



# A.M.S.A. NEWSLETTER April 2026

ASSATEAGUE MOBILE SPORTFISHERMEN'S ASSOCIATION, INC.

Dear A.M.S.A. Members,

Spring is finally here and we can all look forward to warmer beach days soon! This past winter brought some challenges with a government shutdown, extreme cold weather, snowstorms, and nor'easters. Those conditions kept many of us from enjoying Assateague Island and the OSV in the off-season months. Personally, I am certainly looking forward to spring fishing and spending time with family and friends this summer, on the beach.

This year Assateague Mobile Sportfishermen's Association will celebrate our 60th Anniversary. The board of directors would like to invite all members and their families to a special event at the property on Sunday, April 26th from 12-4pm, to acknowledge this big accomplishment. More information can be found on our website regarding this event. That weekend will be busy for the club! On Saturday April 25th we will be back at Sinepuxent Brewing for another Pork BBQ Fundraiser. This event will raise money for our annual scholarship fund. Consider joining us, both days, to help celebrate 60 years of A.M.S.A.

Want to help? I would like to encourage any of our members to become more involved with our events, fundraisers, and to attend our monthly meetings. Join us at our next meeting (April 15th at 7:30pm) to find out how you can help. It has been encouraging to see better attendance at our meetings over the last few years. Younger members have been stepping up and becoming more involved in the boardroom, and this is promising for the future of our club. I am confident A.M.S.A. will be around for many years to come! A few long-term board members, including myself, have decided to step down after this year. This will give these younger minds a chance to do more on the board. There's an old saying, "The only constant in life is change". The changes that I'm seeing are a great thing for the leadership of our club.

Encourage your friends and family members to join A.M.S.A. if they aren't already a member. Explain to any beach goers that you know just how instrumental our club has been, and continues to be, in protecting our access to the beach. Joining A.M.S.A. and paying your annual dues has never been easier. Payments are now accepted on our website. <https://keepersofthebeach.com/membership>

Keep watching for the launch of our online retail store. Soon you can shop online for our fishing tournament apparel, and AMSA/ABBA shirts, hats, koozies, and more!

See you on the beach!

Danny Morris #127  
AMSA President

**2026 A.M.S.A. EVENT CALENDAR**

Event	Date
Board of Director's Meeting <b>**ALL MEMBERS ARE WELCOME**</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 7:30 pm
2026 AMSA Scholarship Filing Deadline	April 8, 2026
Pork BBQ Fundraiser	April 25, 2026
AMSA 60 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration	April 26, 2026
AMSA Free Fishing Tournament Fee Drawing	May 20, 2026, before start of meeting
22 <sup>nd</sup> 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

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

**ASSATEAGUE**  
MD / VA / NC  
1966

**★ AMSA / ABBA ★**  
Assateague Mobile Sportfishermen's Association, Inc.

# 60<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

**SIX DECADES OF ACCESS. A LIFETIME OF MEMORIES.**

Join AMSA/ABBA for an afternoon of family, fellowship, and fun as we mark 60 years of keeping our beaches accessible and our community strong.

**CELEBRATING 60 YEARS OF BEACH ACCESS & ADVOCACY**  
EST. 1966

**SUNDAY APRIL 26, 2026** | **12:00 PM - 4:00 PM** | **AMSA PROPERTY**  
8847 Eagles Nest Road  
Berlin, MD 21811  
NEAR ASSATEAGUE ISLAND

**60 YEARS OF BEACH ACCESS ADVOCACY ★ STRONGER COMMUNITY ★ BRIGHTER FUTURE**

- CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT**  
FRIENDLY COMPETITION
- ACOUSTIC MUSIC ALL AFTERNOON**  
GOOD VIBES & GREAT TUNES
- FISHING STORIES & CAMARADERIE**  
SHARE YOURS OR JUST LISTEN!
- BONFIRE TO CLOSE THE DAY**  
STORIES, LAUGHS & LASTING MEMORIES!
- EXCLUSIVE 60TH ANNIVERSARY APPAREL**  
LIMITED EDITION GEAR YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS!

**BRING YOUR OWN BEVERAGES**

*Everyone is Welcome!* =  
Whether you're a longtime member, new to AMSA/ABBA, or just curious about who we are, come celebrate with us!

**JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE 60 YEARS OF COMMUNITY & COASTAL ACCESS!**

**★ MARK YOUR CALENDAR AND JOIN US! ★**  
*We look forward to seeing you there!*

**A.M.S.A.**  
**FUNDRAISER**  
keepersofthebeach.com

*Saturday* **April 25th**  
**NOON 'til sold out!**  
CARRY-OUT or DINE ON PREMISE  
SINEPUXENT BREWING (Rt. 611)

Cold Beer available in the Brewery

**PORK BBQ PLATTERS**  
Includes Pulled Pork BBQ, Roll,  
Baked Beans & Bagged Chips

**\$12**

CASH, CREDIT CARD or VENMO accepted as payment.

Mark your calendars....

Bring your friends, bring your appetite, and let's make this fundraiser a success! Your support helps us continue our mission of preserving beach access and promoting responsible enjoyment of Assateague Island. Thank you for your support – we look forward to seeing you on Saturday, April 25, 2026.



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



**1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE \$2,000**  
**2<sup>ND</sup> PLACE \$1,000**  
**3<sup>RD</sup> PLACE \$500**

**MORE INFORMATION WILL BE COMING OUT SOON!**



🔥 GET READY... IT'S COMING! 🔥

**The A.M.S.A. Online Store is coming soon!**

We're talking A.M.S.A., ABBA, and fishing tournament gear—fresh apparel, hats, and more so you can represent on the beach, on the water, and everywhere in between. 🧑🏻‍🦉

👁️ Stay tuned for the official launch.

## Return of Summertime Event

Dear Membership,

Thank you for your feedback on the survey about bringing back a summertime beach event. We've heard your input and there is enough interest to move forward. Planning is underway, including coordination with the Park Service.

We anticipate holding the event August 7-9, 2026, likely with a new name and updated activities. We'll keep popular favorites and add new ones based on your feedback.

We're working hard to organize this event that has traditionally brought us together at Assateague Island. Watch our social media for updates. If you'd like to help plan or volunteer, please contact me by email or phone.

Sincerely,

Matt Wilkins  
Events Chairman  
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443-235-4819



**Want a Chance to Represent AMSA in one of the following fall fishing tournaments?**

**You must submit your name to be eligible.**

- Hatteras Village Invitational Surf Fishing Tournament, September 10-12, 2026
- CHAC Surf Fishing Tournament (Cape Hatteras Anglers Club), November 4-7, 2026

If you wish to captain one of these teams, please fill out and return one form for each tournament below. **You must be a member in good standing to participate.** The drawing for the captain of each team will be held at the May Board of Directors meeting. You may apply for all the tournaments if you wish. Remember, if you win a tournament, it will be your responsibility to put your team together and represent the club at the tournament. **Each person in your team must be an AMSA member in good standing to participate in the tournament.** As a team captain, you must fish the entire tournament with your team. A backup winner will be drawn. If for some reason you cannot fish your tournament, it is your responsibility to contact AMSA to contact the backup team.

Your tournament entry form must be received by **May 16<sup>th</sup> or hand delivered to the May 20<sup>th</sup> Board of Directors Meeting no later than 7:30 p.m.**

**Mail forms to:**

**AMSA, P.O. Box 106, Berlin, MD. 21811**

Entry Form 1

Hatteras Village Invitational

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ AMSA # \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Entry Form 2

CHAC Surf Fishing Tournament

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ AMSA # \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_



ASSATEAGUE MOBILE SPORT FISHERMEN'S ASSOCIATION

FUTURE STEWARDS OF ASSATEAGUE

**AMSA JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM**

*Teaching the next generation to protect what we love!*

**WHO CAN JOIN?**

- ◆ Kids Under 18
- ◆ Children & Grandchildren of Members

**WHAT JUNIORS DO:**

- ◆ Learn Fishing & Beach Skills
- ◆ Help with Beach Cleanups
- ◆ Respect & Protect Assateague
- ◆ Help with Club Events
- ◆ Help with Fundraising Activities

The AMSA Junior Membership is designed to get young anglers and beach enthusiasts involved early—learning the importance of protecting, respecting, and maintaining access to Assateague Island.

- ◆ Teach responsible fishing, beach driving & conservation
- ◆ Build pride in protecting Assateague for future generations

**START THEM YOUNG. KEEP THE BEACH STRONG!**

**Under 18 but want to join AMSA....**

**Junior Memberships are Available**

New Membership and Renewals

\$15.00 per child

Receive tag with number.

*Must be renewed each year.*

*Thank You*

Thank you to all members who provided valuable comments and feedback regarding the proposed OSV changes. Your input played an important role in this process.

We also extend our sincere appreciation to the National Park Service staff for their efforts in updating the OSV regulations. The revised guidelines eliminate prior concerns related to GVWR and ground clearance, remove restrictions on vehicle length and width, and now permit dual-wheel vehicles on the beach.

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 now accepting online membership payments!**

Memberships must be in good standing (only owe 2026 dues) 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.

*\* The 2027 online renewal forms will be available in October. \**

**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, Lisa Morris, by using the following email address: [amsamember@gmail.com](mailto: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**

<u>Officers</u>		<u>Board of Directors</u>	
President – Danny Morris		Rick Boyd	Tommy Morris
Vice President – Nicholas Sapp		Fletcher Case	Jay Ragains
Treasurer – Patrick Townsend		Jodi Holland	Brian Robbins
Recording Secretary – Mike Todd		Wayne Holland	Mike Sapp
Membership Secretary – Lisa Morris		Carol Morris	Matt Wilkins
Corresponding Secretary – Terry Townsend		Evan Morris	
<b><u>Associate Directors</u></b>			
	Devlin Deem	Claude Holland	
	Eric Grepps	Kim Ragains	
	Heather Haywood	Micky Wisseman	