

Atlanta Saltwater Sportsman's Club

Tournament Application

Apalachicola Hard Bottom Classic **June 19-22, 2024**

Offshore / Traditional Format

Applications and payments due by May 19 (pay by **May 19** for discount rate)

Captain's Name: _____ Boat Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____ Home: _____ Work/Cell: _____

In Case of Emergency, Contact: _____ Phone Number: _____

Boat Manufacturer/size: _____ Registration #: _____

PARTICIPANTS at \$ 60.00 each if funds and application are received by **May 19 discount date. After **May 19**, add \$10/each for captain and anglers. Failure to pay registration fees by the Captains Meeting will deem your boat ineligible.**

Captain (BLACK ZIP TIE): _____ Phone: _____ \$ _____ Non-Member
Junior

Angler 2 (WHITE ZIP TIE): _____ Phone: _____ \$ _____

Angler 3 (RED ZIP TIE): _____ Phone: _____ \$ _____

Angler 4 (BLUE ZIP TIE): _____ Phone: _____ \$ _____

Angler 5 (YELLOW ZIP TIE): _____ Phone: _____ \$ _____

Angler 6 (GREEN ZIP TIE): _____ Phone: _____ \$ _____

Number of Non-Anglers Attending Awards Dinner*: _____ x \$35 = \$ _____

*(Non-Anglers may attend the Awards Dinner for \$35/each.) **Total Due: \$ _____**

ASWSC Release and Indemnification Agreement

(Attention: Please Read Carefully—Your Signature Indicates Agreement with These Terms)

In signing this document, I do hereby agree and understand that the Atlanta Salt Water Sportsman's Club, (hereinafter referred to as "The Club", is acting as a sponsor of various club activities (including, but not limited to fishing tournaments, picnics, meetings, etc.) and I do fully release, indemnify and hold The Club harmless from any negligence, contractual and intentional tort liability caused by or the fault of any person or entity. The Club is hereby released from any responsibility whatsoever for any decision, action or inaction of entrant, boats of other participants in any Club activities.

To the fullest extent provided by law, my team, my crew, my guest, and I hereby agree to indemnify and hold The club harmless from any and all claims, suits, obligations, liabilities, losses, damages, cost or expense suffered by, arising out of, resulting from, any act of mine or any member of my crew during my and their participation in Club sponsored activity, including any and all claims, suits, obligations, liabilities, losses, damages, cost or expense caused in whole or in part by any negligent act or negligent omission of The Club, regardless of my vessel, it's passengers crew participants and equipment, in conjunction with any activity sponsored by The Club. Said photographs may be used by The Club in promotional and/or advertising material or in any other way otherwise not unlawful, and consent of the vessel, it's owner and persons photographed is hereby acknowledged.

This agreement shall take effect as an instrument under seal, and be binding upon and inure to the benefit of my and my team's and crew's heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns.

Capt. Signature _____ Date _____

Email Application page to Tom Cherry at periodds@bellsouth.net For payment, Venmo funds to Mike Ball (@Mball-ASWSCtreasurer) or send check made out to ASWSC to: Mike Ball, 2019 Shoals View Ln, Lawrenceville GA 30045. Only one payment per boat will be accepted. No cash will be accepted.



Tip Sheet

Apalachicola "Hard Bottom Classic" - June 19-22, 2024

When:

- Planned Captain's Meeting: Wednesday June 19, 5:00 pm at The Lay House - Bay City Lodge
- Tournament fishing: June 20,21,22 (Thurs, Friday, Saturday) - 3 Day Format
- Planned Weigh-in location - Bay City Lodge Docks in person
- Weigh in times 6:00-6:30pm Thursday & Friday; 5:00-5:30 pm Saturday
- Awards Banquet: Saturday June 22, Location*: To be determined – will update once finalized.

*subject to change based on count of participants. Updates will be sent to registered captains.

Other Tournament Information:

- Scoring - per the official ASWSC Offshore Points Matrix .
- **Rules** - Traditional/Offshore Tournaments Points Matrix, Tournament Rules, and guideline documents available on the [ASWSC Tournaments](#) Web Page.
- **Inclement Weather** – Per club rules, in the event of a Small Craft Warning, tournament fishing may be suspended or restricted. Any fish caught outside of allowed parameters will not be eligible for weigh-in or scoring.

Where to Stay:

Bay City Lodge/850-653-9294 - Cabins and Motel style rooms available. **Call for availability and make reservations ASAP.** Restaurant normally serves breakfast and dinner

Sportsman's Lodge/850-670-8423 – In Eastpoint FL, rates include boat dockage but it is very shallow and the docks are a step down from Bay City. In and out with a 21' boat was no problem. There is a free city ramp 1 block away for smaller boats. The ramp may be tight for larger boats.

Best Western /850-653-9131 Smoking & non-smoking rooms are available. Free hot breakfast buffet 6:30 - 9:30

Water Street Hotel and Marina/850-653-3700 - Marina on-site can fit vessels up to 60 ft

Gibson Inn/850-653-2191 - a small Victorian Inn listed on the National Historic Register of Historic Places established 1907: <http://www.gibsoninn.com>

Apalachicola Bay Inn /850-653-9435 - <https://www.apalachicolabayinn.com/>

Dockage / Ramps:

Bay City Lodge / 850-653-9294

- Slips- no charge if staying at Bay City Lodge, but available on first come daily basis (no slip reservations)
- Non-ethanol fuel available on site
- Boat Ramp can launch vessels to 25 feet
- Trailer parking is available but limited

Scipio Creek Marina / 850-653-8030:

- Ok as a last resort, but this ramp is not recommended based on recent experiences.

Battery Park Public Ramp: <https://goo.gl/maps/WLdU2bucNTp>

- can accommodate vessels up to 40 ft.
- 4 double-wide concrete ramps with ample parking.
- \$10 Launch Fee for non-residents (free for Franklin County residents)
- Located below the Hwy 98 bridge on the Apalachicola River, Bay Ave & Water Street (less than 1 mi. east of Scipio Creek Marina)

Abercrombie Boat Ramp <https://goo.gl/maps/nj3Ed6AdjZR2>

- Just above Bay City Lodge and can handle larger vessels and has plenty of parking
- 2 ramps and floating docks at each ramp

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Bait and Tackle Shops:

Sullivan’s Live Pinfish / 850-643-6965 / St George Island

- Order by phone as early as possible (no later than the day prior to fishing, preferably sooner.)
- The bait boat will be at Sike’s Cut very early to fill orders; clarify times when ordering.

Bay City Lodge / 850-653-9294 / 1000 Bay City Rd, Apalachicola, FL

- Frozen bait including Squid, Chum, Sardines, Cigar Minnows (call in advance for availability)
- Live shrimp, subject to seasonal availability
- Terminal tackle and fishing lures
- Small supply of marine supplies available

Bluewater Outriggers / 877-216-9600 / 121 U.S. 98, Port St. Joe, FL 32456

- Frozen bait including Squid, Ballyhoo, Chum, Sardines, Cigar Minnows, Silversides
- Wide selection of terminal tackle, fishing gear, boating accessories, clothing, and fishing lures

Fisherman’s Choice / 850-670-8808 / 330 U.S. Hwy 98, Eastpoint FL

- (Next to NAPA Auto Parts, 8 mi. from Apalachicola)
- Dead bait including Squid, Ballyhoo, Chum, Sardines, Cigar Minnows, silversides
- Light selection of lures and terminal tackle

Tips for catching your own bait

- Try the old St. George Bridge <https://goo.gl/maps/yZCPsJrptSy>
- Sabiki rigs tipped with shrimp (optional) work well for pinfish, sand perch, etc.
- **Do not** try to use the water at Bay City to keep your bait, it is too fresh. Use seawater and an aerator to keep bait alive.