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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Our Chesapeake fishing season has been in full swing now since mid-April and by now I hope that most of you have had an opportunity to get out on the water and catch some fish. Trolling is giving way to chumming and live-lining in the Mid-Bay.

I’m sure that many of our light tackle experts have welcomed the warmer weather and the enhanced opportunities to catch resident rock fish and the numerous bottom fish that inhabit the Bay.

Some large schools of breaking rockfish have been sited along the Eastern Shore side from the Bay Bridge south to below Poplar Island and with the opening of the tributaries and rivers on June 1st, there is expanded opportunity to fish for school stripers in the rivers.

The Trophy Rockfish Season ended in mid-May and the size and number limits for rockfish have changed to the usual 2 fish 18-28 inches or 1 in that slot and 1 over 28 inches per day per angler.

It looks like the offshore season is heating up. Mako fishing has been on fire for the past two weeks. Bluefin tuna have shown up off our waters in the past week. The first white and blue marlin where caught out of OC on June 8th in 1200 fathoms of the Washington canyon. My crew and I also made the 80 mile run to the warm water and caught 6 nice gaffer dolphin as well as missing a big blue marlin estimated over 600lbs.

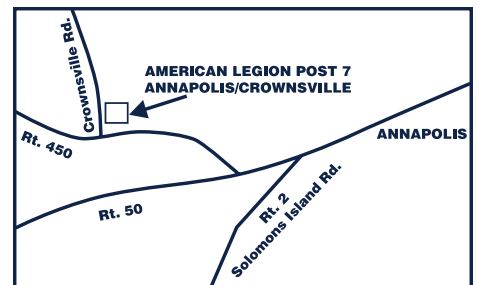
Dave Smith our executive director will be a guest at our June meeting. Dave will speak about the MSSA Tunament and sign anyone up who is interested.

Good Luck to everyone as we head into the summer fishing season.

John Thibodeau  
*President*

## JUNE MEETING/SPEAKER

The Annapolis MSSA Chapter is pleased to announce that its June 16th speaker will be Mid-Atlantic and Chesapeake Bay fishing expert, author, and all around angling personality Lenny Rudow. Lenny will provide chapter members and guests with a primer on catching ultra big fish on ultra light tackle. Now that the summer season is here with scads of inshore and offshore fishing options for chapter members, Lenny will provide us with a dose of “let’s get out there and get ‘em!” Rudow is a freelance writer for several fishing and boating magazines, and is the author of Rudow’s Guide to Fishing the Chesapeake, among several other highly informative books. The Annapolis Chapter meets at 7:30 pm at American Legion Post #7 in Annapolis on Crownsville Road at Rt. 450.



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Dale Dirks  
*Speaker Chairman*

## MSSA SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION NEWS

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In early May the Board of Directors for the MSSA Scholarship Foundation met to evaluate the qualifications of 21 applicants for financial aid. As the Annapolis Chapter Representative on this Board, it was my pleasure to participate in the process of selecting candidates to receive scholarships for the 2010-2011 academic year. I can assure you that the process was rigorous and allowed each Board member to contribute to the overall evaluation of all the records and correspondence submitted by the applicants including academic transcripts, recommendations, and their own letters describing their experience and motivation to pursue college degrees in the fields of marine biology, environmental policy, and environmental engineering. The candidates clearly have developed their understanding of the problems we face in protecting and preserving the marine environment and wildlife habitat and have made personal commitments to obtain educations that will permit them to progress into careers in these fields.

As members of the MSSA who enjoy fishing and invest our personal time and money to partake of the sport both in the Bay and offshore, we, above all other citizens, should be able to recognize the direct link between the environment that sustains our recreation and the impact that these young students will have on it when they graduate from college and enter the workforce and begin their careers.

You might think that an organization of several thousand anglers would readily support a program designed to encourage and enable bright young individuals who want to contribute to the health of our marine environment and the habitat of the fish we seek to catch, but the harsh reality is that our Scholarship Foundation was only able to award \$18,000 spread among 13 winners because that was all the money we had collected during the year to distribute. One student will receive \$3000, three will get \$2000, and nine will get \$1000 to apply to their expenses in the upcoming academic year at a variety of colleges and universities around the country. Please don't misunderstand what I am saying: these are meaningful and important scholarships to each winner, but my point is that in an economy where money is tight for most families and the cost of tuition, residence and board can easily reach \$15,000-\$20,000 per year, we need to do a better job of raising money both for next year's scholarships AND to build an endowment that will, over time, generate a flow of income to ensure the sustainability of our gifts.

If you agree, then I encourage you to do two things. First, write a check to the MSSA Scholarship Foundation and mail it to 8461C Fort Smallwood Road, Pasadena, MD 21122. Your contributions are TAX DEDUCTIBLE. Sherrie will make sure it gets to the Treasurer of the Foundation. Make sure you note on your check "Annapolis Chapter Gift". That's important because of the second thing I want you do.

I mentioned at the May meeting that I would match up to \$200 of gifts from members of the chapter as my way of encouraging your participation in this program. Another of our members approached me after the meeting and has committed to match up to \$1000 by the end of the year. If your gifts reach \$1200, the Foundation is guaranteed to get \$2400 from the chapter. My second point is to invite you to join me as a participant in the matching gift program. Please give me a call at 443 871 5342 to talk about making a matching gift to the Scholarship Foundation.

I will inform you of the Board's actions regarding an endowment program and other proposals that will be put forward to increase the funds available for scholarships next year when we meet in August.

One of the initiatives I will pursue is to add a CALCUTTA to the Spring Tournament with proceeds split between the Foundation and successful anglers who enter this pool. Please send me your suggestions for other fund raising activities that we can discuss at the August meeting and THANK YOU for supporting the MSSA Scholarship Foundation.

Pete Abbott  
*MSSA Scholarship Committee*

## MARYLAND DNR LAUNCHES NEW ANGLER'S LOG

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The Maryland Department of Natural Resources has launched the new DNR Anglers' log Fisheries Service website. The concept for this site is to share fishing information with a DNR managed online anglers log, featuring content provided by anglers and Fisheries Service staff. The posts are reviewed and edited to ensure useful, family friendly content before going live.

In the first 30 days, the log generated more than 48,000 visitors and news flowed in on where the fish were biting and how they were caught. Join in on the fun at <http://dnr.maryland.gov/fisheries/log>.

## ATTENTION FLOUNDER POUNDERS

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If you are a flounder fisherman, check out the May 13, 2010 edition of The Fisherman Magazine for information on finding flounder in the Bay and how to fish for them. Eastern Bay is the nearest place to make a flounder run from Annapolis. Charlie Ebersberger at Angler's has live minnows and squid, the favorite foods of flatties everywhere.

## ANNAPOLIS INTRA-CHAPTER SPRING TOURNAMENT

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1<sup>st</sup> place - Buddy Whetzel - 48" fish - \$227.50 in calcutta money

2<sup>nd</sup> place - Paul Herrmann - 43½" fish - \$65.00 in calcutta money

3<sup>rd</sup> place - Pete Abbott - 43" fish - \$32.50 in calcutta money

Congratulations!

Bob Thompson  
*Intra-Chapter Tournament*

## MENHADEN ARE AT HISTORIC LOWS

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According to a new study by the Atlantic State Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC) populations of Atlantic Menhaden are now at historic lows. The ASMFC meets in August to discuss suggestions for saving the Atlantic menhaden. Full report at [www.asmfc.org](http://www.asmfc.org).

## CHAPTER SUMMER FISHING TRIP

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We have 28 paid members and guests for the July 21st trip. We can take two more without a problem. We are going to close off the trip at our June meeting. We would need at least 10 more to book another boat. If you're interested and have not signed up bring your check to the June meeting.

Ron Schaefer  
*Fishing Trip Chairman*

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### June

- 14 Pasadena Sportsfishing Meeting, Earliegh Heights Fire Hall, Ritchie Hwy., Severna Park, at 7:30 PM – [www.pasadenasportfishing.com](http://www.pasadenasportfishing.com)
- 16 MSSA Annapolis Sportsfishing Chapter Meeting, American Legion Post 7, Crownsville, at 7:30 PM – [www.mssaannapolis.com](http://www.mssaannapolis.com)
- 17-19 30th Annual Ocean City Shark Tournament – [www.ocsharktournament.com](http://www.ocsharktournament.com)
- 24 MSSA TunaMent Captain's Meetings at Alltackle-Ocean City, MD and Wachapreague Marina-Wachapreague, VA, 6:00 – 8:00 PM – [www.mssa.net](http://www.mssa.net)
- 25 MSSA 21st Annual TunaMent - [www.mssa.net](http://www.mssa.net)
- 26 MSSA 21st Annual TunaMent - [www.mssa.net](http://www.mssa.net)  
MSSA 2nd Annual Carroll County Chapter Perch Tournament, Sandy Point State Park, 7:00 AM – 1:00 PM, contact Capt. Michael Liberman at 410-627-6887
- 27 MSSA 21st Annual TunaMent - [www.mssa.net](http://www.mssa.net)


### July

- 17 MSSA NW Chapter 15th Annual White Peach Fishing Tournament, Sandy Point State Park @ Podickery Point, 7:00 AM - 1:00 PM, contact Capt. Charles Reichert at 410-456-7117
- 21 MSSA Annapolis Chapter Fishing Trip, Rod and Reel Docks, North Beach, MD – Contact Ron Schaefer 410-266-0856 or Lee Slagle 410-263-3663

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