Brianna Taylor
3rd – Caden Phillips



Women's
1st – Cindy Sapp

Men's



1st – Scott West



2nd – Jason Lewis



3rd – Joe Chiorazzi

Volleyball – Thanks for volunteering: Evan Morris, Cody Morris, Spencer Marshall and Ryan Townsend



1st Place, Hootie Hoos-
John, Caleb and Chloe Welch, Steve Huffman, Brooks and Carrie Phillips



2nd Place, Wango Warriors-
Evan Morris, Cody Morris, Sarah Morris, Ryan Townsend, Hope Clark, Spencer Marshall and Hannah Clarke

Horseshoes – Thanks for volunteering: Mike Bradley and Craig Bradley



Men's:
Chris Twilley and Steve Jones



Women's:
Lisa Morris and Terry Townsend

Sand Castle Contest – Thanks for volunteering: Nicole Hardy



1st – The Hickman Family
2nd – The Zervakos Family



A special Thank You to everyone who isn't mentioned above that helped make this Camporee a success!!

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY INFORMATION:

Please send any questions regarding membership to Lisa Morris at 410-430-9480 or lr Morris16@gmail.com or mail all Membership Information to Membership Secretary, P.O. Box 106, Berlin, MD 21811.

NEW MEMBERSHIP

We would like to welcome the following NEW Members to AMSA as of August 2019:

- #846 - Stevie Huffman
- #847 - Crystal Roe
- #803 - Dean Wooten
- #804 - Megan Wooten
- #823 - Phil Watson
- #827 - Greg Nikolaus

- #830 - Adam Ehrisman
- #835 - Mace Smith
- #849 – David E. Lewis
- #862 – Kenneth Sigvardson
- #866 – Andrew Meyer

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: October 13, 2019. Nominations delivered in person will be accepted before the Board of Directors' meeting on October 16, 2019, 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 2020. 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 RECEIVED BY OCTOBER 13, 2019, OR HAND DELIVERED TO AMSA PROPERTY ON OCTOBER 16, 2019, NO LATER THAN 7:30 P.M. BEFORE THE START OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING.

**DEADLINE
* EXTENDED ***

**2019 ENTRY FORM
15TH Annual Ronald Bounds A.M.S.A.
Memorial Surf Fishing Tournament
Assateague Island National Seashore
October 18th thru 20st, 2019**



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 will 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, 2019 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.

*2019 Entry Form, Participant Waiver Form and Tournament Rules
can all be found on the AMSA website
keepersofthebeach.com*



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TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

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

Friday, October 18, 2019:

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

Team Registration
Mandatory Captain's Meeting at AMSA Property
OPEN TO ALL TEAM MEMBERS

- Beverages, hamburgers & hotdogs provided
- Tournament T-shirts available
- Door Prizes
- 50/50 Raffle

Saturday, October 19, 2019:

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
- Tournament T-shirts available



Sunday, October 20, 2019:

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



AMSA Winter Luau

Saturday, February 22, 2020

Pittsville Fire Co, Pittsville, MD

More details to follow....



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: _____

If you do NOT have an email address to get the quarterly newsletter - please check this box.

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 Dec 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

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

2019 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 16, 2019
15 th Annual AMSA Ronald Bounds Memorial Surf Fishing Tournament	October 18-20, 2019
AMSA Membership Renewals	December 31, 2019

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 TownsendFamily@hughes.net.





**The Chicken Barbeque Fundraiser
scheduled for
Saturday, September 14, 2019
has been canceled.**

WE NEED 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 Corresponding Secretary by sending to TownsendFamily@hughes.net 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

2019 Board of Directors

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President – Danny Morris

Vice President – Tom Morris

Treasurer – Patrick Townsend

Recording Secretary – Kenny Kinsell

Membership Secretary – Lisa Morris

Corresponding Secretary – Terry Townsend

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Walter Johnson

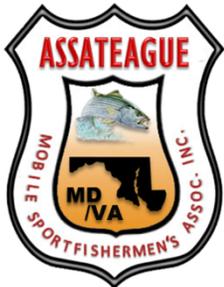
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