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President's Message

By Ed Susa

It's hard to think that we had our "Dog Days" of August in both June and July this year. Seems the hot weather really has put a damper on the fishing. Either it was too hot to fish or you bought bait, tried to find the spot, then went out and caught very few fish. That's the sentiment most people have expressed that I've talked to. I'm hoping things heat up this fall for all of us.

Speaking of heating up, our chapter has some upcoming HOT activities that all of us should participate in this fall. We have our crab feast coming up on September 18th. I'm hoping all of us can attend as it should be a good day of fun, food and camaraderie for all. Remember, for each ten raffle tickets you sell, you get a free ticket for all you can eat crabs

The next "hot" activity is our annual King Fishing trip to Harker's Island. Truly, this is an event that the chapter supplements that you DO NOT want to miss. Speaking first hand, last year was the first I attended and what a great week of being together with the guys it truly was. We had two catered dinners, some great vendors, excellent accommodations, the weather was great and most importantly, a lot of ICE COLD BEER. Oh yeah, the fishing wasn't too bad either. We'll have the trailer pulled down again this year for all to utilize. I hope to see some new faces this year and I look forward to seeing your old faces too.

Finally, along with the main MSSA fall tournament, our chapter will again have an in house tournament with a lot of nice cash prizes and activities. Start gathering your excess boating and fishing gear for our annual flea market again this December.

REMEMBER TO PLEASE TURN IN YOUR SOLD RAFFLE TICKETS AT THE NEXT MEETING TO BOB PELLICOT AND GET YOUR FREE CRAB FEAST TICKET.

Fish hard!

Next Meeting

August 11, 2010

Food Service begins at 6:15 pm. The meeting starts @ 7:15 PM.

Speaker: Mike Beans

In preparation of our upcoming trip to Harker's Island in October, our own Mike Beans will be talk to us about King Mackerel fishing.

He will go over rigging, rods, spreads and everything you will need to know to catch these toothy critters.

So come prepared and hopefully you will take a few tricks away with you.

Vendor: No Vendor this month

On the Menu

Tacos, Beef or Chicken
Desert

Last Month's Raffle Winners

Bob Lowry - Rod and Reel Combo
Pat Fleagle - Rod Holder
Gordon Jernigan - Pliers
Jeff Townsend - Offshore Lures
Frank Molino - Hat
Terry Hopton - Lures / Bucktail

50/50 Winner -Steve O'Neil

Attendance at last month's meeting:

37

MSSA Frederick Meets at

New Market Firehouse
76 W Main Street
New Market, Maryland 21774

Directions to Meeting

Take exit 62 off of I-70, then go north on MD 75. Turn left at the stoplight, Rt. 144, and the firehouse is on the left about 0.9 miles down the road. Turn left next to the firehouse.

Chapter News

ATTENTION!!!!!!

The Cruise Drawing will be at next Month's Meeting

We're drawing the winner of the 2010 fundraiser Cruise at the conclusion of September's meeting.

Please turn your tickets back into Bob Pellicott or one of the Chapter Officers no later than September 5, 2010.

We want everyone who bought tickets to have an equal change of winning so your cooperation in this matter is of upmost importance.

Chapter King Mackerel Tournament Morehead, North Carolina October 2-9, 2010

We have already started signing up people for the 2010 trip. Rooms are reasonable at \$400 for the week and the chapter will have the trailer with a huge grill and cookers for everyone to use. We will also have dinner provided by a local BBQ company on Sunday and Wednesday

There are a limited number of rooms available so get your crew together and make plans for this now.

We will need a \$50 deposit and a credit card number to hold your room and boat slip. The deposit is non-refundable but will be credited towards to your fee which is due in July.

If you have any questions, you can call Rob @ 301-606-0392 or 240-586-5201.

Information is available at the meetings

2010 Frederick MSSA Fundraiser

Once again, our annual fundraiser will be a premium, five-night premium cruise for two aboard Carnival Cruise Lines. Booking for the trips is through Antietam Travel Service in Frederick.

The winner will be drawn on September 8, 2010. You may design your own cruise or choose from any package that Carnival Cruise Lines offers. Some restrictions do apply.

Contribution for each ticket is \$10.00 that goes towards the support of the Chapter.

Estimated value of cruise is approximately \$1,500

Each member will be given ten (10) tickets to sell. For every ten (10) tickets that you sell you will receive one (1) a free ticket to the September 18th crab feast and picnic. It is important that everyone makes a concerted effort to assist in selling these tickets as the chapter supplements all of our activities from these funds. Please everyone, show your support to our chapter by selling your ten (10) tickets.

For more information, see Bob Pellicott at the meeting.

Chapter Crab Feast in September

by Tim Helman, VP and Activities Director

The Frederick Chapter will be hosting an all-you-can-eat crab feast on Saturday, September 18 at the Pine cliff Parks in Frederick MD.

The menu will feature fresh steamed blue crabs, corn on the cob, fries, and Cole slaw. Soft drinks. Potatoes chips and hot dogs will be provided free of charge; feel free to bring your own beer.

For those that didn't sell ten (10) raffle tickets, purchase your tickets no later than August 11th and pay only \$25 per person. After that, tickets are \$30 each, advance purchase only. There will be no tickets sold after the September 8th meeting. Friends and Family are welcome as well.

More information about the crab feast will follow in subsequent newsletters. For now, get out there and sell those tickets

Fishing Reports

Chincoteague Action

By Charlie Koski

With cooler waters in recently the flounder have moved back into the back bays around Chincoteague. We noticed this during a cold front recently but most fish were smaller with a keeper ratio of 1 in 30 fish caught. Croaker are here should stick around through the middle of September as they were late arriving and most have been smaller than normal for July- Aug. Kingfish are being caught under the beach and in the main channel until the water cools. Out on the inshore wrecks Triggerfish and larger flounder will be the target of choice. Farther offshore yellowfin are prevalent with a few Bluefin mixed in. Dolphin are around until the water temps drop.

Tight lines.....

Ocean City Action

By Sue Foster
August 2, 2010

Water Temperature (WTMP): 74.8°F

Fishing this week was really good on flounder. Lots of keepers were caught in the MSSA flounder tourney on Saturday.

Oceanic Pier, Rt. 50 Bridge and Homer Gudelsky Park all had success with flounder and blues. Anglers are having good luck with the usual minnow and shiner baits but adding Gulp to their baits to catch the bigger flounder.

Small spot are around at the Rt. 90 Bridge, canals, and Northside Park. Anglers are catching them to lure bigger flounder to their hooks.

There's also been some keeper stripers around the Rt. 50 Bridge. Bluefish and stripers hit the Rt. 50 Bridge this week at night and early morning on Gotcha Plugs, live bait, and swimming shad lures.

In the surf, we're having summertime action with kingfish, spot, croaker, some bluefish and sharks. Triggerfish are here at the inlets and bulkhead along with some tautog action. Offshore, we have had some cobia, up and down sea bass fishing, more flounder, and further offshore, lots of dolphin, some tuna, and white marlin.

Chesapeake Bay Action

Water temperatures in the upper bay region are now in the mid to upper 80's and as we approach August, deeper waters are showing depressed dissolved oxygen conditions at times. Fishermen attempting to live line spot in waters deeper than 30' along channel edges have reported low oxygen levels in some of those deeper waters. Live lining spot and chumming has been a popular way to fish at the sewer pipe and the Bay Bridge piers for striped bass in the last couple of weeks. Boats have been anchoring up current of the pipe and piers and either drifting live spot or baits back to the deep structure. Jigging with soft plastic jigs has also been a productive way to catch striped bass up to 35" at times. The early morning and late evening hours during strong tides has been the best formula for this type of fishing.

The middle bay region offers a wide variety of fishing opportunities this week and most are occurring in the early morning and late evening hours due to the summer heat, bright sun and elevated water temperatures. Fishing for striped bass at the crack of dawn and late evening has been focused around trolling, live lining spot and jigging or casting to breaking fish. Most of the trolling is taking place along channel edges and outside of breaking fish;

which tend to be a mix of striped bass and bluefish. Live lining spot on channel edges in front of the Calvert Cliffs Power Plant and other channel edges such as the mouth of Eastern Bay, False Channel and Buoy 83 have been good places to fish. Casting and jigging to breaking fish and shallow structure can offer good fishing and Poplar Island has been a good place to look for action for the last week or so.

The best croaker fishing is occurring after dark along channel edges and shoals close to the deeper channels this week. Water temperatures are above the mid 80-degree mark and most croaker are holding deep during the day and not feeding. Shrimp, peeler crab, clams and squid have been popular baits to use. Spot and white perch are also part of the bottom fishing mix when fishing in the lower sections of the regions tidal rivers. There is some good shallow water action to be found for striped bass in the early morning and late evening hours along the bay shores and lower sections of the tidal rivers. White perch can also be found in these areas by casting small spinners and spinner blade jigs such as beetle spins and Road Runners. Fishing in the lower bay region for striped bass and bluefish has focused around the region of the lower Potomac, Cove Point and the area bordered by Buoy 72, the Target Ship and the Middle Grounds. Trolling, chumming, live lining spot and casting or jigging to breaking fish have been the principal ways of fishing for them. Some of the largest bluefish seen in the lower bay region are coming from the Middle grounds area. Trolling spoons and bucktails with inline weights or planers has been popular along channel edges and wherever concentrations of fish can be found. There are plenty of spot to be found in the tidal rivers so live lining along the western edge of the shipping channel in about 35' of water has been a good option. Out in front of the Gas Docks and prominent points such as Cedar Point and Point No Point have been good places to look for striped bass.

Croaker fishing has been the best in the evenings; especially for the largest croakers; fishermen are reporting that often the action does not get into gear until an hour after dark. Locations such as the shoals behind Buoys 72 and 72A and the Middle Grounds have been excellent places to fish on the western side of the region. In Tangier and Pocomoke Sounds a mix of croaker and spot are being caught during the day in some of the deeper waters but most fishermen agree the best fishing has been in the evening hours along channel edges and adjacent shoals. A mix of croaker, spot and white perch are being caught in the Honga River. Flounder

fishing is steadily improving along channel edges and flats; especially on the eastern side of the bay. Shallow water fishing along bay shores has been good in the early morning and late evening hours for a mix of striped bass, bluefish and small puppy drum.

Recreational crabbers in the upper bay region are enjoying good crabbing in just about all of the tidal rivers within the region. Middle bay and lower bay region crabbers are experiencing good to excellent crabbing also. Small crabs continue to chew up baits and this week's full moon should cause an increase in the number of recently shed crabs.

Virginia Beach Action

By Dr. Julie Ball
July 30, 2010

Recent cold fronts brought some welcome relief from the heat this week, and the fishing is still heating up. The inshore species are providing good action, while the offshore billfish scene is also picking up.

Flounder action is still steady recently. Anglers drifting with strip baits and minnows are finding nice fish at the Cell, the Hampton Bar, and the Thimble Shoal Channel. Plenty of keepers are taking bait, with several fish pushing near 8-pounds in the mix. Those dropping live bait and jigs on lower Bay structures are also finding nice fish along the CBBT near the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th islands, as well as the High Rise. Within Lynnhaven and Rudee Inlets, flounder enthusiasts are finding fewer keepers, but those working for their catches are finding fish ranging to 23-inches. Anglers are having good success using peanut bunker as bait within the Lynnhaven Basin lately.

Cobia continue to provide very good action, with the larger fish making a good showing this week. Chummers are scoring with a nicer class of fish using chunks of bunker, live eels, and live croaker fished on the bottom. The best locations for chumming lately are the seaside areas of Fisherman's Island, the Nine foot shoal, and Latimer shoal. Sight-casters are finding incredible catches, with another state leading fish hitting the scales. David Otts of Elizabeth City found the 107-pound, 6-ounce brute while he was fishing near the 4th island. More pods of cobia are starting to form near the mouth of the Bay, making an easy target. Red drum are also schooling around the mouth of the Bay, with reports of schools also showing off the Virginia Beach ocean front, especially off Sandbridge.

Another new visitor has joined the summer-time show. Several sight-casters are reporting sightings of jack crevelle within the

lower Bay. Often these members of the jack family are noted schooling around the lower Bay late in the summer, especially near the shoal areas and the Bay Bridge Tunnel. Although catches are not common, trolling spoons, sight-casting, and live bait can entice a hit.

According to the folks at Long Bay Pointe Bait and Tackle, Puppy drum action picked up within both Lynnhaven and Rudee Inlet. Anglers are casting Gulp lures with good results, with most pups ranging over 20-inches. Medium sized spot are also around, with Little Creek providing the best action this week, where a few fish are pushing to near 14-ounces. Smaller croaker are everywhere from the HRBT to the CBBT. The best hauls are coming from the backwaters of Oyster, where fish are pushing to 2-pounds. The folks at Chris' Bait and Tackle report a few tarpon sightings and landings this week.

Sheepshead action is still good, with fish to 14-pounds taking fiddler crabs or clam presented along the Bridge Tunnel complex. Rob Choi of Richmond scored with three sheepshead ranging to 13-pounds while offering fiddler crabs at the CBBT from his kayak. Plenty of triggerfish are also available in these same areas. Spadefish are still schooling around near shore wrecks, the span of the CBBT, especially the 3rd and 4th islands, as well as the High Rise area. Most of these fish are ranging to around 4-pounds.

Spanish mackerel action off the ocean front is good lately, with larger fish pushing to over 2-pounds taking trolled spoons in water as shallow as 15-feet. Boats are finding schools of Spanish busting the surface, as far as 5-miles out, making a fun catch for sight casters. Taylor bluefish are also mixed in with the Spanish. While trolling for Spanish off Rudee Inlet this week, the crew of the Git-R-Done out of The Fishing Center boated and released a 24-inch sailfish on a Clark spoon.

Amberjack are a no-brainer at the South Tower, where anglers are finding good numbers of big fish. A few Barracuda are also coming from the same area.

The Virginia Beach Fishing Center reports that the billfish action is heating up this week, with multiple white marlin release citations coming from the fleet. Captain Mike Standing, skipper of the Waterman, reports marlin are "balling bait and cutting the surface" from the northern edge of the Canyon to the 400-line, in anywhere from 40 to 100 fathoms. Mike's crew won the Virginia Beach Invitational Marlin Tournament with 10 white marlin releases recently. Big yellowfin tuna pushing to over 60-pounds are also mixed in with the marlin. Gaffer and bailer dolphin are plentiful

around the Canyon, while a few wahoo are making things interesting.

Amberjack are enticing a few anglers to make the long run to the Southern Towers lately, where a few big fish will gladly test your back. Deep droppers are still going strong with catches of tilefish, wreckfish, grouper, and rosefish. Several citation blueline tilefish pushing up to 15-pounds and snowy grouper pushing to 50-pounds came from private boats trying their luck offshore this past week.

For more information, go to www.drjball.com.

Tips and Tackle

Evolution or Revolution? New Rod Building Material

The big news this past week came from the annual ICast event where several rod and blank manufacturers announced they were building product with the new 3M Nano-Silica Matrix Resin. According to 3M, rods and blanks which utilize the new resin can be made lighter, stronger and tougher. Setting aside the expected marketing claims, most custom rod builders will want to know just how much of a real difference the new resin system will make in the blanks they'll be buying in the coming year.

Before you can speculate on what any new resin system might mean in regard to improved rod performance, you need to understand why it's there in the first place.

The perfect rod blank would have no resin. In use, the carbon power fibers would stay bundled together and in perfect alignment without any resin, even as the rod was flexed. But we know that doesn't happen. When a rod is flexed it changes shape, moving from round to oval. The more you flex it the more it wants to go oval. Without a resin binding the structure together, you won't be able to flex it without the fibers separating from each other. So the main purpose of the resin in a rod blank is to keep the fibers bundled together.

Traditionally, most resin systems used in rod manufacturing have been less strong than the fibers they're holding together. When a rod fails from overload, the initial failure isn't caused by the fibers breaking - It's caused by the resin being unable to hold the fibers together beyond a certain point. The instant the fibers blow out of the matrix (resin) the tube (rod blank) buckles and you have a catastrophic failure. The result is broken fibers and a broken rod, but it all began when the resin reached the point where it could no longer keep the fibers bundled together.

A stronger resin can hold the fibers together under a greater flex, thus allowing the rod to sustain a greater load before failing. When you hear someone say that this new resin results in a stronger rod, this is what they're talking about. And this is what the new 3M product claims to do. Immediate improvements should be seen in the area of greater resistance to things like "high sticking."

As far as the resin increasing rod durability, that's a bit harder task for any resin to accomplish. The sad fact is that most rod failures do not occur due to overloading. They occur due to abuse such as impacts from hitting the rod on or with something, or allowing lures or other rods to "chatter" against each other while zooming down the lake in a boat. In order for a resin to provide greater durability, it has to create a harder substrate which is more resistant to bruising or fracturing. 3M is saying that the nano-silica particles in this new resin system do exactly that, at least to some extent.

The reality is that this new resin system is most likely going to result in some advancement in terms of increasing the amount of load or flex a blank can withstand without failing. It may even improve the amount of abuse a rod can withstand, but it's not going to result in any sort of unbreakable rod. Not even close. The same abuse that will break your current rods will still break the rods made with the new resin system.

So how much of a revolution this new resin system represents really depends upon your expectations. If you're expecting it to create a high performance yet unbreakable rod, you're apt to be disappointed. But if you're a little more realistic and will settle for a lighter rod with a little more durability that will still perform at the highest level, you'll likely be quite pleased with the blanks you see appearing in the next few months. Maybe that's not exactly a revolution, but it's certainly a worthwhile advancement in the continued evolution of the fishing rod.

Tom Kirkman

DNR in the News

Buoy to Track Water Quality at Surface and at Bay Bottom

Chesapeake Bay (July 27, 2010) — The NOAA Chesapeake Bay Office and its partners at the Maryland Department of Natural Resources today deployed a "smart buoy" in the Chesapeake Bay just west of the Little Choptank River. The new buoy is located near the Dominion Reef at the Gooses, an 80-acre artificial reef constructed with materials from the old Woodrow Wilson Bridge.

This buoy is the newest in NOAA's Chesapeake Bay Interpretive Buoy System (CBIBS), a network that provides scientists, boaters, and educators with real-time data about the Bay. In addition to monitoring water quality at the surface, as do all CBIBS buoys, the newest buoy also tracks water quality at the bottom.

CBIBS buoys collect weather, oceanographic and water-quality observations, and transmit this data wirelessly in near-real time. These measurements, as well as historical and cultural information, can be accessed at www.buoybay.org (www.buoybay.org/m for mobile devices) and by phone at 877-BUOY-BAY (877-286-9229). CBIBS buoys monitor the broad range of measurements necessary to track Bay restoration progress. Online educational resources are also available. Data from this buoy will also be available at the Maryland Department of Natural Resources' www.eyesonthebay.net website.

This is the ninth buoy in the CBIBS system. Buoys deployed earlier are located at the mouths of the Patapsco, Potomac, Rappahannock, Severn, and Susquehanna Rivers, in the James River near Jamestown, in the Elizabeth River off Norfolk, and in the Potomac River just south of Washington, D.C.

This Month's Recipe

CRAB QUESADILLAS

These finish in the oven under the broiler. If you prefer, brown them in a nonstick skillet coated with cooking spray. Serve sour cream and salsa on the side.

- ¼ chopped green onions
- 1 tablespoon minced fresh cilantro
- 2 tablespoons fat-free sour cream
- ¾ teaspoon bottled minced garlic
- 1 jalapeno pepper, seeded and finely chopped
- ½ pound lump crabmeat, shell pieces removed
- ½ cup (2 ounces) shredded Monterey Jack cheese
- 4 (8") fat-free flour tortillas

Preparation:

Preheat broiler. Combine first 6 ingredients, stirring well. Sprinkle 2 tablespoons cheese over each tortilla. Divide crab mixture evenly among tortillas. Fold in half, pressing gently to seal. Place the filled tortillas on a baking sheet. Broil for 1 minute or until the tortilla is lightly browned.

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Charlie Koski - 757-894-1051

Rods and Reels for Sale

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Rods:

- 1- Penn Custom Power Stick - CS2700 - King Mac Stick \$35
 - 1- Okuma Longitude - LC-S-1202H-1 - 12' - 3-8 oz. \$50
 - 1- Diawa Emcast Surf - EC-1202MHFS - 12' - 3-6 oz. \$85
- Clyde Hunt - 240-674-8646

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 Contact Clyde Hunt
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Frederick 2010 Yearbook

Bring the photo to meeting or e-mail them to secretary@mssafrederick.com

Chapter Buddy List

The Buddy list helps members with boats find additional crew or for members without boats who want to go fishing.

To have your name put on the list, send your name and phone number to: secretary@mssafrederick.com

Members looking for boats:

- Jay Betts 301-831-9736
- Bob Cannon 301-663-3024
- David and Dennis Darragh 301-620-2699
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- John Sivinski 301-620-0993
- Vince Cercone & Schildt 301-845-7919

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- Bob Cannon 301-663-3024

Tournament News

18th Annual Chesapeake Bay Fall Classic

The Maryland Saltwater Sportfishermen's Association (MSSA) and our sponsors would like to invite you to participate in the 18th Annual Chesapeake Bay Fall Classic. The tournament will be held on November 20 & 21, 2010 on the Maryland waters of the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries.

This tournament is open to ALL anglers looking to catch some magnificent rockfish and possibly walk home with some big money. Last year's winner took home nearly \$45,000!

With weigh stations from Sandy Point State Park to Point Lookout State Park you are surely capable of fishing this tournament.

You may sign up for this tournament at any of our Captain's meetings, online, phone, or fax.

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FREDERICK MSSA CHAPTER - 2010 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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JANUARY	14-17	- Timonium Fishing Expo – Timonium Fairgrounds
	20	- Frederick Board Meeting
	21-24	- Baltimore Boat Show – Baltimore Convention Center
	22	- Dinner Meeting – Dutch’s Daughter Restaurant
FEBRUARY	5-7	- MSSA Convention, Ocean City, MD
	6	- Tri State Marine Flea Market – Free in Deale MD
	10	- Frederick Meeting -
	13-14	- Pasadena Flea Market – Earleigh Heights Fire Co, Pasadena, MD
	17	- Frederick Board Meeting
27	- Dorchester County Flea Market – American Legion Post 91 – Cambridge, MD	
MARCH	10	- Frederick Meeting
	17	- Frederick Board Meeting
	20-21	- Essex/Middle River Flea Market
	27-28	- Southern MD Fishing Fair – Solomons Fire Hall
	27	- Chapter Promotion Day (Sports Authority – Urbana Pike, Frederick)
APRIL	3	- Frederick Shakedown Cruise/Brunch – Sandy Point
	14	- Frederick Meeting
	21	- Frederick Board Meeting
	17	- Opening Day - Striped Bass Season
	30	- 27th Annual MSSA Spring Tournament – Solomons
MAY	1-2	- 27th Annual MSSA Spring Tournament – Solomons
	12	- Frederick Meeting
	14-16	- Chapter Flounder Tournament – Chincoteague
	19	- Frederick Board Meeting
JUNE	9	- Frederick Meeting
	16	- Frederick Board Meeting
	25-27	- 19th Annual MSSA Tunament – Ocean City & Wachapreague
JULY	14	- Frederick Meeting
	10-11	- Chapter Live Line Tournament -
	16-18	- Chapter Tuna Trip/Tournament - Chincoteague
	21	- Frederick Board Meeting
AUGUST	11	- Frederick Meeting
	18	- Frederick Board Meeting
SEPTEMBER	8	- Frederick Meeting
	15	- Frederick Board Meeting
	18	- Chapter Crab Feast and Picnic - Pine Cliff Park - Frederick, Md.
OCTOBER	2-9	- Chapter North Carolina Kingfish Tournament
	13	- Frederick Meeting
	20	- Frederick Board Meeting
NOVEMBER	10	- Frederick Meeting
	17	- Frederick Board Meeting
	20-21	- 18 th Annual MSSA Fall Tournament
DECEMBER	8	- Frederick Meeting
	15	- Frederick Board Meeting
	17-19	- Chapter Trip to the CBBT for Striped Bass - Kiptopeke, Virginia