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**MEETING DATE MARCH 3 , 2010**

**( MEETING STARTS AT 7:30 PM)**  
**AMERICAN LEGION**

**SPEAKER**

John Weislander will discuss trailer and boat maintenance for the Spring and share his experience of fishing in Costa Rica.

**CALENDER**

**MARCH 6-7**

**TRI STATE MARINE SPRING  
FISHING SEMINAR,  
DEALE, MD. CALL DAWN  
YODER 301 261-5220.**

**MARCH 19 to 21**

**MSSA CONVENTION  
OCEAN CITY,MD. If interested  
call Sherri at 410 255-5535**

**APRIL 7**

**NEXT K I FISHERMAN  
MEETING**

**APRIL 22-25**

**BAY BRIDGE BOAT SHOW**

**EVENTS**

**20th Annual MSSA Convention Rescheduled**  
***Friday, March 19 - Sunday, March 21***

**For those of you who could not attend at the beginning of  
February....  
HERE'S YOUR CHANCE!**

**The convention has been rescheduled for March 19th - 21st  
Princess Royale  
Ocean City, MD**

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**\$350 per couple**

**INCLUDES:  
Free food and drink in Hospitality Suite  
Door Prizes  
Dinner and Dance  
And plenty of FUN!**

***If you can't stay the whole weekend  
you may attend the dinner and dance for only \$50 per person***

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## **OTHER NEWS**

Provided by Mike Mitchell

**TAKE A KID FISHING!** March is a great time to take your kids or grandkids fishing .Bundle them up! grab the small boat! Yellow perch are fun and enjoyed by all. Greensboro has a ramp at the foot of the 480 bridge .Once in the water head North. I'm talking you can literally row there! Remember kids can get bored easily! Take a short cruise South and let them have a try at the wheel after all your gonna end up given them the boat anyways. They are our future .

## **NEW SMART BUOY**

NASA has placed a new smart buoy at the mouth of the Severn River. It collects info on water temp., wave height, wind speed etc. All information can be found at [www.buoybay.org](http://www.buoybay.org).

## **D C RALLY**

### **Anglers Rally In D.C.**

(MD) – Over 5,000 recreational and commercial fishermen gathered in the shadow of our nation’s capitol Wednesday, Feb. 24 in an effort to stop the growing number of arbitrary fishery closures due to flawed science and poor policy.

“The effect a fishery closure has on our economies is similar to that of a natural disaster. It stops anglers from spending money and it closes businesses, two things essential for our way of life, especially for our coastal communities”, Dave Smith, Executive Director of the MSSA said.

The rally drew bi-partisan congressional support as word spread quickly through the halls of the capitol complex. Senators and representatives from nearly all the coastal states were there to show support. Maryland's congressional delegation was not present as they are still undecided in whether or not they will support this movement and recreational anglers, more specifically HR 1584 and SB 1255, *Flexibility in Rebuilding American Fisheries Act*.

"We need to let Congress and NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration) know that we are the collective voice of the recreational fishing community and the collective voice does not accept the current broken management system, which wreaks such havoc on all of us and our businesses," said Jim Donofrio, Executive Director of the Recreational Fishing Alliance (RFA).

Additionally, anglers are worried that NOAA and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) seem to be moving toward a "catch share" system for fisheries shared by recreational and commercial fishermen. Dr. Jane Lubchenco, NOAA administrator and a key player in the Interagency Ocean Policy Task Force, is a proponent of the allotment strategy.

A catch share system is very inflexible. Incorporating it as part of management for a mixed fishery would force a growing number of recreational anglers into a fixed quota, inevitably leading to greater restrictions such as shorter seasons and tighter bag limits.

"NOAA and our fisheries managers seem to forget that their mission is to maximize the economic value from the use of a public resource while creating sustainable fisheries, and recreational fishing has the largest economic impact in Maryland and all of the coastal states, and one that we would like to see continue to grow for our younger generations", Smith said.

The Maryland Saltwater Sportfishermen's Association (MSSA) has met with Maryland congressman and has written numerous letters encouraging their support. MSSA represents recreational anglers in Maryland with a growing membership of over 7,000 and 14 chapters throughout the state. The MSSA is encouraging recreational anglers in Maryland to contact their congressman and encourage them to support recreational anglers and this legislation.

## **OTHER CLUB ACTIVITIES**

**FUND RAISING RAFFLE:** Tom Holste is hard at work on the Spring Raffle. Tickets will be available at the April 7<sup>th</sup> meeting and the drawing will be held at the June 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting. The raffle winner will have the option of a Fishing Charter Trip or a Weekend at the Cambridge Hyatt. Both are a \$ 800 value.

**Tom is also working on a Fall Raffle with tickets available on October 6<sup>th</sup> and the drawing will be at the December Fish Fry Meeting on December 1<sup>st</sup>.** Bo Otto was kind enough to offer his time and material to make a boat shaped bookcase and allow the Kent Island Fisherman to raffle it off. I have seen drawings of this bookcase and it would be a great addition to almost any room in your house. This is a very nice offer from Bo and the fishing club is grateful to him for volunteering both his time and materials to craft this bookcase.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

If you know of anyone that is ill please contact Ron Wauters 410 643-2577 so that we can send a card

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Don't forget our monthly sign in sheet with an award for good attendance. All ties will be decided by drawing names from a hat.

Please send any news to Ron Wauters at least a week before the next meeting

The official MSSA channel is 71-Our secret channel is 73!!

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