



WHAT'S BITING

Upcoming

- 2/17 Oyster Roast @ Bethesda
- 3/14 Board Meeting
- 3/21 Shakedown Capt. Meeting
- 3/23 Shakedown/General Tourn. 1
- 5/10 Blue Water Capt. Meeting SYC
- 5/13-5/18 Blue Water Tournament

Board News and Update

Please check the website and Facebook often. Please note officer email addresses:

president@ssfc.org

treasurer@ssfc.org

secretary@ssfc.org

We look forward to a great year, Please let any potential sponsors know of the handbook opportunity!

Check out our newly designed website, SSFC.ORG, for our events schedule, committee assignments, and committee chairs. Thanks to Chris Lain for all his hard work on this!

EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

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| President | Bruce Greene, Jr. |
| Vice President | Stephen Coomer. |
| Treasurer | RJ Schmelter |
| Secretary | Zack Bentley |
| Past President | Ryan Martin |

BOARD MEMBERS

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| 2024 John Beasley | 2026 Sean Duggan |
| 2024 Jordan McCullough-Hecht | 2026 Beverly O'Hearn |
| 2024 Chris Lain | 2026 Ted Moore |
| 2024 Ben Liipfert | 2026 Raphael Roybal |
| 2025 Lynn Tootle | |
| 2025 David Holton | |
| 2025 Jackson Timmons | |
| 2025 Drew Zeigler | |

ODDS & ENDS

We are guests of the Savannah Yacht Club. As such, please be mindful of your overall appearance, behavior and language. Please remove all hats when indoors.

We look forward to the upcoming year starting the year with the Oyster roast!

Fish Basket was found!

Please send in photos/videos to include in next month's "What's Biting" to secretary@ssfc.org

We are looking for members to contribute articles or commentary they feel are important to the club. If you would like to be a contributing author to this publication, please contact secretary@ssfc.org, we are open to all contributions.

"Luck is what happens when preparation meets opportunity!" – Unknown

MEMBERSHIP

Membership stands at 195 and 5 Honorary Members.

We would like to welcome our newest 2024 members: Geno Sauers, Mikey McCullough, Brian Dooley, Gary McMurray, Brannon Leggot, Tad Dillon, John Christy, Drake Reinke, Fred Bergen Jr., Garrett Ross, Rhett Strickland, Trent Warren, Billy Lappin and Andrew Cree to the Savannah Sport Fishing Club!

Waiting List: Kyle Daigle, Mark Meehan, Steven Ricciardi, Richard "Riley" Hale, Watson Grapengeter, Cole Peters, Billy Campbell, Randy Tinley.

First Reading: Doug Bradley, Cole Rader.

Second Reading: Watson Grapengeter, Cole Peters, Billy Campbell, and Randy Tinley

Please make any board member aware of any feedback regarding any of the potential members on the first reading list!

We are now capped out on the waiting list, but please keep an eye out for additional openings to present themselves! Please email secretary@ssfc.org with any questions.

Fishing Report

Offshore Report: The wind has really been blowing, but we had a small weather window last week and it looks like we will have a few fishable days this week. The wahoo and tuna have been on fire with one boat reporting 7/11 on wahoo. Once you find one, hammer the area hard to find the others!



Inshore Report: The inshore bite has still been hot recently and looks to stay that way throughout the winter! The sheepshead and bull red bite has also been a lot of fun nearshore and will only continue to get better as the months go on! Its going to be a great couple months.

SSFC Awards 2023

Area A Angler: 1st- Robert Hale, 2nd- Joel Carter, 3rd- Jim Austin

Area A Boat: 1st- No Bueno, 2nd- Teachers Pet, 3rd- Easy Rider

Area B Angler: 1st- RJ Schmelter

Area B Boat: 1st- Doubled Up

Area C Angler: 1st- Gary Wammach

Area C Boat: 1st- Lonesome Dove

Inshore Angler: 1st- Marion Harkleroad, 2nd- Bill Bradley, 3rd- Mike Smith

Inshore Boat: 1st- Reel Diamonds, 2nd- Floatsam, 3rd- Reel Deal

Young Angler: 1st- Fischer Valbuena, 2nd- Hunter Bryant, 3rd- Grant Buck

Perpetual Trophy Winners

Darvoe Trophy- Offshore Angler: Robert Hale

Mingledorff Trophy- Offshore Skipper: Robert Hale

Inshore Skipper: Marion Harkleroad

Inshore Angler: Marion Harkleroad

Rosalind Demere- Powder Puff: Area A- Grace Moore,
Area B- Becky Schmelter, Area C- Aida Avendano,
Inshore- Lauren Bremer

Bobby Haines- Blue Water Captain: Geno Sauers

James Lynah Award: Beverly O'Hearn

Woody Woodward- Young Angler: Fischer Valbuena

**Congratulations to all the winners and good luck to
everyone in 2024!!**

Notice to Members Regarding the Weather Rule:

Weather Rule - Found under Tournament Rules and Procedures (1.) (pg. 29 of 2022 SSFC Handbook

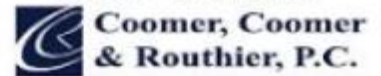
“A General Tournament will be automatically cancelled for Areas A, B, & C if at **1800 (6PM)** the evening before the fish day there is a “small craft advisory” forecast for “any time” the following tournament day out to 60 nautical miles from the Savannah River, GA to Altamaha Sound, GA. Area I will still fish”

Interpretation/definition of “tournament day”

“Tournament Day” is not the same as “Tournament Date.” “Tournament Day” does not include “PM night” but does include “AM night/morning” of the tournament date.

The offshore divisions of a tournament will not be cancelled if a small craft advisory is only included in the forecast for “Saturday Night” but is not included in any of the weather forecasts of any earlier segments of the tournament date .

A Big Thanks to our 2024 Major Sponsors!!!



SAVANNAH SPORT FISHING CLUB

2024 SCHEDULE

Subject to Change

| | Date | Event | Location |
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| January | Thursday, January 11, 2024 | Board Meeting | Savannah Country Club |
| February | Saturday, February 3, 2024 Thursday, February 8, 2024 Saturday, February 17, 2024 | Artificial Fishing Tournament Board Meeting Oyster Roast | SYC SYC Bethesda |
| March | Thursday, March 14, 2024 Thursday, March 21, 2024 Saturday, March 23, 2024 | Board Meeting Shakedown Capt. Meeting General Tournament #1 / Shakedown Tournament | SYC TBD SYC Bilge Club |
| April | Thursday, April 11, 2024 Saturday, April 13, 2024 | Board Meeting General Tournament # 2 | SYC SYC |
| May | Sat. May 4, 2024 Thursday, May 9, 2024 Friday, May 10, 2024 May 13-18, 2024 | General Tournament # 3 Board Meeting Bluewater Captain's Meeting Bluewater Tournament Fish Days | SYC SYC TBD SYC Bilge Club SYC Sail Loft - 5/27/23 |
| June | Thursday, June 6, 2024 Saturday, June 8, 2024 Thursday, June 13, 2024 Saturday, June 29, 2024 | Powderpuff Captain's Meeting Powderpuff Fish Day Board Meeting General Tournament # 4 / Powderpuff Backup | TBD SYC Bilge Club TBD SYC Bilge Club |
| July | Thursday, July 11, 2024 Saturday, July 13, 2024 Saturday, July 20, 2024 | Board Meeting Young Angler Tournament Young Anger Awards Party | SYC SYC Playground Savannah Country Club |
| August | Wednesday, August 7, 2024 Thursday, August 8, 2024 Saturday, August 10, 2024 Saturday, August 17, 2024 | Board Meeting Greenwater Captain's Meeting Greenwater GT # 5 | SYC SYC Pool SYC Bilge Club SYC Bilge Club |
| September | Saturday, September 7, 2024 Thursday, September 12, 2024 Saturday, September 28, 2024 | General Tournament # 6 Board Meeting General Tournament # 7 | SYC Bilge Club SYC SYC Bilge Club |
| October | Thursday, October 10, 2024 Saturday, October 12, 2024 | Board Meeting General Tournament # 8 | SYC SYC Bilge Club |
| November | Thursday, November 7, 2024 Saturday, November 9, 2024 Sunday, November 10, 2024 Thursday, November 14, 2024 | Inshore Tournament Captain Meeting Inshore Tournament Inshore Fish Fry & Awards Board Meeting | TBD SYC Bilge Club SYC TBD |
| December | Saturday, December 7, 2024 | Annual Banquet | SYC |