

MSSA FREDERICK CHAPTER NEWSLETTER



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President's Message

By Ed Susa

As I prepare my message this month, it seems hard to believe that it is already July. Feels like last week I was writing opening day. The older you get, the faster time flies by. I guess we don't have any more responsibilities, it just takes us twice as long to get them done. At least, that's my story and I'm stickin to it.

A couple of events have recently occurred that should be of great concern to us as recreational angler. One, I'm sure you all know about, is the BP oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico. This tragedy can have a severe impact on our fisheries even though it seems to be miles and miles away. If this oil gets into the Gulf Stream, it can travel well up the east coast and possibly into the Bay. Although, huge amounts of oil in our region are remote, the effects on all species that inhabit the Gulf Stream may be severely impacted.

Please, monitor this closely and when the time comes, be ready to join forces and help fight or do what is necessary to save our fisheries. I typically don't like to promote my opinions (at least I don't think I do), but I personally have decided to refrain from purchasing any BP products.

Secondly, the ASMFC has voted "yes" to increasing the commercial intake quota on Striped Bass. This will severely impact us as recreational fisherman for many years. Yet to be determined size increases, limit reductions and possible fishing closures will result in less fish available to put on our tables. Again, as an organization we need to join forces to fight legislation that will enact this increase. I ask each of you to do your part to help us fight for our rights. If you receive a request from the main MSSA to write your congressman, please take a few moments to do so.

Finally, I hope you all have had the chance to do some fishing and spend time with your families as summertime has arrived. Please volunteer some of your time to help with our upcoming events. Most importantly.....FISH HARD!

Next Meeting

July 14, 2010

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

Speaker: Gary Ritchie

Gary Ritchie from Spankin' Stripers will be our speaker this month. Gary will be speaking to us about flounder fishing in the middle Chesapeake Bay. He targets flounder from early May throughout the summer using many of the lures that he produces. He will give us a presentation on his rigging, tactics and most importantly, he will be giving up some information on his hot spots.

Vendor: Spankin' Stripers

Spankin' Stripers will be our vendor as well this month. Gary makes his own lures and has a wide variety of alien looking bucktails and parachutes that really catch fish.

For product information and/or ordering his lures, visit his website at www.spankinstripers.com.

On the Menu

Hot Dogs or Hamburgers
Tator Tots
Corn on the Cob
Desert

Last Month's Raffle Winners

Charlie Appleby - Reel Draggin Trolling Rod
Jay Betts - Reel Draggin Lure Set
Bob Pellicott - Mini-Mag Lite
Wayne Redman - Folding Camp Chair
Craig Abshire - Siphon Hose
Bob Cannon - Orange "Goop" Hand Cleaner
50/50 Winner -Fred Keene - \$70

Attendance at last month's meeting:

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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

Chapter Live Line / Croaker Trip

We've booked an afternoon and evening trip on August 6th with Capt Gregg Buckner aboard the Miss Susie. Many of you have enjoyed Capt Gregg's presentations at our meetings. Gregg is one of the top charter captains on the bay and his youth and enthusiasm combined with his knowledge always make from some awesome fishing adventures. I can personally attest to always having a great outing each time I've been fishing on the Miss Susie. We've never had a bad day!! That's the truth. Capt Gregg and his crew are always top notch; mixing professionalism with fun. This should be a great trip that you won't want to miss.

We are planning a trip for a yet undetermined day in August leaving his dock in Solomon's Island (directly across from the Tiki Bar). We will be departing approximately 3:30pm and returning around midnight. This should give plenty of time to fill the coolers with some large croakers and everyone meet their limits on rockfish. Miss Susie Charters operates two boats each able to handle up to 15 people comfortably we have only booked the first boat so let's get booked early and fill up both boats and we can have match up for a little competition. We can even have a little friendly wagering between boats if we can book them both. Again fellows, let's show Capt Gregg the same support he's always show our chapter and have a great turn out. All tackle and bait is provided, just bring along your coolers and drinks.

For more information about the Miss Susie and Capt Gregg Buckner check out his website at www.missusiecharters.com
Sign up will be at our July 13th chapter meeting

See You There.

Jim Bremer

**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 you 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.

This event will be FREE, yes, I said FREE, to anyone who sells ten (10) raffle tickets for the chapter fundraiser. For each ten (10) tickets you sell, you will receive one free ticket to the crab feast. For example, sell

forty (40) raffle tickets and you will receive 4 free tickets to the crab feast.

The crab feast is being offered for two reasons: 1) to be a great time for chapter members, friends, and family to get together and have some fun eating some of the bay's finest blue claws and 2) to act as an incentive to try to get our members to sell our raffle tickets. We want to use the feast to say "thank you" to all who do their part to sell the raffle tickets and raise money to support the chapter.

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 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
No report this month
Tight lines.....

Ocean City Action

By Sue Foster
June 28, 2010
Water Temperature (WTMP): 73.8°F
Route 50 Bridge was still good on blues and shad at night with Got-cha Plugs and Spec Rigs. Some nights the stripers bite really well and some nights they don't! Stripers were hitting 5 and 6-inch Swimming Shad Lures, Fin-S Fish soft bodies on lead heads, along with 2-ounce Gotcha Plugs.
Tautog and triggerfish. Well, I heard more about triggerfish on sand fleas than I heard about tautog. Most of my tautog customers have given them up for the summer and switched to flounder. They are there, just undersized. The larger tautog seem to be at the South Jetty and Inshore and Offshore Wrecks out in the ocean. Tautog and triggerfish bite green crabs and live or frozen sand crabs.

Flounder fishing was up and down. There were some nice ones caught. You just had to be at the right place at the right time. Lots of "shorts." We saw the first good run of kingfish and spot in the surf. Sharks and rays still abound in the surf along with a few blues and a couple "mostly short" stripers. Spot were reported in the bay along with one report of croaker.

Offshore we have had sharks and some tuna, though the tuna bite slowed down. Dolphin showed up! Yea!

Chesapeake Bay Action

For those of us that have more years behind us then in front of us, we realize how fast time can slip by and that certainly seems to be what has happened to June. In a blink it has just about passed us by and here we are facing the 4th of July weekend. As difficult as it might seem to make the time, do your best to spend some summertime fishing or crabbing with family and friends because it'll be Labor Day before you know it. Now that July approaches and bay water temperatures are in the mid to upper 80's throughout the bay fishing is now in a summertime mode. This means many fish are seeking cooler water temperatures and becoming more active in the early morning and evening hours. Tide as always plays a major role is fishing success so try to time your fishing with a good running tide and low light times of the day.

Upper bay fishermen are getting out on the fishing grounds at dawn this week to beat the heat and to find striped bass in their most active mode. Chumming continues to be good at traditional locations such as Swan Point and Love Point but again the early morning hours have been offering the best results. Also the larger fish are being caught right on the bottom and fresh bait means a lot. Trolling in the upper bay has been a pick at best and umbrella rigs with swim shad trailers have been the best option. There are plenty of white perch on many of the knolls and reefs in the bay and lower sections of the tidal rivers; blood worms have been a favorite choice for bait.

Middle bay region fishermen are finding trolling along the western edge of the shipping channel productive as long as a good tide is running. A lot of bait in the form of small menhaden is being reported in all regions of the bay and often fishermen are seeing shaking rods as their lures and line slice through these thick bait schools. Other areas that have been producing good trolling results at times are the channel edges above and below Poplar Island and the Hackett's Bar area. Many fishermen are itching to begin live

lining spot along channel edges and the proper size spot can be difficult to find at times. Often enough fishermen are finding 3" spot in the tidal rivers but the 4"- 5" ones are hard to come by. There have been reports of suitable spot at Hackett's Bar but most traditional areas are really hit and miss. Tangier Sound is holding a lot of spot but that is one heck of a run for bait.

Light tackle jigging and casting has been an option for fishermen that are finding breaking fish. Since small menhaden is what is on the menu for striped bass, keep an eye out for birds, and slicks and even keep your nose in the air because you can smell them from a long way off. Shallow water fishing for striped bass is mostly a pre-dawn enterprise now that the water is so warm but it certainly can offer some exciting topwater action for anyone who can get up early.

Fishermen are finding plenty of croaker and white perch in the lower sections of the region's tidal rivers this week and most of the best croaker action is occurring at dark. Warm water temperatures have the larger croaker holding deep during the day and they are only coming up along the channel edges at dark. Traditional bottom rigs or jigs baited with shrimp, peeler crab, squid or clams are the ticket. Often croakers are attracted to crab pots that are baited with razor clams so keep that in mind if you can find pots in about 30' of water. Flounder are also becoming more wide spread in the middle region of the bay on channel edges leading to hard-bottomed shoals.

Lower Bay region fishermen are trolling, chumming and live lining spot for their striped bass this week. Cove Point near the Gas Dock continues to be a real hot spot as is Buoy 72 and the lower Potomac. Suitable sized spot have been easier to find in the lower bay tidal rivers and sounds and the 30' channel edge in front of the Gas Dock has been a favorite place to go live lining spot for striped bass. Larger bluefish have moved into the Middle Grounds area and they can be caught by trolling or chumming. Flounder fishing has been very good in the Cornfield Harbor area as well as Cedar Point, Point No Point and Pocomoke Sound up to Hooper's Island. Croaker fishing continues to be good and the largest croakers are being caught at night as the big fish travel out of the deep channels up onto shoal areas to feed. Buoy 72 and similar areas have been favorite places to go. During the daytime hours croakers can be found from the lower Potomac to Tangier Sound and up past Hooper's Island, spot are also part of the mix in the Tangier Sound area.

Recreational crabbers are enjoying good crabbing in most of the tidal rivers and creeks

from the Bay Bridge south. Upper Bay crabbers report the best crabbing has been in the Elk River near the mouth of the C&D Canal.

Virginia Beach Action

By Dr. Julie Ball
June 25, 2010

Summer officially started this week, and the rising summer heat is confirming this fact. Although folks may complain about the heat, they are not complaining about the fishing. Calm winds and a good variety of species are encouraging boats to get out and test the fishing grounds, with good results.

Cobia are still the main target for most anglers. The bite is still good for both chummers and sight casters, although the very large fish seem to have made their way into the rivers for their seasonal spawn. Cobia catches are coming from all over the lower Bay, with most fish ranging from 30 to 60-pounds. The best areas are Bluefish rock, the Inner Middle Grounds, the Nine-foot shoal, and Latimer shoal near buoys 13 and 16. Fresh cut bait such as bunker is out producing live bait lately for chummers.

Flounder action is remaining steady this week. Although anglers are still working for their limits, plenty of keepers with scattered doormats are available in the usual flounder spots. According to the folks at Bayside Bait and Tackle, drifters are finding flatties to around 4-pounds along the edges of the Baltimore Channel on scented squid strips. Those dragging baits near the 1st and 3rd islands of the Bridge Tunnel are also lucking into some decent fish this week. Fish are also coming from the Cell, Buoy 42, Back River Reef, and Oyster. According to the folks at Ocean's East 2, the flatfish bite within the inlets slowed somewhat. The biggest fish are falling for live bait around the structure of the CBBT, where several fish pushing to 9 and 10-pounds were boated over the last few days.

The Spanish mackerel bite from Cape Henry to False Cape is very good lately, with boats filling their limits with nice fish ranging from 16 to 22-inches. Small gold and silver Clark spoons trolled at 6 to 8 knots with an inline sinker or small planer is enticing the best response. Taylor bluefish are also taking these lures in the same areas. One captain reported sightings of king mackerel skying along the ocean front recently. It's only a matter of time until reports of catches roll in.

Spadefish action picked up some at the Chesapeake Light Tower and around the islands and the high rise area of the CBBT this week. Folks are still fishing hard for limits of

smallish fish, with a few nice fish scattered in the mix.

The sheepshead bite also improved in the lower Bay this week. Although tricky, anglers are finding cooperative fish pushing to over 14-pounds. Byron Farlow of Virginia Beach took the lead in the Virginia Saltwater Fishing Tournament this week with a stud 14-pound, 5-ounce fish he found lurking around the pilings of the CBBT. Pier anglers fishing from the Seagull Fishing Pier are also pulling in sheepshead using fiddler crabs. If you happen to catch a tautog while fishing these same areas, you are in luck since the season reopened this week.

Scattered black drum hook-ups, are coming from the all four islands of the CBBT. These fish require extra time while reviving them in order to increase their survival rate. According to the folks at Chris' Bait and Tackle, plenty of red drum are still taking baits along the Eastern Shore shoals, especially on the Nine Foot Shoals, and off Fisherman's Island. Many reds are taking the fresh bait intended for cobia. Schooling reds near the CBBT can provide great top water action.

Small croaker are hitting in the Thimble Shoals Channel, near the 1st island of the CBBT. Larger croaker pushing from 1 to 1.5-pounds are lurking around the James River Bridge, and the Monitor-Merrimac Bridge Tunnel. Spot ranging around 6 to 8 inches have also shown within Lynnhaven and Rudee Inlet.

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.

Offshore Virginia is heating up. Although yellowfin tuna are scarce, a few bluefin tuna are available, with most fish ranging in the 90-pound class or smaller. Billfish are also showing, with several reports of blue marlin hook-ups. The High Hopes skippered by Captain David Wright out of the Virginia Beach Fishing Center had two blues pushing to well over 300-pounds hit the dock this week. Good numbers of gaffers are also available; with mako sharks still a good bet. For more information, go to www.drjball.com.

Tips and Tackle

Storing Fish with and without Ice

Once fish are dead, the flavor and texture of the flesh will start to deteriorate without proper care. As previously noted, deterioration is caused by many factors, chief among them being the presence of spoilage bacteria, blood, and normal digestive fluids. Thorough evisceration and cleaning will help remove these problems, combined with immediate icing to lower the temperature of the fish. Obviously it is important to slow down the natural deterioration that takes place. The factor that is easiest and the most important to control is temperature, and that can be handled with ice.

But what if you don't have ice? Avoid placing whole dead fish in a plastic bag unless they are in an unsealed bag in an ice-filled cooler; without air circulation, fish or fillets placed in a nonporous bag and kept outside will deteriorate quickly. On the other hand, if you fillet the fish immediately, place the rinsed fillets in a bag (sealable is okay now) and then place the bag on ice. If you have a paper towel or napkins, place the rinsed fillets on the paper towels and then put both towel and fish in the bag so that the towel can absorb moisture. Try to keep the fillets or the fish from soaking in water. Wicker creels, once a mainstay of stream and wading anglers, are less commonly used today, although they do provide reasonable air circulation. Layered with moss or grass or ferns, wicker creels are adequate for short-term storage (a few hours) of small fish and are preferable to canvas bags or other nonporous retainers.

If no conventional containers are available, you can improvise. A burlap bag, a mesh fruit or potato sack, wet newspapers or towels, or other objects that would allow fish to cool and allow air to circulate can be employed. Where necessary, you should rinse or clean them first. Keep the wrapping moist and shaded. If you add grasses, ferns, or other natural growth to the holding device to help air circulation, make sure that they are not aromatic; otherwise, the fish may develop that flavor.

If you have to hike to your fishing place, you may not have the luxury of bringing a cooler with ice. Consider taking a small amount of ice in a clean burlap bag. Put the bag in the shade (or bury it in moist sand if you are surf fishing) to keep the ice from melting for as long as possible. When ice is not available, use table salt and a burlap or similar type bag. When you catch a fish, eviscerate it and wash it. Rub about one tablespoon of salt for each pound of fish into the cavity, and then

lightly salt the skin. Put the fish and enough wet seaweed to surround it into the bag. Keep the bag in the shade or bury it in moist sand. If you are at a suitable place, like the beach while surf fishing, and no container is available, bury the fish in moist sand near the waterline. To avoid losing your fish, mark the location carefully and watch the tide.

If you're not keeping fish alive, dispatch them right away and place them in an ice-packed food or beverage cooler for later cleaning. Separate the fish from food and beverages by placing the latter in bags. You can leave undressed fish on ice all day and clean them at the end of the day without sacrificing freshness or taste. Plan for this by obtaining ice before going fishing. For short-term storage, cube ice is better than block ice because you can cover fish fully with it, touching all parts. The best, however, is crushed, chipped, or shaved ice; unfortunately it's seldom conveniently available. Notice that a good fish market or supermarket always displays its fish and shellfish on crushed or chipped ice with good drainage. That's the best you can do.

When anglers talk about icing down fish, they often say they are putting fish "on ice." What is really best, though, is putting fish *in the ice*. To quickly cool the entire fish, including the core, use a cooler to surround the fish with ice cubes or crushed or flaked ice. If the fish have been eviscerated, store them in the ice with the belly facing down so that meltwater does not accumulate in the cavity.

Periodically drain the water from your cooler (or tub or fish box or whatever you hold the fish in) to eliminate standing water; dead fish are stored better on ice than in water, even if that water is ice cold. This is because the flesh becomes soft in water, and once softened it is very unappealing. Be especially careful to keep fillets out of water and keep the cooler top tightly closed when not in use; open and close it quickly just as you would a freezer door in warm weather.

If you have any doubts about the necessity or benefits of icing down fish, take a page from commercial fishermen. If their fish spoil, they don't make money. So commercially caught fish are processed immediately. They are usually dressed and placed on ice as soon as possible after they come onboard. In some cases, they are flash frozen.

If you're really fastidious about fish care, then you need to pay even closer attention to icing and to temperature control. Ideally, try to keep the internal temperature of fresh, unfrozen fish as close as possible to 32°F (the temperature of melting ice). The best way to do this is to pack fish in ice. Ice cools fish from the outside, and it can take considerable

time for the center of a large fish to reach 32°. Make an effort to store fish on ice as soon as possible for complete and rapid cooling.

Placed in contact with the fish, the melting ice cools it, washes bacteria from its surface, and keeps it from drying out. Crushed or flaked ice is best because a greater amount of ice surface is contacting the fish and maximum cooling can occur. Large pieces of ice can also crush, tear, or bruise fish more easily than smaller pieces. Large pieces of ice, however, are better than no ice at all. If possible, break or crush large cubes or blocks before using them. Food technologists differ as to how much ice is necessary to maintain fish properly, but the general recommendation is 1 pound of ice to 3 pounds of fish for several hours. But it's better to have more ice than not enough. Pack fish in ice made from clean, potable water if at all possible. Commercial ice and ice made at home work equally well. Use saltwater ice only if it is clean. The freezing point of saltwater is lower than 32°F. Although saltwater ice will cool fish faster, it can also stick to the skin and cause surface discoloration. Therefore, it's best to use saltwater ice in a slush or slurry. Chilled seawater, or slush, is a mixture of seawater and crushed or flaked ice. Making chilled seawater requires clean seawater, ice, and an insulated bucket, cooler, or tank. Partially fill the container with ice and add clean seawater. A mixture of 8 pounds of ice to 1 gallon of seawater makes a good slush. More ice may be needed on very warm days.

DNR in the News

Likelihood of the Gulf Oil Spill Affecting Maryland is Low

June 25, 2010

There has been considerable interest in whether the ongoing oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico could eventually cause impacts to Maryland beaches and wetlands along the Atlantic Coast and Chesapeake Bay. It is extremely unlikely that the Gulf Coast oil spill will affect Maryland's beaches, wetlands and waterways. The Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) is monitoring the situation in the Gulf.

As of today, June 25, 2010, the oil spill impacts are still occurring in the Gulf and on the Gulf Coast of Louisiana, Alabama, Florida, and Mississippi. Trajectories indicate westward currents within the Mississippi Bight region will inhibit further movement of the slick to the east. Coastal regions between Ship Island, Mississippi, and Freeport, Florida, are threatened by shoreline contacts within

this forecast period. Under persistent easterly winds, the Chandeleur Islands, Breton Sound, and the Mississippi Delta are increasingly threatened by shoreline contacts in this forecast period.

NOAA's modeling team continues to generate daily trajectories for the nearshore surface oil. The offshore trajectory maps have been temporarily suspended because the northern end of the Loop Current has been pinched off into a large eddy (Eddy Franklin) so there is no clear path for oil to enter the Loop Current from the source. Also, there have been no reports of recoverable oil in the Loop Current or Eddy Franklin and the oil has moved to the North and away from the Eddy Franklin. Monitoring of the area continues with over flights, vessel observations, and satellite analysis. When the threat of shoreline impacts to the Florida Keys increases, NOAA will resume producing the offshore trajectory maps.

The Loop Current is a major ocean current that meanders generally in a clockwise direction in the Gulf of Mexico. If oil were to reach the Loop Current, this current could provide a pathway for the oil to move east and down the west coast of Florida, through the Florida Straits past the Keys and into the Gulf Stream Current. The Gulf Stream flows up the East Coast to Cape Hatteras, North Carolina, where it then heads offshore to the Northeast and into the North Atlantic Ocean.

NOAA computer models indicate that if the oil were to enter the Loop Current, it would take 8-10 days for any oil to reach the Florida Keys. The oil volume will reduce significantly during transport. In even the very worst case (spill continuing for 90 days at an even higher rate of leakage) NOAA experts do not expect the oil degradation products to reach any further up the East Coast than Cape Hatteras, North Carolina. Due to the effects of emulsification and weatherization, if oil did wash ashore, it would be in the form of weathered tar balls and emulsified oil (oil mixed with water to create a slurry).

The latest NOAA oil spill trajectory predictions can be found [here](#).

MDE will continue to track the progress of the spill on a daily basis. If there are any impacts in Maryland waters, it would most likely be in the form of heavily weathered tar balls and possibly emulsified oil (oil water slurry). Tar balls have washed up on Ocean City, Maryland beaches occasionally in the past. In the most significant incident, which occurred in 1995, the tar balls were readily cleaned up by normal beach trash cleaning equipment and disposed of in a lined municipal landfill.

Oil spill cleanup crews in Maryland are prepared and equipped to deal with most oil

cleanup situations. MDE's Emergency Response Division responds and cleans up over 400 oil spills a year. Most are small spills associated with highway transportation incidents, but MDE has responded to larger spills also, such as the April, 2000 pipeline rupture at the Chalk Point Power Plant that released over 126,000 gallons of oil and impacted wetlands and beaches in the Patuxent River.

This Month's Recipe

Broiled Chesapeake Bay Delicacy

- 1/2 pound pan-dressed croaker
- 1/4 cup melted margarine, butter or oil
- Salt, for sprinkling
- Lemon and pepper seasoning, for sprinkling
- Paprika

Wash and dry fish thoroughly. Place fish in single layer in foil-lined shallow baking pan. Brush liberally with fat and sprinkle lightly with seasonings (include insides if fish).

Broil 4 inches from source of heat, 5 to 8 minutes, turn, baste, and season as above and broil until fish is brown and flakes easily when tested with a fork, cook 5 to 8 minutes more. Be careful not to overcook. Serve at once.

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Charlie Koski - 757-894-1051

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Rods:

- 1- Penn Custom Power Stick -
CS2700 - King Mac Stick \$35
- 1- Okuma Longitude -
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- 1- Diawa Emcast Surf -
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Fishing Regulations

2010 Md. Flounder Season

Anglers on the coast and the Chesapeake Bay will be allowed to fish from April 17 to Nov. 22, keep three fish daily, with a minimum size of 19 inches.

2010 Va. Flounder Season

The 2010 flounder regulations were set for VA on 2/26/10 and we will have an 18.5" size limit and a creel of four fish per angler.

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

Members with boats needing crew:

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!

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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